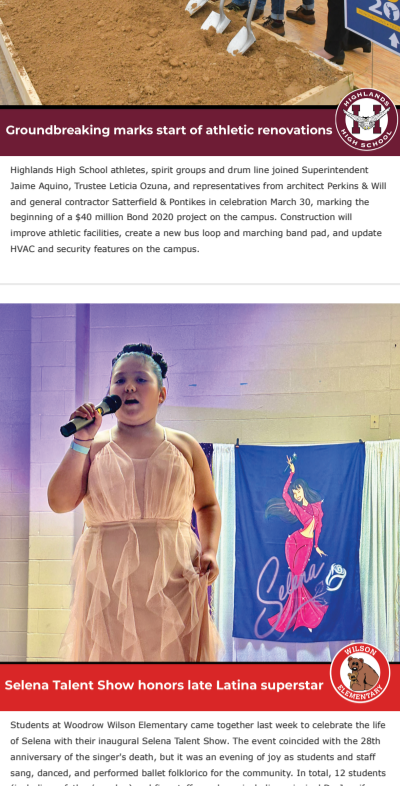


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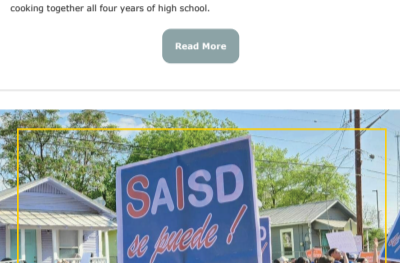
Groundbreaking marks start of athletic renovations

Highlands High School athletes, spirit groups and drum line joined Superintendent Jaime Aquino, Trustee Leticia Ozuna, and representatives from architect Perkins & Will and general contractor Satterfield & Pontikes in celebration March 30, marking the beginning of a \$40 million Bond 2020 project on the campus. Construction will improve athletic facilities, create a new bus loop and marching band pad, and update HVAC and security features on the campus.



Selena Talent Show honors late Latina superstar

Students at Woodrow Wilson Elementary came together last week to celebrate the life of Selena with their inaugural Selena Talent Show. The event coincided with the 28th anniversary of the singer's death, but it was an evening of joy as students and staff sang, danced, and performed ballet folklorico for the community. In total, 12 students (including a father/son duo) and five staff members, including principal Dr. Jennifer Zavala, FACE specialist Rosa Narvaez, a teacher, a crossing guard, and the school's head custodian participated. "As we were coming to the end of Women's History Month and the anniversary of Selena's death, we wanted to celebrate her life," Narvaez said. "The response was amazing. Talent shows and special performances give parents an opportunity to see their children's talent showcased."



District discusses largest pay increase in 25 years

The San Antonio ISD Board of Trustees discussed staff compensation during its budget workshop March 27. On the table is the single largest salary increase – in absolute dollars – the district has offered its staff in 25 years. The compensation initiative recommended for next school year will total almost \$20 million, and more than half of this allotment will benefit teachers. The recommended compensation package makes adjustments to the compensation scales for career teachers and classified workers who historically have been underpaid. It also introduces stipends for math teachers, speech and language instructors, and hard-to-staff schools. The SAISD Board of Trustees will vote on the final staff compensation package at its April 17 meeting.

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High school culinary team serves winning paella

The Brackenridge High School culinary arts competition team snapped a three-year stretch of earning second place in Johnny Hernandez's Paella Challenge, taking the top spot this year and earning themselves a trip to the Culinary Institute of America in New York. "I think the announcers kind of stalled it a little bit. We were just sitting there," senior Julia Rodriguez said. "They were saying 'trip to New York' and the team score. Then they said, 'Brackenridge High School' and we just lost it. We got up and started yelling." It's the icing on the cake for this special team of seniors that has been cooking together all four years of high school.

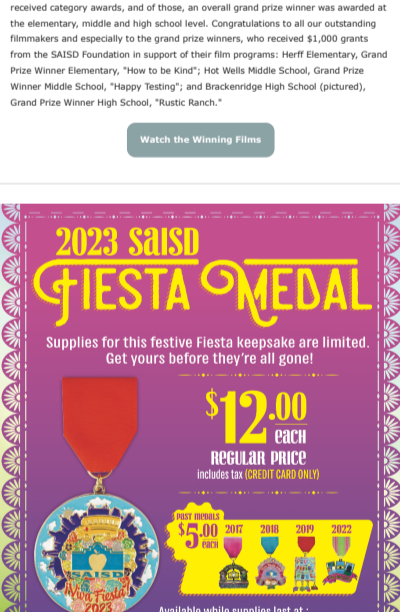
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District schools, leaders participate in Chavez March

More than 100 students from at least 16 San Antonio ISD campuses, plus district staff and board members, participated in the 27th Annual Cesar E. Chavez March for Justice Saturday, March 25. The district's involvement in the march was a collaborative initiative across several departments to ensure students had an opportunity to engage civically and learn more about the rich culture within their community. District staff organized and coordinated alongside the Cesar E. Chavez Legacy & Educational Foundation to provide students with transportation, meals, and integrated them into the march's programming.

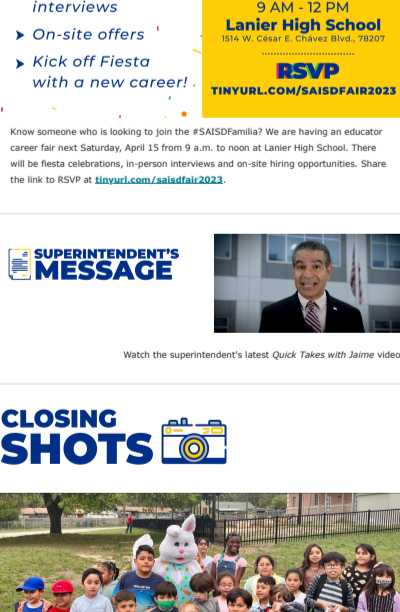
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Student tech teams repair district technology

Teams of student technology workers are helping to create a sustainable tech repair process, replacing screens and keyboards on Chromebooks for their own campuses and others in their feeder patterns. In a partnership between Career and Technical Education, Information Technology, and individual campus Practicum of Technology Courses, with funding through the SAISD Foundation, students at Sam Houston, Edison, and now Burbank High Schools are all trained to make repairs during class, with more programs on the horizon.

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Bus tours highlight forthcoming Bond projects

Members of the Citizens Advisory Committee and Trustees Christina Martinez and Alicia Sebastian took a bus tour to Edison High School and Sam Houston High School last week to review Bond 2016 improvements and to see improvements slated for Bond 2020. To continue the discussion, Edison High School held a community meeting yesterday on planned improvements and Sam Houston will host one next Wednesday, April 12 at 6 p.m.



District prepares for 17 graduations in June

Graduation will be here before you know it. Start planning now for our 17 Class of 2023 graduations, occurring June 5-13. Graduations will take place at Alamo Stadium and Alamo Convocation Center, with live streaming available. Bookmark saisd.net/graduation2023 to check the schedule and get more information about graduation as it becomes available. We can't wait to watch our Familia cross the stage.

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Student filmmakers recognized at district fest

San Antonio ISD celebrated its top student filmmakers across age groups at the SAISD Film Festival March 30. Thirty-three schools participated in the contest, with 26 films being nominated for awards in specific grade-level categories. Ten submissions received category awards, and of those, an overall grand prize winner was awarded at the elementary, middle and high school level. Congratulations to all our outstanding filmmakers, especially to the grand prize winners, who received \$1,000 grants from the SAISD Foundation in support of their film programs: Herff Elementary, Grand Prize Winner Elementary, "How to be Kind"; Hot Wells Middle School, Grand Prize Winner Middle School, "Happy Testing"; and Brackenridge High School (pictured), Grand Prize Winner High School, "Rustic Ranch."

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Know someone who is looking to join the #SAISDFamilia? We are having an educator career fair next Saturday, April 15 from 9 a.m. to noon at Lanier High School. There will be fiesta celebrations, in-person interviews and on-site hiring opportunities. Share the link to RSVP at tinyurl.com/saisdfair2023.

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

CLOSING SHOTS

We loved watching the signs of spring on our campuses this week. The Easter Bunny visited some of our elementary schools, some campuses held egg hunts, and many had fun dress-ups to celebrate the season. In the photos are Maverick Elementary, Forbes Elementary, Smith Elementary, Franklin Elementary and Herff Elementary. We wish all our Familia a fun and safe long weekend.