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The latest news and events from San Antonio Independent School District

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Nurses, decked out in protective gear, helped hand out devices to students at Beacon Hill Academy earlier this week. Students will begin to meet with their teachers digitally on March 30. San Antonio ISD is working tirelessly to provide the technology and connectivity all students need to access their teacher's online learning environments.

District responding to needs of community

San Antonio ISD is working diligently to equip District students, families, and teachers with the resources needed during the COVID-19 school closures. In addition to providing digital learning tools, as well as the technology and devices required to access online education resources, the District is providing healthy meals, counseling support for students, and other services to SAISD families.

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ESPAÑOL Welcome to Your SAISD Digital Learning Playground



What will you learn today?
We are very happy you are here! Your education is important to us but even more important is your safety. Before you begin, please watch the **COVID-19 Video** from Brainpop and **Super Digital Citizenship** from Common Sense Media. Then click on the link to watch the Introduction Video to learn about what you'll find when you explore the Digital Learning Playground.

SAISD launches digital resource site

Just because students can't physically be on their school campus, it doesn't mean their learning has to stop! The SAISD Digital Learning Playground is an online resource, compatible on both desktops and cellphone browsers, that provides educational resources by grade level. It also links students to resources by academic subject - from reading to math, and from science to social studies, and beyond. Teachers and parents alike can find lessons sorted by grade level as well as a huge variety of online educational tools including the Khan Academy, Brainpop, the Encyclopedia Britannica, and the Smithsonian's TweenTribune.

For those students who may not currently have internet access, school supplies and schoolwork paper packets are being handed out at all SAISD food delivery sites - both campus and bus-stop locations.



BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE FOR STUDENTS

The District is in the process of acquiring 30,000 devices including iPads and Chromebooks, which will be distributed over the next two weeks with the goal of closing the digital divide for students in the SAISD community. The SAISD Foundation is working to raise funds to support this effort.

Shown above, students at Lanier High School began picking up devices last week. The school's staff was ready for them - wearing masks and gloves, and wiping down every surface in sight with germ-killing wipes and hand sanitizer. James, a junior at Lanier, takes dual credit courses at The University of Texas at San Antonio and was excited to get his hands on a device.

"This is going to be awesome for me because now I have a laptop to do my homework," he said. "I would definitely rather come into class. It's better face-to-face, but as long as I'm doing my homework, I'll be ok. I got this."

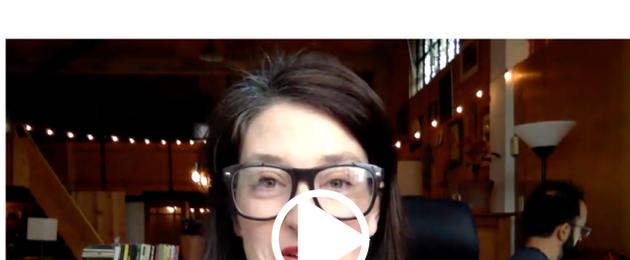
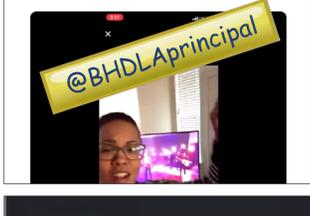


The Human Thread: Social Emotional Learning

In honor of the first International Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Day on March 27 and in support of SAISD's transition to an online learning platform, *The Human Thread: SAISD Daily Connection* was launched on March 23. The Social, Emotional and Academic Development will post daily prompts via [Twitter](#) and Google Classroom to support human connection and encourage community. Learning is a social experience, and now more than ever, it is important to stay connected with students and colleagues, preserve social opportunities, and design learning that promotes whole-child skills development. With the increased use of online learning platforms, the goal of the Human Thread is that these prompts spark ideas about supporting the development of the whole child and nurturing adult relationships, both professional and personal.

This week's social media stars

As SAISD teachers and schools make the transition to digital learning, *insider* staff is on the lookout for the most fun, creative, informational or recreational social media posts for the week. Click below for some of our recent standouts! Please send submissions to dsilliman1@saisd.net for a chance to be featured in the next issue.



Top Three Reasons

In honor of SAISD employees moving to a remote work environment, *insider* has added a new feature - The Top Three Reason I Love Working Remotely! A new employee's Top Three will be featured in every issue of *insider*, so email your two minute or less video to dsilliman1@saisd.net.

Click on the photo above to learn why Deborah Silliman, SAISD publications editor, loves working remotely.

#ConnectCampaign

Our most critical need is to help students in SAISD stay connected and engaged in remote learning. Join us in this effort!

This week's closing shot

Serving up healthy habits

Members of the Child Nutrition Services Department served up more than 5,000 meals to children last week during drive-through service at 27 different campus locations. Starting March 23, families can pick up both breakfast and lunch, including hot lunch entrée options, at the same time. Both meals will be available from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Additionally, mobile meal delivery started March 23 at various remote sites in the District. Meals will be delivered in an SAISD school bus.

