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Inside: GRADUATION SNAPSHOTS

Class of 2019 ready
to make their mark



San Antonio ISD to open two school-based health clinics

Two middle schools selected as sites

San Antonio ISD and University Health System (UHS) will establish two school-based health clinics this school year.

The first clinic is to open on the grounds of Tafolla Middle School in the fall, serving students and campus staff from the SAISD schools in the West Side Lanier High School feeder.

A second clinic is targeted to open in



The clinics will be operated in cooperation with University Health System and will provide services including routine doctor care, physicals and immunizations. The Baptist Health Foundation, in collaboration with the SAISD Foundation, also is contributing \$40,000 in resources.

"Families are telling us ease of access and cost are the two major reasons that they don't access healthcare, and these two centers will help minimize those barriers," said Maria Torres, SAISD's director of healthcare administration and Medicaid programs.

Students can obtain an appointment at one of the new UHS centers by visiting

their school nurse. If the nurse assesses that the student should be seen by a medical provider, the nurse will have the option to contact the clinic that serves their campus and depending on parent availability, get the sick child in to see a provider that same day.

Parents also will be able to call into the clinics to schedule appointments for

their children, and employees will be able to call to schedule appointments for themselves.

Private insurance, CHIP, Medicaid, and cash payment arrangements are accepted. The center staff also can help patients make an account with Bexar County's CareLink financial assistance program.



Opening Fall 2019
Tafolla Middle School
1303 W. Cesar E. Chavez Blvd.

Opening January 2020
Davis Middle School
4702 E. Houston St.

January 2020 at the Davis Middle School campus, to serve East Side Sam Houston High School feeder schools. Going forward, both school-based clinics will gradually expand services to include as many District students and staff as capacity permits.

RENOVATIONS UNDERWAY AT AREA SCHOOLS



Renovations at 13 schools are in their construction phase under SAISD's \$450 million bond. The funding is replacing infrastructure systems that, in most cases, are more than 40 years old and is updating the schools to 21st-century learning environments. The projects include seven high schools, three middle schools, and three elementary/academies. Visit bond.saisd.net.

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Raising the bar, and exceeding it

Reading is the foundation for learning, and therefore, the most crucial academic skill. Once children learn to read, there is no limit to where their education will take them.

In SAISD, I am proud to say that we are seeing strong academics across the District – in reading, and also across all subject areas – based on early STAAR results. We also are seeing significant growth and improvement in almost all performance levels on

high school End of Course (EOC) exams.

To get to this point, over the past four years, we have invested in strong academic programming at all levels, and expanding such areas as fine arts programming, dual language campuses, Advanced Placement and dual credit opportunities.

We find that no matter how high we raise the bar, the students keep exceeding that bar.

The results we are seeing

demonstrate the great work teachers are doing to help our students reach their potential, and I appreciate our educators' dedication

and commitment to the children in our District. Not only during the school year, but also throughout the summer during our enrichment camps.

Our goal is to provide all children a high-quality education from the moment they step foot on one of our campuses to the day they cross the stage with their diploma in hand. I believe we accomplish this each and every day.

This year, among our Class of 2019 graduates, 94 percent applied to college, earning almost \$85 million in scholarships. I was honored to stand on stage at every graduation ceremony and shake the hands of our students.

Your child's achievement is the reason we are all here.



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The District's elected representatives at work for the community

The San Antonio ISD Board of Trustees, comprised of seven District residents, is the school system’s policy-making body. Each trustee represents one of seven single-member districts and is elected by voters of that district. Single-member districts were implemented in 1986. Trustees serve four-year terms.

The Board’s major duties include: Adopting goals and objectives for the District, reviewing and acting on policies, adopting an annual budget and setting the tax rate, electing school personnel as recommended by the superintendent, and reporting to the public on the District’s progress.



District 1: Steve Lecholop Trustee Steve Lecholop speaks to the crowd gathered at Bowden Academy for the kick-off event to celebrate the beginning of the construction phase on campus. In 2016, SAISD voters approved a \$450 million bond for major renovations for 13 schools and construction is taking place at all 13 campuses.



District 2: Alicia Perry Retired Trustee James Howard (left) and newly elected Trustee Alicia Perry (right) congratulate a Sam Houston High School student during the school’s graduation ceremony. Thirteen high schools honored approximately 2,400 graduating seniors this spring.



District 3: Debra Guerrero School Board Secretary Debra Guerrero (right) is all smiles at the SAISD State of the District Address held at the Pearl Stable this spring. The event was co-hosted by the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and the SAISD Foundation.



District 4: Arthur Valdez Trustee Arthur Valdez (far left) speaks with parents at a Highland Park Elementary School Dual Language informational meeting this spring. SAISD will be adding dual language programs at an additional three schools this fall.



District 5: Patti Radle School Board President Patti Radle poses for a quick photo at the District’s Fathers in Action 2nd Annual Basketball Skills Challenge. Fathers and male role models of SAISD students participated in activities including three-point shootout and a team skills challenge, while competing for a Spirit Stick Award.



District 6: Christina Martinez Trustee Christina Martinez (left) congratulates an SAISD student who participates in the Bexar County Sheriff Explorer program. The program introduces young adults to careers in law enforcement and the program aims to develop and refine qualities such as maturity, responsibility, character, civic duty, and personal fitness.



District 7: Ed Garza Students at Woodlawn Hills Elementary School played host for the San Antonio Sports’ 2019 University Health System Go!Kids Challenge kick-off. Trustee Ed Garza joined the Jefferson High School drum line, cheer squad, Lasso dance team and student-athletes at the festivities, which included a choreographed dance routine that got everybody moving!

New badge system to keep young bus riders safer

First Bexar County school district to use new bus safety measure

This fall, SAISD will provide parents a new system that will track their children as they take the school bus. Students in pre-kindergarten through fifth grade will swipe a badge as they enter or leave the bus. The new Zonar Z-Pass system will then send parents a text message to let them know when and where their child got on or off their school bus. The new system will help ensure our

youngest riders get on the right bus and exit at the right bus stop. The District eventually will roll out the Z-Pass program to older students, too. SAISD is the first Bexar County school district to use the new bus safety measures. The changes are part of the School Bus Stop Arm Safety Program, which was implemented this past year.

APP SHARES BUS ETA

The badge system comes with an app that provides parents an estimated time of bus arrival. The District will use the new SafeStop App to help parents eliminate the guesswork around when a school bus will show up. Although buses run on a set schedule, weather and traffic delays can affect timing.



High-speed fiber network coming to campuses

Nearly 80 miles of fiber will connect every single SAISD campus

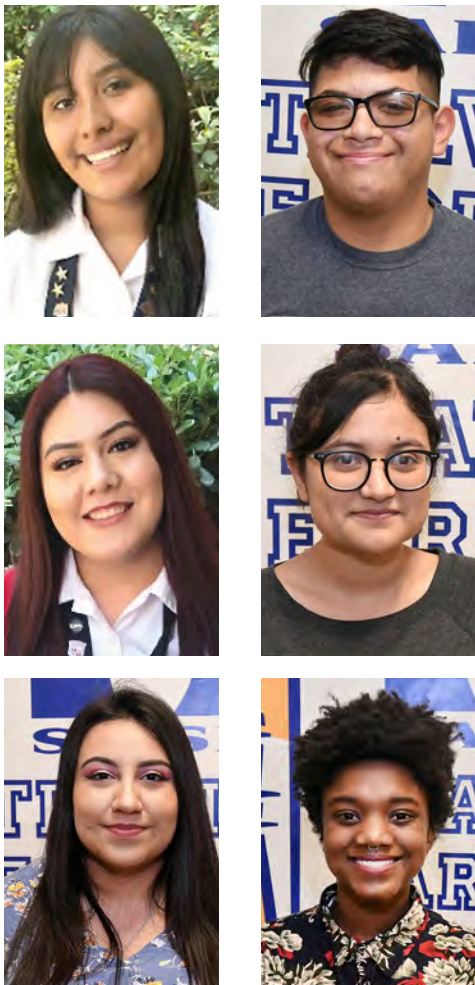
Investments in technology upgrades are being made in every school across the District. More than \$7 million in grant funding is helping the District to build a new high-speed fiber network for fast and reliable connectivity, enabling even more innovative digital learning opportunities in the classroom. Under the Federal Communications Committee's (FCC) E-rate program, SAISD received a grant to implement its own District Wide Area Network (WAN). The District's WAN will facilitate lightning-fast network and internet speeds at all SAISD campuses for the next 10 to 20 years. "To put this into perspective, imagine that the District's network traffic is traveling down a two-lane highway. With this implementation, we

will now have a 100-lane highway to support our instructional and business needs at a greatly reduced cost," said Etienne Tousignant, E-rate technical project manager at SAISD. The custom fiber network has unlimited capacity. The majority of the cable being placed will not be used at the inception of the process, but it is available to be tapped as needed based on the amount of data being carried on the network. "It is what we call scalable," said Tousignant. "For instance, in the next 10 years, if we see a sudden increase in the population of our students or an increase in the number of facilities or more likely, the tools we're using require a much higher bandwidth, we now have the ability with this network to increase our needs." Nearly 80 miles of fiber will connect every single SAISD campus to the District's WAN. The network will work in conjunction with the wireless infrastructure on individual campuses

Six seniors selected as Dell Scholars

Recipients receive a \$20,000 scholarship, a laptop, and mentors

Six SAISD seniors have been selected to become part of the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation's 2019 Dell Scholars cohort. Travis Early College High School's Judge-Anthony Rios, Nayeli Arias, Regina Rivas, and Zion Minor along with Young Women's Leadership Academy's Angela Hernandez and Emily Garcia are among the 500 students from across the nation selected for this life-changing opportunity. As a Dell Scholar, students receive a \$20,000 scholarship, a laptop, and access to advisors who can help students navigate and overcome life barriers. According to the Dell Scholars website, Dell Scholars are 25 percent more likely to earn their bachelor's degrees within four to six years of high school graduation compared to students of similar socioeconomic backgrounds. In addition, while the cost of college rises, only half of Dell Scholars graduate with any debt. The average debt for those



SAISD Dell Scholars (left to right) Emily Garcia, Judge-Anthony Rios, Angela Hernandez, Nayeli Arias, Regina Rivas and Zion Minor.

who borrow is less than \$15,000, which is approximately half the national average.

No cost to the District

In addition to the FCC funding, the District was approved for state matching funds for the special construction portion of the project. This means that 95 percent of the construction cost will be paid by E-rate and the state of Texas will pick up the remaining 5 percent.



A survey team visits YMLA to document where current broadband cables enter and exit the school.

as the District continues to update systems and technologies over the next three years. Installation of the network is on schedule to begin this fall, and the

build-out should take 12-18 months with the new network ready for service in the summer of 2020.

More high school students to earn dual credit

The Greehey Family Foundation commits \$1.5 million to program

Opportunities that provide high school students with college course credit help those students envision themselves enrolled full-time in a college or university after earning their high school diploma.

Dual credit enrolls students in college courses while they are still in high school, allowing them to earn credit for both and increasing the rigor of their high school experience.

In an effort to expand dual credit offerings to a wider range of SAISD students, The Greehey Family Foundation has committed \$1.5 million in support

of dual credit over the next three years through the SAISD Foundation, which is a public charity serving the District's students and teachers. The Greehey Scholars Program will be offered to students starting in the fall of 2019, and aims to help approximately 2,000 high school students take dual credit courses through 2022.

According to Liz Ozuna, director of Advanced Academics and Post-Secondary Initiatives, her department's vision for The Greehey Scholars Program is by 2022, to more than double the current number of high school students in SAISD comprehensive high schools who graduate with 15-plus hours of dual credit.

Since there are no student fees for these courses, philanthropic funds are critical to the expansion of these offerings,



According to Ramon Patiño, a senior at Jefferson High School, who took dual credit classes at the UTSA Downtown Campus, being able to interact with a college professor helped him realize what he needed to do to be prepared for college.

covering the District's costs, including fees to Alamo Colleges and UTSA, books and transportation.

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Campus, being able to interact with a college professor helped him realize what he needed to do to be prepared for college. "Dual credit programs have given me the experience of what a real college class is like," he said.

Camps keep students busy in summer

SAISD offered more than 90 camps in June and July



At Longfellow Middle School, LOTC students were introduced to drone technology. Students trained via a flight simulator and learned to code a drone to achieve assigned flight paths.

In April, the District held its first Experience Summer in SAISD event, a free family resource fair to inform families about its extensive summer learning opportunities in June and July.

More than 90 full-day summer camps were held for the District's students over the summer months. Children of all ages were engaged in a wide range of fun, hands-on activities, learning approaches they could use in real-world contexts. Camp topics included reading and math combined with STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics), sports, filmmaking, coding, podcasting, and so much more –

at no cost to students and their families. The goal for SAISD's summer camp program was threefold:

- **Summer enrichment:** Camps designed to explore new subjects, strengthen reading and math skills, and use technology to produce creative work.
- **Credit acceleration:** Opportunities for students to get ahead by completing courses for credit during the summer.
- **Summer bridge:** Camps that offered an orientation experience to prepare student for success as they transitioned to a new grade level.

Athletic Hall of Fame announces 2019 honorees

Reserve your tickets now for the Aug. 17 ceremony

SAISD has announced the inductees for the Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2019. They will be honored at a ceremony scheduled for Aug. 17 at the Alamo Convocation Center.

The 2019 honorees are:



Rudy Bernal – a champion basketball coach at Lanier High School. Bernal served as the Lanier boys basketball head coach for 31 years (1983–2014).



Larry Collins – a 1974 Edison High School alumnus, a sizzling speedster who played in the NFL for the Cleveland Browns and the New Orleans Saints.



Rudy Davalos – a 1956 graduate of Edison High School, who became a highly regarded coach and athletic director in collegiate circles.



Adriane Lapsley Butler – a 2002 graduate of Brackenridge High School regarded as one of the fastest short hurdlers in school history. Her collegiate-level records still stand today.



Diz Reeves – a long-time SAISD coach and athletic director, who was instrumental in building the SAISD Sports Complex.



Gilbert Salinas – a 1977 Burbank High School alumnus, known as a dominating giant on the basketball court who shattered city and national scoring records.

Tickets for the Aug. 17 event are \$30 or a table of 8 seats costs \$240. Tickets may be purchased online at www.saisd.net/athletichalloffame or by calling (210) 554-2655.

Established in 2014, the SAISD Athletic Hall of Fame recognizes alumni who have made a positive impact in sports, either through excellent athletic achievements or excellent athletic program contributions.

CONGRATULATIONS ¡FELICIDADES! CLASS OF 2019

Miss your favorite graduate's commencement ceremony?
Visit www.saisd.net/graduation2019

Approximately 2,400 SAISD graduates are ready to make their mark on the world. For most, higher education and/or military academies will be their next step. The listing of each school's valedictorian and salutatorian (right) is a sampling of how our graduates have been accepted to universities across the country. At graduation time, our Class of 2019 had earned about \$85 million in scholarships.

Alrededor de 2,400 graduados están listos para dejar su huella en el mundo. Para la mayoría, la educación superior y/o academias militares será el siguiente paso. El listado de los estudiantes más destacados de su clase (a la derecha) es una muestra de las universidades en todo el país que han aceptado a nuestros graduados. A la hora de la graduación, nuestra Clase de 2019 se había ganado alrededor de \$85 millones de dólares en becas.

Advanced Learning Academy at Fox Tech campus

Emmanuel Mendez, valedictorian
Northeastern University
Curtina Lilly, salutatorian
Austin College

Brackenridge High School

Jesus Mancha, valedictorian
Texas A&M University
Ramiro Olvera Alba, salutatorian
Texas Tech University

Burbank High School

Cuauhtémoc Arizpe, valedictorian
Brown University
Amber Contreras, salutatorian
Our Lady of the Lake University

Edison High School

Daisy Escobedo, valedictorian
University of Texas at Austin
Angelica Guerrero, salutatorian
Texas A&M University

Fox Tech High School

Austin Martinez, valedictorian
University of Texas at Austin
Juan Gomez, salutatorian
University of Texas at Austin

Highlands High School

Hiep Tran, valedictorian
University of Houston
Alyssa Flores, salutatorian
St. Mary's University

Sam Houston High School

Camilia Hernandez, valedictorian
St. Philip's College/University of Texas
Health Science Center-San Antonio

Charles Ware, salutatorian
University of North Texas

Jefferson High School

Issac Alvarez, valedictorian
University of Texas-San Antonio
Cristianna Tovar, salutatorian
St. Mary's University

Lanier High School

Katrina Gutierrez, valedictorian
Smith College

Rafael Murillo, salutatorian
Union College-Schenectady

St. Philip's Early College High School

Izabella Monreal, valedictorian
University of Texas at Austin

Thomas Martinez, salutatorian
Texas A&M University

Travis Early College High School

Graciela Camacho, valedictorian
Texas A&M University

Abigail Garcia, salutatorian
Mary Hardin Baylor

Young Women's Leadership Academy

Janelle Arnold, valedictorian
Princeton University

Emily Ruiz, salutatorian
University of Texas at Austin

Graduation snapshots from around the district

Imágenes captadas durante las
graduaciones a través el distrito



MORE ABOUT *your* DISTRICT



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(District 5)



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(District 3)



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(District 1)



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WE ARE PROUD OF ALL OF OUR STUDENTS ACROSS ALL OF OUR CAMPUSES. IN THIS ISSUE OF *VISION*, WE HIGHLIGHT A FEW OF THE MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS FROM THROUGHOUT SAISD'S SEVEN DISTRICTS.

DISTRICT 1

- Brackenridge High School
- Fox Tech High School
- Travis Early College High School
- Advanced Learning Academy
- CAST Tech High School
- Bonham Academy
- Bowden Academy
- Douglass Elementary School
- Hawthorne Academy
- Lamar Elementary School
- Pershing Elementary School
- Gonzalez Early Childhood Education Center

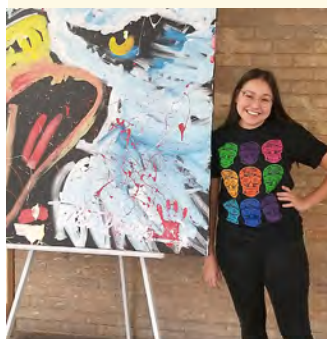
DISTRICT 2

- Sam Houston High School
- St. Philip's Early College High School
- Davis Middle School
- M.L. King Academy
- Cameron Elementary School
- Gates Elementary School
- Hirsch Elementary School
- Miller Elementary School
- Smith Elementary School
- Washington Elementary School
- Young Men's Leadership Academy
- Carroll Early Childhood Education Center
- Tynan Early Childhood Education Center

DISTRICT 3

- CAST Med High School
- Highlands High School
- Rogers Academy
- Ball Academy
- Forbes Academy
- Foster Academy
- Highland Hills Elementary School
- Mission Academy
- Schenck Elementary School
- Steele Montessori
- Stewart Elementary School

Washington, D.C., bound



Maya Diaz, a senior at Brackenridge High School, was selected to participate in the 2019 Young Ambassadors Program of the Smithsonian Latino Center. Maya will spend one week in Washington, D.C., this summer and participate in a college

preparatory and leadership program. After her trip, she will intern at a San Antonio museum before heading to St. Edward's University in Austin to major in studio art.

Distinguished grad

Lauren Gonzalez, a senior at Travis Early College High School, was honored by San Antonio College as a Distinguished Graduate in Liberal Arts during SAC's graduation ceremony May 11. With a two-year college degree in hand upon graduation, Lauren will continue her education with a goal of ultimately earning a doctorate in physical therapy.



Academic Decathlon champions

The Sam Houston High School's Academic Decathlon team placed first in the medium school division at the Region IV meet, and also first in Team Super Quiz. The students advanced to compete at the state meet in March. The school has a strong history of participation and achievement in the Academic Decathlon competition.



An inside peek

Young Men's Leadership Academy was one of 14 schools participating in the District's second annual "Principal for a Day" event. Tuesdaé Knight with San Antonio for Growth on the Eastside (SAGE) was the school's guest principal. The program is designed to provide the



community a clear perspective of what principals and teachers face daily as they work to help students achieve.

Good neighbors

The San Antonio Police Department's East SAFFE (San Antonio Fear Free Environment) Unit hosted a chalk art contest for students at Gates Elementary school on the last day of school. Shields for Kids sponsored the supplies, gift bags and refreshments. Officers regularly support the schools in their area, mentoring students and positively reinforcing their studies.



Industry mentoring



Students at Highlands High School have access to one of the toughest computer science courses taught at the high school level through its participation in the Microsoft Philanthropies TEALS (Technology Education and Literacy in Schools) program.

Students are co-taught in person by their classroom teacher and virtually by four computer science professionals. Highlands has been accepted to the TEALS program again for 2019-2020.

Mindfulness at Rogers

The start of the school day looked a little different at Rogers Academy this past year. Instead of students gathering in their individual classrooms, everyone gathered in the gym or cafeteria, depending on their grade level, to build community and to practice mindfulness, a social-emotional learning strategy.



National film debut



A film based on Charlotte's Web, which was created by students from Pershing Elementary, opened each 90-Second Newbery Film Festival across the

nation this spring. The film festival is an annual video contest in which young filmmakers create quirky short movies that tell the entire stories of Newbery-winning books in about a minute and a half. Every year, the best submissions are shown at special-event screenings in New York City, Chicago, San Francisco, Minneapolis, Salt Lake City, San Antonio, Boston, Tacoma, and other cities.

Learn Grow Eat Go!

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service helped third graders at Foster Academy implement the Learn Grow Eat Go!



program this past spring. When children plant their own gardens, they tend to increase their vegetable consumption. The 10-week program includes building a garden, planting vegetables and herbs, taste testing raw vegetables, and incorporating their harvest into recipes.

DISTRICT 4

- Burbank High School
- Harris Middle School
- Lowell Middle School
- Poe Middle School
- Briscoe Elementary School
- Collins Garden Elementary School
- Graebner Elementary School
- Green Elementary School
- Herff Elementary School
- Highland Park Elementary School
- Hillcrest Elementary School
- Japhet Academy
- Kelly Elementary School
- Riverside Park Elementary School
- YWLA - Primary at Page
- Knox Early Childhood Education Center

Tennis sensation

Burbank High School sophomore Valerie Navarro-Cavazos earned a silver medal during state competition.



Valerie is believed to be the first tennis player in school history to advance to the UIL state tournament and the first from SAISD to earn a medal at state since 1965. She was named Girls Player of the Year by the San Antonio Express-News.

YOSA Invitational

The Harris Middle School Symphonic Band performed at the 2019 YOSA Invitational at the Tobin Center for the Performing Arts, as did the Burbank High School Wind Ensemble. Only 16 high school and middle school ensembles (bands, choirs and orchestras) from the city and the surrounding area are selected for this honor, presented by the Youth Orchestras of San Antonio.



Art on permanent display

Students from Briscoe Elementary School sold their first piece of public art – an installation titled “Community of Imagination,” which was created as a SMART San Antonio (Supporting Multiple Art Resources



Together) project. The installation is a series of 451 4” x 4” canvases, inspired by abstract landscapes. It will be installed at South End Lofts as an addition to their permanent collection.

DISTRICT 5

- Lanier High School
- Cooper Academy at Navarro
- Brewer Academy
- Irving Middle School
- Rhodes Middle School
- Tafolla Middle School
- Barkley-Ruiz Elementary School
- J.T. Brackenridge Elementary School
- Carvajal Elementary School
- Crockett Elementary School
- DeZavala Elementary School
- S. King Elementary School
- Margil Elementary School
- Odgen Elementary School
- Storm Elementary School
- Estrada Achievement Center

Future medical leader

Lanier High School student and JROTC Cadet Jessica Ruiz, a sophomore, was selected as a delegate to the Congress of Future Medical Leaders held in Boston in June, where she was presented with an Award of Excellence for her outstanding grades, leadership potential and desire to pursue medicine. After attending the SAISD Ivy League and Service Academy campus tours last summer, Jessica is motivated to attend West Point, where she wants to earn a commission in the U.S. Army and become an Army doctor after medical school.



Beloved teacher remembered

Rhodes Middle School held a ribbon-cutting and dedication ceremony for its William E. Davis Technology Building in March. The building was named in honor of a beloved technology teacher who died during a trip to Uganda last summer. Choir members sang of farewells and freedom, and speakers recalled Davis’ belief in the excellence of Rhodes students.



Larger than life

Ogden Academy students created 10 large-scale murals over the school year, including portraits of strong women who inspired them – civil rights leader Dolores Huerta, basketball coach Becky Hammon and author Xelena Gonzales – during Women’s History Month in March. In addition to the academic process of researching their subject matter and learning artistic methods, the students also learned the value of art in society, which can influence viewers for years to come.



DISTRICT 6

- Edison High School
- Twain Dual Language Academy
- Whittier Middle School
- Arnold Elementary School
- Beacon Hill Academy
- Cotton Academy
- Franklin Elementary School
- Neal Elementary School
- Wilson Elementary School

Putting out fires

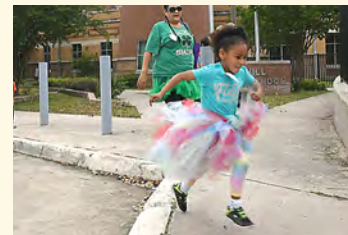
Senior Fire Cadets from Edison High School demonstrated their ability to put out live fires during the annual First Responders Academy, their traditional open house/family night, in May. Earlier in the spring, an AirLife crew landed its chopper at the campus and spoke



to students in the Health Professions and Fire Science programs about the flight medical field and how fire and EMS responders work together for better patient care.

Fiesta and fitness

More than 250 runners participated in Beacon Hill Academy’s first Fiesta Run in April, including staff, students and parents. To students’ delight, the fire department was there to spray a little water on them as they ran past the fire truck. The school’s race provided a way for students to get active, while raising money for a sound system for their P.E. department.



Recycling pays off

On the last day of school, students at Arnold Elementary were surprised with the news that their school placed first in their league for the 2018-19 PepsiCo Recycle Rally challenge and they were awarded \$50,000 for their efforts. This is the second year that Arnold Elementary has been declared a winner in the national competition, making them back-to-back champs. Franklin Elementary School placed fifth in the nation in this year’s PepsiCo Recycling Challenge and was awarded \$30,000.



DISTRICT 7

- Jefferson High School
- Young Women’s Leadership Academy
- Longfellow Middle School
- Baskin Elementary School
- Fenwick Elementary School
- Huppertz Elementary School
- Madison Elementary School
- Maverick Elementary School
- Woodlawn Academy
- Woodlawn Hills Elementary School
- Nelson Early Childhood Education Center

Learning on the go

Eleventh graders in the IB Diploma Programme at Jefferson High School were issued new Chromebooks earlier this year. Students were able to take the Chromebooks home in an effort to enhance their learning in and out of the classroom. The one-to-one laptops gave students the ability to locate and use internet resources, improve collaborative learning skills, work more autonomously and gain experience in project-based learning.



Meeting a community need

Longfellow Middle School students Amory Fernandez and Araceli Rodriguez collected donations for battered and abused women and donated the items to a nearby women’s shelter. Their initiative was part of the school’s International Baccalaureate (IB) Community Project and AVID class. Longfellow is an official IB-candidate school in the midst of the multi-year authorization process.



Beyond the classroom walls

In early April, Maverick Elementary School celebrated the grand opening of the school’s new outdoor learning environment, which was funded entirely with prize money earned by the school’s participation in PepsiCo recycling competitions over the past four years. Students will be able to attend class outside and the school will use the area for family-friendly events. The school worked with local architects – as well as architecture students from Jefferson High School – on the project location and design.



SAISD celebrates its award-winning educators and programs

A sampling of teachers and programs honored this spring

2019 H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards

These awards pay tribute to those educators who go the extra mile each and every day to serve their students and their communities and who inspire others to do the same.



Andrea Greimel,
Teacher

Carvajal Early Childhood Education Center

Recipient, Lifetime Achievement (Elementary Education) Award



Kathy Bieser,
Principal

Advanced Learning Academy

Finalist, Principal (Secondary Education) Award



Anna Olguin,
Teacher

Longfellow Middle School

Finalist, Rising Star (Secondary Education) Award



Rebekah Ozuna,
Teacher

Knox Early Childhood Education Center

Finalist, Rising Star (Elementary Education) Award

2019 Languages Other Than English Teacher of the Year

This Education Service Center-Region 20 award recognizes the effective use of LOTE teaching strategies specific to helping students develop progress and competence in the target language.



Jerry Romero,

Japanese Language and Culture Studies teacher

Tafolla Middle School

2019 Best Communities for Music Education Award

This award from the NAMM Foundation recognizes school districts for their commitment to and support of music education. This is the first year the District has been awarded the designation.



2019 Texas Music Educators Association Convention

By special request because of his expertise in urban band programs, Burbank High School Band Director Hector Treviño and the Burbank Wind Ensemble gave a presentation at the TMEA, marking the first time an SAISD band program has done a clinic for this event.



Hector Treviño, Band Director
Burbank High School

2019 SAISD Distinguished Teachers of the Year

Each school selects a Teacher of the Year, and from among these outstanding teachers, three are selected to represent the District in the different grade levels.



Dawn Cardenas, third-grade teacher, Rodriguez Elementary School; Iliana Trobaugh, sixth-grade teacher, Ogden Academy; and Belinda Medellin, technology teacher, CAST Tech High School.

2019 SAISD Rising Star Teachers

Each school selects a first-year teacher for this honor. Four are selected to represent the District in the different grade levels.



Analaura Paez, kindergarten teacher at Advanced Learning Academy; Hannah Smith, special education teacher at Japhet Academy; Lloyd Pegues, LOTC teacher at Rhodes Middle School; and Caleb Loomis, computer science teacher at CAST Tech High School.

2019 Trinity Prize for Excellence in Teaching

This award is San Antonio's oldest teaching award, and is presented by Trinity University. It honors outstanding classroom performance, leadership and community service.

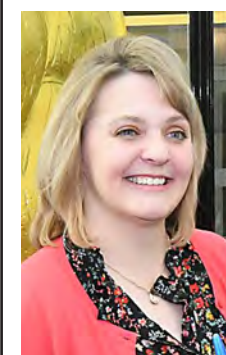


Andrea Greimel,
Teacher

Carvajal Early Childhood Education Center

2019 Water Educator of the Year

The Texas Section of the American Water Works Association (TAWWA) presented this inaugural award during the 2019 Texas Water Conference.



Kathryn King,
Science Department Chair

Edison High School

Four students named Voelcker Scholars

Students conducting biomedical research training this summer

Four rising high school juniors have been selected to participate in the Voelcker Biomedical Research Academy, a two-year educational and college preparatory program for local high school students at UT Health San Antonio.

This summer, Dorian Chavez of Brackenridge High School, Shreya Dheenani of Young Women's Leadership Academy, Selena Flores of Travis Early

College High School and Jozlyn Vazquez-Salinas of Fox Tech High School are among a cohort of 15 San Antonio students entering the program. They will engage in hands-on, biomedical research training with UT Health scientists.

Throughout the 2019-2020 school year, the students will continue to benefit from the mentorship of biomedical scientists and will be immersed in a number of special enrichment and research-oriented activities.

Last year, three SAISD students were accepted into the program and are now

entering a faculty-mentored research phase.

The goal of the academy is to develop a pool of highly competitive students who successfully pursue future careers in San Antonio's biomedical community.



Elizabeth Esparza of Fox Tech High School is in the second year of the Voelcker Biomedical Research Academy program and beginning her research experience. Each of the student participants are supported with summer stipends during both years of the program.

2019-20

School Year

SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

AUGUST

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5-9 - Staff Development, Convocation, Two Teacher Workdays
12 - First Day of School / Start of 1st Semester

SEPTEMBER

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2 - Holiday - Labor Day
20 - Student Holiday / Staff Development

OCTOBER

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7 - Holiday - Fall Break
11 - End of 1st Nine Weeks
14 - Student Holiday/Staff Development/Teacher Professional Time
15 - Start of 2nd Nine Weeks

NOVEMBER

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25-29 - Holiday - Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER

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20 - End of 2nd Nine Weeks / End of 1st Semester
23-31 - Holiday - Winter Break

JANUARY

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1-3 - Holiday - Winter Break
6 - Student Holiday/Staff Development/Teacher Professional Time
7 - Start of 3rd Nine Weeks/Start of 2nd Semester
20 - Holiday - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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17 - Holiday - Presidents' Day / Bad Weather Makeup Day

MARCH

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6 -End of 3rd 9 Weeks, Early Release, Staff Development, Teacher Professional Time
9-13 - Holiday - Spring Break
16 - Start of 4th Nine Weeks

APRIL

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10 - Holiday - Easter Break
24 - Holiday - Battle of Flowers

MAY

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25 - Holiday - Memorial Day
27 - Last Day of School/End of 2nd Semester
28 - Teacher Workday/ Bad Weather Makeup Day

JUNE

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450 minutes per day @7.5 hours
Calendar includes at least 75,600 minutes of instruction.
Total = 76,245 minutes

LEGEND

Holiday

Teacher Workday

Student Holiday / Staff Dev. / Teacher Prof. Time

Student Holiday / Staff Professional Development

Begin/End Grading Period

Bad Weather Makeup Day

Student Early Release Day / Staff Development

9 Weeks: 1st = 42 2nd = 44 3rd = 42 4th = 50
178 Student Days 187 Teacher Days

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Abrirán clínicas de salud en planteles escolares

Dos escuelas secundarias han sido seleccionadas como las ubicaciones

San Antonio ISD y University Health System (UHS) se han unido para ampliar el acceso de los estudiantes a la atención médica con planes de establecer dos clínicas de salud en planteles escolares el año escolar que entra.

El primer centro de salud UHS se abrirá en la propiedad de Tafolla Middle School en el otoño de 2019 y servirá a los

Apertura en otoño de 2019

Tafolla Middle School
1303 W. Cesar E. Chavez Blvd.

Apertura en enero de 2020

Davis Middle School
4702 E. Houston St.

estudiantes y al personal de las escuelas de SAISD en la zona de asistencia de Lanier High School al oeste de la ciudad.

Un segundo centro de salud UHS está proyectado abrir en enero de 2020 en el plantel de Davis Middle School para servir a las escuelas de la zona de asistencia de Sam Houston High School al este de la ciudad. En el futuro, ambos centros de salud UHS ampliarán sus servicios de manera gradual para incluir a la mayor cantidad de estudiantes y personal del Distrito que sea posible.

“Las familias nos han dicho que la facilidad de acceso y el costo son las dos razones principales por las que no reciben atención médica tan frecuentemente como nos gustaría, y

estos dos centros ayudarán a minimizar estas barreras”, dijo Maria Torres, la directora de administración de atención médica y programas de Medicaid para SAISD.

Torres señala estudios que han demostrado que, si un estudiante no tiene un servicio de salud regular, es posible que la atención médica se posponga. Puede ser que un dolor de garganta o una fiebre baja no parezcan ser nada serio en su momento, pero problemas como estos pueden conducir a otros problemas de salud después.

Habrà varias maneras de las cuales un estudiante podrá recibir una cita en uno de los nuevos centros UHS. Si el niño(a) va a su enfermera escolar con un dolor de garganta o una fiebre, por ejemplo, la enfermera evaluará si el estudiante debe ver a un proveedor médico. De ser necesaria una cita, las enfermeras

tendrán la opción de comunicarse con el centro de salud UHS que presta servicio a su plantel y dependiendo de la disponibilidad del padre de familia, el niño(a) enfermo(a) podría ver a un proveedor ese mismo día. Los padres podrán llamar a los centros para hacer cita para sus hijos. Los empleados también podrán llamar para programar citas para ellos mismos.

El costo de la visita a cualquiera de los centros dependerá del estado del seguro médico del paciente en el momento de la visita. Se aceptan el seguro médico privado, CHIP, Medicaid y los arreglos de pago en efectivo. Para aquellas personas que no tienen suficiente cobertura o no tienen seguro médico, el personal del centro puede ayudar a los pacientes a hacer una cuenta con el programa de asistencia financiera del condado de Bexar CareLink.



Las clínicas se manejarán en cooperación con University Health System y proporcionarán servicios que incluyen el cuidado médico de rutina, exámenes físicos y vacunas. Baptist Health Foundation, en colaboración con la Fundación de SAISD, también proporcionará \$40,000 en recursos, entre ellos muebles, exhibiciones interactivas y suministros médicos para comenzar.

HAN COMENZADO LAS RENOVACIONES EN ESCUELAS DEL ÁREA



Las renovaciones en 13 escuelas están en su fase de construcción bajo el bono de SAISD de \$450 millones de dólares. Los fondos reemplazarán sistemas de infraestructura que, en la mayoría de los casos, tienen más de 40 años y actualizarán las escuelas con el fin de lograr entornos de aprendizaje del siglo XXI. Los proyectos incluyen siete preparatorias, tres secundarias y tres escuelas primarias/ academias. Visita bond.saisd.net.



La lectura es el fundamento del aprendizaje, por lo tanto, es la habilidad académica más importante. Una vez que los niños aprenden a leer, su trayecto

MENSAJE DEL SUPERINTENDENTE

Elevar el nivel y superarlo

educativo no tiene límite.

En SAISD, me enorgullece decir que estamos viendo resultados académicos fuertes en todo el distrito —en lectura y también en todas las materias— basados en calificaciones preliminares del STAAR. También estamos viendo crecimiento significativo y mejoría en casi todos los niveles de desempeño en los exámenes de Fin de Curso (EOC, por sus siglas en inglés) de la preparatoria.

A fin de llegar a este punto, a lo largo de los últimos cuatro años, hemos invertido en programación académica de alta calidad en todos los niveles, y en ampliar áreas como programación de bellas artes, planteles de lenguaje dual,

colocación avanzada y oportunidades de doble crédito.

Hemos encontrado que sin importar qué tan alto elevamos el nivel, los estudiantes siguen superando ese nivel.

Los resultados que estamos viendo muestran el gran trabajo que los maestros están llevando a cabo para ayudar a nuestros estudiantes a lograr su potencial, y yo aprecio la dedicación y el compromiso que nuestros educadores tienen hacia los niños de nuestro Distrito. No solo durante el año escolar, sino también durante el verano en nuestros campamentos de enriquecimiento.

Nuestra meta es proporcionarles a

todos los niños una educación de alta calidad desde el momento que llegan a una de nuestras escuelas hasta el día que caminen a través del escenario con su diploma en la mano. Yo creo que podemos lograr esto cada día.

Este año, de nuestra Clase de graduados de 2019, el 94 por ciento solicitó ingreso a la universidad y recibió casi \$85 millones de dólares en becas. Tuve el honor de estar en el escenario en cada ceremonia de graduación y dar la mano a todos nuestros estudiantes.

El logro de sus hijos es la razón por la que todos estamos aquí.

Recordatorio – las clases comienzan en SAISD el 12 de ago.*

¡BIENVENIDO AL AÑO ESCOLAR 2019-20!

El primer día de clases en SAISD para el año escolar 2019-20 será el 12 de ago. La única excepción es Lamar Elementary, que comenzará el 7 de ago.

QUIÉN NECESITA INSCRIBIRSE

Si eres nuevo a SAISD, un estudiante que regresa que no completó los formularios de inscripción en la primavera, o te has mudado a una nueva zona de asistencia, tendrás que inscribirte en la escuela a la que asistirás.

SOLICITUDES DE INGRESO PARA PRE-K Y HEAD START

Los padres todavía tienen la oportunidad de entregar solicitudes de ingreso e inscripciones a su escuela primaria o academia de vecindario en línea en www.saisd.net/enroll o en persona en el Pickett Parent Center. El plazo de inscripción continúa todo el verano. Se aceptarán estudiantes a este programa en base a la necesidad y la disponibilidad de espacio. Para más información, llame al 210 554-2410.

NUEVA INSCRIPCIÓN PARA KÍNDER-12º GRADO

Todos los alumnos, ya sean nuevos o que regresan, deben inscribirse a la escuela cada año. La inscripción se puede completar en línea en www.saisd.net/enroll, por teléfono al 210-554-2660 y

en persona en cualquier plantel de SAISD o en el Pickett Parent Center. El plazo de inscripción continúa todo el verano.

INFORMACIÓN GENERAL:

Horas de inscripción para el Pickett Parent Center:

- Lunes a viernes de 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Correo electrónico: enroll@saisd.net
- Línea directa: 210-554-2660
- Mensaje: 210-309-3259
- Sitio web: www.saisd.net/enroll

QUÉ SE NECESITA

Los nuevos estudiantes a SAISD deberán traer lo siguiente:

- Identificación con foto de la persona que inscribe al niño
- Comprobante de domicilio en SAISD (recibo de servicios públicos, recibo de teléfono, contrato de arrendamiento, etc.)
- Acta de nacimiento del niño u otro comprobante de la identidad y la edad del niño
- Tarjeta de Seguro Social del niño (opcional)
- Cartilla de vacunación actualizada del niño
- Registros académicos recientes

Los estudiantes que regresan quienes ya han proporcionado esta información no tienen que entregar nuevos documentos a menos que haya habido un cambio, como un cambio de dirección o una cartilla de vacunación actualizada. Para información de vacunas llame

al San Antonio Metropolitan Health District, 210-207-8894.

REQUISITOS DE EDAD

Par el 1 de septiembre o antes, el niño(a) debe tener:

- 6 años para 1er grado
- 5 años para kindergarten
- 4 años para PK (se aceptarán niños de 3 años si hay espacio disponible)
- 3 o 4 años para Head Start

PROGRAMA DE DÍA PROLONGADO DE SAISD

El Programa de Día Prolongado existe para proporcionar un entorno seguro y alentador para los estudiantes y oportunidades continuas de desarrollo después del horario escolar. Los servicios se ofrecen por medio del Programa de Día Prolongado, una colaboración entre SAISD y la Ciudad de San Antonio. Los estudiantes que participan en el programa reciben ayuda académica y con tarea, en todas las materias, con énfasis en lectura, matemáticas y ciencias, y tienen oportunidades de fomentar su conciencia y habilidades sociales y habilidades físicas por medio de actividades de iplay!

Para más información, visite www.saisd.net/afterschool.

COMIDAS ESCOLARES

Como parte de la participación de SAISD en el programa federal de

Nutrición Infantil que administra el Departamento de Agricultura de los Estados Unidos, todos los estudiantes recibirán desayuno y almuerzo gratuito, independientemente de la capacidad para pagar.

La cena también estará disponible a los estudiantes después de clase sin costo en los sitios que participen. Para más información, llame al 210-554-2290.

CÓMO VESTIR

Todos los estudiantes del distrito deben vestirse con un uniforme de pantalones negros o caqui y una camisa blanca con cuello o de color alternativo aprobado por la escuela. Para más información, incluso ayuda con los uniformes, llame al 210-554-2600.

* En Lamar Elementary School comenzarán el 7 de ago.

Ampliación de lenguaje dual

El programa beneficiará a los estudiantes de sexto a noveno grado

Los estudiantes que comienzan el programa de lenguaje dual en el nivel de escuela primaria ahora podrán continuar su educación de lenguaje dual cuando ingresen a la secundaria y a la preparatoria. En el otoño, tres escuelas más ofrecerán programas de lenguaje dual, lo cual aumenta el número de planteles que lo ofrecen a 48 y se prestará servicio a más de 6,000 estudiantes en todo el distrito.

Mientras que la ampliación inicial de los programas de lenguaje dual en SAISD a lo largo de los últimos tres años se llevó a cabo principalmente en los

grados más bajos, las nuevas escuelas incluyen a Lanier High School, Edison High School y Whittier Middle School.

Los nuevos grupos incluyen estudiantes de noveno grado al nivel de preparatoria y estudiantes de sexto, séptimo y octavo grado al nivel de secundaria. Los estudiantes recibirán uno o dos cursos principales como biología o álgebra en español, un curso de libre elección en español y una clase de español avanzada. Los estudiantes tomarán el resto de los cursos requeridos en inglés.

De acuerdo con Charles Fears, director asociado de Edison, cuando los estudiantes siguen la Vía Académica de Lenguaje Dual de la escuela, estarán en camino a lograr un Sello de Biletrado en su diploma de preparatoria.



Los estudiantes de lenguaje dual en Brackenridge High School probaron el modelo del programa durante el año escolar 2018-19 con resultados positivos. Y este verano, se llevaron a cabo campamentos en todos los planteles secundarios participantes, como este campamento de verano en Whittier Middle School.

INSCRÍBETE HOY

El primer día de clase es el 12 de ago.

www.saisd.net/enroll o llama al (210) 554-2660

Just a reminder – SAISD schools to start Aug. 12*

WELCOME TO THE 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR!

The first day of classes at SAISD for the 2019-20 school year will be Aug. 12. The only exception is Lamar Elementary, which will begin Aug. 7.

PRE-K AND HEAD START APPLICATIONS

Parents still have the opportunity to submit applications and registrations to their neighborhood elementary or academy online at www.saisd.net/enroll or in-person at the Pickett Family Center. Enrollment is ongoing throughout the summer.

Acceptance into these programs is based upon need and space availability. For more information, call 210-554-2410.

KINDER-12TH-GRADE REGISTRATION

All students, new and returning, must register for school every year. Registration can be completed online at www.saisd.net/enroll, by phone at 210-554-2660, and in-person at any SAISD campus or the Pickett Family Center. Enrollment is ongoing throughout the summer.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Pickett Family Center registration hours:

- Monday through Friday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Email: enroll@saisd.net
- Hotline: 210-554-2660
- Text: 210-309-3259
- Website: www.saisd.net/enroll

WHAT'S NEEDED

Students new to SAISD must bring the following:

- Photo ID of person registering the child
- Proof of SAISD residence (utility bill, phone bill, or lease agreement, etc.)
- Child's birth certificate or other proof of child's identity and age
- Child's Social Security card (optional)
- Child's up-to-date immunization record
- Recent academic records

Returning students who have already provided this information are not required to submit new documents unless there has been a change, such as change of address or updated vaccination record.

For immunization information call the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District, 210-207-8894.

AGE QUALIFICATIONS

On or before Sept. 1, a child must be:

- 6 for 1st grade
- 5 for kindergarten
- 4 for PK (3-year-olds accepted if space is available)
- 3 or 4 for Head Start

SAISD EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM

The Extended Day Program exists to provide a safe and supportive environment for students and continued development opportunities during after-school hours. Services are delivered through the Extended Day Program, a collaboration between SAISD and the City of San Antonio. Students who participate in the program receive homework and academic assistance, in all subject areas, with an emphasis in reading, mathematics and science, and have opportunities to enhance their social awareness and skills and physical skills through iplay! activities. For more information, visit www.saisd.net/afterschool.

SCHOOL MEALS

As part of SAISD's participation in the federal Child Nutrition program, administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, all students will

receive breakfast and lunch at no cost, regardless of ability to pay.

Supper also will be available to students at no cost after school at participating sites. For more information, call 210-554-2290.

WHAT TO WEAR

All District students must be attired in a uniform of black or khaki bottoms and a white top or alternate school-approved colored shirt with a collar. For more information, including uniform assistance, call 210-554-2600. 🍏

* Lamar Elementary School to start Aug. 7

REGISTER TODAY

The first day of school is Aug. 12

www.saisd.net/enroll
or call (210) 554-2660

Dual language expansion

Students in grades sixth through ninth to benefit from program

Students who begin in a dual language program at the elementary level may now be able to continue their dual language education when they enter middle and high school. In the fall, three more schools will offer dual language programs, increasing the number of campuses offering it to 48 and serving more than 6,000 students District-wide.

While the initial expansion of dual language programs at SAISD over the past three years took place primarily in the lower grades, the new schools

include Lanier High School, Edison High School and Whittier Middle School.

The new cohorts include ninth graders at the high school level and sixth, seventh and eighth graders at the middle school level. The students will be offered one or two core courses such as biology or algebra in Spanish, an elective in Spanish, and an advanced Spanish language class. The students will take the rest of their required coursework in English.

According to Charles Fears, associate principal at Edison, when students follow the school's four-year Dual Language Pathway, they will be working toward earning a Bi-Literacy Seal on their high school diploma. 🍏



Dual language students at Brackenridge High School piloted the program model during the 2018-19 school year with positive results. And this summer, camps were held at all of the participating secondary campuses, such as this summer camp at Whittier Middle School.



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