Home of the Braves and Lady Braves



ESEA REQUIRED ASSESSMENTS

SY 26-27 Assessment **Calendar**

NASIS PARENT/STUDENT PORTAL

Access assignments, grades and more.

PARTNERSHIP FOR STUDENT SUCCESS HANDBOOK

Discover what's new in the **handbook**.

SFIS DAILY BULLETIN

Stay in the **know**.

Community Links

- SFIS Website
- SY 26-27 Calendar
- Library Media Center (LMC)
- Free Breakfast & Lunch Program

SFIS FORMS

View Athletic, Admissions, and Health Center **forms**.

Student Fee(s) & Other Payments

Week At a Glance

8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Lady Braves MS Basketball @ Espanola		Veteran's Day (Classes in Session) Lady Braves MS Basketball	Jemez & Tesuque Feasts NMAA State Volleyball Tournament	Lady Braves MS BAsketball @ Taos Tournament NMAA State Volleyball Tournament Student Early Release @ 2:35pm	Lady Braves MS BAsketball @ Taos Tournament NMAA State Volleyball Tournament

Student Absenteeism

SANTA FE INDIAN SCHOOL
Office of the Superintendent

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October 3, 2026

Dear SFIS Parents, Guardians, and Families,

I am writing with growing concern about student absenteeism at Santa Fe Indian School and to ask for your partnership in addressing it. Our first-quarter attendance data show that too many students are missing valuable instructional time. We must work together to ensure our children are present, engaged, and able to benefit from the education and opportunities available to them.

Our SY26-27 first quarter attendance data highlights a concerning pattern of absenteeism, particularly among high school students. These findings require our attention now, especially as our older students work toward graduation and prepare for their next steps.

Attendance Snapshot
SY26-27 | First Quarter

8%	21	27%
of instructional days missed, on average.	Instructional hours missed per student, on average.	students chronically absent.

Chronic Absenteeism by Grade

7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
17%	22%	28%	27%	31%	39%

Our Goal: Fewer than 20% of students chronically absent.

Chronic absenteeism means missing 10% or more of school days, including both excused and unexcused absences. Missing three days of school each month can add up to nearly 30 days over a school year, which is almost six weeks of missed learning opportunities

The consequences of absenteeism extend beyond missed assignments. Students who are frequently absent miss important classroom discussions, hands-on learning experiences, teacher feedback, and opportunities to build on previously learned skills. Over time, these gaps can accumulate, making it more difficult to keep pace academically, remain engaged, earn credits, and progress toward graduation. Frequent absences also affect the larger classroom community. Teachers must adjust instruction and revisit learning, while classmates may lose opportunities for collaboration and shared learning. Every student brings valuable experiences, perspectives, and knowledge to our classrooms, and when students are absent, their contributions are missed.

At SFIS, we recognize our responsibility to provide an education that inspires students to learn and participate. We are working to strengthen instruction, increase student engagement, and provide diverse learning opportunities that connect with students' cultures, languages, interests, and future goals. Our responsibility is to make each school day purposeful, challenging, and supportive. Consistent attendance gives students the opportunity to benefit fully from this work.

We also recognize that illness, family circumstances, transportation difficulties, and other challenges can affect attendance. We respect the cultural and community responsibilities that are central to our students' lives. When an absence is necessary, please communicate with the school as early as possible so we can

plan together to support your child's continued learning. If your child is struggling to attend, we want to understand why and work with you toward solutions.

I am asking our parents, guardians, and families to support this effort by:

- Making regular attendance a priority, including arriving on time and attending every scheduled class.
- Reviewing your child's attendance and academic progress regularly, and discussing concerns before missed learning accumulates.
- Scheduling appointments and family travel outside instructional time whenever possible.
- Communicating promptly about absences and working with teachers to help your child reconnect with instruction and complete missed learning.
- Reaching out to your child's principal, counselor, or Student Living staff when a concern or barrier makes attendance difficult.

Family is one of our core values at SFIS, and our response to this concern must reflect that value. Our school and our families share a responsibility to listen, communicate, and follow through for our children. Our students need to know that their presence matters, that they are missed when they are absent, and that the adults in their lives are working together to support their success.

Thank you for your trust and partnership. Together, we can protect our students' opportunities to learn, grow, remain connected to their school community, and prepare for the futures they choose.

With Love and Appreciation,



Christie Abeyta
Superintendent
Santa Fe Indian School

Parent Meeting on Sunday, November 8th

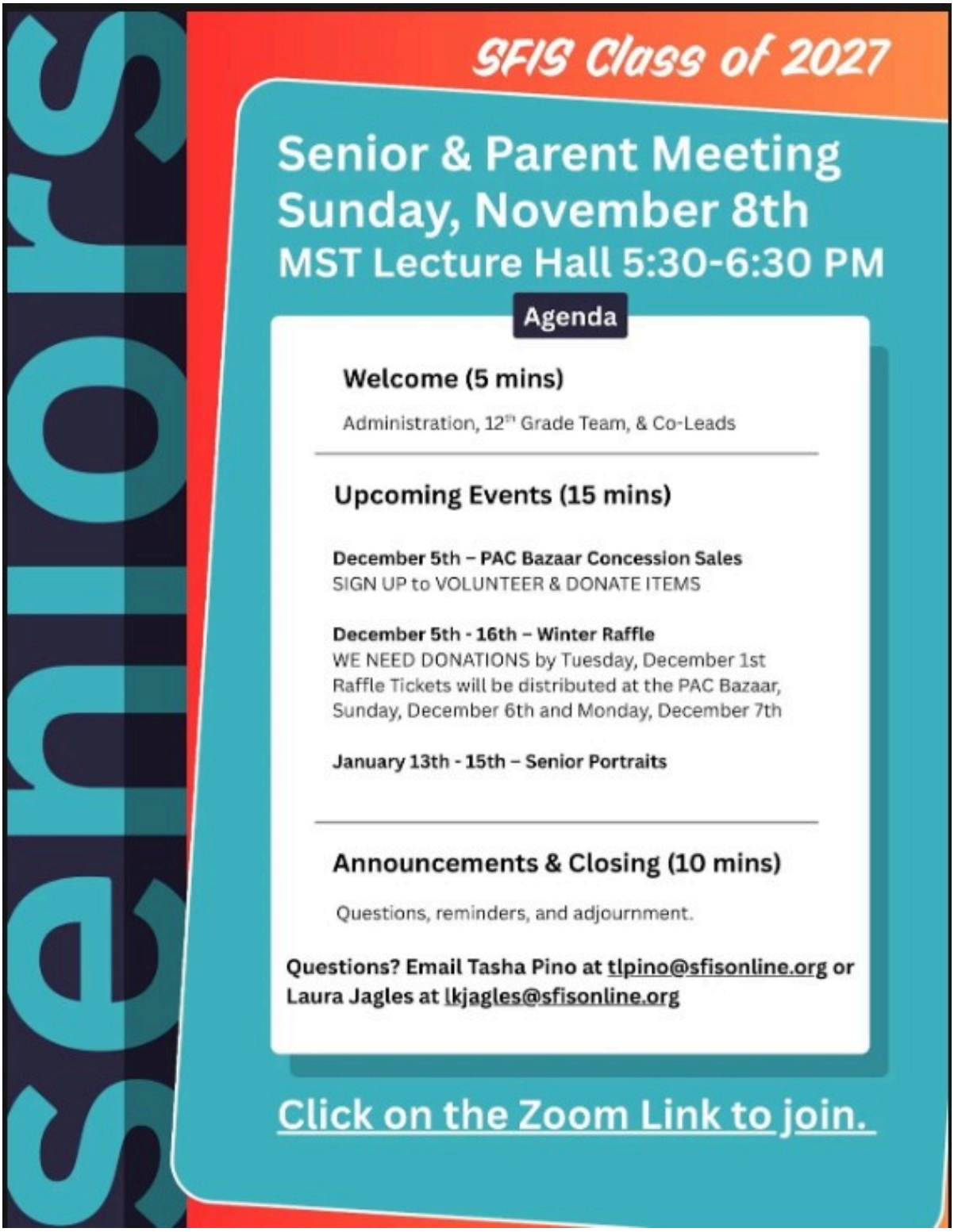
Seniors and Parents,

The Senior Parent Meeting is SCHEDULED for Sunday, November 8th in the MST from 5:30-6:30 PM. Please see the attached agenda.

Click on the Zoom Link if you are unable to attend in person. Email Tasha Pino (tlpino@sfisonline.org) or Laura Jagles (lkjagles@sfisonline.org) if you have any questions.

See you on Sunday!

Tasha Pino and Laura Jagles
12th Grade Class Co-Leads



Get Involved!

Attention Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to present the Partnership for Student Success Parent Incentive Program! This program encourages you to attend five or more SFIS school events, including at least one athletic event.

To log your attendance, please visit our website (under the section "WHY SFIS -> Parent & Family Engagement") and complete the check-in form. Parents and guardians who attend five or more events will receive a special token of appreciation.

Family engagement is essential for student success, enhances connections within families, and ultimately strengthens our SFIS community. We encourage you to participate in our events! Thank you for your support.



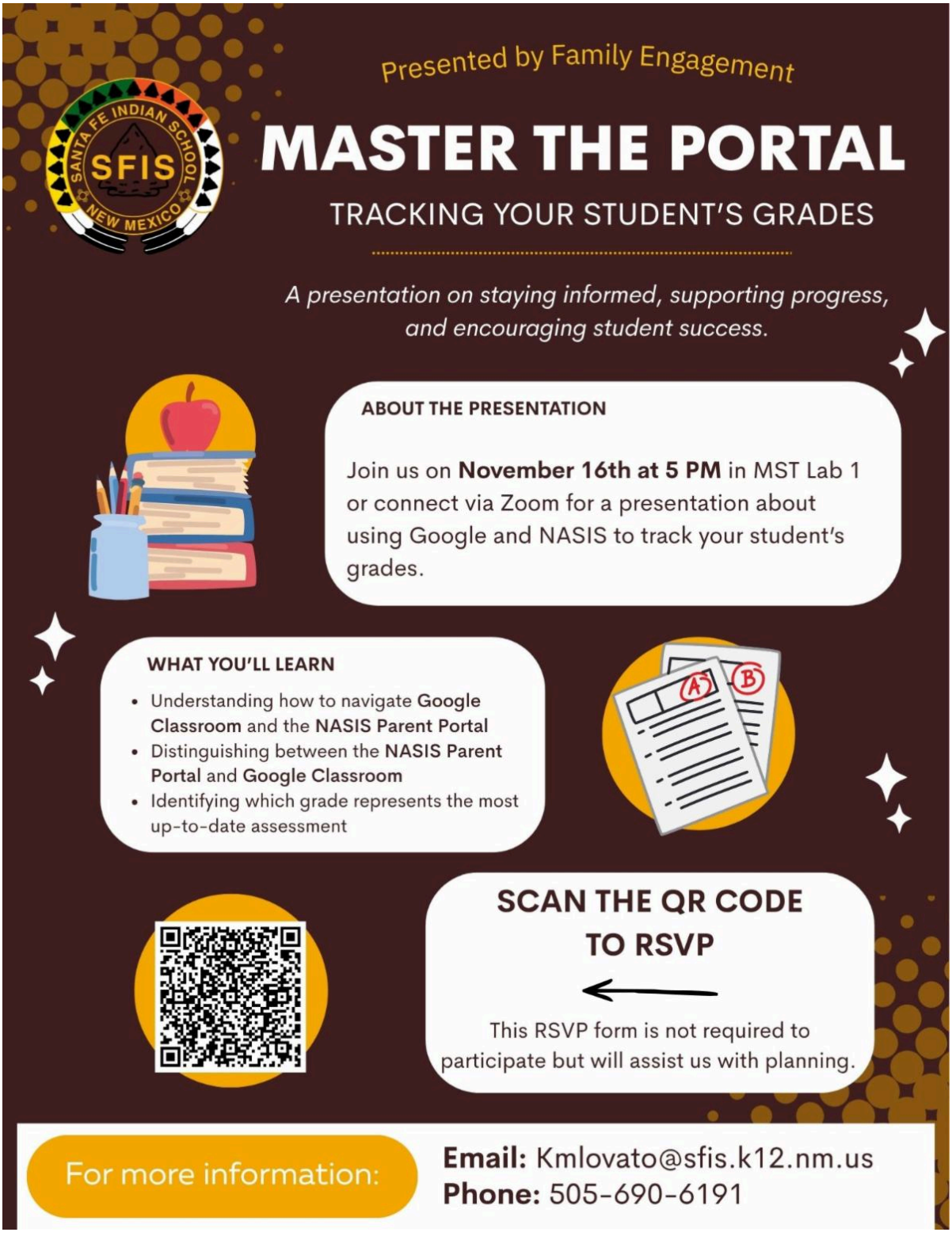
PAC Holiday Bazaar

The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Holiday Bazaar is scheduled for December 5th, 2026. The vendor application/payment will go live on November 16th at 10 AM. Scan the QR code or click the link on the website (under the section "WHY SFIS -> Parent & Family Engagement"). See the attached flyers for more information.





Track your Student's Grades



Community Opportunities

Stem Festival @ San Felipe Pueblo Library | Nov 14 2026



Sacred Roots, Sovereign Futures Convening | Nov 19-20, 2026
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The New Mexico Early Childhood Education and Care Department (ECECD) invites the SFIS community to the inaugural **Sacred Roots, Sovereign Futures Convening** at the Ohkay Owingeh Convention Center!
Join Tribal leaders, educators, families, and community partners as we build a shared vision for Native early childhood education, centered on facilities, workforce development, and wellness, culture, and language revitalization.

Event Details:

- **Dates:** November 19–20, 2026

- **Time:** 8:00 AM–5:00 PM
- **Location:** Ohkay Owingeh Convention Center
- **Registration:** FREE!
- **Who Can Attend:** Families, students, educators, Tribal leaders, and community members

Registration is free, and all are welcome! We encourage attendees to register in advance and join us for two days of learning, collaboration, and community.



College & Career Fair
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Stop by Tamaya Wellness Center on **November 21st at 11:00 AM** and enjoy a day of networking, seeking job opportunities, and connecting with a variety of universities.



Employment Opportunities

Application (Online Portal)

SANTA FE INDIAN SCHOOL

is Accepting Applications for the following SY 26-27 positions:

HS ACADEMIC COUNSELOR

Provides academic counseling for students and informational services for students and parents. Assists students with college and career planning. The Counselor acts as a liaison between the Academic and Student Living departments to assure acquisition of a quality education.

Minimum Qualifications: Master's degree in Guidance and Counseling with New Mexico State Counselor licensure.

Closing Date: Open Until Filled

Salary Range: Depending on License Level I-III, education and experience. Plus benefits: paid time off, health, vision, dental and life insurance.

RESIDENTIAL ADVISOR

The Residential Advisor is responsible for providing supervision, support, and guidance to students residing in the dormitory before and after school, evenings, weekends, and other assigned times. The Residential Advisor promotes a safe, structured, respectful, and supportive residential environment while attending to the diverse academic, social, emotional, and daily living needs of students. This position requires maintaining appropriate professional boundaries, respecting student privacy and dignity, and following all applicable school, residential, health, safety, and confidentiality policies.

Minimum Qualifications:
High school diploma or equivalent.

Preferred Qualifications:
- Experience working with adolescents or in a residential, educational, youth development, or related setting.
- Experience working with Native American students and/or Native American or Tribal entities.
- Experience providing supervision, mentoring, guidance, or support to youth.
- Experience working in a school, dormitory, residential, or student services environment."

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Salary Range: $19.53/hr.+, depending on experience. Plus benefits: paid time off, health, vision, dental and life insurance.

KITCHEN SPECIALIST

The Kitchen Specialist assists in serving attractive, nutritious, and palatable cafeteria meals in a pleasant atmosphere. Focuses on efficiency and cleanliness, meeting standards for the Child Nutrition Programs (CNP), complying with sanitation standards, along with SFIS policies.

Minimum Qualifications:
High school diploma and one year food service experience. Must have a food handler certification which meets the sanitation standards or the ability to obtain this certification within 30 days of employment. SFIS requires all certification exams to be proctored on-site.
Preferred Qualifications:
Food handlers certification and experience working with Native American students and Native American or Tribal entities, preferred. CPR, first aid, and blood borne/airborne pathogens certificate, preferred.

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Salary Range: $17.98/hr.+, depending on experience. Plus benefits: paid time off, health, vision, dental and life insurance.

GIRLS MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL COACH

The MS Coach will create and guide student-athletes by teaching fundamental skills, game strategies, and sportsmanship. While focusing on athletic development of the student-athlete. MS Coach will emphasize maximum participation and basic mechanics while also creating a bridge/transition between mid and high school levels so that student-athletes are prepared for competitive performance, program advancement, and next level of play.
The MS Coach is expected to support positive team culture, communicate professionally with students and families, and maintain program accountability. As well as support all team activities, fundraising, travel, practices, and competitions are conducted in accordance with SFIS policy, procedures and core-values.

Minimum Qualifications:
NMAA Coaching License, maintain CPR and concussion certifications. Succesfully pass a background check.

Posted : September 11, 2026 / Open until filled

Salary Range: $64,300 and higher depending education and experience.
Plus benefits: paid time off, health, vision, dental and life insurance.

BUS DRIVER

Provides bus transportation services for students and SFIS employees to and from school, as well as other sites within designated route(s) while ensuring transportation system and passenger safety. Responsible for the safe operation of a school bus while meeting established bus schedules.

Minimum Qualifications: NM CDL Driver's License w P/S endorsement

*SFIS may be willing to train the right person, if underlicensed.

Closing Date: Open Until Filled

Salary Range: $23.25/hr.+, depending on experience. Plus benefits: paid time off, health, vision, dental and life insurance.

STUDENT LIVING ADVISOR (INTERNAL)

Establishes and facilitates growth in a trusting and nurturing social/academic environment by fostering a students' independent living skills, academic skills, and social skills in the residential program.

Minimum Qualifications
Must have at least 32 post-secondary semester hours in an applicable academic discipline, including fields related to working with children (child development, education, behavioral sciences, and cultural studies).
Preferred Qualifications
Five (5) years of experience working with adolescent Native American students, preferred.
Previous experience working in a residential or academic setting, preferred.
Knowledge of school and dormitory policies, preferred.

Posted : October 20, 2026 / Open until filled

Salary Range: $24.48/hr.+, depending on experience. Plus benefits: paid time off, health, vision, dental and life insurance.

Clinical Counselor

Responsible for counseling, referrals, clinical assessments, development and implementation of individual treatment plans, safety plans, and case management/care coordination for identified students.
Works collaboratively with others to promote the wellbeing of students.

Minimum Qualifications:
Must have LHMC, LPCC, LMSW, LCSW, or equivalent, license.
One (1) year of experience in counseling, preferably with Native American students.
Must maintain required continuing education (CEs) and other requirements necessary to maintain professional licensure.

Posted : September 11, 2026 / Open until filled

Salary Range: $64,300 and higher depending education and experience.
Plus benefits: paid time off, health, vision, dental and life insurance.

TO APPLY: For additional information and to apply, please visit our Careers Page: https://www.sfis.k12.nm.us/why-sfis/careers
Phone: (505) 989-6309
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Santa Fe Indian School is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate against race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, marital status, disability, handicap, or military status in compliance with federal and state laws.MUST be 21 years of age or older and pass a Criminal History Background Check per PL 101-647 and 25 CFR 1301.

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