



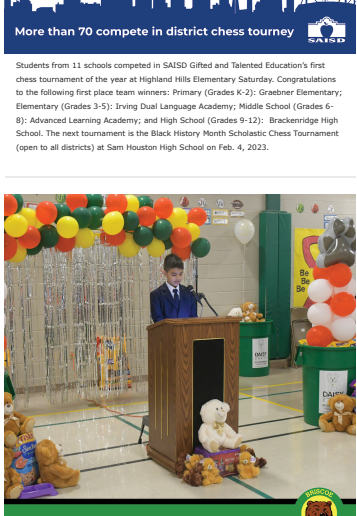
NEWS AROUND THE DISTRICT



Lanier art creates poignant altar for Uvalde victims

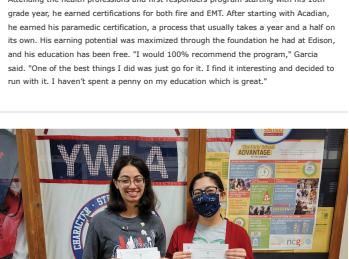
San Antonio ISD school groups sponsored at least nine of the 80 altars at last weekend's Muertos Fest at HemisFair. The event, in its 10th year, brought together traditional art and culture with live music and entertainment to celebrate the Day of the Dead. Festivities included live performances and the largest open altar exhibition in San Antonio. Festival attendees were able to vote on their favorite altar, and at the end of the weekend, Lanier High School Art Club was announced the winner for their poignant altar honoring the 19 Robb Elementary students and two teachers who lost their lives in Uvalde in May.

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SAISD Police share sweets at annual Trunk or Treat

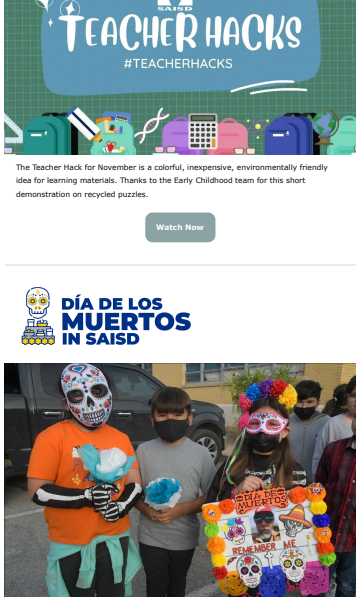
Our San Antonio ISD police hosted their sixth annual Trunk or Treat event at Sarah King Elementary on Monday afternoon. "It started as a couple of officers with a couple of bags of candy and a popcorn bowl wanting to celebrate Halloween in between calls, as we are a 24-hour department, officers are always on duty and didn't want to miss out," Lt. Christina Hounding said. At this year's event, 10 officers participated in the festivities, handing out candy to at least 300 hungry ghosts, goblins and super heroes during the three-hour event. Some police officers played along, dressing up in costume including fan favorite Officer Oscar DeLira (Leatherface) and Officer Jesenia Garcia (Woody). The police department thanks everyone who donated candy and treats for this festive event.



Sam Houston alumna named 'Hero for Children'

Retired Lieutenant Colonel Jason Mims, Sam Houston Class of 1971 and president and founder of Mims Institute Fellows, Inc., was recently named one of the Texas State Board of Education's Heroes for Children. He was nominated by SAISD's Board President Christina Martinez and Vice President Alicia Sebastian, who noted the effort he has put into mentoring students and helping them reach for top educational opportunities. "Jason's volunteerism is thoughtful, meaningful, and encourages future leaders to dream big, to explore, and to make a big difference in the lives of others," they said in the nomination materials.

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More than 70 compete in district chess tourney

Students from 11 schools competed in SAISD Gifted and Talented Education's first chess tournament of the year at Highland Hills Elementary Saturday. Congratulations to the following first place team winners: Primary (Grades K-2): Graebner Elementary; Elementary (Grades 3-5): Irving Dual Language Academy; Middle School (Grades 6-8): Advancement Learning Academy; and High School (Grades 9-12): Brackenridge High School. The next tournament is the Black History Month Scholastic Chess Tournament (open to all districts) at Sam Houston High School on Feb. 4, 2023.



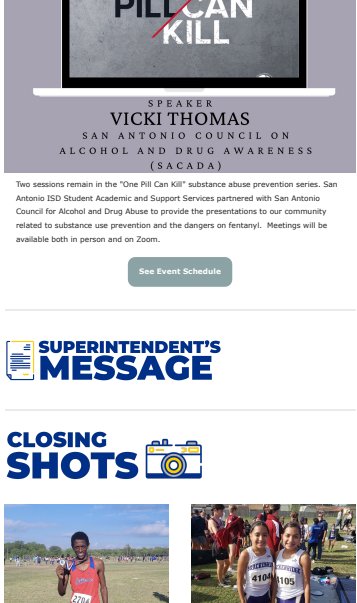
Briscoe donates pet food for annual service project

Students, faculty, and staff at Briscoe Elementary celebrated the success of their annual Care Bears community project on Friday. This year the project focused on collecting pet food to be donated to the San Antonio Food Bank. Four barrels of pet food were presented to a Food Bank representative. This year's collection was in honor of Henry the Labradoodle, a therapy dog that visits the campus regularly and Briscoe, a cat that was adopted by the campus when he was found there as a kitten. Briscoe pets Henry the Doodle and Brisky the Cat were in attendance when the gifts were presented. "Our therapy pets on campus bring us such joy and help us with our emotional needs," counselor Michelle Bain said. "We wanted to give back to an organization that helps pets."



Edison alumnus puts industry certification to work

Edison alumnus Julian Garcia is a 2021 graduate, and is putting the industry certifications he earned in high school to use as a paramedic for Acadian Ambulance. Attending the health professions and first responders program starting with his 10th grade year, he earned certifications for both fire and EMT. After starting with Acadia, he earned his paramedic certification, a process that usually takes a year and a half on its own. His earning potential was maximized through the foundation he had at Edison, and his education has been free. "I would 100% recommend the program," Garcia said. "One of the best things I did was just go for it. I find it interesting and decided to run with it. I haven't spent a penny on my education which is great."



YWLA pair recognized by National Merit

Young Women's Leadership Academy seniors Zeina Hijazi and Emelia Castillo have been named National Merit Scholars in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program. They placed among the top 50,000 students who entered the competition by taking the 2021 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test and received a letter of commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.



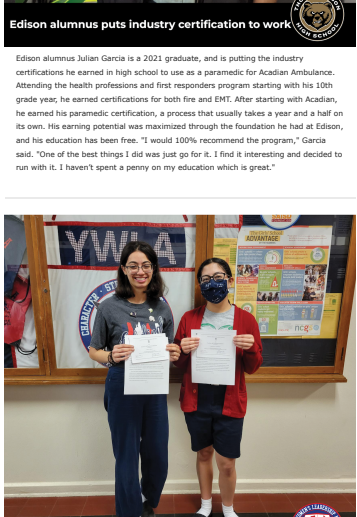
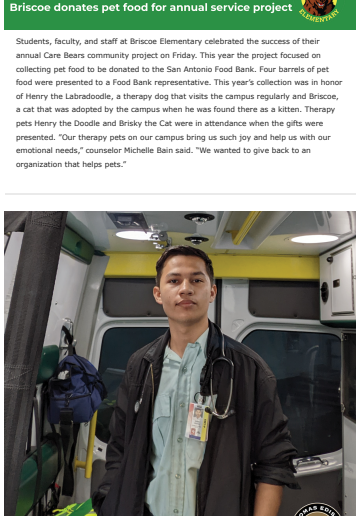
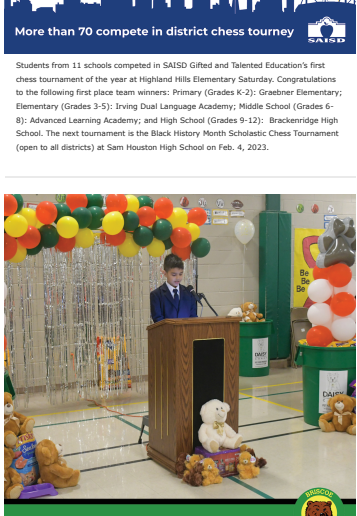
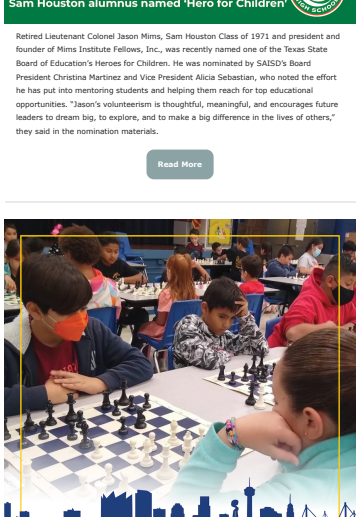
WHAT TO KNOW WHEN A SCHOOL EMERGENCY OCCURS

Student and staff safety is a top priority at SAISD schools. We are creating a series of videos with information on protocol and communication during school emergencies. Please click the image above to watch this brief video showing how we will communicate with you should something happen at one of our schools. Future videos in this safety series will be available on our [School Safety webpage](#).

The Teacher Hack for November is a colorful, inexpensive, environmentally friendly idea for learning materials. Thanks to the Early Childhood team for this short demonstration on recycled puzzles.

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DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS IN SAISD



El Día De Los Muertos, the Day of the Dead, has traditionally been celebrated throughout Mexico and Latin American countries. It is celebrated throughout the Americas on Nov. 1-2, allowing the living to remember their departed friends and family members. In our campuses across the district, students brought in photos to help create community altars, or ofrendas, to honor the loved ones that have passed. Pictured (from left to right, top to bottom) are the Día De Los Muertos parade at Carvajal Elementary, and community altars from Burbank High School, Graebner Elementary School, Poe Middle School, Crockett Academy, Wilson Elementary, Barkley-Ruiz Elementary and the UTSA Language Labs Schools - Bonham Academy, Graebner Elementary, Irving Dual Language Academy and Twin Dual Language Academy joint altar at Lanier Oct 27.

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Do you love to read? You and your family can help San Antonio ISD accomplish some MAJOR reading goals this year. Our big SAISD Families — students, teachers, campus staff and district employees, and our SAISD families at home — are challenged to come together to read 1 million books this year. You can help! Students and teachers can log their reading through the Beanstack app in ClassLink. Those without access to ClassLink can log their books on a Google Form.

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SPEAKER VICKI THOMAS
SAN ANTONIO COUNCIL ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG AWARENESS (SACADA)

Two sessions remain in the "One Pill Can Kill" substance abuse prevention series. San Antonio ISD Student Academic and Support Services partnered with San Antonio Council for Alcohol and Drug Abuse to provide the presentations to our community related to substance use prevention and the dangers of fentanyl. Meetings will be available both in person and on Zoom.

[See Event Schedule](#)

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

CLOSING SHOTS



On Saturday Nov. 5, three San Antonio ISD athletes will compete at the State Championship Cross Country at Old Settler's Park in Round Rock. Henok Hayele, a junior from Jefferson High School, will compete after earning second place at the region meet. Brackenridge High School seniors and identical twins Melody and Marissa Espinoza earned a spot in the state meet after earning third and 10th place, respectively at the region meet. The SAISD Families is wishing you a great run.

