

PHARR-SAN JUAN-ALAMO ISD

# IN THE NEWS



In the News Issue 2

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## LOOK WHO'S MADE THE NEWS!

Check out our PSJA ISD accomplishments featured in various news outlets!

### PSJA ISD installs classroom door locks, vape detectors

Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Independent School District set up some new security devices as kids get ready for another school week.

One of those devices are new classroom door locks. They are designed to keep people out of the classroom who are not supposed to be there. [Read More](#)



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### Public Officials Respond to PSJA ISD Student Letters on Real-World Issues

The PSJA ISD Office of Elementary Curriculum & Instruction, in partnership with the district's new Sustainability Department hosted its first Social Studies Project-Based Learning event at John McKeever Elementary in Alamo and Allen & William Arnold Elementary in Pharr on Oct. 18 and Oct. 20, 2023. [Read More](#)

### PSJA ISD wins Dave Campbell's Texan Live Student Multimedia Spotlight Award

The PSJA ISD KTRI Student Reporter Program is one of ten programs from across the state selected as a recipient of the Dave Campbell's Texan Live Student Multimedia Spotlight Award. [Read More](#)

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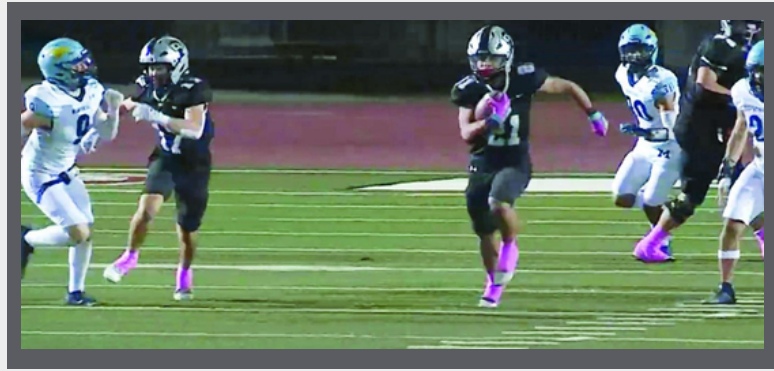




## PSJA North Raiders sink Mustangs

PSJA North improved to 8-0, gaining 400 yards on the ground in a 27-7 victory over McAllen Memorial.

Memorial's touchdown in the fourth quarter ended an impressive streak of 23 straight quarters where the North defense hadn't given up any points. During that span they tallied five straight shutouts. [Read More](#)



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## PSJA Early College High School Bear Band Named UIL Area Champions, Advance to State

Making district history, the PSJA Early College High School (PSJA ECHS) Mighty Bear Band competed at the UIL 6A Area Marching Contest in Laredo on Oct. 21 and was named the UIL Area Champions. The band will now advance to the UIL State Marching Contest to be held at the Alamodome in San Antonio on Oct. 30-31. [Read More](#)

## Hundreds Attend 24th Annual PSJA College Night

Hundreds of PSJA ISD high school students and their parents attended the 24th Annual PSJA College Night event held at PSJA North Early College High School on October 17, 2023. [Read More](#)

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## RGVSports.com Football Top 10 Poll

The following are the teams in the RGVSports.com Top 10 Poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and total points based on 10 points for a first-place vote through 1 point for a 10th-place vote.

The four voters are the writers and editors who cover RGV high school football for AIM Media's three newspapers: The Monitor, Valley Morning Star, and The Brownsville Herald. [Read More](#)

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## LIST: Halloween activities in the Rio Grande Valley

With Halloween just around the corner, Channel 5 News is rounding up the events the Rio Grande Valley has to offer. [Read More](#)

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## History in the making: Three Valley bands hopeful to place in state marching band contests

With the Rio Grande Valley having a rich history of marching band culture, three Valley bands advanced to the state level with each school making history.

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The South Texas sunset silhouettes the PSJA Early College High School marching band during band practice at the school on Monday, Oct. 23, 2023, in Pharr. The band will compete at the University Interscholastic League State Open Class Marching Band Contest Class 6A on Oct. 30 through Nov. 1 at the Alamodome in San Antonio. (Dwilda Lopez | dlopez@themonitor.com)

## PSJA ISD students attend Manufacturing Day event

PSJA ISD students attended the City of Pharr's third annual Manufacturing Day.

The event was held at the Pharr Development and Research Center on Wednesday in celebration of National Manufacturing Day.

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## PSJA North QB Aparicio commits to play football at UTRGV

PSJA North senior quarterback Ale Aparicio announced his verbal commitment to play college football at UTRGV on Twitter on Monday.

Aparicio, a four-year letterman, has started all four years at quarterback for PSJA North. The dual-threat has completed 204 of 351 passes for 2,927 yards with 34 passing touchdowns and just eight interceptions in 31 games played. [Read More](#)



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## PSJA ISD middle school principal reflects on breast cancer battle

Having lost family members to breast cancer, the month of October always hit close to home for Erica Vecchio.

This year, it's become even more personal. "It's just very different this time, having to have gone through it myself," Vecchio said. [Read More](#)

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## My my, Mia: From Bobcat to Bear, Dominguez thrives

In Spanish, the word mia implies ownership, or mine, as in es mia.

For three years, the Edinburg High Bobcats laid claim to the athletic exploits of Mia Dominguez. As the 2023 volleyball season opened, it was the PSJA High Bears' turn to say, es mia. [Read More](#)

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## PSJA North boys, PSJA High girls advance in water polo playoffs

Two Rio Grande Valley high school water polo teams punched their tickets to the regional quarterfinal round of the state playoffs by securing area round victories over the weekend. [Read More](#)

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## Keys to Succeed

Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Independent School District (PSJA ISD) alumna Tianna Bruce recently returned to share her experience and expertise as a licensed Real Estate Agent with PSJA students enrolled in the Real Estate Academy.

Bruce graduated from PSJA North Early College High School in May of 2023. [Read More](#)

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**PSJA ISD Alumni**  
SPOTLIGHT

**Tianna Bruce**  
PSJA North ECHS Class of 2023





## Asisten a segundo concierto anual de Tradiciones Mexicanas de PSJA ISD

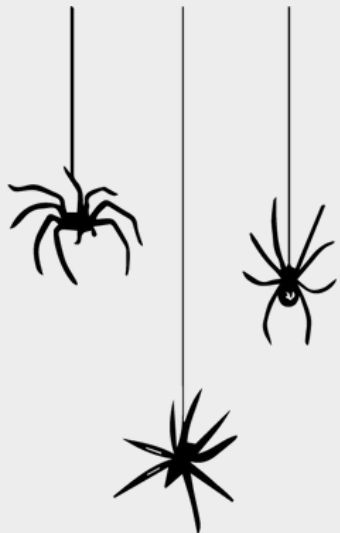
En celebración del Mes de la Herencia Hispana, cientos de miembros de la comunidad asistieron al segundo concierto anual de Tradiciones Mexicanas del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Pharr-San Juan-Alamo, celebrado la semana pasada, en el Estadio PSJA. [Read More](#)

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## Alumna de PSJA ISD regresa a su alma mater para inspirar a futuros agentes inmobiliarios

Tianna Bruce, ex alumna del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Pharr-San Juan-Alamo, regresó recientemente para compartir su experiencia y conocimientos como agente de bienes raíces con licencia con estudiantes de PSJA inscritos en la Academia de Bienes Raíces. [Read More](#)

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# Happy Halloween



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