



# Staff UPDATE

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Bastrop Independent School District

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## Wishing you a happy holiday season



**Roderick Emanuel**  
Interim  
Superintendent

With the first part of the academic year coming to a close, I'd like to take a moment to wish each of you a joyous and peaceful season. I hope your time with family and friends proves restful and renewing.

Bastrop ISD is headed for success. We have overcome great hurdles thus far and continue to march forward in the upcoming months.

I have watched as our district has changed due to great growth during 2009, always aware of how you've dealt with the change, and I am encouraged by your support during the process.

As we look toward the work ahead of us in 2010, I am confident that our students

will benefit as we collectively work together to secure their future. I'm excited about the challenges and success that lie ahead of Bastrop ISD.

When you look back on the past year and look forward to the year ahead, please remember to rejoice in the freedoms we share and the families that have sacrificed in order that we might rejoice. Our soldiers who selflessly give themselves to fight for our freedoms need and deserve our thoughts and prayers, so please consider them as you join together with your loved ones.

I pray you have a safe, happy and restful holiday season.

Sincerely,

*Roderick Emanuel*  
Interim Superintendent of Schools

## Cedar Creek HS Principal named

The campus isn't slated to be finished for another nine months, but the newly named Cedar Creek High School Principal can't wait to get his feet wet.



**Russell Sassin**

Russell Sassin was unanimously named as the Principal for CCHS during the Nov. 17, Bastrop ISD board meeting.

"I am truly honored to have been named as the first principal of Cedar Creek High School," said Sassin. "I look forward to working with the students, staff, parents and community in the coming months as we lay the foundation for what it will mean to be an awesome Eagle!"

Sassin comes to Bastrop ISD from Akins High School in Austin ISD, where he is currently serving as an Assistant Principal. Before Akins, Sassin was an Education Specialist for Region 13, an Associate Principal for Westlake High School, an Associate Principal for Clear Lake and Clear Creek High Schools, and an Assistant Principal, Facilitator and

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## Jerry Fay Wilhelm Center for the Performing Arts

Calendar of events, forms, facility specs all available on-line.

[www.bastrop.isd.tenet.edu/PAC](http://www.bastrop.isd.tenet.edu/PAC)



## Money for the Holidays

As we near the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, pay dates for BISD will be on a slightly different schedule due to the breaks.

In November, the second payday will be Tuesday, November 24. Students/staff will have a holiday, Nov. 25-27.

In December, pay dates are set for Tuesday, December 15 and Friday, December 18. The next pay date following the Christmas break will be Friday, January 15.

For additional information, contact your payroll specialist at 321-2292.

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## Do you know an exceptional teacher who is...

*Dedicated to the education of all children?  
Able to collaborate with others to problem-solve,  
develop systems and deploy plans of action?*

*Driven to improve the educational landscape within a school and district?*

The University of Texas at Austin Principalship Program is seeking outstanding teacher leaders who are committed to excellence in education for all students.

Each year, we select 15-20 motivated, talented individuals and build a community of learners through a cohort model of instruction. As part of the nationally ranked College of Education at The University of Texas at Austin, we transform these educators into insightful, successful school leaders.

After completing the two-year program designed for working professionals, program graduates earn a master's in educational administration and principal certification. Our graduates experience high placement rates as assistant principals and principals and are acknowledged as contributors to the field of education.

This is just a note to inform you that nominations for The University of

Texas at Austin Principal Program are now open and due November 30th. Nominators can enter information directly into the web site (link below). Once at the site look in the middle of the page for large letters, "Nominations are Now Open" and click this link.

If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for our exemplary program, please complete an online nomination at <http://edadmin.edb.utexas.edu/forms/new/nomination/form.html> or mail to: The Principalship Program, The University of Texas at Austin, College of Education, 1 University Station D5400, Austin, Texas 78712-0374.

Please submit all nominations by November 30, 2009.

More information can be found on the following web site: <http://www.utprincipalship.org>, or call 512.475.8580.

## Help Wanted

Bastrop ISD is always looking for qualified candidates to fill open positions within the district. To view a complete list of openings with job descriptions or to complete the online application, visit [www.bastrop.isd.tenet.edu](http://www.bastrop.isd.tenet.edu).

For more information, contact BISSD Human Resources at (512) 321-2292.

Interested in joining the BHS Alumni Association?

Check out our website at <http://bastropalumni.org>

Here, you can find the most up-to-date information on class reunions, make a donation, sign up for the association and see what else is happening at BHS.

For additional information, contact Donald Williams at 512.321.2292 or [dwilliams@bastrop.isd.tenet.edu](mailto:dwilliams@bastrop.isd.tenet.edu).

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Coordinator of Alternative Education for Alvin High School. He began his teaching career at Angleton ISD, teaching World Geography before moving to teach World Geography and Economics at Alvin ISD.

Russell obtained a Bachelor's degree from Sam Houston State and a Master's in Science in Education Management from the University of Houston-Clear Lake.

"As today's educators we owe it to our students to equip each and every one of them with the skills necessary to succeed in an ever changing world. By design, CCHS is going to be the vehicle to make this happen. As educators, parents, and community we will work together to support our youth and to prepare them to be the productive citizens our country needs," added Sassin.

*Perseverance*  
**Show it.**

## Staff UPDATE

The Staff Update is published electronically every month for staff by the BISSD Community Services/Communications department to share information and recognize staff and students. Send news items to Lauri Anzaldúa, Communications Coordinator at [lanzaldua@bastrop.isd.tenet.edu](mailto:lanzaldua@bastrop.isd.tenet.edu) or call (512) 321-2292.