



Spring Branch Academic Institute



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Director Note

It's hard to believe it's almost March! I wanted to give you an idea of some of the upcoming speakers we have coming to SBAI. Mark your calendars!

- March 19 Amy Ellingson, from SBISD's Advanced Academics department, will be talking about course pathways including AP, Dual Credit, and Dual Enrollment.
- March 21 Julie Hill, from SBISD's Advanced Academics department, will present "Discovering Your Passion," designed to help parents help their children what truly interests them – and how to turn those passions into fields of study.
- April 4 Jenna McGaw, from CrimeStoppers, has something for students in grades 6-12 and parents of children of all ages. Topics include the dangers of the internet, social media, drugs and vaping.
- May 2 Middle School/High School 101 – We will have a panel of current SBAI middle and high school parents share their experiences and answer any questions you might have as your child "moves up" to the next level.

We also hope to schedule a time with Athletic Director Paige Hersey, to discuss UIL requirements for high school, as well as answer any questions you may have. We are waiting for her to confirm. If you have, any other topics that you would like to hear about – for the rest of this year or for next year – please let me know!

Science Fair

We are very impressed with how well our SEFH participants held up on a very long day. Your courage to be the first SBAI and SBISD participants is very impressive. Now we wait to see how our Dragons did.

CIT

Congratulations and thank you to our new CIT members, Amanda Davison (Will, 5th) and Wendy Dalton (Park, 7th).

Absences and early pick up

Please call the attendance clerk at SFMS, 713.251.4604, or SHS, 713.251.3406, if your student is going to be absent. Also, email Jim Lefeber and Lisa Helfer any absences or if picking up a student before dismissal.

Upcoming Events

- Feb 26** 1. 5th grade band instrument try-out SFMS Band Hall 4:00-6:30
2. SFMS Choir Concert, 6:30
- Feb 27** Boys Track Meet, Crump
- Feb 28** Girls Track Meet, SHS
- Mar 1** 1. SFMS Art Show
2. AP Registration Due 11:59 PM
- Mar 2** 1. Elementary Lego Competition 2nd round Stafford HS (NOT SHS)
2. Genius Day Guthrie Center 9:00 am – 12:30 pm
- Mar 5-7** SHS Cheerleader Tryouts, 3:30
- Mar 5** Your Teenager's Brain 6:00
- Mar 6** Donuts with the Directors, VOE
- Mar 8** SFMS Chalk Festival
- Mar 11-15** Spring Break
- Mar 19** SBAI Parent Night Amy Ellington on AP, Dual Credit, and Dual Enrollment SFMS 5:30-6:30
- Mar 21** 1. SBAI Parent Night – Julie Hill from Advanced Academic Studies: Discover Your Passions SFMS MPR 5:30-6:30
2. SFMS Health Fair Cafeteria 5-7
- Mar 23** SHS Big Day
- Apr 1** 1. Houston Prep Deadline
2. Eighth grade photos due
- Apr 3** Donuts with the Directors, SFMS
- Apr 4** Jenna McGaw from Crime Stoppers VOE Library 5:30-6:30
- Apr 9** STAAR Writing Grade 7, Math Grade 8, and English I EOC
- Apr 10** STAAR Reading Grade 8
- Apr 11** STAAR English II EOC
- Apr 19** Student Holiday
- Apr 27** 6th Grade All Earth Ecobot Challenge
- Apr 30** 6th Grade DLP Conferences
- May 1, 2** 7th Grade Five-Year Plan Meeting
- May 2** Parent Night – SFMS/SHS 101 Parent Panel and Q&A 5:30-6:30
- May 7** Elementary Algebra I EOC
- May 8** Secondary Algebra I EOC
- May 9** Biology EOC

AP Registration

AP Registration will be open from February 11 – March 1. If you would like to take an AP exam, please register no later than March 1 at 11:59 p.m. You may pay for the exam by credit card (preferred), cash, or check. If paying by credit card, follow the instructions on the webpage. If paying by cash or check, please print the ticket and bring it to Mrs. Hooks in the 3rd floor copy room. To register:

<https://apregistration.springbranchisd.com/shs>

Direct all questions to Brittnee Hooks, brittnee.hooks@springbranchisd.com or 713.251.3657.

Fifth Grade Instrument Tryout

Are you still thinking about Band in 6th grade? February 26th from 4:00 – 6:30 pm, SFMS band is offering an opportunity to try different instruments and ask questions. Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter.

SFMS Art Show

SFMS will be holding an art show at the Don Coleman Coliseum March 1 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Art students will have their favorite pieces professionally framed. The frames will be sold for \$25 as an Art Department fundraiser. See the attachment at the end of the newsletter.

Genius Day

Advanced Academic Studies is sponsoring our first SBISD Genius Day on Saturday, March 2, 2019 from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Guthrie Center. This is a summer camp vendor fair and family event. Participants will be able to meet local vendors offering summer camps and enrichment opportunities for students of all ages. The fair and parent sessions are free and no registration is required. In addition, students in grades 2-8 can register for the "Genius Rotation" which is a series of four hands-on learning activities. The cost for this Genius Rotation is \$25. There will be food trucks, door prizes, and scholarship drawings for SBISD summer camps. Registration for this event opens on Monday, January 28. Please see the attached flyer.

Dr. Collier Presentation on Teenage Brain Development

Stratford CIS is pleased to announce that Dr. Crystal Collier will be providing an engaging presentation about Teenage Brain Development regarding Drugs, Technology, and Addiction. Dr. Collier is a phenomenal presenter and is incredibly engaging. This event will be on Tuesday, March 5th at 6pm at Memorial Church of Christ Chapel. Link for more information about [Dr. Collier](#)

Eighth Grade Photos Needed

A slide show is put together for our 8th graders. This will be shown at the 8th grade dance and also at the 8th grade breakfast. Additionally, parent(s)/guardian(s) will be able to download the slide show to keep at the end of May. SFMS PTA needs photos of your 8th grader and his/her friends to make this a success! See SFMS eBlast for details. Due April 1 to Pam Ferworn at pferworn29@gmail.com

Houston Prep

SBISD has been partnered with UH-Downtown for the last several years to provide our students with a summer enrichment program that enables them to explore and prepare for careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). The application process is open now for current 7th, 8th and 9th grade students to apply for their first year in this program. See attachment

Yearbook Orders

Order your SFMS 2018-2019 Yearbook Today for only \$45. Order [online](#) OR grab an order form from the front office to pay by cash or check (Make checks out to SFMS). Payment plans are available. Contact Mrs. Rasberry at 713-251-4696 or faralyn.rasberry@springbranchisd.com

Stratford Class Remind Information

Please see the [attached link](#) and the end of the newsletter for Remind and Scholarship information for each grade level.

SFMS PTA/Campus Communication

To receive regular details from SFMS, click on the link and add your email address to get the [SFMS PTA e-blast](#). Please read the e-Blast and this newsletter to stay informed. Vanya Karia is the SFMS PTA Liaison for SBAI for the year 2018-2019. She will be sending out reminders and updates as she receives them from the SFMS PTA. If you'd like to receive them, please email her at vanyashah@hotmail.com

Stratford PTSA/Campus Communication

Ninth-grade parents, please stay informed with upcoming events. To receive regular details from SHS, click on the link and add your email address to [Sign Up for Spartan Scoop](#). Please read the PTA information and this newsletter to stay informed. Nancy McReynolds, mom of Sean (9th), has taken on the role as SBAI/SHS PTSA Liaison.

Preparing for High School

New: See High School Checklist attached to the newsletter

Eighth-grade students will be asked to choose an endorsement, similar to a college major as it is an "area of interest" that students may pursue in high school. The five endorsement areas are Arts and Humanities, Business and Industry, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math), Public Service, and Multidisciplinary Studies. Students are able to earn more than one endorsement and change endorsement any time before their junior year. A pathway is a series of course options needed to earn a particular endorsement. There are several pathways within an endorsement.

Below is a Graduation Toolkit produced by the Texas Education Agency. [Graduation Toolkit English](#)
The link below allows you to see the pathways offered at Stratford High School. Click on the links to the five endorsements to find the possible pathways. Click on the pathways to see courses that would satisfy the pathway and earn the endorsement.

https://online.springbranchisd.com/pos/SHS_1GPO_1819.pdf

The document linked below is a list of elective courses being offered in SBISD. The schools must determine if enough students sign up for an elective to "make". https://www.shs-spartans.com/uploads/5/9/4/0/59401625/pos_hs_2018-2019.pdf

Pathway of the Week

A Business & Industry Endorsement [Business Administration Pathway](#). [SBISD CTE](#) Business Administration will provide students with an understanding along with the opportunities and skills needed for this wide career field that incorporates many types of management positions. Topics include technology in the workplace, organizing operations and procedure, database management, marketing, and maintaining records. Students have the opportunity to earn a technical certification as a Microsoft Office Specialist, Word and Excel.

Curriculum Update

Find more information by going to the teachers' Its Learning courses.

Alexander sbisd.itslearning.com/alexander/

Aubuchon sbisd.itslearning.com/Aubuchon

Haidar <https://sbisd.itslearning.com>. Login using student SBISD account, click *Courses*, and find your class.

Sexton [Sbisd.itslearning.com/dillon](https://sbisd.itslearning.com/dillon).

Treleaven <https://sbisd.itslearning.com> Login using student SBISD account, click *Courses*, and find your class.

Have students ask their teacher for help if they are having issues. The SFMS librarian can help with passwords.

ELA Aubuchon

Students will continue reading *I Am Malala*. See pacing calendar for reading homework, quizzes, and discussions. We will take our final novel test before Spring Break. Students will be writing, revising, and editing a persuasive essay.

ELA Treleaven

English I has their Hero Poems due and other curricula will be taking quizzes over their novels. Pursuit of Justice and Decades of Change will be assigned projects that are due next week.

6/7th Math

We will continue our linear relationship unit

Pre-Algebra

We will continue our geometry unit discussing angle measurements.

Geometry

We will continue discussing triangles and their special parts.

Algebra I

We will finish chapter 11 and then begin chapter 12 – Complex Numbers.

Algebra II

We will finish chapter 7 and begin chapter 8.

PreCal

We will begin Unit 5 – Limits and Rates of Change.

Science

In science, we will be studying rocks and minerals

IPC

In IPC we will go over the Periodic Table and nature of bonding

Biology

In biology, we will be going over homeostasis

TexUS History

Students will continue studying The Texas Revolution and Independence.

U.S. History

Students will continue studying Manifest Destiny, Trails West and the US/Mexican War

Spring Forest Middle School Bell Schedule (Except Wednesday)

6th Grade

1st Period 8:30 AM – 9:24 AM
2nd Period 9:28 AM – 10:20 AM
3rd Period 10:24 AM – 11:16 AM
LUNCH 11:21 AM – 11:51 AM
4th Period 11:55 AM – 12:46 PM
5th Period 12:50 PM – 1:41 PM
6th Period 1:45 PM – 2:37 PM
7th Period 2:42 PM – 3:35 PM

7th Grade

1st Period 8:30 AM – 9:24 AM
2nd Period 9:28 AM – 10:20 AM
3rd Period 10:24 AM – 11:16 AM
4th Period 11:21 AM – 12:12 PM
LUNCH 12:16 PM – 12:46 PM
5th Period 12:50 PM – 1:41 PM
6th Period 1:45 PM – 2:37 PM
7th Period 2:42 PM – 3:35 PM

8th Grade

1st Period 8:30 AM – 9:24 AM
2nd Period 9:28 AM – 10:20 AM
3rd Period 10:24 AM – 11:16 AM
4th Period 11:21 AM – 12:12 PM
5th Period 12:16 PM – 1:07 PM
LUNCH 1:11 PM – 1:41 PM
6th Period 1:45 PM – 2:37 PM
7th Period 2:42 PM – 3:35 PM

SBAI Bell and Bus Schedule

1st Period 8:30 AM – 9:25 AM
2nd Period 9:30 AM – 10:20 AM
3rd Period 10:25 AM – 11:15 AM
4th Period 11:20 AM – 12:10 PM OR 12:00 – 12:50
5th Period 12:15 PM – 1:05 PM
OR 12:55 PM – 1:45 PM
6th Period 1:50 PM – 2:40 PM
7th Period 2:45 PM – 3:35 PM

Bus 8:20 SFMS → SHS
Bus 9:15 SHS → SFMS; 9:29 SFMS → SHS (RT)
Bus 10:11 SHS → SFMS; 10:25 SFMS → SHS (RT)
Bus 11:08 SHS → SFMS; 11:21 SFMS → SHS (RT)
Bus 11:56 SFMS → SHS; **12:03 SHS → SFMS** (RT)
Bus 12:17 SFMS → SHS; **12:37 SHS → SFMS** (RT)
Bus 12:51 SFMS → SHS; **12:58 SHS → SFMS** (RT)
Bus 1:32 SHS → SFMS; 1:46 SFMS → SHS (RT)
Bus 2:29 SHS → SFMS; ~~2:42 SFMS → SHS (RT)~~
Bus 3:25 SHS → SFMS

Spring Forest Middle School Wednesday Bell Schedule

6th Grade

Advisory 8:30 AM – 9:03 AM
1st Period 9:07 AM – 9:54 AM
2nd Period 9:58 AM – 10:45 AM
3rd Period 10:50 AM – 11:37 AM
LUNCH 11:41 AM – 12:11 PM
4th Period 12:15 PM – 1:02 PM
5th Period 1:06 PM – 1:53 PM
6th Period 1:57 PM – 2:44 PM
7th Period 2:49 PM – 3:35 PM

7th Grade

Advisory 8:30 AM – 9:03 AM
1st Period 9:07 AM – 9:54 AM
2nd Period 9:58 AM – 10:45 AM
3rd Period 10:50 AM – 11:37 AM
4th Period 11:41 AM – 12:28 PM
LUNCH 12:32 PM – 1:02 PM
5th Period 1:06 PM – 1:53 PM
6th Period 1:57 PM – 2:44 PM
7th Period 2:49 PM – 3:35 PM

8th Grade

Advisory 8:30 AM – 9:03 AM
1st Period 9:07 AM – 9:54 AM
2nd Period 9:58 AM – 10:45 AM
3rd Period 10:50 AM – 11:37 AM
4th Period 11:41 AM – 12:28 PM
5th Period 12:32 PM – 1:19 PM
LUNCH 1:23 PM – 1:53 PM
6th Period 1:57 PM – 2:44 PM
7th Period 2:49 PM – 3:35 PM

SBAI Bell and Bus Schedule

Advisory 8:30 – 9:00
1st Period 9:10 AM – 9:55 AM
2nd Period 10:00 AM – 10:45 AM
3rd Period 10:50 AM – 11:35 AM
4th Period 11:40 AM – 12:25 PM OR 12:15 – 1:00
5th Period 12:30 PM – 1:15 PM
OR 1:05 PM – 1:50 PM
6th Period 1:55 PM – 2:40 PM
7th Period 2:45 PM – 3:35 PM

Bus 9:00 SFMS → SHS
Bus 9:45 SHS → SFMS; 9:59 SFMS → SHS (RT)
Bus 10:37 SHS → SFMS; 10:50 SFMS → SHS (RT)
Bus 11:28 SHS → SFMS; 11:42 SFMS → SHS (RT)
Bus 12:16 SFMS → SHS; **12:19 SHS → SFMS** (RT)
Bus 12:33 SFMS → SHS; **12:53 SHS → SFMS** (RT)
Bus 1:07 SFMS → SHS; **1:10 SHS → SFMS** (RT)
Bus 1:44 SHS → SFMS; 1:58 SFMS → SHS (RT)
Bus 2:36 SHS → SFMS; ~~2:49 SFMS → SHS (RT)~~
Bus 3:25 SHS → SFMS

Stratford High School Bell Schedules

Regular Schedule		
Period	Begin	End
1 or 2	7:45	9:19
3 or 4	9:25	11:08
A Lunch	11:08	11:38
5 or 6	11:44	1:18
5 or 6	11:14	12:48
B Lunch	12:48	1:18
7 or 8	1:24	3:00

Late Start Schedule		
Period	Begin	End
1 or 2	9:30	10:40
3 or 4	10:46	11:56
A Lunch	11:56	12:26
5 or 6	12:32	1:42
5 or 6	12:02	1:12
B Lunch	1:12	1:42
7 or 8	1:48	3:00

Spartan Time Schedule		
Period	Begin	End
1 or 2	7:45	9:10
3 or 4	9:16	10:41
Spartan Time	10:47	11:27
A Lunch	11:27	11:57
5 or 6	12:03	1:28
5 or 6	11:33	12:58
B Lunch	12:58	1:28
7 or 8	1:34	3:00

Pep Rally Schedule		
Period	Begin	End
1 or 2	7:45	9:14
3 or 4	9:20	10:51
A Lunch	10:51	11:21
5 or 6	11:27	12:56
5 or 6	10:57	12:26
B Lunch	12:26	12:56
7 or 8	1:02	2:30
Pep Rally	2:30	3:00

Assembly Schedule		
Period	Begin	End
1 or 2 with Assembly	7:45	9:55
3 or 4	10:01	11:26
A Lunch	11:26	11:56
5 or 6	12:02	1:27
5 or 6	11:32	12:57
B Lunch	12:57	1:27
7 or 8	1:33	3:00