



Jan 16

Martin L. King Jr. Day  
In-service for faculty and staff  
No school for students

Jan 23

School board meeting at  
Cowan Education  
Center, 7 p.m.

Jan 27 & 28

*High School Musical On Stage*  
@ SFHS Auditorium, 6:30  
p.m.

Jan 28

*High School Musical On Stage*  
@ SFHS Auditorium,  
1:30 p.m.

Feb 2 & 3

*High School Musical On Stage*  
@ SFHS Auditorium, 6:30  
p.m.

Feb 4

*High School Musical On Stage*  
@ SFHS Auditorium,  
1:30 p.m.

Feb 20

Presidents Day  
In-service for faculty and staff.  
No school for students.

School board meeting at  
Cowan Education  
Center, 7 p.m.

For additional events, visit  
[www.sfsd.org](http://www.sfsd.org)

&  
For complete sport  
schedules,  
including Jr. High,  
JV and

Freshman, visit  
[santafeindians.org](http://santafeindians.org)



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**SANTA FE ISD PUBLIC RELATIONS...FROM THE DESK OF PATTI HANSSARD,  
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES:**

## Thank You to SFISD's "All-Star" Board!

*Board members shoulder critical responsibilities and often make difficult choices. Their ultimate goal is always focused on the future success of the children in our district. It's more important than ever before that the public supports our schools so that today's students are prepared to be productive citizens and the leaders of tomorrow. Our board members provide vision and leadership in their roles as advocates, and they will continue to stand up for public education and guard against anything that takes away from our children.*

- Superintendent Dr. Leigh Wall

Our district benefits from the tireless work and countless hours contributed by these local citizens who work without pay. Serving as a crucial link between the community and classroom. Please help us thank these dedicated volunteers for their efforts to make a difference and their unfailing commitment to the continued success of our students now and in the future.



Board members serving Santa Fe ISD:

Mr. J.R. "Rusty" Norman, President

Mr. John Rothermel, Vice-President

Mrs. Sheryl Skufca, Secretary

Mr. John Snider

Mr. Patrick Kelly

Mr. Eric Davenport

Mr. Wayne Logan



## TRIBE University

### Next Session: March 21

TRIBE "U" is a unique program that gives Santa Fe ISD and community members a first-hand look inside the operations of the school district. Enrollment is open to any parent, business leader, and/or community member within Santa Fe ISD.

The next session will be March 21. It will be held in the training rooms of the Cowan Education Center located at 4133 Warpath, from 6:00-7:00 pm. For more information, and to register, visit [www.sfsd.org](http://www.sfsd.org) and click on the Tribe U link.

## Santa Fe ISD Placed on the College Board's AP District Honor Roll for Significant Gains in Student Access and Success

Santa Fe ISD was recently recognized as one of 433 school districts in the U.S. and Canada being honored by the College Board with placement on the 7th Annual AP District Honor Roll. To be included on the 7th Annual Honor Roll, Santa Fe ISD had to, since 2014, increase the number of students participating in AP while also increasing or maintaining the percentage of students earning AP Exam scores of 3 or higher. Reaching these goals shows that this district is successfully identifying motivated, academically prepared students who are ready for AP.

"Santa Fe ISD strives for continuous improvement in all areas for all students. Our focus on extending and expanding opportunities for our advanced academic students, coupled with the commitment and dedication of our teachers and students to achieve high levels of success, makes this recognition especially an honor. We are proud of this acknowledgement in accomplishing our mission of preparing our students to achieve and succeed in education and life," said Dr. Leigh Wall, Superintendent.

"Congratulations to all the teachers and administrators in this district who have worked so tirelessly to both expand access to AP and also to help students succeed on the AP Exams," said Trevor Packer, the College Board's head of AP and Instruction. "These teachers and administrators are delivering real opportunity in their schools and classrooms, and students are rising to the challenge." Helping more students learn at a higher level *and* earn higher AP scores is an objective of all members of the AP community, from AP teachers to district and school administrators.

Congratulations to Santa Fe High School  
December Students of the Month:  
Shelbi Sunseri & Drew Shaver



## Congratulations to our SFISD December Employees of the Month!

Allison Devera  
RJ Wollam Elementary

Brooke Palermo  
Kubacak Elementary

Mandy Boudreaux  
Santa Fe Jr. High

Amanda Wagner  
Santa Fe High School

Delilah Owens  
Administration

Teresa Hammock  
Nutrition Services

Mary Boquet  
Custodial

Al Albertine  
Maintenance & Operations

Jennifer Gordon  
Transportation



Our students entered an unprecedented number of entries for the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Art Contest, which resulted in numerous awards!

Campus	Entries	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
RJ Wollam	46	10	36	0
Kubacak	56	39	11	6
SFJH	22	15	3	4
SFHS	58	9	21	28



## Lauren Schanfish makes All-State Choir!

For the first time in 22 years, Santa Fe High School has a student that competed against several hundred students within our area and was awarded a place on the Texas Music Educators Association All-State Choir! Lauren Schanfish will perform with the All-State Treble Choir in San Antonio on February 11th.

SANTA FE ISD FINE ARTS PRESENTS:

**Disney**  
**HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL**  
**ON STAGE!**

JAN. 27, 28 & FEB. 2, 3 @ 6:30 PM

JAN. 28 & FEB 4 @ 1:30 PM

SANTA FE HS AUDITORIUM

TICKETS: ADULTS \$10

STUDENTS \$5 (WITH I.D.)