

MARY IMMACULATE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Courtroom class



Photo submitted by ROSEMARY MARTINEZ

Third-grade girls from Brownie Troop No. 2561, who attend Mary Immaculate Catholic School in Farmers Branch, were recently welcomed by Judge Patty Larson in her Carrollton courtroom. She answered questions about being a successful woman in her community, and she encouraged the girls to do well in school and make good choices. The girls also learned judicial terms and got to sit in the courtroom's seats.

DCCCD BASKETBALL RUNDOWN

These standings are accurate as of neighborsgo's Jan. 9 deadline. Games played on or after Jan. 9 are not included.

Team	Overall	Last game	Next game
Eastfield	14-2	W 94-79 vs. St. Louis Meramec 1/6	1/12 2 p.m. at Mountain View
Cedar Valley	13-5	W 90-60 vs. Concordia JV 1/6	1/12 2 p.m. vs. Brookhaven
North Lake	12-6	W 72-58 vs. Team Elevate 1/8	1/12 2 p.m. vs. Richland
Richland	11-7	L 74-64 at McLennan 1/3	1/12 2 p.m. at North Lake
Brookhaven	10-8	L 109-103 at Ballers For Christ 1/5	1/12 2 p.m. at Cedar Valley
Mountain View	8-8	W 120-72 vs. Lone Star Tomball 1/8	1/12 2 p.m. vs. Eastfield

HOME GYM LOCATIONS

Brookhaven: 3939 Valley View Lane, Farmers Branch, 75244

Cedar Valley: 3030 N. Dallas Ave., Lancaster, 75134

Eastfield: 3737 Motley Drive, Mesquite, 75150

Mountain View: 4849 W. Illinois Ave., Dallas, 75211

North Lake: 5001 N. MacArthur Blvd., Irving 75038

Richland: 12800 Abrams Road, Dallas, 75243

CRUNCH TIME

Conference play begins Saturday for the Metro Athletic Conference, which comprises each of the six Dallas County Community College District schools. Here are a few notes looking back on the season thus far and looking ahead to conference play:

- Eastfield (14-2) is ranked No. 6 in the latest national polls.
- Mountain View sophomore guard Ed'lexus Collier leads the conference in scoring with 27.8 points per game*.
- Eastfield sophomore Semar Farris, who was featured in the Nov. 23 *neighborsgo* after overcoming family tragedy, is second on the team at 13.2 points per game.
- Cedar Valley enters MAC play as the defending conference champion. Cedar Valley's 2011-12 squad (23-9) lost in the national championship game.
- Saturday's game between Cedar Valley and Brookhaven is a rematch of last year's MAC championship game, which Cedar Valley won to earn a national tournament bid. Cedar Valley returns two starters from last season while Brookhaven returns none.

*Richland's statistics were incomplete and therefore omitted.

GOOD KID

KATIE LANGFORD,
FAR NORTH DALLAS

School and grade: Trinity Christian Academy, senior. Plan to attend Texas A&M University and study special education

Community and school activities: Green Team senior adviser, co-executive editor of *The ROCK Magazine*, TCA student ambassador, church nursery volunteer

My hobbies are: cooking, scrapbooking, art and photography

The three words people use to describe me are: diligent, creative and tenacious

I'm most proud of: a short animated video I created, called "Bernacles," for digital art class was featured in Santa Marta Lighthouse Museum in Portugal in 2011

My favorite school subject is: field ecology

If I could change one thing about my

school, it would be: my school is a college preparatory school; however, we are not able to get dual course credit

The two people I'd most like to meet are: Kate Middleton or my great-great-great-uncle, Sam Rayburn, who was the longest serving speaker of the House in Washington

The best book I ever read was: *The Great Gatsby*

I get inspiration from: spending time with my family, especially at our lake house in East Texas

My favorite musical artist is: Ben Rector

I wish I knew how to: sing

The best advice I ever received was: many of my teachers and friends have told me to do the things you love the most, then everything will fall into place

If I could travel anywhere, I would go: to the beach

Nobody knows I: love all water sports, especially wakeboarding

Know outstanding high school students? Email their names and contact information to goodkid@neighborsgo.com or visit neighborsgo.com/goodkid for details on how to get them in print.

PETS OF THE WEEK



DARLA

Age/sex: 2-year-old female

Breed: Catahoula leopard dog

Darla is a very sweet young dog. She is housetrained and her small size makes her great for apartments. She is cautious about certain men, but will usually warm up pretty quickly.



MARIO

Age/sex: 6-month-old male

Breed: domestic shorthair

Mario is a great little kitty. He's outgoing and loves people. He's very comical and playful.

The Farmers Branch Animal Adoption Center is at 3727 Valley View Lane. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Adoption fees are \$55 for cats, kittens and adult dogs and \$80 for puppies. For more information, call 972-919-8770.