

The latest news and events from San Antonio Independent School District

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**Edison High School wins \$15K for arts program** 

Thanks to student talent and teacher dedication, Edison High School has won \$15,000 in the Vans High School Custom Culture contest for their school's art program. Edison students and staff heard that they won the runner-up prize during a live stream celebration this afternoon. "I have been on cloud nine since the being of February when this whole thing started," said Rogelio Zamarripa, art student at Edison who designed one of the pairs of shoes that was entered into the contest.

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Herff, Carvajal receive Laura Bush Foundation library grants

Last week, San Antonio ISD schools Herff Academy and Carvajal Dual Language STEAM Elementary were named two of the 205 schools from 43 states across the country to receive grants through the Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries. Former First Lady Laura Bush joined Kelly Clarkson on "The Kelly Clarkson Show" to announce that the Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries awarded more than \$1 million in library grants this year.



# **Region 20 award for Spanish teacher**

On Friday, Marie Marks received quite the surprise before heading home for the weekend. As the Spanish teacher at Young Women's Leadership Academy was



speaking with a group of students, District and Region 20 administrators burst into her classroom with balloons, flowers and the news that Marks had been awarded the 2021 Education Service Center Region 20 Languages Other Than English (LOTE) Teacher of the Year Award.

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# **SAISD's list of International Baccalaureate** World Schools grows by three

Many students and parents are excited for the return of in-person, oncampus learning in the fall. Adding to the excitement is San Antonio ISD's accomplishment of earning designations for three new International Baccalaureate (IB) World Schools. Over the past six months, Huppertz and Woodlawn Hills elementary schools and Fenwick Academy have been authorized as IB World Schools, a multi-year process.

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# SAISD piloting digital health initiative to combat childhood obesity

It's not unusual to hear someone talking about gaining the "COVID 15" due to the stress and uncertainty of the past 14 months. But thanks to local nonprofit The Social and Health Research Center, San Antonio ISD students will take part in a newly digitized health curriculum this fall, and the initiative aims to get them moving, active, and healthy whether at school with classmates or at home participating with their family. Developed by the Bienestar/Neema Coordinated School Health Program, the innovative digitized curriculum is designed to engage children and increase accessibility.

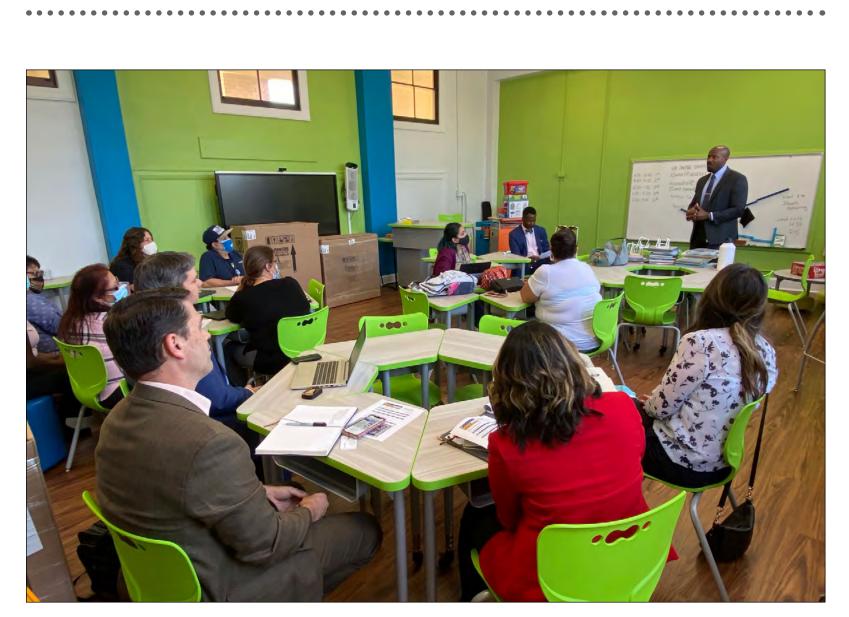
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## **Encouraging SAISD student vaccinations**

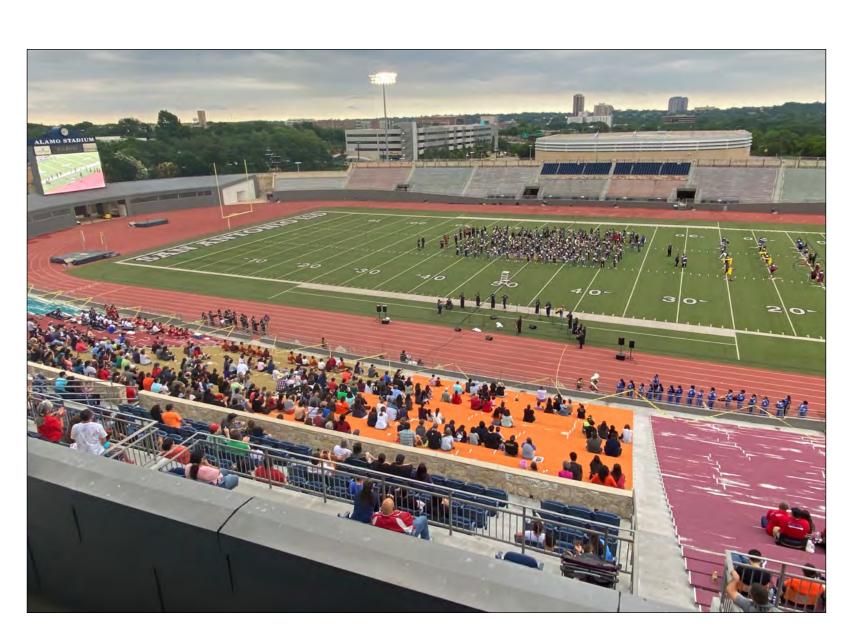
Our goal at SAISD is to help eligible students receive vaccinations. For seniors, this includes both the COVID-19 and meningitis shots. For students who are at least 12 years old, this includes the COVID-19 vaccination. Help us spread the word about SAISD's upcoming free vaccination clinics!

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## **Campus meetings set stage for Bond 2020 launch** The stage is set at the Bond 2020 project campuses. Their Project Advisory Teams, or PATs, came together over the month of May to meet with the architect teams working on their schools, the internal San Antonio ISD facilities team, and other District leadership.

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### **Mariachi and Band Festival**

Last week, the SAISD Mariachi and Band Festival was held at Alamo Stadium. The stands were filled with friends, families and fine arts supporters as student musicians from Brackenridge, Burbank, Edison, Jefferson, Fox Tech, and CAST Tech high schools, as well as The Advanced Learning Academy and Harris Middle School, performed a variety of musical numbers. Our fine arts students rocked and we are so proud of all of their hard work and dedication!









## **SAISD JROTC among nation's best**

JROTC Cadets at Jefferson High School and Highlands High School are among the nation's best! The schools displayed their force during two competitions held in Daytona Beach, Fla., earlier this month. At the National Drill Championships, the Jefferson Crimson Brigade finished second overall and the Crimson Guard finished third overall. The Highlander Guard Armed Drill Team placed fourth overall. This means that SAISD makes up three of the four best programs in the nation amongst all Army programs. At the All Services' Championships, both the Crimson Brigade and Crimson Guard finished third overall and the Highlander Guard Armed Drill Team placed fourth overall, making these two SAISD teams third- and fourth-best in the country against all Army, Marines, Navy, and Air Force JROTC programs. SAISD Proud!



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