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The latest news and events from San Antonio Independent School District

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Care packages bring a bit of early holiday cheer

Recent SAISD graduates attending college outside of Texas may be surprised when a large care package filled with goodies shows up at their door this month. It wasn't Santa making his rounds early; these special care packages were put together thanks to collaborations between the SAISD Foundation, the Department of Postsecondary Initiatives, and two local businesses.

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M. L. King Academy students virtually visit polar bears

It's not every day that students in San Antonio, Texas, get to explore the Arctic tundra. But thanks to Discovery Education and Polar Bears International, 23 students from M.L. King Academy for Arts Integration had the chance to video chat in real-time with scientists studying polar bear migration in the frozen tundra of Manitoba, Canada.

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SAISD grad, former astronaut encourages students

Sam Houston High School alumnus ('74) Dr. Bernard A. Harris, Jr. got back to his roots when he spoke with a group of ninth-grade students in his alma mater's Cyber P-TECH program. Harris, a former astronaut who has logged more than 438 hours and traveled over 7.2 million miles in space, visited with the inaugural student cohort of the P-TECH program, which opened this August to ninth-graders as a school-within-a-school at Sam Houston High School.

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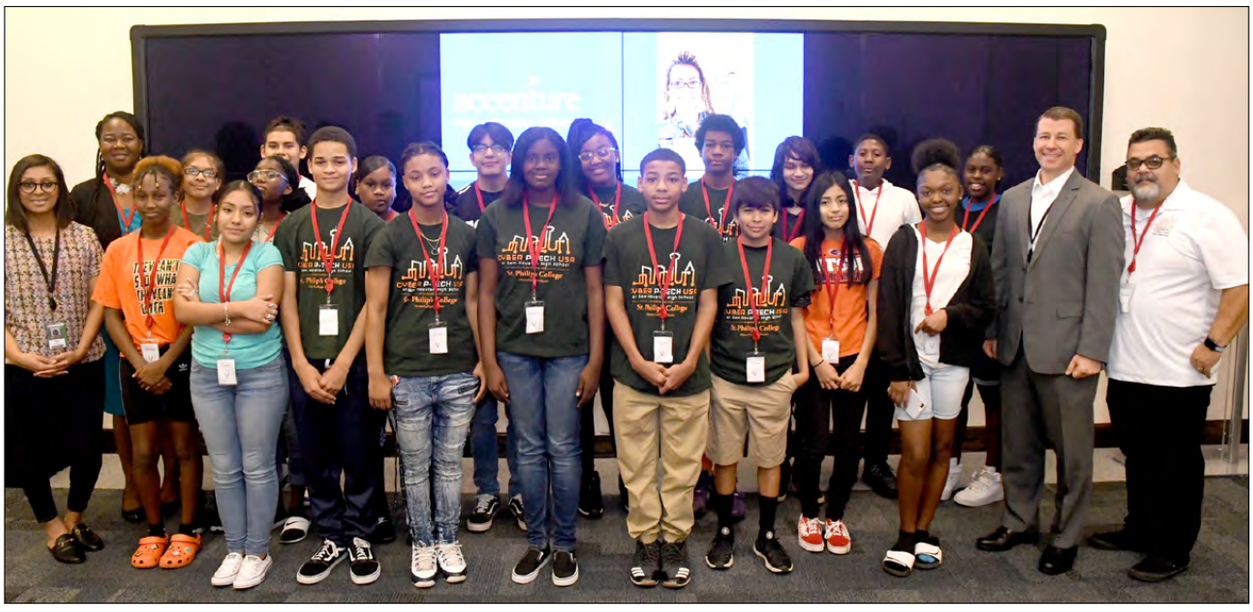

Sam Houston High School Cyber P-TECH students at Accenture Federal Services.

Job shadowing provides peek into future careers

San Antonio ISD students interested in computer technology had the chance to gain real-world experience and learn about career opportunities in their fields of interest through SAWorks' IT & Cybersecurity Job Shadow Day on Nov. 7.

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New building at CAST Tech

Last week, CAST Tech High School students held an event to honor the contributions made by local industry and nonprofit partners who have helped the school become successful. The event included a ribbon-cutting and student-led tours of a new two-story building, which opened this year to accommodate juniors in the program.

“This new building provides an opportunity for our future,” said James Hiller, a junior at CAST Tech. “I have my business, Spanish, and some computer courses in this building and I really like the open concept of the ceiling and everything.”

4th Annual Spanish Spelling Bee competition: Spelling *por la victoria*

Over the past two weeks, students across the District have been competing in SAISD District Spanish Spelling Bees. Students qualified for the District event by winning a spelling bee at their home campus, where campus sponsors and coaches have been the preparing students.

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SAISD, Bexar County partner on developments for Fox Tech campus area

On Monday, San Antonio ISD Board members approved two proposed partnerships with Bexar County on developments in the Fox Tech High School campus area: the first BiblioTech EDU collaboration, and a new parking garage. The developments will benefit both the District and the public.

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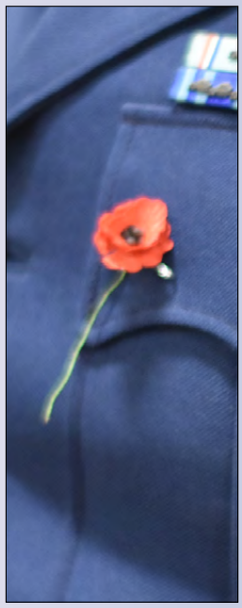
Davis recognized for commitment to STEM

Dr. Donald Davis, computer science master teacher at CAST Tech High School, has been selected as the first recipient of the Ron Moore Memorial Scholarship, which recognizes his Outstanding Contribution to Education and the STEM Career fields. Davis was recognized at the Alamo Armed Forces Communications & Electronics Association (AFCEA) Scholarship Luncheon yesterday at La Cantera.

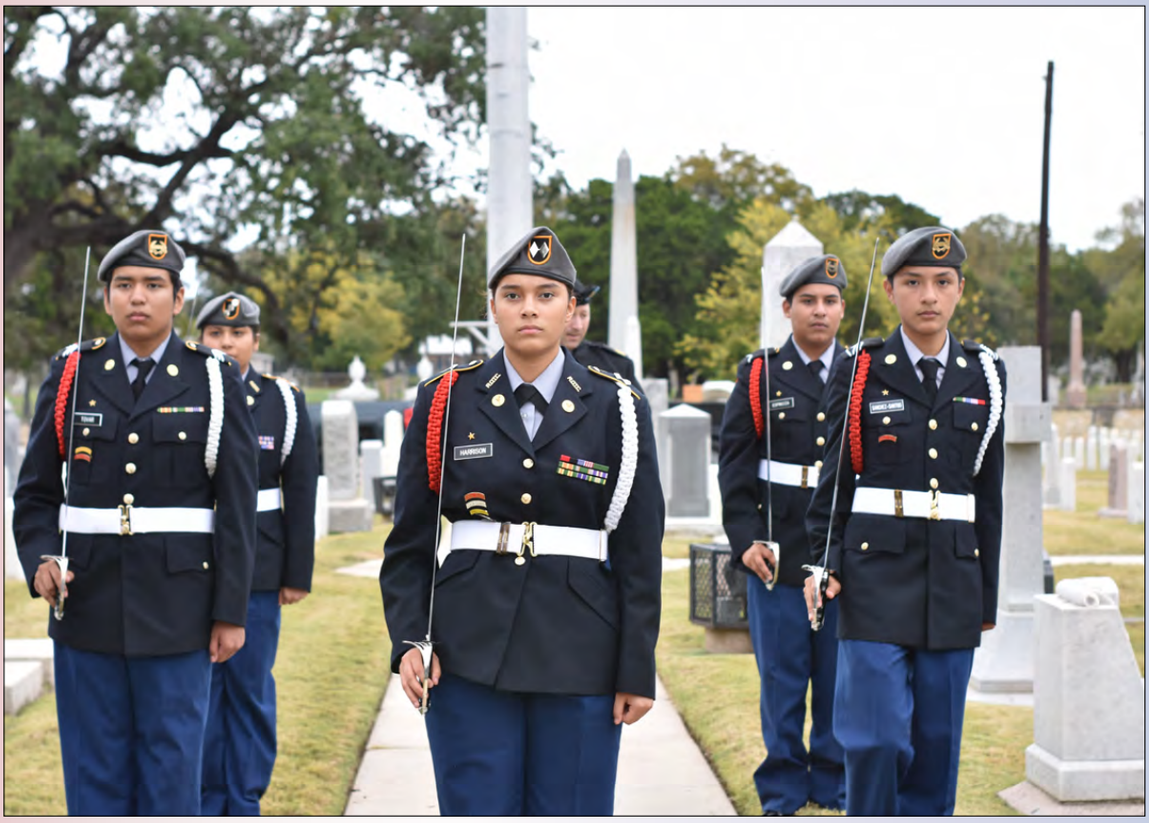
SAISD celebrates Veterans Day

Jefferson High School's JROTC commemorated Veterans Day with a mid-morning ceremony. The guest speaker was a Purple Heart recipient and Jefferson alumna who participated in the JROTC program before going on to serve her country.

Miller Elementary School featured a Veterans Day ceremony conducted by the after-school club American Heroes Project. The club teaches students in grades 3-5 about past, present and current American heroes. Students research medal honor recipients, write cards to patients at the Audie Murphy VA hospital, and more.



Kelly Elementary School held a poppy-pinning ceremony to honor the nation's military veterans.



Sam Houston High School provided the color guard, ushers, and a company of cadets in formation for the annual Bexar County Buffalo Soldiers Veterans Day Commemorative Ceremony at the San Antonio National Cemetery. The historic Buffalo Soldiers became some of the most elite and decorated units in the U.S. Army. The soldiers were comprised of former slaves, freedmen and Black Civil War veterans.

Nominations now open for

SAN ANTONIO ISD TEACHER OF THE YEAR

All teachers and librarians are invited to nominate a fellow teacher or librarian for the 2019-2020 SAISD Teacher of the Year. Self-nominations are accepted. This is the first year librarians have been eligible to be nominated for this award.

NOMINATE A TEACHER OR LIBRARIAN

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Nominations now open for

HEB EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD

Created in 2002, the H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards are designed to honor outstanding public school professionals and to thank them for their dedication and commitment. Through this program, H-E-B seeks to pay tribute to those educators who go the extra mile each and every day to serve their students and their communities and who inspire others to do the same. Teachers, schools and principals are encouraged to apply.

Inside Message:

To a joyful present and a well remembered past. Best wishes for happy holidays and a magnificent New Year.

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This week's closing shot

Frozen the Musical opens at Bonham

Bonham Academy's student production of Frozen the Musical opened this week in the school's Black Box Theater. Tonight is the final performance. Come out and support the fine arts!

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