



SPARTAN SPOTLIGHT

APRIL 2025

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

- APR 14** Board Meeting
- APR 18** Holiday
- MAY 9** Early Dismissal
- MAY 12** Board Meeting
- MAY 23** Early Dismissal
- MAY 26** Memorial Day Holiday
- MAY 27-29** Finals/Early Dismissal (HS,MS,MA)
- MAY 30** Last Day of School/Early Dismissal
- MAY 31** Graduation Ceremony



SPARTAN ROBOTICS TEAM SHINES AT COMPETITION

The **Stafford High School** FRC Robotics Team competed in Victoria last month, advancing to the semifinals and securing an impressive 4th place finish out of 25 teams. Their outstanding performance also earned them the Rising All-Star Award, a special recognition presented by event judges to a team that shows exceptional potential and teamwork. Congratulations to **Ceana Abraham, Nasya Nwanguma, Asim Abidi, Steve Samuel, Kosi Nwafor, Godson Nnaka, and Princeton Nnaka** for their hard work and dedication. A special thank you to **Coach Bryon Thompson** and **Coach Frank Hoang** for their leadership and guidance. The Spartans are gearing up for their next competition in Friendswood. Let's cheer them on as they continue their journey to success!

STAFFORD MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

AUTISM AWARENESS & CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

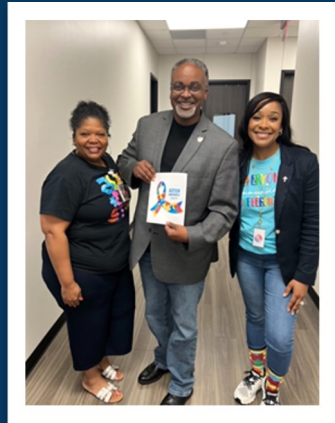
April 1-31

Stafford MSD is committed to creating safe, inclusive, and supportive environments for ALL students. Throughout the month of April, our campuses honored:

Child Abuse Prevention Month – Promoting advocacy and awareness to protect every child's right to grow up in a secure environment.

Autism Awareness Month – Celebrating neurodiversity and promoting inclusion, understanding, and acceptance for individuals with autism.

SMSD joined communities worldwide in recognizing these important observances in meaningful ways and shared facts and resources to educate and inspire action.



RIBBON CUTTING CELEBRATION AT SECC'S READING GARDEN!



The **Stafford Early Childhood Center** celebrated growth and partnership at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for their Reading Garden! What started as a volunteer project with **Attack Poverty** has blossomed into a thriving outdoor learning space thanks to the leadership of Ms. Chesser in a groundbreaking partnership with **Sprouting Texas**—the first school partnership of its kind in the state!

On this World Health Day, we were reminded wellness starts with intentional environments that nurture the body and mind. Our Reading Garden is more than a beautiful space—it's a hub for STEM learning, literacy, and healthy exploration. From planting to measuring to observing weather, our students are digging into science, technology, engineering, and math—alongside books!

We extend our deepest gratitude to our teachers, staff, and community partners who rolled up their sleeves—sometimes literally—to make this dream a reality. Your passion and dedication to early childhood education and innovative learning spaces is unmatched.



Teachers at **Stafford Elementary** were the fortunate recipients of tickets to the **Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo** thanks to the generous donation by **Bryan Mendoza**, vice chairman of the **Go Tejano** committee, of which **Principal De La Rosa** is also a member. The HLSR is a major annual event featuring livestock and rodeo competitions, a carnival, and various academic competitions for students, promoting education alongside agricultural awareness and Western heritage.

Stafford Middle School hosted their Annual Spring STAAR Literacy Night for Parents.

It was a great informational session for parents and students to meet with teachers to discuss their academic progress and strategies to prepare for STAAR testing next month. Special thanks to all of our teachers for printing data sheets so that parents had something tangible to reference!



The UIL One Act Play was an undeniable success for the **Stafford High School Spartan Theatre Troupe!** We are extremely proud to announce they are advancing to Bi-Districts after placing Second Overall at UIL District competition! This opportunity has shown our cast and crew how much hard work truly pays off. We are honored to have every student that contributed to our production of Brian Hampton's *Gossip*. We are thrilled to continue this journey into Bi-Districts and grateful for the continued support of our campus and district leaders!

HAPPY National Assistant Principals WEEK



Aisha Atkinson
SECC



Dr. Karen Grant
SES/SSMA



Annette Rewa
SES



Janelle Toussant
SES



Angel Jordan
SMS



Donald Riggs
SMS



Alfred Black
SHS



Silas Garcia
SHS



Jeffery Williams
SHS



Meet the Stafford Special Education Parent Engagement Committee

At SMSD our **Special Education Parent Engagement Committee (SSE-PEC)** goes beyond awareness—they strive for action, support, and year-round connection for our families. SSEPEC is a parent-driven group that uplifts families of children receiving special education services in SMSD. Through advocacy, resources, and peer support, they work hand-in-hand with schools and families to create meaningful change and ensure every voice is heard.

Whether it's navigating IEPs, accessing resources, or finding community, SSEPEC is here to walk alongside parents and caregivers every step of the way. Join us in celebrating the incredible neurodiversity in our community and let's continue building a culture of support—this month and every month.

SMSD CAMPUS Tours



Explore Our Campus!

Join us for a guided tour of Stafford Municipal School District and experience our vibrant learning environment firsthand. See our innovative classrooms, meet our dedicated staff, and discover what makes our community special.

SMSD Campus Tours Recap + Next Tour Info!

Last month, we had a fantastic time welcoming nearly 20 prospective parents and students during our recent SMSD Campus Tours! Families explored our campuses, met our dedicated staff, and got a firsthand look at the Spartan experience.

Did you miss it? No worries! Our next campus tour is scheduled for **Friday, May 2nd at 9 AM**. We'd love to see **YOU!** Come discover why SMSD is a District of Choice!





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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.



Book the Stafford Community Center!

Discover all the center offers—modern meeting rooms in various sizes and versatile spaces for any event. Whether you're planning a baby shower, a small wedding, a birthday party, or graduation, let's celebrate this exciting milestone and book with us today!



For room rental fees and more information email our center managers, **Adrian Herrera (Alumni)** and **Mrs. Moak (Retired SMSD teacher)** at smsdcommunitycentermanager@gmail.com or call **832.539.6591** or visit www.staffordmsd.org/meet-stafford/stafford-msd-community-center

2025-2026

STEM MAGNET ACADEMY

OPEN ENROLLMENT

STEM Magnet Academy enrollment opens October 1, 2024

Scan QR code and Apply Today!

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SMSD MONTHLY COMMUNITY BREAKFAST UPDATE



We had an amazing time at the SMSD March Community Breakfast, where we featured our incredible Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment team! It was a morning filled with insight, engagement, and collaboration as we heard directly from community members and our students about their SMSD experiences.

A big **THANK YOU** to our talented **Stafford Early College and Career High School** Culinary, Floral, and Audio Visual departments for providing top-notch services that made the event extra special. From delicious food to beautiful floral arrangements and smooth audio-visual presentations, your dedication shone brightly!

STAFFORD HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP STUDENT WINS BIG

Victoria Vasquez Paredes, an Advanced Marketing and Entrepreneurship student in Mrs. Laurent's class, successfully launched a student-led business initiative, *Crafty Pinatas*, that has not only garnered interest from the local community but also received praise from industry professionals. Victoria turned her love for crafts, culture, and celebration into a thriving small business. She was recently named a recipient of the prestigious **Formidable Fellowship** for embodying the spirit of entrepreneurship: passion, resilience, and a commitment to bringing beauty

and joy to others. Victoria's story is featured at <https://www.formidablefellowship.org/winners>.

Along with the recognition, she won a grant for her business which is worth \$1,000. SMSD is very proud of her, and we believe her dedication and success reflect the values we strive to instill in our SMSD students. Congratulations to this awesome senior!



The Big Brothers Big Sisters Program is Growing!

We are proud to share about our amazing mentorship program in partnership with **Big Brothers Big Sisters**! High school students ("Bigs") and Elementary students ("Littles") are forming incredible connections, building confidence, and having fun while learning. And the excitement is growing!

Next year, we'll be expanding the program to include **Stafford Middle School**! We're now recruiting for the 2025-2026 school year. Send an email to vprince@staffordmsd.org to get connected. We are currently recruiting current 9th and 10th grade Bigs and current 2nd and 3rd grade Littles.

HOME OF THE SPARTANS

Stafford Elementary & Middle School are seeking Board Members and Parents to participate in the 2025-2026 PTO.

#STAFFORDNATION



Please Contact **Verlincia Prince** at vprince@staffordmsd.org

PRESENTS THE
EARLY STEM ACADEMY PROGRAM
APPLICATION AVAILABLE

Acceptance Requirements

- Completion of the 2025-2026 ESA application
- \$20 nonrefundable application fee submitted via RevTrak
- Qualifying score on the ESA Admission Test
 - Exam Date for Phase I is Saturday, April 26th
 - Exam Date for Phase II is Saturday, May 3rd

APPLY NOW



<https://forms.office.com/r/HGDZgYlA1JWS>

REVTRACK



<https://staffordmsd.revtrak.net/esa-program/>

STUDY GUIDE



<https://bit.ly/ESAStudyGuide>



SMSD Launches New Early STEM Academy Program

SMSD is excited to introduce a new initiative exclusively for kindergarten students! The Early Stem Academy (ESA), will take place at the Stafford Early Childhood Center. The aim of ESA is to lay the groundwork for early STEM education. Participants will engage in coding within Math, explore Science inquiries, tackle STEM challenges, and experience an accelerated curriculum. Admission to the program will require a testing entrance exam. If you're interested, please fill out the form at:

<https://bit.ly/3FBaS4W>

Contact: Dr. Lakenya Perry-Allen, Director of STEM or Tiffany Fondal, STEM Specialist

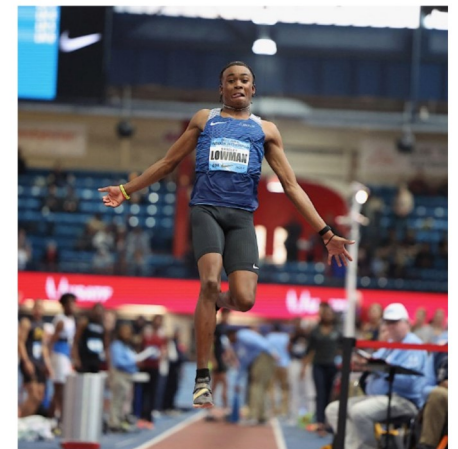


Congratulations Dylan Williams!

Dylan is our first State qualifier in the past five years! Dylan represented **Stafford High School** proudly, placing 10th place at the **State Powerlifting Competition**. Special thanks to **Coach Edwards**, **Coach Jones**, and **Coach Givens** for their outstanding support and leadership throughout the season. We're proud of this achievement and excited for what's to come!

Stafford HS Varsity Boys Track & Field

Stafford Boys Track and Field is in full effect this Spring. The boys competed in the Texas A&M High School Bluebonnet Classic and put together some incredible times. The 4x200 meter relay set a new school record of 1:26.15 which currently ranks #1 in all 4A division! The Team of **Jordan Johnson N-Tuck (Senior)**, **Bradley Lowman (Senior)**, **Kaden Rousell (Sophomore)**, and **Aiden Seales (Freshman)** broke a record that had been set back in 2012. Senior **Bradley Lowman** had the opportunity to shine nationally and set the bar to higher heights. He set a personal best in the 110meter hurdles, posting a nationally ranked time of 13.70 and finishing 3rd overall. He is also currently ranked #2 overall in United States in the long jump. Over spring break Lowman was invited to compete at the prestigious **Nike High School National Indoor Invitational Meet held in New York City**. He placed 7th overall in 60meter hurdles and 5th in the long jump.



Senior Bradley Lowman



SMSD Secures New International School Buses!

Thank you to everyone who made it happen!

SMSD is thrilled to report five new international school buses were delivered to the **Transportation Center** during Spring Break. Four are 77 passenger buses and 1 is a Special Education bus. This greatly improves the capacity to provide reliable, comfortable transportation to the students we serve!



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WE ARE Hiring!!

For the 2025-2026 School Year

Come and Join "The Best Little School District in Texas"

SMSD is looking for bright, enthusiastic, dedicated professionals to join our team! If you are interested in joining a dynamic group of people, please attend our job fair! See details below.

April 24, 2025
5:00 - 7:00 PM

Leonard Scarcella
Administration Building
1633 Staffordshire Road
Stafford, TX 7477

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Happy Paraprofessionals Day!

SMSD celebrates Paraprofessional Day in April! It's a time to recognize the incredible contributions of paraprofessionals who support our students and classrooms. A big thank you to **Trustee Joyce Wilkins** for providing pizza to make the celebration even more special!



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