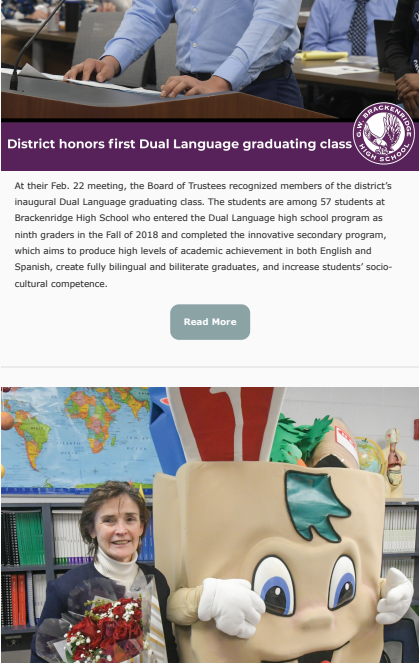


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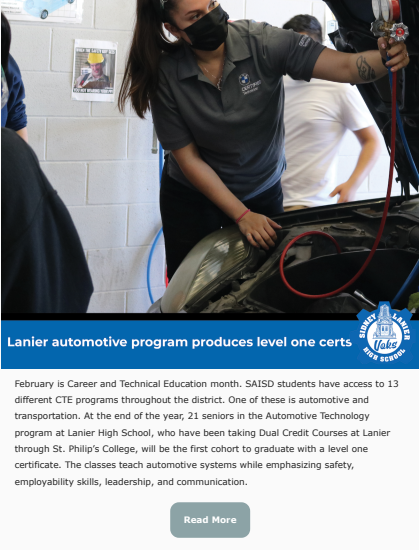
AROUND THE DISTRICT



### District honors first Dual Language graduating class

At their Feb. 22 meeting, the Board of Trustees recognized members of the district's inaugural Dual Language graduating class. The students are among 57 students at Brackenridge High School who entered the Dual Language high school program as ninth graders in the Fall of 2018 and completed the innovative secondary program, which aims to produce high levels of academic achievement in both English and Spanish, create fully bilingual and biliterate graduates, and increase students' socio-cultural competence.

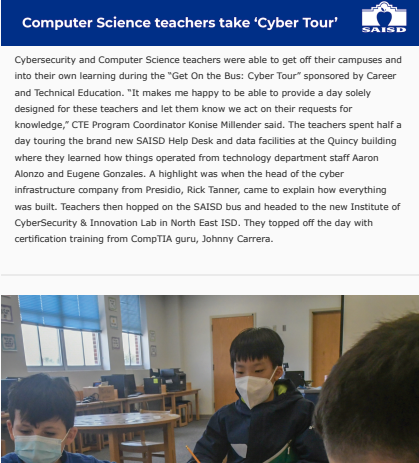
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### Herff teacher named H-E-B award finalist

Herff Elementary fifth grade teacher Ninette Ligarde is a regional finalist for the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Elementary level in the H-E-B 20th Anniversary Excellence in Education Awards. The awards in May will recognize six teachers across the state — one each at the elementary and secondary levels in three categories: The Rising Star Award, The Leadership Award, and The Lifetime Achievement award. As part of the honor of being a finalist, Ligarde received a check for \$1,000 for herself and another \$1,000 for Herff Elementary.

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### Lanier automotive program produces level one certs

February is Career and Technical Education month. SAISD students have access to 13 different CTE programs throughout the district. One of these is automotive and transportation. At the end of the year, 21 seniors in the Automotive Technology program at Lanier High School, who have been taking Dual Credit Courses at Lanier through St. Philip's College, will be the first cohort to graduate with a level one certificate. The classes teach automotive systems while emphasizing safety, employability skills, leadership, and communication.

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### Computer Science teachers take 'Cyber Tour'

Cybersecurity and Computer Science teachers were able to get off their campuses and into their own learning during the "Get On the Bus: Cyber Tour" sponsored by Career and Technical Education. "It makes me happy to be able to provide a day solely designed for these teachers and let them know we act on their requests for knowledge," CTE Program Coordinator Konise Millender said. The teachers spent half a day touring the brand new SAISD Help Desk and data facilities at the Quincy building where they learned how things operated from technology department staff Aaron Alonzo and Eugene Gonzales. A highlight was when the head of the cyber infrastructure company from Presidio, Rick Tanner, came to explain how everything was built. Teachers then hopped on the SAISD bus and headed to the new Institute of CyberSecurity & Innovation Lab in North East ISD. They topped off the day with certification training from CompTIA guru, Johnny Carrera.



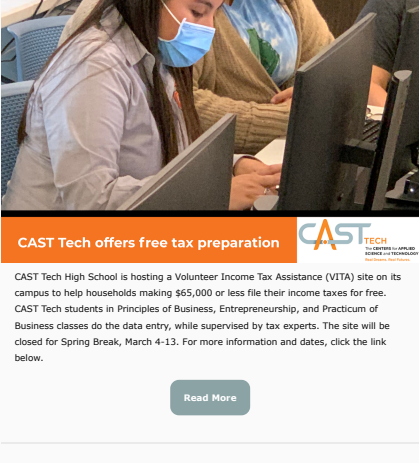
### Students share ideas for Bond 2020 improvements

Fourth and fifth grade students participated in a children's bond workshop, facilitated by Kirksey Architecture, to share their future vision for Collins Garden Elementary School. The 2020 Bond Project architects and campus teachers led collaborative activities to gather input from students about what a new learning environment would be like as they helped build a lasting legacy for their younger brothers and sisters. Students engaged directly with designers to share their perspectives on what amenities were most important to them.



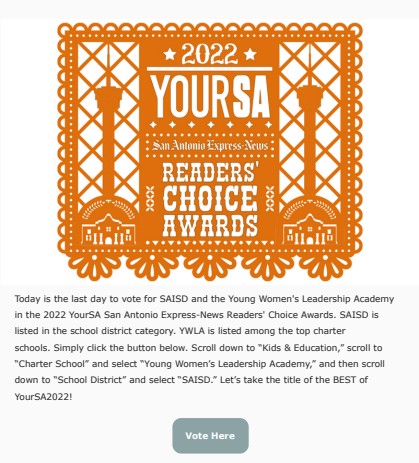
### District schools practice acts of kindness

Feb. 17 was Random Acts of Kindness Day, and schools across the district were active in their kindness toward the community. Hawthorne Academy (pictured above) created a Kindness Rock Garden around their Little Free Library, collected donations for a local animal shelter, and drew uplifting messages in sidewalk chalk. At Ball Elementary, they wrote kindness messages on sidewalks and created a Random Acts of Kindness Bulletin board where students wrote kindness messages for teachers and classmates. In total, 73 campuses are participating in this year's district Positive Behavior Supports and Intervention (PBIS) Kindness Challenge to increase experience and expression of kindness in schools and create a more equitable environment through kindness. Participating schools were awarded \$5,000 to focus on motivation and morale boosters for creating positive and caring school climates. Schools that score at least 70% on the PBIS Tiered Fidelity Inventory (TFI) during the month of March can get an additional \$5,000 in Kindness Challenge funds. For more information on the district's Kindness Challenge, click [here](#).



### School leaders meet 'Relentless' author

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Joanelda De Leon has been working with campus principals, assistant principals and instructional coaches on a book study of "Relentless" by Hamish Brewer. On Feb. 23, the series of meetings concluded with a fireside chat with the author, who took questions and signed autographs.



### Art student earns \$3,000 award for Bonham

Bonham Academy fifth grader Isabeau Rivera was among the finalists in the Texas Cavaliers 2022 River Parade Art Contest and was recognized at the Feb. 9 awards ceremony. Each year, children in elementary schools across San Antonio have an opportunity to submit drawings related to the parade theme. An independent panel of judges selects a winner and runners up from each city council district. All the finalists' schools receive cash awards for their art departments.

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## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



### Bus driver recalls day she saved a life

Feb. 22 marked Bus Driver Appreciation Day. Our SAISD bus drivers can't be beat. Here's the story of one of our bus drivers, Luz Perez, who saved a life while on duty this winter. Perez always puts her students first, and even when she was put in an emergency situation, she still made sure all her students made it to school. We're so proud of her and all the bus drivers in the SAISD family.

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## REMINDERS



### CAST Tech offers free tax preparation

CAST Tech High School is hosting a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site on its campus to help households making \$65,000 or less file their income taxes for free. CAST Tech students in Principles of Business, Entrepreneurship, and Practicum of Business classes do the data entry, while supervised by tax experts. The site will be closed for Spring Break, March 4-13. For more information and dates, click the link below.

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2022-2023 INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR	2022-2023 CALENDARIO ESCOLAR
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The 2022-23 Instructional Calendar is now available online. School will start Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2022. Click the graphic above to access a printable version of the calendars.



Today is the last day to vote for SAISD and the Young Women's Leadership Academy in the 2022 YourSA San Antonio Express-News Readers' Choice Awards. SAISD is listed in the school district category. YWLA is listed among the top charter schools. Simply click the button below. Scroll down to "Kids & Education," scroll to "Charter School" and select "Young Women's Leadership Academy," and then scroll down to "School District" and select "SAISD." Let's take the title of the BEST of YourSA2022!

[Vote Here](#)

## INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

## CLOSING SHOTS



Rosa Parks



Barack Obama

As we close out Black History Month, we wanted to showcase some amazing projects going on at Cameron Elementary. Network Principal Sonya Mora, shown with Assistant Principal Jennifer Rodriguez and School Leader Brandy Lewis, created a Periodic Table of Black History. The periodic table was a long-time goal of Mora's, and will remain in place for the remainder of this school year. On Friday, Feb. 25, students in second to fifth grades researched and dressed as famous leaders and shared facts about them with the lower grades at Cameron's Living Black History Museum.

