



# Spring Branch Academic Institute



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## SBAI Dragons Roared

SBAI Dragons did a phenomenal job at the Odyssey of the Mind Regional competition this weekend! Congratulations to our **SBAI Middle School** team for placing first in their problem/division. We are so proud of **Tyler Fargason, Vincent McGuire, Maddox Ottis, Adam Teske, Lucy Thomas, and Valerie Warren**. We also congratulate **Rhea Chidambaram** and the Wilchester team for placing first in their problem/division. Congratulations as well to **Liam Czelusta** and **Aditya Mandke** and their team from Rummel Creek. They placed fifth in their problem/division. Kudos to all these creative Dragons! All of our SBAI students are going to the Odyssey of the Mind Texas State Tournament on April 4 at West Briar Middle School. A special thanks to all the Odyssey of the Mind coaches for their support and guidance. We appreciate you, **Susan Fargason, Maria Quesada, Janice Teske, and Anju Divakaram**. As Coach Teske noted, our students listened to, helped, and collaborated with each other in proposing solutions. Although the competition day was crowded, rushed, and stressful, all our Dragons rose to the occasion and performed well under pressure, which is a great skill in life. We wish them all continued success in the next stage of competition.



## Mock Trial

Students participating in the mock trials Thursday and Friday need to return field trip forms Monday. Ms. Wood is still looking for jurors, especially Thursday morning.

### Absences and early pick up

Please call the attendance clerk at SFMS, 713.251.4604, or SHS, 713.251.3406, if your student is going to be absent. Also, email Jim Lefeber and Lisa Helfer any absences or if picking up a student before dismissal.

### Upcoming Events k

- Mar 10-11** SFMS Practice STAAR Tests.
- Mar 11**
  - 1. Donuts with Directors SFMS 8:30
  - 2. No block schedules @ SFMS
  - 3. Class 2023 Peer Group Meeting
- Mar 12**
  - 1. No block schedules @ SFMS
  - 2. SHS Band Spring Concert, 7:00
- Mar 12-13** Phenomenal Phriday Mock Trials Guthrie Center
- Mar 13** SFMS Powder Puff Game 2:50
- Mar 16-20** **SBISD Spring Break**
- Mar 24** SHS Pre UIL Choir Concert, 7:00
- Mar 24-25** SFMS Practice STAAR Tests.
- Mar 25** Parent Night MS 101, HS 101 TWE 5:00-5:45 and 6:00-7:00
- Mar 27** SFMS Family Movie Night *Toy Story 4*. 7:00 Free.
- Mar 27-28** Texas Science & Engineering Fair Texas A&M
- Mar 28** SHS Plant Sale- West Parking Lot
- Mar 31**
  - 1. Guthrie Center Open House
  - 2. SFMS Immunization Clinic, 4:00
- Apr 3** SHS PTSA and College Panel, 11:30
- Apr 7** English I EOC, STAAR Math 5 & 8, STAAR Writing 4 & 7
- Apr 8** English II EOC, STAAR Reading 5,8
- Apr 9** STAAR Make Up
- Apr 10-13** **Student Holidays**
- Apr 16** Author Veronica Roth, SFMS 7:00
- Apr 17** SHS Food Truck Friday
- Apr 20-21** 6<sup>th</sup> Grade DLPs SHS
- Apr 22** SHS Late Start 9:45, HS Only
- Apr 22-25** SFMS Willy Wonka Jr. 6:30
- Apr 24** 9<sup>th</sup> Grade DLPs
- Apr 25** SFMS Willy Wonka Jr. 2:30
- Apr 27** SHS Booster Club Meeting, 6:30
- Apr 28**
  - 1. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade 5-Year Plan Meetings
  - 2. SFMS Choir Pop Show 6:30
- May 1**
  - 1. SFMS Dance Spring Show, 6:30
  - 2. Off Campus HF Applications due
- May 4** SFMS 7/8 Honors Night, 7:00
- May 5**
  - 1. AP Calculus AM
  - 2. AP Human Geography PM
  - 3. SFMS Grade 6 Honors Night, 7
- May 6** SBAI Secondary Algebra EOC

## AMC winners

Congratulations to each member of the SBAI math team for the fantastic results on this year's AMC competitions! All of our students scored above the national average and we are so proud of their accomplishments! Consistent participation in these exams will look great on future college applications!

AMC 8		AMC 10	AIME
Ronin Chakrabarti	Jaeho Lee	Ben Guo	Jaeho Lee
Ben Guo	Vincent Ma	Jaeho Lee	
Lucy Hamilton	Justin Tai	Stephanie She	
Ian Howey	Bryan Ung	Justin Tai	
Savera Karia	Aaron Xiong	Aaron Xiong	

Special congratulations to the following students:

Jaeho Lee – Top 1% score (nationally) on the AMC-8. Top 2.5% score (nationally) on the AMC-10 and qualifying to take the AIME this Wednesday, March 11. Please wish him luck!!!

Ian Howey and Vincent Ma – Top 5% score (nationally) on the AMC-8

Justin Tai and Ben Guo – Top 10% score on the AMC-8 as a sixth grader.

## SBAI Campus Improvement Team for 2020-2021 Announced

We're pleased to announce the members of the **2020-2021 SBAI Campus Improvement Team (CIT)**.

Our school is a wonderful amalgam of people from various backgrounds and experiences, coming together under a common mission of serving the children that call SBAI home. **Our School's Mission:**

*"The mission of the Spring Branch Academic Institute is to provide highly gifted children tailored educational opportunities in **academics**, as well as **social-emotional learning**, matched to their individual **abilities, strengths, and interests**."* On behalf of the SBAI community, thanks to these

individuals for raising their hand and offering to serve our children. We look forward to working with each CIT member and leveraging everyone's talents, insights, and solutions to continually improve the school our children call home. Please be sure to read the bios of each member that are included in this newsletter.

## Practice STAAR in Middle School

SFMS will be Practice-STAAR testing 6<sup>th</sup>- and 7<sup>th</sup>-grade Reading, 6<sup>th</sup>- and 7<sup>th</sup>-grade Math, and Algebra I March 10 and 11. SBAI will also administer the Practice STAAR to students testing these levels using elective time but will continue with SBAI classes as well. Monday/Tuesday schedules run all week. Electives will be held for eighth graders. Some 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders not testing will be able to attend electives that are still being held. Testing schedules will be posted in the SBAI Pod. SFMS sixth graders will eat lunch in their testing rooms. SBAI students with sixth-grade lunch will eat seventh-grade lunch.

## SFMS Powder Puff Game

Spring Forest will conclude school before Spring Break with a fundraiser for the SFMS faculty club. Seventh-grade girl athletes will compete against 8<sup>th</sup>-grade girl athletes with 7<sup>th</sup>- and 8<sup>th</sup>-grade boy cheerleaders. The cost of admission is \$1.00. Those students who choose not to go will have the opportunity to spend time with Mr. Lefebvre in room D207. No technology. You'll have to talk to each other. **There will be no Stratford pickup Friday March 13.** A modified schedule is attached.

## Young Innovators' STEM Academy

Please see attached flyer for details regarding the University of Houston's summer camp.

## Spring Break and Summer Camp Opportunities!

SBISD Advanced Academics partners with the Rice University School Mathematics Project to develop curriculum for our annual Creative Math Camp, but did you know that Rice also offers their own Math and STEM camps? Check out this [Spring Break math camp](#) for 6th-8th graders. [Summer Camp options](#) are also available for students in Grade 1 - Calculus. All questions regarding these programs should be directed to Rice University through the contact information provided on the flyers.

## SFMS Family Movie Night

SFMS will host a family movie night Friday, March 27. This free event will show *Toy Story 4*. Families will be able to purchase dinner & snacks along with sign ups for Bid Night fundraisers for the PTA. Students must be accompanied by an adult. Doors open at 6:30 and showtime is 7:00.

## Middle School and High School 101

March 25 information will be shared with families on the transition to middle school and high school. This two-part event will consist of a SBAI presentation, a student & parent panel who will convey advice, and a question and answer session. The evening is geared toward fifth and eighth grade families, but all are welcome. Middle School 101 will start at 5:00 in the Thornwood library and last until 5:45. High School 101 will start at 6:00 and go until 7:00.

## High School Exemption Policy

An exemption is an opportunity to choose not to take the semester final for a course. To qualify, each student must meet the Attendance & Discipline Criteria. The flyer is attached to the newsletter.

## Parents of Current Sixth Graders

For the 2020-2021 school year, all incoming seventh grade students are required by the state to have vaccines in order to start school. If your child has not yet had these immunizations, it is advised to get them before the end of this school year and documented in the clinic computer system. If your child has already had these immunizations, please make sure to send a copy of the record to the SFMS office. The immunization record can be sent with the student, brought to the main office or clinic, or FAXED to the school nurse. Students CANNOT start school in August without the immunizations. The immunizations that are required are Tdap, Meningococcal (MCV4, Menactra), Contact [Kathryn Brown R.N.](#) or [Jackie Daniels R.N.](#) with questions. 713-251-4625, 713-251-4600

## SFMS Year Book

Order your 2019-20 SFMS Yearbook for \$45. [Order online here](#) or get an order form from the SFMS front office. You may pay with cash or check, made out to SFMS. Contact [Ms. Rasberry](#) at 713.251.4696 for payment plans.

## SFMS PTA/Campus Communication

To receive regular details from SFMS, click on the link and add your email address to get the [SFMS PTA e-blast](#). Please read the e-Blast and this newsletter to stay informed.

## Stratford PTSA/Campus Communication

Ninth and tenth-grade parents, please stay informed with upcoming events. To receive regular details from SHS, click on the link and add your email address to [Sign Up for Spartan Scoop](#). Please read the [PTA information](#) and this newsletter to stay informed.

## Off Campus Health Fitness

To maintain compliance with state law, Spring Branch ISD offers substitution for Health Fitness classes in middle and high school. If you are interested in OCHF for 2020-21, application will be available online from March 1 to May 1. If you are currently working with a facility, they must be approved by SBISD. The online, facility applications opened the last week of January and will close February 25. Please visit the [SBISD OCHF website](#) for more information.

## Preparing for High School

Eighth-grade students will be asked to choose an endorsement, similar to a college major as it is an "area of interest" that students may pursue in high school. The five endorsement areas are Arts and Humanities, Business and Industry, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math), Public Service, and Multidisciplinary Studies. Students are able to earn more than one endorsement and change endorsement any time before their junior year. A pathway is a series of course options needed to earn a particular endorsement. There are several pathways within an endorsement.

Below is a Graduation Toolkit produced by the Texas Education Agency. [Graduation Toolkit English](#)  
The link below allows you to see the pathways offered at Stratford High School – **page 27**. Click on the links to the five endorsements to find the possible pathways. Click on the pathways to see courses that would satisfy the pathway and earn the endorsement. [Course Catalog](#).

### Pathways of the Week

A Public Service Endorsement with a [Cosmetology Pathway](#). [Guthrie Website](#). The Cosmetology Program at Guthrie, approved by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, provides a strong foundation in science, math, art and chemistry and specialized training in safety and sanitation procedures, haircutting, hairstyling and creative techniques in hair, nail and skin care. Our unique blend of classroom and online learning, hands-on workshops, guest artists, competitions and trips to successful business partners with salon entrepreneurship concepts will get you ready to embark on your exciting career. Upon successful completion of the two-year Cosmetology program, you are eligible to sit for the Texas licensing exam. Employability is just around the corner! [SBISD CTE Pathways](#), Cosmetology is on page 36.

## Curriculum Update

Find more information by going to the teachers' Its Learning courses.

Haidar <https://sbisd.itslearning.com>. Login using student SBISD account, click Courses, find your class.

Sexton [Sbisd.itslearning.com/dillon](https://sbisd.itslearning.com/dillon).

Treleaven <https://sbisd.itslearning.com/tr11/blog/>

Wood <https://sbaimesomeknowledge.weebly.com/>

Alexander <https://sbisd.itslearning.com/alexanderl/about/>

### Treleaven

**ELA:** All students will continue their Latin/Greek study of roots and learning how to combine them with last week's prefixes. After the Membean quiz on Monday March 9, students will not be expected to reach their Membean quotas through March 23. Have a great Spring Break!

### Wood

**ELA Courage:** Continuing to read & respond to the novel Fever 1793. Journal project due March 27.

**WC&G:** Starting our Europe unit.

**USH:** Continuing our Westward Expansion unit.

## Spring Forest Middle School Bell Schedule Monday, Tuesday, and Friday

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

1<sup>st</sup> Period 8:26 AM – 9:18 AM  
2<sup>nd</sup> Period 9:23 AM – 10:15 AM  
3<sup>rd</sup> Period 10:20 AM – 11:12 AM  
LUNCH 11:17 AM – 11:46 AM  
4<sup>th</sup> Period 11:51 AM – 12:43 PM  
5<sup>th</sup> Period 12:48 PM – 1:40 PM  
6<sup>th</sup> Period 1:45 PM – 2:37 PM  
7<sup>th</sup> Period 2:42 PM – 3:35 PM

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

1<sup>st</sup> Period 8:26 AM – 9:18 AM  
2<sup>nd</sup> Period 9:23 AM – 10:15 AM  
3<sup>rd</sup> Period 10:20 AM – 11:12 AM  
4<sup>th</sup> Period 11:17 AM – 12:09 PM  
LUNCH 12:14 PM – 12:43 PM  
5<sup>th</sup> Period 12:48 PM – 1:40 PM  
6<sup>th</sup> Period 1:45 PM – 2:37 PM  
7<sup>th</sup> Period 2:42 PM – 3:35 PM

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

1<sup>st</sup> Period 8:26 AM – 9:18 AM  
2<sup>nd</sup> Period 9:23 AM – 10:15 AM  
3<sup>rd</sup> Period 10:20 AM – 11:12 AM  
4<sup>th</sup> Period 11:17 AM – 12:09 PM  
5<sup>th</sup> Period 12:14 PM – 1:06 PM  
LUNCH 1:11 PM – 1:40 PM  
6<sup>th</sup> Period 1:45 PM – 2:37 PM  
7<sup>th</sup> Period 2:42 PM – 3:35 PM

## SBAI Bell and Bus Schedule

1<sup>st</sup> Period 8:30 AM – 9:20 AM  
2<sup>nd</sup> Period 9:25 AM – 10:20 AM  
3<sup>rd</sup> Period 10:25 AM – 11:15 AM  
4<sup>th</sup> Period 11:20 AM – 12:15 PM OR 11:55 – 12:50  
5<sup>th</sup> Period 12:20 PM – 1:10 PM  
OR 12:55 PM – 1:45 PM  
6<sup>th</sup> Period 1:50 PM – 2:40 PM  
7<sup>th</sup> Period 2:45 PM – 3:35 PM

Bus 8:20 SFMS → SHS

**Bus 9:10 SHS → SFMS;** 9:23 SFMS → SHS (RT)

**Bus 10:07 SHS → SFMS;** 10:20 SFMS → SHS (RT)

**Bus 11:04 SHS → SFMS;** 11:17 SFMS → SHS (RT)

Bus 11:51 SFMS → SHS; **12:01 SHS → SFMS** (RT)

~~Bus 12:14 SFMS → SHS; 12:35 SHS → SFMS (RT)~~

Bus 12:48 SFMS → SHS; **12:58 SHS → SFMS** (RT)

**Bus 1:32 SHS → SFMS;** 1:45 SFMS → SHS (RT)

**Bus 2:29 SHS → SFMS;** 2:42 SFMS → SHS (RT)

**Bus 3:25 SHS → SFMS**

## Spring Forest Middle School Wednesday Bell Schedule

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

1<sup>st</sup> Period 8:26 AM – 10:00 AM  
3<sup>rd</sup> Period 10:05 AM – 11:39 AM  
LUNCH 11:44 AM – 12:17 PM  
5<sup>th</sup> Period 12:22 PM – 1:56 PM  
7<sup>th</sup> Period 2:01 PM – 3:35 PM

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

1<sup>st</sup> Period 8:26 AM – 10:00 AM  
3<sup>rd</sup> Period 10:05 AM – 11:39 AM  
5<sup>th</sup> Period 11:44 AM – 12:28 PM  
LUNCH 12:33 PM – 1:06 PM  
5<sup>th</sup> Period 1:11 PM – 1:56 PM  
7<sup>th</sup> Period 2:01 PM – 3:35 PM

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

1<sup>st</sup> Period 8:26 AM – 10:00 AM  
3<sup>rd</sup> Period 10:05 AM – 11:39 AM  
5<sup>th</sup> Period 11:44 AM – 1:18 PM  
LUNCH 1:23 PM – 1:56 PM  
7<sup>th</sup> Period 2:01 PM – 3:35 PM

## SBAI Bell and Bus Schedule

1<sup>st</sup> Period 8:30 AM – 10:05 AM  
3<sup>rd</sup> Period 10:10 AM – 11:31 AM  
5<sup>th</sup> Period 12:25 PM – 2:00 PM  
7<sup>th</sup> Period 2:05 PM – 3:25 PM

Bus 8:20 SFMS → SHS

**Bus 9:52 SHS → SFMS;** 10:05 SFMS → SHS (RT)

**Bus 11:31 SHS → SFMS**

12:22 SFMS → SHS (RT)

**Bus 1:48 SHS → SFMS;** 2:01 SFMS → SHS (RT)

**Bus 3:25 SHS → SFMS**

## Spring Forest Middle School Thursday Bell Schedule

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

2<sup>nd</sup> Period 8:26 AM – 10:00 AM  
Advisory 1 10:05 AM – 10:50 AM  
Advisory 2 10:54 AM – 11:39 AM  
LUNCH 11:44 AM – 12:17 PM  
4<sup>th</sup> Period 12:22 PM – 1:56 PM  
6<sup>th</sup> Period 2:01 PM – 3:35 PM

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

2<sup>nd</sup> Period 8:26 AM – 10:00 AM  
Advisory 1 10:05 AM – 10:50 AM  
Advisory 2 10:54 AM – 11:39 AM  
4<sup>th</sup> Period 11:44 AM – 12:28 PM  
LUNCH 12:33 PM – 1:06 PM  
4<sup>th</sup> Period 1:11 PM – 1:56 PM  
6<sup>th</sup> Period 2:01 PM – 3:35 PM

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

2<sup>nd</sup> Period 8:26 AM – 10:00 AM  
Advisory 1 10:05 AM – 10:50 AM  
Advisory 2 10:54 AM – 11:39 AM  
4<sup>th</sup> Period 11:44 AM – 1:18 PM  
LUNCH 1:23 PM – 1:56 PM  
6<sup>th</sup> Period 2:01 PM – 3:35 PM

## SBAI Bell and Bus Schedule

2<sup>nd</sup> Period 8:30 AM – 10:05 AM  
Advisory 1 10:05 AM – 10:50 AM  
Advisory 2 10:54 AM – 11:39 AM  
4<sup>th</sup> Period 12:25 PM – 2:00 PM  
6<sup>th</sup> Period 2:05 PM – 3:25 PM

Bus 8:20 SFMS → SHS

**Bus 9:52 SHS → SFMS;** 10:10 SFMS → SHS (RT)

**Bus 10:41 SHS → SFMS;** 10:55 SFMS → SHS (RT)

**Bus 11:31 SHS → SFMS**

12:22 SFMS → SHS (RT)

**Bus 1:48 SHS → SFMS;** 2:01 SFMS → SHS (RT)

**Bus 3:25 SHS → SFMS**





## Stratford High School Bell Schedules



Regular Schedule		
Period	Begin	End
1 or 2	7:45	9:13
3 or 4 (With Announcements)	9:19	10:50
<b>Block Lunch</b>	10:54	11:54
5 or 6	11:58	1:26
7 or 8	1:32	3:00

Assembly Schedule		
Period	Begin	End
1 or 2	7:45	9:01
<b>Assembly</b>	9:01	9:46
3 or 4	9:52	11:12
<b>Block Lunch</b>	11:16	12:16
5 or 6	12:20	1:37
7 or 8	1:43	3:00

Spartan Time Schedule		
Period	Begin	End
1 or 2	7:45	9:02
3 or 4	9:08	10:26
<b>Block Lunch</b>	10:30	11:30
5 or 6	11:34	12:51
<b>Spartan Time</b> (With Announcements)	12:57	1:37
7 or 8	1:43	3:00

Pep Rally Schedule		
Period	Begin	End
1 or 2	7:45	9:03
3 or 4 (With Announcements)	9:09	10:30
<b>Block Lunch</b>	10:34	11:34
5 or 6	11:38	12:56
7 or 8	1:02	2:20
<b>Pep Rally</b>	2:20	3:00

Late Start Schedule		
Period	Begin	End
1 or 2	9:45	10:43
3 or 4 (With Announcements)	10:49	11:50
<b>Block Lunch</b>	11:54	12:54
5 or 6	12:58	1:56
7 or 8	2:02	3:00

Food Truck Schedule		
Period	Begin	End
1 or 2	7:45	9:06
3 or 4 (With Announcements)	9:12	10:35
<b>Block Lunch</b>	10:39	12:09
5 or 6	12:13	1:34
7 or 8	1:40	3:00

**March 13 Powder Puff Game**  
**SPRING FOREST 2019 BELL SCHEDULE (pep rally schedule)**

6<sup>th</sup> Grade

1<sup>st</sup> Period 8:26 AM – 9:10 AM  
2<sup>nd</sup> Period 9:15 AM – 9:59 AM  
3<sup>rd</sup> Period 10:04 AM – 10:48 AM  
**Lunch 10:53 AM – 11:23 AM**  
4<sup>th</sup> Period 11:28 AM – 12:12 PM  
5<sup>th</sup> Period 12:17 PM – 1:01 PM  
6<sup>th</sup> Period 1:06 PM – 1:50 PM  
7<sup>th</sup> Period 1:55 PM – 2:39 PM  
**Powder Puff 2:50 PM – 3:35 PM**

7<sup>th</sup> Grade

1<sup>st</sup> Period 8:26 AM – 9:10 AM  
2<sup>nd</sup> Period 9:15 AM – 9:59 AM  
3<sup>rd</sup> Period 10:04 AM – 10:48 AM  
4<sup>th</sup> Period 10:53 AM – 11:37 AM  
**Lunch 11:42 AM – 12:12 PM**  
5<sup>th</sup> Period 12:17 PM – 1:01 PM  
6<sup>th</sup> Period 1:06 PM – 1:50 PM  
7<sup>th</sup> Period 1:55 PM – 2:39 PM  
**Powder Puff 2:50 PM – 3:35 PM**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade

1<sup>st</sup> Period 8:26 AM – 9:10 AM  
2<sup>nd</sup> Period 9:15 AM – 9:59 AM  
3<sup>rd</sup> Period 10:04 AM – 10:48 AM  
4<sup>th</sup> Period 10:53 AM – 11:37 AM  
5<sup>th</sup> Period 11:42 AM – 12:26 PM  
**Lunch 12:31 PM – 1:01 PM**  
6<sup>th</sup> Period 1:06 PM – 1:50 PM  
7<sup>th</sup> Period 1:55 PM – 2:39 PM  
**Powder Puff 2:50 PM – 3:35 PM**

**SBAI Bell and Bus Schedule**

1<sup>st</sup> Period 8:30 AM – 9:10 AM  
2<sup>nd</sup> Period 9:15 AM – 9:55 AM  
3<sup>rd</sup> Period 10:00 AM – 10:45 AM  
4<sup>th</sup> Period 10:50 AM – 11:30 AM OR 11:30 – 12:15  
5<sup>th</sup> Period 11:35 AM – 12:20 PM  
    OR 12:20 PM – 1:00 PM  
6<sup>th</sup> Period 1:05 PM – 1:45 PM  
7<sup>th</sup> Period 1:50 PM – 2:30 PM

Bus 8:20 SFMS → SHS  
**Bus 9:02 SHS → SFMS**; 9:15 SFMS → SHS (RT)  
**Bus 9:51 SHS → SFMS**; 10:04 SFMS → SHS (RT)  
**Bus 10:40 SHS → SFMS**; 10:53 SFMS → SHS (RT)  
Bus 11:28 SFMS → SHS; **11:29 SHS → SFMS** (RT)  
~~Bus 11:31 SFMS → SHS; **11:51 SHS → SFMS** (RT)~~  
Bus 12:17 SFMS → SHS; **12:17 SHS → SFMS** (RT)  
**Bus 12:53 SHS → SFMS**; 1:06 SFMS → SHS (RT)  
**Bus 1:42 SHS → SFMS**; 1:55 SFMS → SHS (RT)  
**Bus 2:30 SHS → SFMS**



## SBAI CIT 2020-2021 Member Bios

	<p><b>Jon Larrabee, Parent K-12</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>jrlarrabee@gmail.com</b></span></p> <p>The Larrabees love SBAI! And I'm happy to be returning for another term on the CIT. I first became involved with what is now SBAI in late-2008 when I found it as a proposal program inside SBISD's five-year plan. We were really struggling to find a fit for our then four-year old, so I reached out to the former director of Advanced Academics to offer help to bring the proposal to life. After a couple of near misses in getting Board approval and funding, it finally happened in 2013. And we have been here ever since. All four of our children (currently 10<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup>) attend SBAI. Having experienced the landscape of options before, we remain incredibly grateful for the wonderful staff and community that is enabled by SBAI. And we are excited about the next steps in the journey.</p>
	<p><b>Sanya Aliota, Parent-Elementary</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>saliota@gmail.com</b></span></p> <p>The Aliotas feel honored to be part of the SBAI family (and SBISD as a whole) with Shray in 2nd grade at SBAI and Tej in 6th grade at SFMS. Sanya is grateful for the dedicated team of teachers, staff, and administrators that make SBAI such a unique learning environment. Sanya is passionate about gifted education, engaging enrichment, and developing the whole child so they can flourish into successful contributing social citizens. Aside from the joy she gets from raising her two bright and talented boys, Sanya stays engaged as a marketing consultant and active community member. She loves to cook, travel, read, practice yoga, and play board games.</p>
	<p><b>Anju Divakaran, Parent-Elementary</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>anjudivakaran@gmail.com</b></span></p> <p>Anju is building an APP (VCYNATA) that aims at connecting homeowners to maintenance and care service providers. She also advises companies on their data analytics and digital strategy as an independent consultant. Prior to that she has worked in different executive positions at Nabors Drilling, Dell, Accenture and TCS focused on analytics, business process transformation, growth strategy, and cost optimization. She has lived in Houston for thirteen years and in Spring Branch for four years. She loves to travel and read and is the mother of a SBAI 4th grade daughter.</p>
	<p><b>Wendy Dalton, Parent-Secondary</b></p> <p>The Dalton family has been blessed to be part of SBAI since its inception in 2013. Wendy is eternally grateful to the teachers, staff and administration that have made this opportunity a reality and is enjoying her second round of serving on the CIT. She has been thankful to see first-hand how the school has continued to evolve, handle new students and plan for the high school years. Wendy is passionate about gifted education and looks forward to the continued success from SBAI in preparing these kids academically, socially and emotionally as they grow and get ready for higher education opportunities.</p>
	<p><b>Amanda Davison, Parent-Secondary</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>davisonaf@gmail.com</b></span></p> <p>Amanda has two children in SBISD. Ella is a freshman at MHS, and Will is a 6th grader in SBAI. Will has been in SBAI since the first year as a Kindergartner. Amanda and her husband, Brian, are so thankful for what SBAI offers to the children of SBISD. Amanda has chaired and served on many PTA committees and truly believes parent and community involvement is key to the success of any school.</p>



**Aisling Haddon, Community Rep**

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Since moving to Houston in 2010, Aisling Haddon's three sons have been part of the SBISD GT program and attended 7 different campuses spanning PreK to 12th grade. She has served on many PTA and district level committees particularly the District School Health Advisory Council and as a PAC rep on the GT advisory committee. She also served on the district's Course Weighting Task Force, and on the Bendwood Elementary CIT for two years.



**Sally Craddock, Teacher-Elementary**

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Ms. Craddock has taught in Spring Branch ISD elementary schools for over twenty years, and was part of SBAI's original staff when the school started in 2013. Over the past six years, she has taught language arts, social studies, and science to Kindergarteners through 5th graders. She is a life-long learner who graduated from Texas A&M University and once considered being a marine biologist. Who knows? Maybe after retirement!



**Kayman McIver, Teacher-Elementary**

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Kayman McIver has been teaching for 13 years, 5 of which are with SBAI. She began as the secondary science teacher at SBAI and now teaches our elementary students in the same role. She enjoys running, calligraphy, and spending time with her 2 daughters and husband.



**Julie Sirianni, Teacher-Elementary**

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Julie Sirianni's education started in San Antonio, Texas where she attended K-12 in North East ISD schools. She then graduated from Texas A&M University with a degree in Education for Middle School Math & Science. Her first few years of teaching middle school math occurred at Spring Oaks MS and Spring Woods MS here in SBISD. From there, her career with SBAI began. Julie has been a teacher at SBAI since day one, and is grateful for every day that she has with these incredible students. In her free time she enjoys crafting and spending quality time with family and friends.



**Linda Alexander, Teacher-Secondary**

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Linda Alexander has 6 years of experience in education, two of which have been with SBAI as a secondary mathematics teacher. Linda enjoys spending time with her family, great seafood, and a good book.



**Katie Wood-Sponsel**, Teacher-Secondary

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Katie Wood-Sponsel is a social studies and English teacher with 17 years experience in education. She is also a wife to Ty, a mom to Brooke, Reed and Tyler, a dog mom to Bo the elderly Beagle, a history nerd, a book lover, a tennis player, a hater of wearing shoes and sitting in chairs, a yogi, and a fan of the great outdoors. A graduate of San Diego State University with a degree in Communications & Political Science, Katie began her teaching career in 2003 as an 8th grade social studies teacher at Cornerstone Academy where she stayed for 16 years. This is her first year at SBAI and she's loving it!



**Kristin Graham**, District Liaison

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Kristin Graham has worked in education for 12 years with teaching experience in rural, suburban, and urban schools in Texas and China. She also has 3 years of experience managing district-wide gifted and talented services. She cares deeply about helping create equitable environments where all students can know and develop their potential. She is also very involved with the Texas Association for the Gifted & Talented, she currently holds a leadership role in the organization and is a member of their Task Force charged with helping Texas districts implement new policy changes from HB3 and the new GT State Plan.



**Jim Lefeber**, Assistant Director

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Jim grew up on a dairy farm in Wisconsin with four brothers and a sister. He graduated with a degree in secondary education with an emphasis in mathematics from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. He moved to Houston in 1991 where he taught in HISD at Waltrip and Sam Houston for seven years. He moved to New York and taught in Bushwick Brooklyn while getting his masters in math from St. John's University. He moved back to Houston in 2000 and started working in SBISD in 2001. He has been a teacher at Stratford, math and science specialist at Stratford and Spring Woods HS, lead secondary social studies coach for the district, and now assistant director of SBAI. 2019-20 is his fifth year with SBAI, joining when the secondary campus was opened.



**Patricia Kassir**, Director

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As the lead learner at SBAI, Patricia is a product of her diverse experiences, and uses those experiences to shape the work she leads. Along with nearly three decades of shaping the minds of children of all ages and from all backgrounds, her experiences in strategic planning, research and design, and innovation in education provide her with multiple lenses through which she views her work at SBAI, both short-term and long-term. Patricia is a passionate advocate for the gifted and believes a strong home-school partnership enhances a child's educational trajectory. She is most proud of her marriage of 31 years, and her four adult children, who are all gainfully employed. She enjoys her family, national parks, road trips, cooking, and tending to her garden.





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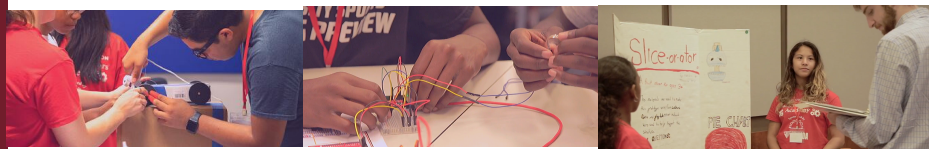
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# **SBAI High School**

## **Spring 2020 Final Exam**

### **Exemption Policy**

**An exemption is an opportunity to not take the semester final for a class. To qualify, each student must meet the Attendance & Discipline Criteria.**

<b>No more than 5 absences in any class and Spartan Time</b>
<b>No more than 2 absences in the exempted class(es)</b>
<b>Four tardies count as one absence</b>
<b>Suspension (in school or off campus), truancy or a “U” in conduct eliminates the possibility of being exempt</b>

***To earn an exemption in a grade level, PreAP, or AP class, a student must have a minimum semester average of 80 and meet the Attendance & Discipline Criteria.***

<b><i>Seniors may earn 8 exemptions</i></b>
<b><i>Juniors may earn 3 exemptions</i></b>
<b><i>Sophomores may earn 2 exemptions</i></b>
<b><i>Freshmen may earn 1 exemption</i></b>

**The Grade Level Principal’s decision in determining exemption status is final.**

## Pathways of the Week

### STEM Math

August 26, 2019

#### Pathway of the Week

STEM Endorsement with a [Mathematics Pathway](#). Students may earn a STEM Endorsement by completing Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II along with two additional math credits that have Algebra II as a pre-requisite.

### Business & Industry Lang Arts

September 2, 2019

#### Pathway of the Week

Business & Industry Endorsement with a [Language Arts Electives Pathway](#). Students may earn an Endorsement in Business & Industry by earning four English Language Arts elective credits which include 3 levels in one area.

### Business & Industry Tech Apps

September 9, 2019

#### Pathway of the Week

Business & Industry Endorsement with a [Technology Applications Pathway](#). Students may earn the Business & Industry Endorsement by successfully completing four technology applications credits.

### Public Service Health

September 16, 2019

#### Pathway of the Week EDITS NEEDED

Public Services Endorsement with a Health Science - [Health Science Cluster](#).

Medical Health Professions are the largest and fastest-growing industries in Texas. This area of study will prepare you for a career that promotes health, wellness and diagnosis, and treats injuries and diseases. Receive technical certifications in First Aid/CPR/AED; NPA Certified Phlebotomist or other higher-level Healthcare certification.

Pharmacy Technicians learn the technical and knowledge base skills and work habits required for an entry-level position in the pharmacy field or other related areas. On successful completion of this course and graduation, you will have the opportunity to sit for the Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam (PTCE). This capstone course is designed for those students interested in pursuing a Pharmacy Tech certification Technical Certifications: First Aid/CPR/AED Certification; Pharmacy Technician Certification (PTCE); National Sterile Products IV Certification

### Arts & Humanities Fine Arts

September 23, 2019

#### Pathway of the Week

Arts & Humanities Endorsement with a [Fine Arts Pathway](#). Students may earn the Arts & Humanities Endorsement by earning four credits in Fine Arts from one or two disciplines: Art, Dance, Music, Theater.

September 30, 2019

#### Pathway of the Week

Multidisciplinary Endorsement with a [Four by Four Pathway](#). Students may earn the Multidisciplinary Endorsement by earning 1 additional Social Studies credit beyond the three required credits.

### STEM Science

October 7, 2019

#### Pathway of the Week

STEM Endorsement with a [Science Pathway](#). Students may earn a STEM Endorsement by completing Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and two additional science credits



## Business & Industry Architectural Design

October 14, 2019

### Pathway of the Week

Business and Industry Endorsement with an [Architecture and Construction Pathway](#).

The Architectural Design Pathway will provide students with an understanding of the opportunities and skills needed for careers in the architectural design industry. Topics include architectural history, architectural sketching, perspectives, technical drawing, and will learn to use industry standard software programs Auto CAD, Revit, Photoshop, and SketchUp. Students will have the opportunity to take nationally recognized Auto Cad Certified User and Auto Desk Revit Architecture Certified User certification exams

The Electrical Technician Pathway provides students with an understanding of the opportunities and skills needed for a career as an electrician. This pathway offered as a dual credit work force program in partnership with Houston Community College and Trio Electric. Successful completion of the program leads to a Level 1 Workforce Certificate through HCC. Technical Certification: OSHA General 10 Hour Certification, NCEER Level 1 Certificate, NCEER Level 2 Certificate

The Interior Design Pathway will provide students with an understanding of the opportunities and skills needed for careers in the interior design industry. Topics include elements and principles of design, color theory, space planning, furniture arrangement, lighting, color schemes, textures, fabrics, floor planning, furniture design and style for both the residential and commercial design needs.

## Business & Industry Info Tech

October 21, 2019

### Pathways of the Week

Business and Industry Endorsement with a Pathway in the [Information Technology Cluster](#). [Guthrie Website](#)

The Computer Networking Pathway will provide students with an understanding of the opportunities and skills needed for careers in computer networking. Topics include learning how to configure routers and setup small networks using many commercial design and network administrator tools. Students have the opportunity to earn CCENT (Cisco Certification Entry Network Technician) certification.

The Computer Service Technician Pathway will provide students with an understanding of the opportunities and skills needed for careers in the computer service industry. Topics include assembling and configuring computers, installing operating systems, software, and setting up/ troubleshooting hardware, software and networks. Students have the opportunity to earn a CompTIA A+ certification.

The Geological Data Technician Pathway will provide students with an understanding of the opportunities and skills needed for careers as a Geo-Technician. Topics include basic programming, viewing, interpreting and analyzing data, reading data maps, use GIS databases, and design and prepare graphic representation of GIS data. Students have the opportunity to earn a Microsoft Office Specialist Word certification.

## Public Service Education

October 28, 2019

### Pathways of the Week

Public Service Endorsement with a Pathway in the [Education and Training Cluster](#)

Earn the Public Services endorsement by completing four credits within the CTE Education and Training cluster including one advanced course.

## Arts & Humanities LOTE

November 4, 2019

### Pathway of the Week

Arts & Humanities Endorsement with a [Languages Other than English \(LOTE\) Pathway](#).

Students may earn the Arts & Humanities Endorsement by earning four credits of the same language or two credits each in two separate languages.

## Multidisciplinary AP

November 11, 2019

### Pathway of the Week

Multidisciplinary Endorsement with a [Pathway of four total credits in Advanced Placement \(AP\), International Baccalaureate \(IB\), or Dual Credit](#).

## STEM Computer Science

November 18, 2019

### **Pathway of the Week**

STEM Endorsement with a [Computer Science Pathway](#). Students may earn a STEM Endorsement by completing a coherent sequence of 4 credits in Computer Science.

## Business & Industry Finance

December 2, 2019

### **Pathways of the Week**

Business and Industry Endorsement with a [General Business Pathway](#).

Earn the Business and Industry endorsement by completing four credits within the CTE Business, Finance or Marketing Cluster, including one advanced course

## Business & Industry Arts, A/V Technology, and Communications

December 9, 2019

### **Pathway of the Week**

Earn the Business and Industry endorsement by completing four credits within the [CTE Arts, AV Tech and Communications Cluster](#), including one advanced course

3D Animation Pathway

Commercial Photography Pathway

Filmmaking Pathway

Graphic Design Pathway

## Public Service Law

January 13, 2020

### **Pathway of the Week**

Public Services Endorsement with a [Law and Criminal Justice Pathway](#). Earn the Public Services endorsement by completing four credits within the Law Cluster, including one advanced course

## Arts & Humanities English

January 21, 2020

### **Pathway of the Week**

Arts and Humanities Endorsement with an [English Electives Pathway](#). Students may earn the Arts & Humanities Endorsement by earning 4 English Elective credits

## STEM Engineering

January 27, 2020

### **Pathway of the Week**

STEM Endorsement with a [Digital Electronics Pathway – PLTW](#). Earn the STEM endorsement by completing four credits within the CTE STEM Cluster, including one advanced course. Digital Electronics is the study of electronic circuits used to process and control digital signals. The major focus is the design process applied to the use of combinational and sequential logic design, teamwork, communication methods, engineering standards, and technical documentation by analyzing, designing, and building fundamental digital electronic circuits.

## Business & Industry Business Management

February 3, 2020

### **Pathway of the Week**

A Business & Industry Endorsement Business Administration Pathway. [SBISD CTE](#) Business Administration will provide students with an understanding along with the opportunities and skills needed for this wide career field that incorporates many types of management positions. Topics include technology in the workplace, organizing operations and procedure, database management, marketing, and maintaining records. Students have the opportunity to earn a technical certification as a Microsoft Office Specialist, Word and Excel.

## Business & Industry Hospitality & Tourism

February 10, 2020

### Pathways of the Week

A Business and Industry Endorsement with a [Hospitality & Tourism Cluster](#).

There are three pathways within this cluster. [Culinary Arts Pathway](#), [Culinary Science Pathway](#), and [Hotel Management Pathway](#). Visit the Guthrie Center website for more information on [Culinary Arts](#) and [Hotel Management](#).

## Business & Industry Agriculture

February 17, 2020

### Pathways of the Week

A Business and Industry Endorsement with an [Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Cluster](#). [Guthrie Center Site](#) Pathways are available in Animal Science, Plant Science, and Oil & Gas. Earn certifications as a Certified Vet Assistant Level I, OSHA 10, International Association of Drilling Contractors Rig Pass, Texas Florist High School Floral Certification, Texas Hunter Education Certification, and Texas Boater Education Certification

## Public Service NJROTC

February 24, 2020

### Pathways of the Week

A Public Service Endorsement with a [Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps \(NJROTC\) Pathway](#). [Guthrie Site](#). The Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps is a unique program, facilitated by senior Navy retired instructors, providing real hands on leadership and management opportunities unlike any other high school program. NJROTC instills the pride of community service and good citizenship. A first year cadet can expect to be leading a squad by the completion of the first year and eligible to command the entire company of cadets by his/her senior year. Cadets plan, schedule, organize and execute a myriad of program activities to include local, regional and national competitive team activities including drill, marksmanship, physical fitness, orienteering (land navigation) and academics. The Spring Branch Navy JROTC unit has earned national academic honors for the past 13 years. The Navy provides all books, equipment and uniforms at no cost to students participating in the JROTC program. There is no military obligation to participate in the program. However, cadets completing two years of NJROTC who choose to enlist earn a rate increase of one pay grade upon completion of boot camp and cadets completing three years advance two pay grades, resulting in a significant increase in basic pay. Additional educational opportunities exist through attendance at any of the service academies such as the Naval Academy or through Navy ROTC scholarships.

## Arts & Humanities Social St

March 2, 2020

### Pathway of the Week

Arts & Humanities Endorsement with a [Social Studies Pathway](#). Students may earn the Arts & Humanities Endorsement by earning 2 additional Social Studies credits beyond the three required credits.

## Public Service Human Services/Cosmetology

March 9, 2020

### Pathway of the Week

A Public Service Endorsement with a [Cosmetology Pathway](#). [Guthrie Website](#). The Cosmetology Program at Guthrie, approved by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, provides a strong foundation in science, math, art and chemistry and specialized training in safety and sanitation procedures, haircutting, hairstyling and creative techniques in hair, nail and skin care. Our unique blend of classroom and online learning, hands-on workshops, guest artists, competitions and trips to successful business partners with salon entrepreneurship concepts will get you ready to embark on your exciting career. Upon successful completion of the two-year Cosmetology program, you are eligible to sit for the Texas licensing exam. Employability is just around the corner! [SBISD CTE Pathways](#), Cosmetology is on page 36.

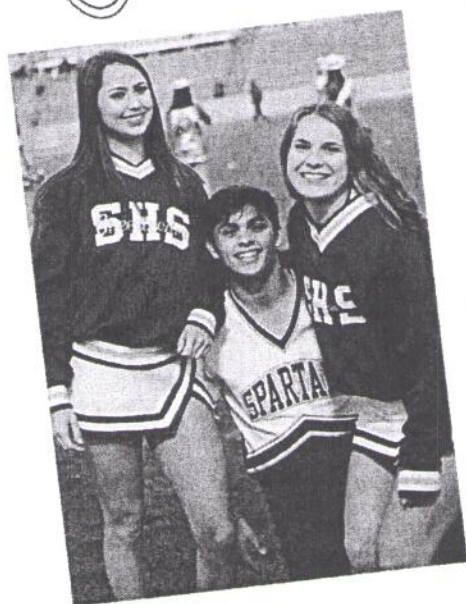
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# STRATFORD HIGH SCHOOL

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## TRYOUT MEETINGS

All meetings will be held in the SHS library. Each candidate is required to have a parent/guardian attend one of the meetings listed below:

- Thursday, February 27th @ 6:30PM
- Thursday, March 5th @ 6:30PM

*Optional parent meeting for 8<sup>th</sup> graders ONLY*  
- Tuesday, February 25th @ 6:30PM

## tryout dates

3/9 – Tryout Clinic in Competition Gym	4:30 – 6:00
3/10 – Tryout Clinic in Competition Gym	4:30 – 6:00
3/11 – Mock Tryouts in Competition Gym	4:30 – 6:00
3/12 – Tryouts in Competition Gym	4:30 – 7:00



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