

September 22, 2011

SAISD Bond 2010 progress on course for fall 2011

Students and staff at schools throughout the District are seeing the improvements under way through the \$515 million bond program. Among them:

Alamo Stadium and Convocation Center

Site survey and geotechnical investigation work is in progress. Advertising for the contractor will begin in October.

Athletic tracks

Work to replace cinder with all-weather tracks is nearing completion at Burbank, Edison, Highlands and Sam Houston. Replacement at the other four high schools is scheduled for next summer so that this year's athletic season will not be disrupted.

Playgrounds

Completed/and or substantially completed are 24 elementary playgrounds. Work at Mission Academy, Collins Garden, Graebner and Pershing elementaries is in progress, and soon to begin at Lamar.

Safety and security

- Installation of new security fencing is complete and/or substantially complete at

seven of 68 schools.

- Keycard installation is complete and/or substantially complete at 14 schools and in progress at seven others.
- In progress are security camera proposals on bid packages for schools not receiving major construction.

Technology upgrades

Twenty-two schools have received new computers. Equipment is on order or en route at 36 others, with delivery scheduled for September and October. In all, 68 schools will receive new computers.

Transportation/support facilities

The preliminary engineering report and site survey are complete and/or substantially complete, while programming and preliminary design, geotechnical and environmental investigations and user group meetings are in progress.

Bond community meetings

The second in a series of gatherings to provide further input and learn the latest on the bond program will conclude next week.

Upcoming are:

Sept. 22 (Thurs) - 6 p.m.

- Riverside Park ES, 202 School St.
- Ogden ES, 2215 Leal St.

Sept. 27 (Tues) - 6 p.m.

- Hirsch ES, 4826 Seabreeze Drive
- Hawthorne Academy, 115 Josephine St.
- Fenwick ES, 1930 Waverly Ave.
- Japhet ES, 314 Astor St.

Sept. 28 (Wed) - 6 p.m.

- Cameron ES, 3635 Belgium Lane
- Arnold ES, 467 Freiling Drive
- Fox Tech HS, 637 N. Main Ave.

Throughout September architects have been seeking community feedback on master-planning efforts as discussions have begun on the look and feel of the 23 schools receiving major renovations.

Keep up with SAISD Bond 2010 at:
www.saisd.net/bondprojects



Trustees select new School Board officers

SAISD's elected officials changed office holders during the Sept. 12 meeting.

The reorganization was in keeping with action taken last spring following the May 14 election. At that time, Trustees decided to choose new officers at the first meeting in September.

Effective the first meeting in January Ed Garza, a former San Antonio mayor, will be president.

Rubén Cuero is the new vice president.

Other changes include Olga M. Hernandez,



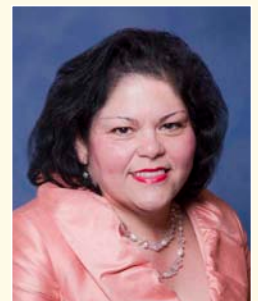
Ed Garza, President-Elect
(District 7)



Rubén D. Cuero, Vice President
(District 1)



Olga M. Hernandez, Secretary
(District 6)



Adela R. Segovia, Asst. Secretary
(District 4)

secretary and Adela Segovia, assistant secretary.

All of their terms began immediately.

Hernandez has represented District 6 since May 2006.

Elected in May 2009 and the areas they serve are Cuero, District 1; Garza, District 7; and Segovia, District 4.

INSPIRE awards to debut

SAISD patrons are invited to enjoy an evening of inspiring company and quality entertainment while contributing to enriched educational opportunities for District students.

To be honored in the categories of excellence, innovation, leadership and service are a dozen past, present and future SAISD shining stars comprising alumni, friends, students and teachers who are making a significant difference in education and for their ability to inspire others. This first of what is slated to become an annual event is sponsored by the SAISD Foundation.

Proceeds from the \$75 price of admission will fund scholarships benefitting District students, of which 95 cents of every dollar raised goes to SAISD schools.

First Annual SAISD INSPIRE Awards

Sept. 28 (Wed) - 5:30 p.m.

Villita Assembly Building
401 Villita St.

\$75 per person

RSVP by Sept. 26 • Call 299-4060
email: jgeelhoed@saisdfoundation.com

Sponsorships are welcome



Grant deadline approaches

Applications for New Teacher Supply Grants are being accepted now.

Each year, the SAISD Foundation helps new teachers purchase supplies to enhance their classrooms. This year the awards will be given in October in time to support the second nine-week period.

Deadline to apply for this \$200 award is Sept. 30. The application can be accessed at:
www.saisdfoundation.com

About the SAISD Foundation

This 501C3 public charity exists solely to support SAISD schools, programs and teachers.

Since the fall of 2007 the SAISD Foundation has awarded a total of \$498,723 through 489 innovative and new teacher supply grants, benefiting 52,885 students

SAISD's own young virtuosos

Ensuring that they will be in good voice come this weekend for their opera debut are members of the Graebner ES choir. While these 4th-graders are contributing their vocal talents to the University of Texas at San Antonio Lyric Opera's production of "Navarro," the elementary's 1st-graders will portray animals. The children's opera was penned by San Antonians Jim Balentine and Joe Labatt, and inspired by Marj Gurasich's book "Benito and the White Dove." This story details the life and accomplishments of José Antonio Navarro – a 19th-century champion for Texas independence - as seen through the eyes of a young boy. Graebner was the only school selected to perform in the opera's world premiere. Show time will be 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25 at the UTSA downtown campus's Buena Vista Theatre. Shown leading them in a rehearsal is their music teacher Elise Lopez.



Magnet Fair to feature a myriad of possibilities

The public is invited to learn about the excellent educational options open to next year's freshmen and 6th-graders by attending the:

MAGNET SCHOOL FAIR
Oct. 5 (Wed) • 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Alamo Convocation Center • 110 Tuleta St.

Representatives from each of the Magnets will be available to answer questions and provide information.

All Magnets are designed to give students a strong scholastic foundation coupled with real-world experience.

Enrollment is open to current 5th- and 8th-graders from throughout Bexar County, no matter which school they otherwise would go to, allowing students to attend the program that best fits their interest and needs.

The deadline for SAISD students to turn in their application to their school counselor is Nov. 28.

Applications from students who attend schools outside the District are due to SAISD's Department of Academic Support by Dec. 9.

For more information call 354-3626.



THE MAGNETS HIGH SCHOOLS

Architectural and Environmental Studies at	Jefferson
Burbank Agricultural Science (BAS) at	Burbank
Business and Finance at	Lanier
Health Professions at	Edison
Health Professions at	Fox Tech
International Baccalaureate at	Burbank
Judge Andy Mireles Law Professions at	Fox Tech
Manufacturing, Engineering and Technology at ...	Sam Houston
Media Productions at	Brackenridge
Military Science and Public Service at	Jefferson
Public Safety at	Edison
Science, Engineering and Technology at	Highlands
World Languages at	Brackenridge

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

American Heritage at	Poe
Technology at	Rhodes
Multilingual at	Tafolla

Customer Service Corner

New name 'CAPP's our goal to provide and promote customer service

Meet the Community and Parent Partners Department! We start the new school year and our first Customer Service Corner column for 2011-12 announcing that the department previously known as Parent, Community and Business Partnership has a new name. This change including the acronym CAPP were both specially chosen to more directly reflect our goal to partner with our District customers - students, parents and the community - to ensure that all SAISD students achieve both academic and personal success.

Collaboration is key

Engaging EVERY parent in a district as large as SAISD can be challenging! To help reach our goal we collaborate with home support liaisons

and assigned parent contacts at all campuses. We provide professional development for them and tools they can share with parents - who in turn can use these resources to help their children, which research indicates is instrumental in increasing student academic achievement.

An upcoming opportunity for them will be:

The Fall 2011 Parent Summit
Oct. 11 (Tues) - 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Wonderland of the Americas Mall's
Norris Conference Center
4522 Fredericksburg Road

Through these twice-a-year events parents hear keynote speakers and attend sessions on topics such as parenting skills, academics, testing requirements, homework assistance and much more.

All this plus customer service support!
 Our refined focus on providing parental

support is all part of our ongoing major efforts promoting Level 5 Customer Service at all levels.

Among the other services we provide toward that goal includes two constituent specialists assigned to take calls regarding any concerns our customers may have regarding any of the District's 90 campuses and to guide them to the right person who can help address their concerns in a timely manner.

This sometimes challenging but always rewarding problem-solving process shows our community of customers that SAISD truly cares!

As our new name signifies, collaboration with the Community and Parents as Partners will result in student success so that one day their "CAPP" will be one for graduation, which makes us all winners!

Those with questions, comments or suggestions for engaging the SAISD community, and parents as partners are asked to email Janice Hannon, CAPP director, at jhannon1@saisd.net



in the Spotlight

An edible education

Sam Houston HS principal Darnell White (far left photo, l to r), culinary arts teacher Eric Dromgoole, bookkeeper Debbie Franklin and secretary Debbie Nelson greet visitors at the grand opening of the school's Carême Café, while (inset photo) students eagerly dive into confections as decorative as they were delicious. The café named for famous French chef Marie-Antoine Carême was designed to provide the food aficionados enrolled in the culinary arts program with real-world experience in running a restaurant.

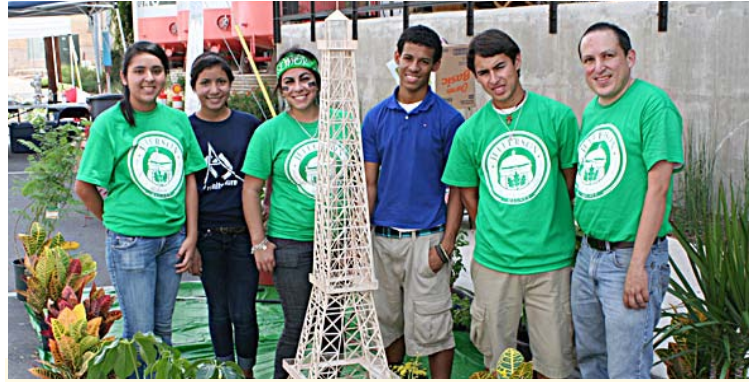


Gubernatorial appointment



Less than a year after his selection to serve on a Texas Poet Laureate, State Musician, and State Artists subcommittee, Ronnie Sanders has been promoted. The Jefferson HS fine arts teacher is one of only seven persons in the state appointed by Gov. Rick Perry to the Texas Commission on the Arts. As a commissioner, Sanders will help establish agency policy, review long-range plans, secure funding for the agency and make final decisions on grant distributions.

Courtesy photo



Paris comes to the Pearl

Bringing an element of the City of Light to the Pearl were Jefferson HS Architecture & Environmental Studies Magnet students. As the only high-schoolers invited to add their skills to San Antonio's participation in PARK(ing) Day, the aspiring architects created a replica of the Eiffel Tower and surrounded it by plants. Their teacher (shown right) is David Garcia. Since its 2005 origin in San Francisco, PARK(ing) Day has grown into a worldwide movement to temporarily transform parking spaces into public parks.



Food for thought

Libraries aren't the only place to satisfy an appetite for reading. Students participating in H-E-B's Sept. 7-20 statewide Read 3 campaign found all the ingredients for a scrumptious story time and other activities right at the grocery chain's McCreless Market. Among those participating from SAISD include the following. **1.** Ball ES PALS students, counselor Janie Rodriguez (left) and home support liaison Elva Allen pose for a photo while dropping off 10 boxes of books for the cause. **2.** Forbes ES students have fun during a story read by Kate Rogers, H-E-B's VP of communication and engagement. **3.** Carvajal ECEC students are joined by mascots Kyla and H-E-Buddy while listening to a story from H-E-B Chairman and CEO Charles Butt.



Courtesy photos



Strike up the bands!

If the halftime entertainment is your favorite part of high school football, then do we have an event for you! Join us for the annual

SAISD Marching Band Showcase
6:30 p.m. • Oct. 4 (Tues)
Alamo Stadium, 110 Tuleta St.

Come cheer for your favorite middle and high school bands!