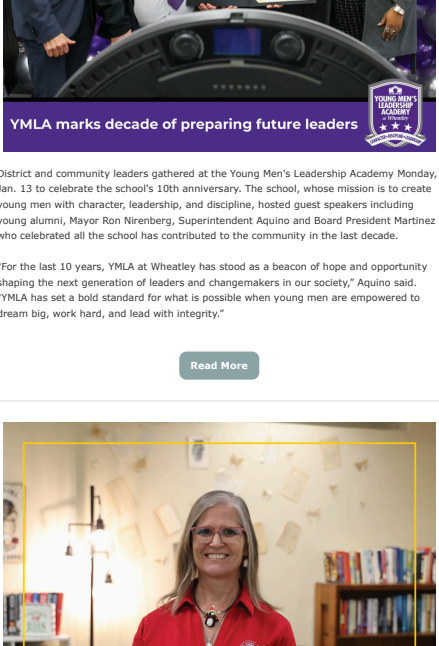




NEWS AROUND THE DISTRICT



YMLA marks decade of preparing future leaders

District and community leaders gathered at the Young Men's Leadership Academy Monday, Jan. 13 to celebrate the school's 10th anniversary. The school, whose mission is to create young men with character, leadership, and discipline, hosted guest speakers including young alumni, Mayor Ron Nirenberg, Superintendent Aquino and Board President Martinez who celebrated all the school has contributed to the community in the last decade.

"For the last 10 years, YMLA at Wheatley has stood as a beacon of hope and opportunity shaping the next generation of leaders and changemakers in our society," Aquino said. "YMLA has set a bold standard for what is possible when young men are empowered to dream big, work hard, and lead with integrity."

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Four teachers earn National Board Certification

The district's newest National Board Certified Teachers (NBCT) will be recognized Jan. 25 at a formal pinning ceremony at the Texas National Board Coalition for Teaching conference at Education Service Center-Region 20. The four teachers — Dayton King at CAST Tech High School, Sharon Garza at Jefferson High School, Danielle Elizondo at Schenck Elementary School and Frances Santos at Travis Early College High School — now help comprise 11 total educators in SAISD that currently possess this certification, the highest a teacher may obtain. Recognizing the importance of the process and the achievement, the district, with the help of the SAISD Foundation, is working to help more interested educators achieve this honor.

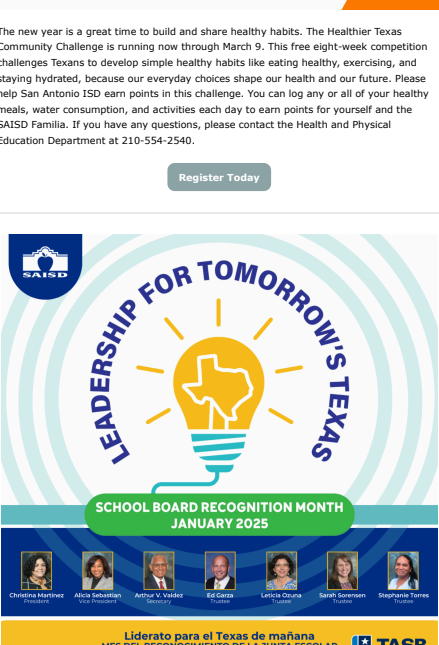
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St. Philip's ECHS alumnus returns to teach math

Choosing St. Philip's Early College High School in the school's second year of operation is a decision that Thomas Martinez is so grateful he made. The choice set into place a course of events that within 10 short years would have Martinez back on the same campus, teaching one of his favorite subjects, math. It is a journey he said would not have been anywhere on his radar were it not for the experience he had as a student at the early college high school. The associate degree he earned in high school allowed him to easily pick up coursework at Texas A&M University that would allow him to give back as a teacher.

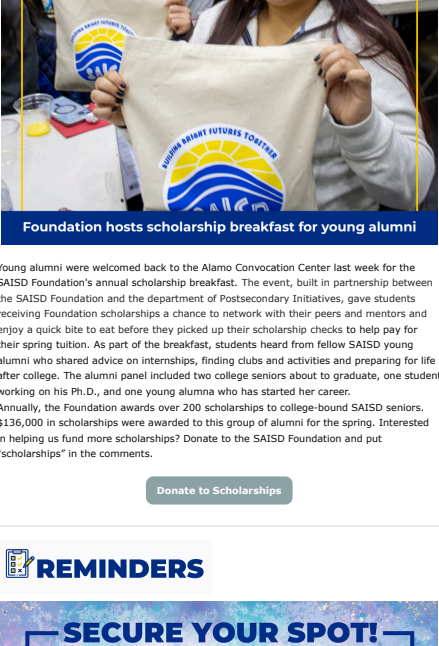
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QuestBridge partners choose 8 SAISD seniors

San Antonio ISD has eight QuestBridge College Match scholarship recipients representing six high school campuses this year. These seniors have been awarded full scholarships to some of the most prestigious colleges in the nation. These scholarships are the culmination of efforts of not just the students, but the many individuals, departments and organizations who supported them along the way. Read more about their journey to these full-ride scholarships and what lies ahead for these outstanding scholars.

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Democracy Prep involves families in math learning

Classrooms were filled with laughter and purpose one evening before break as Democracy Prep at Stewart hosted a family math night: Food and Fractions with Families. More than 20 families attended, learning with their fourth and fifth grade students some strategies for adding and subtracting fractions.

"Our grade levels selected topics, and fractions is definitely one of the bigger concepts in fifth grade," principal Virginia Boyce said. "We want to make sure families feel empowered to be able to support with homework and ask questions."

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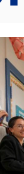
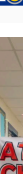




The new year is a great time to build and share healthy habits. The Healthier Texas Community Challenge is running now through March 9. This free eight-week competition challenges Texans to develop simple healthy habits like eating healthy, exercising, and staying hydrated, because our everyday choices shape our health and our future. Please help San Antonio ISD earn points in this challenge. You can log any or all of your healthy meals, water consumption, and activities each day to earn points for yourself and the SAISD Familia. If you have any questions, please contact the Health and Physical Education Department at 210-554-2540.

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January is School Board Appreciation Month. San Antonio ISD thanks its Board of Trustees for their commitment to our students, staff, schools and community. Our trustees are an amazing group of individuals who voluntarily take up the enormous responsibility of governing our schools, and we are extremely proud of them. Our seven board members serve as a guiding force to an exemplary education and provide extensive opportunities for student success. If you see our trustees around, be sure to thank them for all they do.

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NEWS FROM THE SAISD FOUNDATION



Foundation hosts scholarship breakfast for young alumni

Young alumni were welcomed back to the Alamo Convocation Center last week for the SAISD Foundation's annual scholarship breakfast. The event, built in partnership between the SAISD Foundation and the department of Postsecondary Initiatives, gave students receiving Foundation scholarships a chance to network with their peers and mentors and enjoy a quick bite to eat before they picked up their scholarship checks to help pay for their spring tuition. As part of the breakfast, students heard from fellow SAISD young alumni who shared advice on internships, finding clubs and activities and preparing for life after college. The alumni panel included two college seniors about to graduate, one student working on his Ph.D., and one young alumna who has started her career.

Annually, the Foundation awards over 200 scholarships to college-bound SAISD seniors. \$136,000 in scholarships were awarded to this group of alumni for the spring. Interested in helping us fund more scholarships? Donate to the SAISD Foundation and put "scholarships" in the comments.

[Donate to Scholarships](#)

REMINDERS

SECURE YOUR SPOT!

SAISD Choice School priority application deadline is

JAN. 31

saisd.net/enroll

There are less than three weeks left before the priority application deadline for SAISD Choice Schools! Don't wait to apply. Our Choice Schools and Programs offer students inside and outside the district a variety of specialized campuses and pathways, customized to best meet their interests. Programs are open to all students in the San Antonio area, regardless of where they live.

[Apply Today](#)

FACILITIES REPURPOSING COMMUNITY MEETING

Join us for a virtual meeting / Únase a nosotros para una reunión virtual

Tuesday Feb 4th
Option 1 at 12:00PM or
Option 2 at 5:00 PM

Martes 4 de febrero
Opción 1 a las 12:00 p. m. o
Opción 2 a las 5:00 p. m.

The Office of Strategy will host two virtual community meetings on Feb. 4 to provide an update on the Facilities Repurposing Survey results. The meeting will share feedback we collected from the Fall 2024 survey. Meetings will take place at noon and 5 p.m. via Zoom. The Zoom link will be sent after you register.

[Register](#)

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Revisit our superintendent's latest communications.

CLOSING SHOTS

District leaders have had so much fun celebrating our schools with top attendance this week. Each month, the district recognizes schools with the top attendance in each of the following categories (elementary, middle, high, academies, and non-traditional high schools) on social media, and at the end of each nine weeks, the top schools receive banners celebrating their achievement. Pictured are the banner deliveries at Twain Dual Language Academy and Wilson Elementary. Watch our social media channels to see all our attendance awards this week.

