

Spring Branch Academic Institute



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FINAL NEWSLETTER FOR 2018-19



A Note from the Director

How can it already be the last week of school? It seems like only yesterday we were hosting "Meet the Teacher" and welcoming students to a new year. What an incredible year it's been! I have LOVED getting to know you and your children. SBAI is such a special school, and I feel like we've worked together to enhance our program tremendously this year. We developed a high school program that addresses the needs of our secondary students, providing SBAI instruction and other opportunities for this group of students. We instituted "Donuts with Directors" meetings and Parent Nights as opportunities to share information and learn together. We've also had a lot of "firsts." Our Pathways event was a HUGE success thanks to the wonderful parents and volunteers who organized and presented. Our all school field trip to NASA was a blast (pardon the pun!), and we learned a lot for future trips. We came together for service learning at the Houston Food Bank, held Science Fairs at secondary and elementary, and even had a Career Expo highlighting student aspirations. We used MAP testing to give us more information on student progress, coordinated with Spring Forest for awards, introduced SBAI to numerous colleges and universities, and much, much more. I am so grateful for the opportunity to serve SBAI, and I'm incredibly excited about our future. Have a wonderful summer, keep in touch, and be on the lookout for emails with back to school information. I will see you all in the new school year!

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Upcoming Events

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

5th Grade Event @ The Main Event Katy, TX	05/20/19
4th Grade Wax Museum –VOE Library 1:10-2:00 pm	05/22/19
5th Grade Graduation-VOE Cafeteria 8:30-10:00 am	05/23/19
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL END OF YEAR CELEBRATION EARLY DISMISSAL 11:30AM	05/24/19
HAVE A GREAT SUMMER! We will see you in AUGUST!!	

Order your 2019-2020 School Supplies Online NOW!

If you can possibly place your order by June 4th that will help us know where we are with orders. The online deadline is June 16th.

Order your child's School Supplies for the **2019-2020** school year today! The online ordering **DEADLINE** is **JUNE 16, 2019!**

****LATE ORDERS WILL START JUNE 18TH-JULY 7TH ****

Our website is live for school supplies!!

<https://www.educationalproducts.com/shoppacks/>

You will need to enter SBAI's school ID: THO042 (3 letters – 3 numbers)

Thank you Megan Sakkal for a great job on getting this task accomplished!

Online Directory 2019-2020

Don't forget to add your information!

This is a great way to connect with current and new SBAI families. **This information is a great way to coordinate carpools, playdates, off campus birthday parties etc.** Every year we create an online directory to aid in that process. This is NOT required, but if you are interested in sharing your information please fill out the following form.

<https://goo.gl/forms/DYCAfNT25JIRho6p1>

Responses can be viewed here...

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1B9jPFOM3xovHMIEZr76Fv4Uj9h3lC9z20gwdJlFe92U/edit?usp=sharing>

If you any questions please contact Amanda Davison <davisonaf@gmail.com>.

4th GRADE WAX MUSEUM

4th Grade Parents,

On **Wednesday, May 22**, our SBAI 4th graders will be participating in VOE's 4th Grade "History Wax Museum" in the VOE library from **1:10 – 2:00 p.m.** Parents are welcome to come by and watch. At this event, students dress as historical characters of their choice. They will give short memorized speeches as those characters. The speeches, which will be written and practiced in class, will describe their lives, obstacles, contributions, etc.

The only thing that students will need to do at home is come up with a costume. Costumes should be created with items that are easily available at home (i.e., baseball/sweatpants pulled up make good breeches). On the day of the performance, students may come to school wearing their costumes or may change into them during the school day. Please email Sally Craddock at Sally.Craddock@springbranchisd.com if you have any questions. Thanks!

PERSONNEL UPDATE:

It with great sadness for us but excitement for her that we let you know that Elizabeth Aubuchon will not be returning to SBAI next year. She has received a position doing her love – interior design – with a company in the Houston area. Please join us in wishing her all the best on her new adventure!

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REMINDER:

5th Grade Parents!

There will be an incoming 6th grade parent meeting on **Monday, May 20th at 6:30p.m.** This meeting will be tailored to the incoming 6th graders. This will be a format to ask more questions and learn about the direction of the school as a whole instead of only focusing on 6th grade questions.

Preparing for the last day of school:

We are in the process of planning activities and refreshments for the final ½ day of school. In order to be better prepared **please let Mrs. Butorka know if your student will NOT be in attendance on May 24th.**

Parents will be providing Chick-fil-A nuggets, bags of Goldfish a Memorial Bakery cookie and water! If your student cannot have any of these items please provide a light sack lunch/snack with your student.

The permission slip is attached below. Please be sure to fill it out and return it to your student's teacher.

Math Olympiad Grades 3-5 - 2019-2020

SBAI has taken part in Math Olympiad for the past 3 years. The club is organized and conducted by parents. In the past we have relied on a few parent volunteers to conduct the meetings and competitions and score the test papers. There are 5 competitions during the school year. 4th and 5th grade students take part in the competition and their scores are recorded on the Math Olympiad website whereas 3rd grade is non-competitive. Last year we conducted one meeting every week in which the students solved assigned problems from a Math Olympiad book and the coach/parent volunteer helped them. We typically have a ratio of 10 students to one coach. Hence if we have more than 10 students signed up we need 2 parents to volunteer for each meeting.

We are trying to explore different options of organizing Math Olympiad club. Your responses to the survey below will help us with this.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfSwAsZS4jttwAFGyoyziY4SeDKXYMnZqZ4pqjsCL7_OabW1w/viewform?usp=sf_link



School's Out For Summer!!!

May 14, 2019

Dear Elementary SBAI Parents –

The elementary SBAI classes will hold its **End of the Year Celebration** on Friday, May 24th (early dismissal 11:30 am). The SBAI room parents have arranged to provide each student with **Chick-fil-A** nuggets, Goldfish, an iced/decorated cookie from **Memorial Bakery** and bottled water.

Please confirm that your student may have the Chick-fil-A, Goldfish and cookie.

Thank you,

SBAI Room Parents and Staff

Please sign and return this portion

My child, _____, is

_____ allowed to have all items served at the End of the Year Party.

_____ only allowed to have _____ at the End of the Year Party.

_____ not allowed to have any of the items served at the 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





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Upper Elementary 3rd - 5th	\$73.45

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2. Enter the school ID, TH0042 (3 Letter / 3 Numbers)
3. Follow the directions to complete your order.
4. Keep your online confirmation as your receipt.

Orders will be charged tax at checkout.

School supplies will ship directly to the school before classes start. Keep confirmation of your online order please.

For questions, please contact Megan Sakkal at
832-527-2281 or sbaielementaryparents@gmail.com

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SBISD SUMMER PARENT SESSION:

Parenting Passionate, Persistent, and Successful Kids

Guest Speaker Laila Sanguras

Tuesday, July 16 , 2019 6 PM – 7 PM

Presented by Advanced Academic Studies
Westchester Academy, 901 Yorkchester, Houston TX 77079

Grit cannot be cultivated in an environment where children are given everything they want. It also can't be developed if they never get a taste of earned success. Parents understand their children's personalities and their own parenting styles and learn ways to positively influence grit development. Appropriate roles and boundaries will be outlined for children at all school levels, as well as examples of when to intervene and how to mediate conflict in social situations. Furthermore, the influence of grit on identity development will be shared.

RAISING CHILDREN WITH GRIT

Mary Hoffman's Lending Library

marybh514@gmail.com

Mary is a middle school mom and wanted to share this with parents in need of some summer reading of their own. Please email Mary at the above email address if you are interested in "borrowing" any of these books

Parenting a child with Asperger Syndrome Brenda Boyd

Raising an Emotionally Intelligent Child - The Heart of Parenting John Gottman, Ph. D.

*How to Discover and Develop **Your Child's Strengths***
- *A Guide for Parents and Teachers* Jennifer Fox, M. Ed.

A Parent's Guide to Gifted Children James T. Webb, Ph. D.

Setting Limits with Your Strong-Willed Child - Eliminating Conflict by Establishing Clear, Firm and Respectful Boundaries Robert J. Mackenzie, Ed. D.

Late, Lost, and Unprepared - A Parents Guide to Helping Children with Executive Functioning Joyce Copper-Kahn, Ph. D. & Laurie Dietzel, Ph. D.

Raising Your Spirited Child Mary Sheedy Kurcinka

Misdiagnosis and Dual Diagnoses of Gifted Children and Adults James T. Webb, Ph. D.

Living with Intensity Edited by Susan Daniels, Ph. D. & Michael M. Piechowski, Ph. D.

The Out-of-Sync Child - Recognizing Coping with Sensory Processing Disorder Carol Stock Kranowitz, M.A.

The Out-of-Sync Child Has Fun - Activities for Kids with Sensory Processing Disorder Carol Stock Kranowitz, M. A.

Parenting a Child with Sensory Processing Disorder - a Family Guide to Understanding & Supporting Your Sensory-Sensitive Child Christopher R. Auer, M. A.

Anxiety-Free Kids - An Interactive Guide for Parents and Children Bonnie Zuker, Psy. D.

Parenting Gifted Children Edited by Jennifer Jolly, Ph. D., Donald J. Treffinger, Ph. D., Tracy Ford Inman, and Joan Franklin Smutny, Ph. D.

The Yes Brain - How to Cultivate Courage, Curiosity, and Resilience in Your Child Daniel J. Siegel, M.D., and Tina Payne Bryson, Ph.D.

How to Think Like Leonardo da Vinci - Seven Steps to Genius Every Day Michael J. Gelb

Brainstorm - the Power and Purpose of the Teenage Brain Daniel J. Siegel, M.D.

Creating Innovators - The Making of Young People Who Will Change the World Tony Wagner

Thinking Fast and Slow Daniel Kahneman

Middle School: A Place to belong & Become Laurie Barron, Ed. D Patti Kinney

Mindset - The New Psychology of Success Carol S. Dweck, Ph.D.

"Mellow Out," They Say. If I Only Could Michael M. Piechowski

The Spirituality of Imperfection - Storytelling and the Search for Meaning Ernest Kurtz
Katherine Ketcham

Quiet Power - the Secret Strength of Introverted Kids Susan Cain
Parenting Gifted Kids James R. Delisle, Ph.D.

The Survival Guide for Parents of Gifted Kids Sally Yahnke Walker

Moment's Peace - a Mom's Guide to Creating Calm Amidst Chaos Elizabeth Irvine, BSN

The Gift of Failure - How the Best Parents Learn to Let Go so their Children Can Succeed Jessica Lahey

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