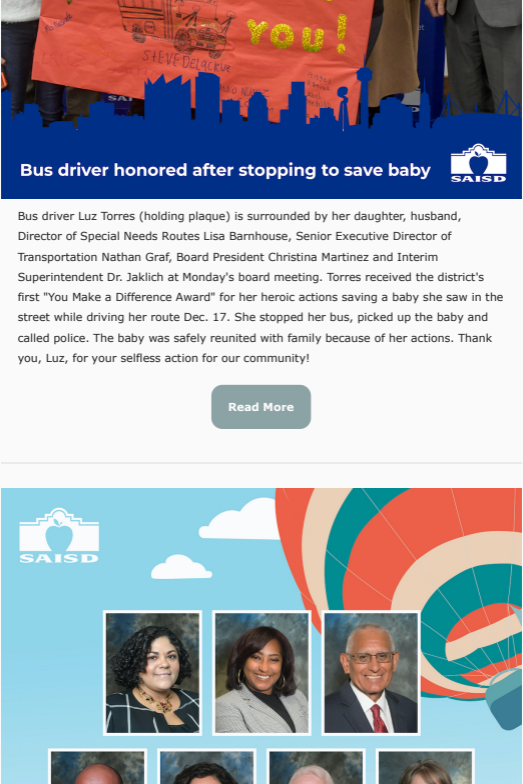


NEWS AROUND THE DISTRICT



Bus driver honored after stopping to save baby

Bus driver Luz Torres (holding plaque) is surrounded by her daughter, husband, Director of Special Needs Routes Lisa Barnhouse, Senior Executive Director of Transportation Nathan Graf, Board President Christina Martinez and Interim Superintendent Dr. Jaklich at Monday's board meeting. Torres received the district's first "You Make a Difference Award" for her heroic actions saving a baby she saw in the street while driving her route Dec. 17. She stopped her bus, picked up the baby and called police. The baby was safely reunited with family because of her actions. Thank you, Luz, for your selfless action for our community!

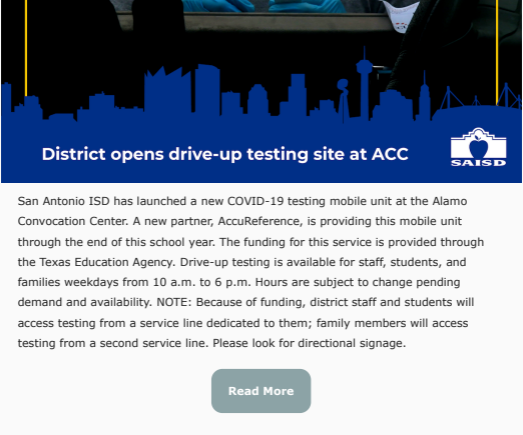
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RIISING ABOVE
January is School Board Recognition Month

January 2022 has been proclaimed as School Board Recognition Month, and this year's theme is "Rising Above." This is an especially appropriate theme given the unprecedented issues board members face in navigating the current challenges of public education. Our trustees are an amazing group of individuals who voluntarily take up the enormous responsibility of governing our schools, and we are extremely proud of them.

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Edison theater prepares for opening of 'Grease'

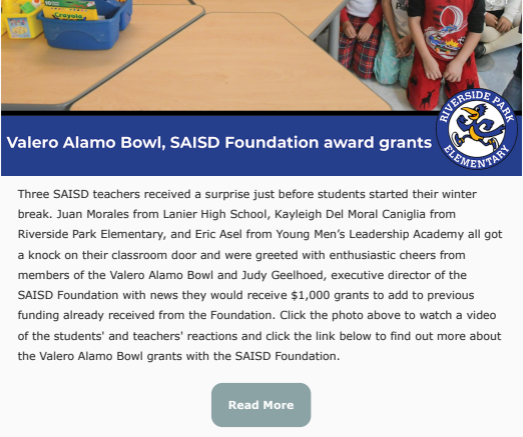
Theater teacher Genevieve Rodriguez, an alumna of Edison, helps her student actors with their costumes for the musical Grease, which will open next week. The show will run from Jan 20-22 at 7 p.m. each night. Tickets are \$8 for students and \$12 for adults.



District opens drive-up testing site at ACC

San Antonio ISD has launched a new COVID-19 testing mobile unit at the Alamo Convocation Center. A new partner, AccuReference, is providing this mobile unit through the end of this school year. The funding for this service is provided through the Texas Education Agency. Drive-up testing is available for staff, students, and families weekdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Hours are subject to change pending demand and availability. NOTE: Because of funding, district staff and students will access testing from a service line dedicated to them; family members will access testing from a second service line. Please look for directional signage.

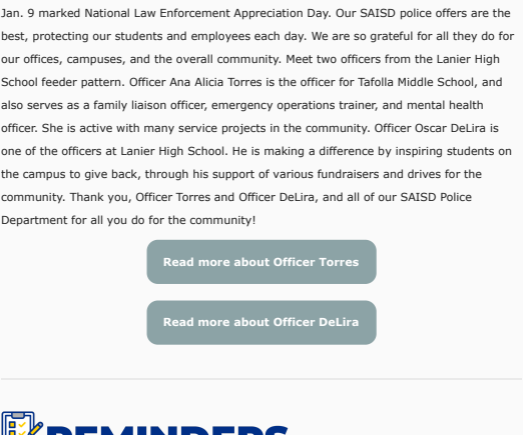
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Intercession gives students creative opportunities

Jan. 3-7 was an Intercession Week in San Antonio ISD, a time set aside to accelerate the rate of learning for students and reduce the likelihood of compounding knowledge gaps, providing time for intervention and enrichment. Each campus had the opportunity to plan the activities that were best for their students' needs, and SAISD schools did not disappoint.

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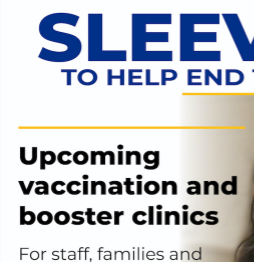


Valero Alamo Bowl, SAISD Foundation award grants

Three SAISD teachers received a surprise just before students started their winter break. Juan Morales from Lanier High School, Kayleigh Del Moral Caniglia from Riverside Park Elementary, and Eric Asel from Young Men's Leadership Academy all got a knock on their classroom door and were greeted with enthusiastic cheers from members of the Valero Alamo Bowl and Judy Geelhoed, executive director of the SAISD Foundation with news they would receive \$1,000 grants to add to previous funding already received from the Foundation. Click the photo above to watch a video of the students' and teachers' reactions and click the link below to find out more about the Valero Alamo Bowl grants with the SAISD Foundation.

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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Jan. 9 marked National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. Our SAISD police officers are the best, protecting our students and employees each day. We are so grateful for all they do for our offices, campuses, and the overall community. Meet two officers from the Lanier High School campus. Officer Ana Alicia Torres is the officer for Tafolla Middle School, and also serves as a family liaison officer, emergency operations trainer, and mental health officer. She is active with many service projects in the community. Officer Oscar DeLira is one of the officers at Lanier High School. He is making a difference by inspiring students on the campus to give back, through his support of various fundraisers and drives for the community. Thank you, Officer Torres and Officer DeLira, and all of our SAISD Police Department for all you do for the community!

[Read more about Officer Torres](#)

[Read more about Officer DeLira](#)

REMINDERS



Tomorrow is deadline to apply to Choice Schools

Did you know that San Antonio ISD Choice Schools are open to all families in the county? Even if you don't live in the district, your child can apply to be part of our powerful programs. Application deadline is tomorrow, Jan. 14 and you can apply to your child's top three programs.

[SAISD Choice](#)

SLEEVES UP TO HELP END THE PANDEMIC

Upcoming vaccination and booster clinics
For staff, families and students ages 5 and up

It's Fast, Free and Easy!

For more information and to register please visit saisd.net/vaccines

San Antonio ISD is continuing to offer vaccination opportunities for staff, families, and its students. We are constantly updating our vaccines page as clinics with various community partners are scheduled. Check out the page to find out the latest schedule and to register for a vaccine.

[Vaccine Clinics](#)

INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

CLOSING SHOTS

Jan. 10 was a staff development day, and administrators and specialists across the district planned activities full of best practices and self-care. Pictured from left are staff members in general sessions from Whitier Middle School and Franklin Elementary, and Highland Park Elementary staff members during social emotional learning and seven steps activities.

