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Welcome back for the 2009-10 school year!

Time to say goodbye to summer vacation and hello to one of the most exciting seasons of the year.

Regardless whether you're a campus-based employee, parent, or student, there is always something special about the start of school for anyone who loves learning.

For many throughout the District, back-to-school preparations began weeks prior to Aug. 24, and the projected arrival of more than 55,000 students, while others were there to greet youngsters on their first day of classes.

With such wonderful community support, coupled with outstanding staff, Trustees and talented students, this has got to be a great school year!



Welcoming Washington ES students back to school are San Antonio Mayor Julián Castro and School Board President James Howard. The dignitaries were among VIP greeters including District 2 City Councilwoman Ivy Taylor (not shown) at the East Side campus.



School Board Assistant Secretary Olga Hernandez and Franklin ES principal Belinda Hernandez cut the celebratory ribbon on new playground equipment at the District 6 school.



No doubt new Jefferson HS social studies teacher Holly Lennox will ever forget this first day of school! Her winning the superintendent's aid as a summer orientation door prize not only garnered her Dr. Robert J. Durón's expertise but captured media attention as well from KSAT-TV's Jessie Degollado.



Trustee Ed Garza pitches in at his District 7 Longfellow MS by passing out first day of classes assignments.

Helping a Foster ES kindergartener with his ABCs is School Board Vice President Carlos Villarreal.



Wallie Jaso and other SA YES Foundation volunteers ensure students return to school well equipped for learning by donating school supplies. Foster ES was among nine beneficiaries Districtwide of the organization's generosity.

Community meetings

Listed below are the remaining meetings to gather public input on three long-term proposals to build a stronger SAISD.

- All will start at 6 p.m.
- Burbank HS** Sept. 1 – (Tues)
- Sam Houston HS** Sept. 2 – (Wed)
- Lanier HS** Sept. 3 – (Thurs)
- Highlands HS** Sept. 8 – (Tues)
- Fox Tech HS** Sept. 9 – (Wed)

We're now tweeting!

As part of our commitment to keep everyone up-to-date on the District's latest news, information and achievements, SAISD has opened a Twitter account.

To follow the District, type <http://twitter.com/saisd> into your Web browser. If you already have a Twitter



account log in and click "Find People" in the upper right-hand corner tool bar and enter "SAISD." Click on "SAISD," and then the "Follow" button.

Twitter is not available through District computers, so employees and students must access it from their PCs and/or cell phones on their own time.

Come tweet with us! We hope you will be joining us soon on Twitter.

Anniversaries abound throughout SAISD

Mark the date! According to our Communications Department history files the District and the following schools are observing significant anniversaries this year.

- **130th – Fox Tech HS.** Opened as Central School at Broadway and Houston streets.
- **115th – Crockett ES.** Opened on West Commerce Street, now the Mexican American Unity Council.
- **115th – Pickett Academy** (building). See far right.
- **110th – SAISD.** Separated from the city of San Antonio in 1899 to become an independent school district.
- **110th – Briscoe.** Opened as the Lakeside School at another South Flores Street location.
- **105th – Herff ES**
- **95th – Collins Garden ES and Highland Park ES**
- **85th – Cotton ES, Lamar ES** (at its present site) and **Woodlawn ES**



Early photo of Central School, presently Fox Tech HS

- **80th – Franklin ES** (name). Opened in 1915 at its present site as the Los Angeles Heights School, serving 1st through 8th grades. The campus became Franklin ES in 1929 when the upper grades moved to the new Los Angeles Heights HS.
- **80th – Edison HS** (name). See right. Soon after its move to the present location of Whittier Academy, Los Angeles Heights HS was renamed Edison.

- **70th – Pershing ES** (name). See below. Originally opened in 1905 as Harris ES.
- **60th – Carvajal ECEC.** Formerly Carvajal ES, and Storm Academy
- **55th – Neal ES and Rhodes MS**
- **50th – Pershing ES** (location)
- **50th – Edison HS** (location) and Whittier Academy
- **45th – Japhet ES** (location), formerly the Japhet Opportunity School, serving special needs children.
- **45th – Ball ES** (in its present incarnation). See below.
- **45th – Connell MS** (in its present incarnation). Prior to 1964 two schools shared the site, Hot Wells ES and Hot Wells JHS.
- **40th – Tafolla MS**
- **35th – Brackenridge HS** (building)
- **20th – Davis MS** (location). Moved from the present site of the Carroll ECEC in 1989.
- **10th – Pickett Academy.** Originally Fannin ES which opened in 1894.

For Your Benefit

Introducing new insurance programs and employee options



Welcome back! In this first column for the new school year we are getting everyone up-to-date on new insurance programs and rate changes to our current Humana program.

For more information we encourage you to meet with insurance carrier representatives at any of the information sessions.

Newly-awarded programs

The Standard Life Insurance Company

- Basic Life and AD&D
- Supplemental Life and AD&D
- Short and Long Term Disability

Vision Service Plan

- Vision Insurance Program

Any changes to the Humana Health Insurance Plan Design?

There are **no** changes to: CoverageFirst 2000; CoverageFirst 1000; POS 300; and HMO. However, the Board approved new health insurance rates, increasing SAISD's annual contribution per employee from \$3,780 to \$4,152. This brings the District's total contribution to approximately \$30 million. There will be **no** increase for the 75 percent of the employee population on these coverage levels: CoverageFirst 2000 Employee Only; Employee & Spouse; Employee & Children; and Employee & Family.

Vital facts

- All changes effective for one year, starting Nov. 1, and reflected in October paycheck.
- **Enrollment** for all programs is **mandatory**.
- Sept. 1-20 mandatory enrollment.
- Enroll online at: <https://www2.benefitharbor.com/ees/saisd>.

Information sessions

- Aug. 29 (Sat) - 10 a.m. to noon at Irving
- Sept. 1 (Tues) - 2 to 4 p.m. at Jefferson
- Sept. 2 (Wed) - 3 to 5 p.m. at Burbank
- Sept. 3 (Thurs) - 4 to 6 p.m. at Fox Tech
- Sept. 15 (Tues) - 4 to 6 p.m. at Edison

This school year For Your Benefit will appear in rotation with the other regular Insider columns, Customer Service Corner and Financial Forum.

Health Insurance Monthly Premium rates approved for 2009-10

Plan	Total premium	Current		Renewal		
		Employer Contribution	Employee Contribution	Total Premium	Employer Contribution	Employee Contribution
CoverageFirst 2000						
Employee	\$314.09	\$314.09	\$0.00	\$345.50	\$345.50	\$0.00
E/Spouse	\$583.00	\$314.09	\$268.91	\$641.30	\$372.39	\$268.91
E/Children	\$495.40	\$314.09	\$181.31	\$544.94	\$363.63	\$181.31
E/Family	\$890.08	\$314.09	\$575.99	\$979.09	\$403.10	\$575.99
CoverageFirst 1000						
Employee	\$354.48	\$314.09	\$40.39	\$389.93	\$345.50	\$44.43
E/Spouse	\$657.99	\$314.09	\$343.90	\$723.79	\$345.50	\$378.29
E/Children	\$559.12	\$314.09	\$245.03	\$615.03	\$345.50	\$269.53
E/Family	\$1004.56	\$314.09	\$690.47	\$1105.02	\$345.50	\$759.52
POS 300						
Employee	\$404.63	\$314.09	\$90.54	\$445.09	\$345.50	\$99.59
E/Spouse	\$751.08	\$314.09	\$436.99	\$826.19	\$345.50	\$480.69
E/Children	\$638.22	\$314.09	\$324.13	\$702.04	\$345.50	\$356.54
E/Family	\$1146.68	\$314.09	\$832.59	\$1261.35	\$345.50	\$915.85
HMO						
Employee	\$418.59	\$314.09	\$104.50	\$460.45	\$345.50	\$114.95
E/Spouse	\$776.99	\$314.09	\$462.90	\$854.69	\$345.50	\$509.19
E/Children	\$660.24	\$314.09	\$346.15	\$726.26	\$345.50	\$380.76
E/Family	\$1186.24	\$314.09	\$872.15	\$1304.86	\$345.50	\$959.36



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