

# MCS Roundups

What's happening at your school?

## Carver

Carver High was named the Memphis Education Association's School of the Year of 2007-2008.

— Daneren Davis

## Central

On Sept. 26, Central's AP government class visited Heifer Ranch in Perryville, Ark., to experience life in their "Global Village." This program is aimed at ending poverty and hunger in the world, while educating others in the process.

— Artice Carter

## Kirby

This was the first year for the MCS to have debate teams and my school, Kirby won the first place award. Students Paris Wilson and Jasmine Hall won that award. and Hall won the first place speaker and the Rising Star awards.

— Jasmine Hall

## Raleigh Egypt

Some students at Raleigh Egypt have started a Japanese club that was approved by a principal.

— Mercedes Taylor

## Ridgeway

On Sept. 25 and 26, Dr. Kriner Cash and International Baccalarate Team came to Ridgeway High School to see if the school is ready to have IB classes next year.

— Chelsey McKinney

From Oct. 30 — Nov. 2, RHS presents "Andrew Lloyd Webber's Joesph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat." The show starts at 7 p.m. Oct. 30 — Nov. 1 and on Nov. 2 at 2:30 p.m. The price is \$12 for students and \$15 for adults

— Sarah Mocklin

## Treadwell

It is homecoming month over at Treadwell High known to many as "The Well." It is time for homecoming court, silly dress-up days, dances and the famous game. Hopefully we win our game because our record now is 1-3. Go Big Red!

— Terri Brown

Due to lack of funding, this school no longer offers French, art and general music classes.

— Victoria Doan

## Trezevant

Under the leadership of the new principal, Dr. John Malone, everything has been smooth for the first couple of weeks this school year.

— Steven Taylor

## White Station

Instead of clubs meeting after school, the school has designated one club day per month during which some clubs will meet during school and some clubs will meet after school. There are currently 34 during school clubs and 14 after school clubs.

— Sonia Ajmera

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# 'Smart' idea? Who knows

## New ID badge system gets mixed reviews

By Sonia Ajmera

White Station High School

Reporters Chelsey McKinney and Demario Scimio contributed to this story.

Bar codes have started to identify students for the year of 2008-2009.

The Memphis City School Board has started a new badge system for high school and middle school students. The idea is to "identify who is supposed to be on campus explained Sgt. Kenneth Pinkney, head of MCS Security.

The badges have been designed for safety and security reasons. "People can walk in if they have the IDs. Then we know it's someone that goes to school here," said David Mansfield, principal of White Station High School.

ID badges have become part of the uniform, and if the badges are not visible on the student, they are susceptible to a write up. The MSC board has spent approximately \$500,000 on this Smartpass system.

If a badge is lost, replacing it costs \$5. The badges that students received in August are only temporary. They will be replaced by those that have student pictures and information on them.

The lanyards for badges need to be break-away, and the board has left it up to the schools to pick colors. When a student is tardy, their badge will be scanned, and this way the office will be able to see the entire student history. This includes the schedule and the amount of tardies that the student has already had. The system automatically prints out an admit slip for the student to get back in class.

Students have mixed feelings about this new security idea. Rochelle Gillenson from White Station High School said, "I don't like how we are forced to wear them. I think we should just have them on

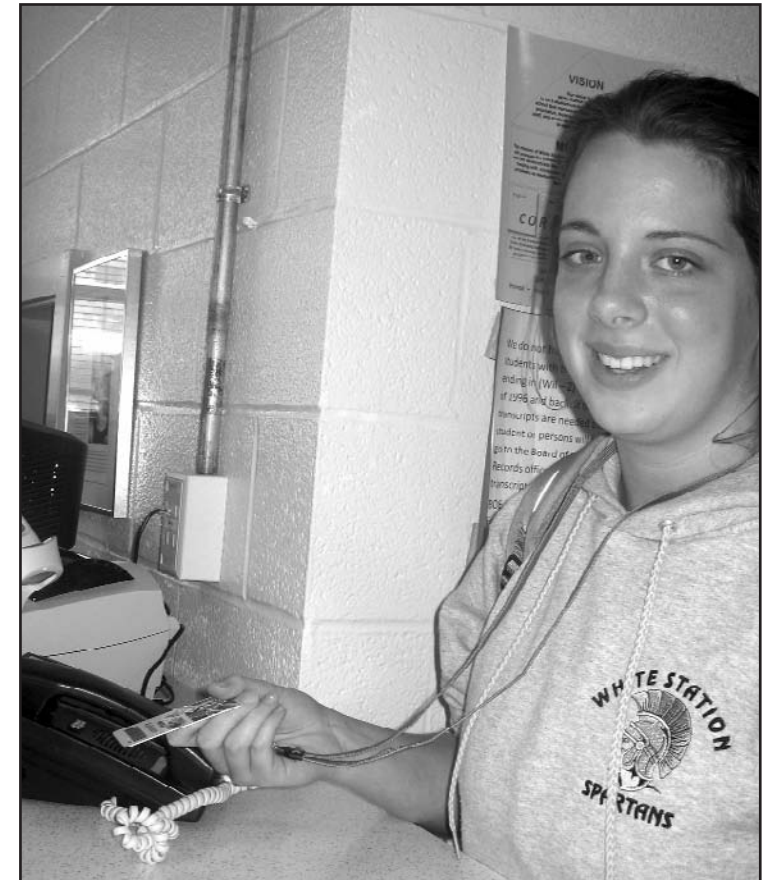


Photo by Sonia Ajmera, White Station

White Station High student Anna Rollosos scans her ID badge as she arrives at school one morning.

us."

Some students seem to take the change in stride.

"I think it's not unfair, since teachers have had to wear them for years. I understand where it's coming from. I think it's kind of a waste of money since they could be buying new textbooks and such, but hopefully it will make things easier," said Marissa Morgan, a junior at White Station High School.

Most teachers have been optimistic about the change. Eve Farrell, an AP English Teacher at Ridgeway

High School, said, "I don't think there is anything big brother about wearing ID badges. I think they are a good idea and it helps me learn students' names easier."

In the future, ID badges will be used in elementary schools. The board hopes to have chips put into the badges so that students skipping class can be dealt with. That will be a long-term project, however. This badge system is going to be a part of the schools for years to come. As technology improves, the Smartpass system will improve.

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