

Spring Branch Academic Institute




September 30, 2019

Issue 6



SAVE THE DATES

TWE/SBAI – No School – Staff Development Day	11/01/19
STEAM Night – TWE/SBAI – 5:00-6:30 pm	11/07/19
Advanced Academic Studies Parent Ed Night- Parenting Gifted Kids	11/13/19
 Donuts w/Directors 8:30-9:30 am – SFMS Library	11/14/19
Thanksgiving Break	11/25-29/19

A Message from the Director:

Happy Monday! SBAI is bustling with activity. Our students continue to explore learning opportunities and push themselves intellectually as they develop and refine their academic foundation and their habits for success. Progress reports went out last week. If you haven't received it, check your child's backpack. Incidentally, all grades have been updated by now. Our Highly Gifted 101 session last week was very informative. As parents build their knowledge base and toolkit, remember that it takes a village, and the more we support each other, the better.

And speaking of support, many thanks to the Amor, Ly and Sullivan families for supporting our SBAI staff by providing a tasty and nourishing lunch last week. We appreciate the support that our families bring us. Be sure to keep reading through to learn more about upcoming learning opportunities and parent conferences.

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Upcoming Events

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

Fall Individual Photos	10/08/19
Student Holiday	10/11/19
Student/Staff Holiday	10/14/19
Watch D.O.G.S. Pizza Kick-Off Night TWE Cafeteria	10/16/19
Early Dismissal 12:00 pm Parent/Teacher Conferences	10/17 & 18/19

4th grade Dragons went on a field trip!

The fourth graders had an authentic learning experience at the Museum of Fine Arts learning about a painter's craft. We enjoyed analyzing and discussing the effect of contemporary art, and the legends of the Samurai warriors. Ask your kids about the magic tunnel! That was one of our favorites!!



Phenomenal Fridays

SBAI students kickstarted their enrichment clubs on Friday afternoon. There were cheers of excitement as club rosters were announced and students dove right into their projects. Ask your child which club he or she joined!



"And as he spoke of understanding, I looked up and saw the rainbow leap with flames of many colors over me."

--Black Elk, Lakota tribe leader and medicine man

Bendwood PTA General Meeting Featuring Dr. Amy Acosta, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist

Social-Emotional Well-Being of the Gifted
Oct 2, 2019, 5:45 pm (See Attached Flyer)

5:45-6:00 pm - Appetizers and mingling
6:00-6:15 pm - PTA General Meeting
6:15-7:00 pm - Dr. Acosta's Presentation
7:00-7:30 pm - Q&A with Dr. Acosta

Congratulations to our National Junior
Honor Society officers.
We're proud of our SBAI Dragons!

President: Lucy Hamilton
Vice President: Caroline Graham
Secretary: Park Dalton
Treasurer: Vincent Ma
Historian: Allie Weinhardt
Committee Chairman: Shelby Blackwood

Parent Conferences – Early Dismissal

SBAI will hold conferences on October 16, 17 & 18 all day each day in order to fit in all conference times. The conference schedule will be sent later in an email with your scheduled time. Please be looking for that email.

These conferences are not required. **Please do not try to switch times with other parents.** These times are based on specific teacher combinations. Different times will not have the teacher combination needed for your child's information. If you are unable to attend your assigned conference time, you will need to contact your child's teachers. Most teachers are available to meet before or after school or during their conference period.

The teacher portion will last 15 minutes which will allow an additional 15 minutes for parent questions.

Watch D.O.G.S (Dads of Great Students)

The official kick-off/pizza night will take place **October 16th** from 6:00-7:00 pm in the TWE cafeteria.

Texas A&M Chemistry Open House!

Celebrating National Chemistry Week

Saturday, October 19, 10am - 3pm, at Texas A&M College Station's Chemistry Department

The Chemistry Open House features the popular Chemistry Road Show, guided lab tours, hands-on and computer activities, door prizes and science goodie bags...recommended for all ages and includes demonstrations of popular science.

Get tickets for the popular Chemistry Road Show as soon as you arrive, at the Welcome tent, those shows will fill up! The Open House event gets very busy in the middle of the day, **so** arrive early and/or plan to stay until 3pm, for the most hands-on opportunities.

<https://www.chem.tamu.edu/openhouse/>

STEAM Night – TWE & SBAI Students

November 7 from 5:00-6:30 pm students can come and experience hands-on activities, sponsored by Shell Oil. More information regarding vendors and hosts will be announced soon.

Advanced Academic Studies - Parent Night

Parenting Gifted Kids

November 13, 2019

Presented by Kristin Graham - Facilitator, Advanced Academics

11am-12pm OR 5-6pm

Administration Building - Room 275, 955 Campbell Rd., 77024

2nd Annual SBAI Pathways Event:

Planning for the 2nd Annual Pathways event in January 2020 is underway! Pathways is a two-day experience that allows SBAI learners to **explore careers in an enjoyable and engaging way**. If you're interested in contributing to this body of work, please contact Susan Fargason at susan_fargason@yahoo.com.



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Back by popular demand! Dr. Acosta's presentation for the PTA's Social/Emotional Well-Being Event in spring 2019 provided informative, applicable, and encouraging information for parents of G/T children. We are thrilled to have her back! Dr. Acosta will review the concepts previously discussed, including supporting children experiencing anxiety and stress, as well as discuss parental pressures to get it all "just right." Specific topics will include:

- Giving our children the "right" emotional support or tools they need, especially when we aren't sure what they are feeling
- When to hold them accountable
- How to talk to them about their changing thoughts and feelings
- Fostering self-care for ourselves and supporting each other in the Bendwood parent community

**** Please RSVP for this FREE, Parents/Guardians-ONLY event through the PTA website: bendwoodpta.com/oct2eventrsvp/**

Dr. Acosta is a Licensed Psychologist who has been serving adolescents, adults, and families in the greater Houston area for over 15 years. **For more info about her practice**, visit amyacosta.com or westhoustonpsych.com. She can be reached at wellness@amyacosta.com or 713-714-7908.