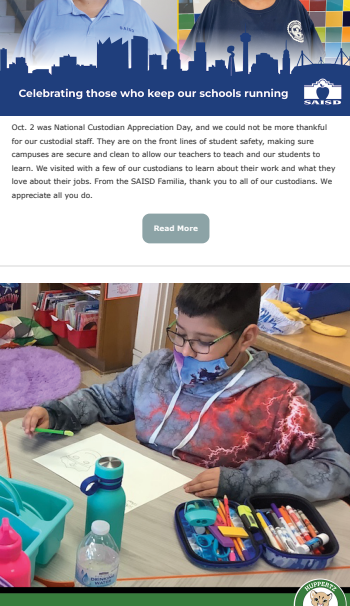


NEWS AROUND THE DISTRICT



Celebrating those who keep our schools running

Oct. 2 was National Custodian Appreciation Day, and we could not be more thankful for our custodial staff. They are on the front lines of student safety, making sure campuses are secure and clean to allow our teachers to teach and our students to learn. We visited with a few of our custodians to learn about their work and what they love about their jobs. From the SAISD Familia, thank you to all of our custodians. We appreciate all you do.

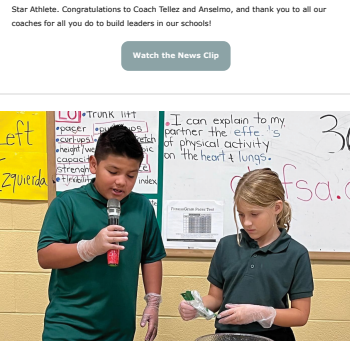
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Huppertz sponsors police appreciation event

The San Antonio ISD Police Department was treated to a breakfast and lunch of appreciation Sept. 23, just days after 28 units responded to Jefferson High School ensuring students were safe after a false alarm call. Students from Huppertz Elementary, an International Baccalaureate World School, created thank-you cards for the officers, and campus staff sponsored the breakfast and lunch spread.

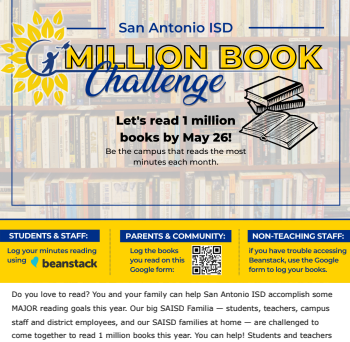
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Transportation rolls out Hispanic Heritage Museum

The transportation department is touring a school bus pop-up museum for Hispanic Heritage Month. The museum is rolling out to 10 different locations across the district. It features short bios, photos, and QR codes for students to scan and see videos of Hispanic Americans that were important in transportation and those for whom our SAISD schools were named. Bus drivers and monitors are the teachers as they lead the students through the bus highlighting the individuals represented. San Antonio ISD is the only district in Bexar County to have a school bus pop-up museum.

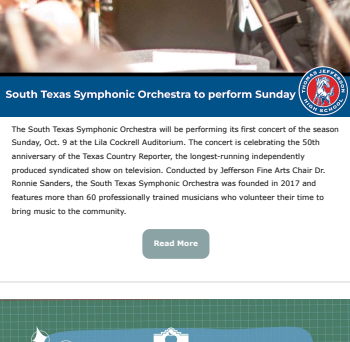
[See the Schedule](#)



Lanier player earns KENS-5 All Star Athlete Award

Today is National Coaches Day. Lanier Football Coach Sal Tellez (second from left) got an early present Friday when KENS-5 Great Day SA went live from the field to honor Anselmo Ramos for his leadership on and off the field as a KENS-5/The UPS Store All-Star Athlete. Congratulations to Coach Tellez and Anselmo, and thank you to all our coaches for all you do to build leaders in our schools!

[Watch the News Clip](#)



CHEF Ambassadors serve with Mayor's Fitness Council

CHEF has teamed up with the Mayor's Fitness Council for the past several years to provide leadership and service opportunities to fifth grade students to address specific needs around health, wellness and fitness in their schools. CHEF ambassadors help their health & P.E. coaches lead CHEF Bites School Edition cooking and nutrition classes and promote CHEF Healthy Habits. At the end of the six-week series, CHEF junior ambassadors share their experience, often with a presentation or project they've worked on, and receive a complimentary family membership to a San Antonio area YMCA. This Fall, Bonham Academy, along with five other SAISD schools, including Cameron Elementary, Graebner Elementary, Fenwick Academy, Schenck Elementary and Japhet Academy are all participating in the program with a total of 14 students serving as CHEF Junior Ambassadors.

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:	PARENTS & COMMUNITY:	NON-TEACHING STAFF:
Log your minutes reading using beanstack	Log the books you read on this Google form:	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](#)



South Texas Symphonic Orchestra to perform Sunday

The South Texas Symphonic Orchestra will be performing its first concert of the season Sunday, Oct. 9 at the Lila Cockrell Auditorium. The concert is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Texas Country Reporter, the longest-running independently produced syndicated show on television. Conducted by Jefferson Fine Arts Chair Dr. Ronnie Sanders, the South Texas Symphonic Orchestra was founded in 2017 and features more than 60 professionally trained musicians who volunteer their time to bring music to the community.

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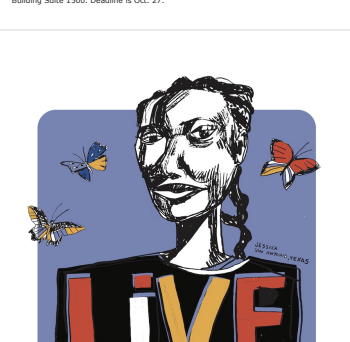
TEACHER HACKS

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Teacher Hacks are back this month with a time-saving environmentally conscious tip that allows your students to interact directly with course material. Thanks to the Social Studies Curriculum and Instruction team for this short demonstration on wipe-off sleeves.

[Watch Now](#)

NEWS FROM THE SAISD FOUNDATION



Brackenridge caricature club draws smiles at events

Thanks to a \$5,000 Innovation Grant from the SAISD Foundation, the Caricature Club at Brackenridge High School got a big boost, and big opportunity to draw professionally at the Foundation's Inspire Awards Gala Oct. 5.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE DISTRICT

ONE PILL CAN KILL

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

October is National Substance Abuse Prevention Month. San Antonio ISD Student Academic and Support Services is partnering with San Antonio Council for Alcohol and Drug Abuse to provide a series of presentations to our community related to substance use prevention and the dangers of fentanyl. Titled "One Pill Can Kill," four different sessions will be held throughout October and November. Meetings will be available both in person and on Zoom.

[See Event Schedule](#)

OPEN ENROLLMENT

Benefits Open Enrollment for the 2023 year is underway. Enrollment is mandatory this year, which means employees must enroll in order to have benefits for the 2023 plan year. Benefits Enrollment is offered through Frontline-Miry Service Center. You will need to have dependent information ready such as dates of birth and social security numbers. There are new vendors and new benefits this year. Please call the Office of Employee Benefits, Risk Management and Safety should you have additional questions.

- [Enroll in Frontline Now](#)
- [Benefits Cost Calculator](#)
- [2023 Benefit Booklet](#)

CENTRAL OFFICE CANDY DRIVE

DONATIONS CAN BE TURNED INTO THE OFFICE OF CHIEF REYES SUITE 1500

The SAISD Familia is invited to donate candy to the San Antonio ISD Police Department Candy Drive. The police department is collecting candy that they will then distribute to students on Halloween. Drop off donations at the Quincy Central Office Building Suite 1500. Deadline is Oct. 27.

LIVE UNIDOS

Don't lose justice and others who are impacted by United Way.

We are proud to partner with United Way to make a difference for those in need. Our community faces a wide range of challenges and United Way and its partner charities are diligently identifying and addressing our most critical needs. It is important to continue to support our local nonprofits who are on the front lines, helping individuals and families who face challenges involving employment, mental health, childcare, education and so much more. Please consider joining the SAISD Familia in funding these important local charities. Deadline to pledge is Oct. 14.

[Pledge Now](#)

SAISD MONTHLY INTERNAL CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY

OCTOBER

The October Internal Customer Satisfaction Survey is open through tomorrow. Join us in making the district stronger. Constructive criticism and praise alike are welcome. Responses are anonymous.

[Take the Survey](#)

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

CLOSING SHOTS

In connection with Hispanic and Latinx Heritage Month, Democracy Prep at Stewart Elementary held its second annual Mi Gente – Our People last week, to celebrate all the diverse cultures in the school's community. Teachers, students and families represented various countries including Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala, Ecuador, Nicaragua, Chile, Mexico and Argentina, sharing culture through food, music and attire. The event featured a Honduran family truck, classic car show, mobile vaccine clinic, and various student-led activities. "Families just love being represented," Michelle Herrera, the school's director of operations, said. "It is important to be seen, and it is important for us to create a community of seers who see the wonderful diversity among everyone."