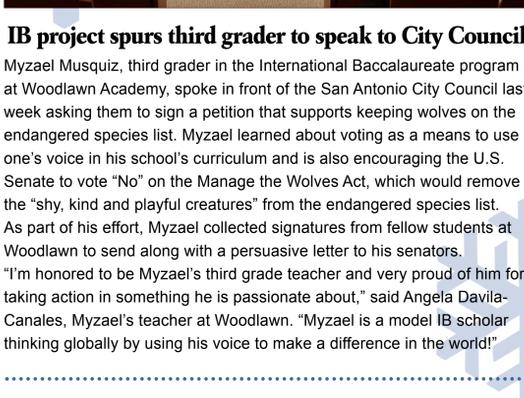


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IB project spurs third grader to speak to City Council

Myzael Musquiz, third grader in the International Baccalaureate program at Woodlawn Academy, spoke in front of the San Antonio City Council last week asking them to sign a petition that supports keeping wolves on the endangered species list. Myzael learned about voting as a means to use one's voice in his school's curriculum and is also encouraging the U.S. Senate to vote "No" on the Manage the Wolves Act, which would remove the "shy, kind and playful creatures" from the endangered species list. As part of his effort, Myzael collected signatures from fellow students at Woodlawn to send along with a persuasive letter to his senators. "I'm honored to be Myzael's third grade teacher and very proud of him for taking action in something he is passionate about," said Angela Davila-Canales, Myzael's teacher at Woodlawn. "Myzael is a model IB scholar thinking globally by using his voice to make a difference in the world!"



Three seniors named QuestBridge Scholars

Angie Gallegos Reyes of Young Women's Leadership Academy, Nikol Garcia of Travis Early College High School, and Jose Luis Martinez of Edison High School have been named QuestBridge Scholars, which puts them among only 3 percent of high school seniors nationwide being considered for the esteemed scholarships. The QuestBridge National College Match program is a college and scholarship application process that helps outstanding low-income high school seniors gain admission and full, four-year scholarships to the nation's most selective colleges.

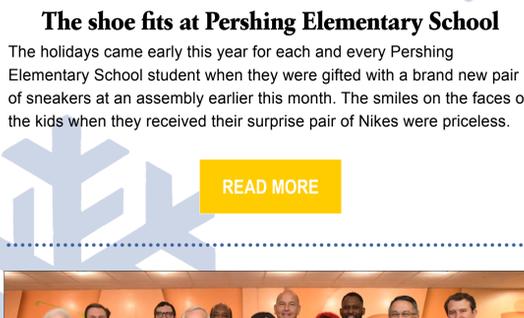
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Phoenix Middle College

Robert Loveland walks through the hallways of Phoenix Middle College on the campus of St. Philip's Southwest Campus with purpose. In his third year as the principal of the SAISD Choice School, and 18th year with the District, Loveland has a passion for education and is excited to be growing and leading a team that provides individualized support and services to help Phoenix MC students succeed.

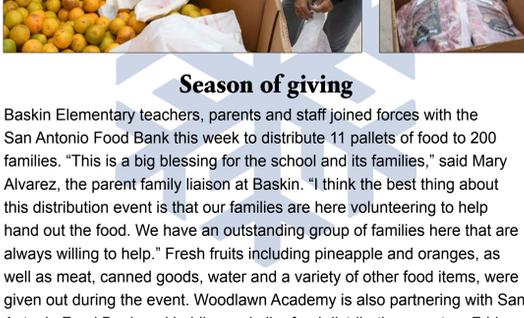
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Homecoming: Former JROTC senior army instructor visits Lanier High School

San Antonio native and retired Command Sgt. Major Andrew Reyna, 94, visited his old stomping ground at Lanier High School on Dec. 11, 2018. Reyna served as the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) senior Army instructor at the high school from 1968-1981 after retiring from 28 years of active duty service in the U.S. Army.

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The shoe fits at Pershing Elementary School

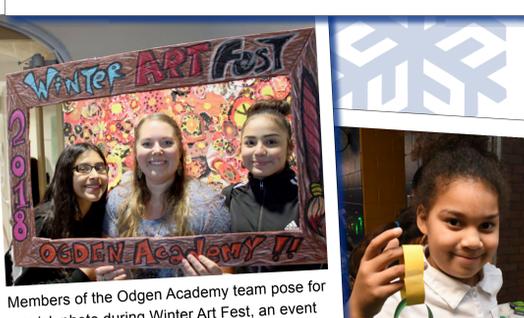
The holidays came early this year for each and every Pershing Elementary School student when they were gifted with a brand new pair of sneakers at an assembly earlier this month. The smiles on the faces of the kids when they received their surprise pair of Nikes were priceless.

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Conserving energy, saving money

At the Dec. 10 board meeting, SAISD was awarded \$240,787 for participating in CPS Energy's Commercial Solutions and Demand Response programs. The amount represents rebates from completed projects as well as incentives from the District's performance during Demand Response Summer Curtailment events in 2018. According to Aaron Stein, director of Energy & Sustainability, the District plans to add five campuses to the Demand Response program next summer and will complete additional rebate-eligible projects to increase 2019 incentive amounts.



Season of giving

Baskin Elementary teachers, parents and staff joined forces with the San Antonio Food Bank this week to distribute 11 pallets of food to 200 families. "This is a big blessing for the school and its families," said Mary Alvarez, the parent liaison at Baskin. "I think the best thing about this distribution event is that our families are here volunteering to help hand out the food. We have an outstanding group of families here that are always willing to help." Fresh fruits including pineapple and oranges, as well as meat, canned goods, water and a variety of other food items, were given out during the event. Woodlawn Academy is also partnering with San Antonio Food Bank and holding a similar food distribution event on Friday, Dec. 21 in the academy's back parking lot beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Happy Holidays, San Antonio ISD!

With the winter break fast approaching, campuses around the District are showing off their holiday spirit! See below for a few examples of the seasonal events that are happening around San Antonio ISD.



Santa dressed himself, with the help of Bonham Academy students, during a mock trail at the Federal Training Center. The trail is a community service project of the U.S. District Court Committee, San Antonio Bar Association, in conjunction with Boy Scout Troop 285, Girl Scout Troop 633, and Bonham Academy.



Travis Early College High School's junior class transformed the campus into a Winter Wonderland, complete with children's activities, theater and band performances, and holiday photo opportunities.



Members of the Jefferson High School mariachi perform in the school's Winter Concert featuring orchestra and mariachi groups.



Members of the Odden Academy team pose for a quick photo during Winter Art Fest, an event held at the school that showcased seventh grade.



A student at Smith Elementary School shows off the paper Christmas tree she made at the school's holiday-themed family reading night.



Students at Green Academy had a special visitor earlier this month...Santa Claus!



The San Antonio ISD Board of Trustees let their holiday spirit ring out at a Board meeting earlier this month. All seven Board members, plus Superintendent Pedro Martinez, led a roving version of two seasonal songs and received a standing ovation from the crowd.

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This week's closing shots

At a Board meeting earlier this month, the Fine Arts Department unveiled the official 2018 SAISD Holiday Card which showcases student art. This year's theme was "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas" and the contest was initiated and completed under the direction of Fine Arts Co-ordinator James Orozco. The contest, in its 15th year, was introduced in September of this school year and dozens of entries were received in the elementary, middle and high school grade levels. Winners listed below.

