

EDITOR'S NOTE

Our hearts have been with our families, friends and neighbors in Uvalde this week, and we dedicate this issue of *insider* to them. We continue to send strength and comfort to everyone affected. Next week, on June 2, we will return with a regular issue.



From Our Familia To Theirs

Join the SAISD Foundation as we support the families affected by the tragedy at Robb Elementary School.



In response to the recent tragedy in Uvalde, the SAISD Foundation is offering the opportunity to come together in financial support. A collective deposit from the SAISD Family to the Uvalde CISD Family will be made into the official Robb School Memorial Fund at First State Bank of Uvalde. The memorial fund was set up by the Uvalde CISD to assist the families of this week's tragedy, specifically those dealing with medical and funeral expenses. Those wishing to contribute may use the online form on the SAISD Foundation website by Tuesday, June 14.

[Contribute Now](#)



Talking to Children About Violence:

Tips & Resources for Families



Together as partners, families and school staff play a critical role in helping to reestablish a sense of normalcy and security for children after an act of violence occurs. Students will react in different ways to community trauma, and it's important to be supportive and understanding of the different reactions. Tips and resources are available to engage any child in your life in conversations that are developmentally appropriate.

[More Guidance and Tips](#)



We are all safety ambassadors in our schools



Our district peace officers increased their visibility across our campuses this week to provide extra vigilance, comfort, and support. Pictured is Chief Joe Curiel with students at J. T. Brackenridge Elementary School. SAISD campuses and facilities have safety procedures in place to keep students, staff, and visitors safe.

Additionally, all of us can contribute!

- Save the SAISD Police Department dispatch number in your phone contacts: (210) 354-9000
- You may also report anonymously online. Find the K-12 Anonymous Reporting button on the district's home page or [bookmark the site](#).
- Call 911 for imminent emergencies.

[K-12 Anonymous Reporting](#)



Real solutions for real life

SAISD offers an Employee Assistance Program (EAP), which is a voluntary, confidential program that helps employees and their dependents successfully respond to life challenges to improve their health and personal well-being. Employees who take advantage of the program may receive benefits, wellness and discounts, helping them tackle stress management, deal with trauma and grief, get better sleep, and more. To find support, visit the [Employee Benefits](#) section of the Human Capital Management website or go directly to the [Resources for Living](#) site. To set up an account, initially use SAISD as the username and EAP as the password.

[Resources for Living](#)



SAISD into Light:

A Youth Mental Awareness Walk

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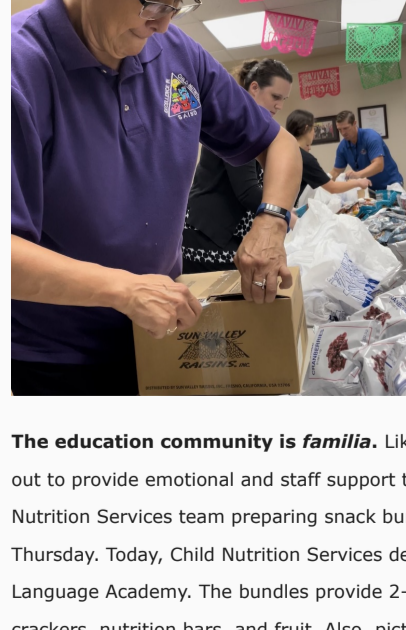
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What started two years ago as a Middle Years Programme International Baccalaureate personal project for Jefferson senior Joseph Gonzalez has grown into a district-wide event to break down stigma surrounding mental health issues. Originally planned for May 2020 but sidelined by the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, SAISD into Light will take place this Saturday at Alamo Stadium at 6 a.m. with a candlelight walk at sunrise. Last fall, Gonzalez hosted a successful Jefferson into Light walk with nearly 90 participants. Now, the Trinity-bound senior is thrilled to see his work increase its reach. "It's not a project anymore," Gonzalez said. "I saw the impact it had on people, and I wanted to spread it as much as I can, so now it's a district-wide event."

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

CLOSING SHOTS



The education community is familia. Like so many local school districts, SAISD reached out to provide emotional and staff support to Uvalde CISD this week. Pictured is the Child Nutrition Services team preparing snack bundles for children in the Uvalde community on Thursday. Today, Child Nutrition Services delivered the snack bundles to Uvalde CISD's Dual Language Academy. The bundles provide 2-3 days of packaged items such as graham crackers, nutrition bars, and fruit. Also, pictured is the principal and a student from Briscoe Elementary School, where students are working with Uvalde CISD to collect one plush animal for every student at Robb Elementary School.

