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### SAISD to create second all-girls school

San Antonio ISD has announced plans to establish a second all-girls school. SAISD will open a school for primary grades in August of 2019, starting with Kinder and first. The school will add a grade each year, ultimately becoming K-5. YWLA Primary at Page will be open to all girls who live within Bexar County, with priority to those living within the Page MS boundaries. There are no academic entry requirements and admission is based on a lottery system.

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A Jefferson student looks at plans for the Bond 2016 project during the Jefferson community meeting held last week.

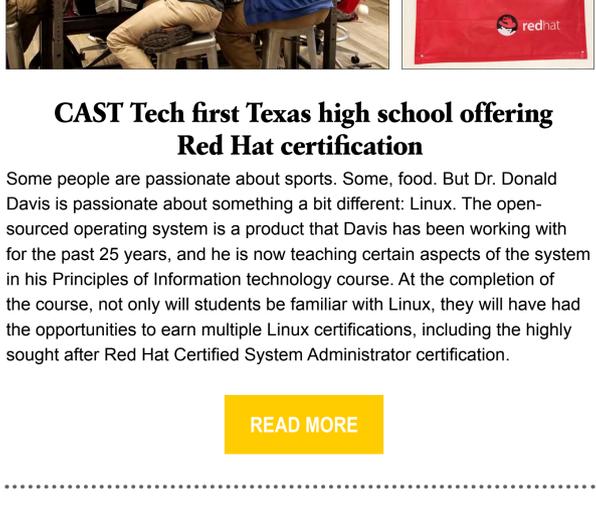
### Bond 2016 community meetings continue

Learn about the Bond program! SAISD facilities staff, including project managers, architects and school leaders will be on hand to talk about the Bond program and the exciting changes coming to each campus.

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| <p><b>J.T. Brackenridge Elementary</b><br/>Sept. 20   4:30 p.m.<br/><i>Cafeteria</i></p> | <p><b>Davis Middle School</b><br/>Sept. 29   11 a.m.<br/>in conjunction with the East Side Education Summit<br/><i>Cafeteria at Sam Houston High School</i></p> | <p><b>Rogers Middle School</b><br/>Oct. 10   5 p.m.<br/><i>Cafeteria</i></p>             |
| <p><b>Burbank High School</b><br/>Sept. 20   6 p.m.<br/><i>Cafeteria</i></p>             | <p><b>Sam Houston High School</b><br/>Sept. 29   1 p.m.<br/>in conjunction with the East Side Education Summit<br/><i>Cafeteria</i></p>                         | <p><b>Fox Tech High School</b><br/>Oct. 11   5:30 p.m.<br/><i>Senior Dining Room</i></p> |
| <p><b>Lanier High School</b><br/>Sept. 25   6:30 p.m.<br/><i>Library</i></p>             |   | <p><b>Bowden Elementary</b><br/>Oct. 16   5:30 p.m.<br/><i>Library</i></p>               |
| <p><b>Edison High School</b><br/>Sept. 26   5 p.m.<br/><i>Cafeteria</i></p>              |   | <p><b>Brackenridge High School</b><br/>Oct. 17   5:30 p.m.<br/><i>Library</i></p>        |



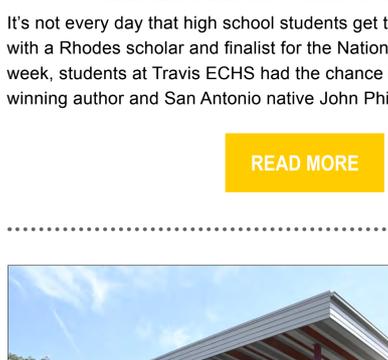
[LEARN MORE ABOUT BOND 2016 HERE](#)



Last week, Andrea Greimel (center) was recognized a finalist for 2019 Texas Elementary Teacher of the Year.

### Teacher recognized as one of best in state

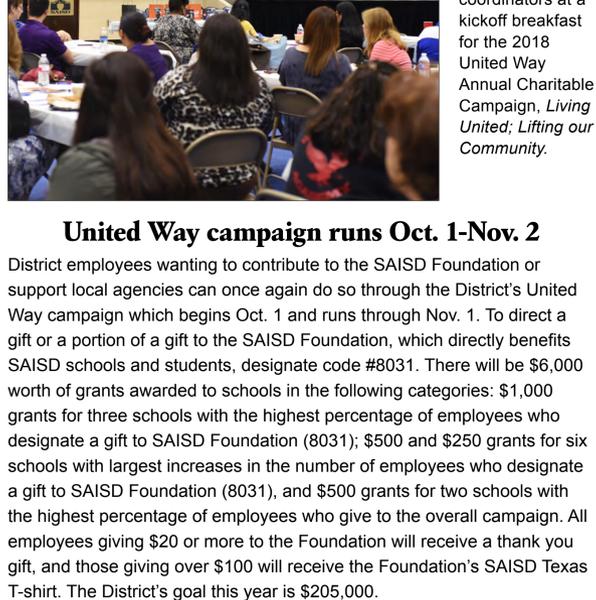
Andrea Greimel was recognized as one of the three finalists for 2019 Texas Elementary Teacher of the Year at a luncheon at the Bullock Texas State History Museum on Sept. 18, 2018. The 2019 ECS Region 20 Elementary Teacher of the Year, Greimel is a bilingual pre-k teacher at Carvajal ECEC. Click on the photo above to get an inside look into her classroom.



### CAST Tech first Texas high school offering Red Hat certification

Some people are passionate about sports. Some, food. But Dr. Donald Davis is passionate about something a bit different: Linux. The open-sourced operating system is a product that Davis has been working with for the past 25 years, and he is now teaching certain aspects of the system in his Principles of Information technology course. At the completion of the course, not only will students be familiar with Linux, they will have had the opportunities to earn multiple Linux certifications, including the highly sought after Red Hat Certified System Administrator certification.

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### Rhodes scholar visits Travis ECHS

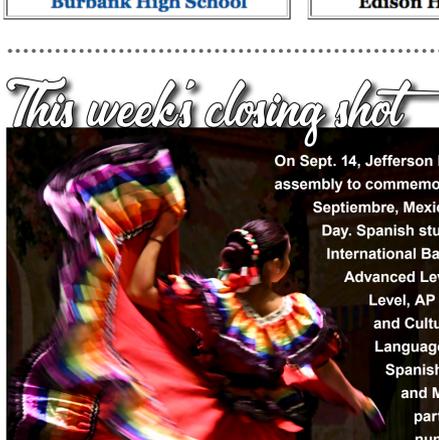
It's not every day that high school students get to discuss literary classics with a Rhodes scholar and finalist for the National Book Award. But this week, students at Travis ECHS had the chance to do just that with award-winning author and San Antonio native John Phillip Santos.

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### Architectural excellence at Highlands

Highlands HS is one of four San Antonio-area school architecture projects that has been recognized in the Stars of Distinction in the 2018-19 Exhibit of School Architecture competition. The competition showcases new and renovated Texas schools and celebrates excellence in planning and design of the learning environment. Pfluger Architects was the lead firm on the Highlands project which was part of Bond 2010.



Superintendent Pedro Martinez speaks to the 2018 SAISD United Way volunteer coordinators at a kickoff breakfast for the 2018 United Way Annual Charitable Campaign, *Living United; Lifting our Community.*

### United Way campaign runs Oct. 1-Nov. 2

District employees wanting to contribute to the SAISD Foundation or support local agencies can once again do so through the District's United Way campaign which begins Oct. 1 and runs through Nov. 1. To direct a gift or a portion of a gift to the SAISD Foundation, which directly benefits SAISD schools and students, designate code #8031. There will be \$6,000 worth of grants awarded to schools in the following categories: \$1,000 grants for three schools with the highest percentage of employees who designate a gift to SAISD Foundation (8031); \$500 and \$250 grants for six schools with largest increases in the number of employees who designate a gift to SAISD Foundation (8031), and \$500 grants for two schools with the highest percentage of employees who give to the overall campaign. All employees giving \$20 or more to the Foundation will receive a thank you gift, and those giving over \$100 will receive the Foundation's SAISD Texas T-shirt. The District's goal this year is \$205,000.

## 2019 BENEFITS OPEN ENROLLMENT

SAISD Employees: The 2019 Benefits Open Enrollment began Monday, Sept. 17, 2018, and will continue through Sunday, Oct. 14, 2018, at 11:59 p.m., CST. Open enrollment is **mandatory** therefore all employees must make or waive their elections. Click here for more information including how to select coverage and the 2019 Benefit Booklet.



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### Upcoming EPIC Events

**October 20, 2018**  
**Burbank High School**

**February 9, 2019**  
**Edison High School**

### This week's closing shot



On Sept. 14, Jefferson HS held an assembly to commemorate Diez y Seis de Septiembre, Mexico's Independence Day. Spanish students from the International Baccalaureate (IB) Advanced Level, IB Standard Level, AP Spanish Literature and Culture, AP Spanish Language and Culture, Spanish III Pre AP, and MYP Spanish participated in a number of events including a play depicting the beginnings of the revolution, folkloric dancing and mariachi performances. Click [here](#) to see a multimedia presentation from the day.