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Earth Day

by Lilyana Ramos EIC, 12th

Have you ever thought of going green? Perhaps wanting to save the Earth? Good thing there is a day just for that. Every April 22nd, Earth Day is celebrated.

During environmental activism in the 1960s, Gaylord Nelson created a national holiday celebrating uniting the environmental movement. As well as creating the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, and the Endangered Species Act. On April 22, 1970, the first Earth Day was celebrated. Millions of Americans participated ranging from small clubs in high schools to the “human jam” that had a hundred thousand active members. The most memorable act that day was the speech about the national environmental problems and the challenges ahead that communities will face. Meanwhile, the Girl Scouts went across the nation giving out pamphlets that had some household actions that everyone could do to save the planet. These days, Earth Day is celebrated by schools and the community doing neighborhood cleanups, planting trees, having a recyclable drive, and cute outdoor drawings and exploring nature. There are many ways to appreciate Earth Day this year such as:

- Support Pollinators!
- Clean up plastic in your neighborhood or local park.
- Swap out one time use products in your kitchen and house.
- Plant a tree or some flowers.
- Reduce, reuse, and recycle.
- Conserve water. 🐾



South San's Interact Club at Conception Park giving away trees on April 13th



Interact Club and NHS students work together at Malaquite Beach Clean Up, April 20, 2024.

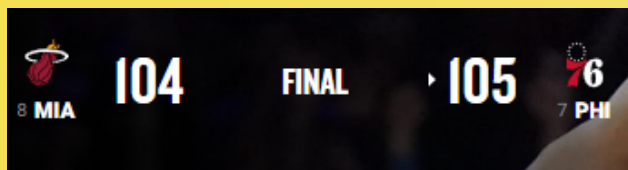


“The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it.”

—Robert Swan



Official NBA Post Season Playoffs 2024



The Philadelphia 76ers Beat the Miami Heat to advance to the NBA Playoffs and face off the New York Knicks



Philadelphia 76ers vs Miami Heat 4/17/24



Las Angeles Lakers vs New Orleans Pelicans
4/16/24



NBA Playoffs

By Raymien Gutierrez - 11th

It's about that time of the year when the NBA regular season is coming to a close and the playoffs are near. With every game that is played leading into the Playoffs, teams are getting bounced in and out of the Play-In. The NBA Playoffs are bound but before that, the newly added Play-In tournament happens. From April 16 to the 19th the 7-10th seeds from both the Western and Eastern conferences duke it out for the 7th and 8th playoff berth. After the Play-In, April 20th is when the Playoffs officially start. A lot of changes have happened since last year with new superstars joining new teams, new stars rising, new rivalries, new contenders, and new rules. Entering this year's Playoffs, the Boston Celtics, led by Jayson Tatum, have the best odds of winning it all with +185. The Playoffs aren't just teams battling it out for the championship, but the awards are also a big part of the Postseason. The biggest awards being the MVP, ROTY, and DPOY. With favorites like Luka, Shai, and Jokic winning MVP, Victor Wembanyama, and Chet Holmgren for Rookie of the Year, and also Rudy Gobert followed close by Wembanyama for the Defensive player of the Year. Anything is possible when it comes to the NBA playoffs, it just comes down to who has the most heart for it! 🐾



Los Angeles Lakers beat the New Orleans Pelicans to advance to the NBA Playoffs to face off against The Defending Champions, Denver Nuggets



Fiesta Celebration

by Paola Huerta, 10th

Fiesta is an annual event that is celebrated here in San Antonio, Texas. It's an event that has been going on since 1891 in honor of the heroes from San Juancito and Alamo. The event is usually 10-11 days long and contains live music, parades, and the most amazing food. This year, the event falls on the dates April 18th through April 28th. During these events, people dress up in bold bright colors and outfits that show off the beautiful Mexican culture. Here are some events for this year and what will be going on:

Apr 18, 2024-Taste of the Northside

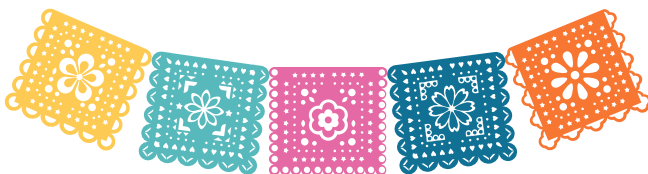
This event will be held at the Alamodome, will be from 4-11pm, and will have live music, food, and medals as a way to kick off Fiesta.

Apr 19, 2024- Oyster Bake

This event will be held in Alamo Heights and contains food from 80-100 booths with live music from the band Hot Cakes!



People at the 2024 Oyster Bake April 19, 2024



Apr 20, 2024- Fiesta Kings Cup Polo Party

You will be able to watch a bunch of polo players compete in one of San Antonio's first sports. The event is held at the San Antonio Polo Club and the starting price of tickets are \$150 dollars.

Apr 21, 2024- Chili Cook Off

Every year there is a chili cook off held at Bonham Exchange from 3-8 in the evening. This event is free to attend, and you get a bunch of free chili samples from participants. Sounds delicious!

Apr 22, 2024-Texas Cavaliers River Parade

This floating parade will take place from 7-11 p.m. on the San Antonio River, and the theme this year is Viva America!!



(Picture from last year's parade)

Apr 23, 2024-Ford Mariachi Festival

The event has student mariachis from high schools and colleges that perform on boats floating down the Riverwalk from 6-8:30pm! It is an amazing way to see the talent from all over San Antonio.

Apr 24, 2024-Coronation of the Queen of The Order of the Alamo

Each year, a member is selected to represent the queen and it's a tradition that has been going on since 1915. This year it will be held at the Majestic Theatre from 8-10pm.

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FIESTA!

April 25-26, 2024- Battle of the Flowers

It's a parade that is only produced by women, it's a way for them to raise money and show off their amazing talents on the floats. This year it will start around 10:30 and it will cover 2.6 miles long in downtown San Antonio.



(Picture from last years parade)

April 27th, 2024-De Los Spurs Run

It's a 3.1 mile run that you can walk or run, it is meant as a way to bond with people and many people call this the fun run! After this run, there may be some members from Spurs including the very own mascot, the Coyote!

Apr 28, 2024-Festival de los Casarones

This is the final day of fiesta, and The University of Texas A&M San Antonio holds this event from 1-8pm which celebrates the culture and food for one last time!



The South San Antonio HS Explorers competed in the Travis County Public Safety Cadets Competition in Austin. Students competed against 40 teams from around Texas to apply their skills learned in the classroom and through the Explorers Program!



Bobcat Baseball took the win over McCollum High School this past Friday, April 19, 2024.



The South San Racing Crew competed at the Alamo City Electrathon (ACE) Race. The group bested their lap total from last year and was pushing the top teams hard.



Humor Day

By Ashton Deemer, 12th



The past, present and future walk into a bar, it was... tense. Hahahaha, that didn't make you laugh? Well, here's another, what do you call a teenager who never grows old, Constantine. Man, YOU STILL DIDN'T LAUGH!! Jokes have been around since the beginning of times. Jokes can be used to defuse a situation, make someone laugh, or cheer someone up. They are so important that humor in itself has its own day, which falls on April 19th.

Now, you may be wondering what the purpose of humor day is. According to nationaltoday.com, National Humor Day is dedicated to finding humor in whatever situation you may find yourself in. I find this interesting; a day where people should and can take any negative situation and create a different outlook on it. If they lost money because they didn't lock their card and some random subscription took a certain amount of their money, they would be not happy to say the very least. However, due to humorous days, they can either be let down and mad about said transaction or find humor in it.

I recently watched a show called "3 Body Problem", and a character by the name of Ye Wenjie tells a joke that goes like this:

Einstein dies and finds himself in heaven. He imagines he'll be pretty darn good. So, he starts tuning up, and the angels rush at him. "What are you doing?" they say. "I'm getting ready to play." "Don't do that. God won't like it." "He's a saxophonist." So Einstein stops. He doesn't play, but it's difficult. He loves music, and there's actually not much to do in heaven. And sure enough, from high above, he hears a saxophone. It's playing "Take the A Train." Do you know that one? Yeah. I mean, I've heard it. Einstein knows it too. And he thinks, "I'm going to do it. I'm going to play with Him." "We're going to sound great together." So he starts playing "Take the A Train." The saxophone stops, and God appears. He marches over to Einstein and kicks him *in the shin*, which hurts, even in heaven. Then, he smashes Einstein's beloved violin to bits. Eternity without music. Heaven has become hell for Einstein.

And, as he writhes on the ground, holding his smashed nether region, an angel comes over and says, "We warned you. Never play with God!"

Ye Wenjie uses this joke to warn Saul, a character from the show, about messing with the aliens. She even states that, "Humor is a very personal thing. Some people understand it, and some people don't. Some jokes are so private, they only make sense to two people. But jokes are important. We wouldn't survive without them." I agree with Ye Wenjie about jokes being so private that they result in "inside jokes". I also believe that jokes can help you understand someone. Humor day allows people to find humor in any situation, so with every joke told there might be a story behind it, a reason why it was said or just a jokey joke. Or as a warning the way Wenjie used it to warn Saul about messing with the aliens as they referred to the humans as bugs.

I hope that you have found some humor in life lately.



Children's Day

By Alicia Mendez, 12th

Children's Day is an international day to reaffirm the Universal Rights of children in the world. In Mexico, it is celebrated on April 30th each year, and is something very important! Many parents buy their children a gift. At schools, parks or at home, they hold large celebrations, with games, candy, music, piñatas and much more.

Since it is Spring, children wear many bright colors to celebrate their youth and the arrival of the season. 🐾



Senior Kevin De La Garza signed his letter of intent with TAMUSA and the ESports Team.

National Stress Awareness Month

By Hannah Peoples, 12th

April is known as National Stress Awareness Month to bring attention to the negative impacts of stress. For those who don't know about what causes stress, there are multiple factors that can cause it such as a challenge or demand, and not all of the responses are negative.

Common stressors may include preparing for vacation, getting a speeding ticket, taking out a loan, troubles at work, getting married, having a baby and several other everyday life events. But sometimes short-term stress can be helpful. For example, stress can help you meet a deadline or prevent a car accident, but just like there are stressors, there are stress relievers to help with cope. For example, playing your favorite sport can help relieve your stress, getting some exercise, some even turn off their phone, disconnect from social media and enjoy some "me-time". Some people even feel that praying or meditating may help relieve some stress.

As a senior, it's very stressful, but some of the ways I deal with stress is by turning my phone off and watching movies with my mom or taking a walk with her and my sister. For me, it's pretty relaxing.





National Sibling Day!

By Saiyan Ortiz, 11th, Junior Editor In Chief



Q: What's something you love about your sibling or siblings?

A: "I don't have any siblings, no brothers or sisters, but I do have 2 girl cousins that I am extremely close to that I consider my sisters. What I love about them is that I can genuinely be myself like I don't have to be extra happy or anything around them. If I'm happy they know it, if I'm sad I can be honest with them and they know it, and just be me without any judgment and be vulnerable around them. It's just comforting to know that, good or bad, they will love me and will be there for me, and I don't ever have to worry about sharing something with them since I don't worry about how they are going to take it. It's just a comfortable relationship with them." - Principal, Mrs. Almendarez

Q: What's a funny moment you had with your sibling or siblings?

A: "The funniest moment with my siblings was the time we played a trick on my mom where we made her think that there was a ghost on the road. So, I was in Junior high, 8th grade, and they were like in elementary, kinder or 1st grade. You know those speak and say books, the ones that come with sound? Well there was one that came with a horn sound and we pressed it while we were going down the street home, we just moved into the neighborhood by the way, and my mom was like 'What is that?' and we were all quiet and giggling in the back. Then, after we did it 3 times, we told her, 'Oh my gosh mom, you know the neighbor girl, she told us that there was an elote man that passed away and that sometimes you can hear his horn.' and she was like, 'I think I hear it,' and needless to say we busted out laughing and our mom got us when we got home. But, to this day, when we hear a honking horn we are like, 'Hey mom it's the ghost,' and she's like, 'Shut up.' So, yeah." - English 4 teacher, Mrs. Garza

Q: Who's your favorite sibling and why

A: "Considering I have 2 twin sisters, I do not have a favorite sibling. There are very positive elements to both, and both play a key role in my life- so there's no determining who's the favorite. There is no such thing in my eyes, and I want to abstain from making one or the other feel any less special. I love them both dearly." - Assistant Principal, Mr. Garza

Q: Is there a sibling you just can't seem to get along with? Why?

A: "I bump heads with my sister a lot. She's only 3 years older than me and we grew up together, so we argue a lot. Such as chores, who gets more when you go 50/50 on a drink, and stuff like that." - JJ Garcia, Senior

Q: Have you and your siblings ever covered for each other? In what way?

A: "Yes, I cover for my older sister. Like, she was going to go on a date and my parents didn't know. So I covered for her as in like saying she was going to a friend's house to study, when in reality she was going to go eat with a guy and have some fun. This was really recent too." - Dayanara Redding, Junior

Q: Is there a sibling you just can't seem to get along with? Why?

A: "I can't get along with my sister. She doesn't close my door all the way, like last night. She never closes it all the way, like it's only right." - Isabella Avila, Sophomore



April Fools Day Origins

By Bianca Trevino, 12th

April Fools Day is celebrated annually on April 1st. How this day first started out is unknown, but it's believed that many cultures have celebrated this holiday for centuries. The most common theory is this occurred when the Julian calendar was changed to the Gregorian calendar, making New Year's move to January 1st when it used to be celebrated in late March/early April. The people who continued to celebrate New Year's in April were called "April Fools". Another theory is that the ancient Romans and Celtic festivals celebrated the arrival of spring by playing pranks. Even though we're unsure of where it originated, April Fools is celebrated to this day with silly jokes and pranks, like changing the creme in Oreos with toothpaste and giving them to your friends. 🐾



Harmless April Fools Pranks

- Toothpaste as Oreo filling
- Cling Wrap on toilet seat
- Onion candy apple
- Brown E's (brown letter E's)
- The Classic! Whoopie Cushion



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CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Our Cap and Gowns: A dress for success

by Sebastian Rojas, 12th

April 5, 2024 was the day all seniors had been waiting for; we received our cap and gowns. To some, these just look like normal clothing, but to us it's like a reward of our hard work and dedication to our arts. Our gowns are clothing that marks the future and our caps sore to the stars; the mark to show that we pushed forward and didn't stop until we were able to achieve greatness. 🐾



Important Dates & Info

- **STAAR EOCs continue: Algebra EOC 4/24/24**
- **Dress Code and Clear/Mesh Backpacks- WILL BE ENFORCED!!!**
- **Your attendance matters!!!**
- **Last day for ARS will be May 23rd!!!!**
- **Senior Final Exams start May 17th!**
- **Check Skyward for your grades and attendance!!!**