

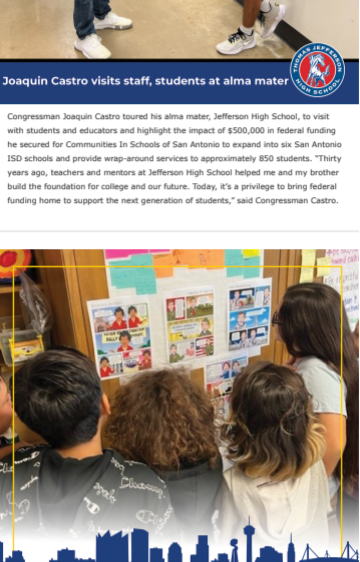
NEWS sa AROUND THE DISTRICT



Student groups bring in 70,000 pounds of recycling

In a recycling contest created as a partnership between the SAISD Foundation, H-E-B, and Unilever, 11 elementary schools returned nearly 70,000 pounds of recyclable material to their campuses. Waste Management and the SAISD facilities department helped transport and process all of the recycled materials. The schools gathered for an award ceremony and prizes on Tuesday.

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Fox Tech senior to compete at Mariachi Extravaganza

Fox Tech senior Gabriela Villasana was selected out of 500 video auditions as a vocal finalist at the Mariachi National Vocal Competition at this year's Mariachi Extravaganza. This is her fifth year participating in the national competition, which begins at the Lila Cockrell Theatre tomorrow at 9 a.m.

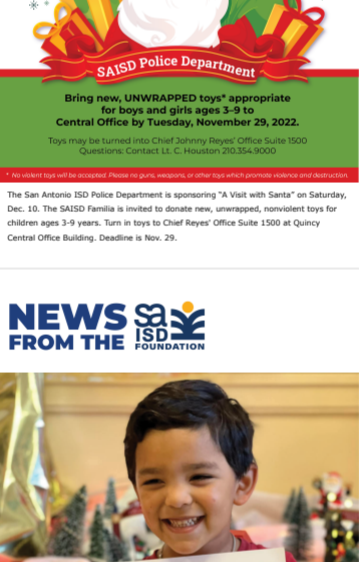
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Middle, high school students attend CORE4STEM

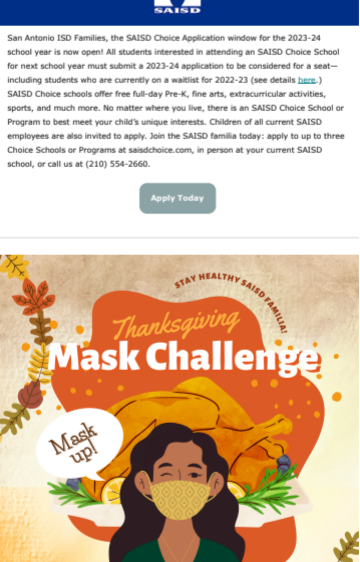
To celebrate National STEM Day Nov. 8, some San Antonio ISD middle and high school campuses attended CORE4STEM, a two-day celebration of education and career opportunities in STEM, at Tech Port Arena at Port San Antonio. More than 1,500 students from the San Antonio area were in attendance.

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Joaquin Castro visits staff, students at alma mater

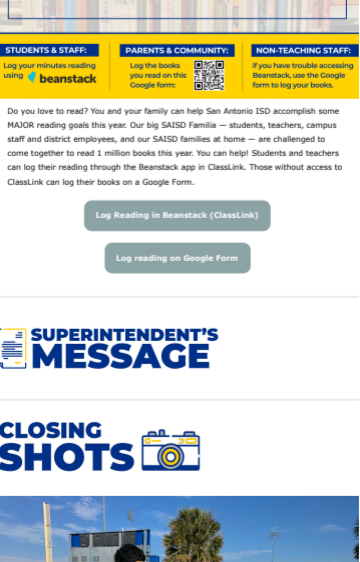
Congressman Joaquin Castro toured his alma mater, Jefferson High School, to visit with students and educators and highlight the impact of \$500,000 in federal funding he secured for Communities In Schools of San Antonio to expand into six San Antonio ISD schools and provide wrap-around services to approximately 850 students. "Thirty years ago, teachers and mentors at Jefferson High School helped me and my brother build the foundation for college and our future. Today, it's a privilege to bring federal funding home to support the next generation of students," said Congressman Castro.



Mock election enhances social studies lessons

This election day, adults weren't the only ones making important decisions. Students of all grade levels across San Antonio ISD took to their own polls Nov. 8 — in a district-wide mock voting project via Google form — to settle some big issues. It was the culmination of a two-and-a-half-week optional social studies unit which taught students about the election process while giving them a chance to learn more about some important historic figures.

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UT brings distinguished alumnus to UT Aquil

Nearly 100 students from schools around the district attended UT Aquil, a University of Texas at Austin College Fair, at Highlands High School on Nov. 3. Working with Postsecondary Initiatives, UT brought representatives from nine of its academic colleges to interact with students and parents. Throughout the evening, speakers from the colleges and the university spoke to students about stretching themselves academically and not letting fear hold them back from applying to dream colleges. The keynote speaker for the event was Col. Leon Holland, a 1956 graduate of Wheatley High School and one of the first Black undergraduate students admitted to the University of Texas in Fall 1956. "During our life's journey, we will encounter those opportunities," Holland told the students. "We need to make sure we recognize those opportunities." Holland told the students, "We need to make sure we recognize those opportunities." Holland told the students, "We need to make sure we recognize those opportunities. We will also encounter obstacles and challenges. We need to navigate through those difficult times. There will be struggles. That's when we have to learn that perseverance is critical."



JROTC, LOTC instructors build tomorrow's leaders

As the district celebrated Veterans Day last week, we visited with some of the veterans who lead our JROTC and LOTC programs. We thank them not only for their service to our country, but also to our students, as they mentor and inspire them daily to use critical thinking, self-discipline, accept responsibility, and exemplify good citizenship. We know the hours are long as they prepare for competitions and inspections and spend many extra hours tutoring and listening with the perspective of servant leaders who have seen so much.

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A Visit with Santa

At the Burbank Last Look event in July, the family of former history teacher Charles Schrade revealed that students wrote letters to him during the Vietnam War. The family saved the letters students had sent to Mr. Schrade and went on a quest to try to reunite them with their writers. Click the image above to watch the touching story.

A VISIT WITH SANTA TOY DRIVE

SAISD Police Department

Bring new, UNWRAPPED toys* appropriate for boys and girls ages 3-9 to Central Office by Tuesday, November 29, 2022.

Toys will be turned into Chief Johnny Reyes' Office Suite 1500
Questions: Contact Lt. C. Houston 210.354.9000

* No violent toys will be accepted. Please no guns, weapons, or other toys which promote violence and destruction.

The San Antonio ISD Police Department is sponsoring "A Visit with Santa" on Saturday, Dec. 10. The SAISD Police is invited to donate new, unwrapped, non-violent toys for children ages 3-9 years. Turn in toys to Chief Reyes' Office Suite 1500 at Quincy Central Office Building. Deadline is Nov. 29.

NEWS FROM THE SAISD FOUNDATION

Foundation announces first attendance winners

Congratulations to the first group of San Antonio ISD students whose attendance earned them prizes in Attend, Achieve & Win! Thirty students valued gas cards from the Force Asset Management's "Pedals for Kids" event, or a \$50 Walero gas card. Families will be notified by their child's school principal and bikes will be delivered in December. Learn more at www.saisdfoundation.com.

[Watch the Drawing](#)

SAISD CHOICE SCHOOLS & Programs

APPLY TODAY!
www.saisdchoice.com

Now accepting Pre-K-12th grade applications for the 2023-2024 school year.

San Antonio ISD Families, the SAISD Choice Application window for the 2023-24 school year is now open! All students interested in attending an SAISD Choice School for next school year must submit a 2023-24 application to be considered for a seat—including students who are currently on a waitlist for 2022-23 (see details [here](#).) SAISD Choice schools offer free full-day Pre-K, fine arts, extracurricular activities, sports, and much more. No matter where you live, there is an SAISD Choice School or Program to best meet your child's unique interests. Children of all current SAISD employees are also invited to apply. Join the SAISD familia today: apply to up to three Choice Schools or Programs at saisdchoice.com, in person at your current SAISD school, or call us at (210) 554-2660.

[Apply Today](#)

Thanksgiving Mask Challenge

STAY HEALTHY SAISD FAMILIA!

Mask up!

Join us in the Thanksgiving Mask Challenge and do your part to protect yourself and your family from:
a fall/winter increase in Flu, R.S.V. and Covid

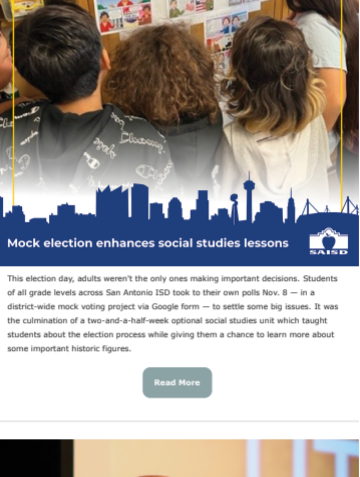
For more information call 210-554-2200

www.saisd.net

Winter weather might signal the holidays, but it also signals a spike in respiratory illnesses including Flu, R.S.V. and Covid. When we return from the Thanksgiving break, we encourage the SAISD Familia to protect themselves and their families by wearing a mask this December leading up to winter break. Stay healthy, SAISD Familia!

COMPENSATION ACKNOWLEDGMENT DUE NOV. 18

It is that time of the year when we provide you an opportunity to review your pay and employment details and obtain your acknowledgment. Click the icon above for directions.



San Antonio ISD MILLION BOOK Challenge

Let's read 1 million books by May 26!

Be the campus that reads the most minutes each month.

STUDENTS & STAFF: Log your minutes reading using [beanstack](#)

PARENTS & COMMUNITY: Log the books you read on this Google form: [\[Link\]](#)

NON-TEACHING STAFF: If you have trouble accessing Beanstack, use the Google form to log your books.

Do you love to read? You and your family can help San Antonio ISD accomplish some MAJOR reading goals this year. Our big SAISD Familia — 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.

[Log Reading in Beanstack \(ClassLink\)](#)

[Log reading on Google Form](#)

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

CLOSING SHOTS



Nearly 90 district and campus volunteers, along with 50 students from Burbank High School JROTC and football programs, joined the Office of Family and Community Engagement and the San Antonio Food Bank for the Mega Food Distribution at the sports complex Wednesday morning. More than 700 families received food bundles ahead of the Thanksgiving holiday.

