

Spring Branch Academic Institute



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Issue 16

DECEMBER



SAVE THE DATES

HAPPY NEW YEAR	
Staff Professional Development Day	01/06/20
Parent Evening with Mike Postma, Executive Director of Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted (SENG) 5:30-6:30 pm TWE Library	
Classes Resume- ALL SBAI Pathways Event K-8 th grade - TWE	01/07 & 08/2020
5 th Grade Field Trip – Houston Symphony	02/25/20

Note from the Director:

As we wind down to the end of 2019, SBAI is bustling with activities. We appreciate you reminding your child of the importance of staying focused and engaged in classes. Please note the information below about our upcoming **Pathways 2-day event**. Be sure to mark your calendars for our **Parent Education events** on the evenings of January 6 and February 26.

Congratulations to our Spelling Bee winners!

Our winners show how hard work and perseverance pay off. Arthur Jainsky (Elementary) and Emily Hopkins (Secondary) will be representing SBAI at our district Spelling Bee. Best wishes to them both.



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Upcoming Events

PLEASE NOTE – SBAI Elementary follows the Thornwood Elementary campus calendar for early dismissals.

Jingle Bell Sales and Fun Run	12/09-15/19
Family Library Night	12/09/19
SBISD Police Department Toy Drive (see attached flyer)	12/13/19
Santa's Farm 5:00-8:00 SBISD AG FARM (flyer attache)	12/3/19
3 rd -5 th Grade Field Trip Rice University	12/19/19
SBAI HOLIDAY PARTY EARLY DISMISSAL 12:00 PM	12/20/19
SBISD Police Department Winter Festival 5:00-8:00 pm SBISD Police Dept.-9009 Ruland	12/20/19

WINTER BREAK	12/23/19-01/06/202
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Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells – Jingle Bell Jog

Information from Ms. Reynolds – Health & Fitness Coach

Every year TWE has an annual fundraiser to help raise money for Health Fitness. All the money goes towards equipment for all students to use.

From **December 2nd-15th** Ms. Reynolds will be selling bells in the cafeteria during breakfast and during Health/Fitness classes. The bells are .50 cents a bell and the kiddos can buy as many as they like. The day before the jog she will give the bells to the teachers. On December 19th, the day of the jog students will attach the bells to their shoes with a provided pipe cleaner or on a string to make necklaces etc.

On December 19th during specials, all students will wear pajamas (**with tennis shoes**) and jog wearing their bells for 12 minutes. After a nice fun jog with friends, they will get to enjoy hot cocoa and have a holiday dance party in the gym.

NOTE: 3RD – 5TH GRADE STUDENTS WHO WILL BE ATTENDING THE RICE UNIVERISTY SCHOOL HOUSE MANIA ON DECEMBER 19TH WILL BE ABLE TO WEAR THEIR PAJAMAS AND DO THEIR JINGLE BELL JOG **DECEMBER 18TH** DURING RECESS.

Family Library Night

A Family Library Night is planned for **December 9th at 4:00-5:30 pm.**

Join the fun for a **Winter Sing-A-Long**. Please enter through the Library doors.



3rd – 5th Grade Field Trip – School House Mania Rice University – December 19

Please watch for the Field Trip Permission slips. They will be going home this week! Check out a video of the experience here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3lkxIZAbDE8&feature=youtu.be>

Rice University's Tudor Fieldhouse will be bustling with activity as 4,000+ energetic students from area school districts (Aldine ISD, Alvin ISD, Fort Bend ISD, Houston ISD, Humble ISD, Pearland ISD, and Spring Branch ISD) learn about mathematics and science and attend a men's basketball game. The fifth annual "School House Mania" event is sponsored by the Rice Athletics Department. Students attending this event will cheer on the men's basketball team from Rice University. Prior to the game, the students and their teachers will participate in educational activities presented by the Rice University School Mathematics Project (RUSMP). RUSMP staff and their student assistants together with a faculty member from the Rice mathematics department and a Rice engineering alumna will assist students and teachers during these activities.

RUSMP has been extending Rice University's reach and impact in PreK-12 education since 1987 and is helping to shape the future of Houston by providing high-quality support for precollege institutions across the state. RUSMP continues to be the primary catalyst of sustained, progressive change in education in Houston-area schools and across Texas with its numerous programs for leaders, teachers, and students and through its support to schools and school districts. This is RUSMP's fourth year to collaborate with Rice University's Athletics

Department on "School House Mania" which provides educational opportunities for Houston-area students.

SBAI HOLIDAY PARTY/EARLY DISMISSAL

The elementary SBAI classes will celebrate the Holidays on Friday, December 20th from **8:00 am-8:45 am**. The SBAI parents have arranged for donuts, chocolate milk and water in the morning and cheese pizza prior to dismissal. The remainder of the morning will be filled with fun activities put together by the SBAI parents, teachers and staff. It is sure to be a very fun-filled morning!

PERMISSION SLIPS TO PARTICIPATE IN REFRESHMENTS WILL BE COMING HOME THE END OF THIS WEEK AND MUST BE RETURNED BY WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH. DECEMBER 20TH IS AN EARLY DISMISSAL DAY – 12:00 PM, CAFETERIA WILL NOT BE SERVING LUNCH.

SECOND ANNUAL ALL SBAI PATHWAYS EVENT

We are excited to announce that we will be having our **SECOND ANNUAL ALL SBAI** instructional event on **Tuesday, January 7th** and **Wednesday, January 8th, 2020**. Entitled "Pathways", First through Eighth Grade students will come together for 2 days of engaging learning opportunities to explore careers and interests.

THIS TWO-DAY EVENT WILL BE HELD AT THORNWOOD ELEMENTARY at 14400 Fern Drive and weather permitting, the park across the street from Thornwood. Middle School students will **NOT** attend classes on their host campuses on these two days. School hours for all Elementary and Middle School students will be **8:00 am – 3:00 pm** for this special event on both days.

PARENTS ARE TO PROVIDE A SACK LUNCH FOR YOUR STUDENT FOR BOTH JANUARY 7TH AND 8TH.

Detailed information and permission and drop-off/pick-up forms will be coming home this week.

ALL forms will need to be returned by **December 17th.**



Mark your Calendars!

Parent Education Night: Enrichment for your Gifted Child

Wednesday, Feb 26, 2020

5:30-6:30 pm at the Thornwood Library

Presented by: Adrien Moshenberg, SBAI Enrichment Coordinator/Teacher

Enrichment is an important component of educational programming for gifted students. But, what exactly is it? This session is geared for parents and educators of gifted children who want to learn more about the Renzulli model of enrichment. Learn about the different types of enrichment experiences our students receive at SBAI and ways you can enrich your child's learning outside of school.

To attend this session, please RSVP with Lynnda Butorka at Lynnda.Butorka@springbranchisd.com

Santa's **FARM**



Pictures with Santa, Hot Chocolate, Hay Rides, and More

Friday, December 13, 2019

5:00 - 8:00PM

Spring Branch ISD AG Farm

1905 Brittmoore Road

Sponsored by the Spring Branch FFA and The Guthrie Center

Designed by Niki Papakyriacou and Alexis Rodriguez



2ND ANNUAL SPRING BRANCH ISD POLICE DEPARTMENT



This holiday season help us bring smiles to the
children of Spring Branch

Please donate a new, unwrapped gift to
Spring Branch ISD Police Department
by **December 13, 2019.**

Drop off Point: **Spring Branch ISD Police Department**
9009 Ruland Houston, Texas 77055

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