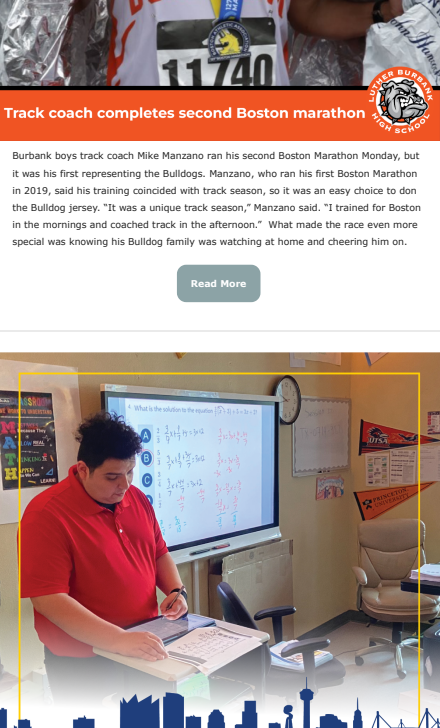


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Track coach completes second Boston marathon

Burbank boys track coach Mike Manzano ran his second Boston Marathon Monday, but it was his first representing the Bulldogs. Manzano, who ran his first Boston Marathon in 2019, said his training coincided with track season, so it was an easy choice to don the Bulldog jersey. "It was a unique track season," Manzano said. "I trained for Boston in the mornings and coached track in the afternoon." What made the race even more special was knowing his Bulldog family was watching at home and cheering him on.

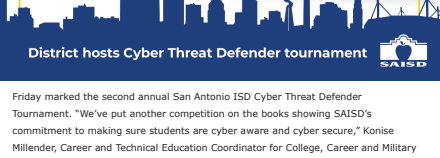
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Bond Wi-Fi upgrades improve campus connectivity

Work on Bond 2020 projects is well underway, including the rolling out of extensive technology upgrades. As part of the Bond, schools are receiving upgraded infrastructure for improved Wi-Fi throughout their campuses. Seven campuses received the upgrades in March, part of 53 that are scheduled to be completed during the 2022-2023 year. Schools have received upgraded infrastructure which allows better Wi-Fi signal throughout the campus, including outdoor and auxiliary spaces. Teachers are able to move around, more students can connect simultaneously, and schools are even better able to serve their students' families.

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Principal honored for support of Dual Language

The San Antonio Area Association for Bilingual Education surprised Twain Dual Language Academy principal David Garcia to let him know he had been chosen as the 2023 SAAABE Administrator of the Year. He formally received the award at the group's conference last week. The award is given to an outstanding leader who is motivated by excellence, is a proven master of implementation and support, and continually advocates for student needs and the success of Bilingual/Dual Language or ESL programs at their campus. Congratulations, Mr. Garcia!



District hosts Cyber Threat Defender tournament

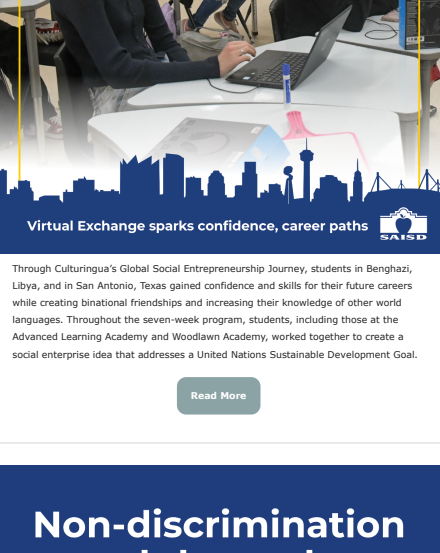
Friday marked the second annual San Antonio ISD Cyber Threat Defender Tournament. "We've put another competition on the books showing SAISD's commitment to making sure students are cyber aware and cyber secure," Konise Millender, Career and Technical Education Coordinator for College, Career and Military Readiness said. "The competition was fierce, and the battle was well fought." The CTE department thanks the principals, teachers and students that made this event possible with their attendance, as well as event sponsors. The SAISD Foundation provided prizes, the UTSA Center for Infrastructure Assurance and Security (CIAS) helped to run the tournament, and our NSA partners provided additional swag and presented the prizes and certificates. "I'm looking forward to another exciting competition next year and more players," Millender said.



Jefferson teacher named KSAT Educator of Month

Last month, KSAT-12 surprised Jefferson High School criminal justice teacher Todd Owens to inform him he is the April 2023 KSAT-12 Educator of the Month. Owens was presented with a \$500 gift card for being selected as someone who positively impacts the lives of students. Watch the touching story below.

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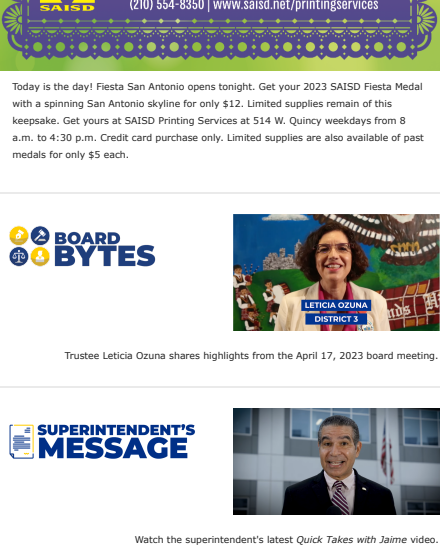
Seven schools present at sustainability showcase

Seven San Antonio ISD schools presented their work at the Texas Eco Schools 5th Annual San Antonio Sustainability Showcase Tuesday. Congratulations to Briscoe Elementary, CAST Med High School, Crockett Academy, Fenwick Academy, Hillcrest Elementary, and Young Women's Leadership Academy-Primary for your growing pollinator gardens and to the Advanced Learning Academy for your innovative composting project. Our students are truly making a difference through real-world, hands-on learning.



Edison earns Student Training Program of Year

The results are in! The Edison High School student training program was named the San Antonio Student Training Program of the Year by Dave Campbell's Texas Football and University Health. After receiving a Student Trainer of the Week award in the fall, Edison competed against nine other local high schools, and by receiving the most votes, will receive a \$2,500 donation to support their student training program thanks to the support of University Health.



Virtual Exchange sparks confidence, career paths

Through Curinginqua's Global Social Entrepreneurship Journey, students in Benghazi, Libya, and in San Antonio, Texas gained confidence and skills for their future careers while creating binational friendships and increasing their knowledge of other world languages. Throughout the seven-week program, students, including those at the Advanced Learning Academy and Woodlawn Academy, worked together to create a social enterprise idea that addresses a United Nations Sustainable Development Goal.

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Non-discrimination statement

San Antonio ISD is committed to non-discrimination on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, culture, religion, national origin, age, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, appearance, immigration/citizenship status, home language, socioeconomic status, or disability in its educational programs, services, and District business functions.



At Monday's board meeting, the Board of Trustees approved an expanded non-discrimination statement. Before the vote, board president Christina Martinez thanked the 40-member Equity Advisory Council for their work.

"Through thoughtful and collaborative deliberations, they advise the superintendent on strategic policies and strategies and elevate the voice of our diverse SAISD familia so that we can deliver on our commitment to love, nurture, and teach all our students as if they are our own so that they realize their power to shape the world," Martinez said. "One of the most public ways of communicating this commitment is through our non-discrimination statement, and I thank the advisory council for broadening the statement to include: ethnicity, culture, appearance, immigration/citizenship status, home language, and socio-economic status."

Technology will place the statement in the footer of all employee emails so that it appears automatically.



Today is the day! Fiesta San Antonio opens tonight. Get your 2023 SAISD Fiesta Medal with a spinning San Antonio skyline for only \$12. Limited supplies remain of this keepsake. Get yours at SAISD Printing Services at 514 W. Quinicy weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Credit card purchase only. Limited supplies are also available for past medals for only \$5 each.

Trustee Leticia Ozuna shares highlights from the April 17, 2023 board meeting.

Watch the superintendent's latest Quick Takes with Jaime video.

As Fiesta San Antonio officially launches today, we prepare for 11 days of events across the city that support various nonprofit organizations. But here in San Antonio ISD, on our campuses, Fiesta is alive in the form of dress-up days, class parties, and shoebox float parades. Here is some of the fun we have already seen from our campuses. Graebner Elementary hosted A Night in Old Graebner last week, Miller Elementary had a dress-up day today, Fenwick Academy had Fiesta photos, Hawthorne Academy has had dress-up days and visits from Fiesta royalty, and Woodlawn Academy hosted a shoebox parade. It's always a fiesta in SAISD.

