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### **Bandera Middle School Cross Country Participates at Mason Invitational**

On October 12, 2011, the Bandera Middle School Cross Country teams competed in the Mason Invitational. In the 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls division, BMS had ten girls place in the top 15 to receive a medal. Those finishers were: Kaitlyn Rodriguez, 3<sup>rd</sup>; Monica Mata, 4<sup>th</sup>; Roxanne Gemblar, 5<sup>th</sup>; Alex Bauml, 6<sup>th</sup>; Mary Thomas, 7<sup>th</sup>; Cheyenne Mayfield, 10<sup>th</sup>; Claudia Vasquez, 11<sup>th</sup>; Morgan Gross, 12<sup>th</sup>; Rheanna Leal, 13<sup>th</sup>; and Baylee Parks, 15<sup>th</sup>. In the 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls division, BMS had seven girls place in the top 15 to medal. The top finishers were: Mercy Yermo, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Emily Montague, 3<sup>rd</sup>; Jordan Hansen, 5<sup>th</sup>; Caitlin Lenihan, 6<sup>th</sup>; Catherine Ringel, 11<sup>th</sup>; Kortney Slagle, 13<sup>th</sup> and Allie Denham, 15<sup>th</sup>. Both the 7<sup>th</sup> grade and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls won their divisions.

On the boys side, BMS had six boys place in the top 15. Those finishers were: Seva Nix, 1<sup>st</sup>; Jarred Elizondo, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Ben Lopez, 7<sup>th</sup>; Niko Capkanis, 9<sup>th</sup>; Jose Gonzales, 11<sup>th</sup>; and Cole Shroeder, 14<sup>th</sup>. BMS' top runners, Nix and Elizondo, beat the rest of the field by over two minutes. The boy's team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall behind Harper. All Bandera Cross Country teams will compete on Wednesday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> at BISD's Pre-District Cross Country meet at Bandera City Park.