

SPARTAN SPOTLIGHT

FEBRUARY 2025



STAFFORD
MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

FEB 7

Early Dismissal

FEB 10

Board Meeting

FEB 14

Early Dismissal

FEB 17

Presidents' Day Holiday

MAR 10-14

Spring Break

APR 18

Good Friday Holiday

SMSD ROBOTICS TEAMS SHINE AT FIRST LEGO LEAGUE COMPETITION

Last month, our two FIRST Lego League Robotics Teams competed at San Jacinto College, making us incredibly proud. The Mystic Warriors stood out by earning the prestigious Breakthrough Award, a testament to their dedication and innovation. A heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Sievers and Mrs. Cheng for their outstanding coaching, and congratulations to all our **Stafford STEM Magnet Academy** students for their hard work and achievements!

DR. ROBERT BOSTIC
TABSE Superintendent of the Year!

Congratulations!



Dr. Bostic Named TABSE Superintendent of the Year

Dr. Robert Bostic has been honored as the **2025 Superintendent of the Year** by the **Texas Alliance of Black School Educators (TABSE)**, a prestigious recognition that reflects the collective excellence of **SMSD**. This award (presented at TABSE's **40th Annual State Conference**) highlights Dr. Bostic's visionary leadership and unwavering commitment to student success. Dr. Bostic continues to inspire

and drive innovation, making this award a testament to the impact SMSD has on education across Texas.

"I want to thank our amazing school board for their continued support, leadership and dedication. This award is truly a shared achievement of SMSD's Team of 8 and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve alongside each one of them." —Dr. Robert Bostic

STAFFORD EARLY COLLEGE & CAREER HIGH SCHOOL LAUNCHES NEW INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Stafford Early College and Career High School is excited to announce the launch of a new Internship Program for junior and senior students. Students will gain valuable hands-on learning experience with fall, spring, and summer internship opportunities. Internships will be offered across various industries in partnership with local businesses as well as within the school district. Students who complete the program will develop social skills, build their resume, and network with professionals within the community. Students interested in the Internship Program may contact Christina Green at Christina.Green@staffordmsd.org



SMSD
EARLY COLLEGE
High School
(INCLUDING P-TECH)

Application Window
February 1-March 17

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION
TODAY!!

EARLY COLLEGE
STAFFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

The SMSD Early College High School and P-Tech Program are now accepting applications for the 2025-2026 school year!

These innovative programs offer high school students the opportunity to earn college credits, gain real-world experience and explore pathways in high-demand career fields.

Applications open from February 1st through March 17th, 2025. Don't miss this chance to jumpstart your future!

SPARTAN CTE DEPARTMENT PARTICIPATES IN SKILLSUSA CONFERENCE

The **Career and Technical Education** department is proud to share their participation in SkillsUSA, a national organization serving teachers, middle school, high school and college students who are preparing for careers in technical, skilled and service occupations, including health care. It empowers its members to become skilled professionals, and responsible, career-ready leaders.

For the 2024-2025 school year, Stafford has 10 committed instructors and 86 students who are active members. Stafford registered in 116 individual or team events, along with Job Exhibits—where students described and demonstrated skills learned throughout the school year in their program of study—at the District 9 SkillsUSA Skills and Technical Conference. Students represented in Health Care, Culinary, and Welding contests. Upcoming contests are Automotive and Criminal Justice, Audio Video, Information Technology, and Leadership events.

Closing and Awards Ceremonies will take place February 22nd at the Stafford Civic Center.





LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

The 8th-Grade Dragon Dance Team delivered spectacular performances at the Early Childhood Center and Stafford Elementary campus on Wednesday, January 29, marking the official Lunar New Year.

Their talent and energy continued to shine as they took the stage once again at the Stafford Stem Magnet Academy during the Lunar New Year Celebration on February 7. The performance highlighted the rich cultural traditions of the holiday and showcased our district's incredible diversity.



Stafford Elementary, has hosted a variety of enriching events this school year: Mealtime Heroes Parent Volunteer Program, Children's Museum Family Literacy Night, Booktacular Parade, the Childhood Hunger Initiative Power Pack program, CHAMP Buck Store, and the Hispanic Heritage program. The SES Little Spartans are consistently exposed to valuable learning experiences that engage their minds.



This month we honor the rich history, culture and achievements of Black Americans who have shaped our world. Students will engage in meaningful activities, discussions and learning experiences that highlight the contributions of Black leaders, innovators and changemakers.



We are thrilled to announce Ms. Latoya Davis has been named the HAABSE Teacher of the Year! This prestigious recognition celebrates her dedication, passion, and commitment to education. As part of honor, Ms. Davis has been awarded a \$1,000 prize and a full scholarship to Abilene Christian University to pursue her doctoral degree.



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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.

Welcome to
STAFFORD MSD!

Please help us welcome the newest member to our SMSD team!

BOBBILYN LYONS
School Social Worker

SMSD WELCOMES NEW SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER

Bobbilyn Lyons brings over 25 years of experience in social work to the Spartan family. She holds a Bachelor of Social Work from Lamar University and a Master's in Counseling from Prairie View A&M University. Throughout her career, Ms. Lyons has dedicated herself to supporting children and families, individuals with special needs, and the elderly. As a mother, an active member of The Fort Bend Church, and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Ms. Lyons is passionate about making a positive impact on the lives of others and looks forward to continuing her journey at SMSD.



SSMA COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL

The monthly Coffee with the Principal event provides parents with an opportunity to ask questions and share concerns directly with the Principal, fostering a collaborative environment that positively impacts our students' progress. It also serves as a great platform for parents to connect with one another and celebrate the school's achievements. All Stem Magnet Academy parents and community members are encouraged to attend.



Ms. Lopez won GT Teacher of the Year from HCDE!



SECC Celebrated 100 Days of School!



Celebrated Law Enforcement Appreciation Day!



Celebrated School Board Appreciation Month!



Celebrated Lunar New Year!



**FEB
1-28**




LET'S CELEBRATE


DIGITAL LEARNING

For the entire month of February!

SMSD will celebrate Digital Learning for the entire month of February and recognize our incredible educators who are effectively integrating technology into the classroom to increase student achievement and engagement! More details to follow soon.

This month is **Digital Learning Month** here at SMSD and our teachers have been challenged with integrating technology each week. True technology integration is about how the students are learning with technology and what they're producing through technology. Teachers are encouraged to follow three easy steps:

-  Select a Digital Learning Choice Board
-  Complete the activities and earn badges!
-  Upload photos or videos of completed activities

 *Teachers who earn badges will be invited to a reception at the beginning of March to showcase the awesome activities they completed with students during Digital Learning Month! Let's make this a great digital learning month!*

For more information or assistance contact Stephanie Jernigan , Instructional Technology Coordinator.



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NATIONAL COUNSELOR'S WEEK
THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!

2025-2026

STAFFORD MSD
STEM MAGNET

STEM MAGNET ACADEMY

OPEN ENROLLMENT

STEM Magnet Academy enrollment opens
October 1, 2024

Scan QR code and Apply Today!

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Working to bring California back from the ashes; donations are helping renew communities scarred by catastrophic wildfires -- rebuilding lives and restoring hope for those who have lost so much.

How You Can Help...

Bring Items
Clothing, Water, Personal Hygiene Items, Baby Products, Pet Food, NO FOOD ITEMS

Collection Date:
Saturday, February 15, 2025
9am-Noon

Drop-off Site:
Stafford ECC
1350 Constitution Ave
Stafford, TX



Congratulations to Mrs. Julia Cheng for being honored with the Teacher of the Year Award at the 2025 Teacher Awards and Recognition Ceremony by Houston Area Alliance of Black School Educators (HAABSE)! As the Foreign Language class teacher for grades 3-9 and coach of the FLL Robotics Team, Mrs. Cheng's dedication and outstanding contributions to our students and school have rightfully earned this recognition. Additionally, SMSD had other teachers who received recognition as Teacher of the Year: Mr. Carl Jones (Stafford Elementary), Mr. Jesus Zepeda (Stafford Middle School), and Dionne Douglas-Harper (Stafford High School). Please join us in celebrating each of these incredible educators and their remarkable achievement!

Thank you in advance for contributing. Items will be delivered to the American Red Cross. Every item matters!



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