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CHS FOOTBALL PLAYER RECOGNIZED THROUGH NFL LATINO YOUTH HONORS PROGRAM

Staff Reports

Collierville High School football player Brayden Santibanez was recognized Sunday at Nissan Stadium as part of the Tennessee Titans' Latino Heritage Month Game.

Santibanez was selected last spring as the Titans' male nominee for the NFL Latino Youth Honors Program. He was among 32 male student-athletes nationwide selected for the honor.

Santibanez joined Southwind School student-athlete Emily Castillo in being recognized during Sunday's game.

The NFL Latino Youth Honors Program recognizes student-athletes for their accomplishments and contributions in their schools and communities.

Santibanez's recognition adds another distinction to his time as a member of the Collierville High School Dragon football program.

Source: Collierville Schools



COLLIERVILLE MIDDLE TENNIS CO-OP SECURES STATE TITLES

Combined CMS and WCMS Dragons complete championship run across multiple divisions

Staff Reports

COLLIERVILLE, Tenn. — The combined tennis program representing Collierville Middle School and West Collierville Middle School recently concluded its season by winning four Tennessee Middle School Athletic Association (TMSAA) division state titles.

The championship victories follow a sweep of all divisions at the Shelby County tournament. Competing across six divisions at the state level, the Dragons secured top honors in four, capped off by a championship performance from the Silver squad in the State Junior Varsity division.

Collierville Middle Athletics commended the student-athletes and coaching staff for their effort throughout the championship run.

Source: Collierville Schools





THREE COLLIERVILLE SCHOOLS EARN APPLE DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL RECOGNITION

Jen Hannah
Collierville Schools



COLLIERVILLE, Tenn. – Collierville Schools is proud to announce that Bailey Station Elementary School, Tara Oaks Elementary School, and West Collierville Middle School have been recognized as Apple Distinguished Schools for the 2026-2029 program term. Schools apply and are selected for this distinction based on their commitment to continuous innovation in education and using Apple products to inspire, imagine, and impact teaching and learning.

This marks the first Apple Distinguished School recognition for Tara Oaks Elementary School, while Bailey Station Elementary School and West Collierville Middle School (pictured) earned renewed designation after being recognized during the 2023-2026 program term. With these selections, Collierville Schools now has five Apple Distinguished Schools across the district. There are just over 1,200 Apple Distinguished Schools in 41 countries around the world.

Active Collierville Schools Apple Distinguished Schools:
Collierville Elementary School (2024-2027)
Crosswind Elementary School (2024-2027)
Bailey Station Elementary School (2026-2029)
Tara Oaks Elementary School (2026-2029)
West Collierville Middle School (2026-2029)

"We are incredibly proud of Bailey Station Elementary School, Tara Oaks Elementary School, and West Collierville Middle School for earning recognition as Apple Distinguished Schools," said Director of Schools Dr. Russell Dyer. "This designation reflects the outstanding work taking place across our district as teachers and school leaders create meaningful learning experiences that encourage students to think critically, collaborate, create, and explore. Each of these schools has built a culture of innovation that supports student learning in unique ways, and this recognition is a testament to the dedication of their educators, students, and families. We are honored to see their work recognized on a global stage and look forward to seeing these schools continue to inspire and empower learners in the years ahead."

Apple Distinguished Schools are centers of leadership and educational excellence, with a clear vision for how technology-rich environments support learning goals. In Apple Distinguished Schools, forward-thinking leaders and their communities work to inspire, imagine, and impact teaching and learning, and they have documented results of academic accomplishments.

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