



Spring Branch Academic Institute



October 5, 2020

Secondary Issue 6

College Board Exams

Wednesday, October 7 is the PSAT 8 and 9 exams. Grades 6, 7, 10, and 11 will have a day of asynchronous learning. Eighth and ninth graders will report to SBAI Pod by 8:40 and 7:45 respectively. Dismissal will be at 3:00 for ninth graders and 3:15 for eighth graders. On October 8, middle-school students will meet with all seven classes. The letter sent families is attached to the newsletter. Days in which a grade level takes a College Board exam, other students will have an asynchronous, virtual learning day.

Science Fair

SBAI's third annual science fair is under way. The science fair is part of the SBAI middle-school science curriculum. We are inviting high school students to participate as well. Through the development and presentation of science/engineering projects, students enhance the following abilities: making observations, asking questions regarding particular phenomena or situations, formulating ideas and procedures for the solution of a problem, using complex and/or analytical reasoning skills to find an answer or a solution to a problem, and effectively presenting their works to society. Colleges look for students who establish and nurture a clear passion and expertise in whatever they choose to pursue. Volunteering to compete in science fair would show that passion. All experiments and data analysis is to be completed before winter break. The SBAi Science Fair will be on Friday, January 8, 2021. We will have enough time to register SBAI winners for Science and Engineering Fair of Houston. Registration and date of SEFH are still to be determined.

Virtual Back to School Night

Spring Forest scheduled their Back to School Night September 30, and Stratford's is October 16. Remember, you are encouraged to reach out teachers and administration as needed with any questions you have.

SBAI MS teacher presentations:

[Dr. Haidar](#)
[Mr. Sexton](#)

[Mr. Huynh](#)
[Ms. Treleaven](#)

[Mr. Lefeber](#)
[Ms. Wood](#)

Absences and early pick up

Please call and email attendance clerks SFMS 713.251.4604, Ms. Razo [email](#) SHS 713.251.3406 Ms. Cardoza [email](#) Also, email Ms. Helfer and Mr. Lefeber

Upcoming Events k

- Oct 7**
 1. PSAT 8 and 9 exams
 2. SFMS 8th Volleyball Scrimmage
 3. SHS JV Cross Country
- Oct 8**
 1. No block scheduling at SFMS
 2. SFMS 7th Volleyball Scrimmage
 3. SHS Swimming @ Conroe 4:00
 4. SHS JV Football vs Cy Fair 4:30
 5. SHS Orchestra 7:00 Tallowood
- Oct 12**
 1. **Student Holiday**
 2. Virtual College Fair 6:00-8:00 pm
 3. Order Band Outback Dinner
- Oct 14** NMSQT Grade 11
- Oct 16**
 1. End of first nine weeks
 2. SHS Back to School Night
 3. Band Fall kickoff preview performance, dinner 6:00-8:30 pm
- Oct 21-22** SHS Picture Day ELA
- Oct 22-23** Ninth-grade DLPS
- Oct 23** AP Exam Registration
- Oct 25** SBEF [Golf Tournament](#)
- Oct 26** Sixth-grade DLPS
- Oct 27** In-School SAT, Seniors only
- Oct 29** PSAT -10
- Nov 3** Election Day Virtual Learning
- Nov 20** College Shirt Day
- Nov 23-27** **Student Holiday**
- Dec 18** End of second nine weeks
- Dec 19** **Winter Break begins**
- Jan 5** Students return to instruction
- Jan 8** SBAI Science Fair
- Jan 18** **Student Holiday**
- Feb 12** Lincoln's Birthday
- Feb 14** Valentine's Day
- Feb 15** **Student Holiday**
- Mar 12** End of third nine weeks
- Mar 15-19** **Spring Break**
- Mar 31** April Fool's Day
- Apr 2** **Student Holiday**
- Apr 6** English I EOC, STAAR Writing 4 & 7
- Apr 8** English II EOC
- Apr 9** STAAR make up
- Apr 30** **Student Holiday**
- May 3** AP Physics C PM

Progress Reports

The second progress report will be uploaded in Skyward by the end of the week. Go to the Skyward Family Access Portfolio tab to find electronic documents for your student, which includes progress reports and report cards.

Band Fundraiser

Outback Dinner will be Park n Dine this year in the Stratford Parking lot on Oct 16. Dinner tickets are \$13/pp must buy on or before 10/12 at <https://stratfordband.com/boosters-club/fob-rush/> You'll get a sneak peek of SHS Band & Guard as well as use your car's radio to "tune in" to hear some announcements. Bring your folding chairs so you can tailgate from your car n watch the show. This is a great event that will allow us to celebrate together while maintaining social distancing. Please wear a mask when you pick up your dinner or purchase booster merchandise for sale.

College Fair

Virtual College Night is scheduled for October 12 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Over 300 colleges and universities will be attending. Participants must [register to attend](#).

Virtual College Visits

We will share some opportunities to explore universities. Email Ms. McIver if you'd like a longer list.

Rutgers University [Undergraduate Open House](#) 10/17 10am-12pm, 11/18 6-8pm

Texas Tech Virtual Events [Scholars Reception](#), 10/22, 11/12, for high ability students considering honors

University of Chicago [Supplemental Essay](#), 9/30, 7pm [Letters of Recommendation](#), 9/30, 7pm

[Discovering U: Joint Virtual Info Session](#), Columbia, UT Austin, Yale, University of Michigan, 10/1, 7pm

[Verto Virtual College Fair](#) Rhodes College, Denison, William & Mary, 9/29, 5pm-8pm

[Northeast Public Universities](#) Delaware, Maryland, Pitt, Penn State, Connecticut, Rutgers 10/8, 6 pm

Johns Hopkins Virtual Events for Students [Hopkins Senior Preview](#), 9/28-29 [Hopkins DecidED](#), 10/4

SHS Picture Day

Stratford yearbook portrait day is scheduled for October 21 and 22 during English classes with make ups December 3. More information regarding virtual students' portraits will be provided in the future.

DLPs

Differentiated Learning Plans will be updated after the first report card. Sixth and ninth grade families will have an opportunity to meet to discuss their student's DLP. The optional conferences are tentatively set for October 22, 23, and 26.

Advanced Placement Exam Registration

This year, students are responsible for going into their College Board accounts and stating which exams they will take. Your AP teacher will have more information, the deadline for student registration is October 23. All 29 SBAI High School students will take an AP exam, a total of 78 courses.

Financial Aid Workshops

There are two series of workshops SBISD is offering for post-secondary planning, *Parent U FINANCIAL AID INFO SESSION* and *Planning for the Future T-2-4 Series*. See attachments at the end of the newsletter.

Middle School In Person Students Reading Materials

Students who are finished with their schoolwork are to read, rest, or draw. Students will not be allowed to play games on their computer or phone during class time. Students may play games during lunch or before school starts at 8:40. Please send a book in your student's backpack.

COVID Dashboard

The [COVID Dashboard](#) provides a summary of active, test-confirmed COVID-19 cases involving SBISD students and staff members as reported to the District. Totals reflect those participating in any on-campus activity. For more information associated with SBISD's health and safety protocols regarding COVID-19, including isolation, quarantine, and reporting, please refer to the [District's LearnSBISD plan](#).

SHS Student Parking

I cannot believe this is needed for our newsletter. Stratford is selling 2020-21 parking passes for juniors and seniors. Click on this link for [parking information and regulations](#). Sophomore passes go on sale in late Fall; I was told it would be in October.

CIS Newsletter

Communities In Schools is a 501 (C3) non-profit organization that partners with schools, colleges or independent school districts for the purpose of addressing the barriers to success (academic and non-academic needs) faced by students and/or their families within the campus community. Please see the August/September newsletter at the end of the newsletter.

SFMS PTA/Campus Communication

We encourage all families to join SFMS's PTA. 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.

Stratford PTSA/Campus Communication

We encourage all families to join SHS's PTSA. 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.

Spring Forest Middle School Bell Schedule Monday, Tuesday, and Friday

A Lunch

1st Period 8:40 AM – 9:34 AM
2nd Period 9:38 AM – 10:32 AM
3rd Period 10:36 AM – 11:30 AM
LUNCH 11:34 AM – 12:04 PM
4th Period 12:08 PM – 1:02 PM
5th Period 1:06 PM – 2:00 PM
6th Period 2:04 PM – 2:58 PM
7th Period 3:02 PM – 3:55 PM

B Lunch

1st Period 8:40 AM – 9:34 AM
2nd Period 9:38 AM – 10:32 AM
3rd Period 10:36 AM – 11:30 AM
4th Period 11:34 AM – 12:28 PM
LUNCH 12:32 PM – 1:02 PM
5th Period 1:06 PM – 2:00 PM
6th Period 2:04 PM – 2:58 PM
7th Period 3:02 PM – 3:55 PM

C Lunch

1st Period 8:40 AM – 9:34 AM
2nd Period 9:38 AM – 10:32 AM
3rd Period 10:36 AM – 11:30 AM
4th Period 11:34 AM – 12:28 PM
5th Period 12:32 PM – 1:26 PM
LUNCH 1:30 PM – 2:00 PM
6th Period 2:04 PM – 2:58 PM
7th Period 3:02 PM – 3:55 PM

Spring Forest Middle School Wednesday Bell Schedule

A Lunch

1st Period 8:40 AM – 10:17 AM
3rd Period 10:21 AM – 11:59 AM
LUNCH 12:03 PM – 12:33 PM
5th Period 12:37 PM – 2:14 PM
7th Period 2:18 PM – 3:55 PM

B Lunch

1st Period 8:40 AM – 10:17 AM
3rd Period 10:21 AM – 11:59 AM
5th Period 12:03 AM – 12:45 PM
LUNCH 12:45 PM – 1:15 PM
5th Period 1:19 PM – 2:14 PM
7th Period 2:18 PM – 3:55 PM

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5th Period 12:03 PM – 1:30 PM
LUNCH 1:30 PM – 2:00 PM
5th Period 2:04 PM – 2:14 PM
7th Period 2:18 PM – 3:55 PM

Spring Forest Middle School Thursday Bell Schedule

A Lunch

2nd Period 8:40 AM – 10:17 AM
Advisory 10:21 AM – 11:59 AM
LUNCH 12:03 PM – 12:33 PM
4th Period 12:37 PM – 2:14 PM
6th Period 2:18 PM – 3:55 PM

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Stratford High School Bell Schedule

5 A-Day	6 B-Day	7 A	8 B	9 A
12 Student Holiday	13 B	14 A	15 B	16 A End 1 st Nine Weeks
19 B	20 A	21 B	22 A	23 B

Regular Schedule

Period 1/2 **7:45-9:10**
Period 3/4 **9:16-10:41**
Spartan Time **10:47-11:27**

A lunch- **11:27-11:57**

(Math, Science, Social Studies, Foreign Lang. office aide/Study Hall)

Period 5/6 **12:03-1:28**

Period 5/6 **11:33-12:58**

(English, Athletics, Guthrie, Fine Arts, CTE)

B lunch- **12:58-1:28**

Period 7/8 **1:34-3:00**

Parents,

This afternoon, middle-school families received a letter regarding the upcoming College Board PSAT – 8 exam. It is a Pre SAT assessment that provides students a chance to practice and receive feedback as they prepare to take the SAT exam. There are other College Board tests given to high school students, PSAT – 9, PSAT – 10, and the National Merit Scholar Qualifying Test.

The letter received by middle school parents, high school parents should receive information tomorrow, explained, “Due to social distancing and test supervision logistics for our eighth graders, our middle schools will need additional teachers to serve as proctors and additional classroom space to serve as testing locations.”

On the days of the College Board tests, both middle and high school, grade levels not testing will have a virtual, asynchronous learning day in which they work independently on their schoolwork. For families who have chosen virtual learning, those students will be encouraged to come to school for the opportunity to take these important tests.

October 7 PSAT – 8 and PSAT – 9

We will test the 25 SBAI students, both in-person and virtual, in the four SBAI classrooms. Grades 6, 7, 10, and 11 will learn asynchronously that day, no Zoom sessions.

October 14 [National Merit Scholar](#) Qualifying Test for Juniors

We will test our juniors, both in-person and virtual, in the SBAI pod. We will need rooms, teachers, and a quiet environment to administer the exam. Grades 6 – 10 will learn asynchronously that day, no Zoom sessions.

October 27 In-School SAT for seniors

Since we have no seniors, we will not need teachers or rooms to proctor the exam. In-person middle school students will report to Stratford for simultaneous classes that day. Like other Stratford students, SBAI students grades 9 – 11 will learn virtually. There will be Zoom sessions with SBAI high school teachers only. Stratford teachers will be proctoring, thus unavailable for Zoom sessions. NOTE: This is after families have had a chance to change their learning model. SBAI may want to revisit this plan for middle-school students.

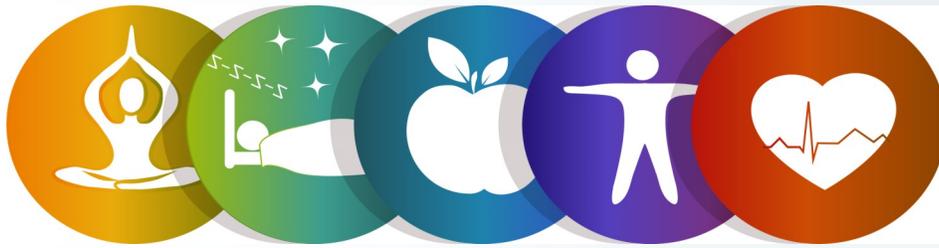
October 29 PSAT – 10

We will test our sophomores, both in-person and virtual, in the SBAI pod. We will need rooms, teachers, and a quiet environment to administer the exam. Grades 6, 7, 8, 9, and 11 will learn asynchronously that day, no Zoom sessions. NOTE: This is after families have had a chance to change their learning model. SBAI may want to revisit this plan for middle-school students.

The letter also states, “Your principal will provide school-specific information closer to the October 7 date.” As we get more guidance from the district and we work in conjunction with Stratford’s plan, we will share more information.

We will have a test booklet and a desk for every SBAI student on the day of their exam. You do not need to register with College Board. By the end of September, we will reach out to virtual families to confirm whether their student will take their grade-level exam.

Thank you,



CIS Newsletter

Wellness Wednesday Series

Beginning this month, CIS will be hosting a series of virtual events called “Wellness Wednesday”. During Spartan Time, these events will focus on providing students with opportunities to engage with guest speakers on various Wellness topics such as:

- **Mindfulness (October 14th)**
- *Stress Management*
- *Yoga*
- *Nutrition*
- *Self-care*



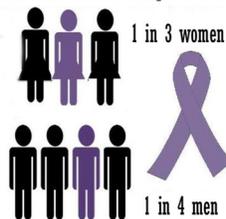
If you are interested in participating, please submit a [request to Mrs. Thompson](#)

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

- ◆ **Make decisions about your own body**
- ◆ **Choose your own friends**
- ◆ **Be treated with respect**
- ◆ **Express your own thoughts and opinions**
- ◆ **Live without fear or intimidation**
- ◆ **Feel good about yourself**
- ◆ **Choose what to wear**
- ◆ **Change your mind**
- ◆ **Spend time with your family**
- ◆ **Private use of your cellphone and computer**
- ◆ **Spend time doing things of interest to you**

Domestic Violence impacts



Sign up for Wellness
Wednesday Webinar Series:



For more info about resources
and events, follow us!
@spartans4spartans



If you or someone you know is
in an unhealthy relationship
**text “Lovels” to
866-331-9474**

SBISD FINANCIAL AID EVENTS

Parent U FINANCIAL AID INFO SESSION

This presentation will provide an overview of the financial aid process and will cover applications such as the FAFSA, TASFA, and the CSS Profile.

District Wide September 22 6:00-7:00pm

FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOPS

These sessions will provide virtual “hands on” assistance completing any applications.

WAIS	October 1st	4:00-6:00pm
MHS	October 5th	6:00-8:00pm
AOC	October 15th	5:30-7:30pm
SHS	October 20th	6:00-8:00pm
SWHS	October 22nd	5:30-7:30pm
YP NB	October 27th	5:30-7:30pm
NHS	October 29th	6:00-8:00pm

Please register using the link below and plan to attend the date that is reserved for your campus.

<https://forms.gle/bfk1Q8KVwykBQMir7>



All sessions will be held virtually on the Zoom platform.

EVENTOS DE AYUDA FINANCIERA DEL SBISD

SESIÓN INFO DE AYUDA FINANCIERA "Parent U"

Esta presentación proporcionará una descripción general del proceso de ayuda financiera y cubrirá aplicaciones como FAFSA, TASFA y CSS Profile.

Todo el distrito 22 de septiembre 6:00-7:00pm

TALLERES DE AYUDA FINANCIERA

Estas sesiones brindarán asistencia virtual "práctica" para completar cualquier solicitud.

WAIS	1 de octubre	4:00-6:00pm
MHS	5 de octubre	6:00-8:00pm
AOC	15 de octubre	5:30-7:30pm
SHS	20 de octubre	6:00-8:00pm
SWHS	22 de octubre	5:30-7:30pm
YP NB	27 de octubre	5:30-7:30pm
NHS	29 de octubre	6:00-8:00pm



Regístrese usando el enlace a continuación y planee asistir a la fecha reservada para su campus.

<https://forms.gle/bfk1Q8KVwykBQMir7>

Todas las sesiones se realizarán virtualmente en la plataforma Zoom.



ZOOM with Parent U

Planning for the Future T-2-4 Series

For middle and high school students and families

Financial Aid Overview (HS)

Tuesday, September 22

6-7pm

Register Here: <https://conta.cc/32urB3H>

Join us to learn how to apply for financial aid and the type of aid available. This overview session will include information about the FAFSA, TASFA, and the CSS profile.

(Presented by Susie Velis, SBISD Guidance and Counseling).

College Applications in the COVID Climate (HS)

Tuesday, September 29

6-7pm

Register Here: <https://conta.cc/2FloYZC>

Come learn how to strengthen an average application, turn virtual learning weaknesses into strengths, and nurture relationships with teachers and counselors in order to stand out academically and socially during these uncertain times. (Presented by Ibrahim Firat, Firat Education).

Preparing for the Future with Advanced Coursework (Pre-AP, AP, Dual Credit, OnRamps) (MS/HS)

Thursday, October 8

6-7pm

Register Here: <https://conta.cc/3kfM5U3>

What are advanced courses and what is the difference between them? Learn about a variety of courses offered in middle and high school and which one(s) are best for your student.

(Presented by Amy Ellingson, SBISD Advanced Academics).

Scholarships 101 (MS/HS)

Tuesday, November 17

6-7pm

Register Here: <https://conta.cc/3kfUR4s>

Scholarships are a great way to gain free money to assist with the costs of college. Join us as we discuss how to identify trustworthy search engines, types of scholarships, options for applying, and techniques to stand out. (Presented by Lendora Johnson, SBISD Guidance and Counseling).

Military Roundtable (MS/HS)

Wednesday, November 18

6-7pm

Register Here: <https://conta.cc/2ZD8mTO>

Join us to learn about the opportunities extended to you while enlisted in a US military branch.

(Presented by Amanda Boquist, SBISD and representatives from all military branches).

Certification, Apprenticeship, and Technical Programs (HS)

Thursday, November 19

6-7pm

Register Here: <https://conta.cc/2ZERxYC>

Come learn about post-secondary certification, apprenticeship, and technical programs available for short-term training that will prepare you for in-demand jobs.

(Presented by Susie Velis, SBISD Guidance and Counseling).

MS: presentations best for middle school families

HS: presentations best for high school families

MS/HS: presentations for both middle and high school families

More sessions to come! Visit the SBISD Parent U site for more information

<http://online.springbranchisd.com/parentu/>

Hosted by SBISD Family E3 Team and the SBISD Guidance and Counseling Department

Questions – FamilyE3@springbranchisd.com

ZOOM con Parent U

Planeando para el futuro: serie de T-2-4

Para estudiantes y familias de la escuela intermedia y secundaria

Vistazo a la Ayuda Financiera (HS)

Martes, 22 de septiembre 6-7pm

Regístrese aquí: <https://conta.cc/2FxsLCV>

Acompáñenos para aprender cómo solicitar ayuda financiera y los tipos de ayuda disponibles. Esta sesión de descripción general incluirá información sobre la solicitud FAFSA, TASFA y el perfil de CSS. (Leticia Verdinez, SBISD Family E3).

Solicitudes universitarias en tiempos de COVID (HS)

Martes, 29 de septiembre 6-7pm

Regístrese aquí: <https://conta.cc/33zTozo>

Ven y conoce cómo fortalecer una solicitud promedio, convertir las debilidades del aprendizaje virtual en fortalezas, y avivar las relaciones con los maestros y consejeros con el fin de resaltar académicamente y socialmente durante estos tiempos de incertidumbre. (Ibrahim Firat, Firat Education).

Prepárese para el futuro con cursos avanzados – (Pre-Colocación Avanzada-Pre AP, Colocación Avanzada-AP, Crédito Dual, OnRamps y más) (MS/HS)

Jueves, 8 de octubre 6-7pm

Regístrese aquí: <https://conta.cc/2FvdkuX>

¿Que son los cursos avanzados y cuál es la diferencia entre ellos? Venga y entérese de la variedad de cursos y para ayudarle a determinar si son adecuados para su estudiante. (Amy Ellington, SBISD).

Guía para las Becas (MS/HS)

Martes, 17 de noviembre 6-7pm

Regístrese aquí: <https://conta.cc/2ZC85k6>

Las becas son una gran manera de obtener dinero gratis para ayudar con el costo universitario. Acompáñenos a la charla y conocer cómo identificar buscadores de redes de confianza, tipos de becas, opciones para solicitar, y técnicas que resalten. (Lendora Johnson, SBISD).

Mesa redonda militar (MS/HS)

Miércoles, 18 de noviembre 6-7pm

Regístrese aquí: <https://conta.cc/32utqxA>

Venga y conozca sobre las oportunidades que se ofrecen al enlistarse en un sector militar de EE. UU. (Amanda Boquist, SBISD y representantes de todas las divisiones militares).

Certificación, aprendiz, y programas técnicos (HS)

Jueves, 19 de noviembre 6-7pm

Regístrese aquí: <https://conta.cc/35BdBal>

Aprenda sobre los programas de certificación postsecundarios, aprendiz, y programas técnicos para capacitación a corto plazo que le ayudaran a prepararse para trabajos en demanda. (Susie Velis, SBISD).

MS: Clase más adecuada para padres de escuelas intermedias;

HS: Clase más adecuada para padres de secundaria;

MS/HS: Clase para ambos.

Habrá más sesiones – Conozca más en el sitio web de SBISD Parent U

<http://online.springbranchisd.com/parentu/>

Presentado por el equipo Family E3 de SBISD y el Departamento de Guía y Consejería de SBISD

Preguntas – Contáctenos en FamilyE3@springbranchisd.com