

# Spring Branch Academic Institute



December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

Issue 14

## DECEMBER



### SAVE THE DATES

Winter Holidays	12/24/18-1/07/19
Classes Resume	01/08/19
SBAI Spelling Bee	01/10/19
Report Cards go home	01/11/19
Student/Staff Holiday	01/21/19



### A Note from the Director

Our Director's Note for this week is by Alex Cheng, Director of the Day:

The Winter Holidays are almost here! Time passes so fast! It seemed like yesterday when school started, and now it is almost the end of the semester! This semester, we have had a few amazing field trips, the 5th graders got to do a cool science lab, and, with VOE, we did a cool 'bridge building' lab! Next semester, hopefully, will be even more fun than the first, but for now, enjoy the winter holidays!

### Please Note

Please be sure to see the attached flyers!

### FIRST LEGO LEAGUE ANNOUNCEMENT

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students and Parents-

We will be holding a practice tournament for all\* SBAI FLL Teams on Thursday, December 6, from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm at Valley Oaks Elementary. This practice tournament will give all of the teams a chance to perform their Robot Game, Research Project, and Core Values exercise in a tournament setting in preparation for the Regional Qualifying Tournament on December 15.

There is a big difference between doing the work in a small classroom with only your teammates and then performing it in front of an audience with a time clock running. This practice will help get the jitters out.

It also allows the parents a chance to see what FLL is all about, what the teams have been working on, and to get some good pictures. We encourage parents to attend the VOE tournament!

### SBAI Elementary Emails

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### Upcoming Events

**PLEASE NOTE** – SBAI Elementary follows the Valley Oaks Elementary campus calendar for early dismissals.

SBAI Parent Night – Naviance VOE Library 5:30-6:30 pm	12/12/18
Lego Competition-Travis Elem.	12/15/18
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Colonial Days	12/20/18



**SBAI Holiday Party**  
12/21/18  
10:30 am – **SEE ATTACHED PERMISSION SLIP**

**Talent Show/Sing Along**  
Grades 3-5 8:00 am  
Grades K-2 9:00 am

**Early Dismissal 11:30 am**



During the actual competition on December 15, the Robot Games are played in front of the audience. But, for the other parts of the competition (Research Project Presentation and Core Values exercise), the parents (and sometimes coaches) are not allowed into the judging rooms at the Qualifying tournament. So, this practice meet is your chance to see the teams do everything. Siblings are welcome to attend.

\*Note the VOE School Team will also participate in this practice meet.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Parents:

Instead of joining the VOE 3<sup>rd</sup> graders on a field trip to the Edith Moore Nature Sanctuary on this Friday, December 7, our SBAI 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will be going on a different date. More information will be coming home soon.

## CURRICULUM UPDATE

*\*Please Note Subjects rotate weekly*

### MATH:

#### Kim:

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Students will multiply a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number. Also, students will use divisibility rules to determine even/odd.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Students will use arrays, area models, or equations to represent products. Also, students will use strategies and algorithms to multiply.

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Students will be working on dividing unit fractions and whole number. Also, students will review adding and subtracting fractions and decimals.

#### Algebra 1

Students will be working on a regression project in class.

#### Algebra 2

Students will be working on sequences and series.

### Sirianni:

#### 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup>

Math problems become challenging when the unknown value is in the middle of the problem. For example, my friend and I have 342 goo-goo berries. If I contributed 143 to the bag, how many did my friend provide?

#### 3<sup>rd</sup>

We are closing down our fraction unit! We will be stepping back into unknowns with addition and subtraction as well.

#### 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> GT

With independent and dependent probabilities around the corner, we will discover the importance of the word "returned". Do you return the marble to the bag before drawing the second one? Throughout the year, students will be able to locate class updates, assignments, and other useful resources at

<https://sbsd.itslearning.com/siri>

## Pre-Algebra

The importance of fraction computation reveals itself with our study of proportions, conversions, and speed. Throughout the year, students will be able to locate class updates, assignments, and other useful resources at <https://sbisd.itslearning.com/siri>

## SCIENCE:

### King/McIver:

#### Intermediate science

Students have begun a really fun project on an element. We will wrap up that project and have a test over chemistry this week. Students will have a study guide and a review day prior to the test. We will finish out the semester by creating Rube Goldberg projects in class.

#### Primary science

Students are continuing their unit on physics and exploring friction and drag. They will also explore propelling their vehicle using a sail.

Happy  
Holidays!



December 3, 2018

Dear SBAI Elementary Parents -

The elementary SBAI classes will hold a Holiday Party on Friday, December 21st. The day begins with the VOE Holiday Student Talent Show and Sing-A-Long - **3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade at 8:00 am and K-2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 am**. The remainder of the morning will be filled with fun activities put together by the SBAI teachers and staff. SBAI will celebrate our Holiday party from 10:30-11:30 am. The SBAI room parents have arranged for Chick-fil-a nugget trays, donut holes, and water. Please feel free to join us at 10:30 am for the Holiday Party.

**This is an early dismissal day. The cafeteria will not be providing lunches on this day.**

It is sure to be a very fun-filled morning! However, your permission is needed for your child to have the snacks served during the party. Please review the list of items to be served and sign the permission slip below indicating what your child is/isn't allowed to have.

Chick-fil-A nuggets

Donut holes (Shipley donuts)

Bottled water

Thank you,

SBAI Room Parents and Staff

Please sign and return this portion

My child, \_\_\_\_\_, is

\_\_\_ allowed to have all items served at the holiday party.

\_\_\_ only allowed to have \_\_\_\_\_ at the holiday party.

\_\_\_ not allowed to have any of the food served at the holiday party.

If your child has restrictions and you would like to arrange to have other things there for your child to have, please indicate that here... \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name

Printed Parent Name



# 1ST ANNUAL SPRING BRANCH ISD POLICE DEPARTMENT



This holiday season help us bring smiles to the children of Spring Branch

Please donate a new, unwrapped gift to  
Spring Branch ISD Police Department  
by December 21, 2018.

Drop off Point: **Spring Branch ISD Police Department**

9009 Ruland

Houston, Texas 77055

For Information Contact:

**Officer Cindy Garcia**

713-251-4305

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# COME TAKE A PICTURE WITH BLUE SANTA



**LOCATION: SPRING BRANCH ISD POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**9009 RULAND HOUSTON, TEXAS 77055**

**DATE: Friday December 14, 2018**

**TIME: 4PM-8PM**





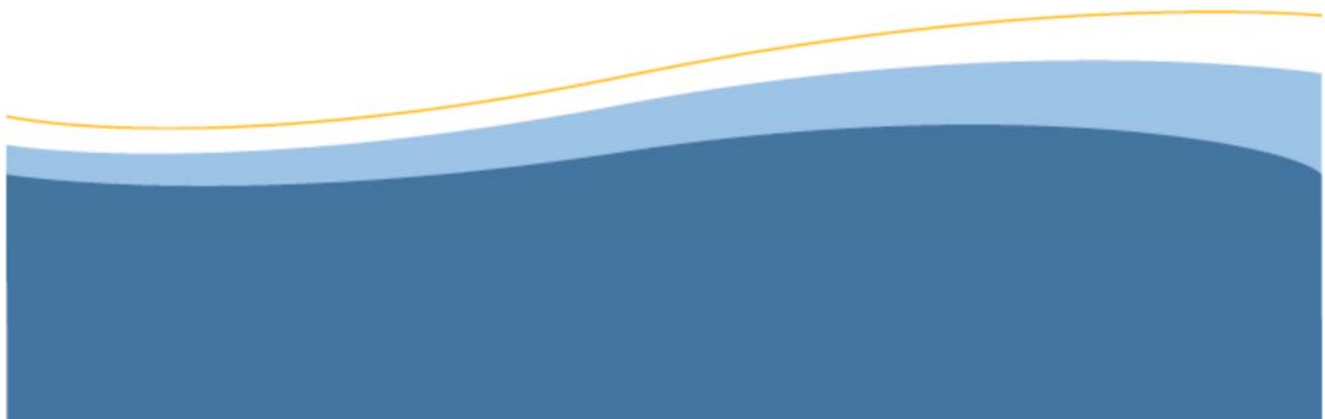
# NAVIANCE

## An overview for SBAI Parents

- \* Naviance is a comprehensive college and career readiness platform to which all SBAI middle and high school have access. Naviance helps connect academic achievement to student's long-term goals through career exploration, college and career preparation, self-discovery, and more. Join us as we welcome SBISD's **Donna Handlin**, who will guide us through Naviance, explaining all it can do for our students!

**December 12, 2018, 5:30 p.m.**

Valley Oaks Elementary Library



"Ms. Barry and our beloved teachers have some fantastic ideas for innovative enrichment for the students.

Already a grade level parent volunteer may have contacted you to follow up with instructions on how to support the field trips, speakers, and equipment that are on the SBAI "wish lists."

Please consider a tax-deductible contribution to support SBAI and these dreams to take our school to the next level.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we are grateful for SBAI and the critical role it plays in the learner's journey for our children!

Many thanks,  
Carrie Butler, Amanda Davison, Susan Fargason, Paige Larrabee, Christine Ussher  
Grade Level Parent Volunteers

p.s. if you prefer to use the referenced PayPal link, go to  
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Pre-stamped, SBEF- addressed envelopes will be available in Mrs. Butorka's office. If you would like one please contact Mrs. Butorka and she will see that one gets sent home with your student.





Name/ Company Name:

Address:

If Company Gift, Contact Person:

Phone:

Email:

Donation Amount:

\$10,000  \$5,000  \$1,000  \$500  Other

Make check payable to "Spring Branch Education Foundation;" memo line to read "Spring Branch Academic Institute" and mail to:

Spring Branch Education Foundation  
955 Campbell Road  
Houston, TX 77024

-OR-

For your convenience, if you prefer to donate via paypal, you may use the secure link below. We respectfully request that you include a 4% dollar amount to your intended contribution to cover the 4% charge that paypal receives for this service.

[Use this secure link to pay online with Paypal](#)

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