PHARR-SAN JUAN-ALAMO ISD

# IN THE NEWS



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### **LOOK WHO'S MADE THE NEWS!**

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



# PSJA High Marching Band Celebrates First Area Championship

For the first time in the school's more than 100-year-old history, PSJA High School boasts a UIL area marching contest championship.

PSJA high marching band Director John Garza said he's proud of all the hard work his students put in this year. Read More

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### Photo Gallery: PSJA ISD Long-serving Member Jesus "Jesse" Vela Jr. Has a School Renamed In His Honor

PSJA ISD long-serving member Jesus "Jesse" Vela has a school renamed in his honor. Jesse Vela Jr. receives greetings from well wishers. View More

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# Photo Gallery: PSJA ISD long-serving member Jesus "Jesse" Vela Jr. has a school renamed in his honor by pathwind Manager 17,257

### Photo Gallery: Food, Fun and 1000 Turkeys Given to Hidalgo County Residents at Harvest Festival

PSJA North's Alexandra Salazar performs with the mariachi during the Harvest Festival at the Hidalgo County Precinct 2 Community Resource Center on Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2023, in San Juan. Read More

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### Alamo Middle School Renamed after Jesus "Jesse" Vela Jr. in Trustee's Honor

The last name Vela will be forever carried in the halls and hearts of PSJA ISD with the renaming of Alamo Middle School to Jesus "Jesse" Vela, Jr. Middle School honoring the long-serving trustee.

After decades of public service to the PSJA community, Jesus "Jesse" Vela Jr. is getting his flowers. Read More

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### PSJA North's Garcia Twins Commit to Play Football at UTRGV

PSJA North senior twin brothers Danny and Dante Garcia both announced their verbal commitments to play football at UTRGV on Tuesday evening.

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# PSJA ISD's First Trunk Or Treat Bash in Celebration of Red Ribbon Week

In an effort to provide students, families, and community members a safe space to partake in Halloween festivities while simultaneously bringing awareness to the importance of living a drug-free life, Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Independent School District (PSJA ISD) held its first-ever Trunk or Treat Bash on Monday, October 30, 2023, at the PSJA Stadium. Read More

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### PSJA High Seeking First Playoff Win Since 2008, Host Falcons in Bi-District Round

That's been the message floating around the PSJA High locker room heading into Friday's Class 6A DI bi-district matchup against Los Fresnos after dropping their last two meetings to its District 32-6A rival. Read More

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### Nueva Unida Móvil para Promover la Salud y Seguridad

El Distrito Escolar de PSJA anunció su nueva iniciativa enfocada en la salud y la seguridad de sus residentes. Se trata de una unidad móvil que estará visitando alguna ciudad dentro del distrito escolar de PSJA. Además de que promoverán la salud y seguridad. View More

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### PSJA North, Brownsville Vets Slated to Duke it Out Friday

PSJA North continued on its path through the playoffs by defeating Victoria East 42-7 in the Region IV-5A area round of the playoffs. The Raiders will play Brownsville Veterans in a rematch of last year's regional semifinals. Read More

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# PS JA NORTH Raiders

# **PSJA NORTH**Early College High School

### **RAIDERS VS Brownsville VETS**

## Keys to Succeed: PSJA Real Estate Program

Adriana Garcia, the PSJA ISD CTE Director, talked to NBC 23's Danielle Banda about its Real Estate Program and how this and other programs are available to assist students in their futures. Read More

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# Pharr Awarded \$1M grant to Close Digital Divide & Provide Internships

The City of Pharr has been awarded a \$1 Million grant from Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas, Inc. to help close the digital divide. Funding from the grant will be used to exclusively create an internship program in collaboration with PSJA ISD to provide students with job skills in programming, information technology, and cybersecurity. Read More



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### Photo Gallery: PSJA Memorial's Día De Los Muertos Exhibit

Students and staff at PSJA Memorial Early College High School put together a Día de los Muertos altar and unveiled the exhibit Wednesday to the community, special visitors and the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley's Mexican American Studies Department.

Hidalgo County District Attorney Terry Palacios alongside with PSJA ISD Superintendent Dr. Alejandro Elias, school board members and district leadership also explored the school-wide project. Read More











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