

SPARTAN SPOTLIGHT

OCTOBER 2024



FIRST ANNUAL FIESTA ON THE PLAZA

The Stafford Municipal School District, in collaboration with the Hispanic Heritage Alliance and the City of Stafford, recently held its inaugural "Fiesta on the Plaza" to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. This lively two-day event, was held at the Stafford Centre on Friday with a free concert with Grupo Fuerte and Los Desperadoz, and Saturday's "Fiesta at the Plaza" at the SMSD campus.

The event brought together students, families, and community members to honor the rich cultural traditions of Hispanic and Latino communities. With a colorful array of music, dance performances, and traditional foods, the celebration highlighted the diversity and contributions of Hispanic heritage to the community. Art displays and student-led performances showcased the talents and creativity of SMSD students, making it a memorable and educational experience for all who attended. SMSD is grateful to everyone who contributed to making the event a success.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

OCT 14	Board Meeting	NOV 25-29	Thanksgiving Break
OCT 17&18	Fall Intercession Days	DEC 9	Board Meeting
NOV 1	No School (Prof Dev Day)	DEC 16-19	Finals Week (SMA/SMS/SHS)
NOV 11	Board Meeting	DEC 20	Early Dismissal (All Schools)
NOV 22	Early Dismissal (1/2 Flex Day)	DEC 23-JAN 3	Winter Break

STAFFORD MSD
COMMUNITY CENTER
Grand Opening
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5
10 AM - 1 PM
1625 STAFFORDSHIRE ROAD
STAFFORD, TX 77477
FAMILIES WELCOME



SECC WELCOMED OVER 200 GRANDPARENTS

Grandparents Day at Stafford Early Childhood Center was a fun-filled and heart-warming event! It was wonderful to see the joy and excitement as grandparents spent time with their grandchildren, engaging in activities and sharing special moments together.

Both grandparents and students loved every bit of it, from the classroom visits to the interactive games. Our staff worked tirelessly to make the day special, and their dedication shone through

in every detail. The event not only celebrated family bonds but also strengthened our community spirit, leaving everyone with lasting memories.



"Here at SMSD learning is enhanced through technology using simulated real-world experiences in our small, but mighty municipal community." - Dr. Robert Bostic, Superintendent of Schools



STAFFORD ELEMENTARY is proud of our students who performed at the SMSD Fiesta on the Plaza! Our students, under the direction of Mr. Pineda, music teacher, serenaded the crowd with their beautiful voices.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Stafford Elementary is currently recruiting volunteers to be part of our Meal Time Heroes. This group will be helping during lunchtime hours once a month. If interested, we can arrange for training times. For more information, please email Ms. T. Williams at toni.williams@staffordmsd.org



STAFFORD MIDDLE

held its first Student Wellness Day and it was a success! Students who earned this Positive Behavior Incentive got to enjoy Minecraft, soccer, video games, board games, crafting and neon glow party!





The JFT ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority donated STEM kits to every Kinder classroom.



Teachers completed a True Colors personality quiz to identify their personality trait by color.



Leadership utilized "Choosing to Lead w/Care" TedTalk to help teachers reconnect to their WHY.

STAFFORD EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER SNAPSHOT STORIES



Learning was brought to life as students engaged with animals from Barn Hill Preserve.



SECC partnered with CityRise Church to clean and restructure its Reading Garden after Beryl.



Spartan Champions are highlighted weekly for academic and behavioral performance.



Kinder culminated their Nursery Rhyme unit with a Nursery Rhyme Olympic day where Humpty Dumpty made an appearance and students had to put him back together again.



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The SMSD Board of Trustees meets monthly on the second Monday in the Leonard Scarcella Administration Building. Meeting agendas, information about each agenda item and past meeting videos are linked to the district website at www.staffordmsd.org.

The Board consists of seven members elected by the City of Stafford community to serve for terms of three years each.



Shawna Punch is joining the Stafford MSD family as the new Director of Federal and State Programs. Prior to coming to SMSD, she served in the Houston Independent School District for 28 years. Her education, experience and expertise make her a great fit for this role. She began her career as a teacher and has experience in general education and special education classroom settings. She has experience teaching early childhood, students with disabilities, at-risk, emergent bilingual, and gifted learners. She has served in Title I, Dual Language and International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program schools.

She has experience in both campus and district level leadership. She's served as Elementary Principal, as a Senior Manager in the Office of Special Education Services, and as Executive Director of Feeder. She is committed to doing what is best for children and is passionate about advocating to ensure all students have equitable access to the high-quality instruction they deserve.

COLLEGE, CAREER & MILITARY READINESS IN STAFFORD MSD

At Stafford MSD, we are committed to ensuring that every student has access to high-quality pathways that prepare them for their futures, whether that path leads to college, a career, or military service. College, Career, and Military Readiness (CCMR) is embedded in the culture of our district, guided by state regulations, and supported through valuable partnerships with higher education institutions and local businesses. CCMR encompasses a wide range of curriculum, resources, programs, and activities that equip students with the tools they need for success after high school. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) has outlined specific indicators that define college, career, or military readiness. Students who meet one of these indicators are considered

“CCMR-met,” a critical metric in both district and school accountability. We are proud to share that, according to the most recent TEA data, 94% of Stafford MSD graduates have met the CCMR Readiness Indicator. **This remarkable achievement is 18 percentage points higher than state average of 76% and far surpasses the newly established criteria of 88% for an “A” rating in the CCMR category.** A huge thank you to our dedicated teachers, school leaders, and central office administrators, whose tireless efforts are transforming the lives of our students and ensuring they are ready for the challenges and opportunities that await them in a post-secondary world. Together, we are making a lasting impact on their futures!



Thank You!
Attentive Lodge
#350-PHA

STAFFORD
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*Thank you for donating to Stafford Elementary
Mr. Simperts, Mr. Blackshire and Mr. Brown.*



2024-2025

Open Enrollment

**STEM MAGNET
ACADEMY**

STEM Magnet Academy enrollment opens
October 4, 2023

Scan QR code and Apply Today!



SECC student choir at district’s community Hispanic Heritage celebration.



SMSD Celebrates
**HISPANIC
HERITAGE
MONTH**

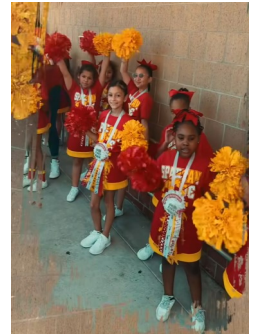
September 15 - October 15

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MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

#STAFFORDNATION

HOME OF THE SPARTANS

Congratulations to the Stafford High Spartans football team for their incredible victory against Calhoun High School in the Homecoming game! Your hard work, dedication, and team spirit made this win even more special. We were excited to celebrate Homecoming Day—the Homecoming Parade was nothing short of spectacular and showed the heart and spirit of our Spartans! Thank you to all the coaches, players, and fans who came out to support and made memories to last a lifetime. Go Spartans!



Last Game		
Home Game Non-District		
 Stafford 2-2	20 Fri, 9/20 13 FINAL	 Calhoun 0-4
Box Score		



THANK YOU PITRE BOYS FOUNDATION

We would like to say thank you to the Pitre Boys Foundation for their donation to the Stafford High School Football Program. The Pitre Boys Foundation consists of two Stafford alumni brothers, Jerick and Jalen Pitre, along with their father Rick Pitre. These men have devoted countless hours in making a difference in our community. We are thankful for their generosity and their commitment to serve the Stafford community. We wish them continued success! **#Stafford Proud**

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STAFFORD HIGH SCHOOL



The Lady Spartans kicked off the season with a victory against Wil-
lowridge High School—congratulations! With 35 athletes and 3 man-
agers, all three teams are off to a strong start, already securing several
wins. The varsity roster includes 6 seniors and 4 juniors, and after
each game, a player is recognized for their outstanding performance.
Coach Ivana Ellas', now in her 9th year leading the team, continues to
build a competitive program, alongside assistant coaches Luis
Gallegos and Zamyal Jackson. Players recognized so far include **Alieva
Simmons**, **Amiya Chatman**, **Sarah Blakemore**, **Klyn Thompson**,
Marely Houston, **Makayla Warner**, **Hanna Daniel**, **Jennifer
Amady'Sydney**, **Jazzmine Rhodes**, **Briana Hinojosa**, **Elizabeth Gir-
machew**, and **Layla Gonzalez Gomez (Homecoming Queen)**. The
team looks forward to a successful season with hopes of making a
playoff run!



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STAFFORD MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

PHASE II OF NON-RESIDENT TRANSFERS NOW OPEN!

Through October 25th

Please note that all forms and documentation will
be completed online only

Click the link below to access the online application



STAFFORD
MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

EFFECTIVE PARENT TEACHER COMMUNICATION

This virtual session for parents and
teachers is designed to help parents
build strong partnerships with their
child's educators. Learn tips for clear,
respectful communication, how to
prepare for parent-teacher conferences,
and ways to stay informed about your
child's progress throughout the school
year.

**October 24th
6:30 PM**