



# SMOKE SIGNALS

## Newsletter of Santa Fe ISD

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# A message from Superintendent Dr. Le

I would like to congratulate and thank the students, parents, and employees of the Santa Fe Independent School District for this 2019-2020 school year meaningful and productive for our students and families. It's officially fall and we can look forward to upcoming parent/student-teacher conferences. First quarter conference meetings can help to build a strong relationship between school and home for the entire school year.

A parent/student/teacher conference is a great time to get a quick overview of the state curriculum (TEKS), and how the students need to know individual student progress goals as well as overall expectations that teachers have for each class, attendance, and communication skills within the classroom. All of these components are important in educating every student.

Consider these ideas and topics for the conference discussions, so that the parent/student-teacher conference will be a productive one.

- **How does your child learn best?** Brainstorm what your child loves to do and how they learn best — whether that's visual, auditory, or kinesthetic. Your child's teacher would like to know. Do they want to be an architect when they grow up, or have a fear of speaking in front of a group? Information about your child's strengths, weaknesses, fears, and desires can help his or her teacher design interesting lessons and activities.
- **Ask your child what s/he needs to succeed.** Don't leave your child out of this process. Ask them directly what they are struggling with and what they think their teacher should know about them. Some of our teachers will include student-led conferences in these conferences to accept responsibility for their own learning.
- **Write down your questions.** Have some questions prepared for your teacher. Examples might include:
  - What academic goals do you have for my student? How does my child's work compare to your expectations for grade level?
  - If my child's work is either below or above grade level, what strategies are you using to address his or her level? What can I do to help?
  - May I see examples of my child's schoolwork?
  - What are my child's strengths and weaknesses in your class?
  - What strategies can I use at home to support my child's school work?
  - What is the best way to communicate with you when I have questions or need help with my child's schoolwork?
- **Follow up.** What can I do to stay more involved in my child's academic progress? Your involvement with your child's education is important. Plan and date to check in and follow up with your child's teacher again in a designated time period.

One of the key things that we work towards is a strong home-school partnership to maximize educational opportunities for every child. We want to teach a subject at home; we just hope that parents will support the school by ensuring their child is in attendance every day. Please communicate any concerns with teachers and administrators, so that we can work together effectively for all students. It's our goal to provide the best education for all children of Santa Fe Independent School District. Please consider taking advantage of every opportunity to discover what your child is capable of learning inside as well as outside of the classroom.

# High Wall

...ect for making the start of school and the first nine weeks of  
...d along with the cooling temperatures, parents and family members  
...a strong foundation for a great working relationship between the

...e curriculum is organized, delivered and evaluated. Parents and  
...s. This includes not only academic grades, but also behavior,  
...udent in every classroom across the district.

...e most beneficial for students and parents:

...siting a science museum, helping cook breakfast, or playing soccer,  
...ng in front of the class? Let the teacher know that, too. Information  
...d look for resources and materials that will help your child learn.  
...e excited to learn about this year, what fears they may have, and what  
...e upcoming conference opportunities. This is a great way for students

...ade-level reading, writing, and math?  
...What strategies should I use at home?

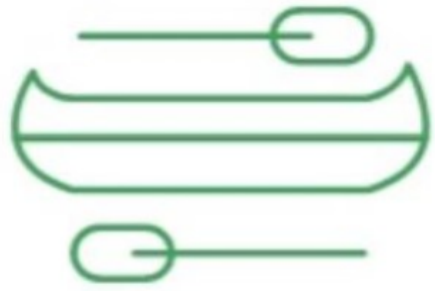
...teacher should go beyond your first parent-teacher conference. Set a

...es that benefit our students and staff. We do not expect parents to  
...day and ready to learn. We also request that parents immediately  
...is so important for us all to remain united when it comes to the  
...t your child should accomplish this year and how we can support their

## Scenes from the Ribbon Cutting and Dedication of William F. Barnett Elementary:







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## Indians on the STREAM to Success!

Generously funded by the Santa Fe Texas Education Foundation



Each SFISD campus has launched a new exciting after school club for children to investigate Science - Technology - Reading - Engineering - Art - Math (STREAM). The program adds a reading and art component to STEM education to provide a well-rounded learning experience.

The program brings in partners from the University of Houston Clear Lake, NASA, and Microsoft. Along with after school activities, there will be Science Saturdays and summer options.

Why STREAM? Whether a child grows up to be a scientist, a designer, an engineer, or a business leader, every future career requires motivated, creative, and innovative thinkers who can solve problems and communicate ideas. Today's students are our future leaders and we need to ensure that they have the skills required to tackle the problems of tomorrow.

This video shows our Kubacak Elementary students designing and building zip lines!





# Thank you, Santa Fe ISD September Employees of the Month, for your outstanding work and dedication to our students!

Amy Childs  
Barnett Elementary

Lidia Cleveland  
Kubacak Elementary

Sara Linkey  
Wollam Elementary

Jeffrey DeWillis  
Santa Fe Jr. High

Thomas Bennett  
Santa Fe High School

Carolina Mejia  
Transportation

Robert Tull  
Maintenance & Operations

Catalina Esparza  
Custodian

Drew Riffin  
Nutrition Services

Becky Wright  
Administration

Eliud Arredondo  
Police



Sara Linkey, Employee of the Month for Wollam Elementary & Catalina Esparza, Employee of the Month for the Custodial Department



Click to learn more  
about placing a  
personal message on  
the Joe Raitano Stadium  
Scoreboard!

# National Principals Month

#ThankAPrincipal



L to R:

Rachel Harris, Principal of Santa Fe High School

Ryan Kopp, Principal of Santa Fe Jr. High School

Michelle Pourchot, Principal of Wollam Elementary

Destini Martin, Principal of Barnett Elementary

(Not pictured: Andrea Hull, Principal of Kubacak Elementary)

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October is Bullying Prevention Month. There will be numerous activities on our campuses this month to promote kindness, acceptance and inclusion.

Each campus homepage has a link for students to submit anonymous reports of bullying anytime during the school year.

A special Message from Santa Fe Jr. High:



**What you do **today**  
impacts someone's  
**tomorrow.****

**Bullying is not only  
devastating **while it's  
happening,** it can hurt  
for a **lifetime.****



## ATTENDANCE MATTERS EVERY DAY

Are you planning a family trip for the holidays? As you think about your arrangements, we want to stress the importance of sending your child to school every day possible. Every year, absences spike in the weeks before and after the winter holiday as families squeeze in a few more vacation days. It's time to break that cycle. We know that just a few missed days here and there, even if they're excused absences, can add up to too much lost learning time and put your child behind in school. This is as true in kindergarten as it is in high school. Put simply, too many absences at any age can affect a student's chances for academic success and eventually for graduation.



We recognize that holidays are an important time for reconnecting with families far away. The cost of plane tickets often influences when you want to travel. But keep in mind the costs to your children's education if they miss too much school—and the message you will be sending about the importance of attendance. Even if you've got a homework packet from the teacher, it doesn't make up for the interaction and learning that happens in the classroom. Our teachers will be teaching, and our students will be learning, right up until vacation starts and the first day back. You can help us convey that message. This holiday season, give your children the gift of an education and the habit of attendance.



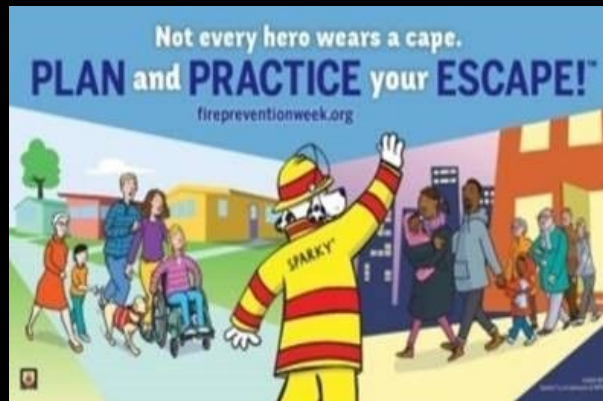
Congratulations SFHS  
Students of the Month for  
October!

## Aubrey Jones

Aubrey will be on the Tumbling & Acrobatics Team at Mary Hardin-Baylor University. She plans to study pre-medicine for a career as a Physician's Assistant.

## Trysten Uzzell

Trysten plans to play football at Sam Houston State University or Houston Baptist University. He plans to study engineering and architecture.



October includes Fire Prevention Week. Our elementary students got a visit from Santa Fe Fire & Rescue, as well as the SFHS Fire Safety Club. They learned how to plan and practice an escape.





# Upcoming Events at SFISD ... Open to the Public

**FORD**  
**DRIVE**  
**4 UR SCHOOL**



**WHEN: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2019, 10 AM TO 4 PM**

**WHERE: SANTA FE HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM PARKING LOT**  
(16000 Highway 6, Santa Fe, TX 77510)

**WHAT: Take a 10-minute Test-drive in a new Ford**  
\$20 for Every Test-Drive will be donated to the Education Foundation's classroom grant fund!

**FREE  
Hot Dog  
Lunch!**

## EVENT HOSTS:



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*"That's My Dealer"*

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL!  
GOAL: 300 TEST DRIVES =  
\$6,000  
at the 10th annual  
DRIVE 4 UR SCHOOL

## Refreshment Sponsors:



**CANDY FEST**

**OCTOBER 26, 2019**

**From 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

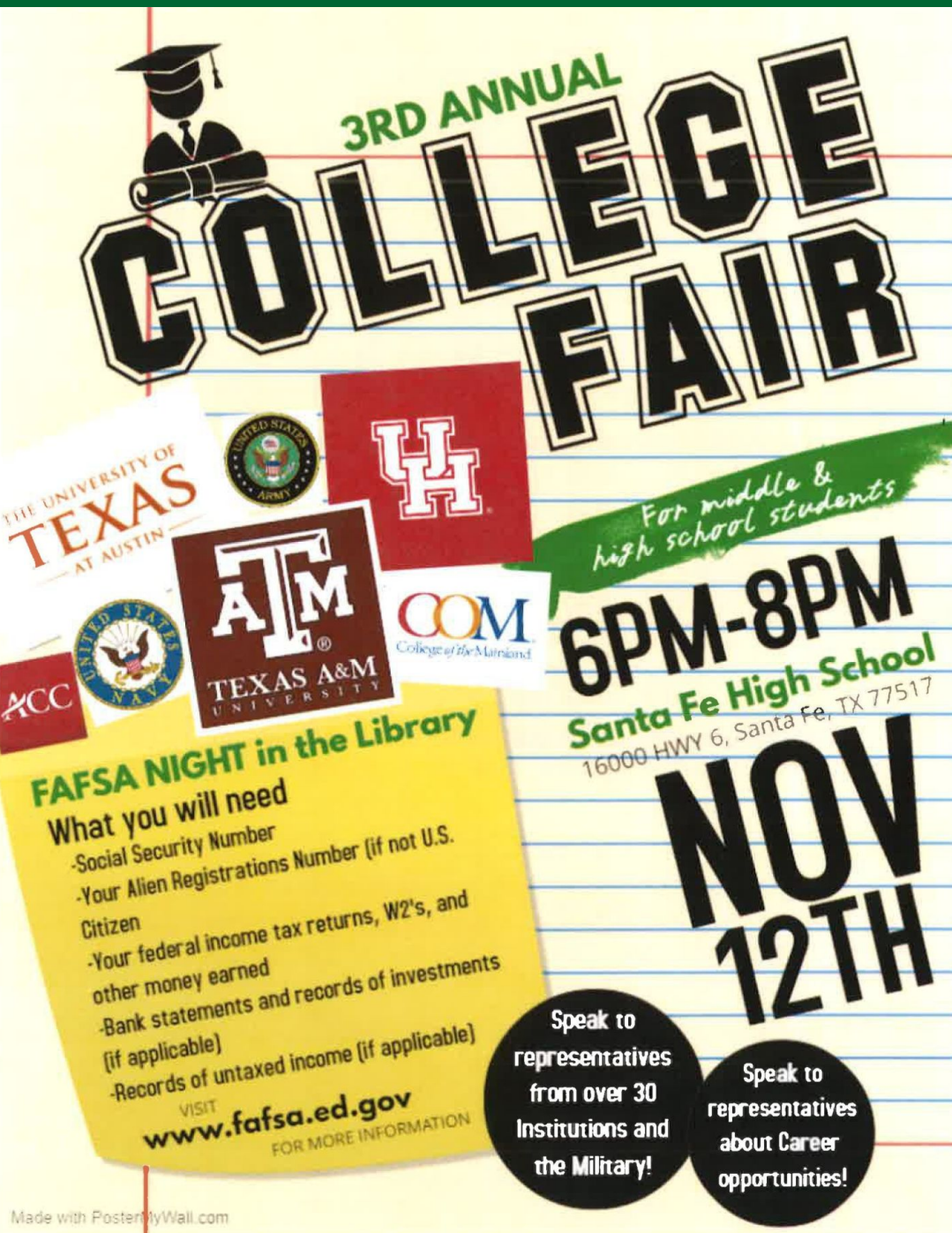
**Where: Santa Fe High School**

**What: Come and Trick or treat inside!**  
**ALL YOU MUST HAVE TO ENTER IS A CANNED GOOD! Come join the fun!**

**Parking: Park in the student lot and enter auditorium doors.**







**3RD ANNUAL COLLEGE FAIR**

*For middle & high school students*

**6PM-8PM**  
**NOV 12TH**  
**Santa Fe High School**  
 16000 HWY 6, Santa Fe, TX 77517

**FAFSA NIGHT in the Library**  
 What you will need

- Social Security Number
- Your Alien Registrations Number (if not U.S. Citizen)
- Your federal income tax returns, W2's, and other money earned
- Bank statements and records of investments (if applicable)
- Records of untaxed income (if applicable)

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 FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Speech bubbles:

- Speak to representatives from over 30 Institutions and the Military!
- Speak to representatives about Career opportunities!

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SFISD AND THE SANTA FE TX  
 EDUCATION FOUNDATION PRESENT:



# STEM SATURDAY

An interactive look into STEM activities  
 and careers.

Open to all ages!

Special Guest:  
 Astronaut Steven Smith



NOVEMBER 16, 2019  
 9AM - 12 NOON  
 SFHS CAFETERIA

This event is open to the public.

# News from SFISD Transportation Department

SFISD's first priority in the transportation program is the safety of our students. This school year, approximately 3,500 students are transported by 54 drivers on 46 buses with over 116 routes on a daily basis.

Bus Safety Week will be celebrated the week of October 21-25. The theme is "My School Bus the Safest Form of Student Transportation." This week is set aside to promote safety when loading, unloading and riding the bus.

In an effort to increase student safety the City of Santa Fe passed Ordinance 02-2019, allowing for camera enforcement of school bus stop arm violations. To take advantage of this opportunity, Santa Fe ISD has entered into an agreement with Verra Mobility to provide the cameras and image processing. The cameras were installed in August and began capturing violations on September 16, 2019. A one-month warning period started September 16, with warning notices being mailed to violators shortly thereafter. Beginning October 16, 2019, citations will be issued for violations in the amount of \$300. The violations are issued to the registered owner of the car, much like a parking ticket. There is an appeals process that allows for contesting the citation by mail or in person.

A Department of Public Safety news release from August 8, 2018, explains the requirements for stopping for loading or unloading bus:

"State law requires that drivers stop when a bus is stopped and operating a visual signal – either red flashing lights or a stop sign. Drivers should not proceed until the school bus resumes motion; the driver is signaled by the bus driver to proceed; or the visual signal is no longer activated. Approaching drivers do not have to stop for a school bus that is operating a visual signal if the roadway is separated by a physical barrier or an intervening space. (If a highway is divided only by a left-turning lane, the roadways are not considered separated, and drivers must stop for school buses.)"



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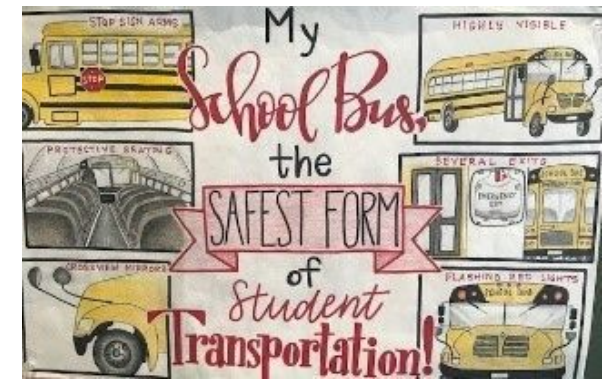


Two Lane Undivided Road all traffic in both directions stops.

Multiple Lane Road with no Physical Divider or Median all traffic in both directions stops, including turning lane.

Multiple Lane Road with Physical Barrier or Unpaved Median traffic travelling the same direction as the bus must stop. Traffic travelling in the opposite direction may proceed with caution.

The work  
to improve safety and security  
in Santa Fe ISD is ongoing.





# News from the SANTA FE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



*Please share this invitation with other  
Santa Fe High School Graduates*

Annual Santa Fe Alumni Reunion  
All Class Years: 1928-2018

Saturday  
November 16, 2019  
10:00 am to 1:00 pm

At the Old School Museum  
13304 Hwy 6, Santa Fe, TX



**Light refreshments will be provided by the  
Santa Fe Alumni Association.**

- Come visit and see the museum exhibits -
- We will also award gift cards as door prizes -

**Donation of \$10 accepted at the door.  
For questions, call 409-925-5285 or 409-750-5520.**

And, if you are interested in helping with the Alumni Association,  
please attend this event and let us know!

Gift Card Door Prizes will be  
awarded to:

- Youngest attendee
- Oldest attendee
- Faculty
- And several more through  
a general drawing!

# FALL ATHLETIC SCHEDULES

2019 SANTA FE INDIANS VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE					
DAY	DATE	OPPONENT		TIME	SITE
Friday	Aug. 16	Clear Falls (scrimmage)	*		Away
Thursdi.	Aug. 22	Clear Creek (scrimmage)	*		Home
Thursdi.	Aug. 29	Pasadena Dobie		7:00 PM	Away
Friday	Sept. 6	Tomball		7:30 PM	Away
Friday	Sept. 13	Brazoswood		7:00 PM	Home
Friday	Sept. 20	Bye			
Friday	Sept. 27	Nederland		7:30 PM	Home
Friday	Oct. 4	Baytown Lee		7:30 PM	Away
Friday	Oct. 11	Vidor		7:30 PM	Home
Friday	Oct. 18	Crosby		7:30 PM	Away
Friday	Oct. 25	Port Neches Groves		7:30 PM	Home
Friday	Nov. 1	Dayton	H	7:30 PM	Home
Friday	Nov. 8	Barbers Hill		7:30 PM	Away
* Scrimmage      BOLD = District Opponent					
H Homecoming					

2019 SANTA FE INDIANS JV FOOTBALL SCHEDULE					
DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	
Friday	Aug. 16	Clear Falls (scrimmage)	Away	TBA	
Thurs.	Aug. 22	Clear Creek (scrimmage)	Home	TBA	
Thurs.	Aug. 28	Pasadena Dobie	Home	5:00	
Thurs.	Sept. 5	Tomball	Home	5:00	
Thurs.	Sept. 12	Brazoswood	Away	5:00	
Thurs.	Sept. 19	Bye			
Thurs.	Sept. 26	Nederland	Away	5:00	
Thurs.	Oct. 3	Baytown Lee	Home	5:00	
Thurs.	Oct. 10	Vidor	Away	5:00	
Thurs.	Oct. 17	Crosby	Home	5:00	
Thurs.	Oct. 24	Port Neches Groves	Away	5:00	
Thurs.	Oct. 31	Dayton	Away	5:00	
Thurs.	Nov. 7	Barbers Hill	Home	5:00	
times might change					

2019 SANTA FE INDIANS FRESHMEN FOOTBALL SCHEDULE					
DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	
Friday	Aug. 16	Clear Falls (scrimmage)	Home	TBA	
Thurs.	Aug. 22	Clear Creek (scrimmage)	Home	TBA	
Thurs.	Aug. 28	Pasadena Dobie	Away	4:30/5:00	
Thurs.	Sept. 5	Tomball	Away	4:30/5:00	
Thurs.	Sept. 12	Brazoswood	Home	4:30/5:00	
Thurs.	Sept. 19	Bye			
Thurs.	Sept. 26	Nederland	Home	4:30/5:00	
Thurs.	Oct. 3	Baytown Lee	Away	4:30/5:00	
Thurs.	Oct. 10	Vidor	Home	4:30/5:00	
Thurs.	Oct. 17	Crosby	Away	4:30/5:00	
Thurs.	Oct. 24	Port Neches Groves	Home	4:30/5:00	
Thurs.	Oct. 31	Dayton	Home	4:30/5:00	
Thurs.	Nov. 7	Barbers Hill	Away	4:30/5:00	

Please note all Freshmen games are subject to change

2019 SANTA FE INDIANS JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL SCHEDULE					
8th Grade A & B					
DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	
Wed	Sept. 11	TBA (scrimmage)	TBA	TBA	
Tue	Sept. 17	Rodeo Palms	Home	*5:30	
Tue	Sept. 24	Nolan Ryan	Nolan Ryan	*5:00	
Tue	Oct. 1	Harby	Home	*5:30	
Tue	Oct. 8	Alvin	Alvin	*5:00	
Tue	Oct. 15	Blocher	Blocher	*5:30	
Tue	Oct. 22	Fairview	Home	*5:30	
Tue	Oct. 29	Manvel	Home	*5:30	
Tue	Nov. 5	Friendswood	Friendswood	*5:00	
TIMES- B game starting time/A game 10 min after first					

7th Grade A & B					
DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	
Wed	Sept. 11	TBA (scrimmage)	TBA	TBA	
Mon	Sept. 16	Rodeo Palms	Rodeo Palms	*5:00	
Mon	Sept. 23	Nolan Ryan	Home	*5:30	
Mon	Sept. 30	Harby	Harby	*5:00	
Mon	Oct. 7	Alvin	Home	*5:30	
Mon	Oct. 15	Blocher	Home	*5:30	
Mon	Oct. 21	Fairview	Fairview	*5:00	
Mon	Oct. 28	Manvel	Manvel	*5:00	
Mon	Nov. 4	Friendswood	Home	*5:30	
TIMES- B game starting time/A game 10 min after first					

2nd game will follow after the end of the 1st game

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## SANTA FE VOLLEYBALL 2019 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time	Place
AUG. 3	Clear Falls Scrimmage	TBA	A
AUG. 5	Santa Fe Scrimmage	TBA	H
AUG. 6	Barbers Hill	4:00, 5:00, 6:00	A
AUG. 8-10	Pearland Varsity Tournament	TBA	Pearland
AUG. 13	Needville	4:30, 5:30, 6:30	A
AUG. 15	<b>Team Pictures</b>	TBA	
AUG. 17	Santa Fe In-House Scrimmage/Team Building	TBA	
AUG. 20	Dickinson	4:30, 5:30, 6:30	H
AUG. 22, 23, 24	Volleypalooza Varsity Tournament	TBA	Round Rock
AUG. 27	Pearland	4:30, 5:30, 6:30	A
AUG. 29 & 31	Labor Day Classic Varsity Tournament	TBA	H
AUG. 30	Manvel	4:30, 5:30, 6:30	H
SEPT. 4	Clear Creek	4:30, 5:30, 6:30	H
SEPT. 6	Clear Springs	4:30, 5:30, 6:30	H
SEPT. 7	Manvel/Alvin JV and Freshmen Tournament	TBA	A
SEPT. 10	Huffman	4:30, 5:30, 6:30	A
SEPT. 13	*Ball High	4:30, 5:30, 6:30	H
SEPT. 14	Santa Fe JV and Freshmen Tournament	TBA	H
SEPT. 17	*Friendswood	4:30, 5:30, 6:30	A
SEPT. 20	*Baytown Lee	4:30, 5:30, 6:30	H
SEPT. 21	Dickinson JV and Freshmen Tournament	TBA	Dickinson
SEPT. 24	*Goose Creek Memorial	4:30, 5:30, 6:30	A
SEPT. 27	*Texas City	4:30, 5:30, 6:30	H
OCT. 1	<b>*Crosby (Junior High Night)</b>	4:30, 5:30, 6:30	H
OCT. 4	*Galena Park	4:30, 5:30, 6:30	A
OCT. 8	*Ball High	4:30, 5:30, 6:30	A
OCT. 11	<b>*Friendswood (Parent Night)</b>	4:30, 5:30, 6:30	H
OCT. 15	*Baytown Lee	4:30, 5:30, 6:30	A
OCT. 18	<b>*Goose Creek Memorial (Senior Night)</b>	4:30, 5:30, 6:30	H
OCT. 22	*Texas City	4:30, 5:30, 6:30	A
OCT. 25	*Crosby	4:30, 5:30, 6:30	A
OCT. 29	<b>*Galena Park (Pink Out)</b>	4:30, 5:30, 6:30	H

\*District Games

Head Coach: Jennifer Webb  
Assistant: Stephanie Robinett  
JV: Hayley Couch  
Freshmen: TBA

All games will be played as follows:  
4:30 - Freshmen  
5:30 - JV  
6:30 - Varsity

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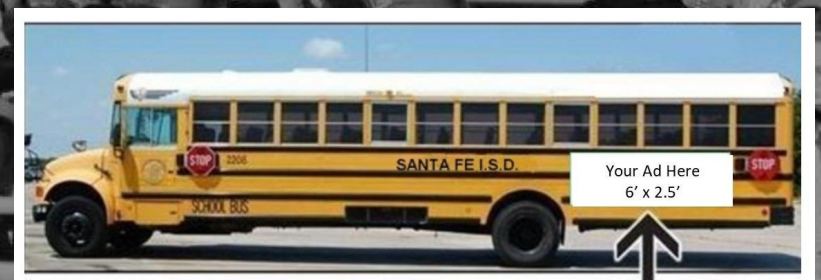
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We know that our teachers need help purchasing items for their classrooms, and that a little bit of help adds up to a lot. So, we created the Classroom Wish Lists.

Educators can submit a request for something they need in the classroom, and it gets posted on our online giving platform. People can look through the projects, and choose one to donate to. The donation is made securely online, in any amount you choose. Once the project is fully funded, we send the money to the teacher's campus, and they can order their new items.

Ms. Ciurca's students have a new classroom rug to sit on during group lessons, thanks to all of you who donated to this Classroom Wish List!



Because of several donors to another Classroom Wish list, Ms. Marburger's students have new headphones to use during their computer lessons.



## Santa Fe ISD Classroom Wish Lists

Please **CLICK** to choose a  
classroom & your donation  
amount.

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**RJ WOLLAM**

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