



Spring Branch Academic Institute



September 3, 2019

Secondary Issue 3

SFMS Advisory Choices

SBAI will be choosing advisories this week in ELA classes. One advisory will be for SBAI students at SHS. The second advisory will be at SFMS or SHS. These Advisory schedules will start September 26.

Second 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, engaging way. If you are interested in contributing to this body of work, please contact [Susan Fargason](#).

Computer Roll Out

We are working on the technology for online insurance payment for the SBISD-issued Chromebooks. If you choose to write checks for the computer insurance, please make your check out to Spring Forest Middle School for \$25. The money for the computer bag cannot be done electronically, that will need to be in the form of a \$5 check to Spring Forest Middle School. Give checks to Ms. Helfer. Stratford & SBAI high school will be rolling out later this year.

Bus Information

If Ms. Helfer has left with a group of bus students and a student runs out after her the student is going to be marked tardy.

Multicultural Festival Planning Meeting

The kick-off meeting for the SFMS MCF will take place Tuesday, September 3 from 3:30-4:30 pm in the SFMS conference room. This is a short, informative meeting to discuss details. If you are unable to attend, but would like to be involved, please contact [Gina Keith](#) for more information. This fabulous event is no cost to students and their families but requires many volunteers! SFMS needs families to host different country/culture tables; volunteers to help with set-up, clean up, & to serve food at the event; and volunteers to solicit food donations from local restaurants and more.

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 Lefebber and Lisa Helfer any absences or if picking up a student before dismissal.

Upcoming Events

- Sep 4** SHS Back to School Night
PTSA 6:30, Back to School 7-9
- Sep 5** 1. Dr. Karen Mapp, Family Engagement 5:30, DC Coliseum
2. CBE notification to Mr. Lefebber
- Sep 6** 6th grade welcome party 3:35-5
- Sep 7** Books Between Kids Warehouse
8:30-11:30 am.
- Sep 9** First Chess Club meeting
- Sep 13** 1. SFMS Ice Cream Social
2. SFMS Choir Real Men Sing
SWMS 4:00-7:30
- Sep 17** SFMS Chick fil A Spirit Night
- Sep 18** 1. SHS Late Start 9:45
High School Students Only
2. Crimestoppers presentation
SFMS Auditorium 6:30
- Sep 19** SFMS Digital Rollout
- Sep 20** 1. SFMS HS Band Night SHS 4:00
2. SFMS Choir Real Ladies Sing
SWMS 4:00-7:30
- Sep 23-27** SFMS Book Fair
- Sep 24** Financial Aid Seminar
SHS Library 6:00-7:00
- Sep 26** 1. SHS Club Day, Spartan Time
2. SFMS Back to School Night
6:30 PTA, Back to School 7:00-8:30
- Oct 2** SBISD College Night
- Oct 3** SFMS Fall Choir Concert 6:30-8:00
- Oct 7** Art of the Brick opens, HMNS
- Oct 11,14** **School Holiday – Students**
- Oct 16** PSAT Grades 8-9, NMSQT 10-11
- Nov 1** 7th & 8th grade after-school Dance
- Nov 13** SHS Late Start 9:45, HS only
- Nov 25-29** **Thanksgiving Break**
- Jan 30** The Drowsy Chaperone
SHS Auditorium 7:30 pm
- Feb 7** All school Dance
- Feb 12** SHS Late Start 9:45, HS Only
- Apr 22** SHS Late Start 9:45, HS Only
- May 9** 8th Grade Dance

SHS Back to School Night

The September 4 Stratford Back to School night consists of a 30-minute PTSA meeting at 6:30 in the auditorium followed by walking your student's classes. SBAI is not asking our teachers who teach our high school students to stay for the approximately 10-minute presentation each teacher will give. You are always welcome to schedule a meeting with SBAI teachers.

Community Engagement Expert

Dr. Karen Mapp, Leading Family Engagement Expert from Harvard University, is coming to SBISD on Sept. 5! The SBISD Community Relations Department is excited to announce that Dr. Karen Mapp, leading family engagement expert from Harvard University, is coming to SBISD on Sept. 5 at 5:30pm at the Don Coleman Coliseum. Dr. Mapp will speak to district leaders, teachers, principals, parents, and community partners about the powerful impact of effective family-school partnerships on students, parents, teachers, and schools.

Credit by Exam

The Credit by Exam brochure is attached to the end of the newsletter. Let Mr. Lefebvre know if you would like to take a credit by exam by September 5. We have many students who speak languages other than English; the CBE is a good way to earn high school credit for the student's knowledge.

Sixth Grade Welcome Party

The sixth-grade dance will be in the cafeteria immediately following school September 6; students will follow SFMS dress code. Students can dance, play games, and win prizes. Tickets are \$5 at the door or at lunch. Snacks are free, drinks \$.50. Student council hosts the event.

SBAI Student Volunteering Opportunity

Saturday, September 7 at 8:30 am, SBAI families, teachers, and staff will have an opportunity to volunteer at Books Between Kids. Books Between Kids has a goal of providing, in May of each year, six books to hundreds (if not thousands) of children who receive free or reduced lunch in HISD. They seek to see children who otherwise might not have a personal library take pride in books they are given. The organization hopes the gifts provide an increased interest in reading thereby increasing each recipient's overall academic standing and success. For more details and statistics on the importance of having access to books and reading (per Books Between Kids) visit:

<https://www.booksbetweenkids.org/about-us/>

Chess Club

Monday, September 9th is the first meeting of the SFMS Chess Club. The meeting will be a chance for introductions and membership evaluations. MPR from 3:35 – 5:00 PM

Crimestoppers

Jenna Fondren from Crimestoppers will be giving a presentation for parents on Wednesday September 18 at 6:30 PM in the Spring Forest Middle auditorium.

Club Day at SHS

September 26 during Spartan Time students will be able to browse the different clubs at Stratford. There are currently 86 clubs offered at SHS and growing.

Art of the Brick

Opening October 7, at the Houston Museum of Natural Science: [The Art of the Brick](#) -- actual ART, with Legos...not just stuff built from Legos like those displayed in Lego stores, but Legos as an artistic medium (Editor's note: They haven't seen SBAI Lego Robotics Teams). Artist Nathan Sawaya manages to put emotion, whimsy, and creativity into Legos, more than you would think possible.

SFMS MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

The annual SFMS [Multicultural Festival](#) is one of the students' favorite events of the entire year. Students and families are invited to attend and experience this fun community event October 23 3:35pm - 5:00pm. Teachers and parents host dozens of tables that represent countries from all over the world. Students receive a passport to "visit" and learn about other cultures, sample food, listen to music and enjoy a wonderful learning experience.

SFMS PTA Membership Toolkit

For School directory, messages from Mr. Barnes, volunteer opportunities, and Spirit Store please sign up with Membership toolkit. The [MTK app](#) is available to download on your phone.

SFMS School Uniforms

New PTA uniform additions may be worn any day of the week. These additions include athletic uniform bottoms and an SFMS spirit shirt. Students wearing PTA approved leggings/tights may wear any SFMS spirit shirt as long as that shirt covers the posterior area appropriately. Also, any SFMS spirit shirt may be worn with the spirit wear athletic shorts. These uniform additions may not be substituted for P.E./athletic uniforms. Also new this year will be the option for students to wear a college shirt with uniformed bottoms on Wednesdays.

Reflections

Please encourage your student to sign up for the Reflections contest. The theme for the 2019-2020 program year is Look Within. Students submit their completed works of art in one or all of the available arts categories: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Visual Arts. Please contact [Vanya Karia](#) for details.

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-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.

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. 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.

https://online.springbranchisd.com/pos/SHS_1GPO_1819.pdf

The document linked below is a list of elective courses being offered in SBISD. The schools must determine if enough students sign up for an elective to "make". https://www.shs-spartans.com/uploads/5/9/4/0/59401625/pos_hs_2018-2019.pdf

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.

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/>

Ms. Alexander

Math 6: We will continue discussing operations with rational numbers.

Math 7 (Pre-Algebra): We will begin discussing the properties of exponents.

Geometry: We will begin proving triangle congruence.

Dr. Haidar

IPC: This week we will start 1D Kinematics

Biology: This week we will start Biomolecules

Science: We will be going over Atomic Theory

Mr. Dillion

Algebra: We will finish chapter 2 and then begin a long-term study of linear functions.

Algebra II: We will develop techniques to solve all n by n linear system.

PreCal: We will complete 1.2.7. Online quiz due by Friday.

Ms. Treleaven

English I students will begin practicing timed writes and have a quiz/dialectical journal assignment over *Fahrenheit 451* on Wednesday. Decades of Change students will continue reading *All the Light We Cannot See* and have their first quiz this week, and Pursuit of Justice students will begin pre-reading activities for *Brown Girl Dreaming*.

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

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

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

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

SBAI Bell and Bus Schedule

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

6th Grade
1st Period 8:26 AM – 10:00 AM
3rd Period 10:05 AM – 11:39 AM
LUNCH 11:44 AM – 12:17 PM
5th Period 12:22 PM – 1:56 PM
7th Period 2:01 PM – 3:35 PM

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

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

SBAI Bell and Bus Schedule

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

6th Grade
2nd 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
4th Period 12:22 PM – 1:56 PM
6th Period 2:01 PM – 3:35 PM

7th Grade
2nd Period 8:26 AM – 10:00 AM
Advisory 1 10:05 AM – 10:50 AM
Advisory 2 10:54 AM – 11:39 AM
4th Period 11:44 AM – 12:28 PM
LUNCH 12:33 PM – 1:06 PM
4th Period 1:11 PM – 1:56 PM
6th Period 2:01 PM – 3:35 PM

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

SBAI Bell and Bus Schedule

2nd Period 8:30 AM – 10:05 AM
Advisory 1 10:05 AM – 10:50 AM
Advisory 2 10:54 AM – 11:39 AM
4th Period 12:25 PM – 2:00 PM
6th 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
Block Lunch	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
Assembly	9:01	9:46
3 or 4	9:52	11:12
Block Lunch	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
Block Lunch	10:30	11:30
5 or 6	11:34	12:51
Spartan Time (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
Block Lunch	10:34	11:34
5 or 6	11:38	12:56
7 or 8	1:02	2:20
Pep Rally	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
Block Lunch	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
Block Lunch	10:39	12:09
5 or 6	12:13	1:34
7 or 8	1:40	3:00

We are excited to announce that payment of the Digital Expansion Optional Technology Fee is part of the district's pilot of [MySchoolBucks.com](https://www.myschoolbucks.com) in the 2019-20 school year. [MySchoolBucks.com](https://www.myschoolbucks.com) is a convenient online payment service that will allow you to securely pay student fees with your credit or debit card or electronic check.

REGISTER [here](#) at www.myschoolbucks.com to set up an account to pay the Optional Technology Fee online. When you create your account, you must add your student to your account. It is beneficial to have their school ID number with you, also known as their lunch number. Once your setup is complete, you will be able to click on the "Browse All Items" button and it will take you to the technology fee. Remember, you are only allowed to pay for the technology fee online. If you wish to purchase or donate towards the carry bag then that is done at the school. We will also accept payments via check or cash in our front office or you can send it with your student and he or she can pay it to their advisory teacher.

We hope to have additional fees available for payment online in the 2020-21 school year.

Thank you for your patience. Please do not hesitate to call us if you have any questions or concerns.

Raymorris A. Barnes



CIS NEWSLETTER

Communities In Schools of Houston
@ Stratford High School



Amanda Thompson,
LMSW
Wellness Counselor
Clinic Office

August/September 2019

Hello **Spartans**,

CIS hopes that each of you are doing well and having a great start to the 2019-2020 school year! We trust that you are staying healthy and being good to yourself and others. If you know about CIS, please help us by spreading the word to your friends. If you don't know about CIS, then you should know that we are a safe, private, and **confidential** (whatever you say stays in our office) space where you can talk to a caring adult that will motivate, support and hold you accountable as you reach your goals.

Stop by the CIS office in the Clinic to learn more!!

Resource of the Month:



Talk anonymously about problems
Available 24/7!!!

CALL: 310-855-4673

You can even text TEEN to 839863
teenlineonline.org



Communities In Schools (CIS) Info:

Who we are: Communities In Schools is a 501 (C3) non-profit organization that provides academic and emotional support to students and families.

What issues we can help with:

- Grades
- Attendance
- Emotional Issues
- Disruptive behavior
- Social Challenges
- Health Problems
- Financial and Legal Problems
- Disciplinary System Involvement
- Need for skills enhancement and enrichment

☺Upcoming Groups☺

LGBT group

This group focuses on healthy relationships, stress management, character development, and healthy coping skills.

Re:MIND

This group provides support to individuals living with, or friends and family affected by, depression and bipolar disorder.

Girls Group

This group focuses on developing healthy relationships, success in school, identifying and managing emotions, self-esteem, conflict resolution, social skills, and empowerment.

Life After High School

This group provides helpful information about job skills, money management, college readiness, and life skills to prepare you for life after you graduate from high school.

2019-2020 Credit by Exam & Exams for Acceleration



Exam Dates

Elementary/Middle School	
Testing Window	Application Due Date
SEPT 30-OCT 10	SEPT 6
High School	
Testing Window	Application Due Date
DEC 2-13	NOV 8
All Grade Levels	
Testing Window	Application Due Date
FEB 24-MAR 6	JANUARY 31
JUNE 1-4	MAY 8
JULY 13-16	MAY 8

Only applications submitted by the counselor will be accepted. Contact the school counselor for more information about registration.

Late and/or incomplete applications will not be processed.

Cancellations/No Shows

Students have two attempts at CBEs/EAs. Cancellation or no shows that occur after exams have been ordered may constitute one attempt.

Single Subject Acceleration

Single subject acceleration is available only in mathematics, and is provided during the testing windows listed above. Student performance data must be included with the application. Students scoring an 80% or higher on the exams are eligible for acceleration. Students only through 8th grade math achieving the required score in October may accelerate immediately; those achieving the required score in March, June, or July may accelerate in August of the following school year.

EXAMS FOR ACCELERATION (GRADES 1-8)

Exams for Acceleration (EA) offers students in grades 1-8 the opportunity to advance one grade level by scoring 80% or higher in each of the four required subject areas. Students desiring to advance one grade level will need the signature of their parent/guardian as well as the building principal or designee. Testing is free for all enrolled SBISD students. Kindergarten students are not eligible for testing until the summer prior to the first grade year.

Courses required for acceleration:

- > Grade Level Social Studies
- > Grade Level Science
- > Grade Level Math
- > Grade Level Language Arts

Math and Social Studies exams will be administered first. Fall and spring exams are administered at the student's home campus; summer exams are administered at the SBISD administration building.

Study Guides for EA and CBE assessments may be found at the following link. Some exams require reading of novels (ELA), participation logs (PE), or portfolios (Art); those requirements are listed in the study guides.
https://highschool.utexas.edu/cbe_study_guides.php

CREDIT BY EXAM*

Credit by Exam (CBE) offers students the opportunity to gain course credit in the subject area(s) being tested. CBEs may be taken with or without prior instruction, and testing is free for all enrolled SBISD students. Fall and spring exams are administered at the student's home campus; summer exams are administered at the SBISD administration building.

When high school course credit is earned through Credit by Exam, the course and the score of the test are posted to the student's transcript. However, the score will not impact the student's Grade Point Average.

Exams available include:

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|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| > English I (A & B) | > Algebra I (A & B) | > Us History (A & B) | > Biology (A & B) |
| > English II (A & B) | > Geometry (A & B) | > World Geo. (A & B) | > Chemistry (A & B) |
| > English III (A & B) | > Algebra II (A & B) | > World Hist. (A & B) | > Physics |
| > English IV (A & B) | > Pre-Calculus | > Government | > IPC (A & B) |
| | > MMA (A only) | > Economics | > Health I |

Languages Other Than English (LOTE) - Levels 1-4, except Latin

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|----------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| > Arabic | > Italian | > Mandarin (Simple & Traditional) |
| > French | > Japanese | > Polish |
| > German | > Korean | > Russian |
| > Hebrew | > Latin (Levels 1-3 Only) | > Spanish |
| > Hindi | | |

* Policy EHDC (Legal)

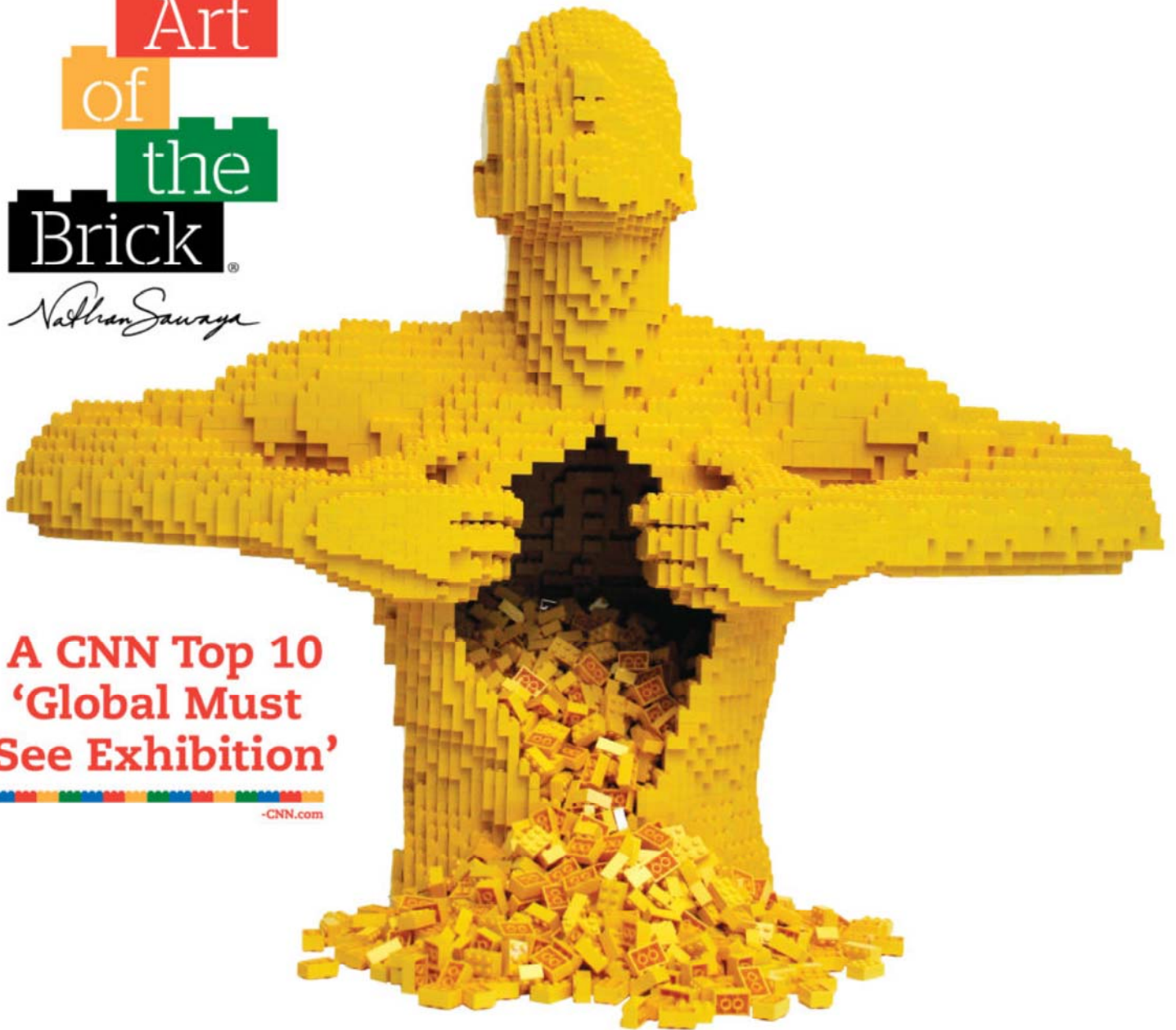
A student may not attempt to earn credit by examination for a specific high school course more than two times.

If a student fails to earn credit by examination for a specific high school course before the beginning of the school year in which the student would ordinarily be required to enroll in that course in accordance with the district's prescribed course sequence, the student must satisfactorily complete the course to receive credit for the course.

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Nathan Sawaya

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Spring Branch ISD
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August 30, 2019

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Beginning with the graduating class of 2018, Algebra II is no longer a graduation requirement in the State of Texas for the Foundation High School Program. While the course is not a graduation requirement, it is important for all students and their parents or guardians to consider possible implications of not taking Algebra II in high school.

- (1) For students to be considered for automatic college admissions under the top 10% rule, with the University of Texas being the exception as an institution which requires top 6%, not only must a student be in the top 10% of their graduating class, but they must also graduate under the Distinguished Graduation Plan. Additionally, the Distinguished Plan requires that a student earn an endorsement and successfully complete Algebra II.
- (2) Certain types of financial aid programs may also be impacted if Algebra II is not completed:
 - (A) The [TEXAS Grant Program](#), which provides opportunities for college-eligible students to attend a school of higher education, and
 - (B) The [Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Program](#), which provides grant aid to students with financial need who are enrolled in Texas public two-year colleges.

During the course selection process each spring, students receive guidance on course options based on their career plans after graduation, which could include Algebra II or an alternate advanced math course. For more information on graduation plans, you may consult this document: [TEA Graduation Toolkit: Information for Planning Your High School Years and Beyond](#)

If you have questions, please contact your campus counselor for more information.

Respectfully,

Tyra Walker
Director, Guidance and Counseling

Academic Division

Dr. Kristin Craft, Associate
Superintendent

Dr. Lance Stallworth, Executive
Director of Student Services

Tyra Walker, Director of
Guidance and Counseling

Every Child

Collective Greatness

Collaborative Spirit

Limitless Curiosity

Moral Compass

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Stratford High School



STRATFORD HIGH SCHOOL CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS 2018-2019

Academy of Finance

Sponsors: Ms. Schaper & Mrs. Jackson

This is a specialized program for juniors and seniors who are interested in a career in the financial services industry. Students apply for the Stratford AOF at the beginning of their junior year. Before high school graduation, the following courses are to be completed: Accounting I, Business Information Management (BIM), Money Matters, which are all one year classes. In addition, one class from the following selection is required: Accounting II, Banking and Financial Systems, Business Law, Dollars and Sense, Global Business or Principles of Business, Marketing and Finance. A key feature of the Academy of Finance is a supervised 160 hour paid or unpaid internship that enhances classroom learning. Typically, this internship is completed after the summer of the student's junior year or during their senior year. A certificate of Financial Studies will be awarded to each student upon successful completion of the courses and internship. During their senior year, students have an opportunity to visit the financial district in New York City.

Academy of Science and Engineering

Sponsors: Mr. Barrett &
Mr. Avis

The Stratford Academy of Science and Engineering is a selective group of juniors and seniors who apply for the program their sophomore year. ASE encourages high levels of academic competence to students in the area of science through experiences in the high school science classroom and extended experiences in off-campus activities in the Houston community. Students enrolled in the Academy are required to complete a rigorous science and mathematics curriculum which includes AP level courses. In addition, Academy juniors participate in a lab class designed to expose them to careers in science and engineering. Field trips to local business and university research labs are preceded by related research and lab work on campus. Academy seniors are required to complete a Research and Design project. Small teams of students work with community mentors on projects that can be relevant to the current research issues in both industry and academia. Academy students also are expected to complete a minimum number of science-related service hours through tutoring, teacher assistance, or external volunteer work.

American Sign Language Club

Sponsor: Mrs. Ramlal

The American Sign Language Club provides opportunities for ASL students to improve their skill level and create ties within the local Deaf Community. The ASL Club will host holiday parties and participate in volunteer activities that serve the Deaf Community. Join to learn, sign, and improve our community.

Yearbook (Mnemosyne)

Sponsor: Ms. Harris

Members of the award-winning Stratford *Mnemosyne* staff create the school's yearbook each year. Students write and edit stories, headlines, and captions; take, develop, and print photos; sell and design ads; and use desktop publishing software to design all pages of the book. After completing the Journalism I or Photojournalism class, students can apply for a position on the yearbook staff. Staffers travel to statewide workshops and contests, may earn a letter jacket, and can win many staff and individual awards.

Yoga Club

Sponsor: Ms. Thompson

The Yoga Club is meant to help students release negative energy obtained throughout the week. Not only do we release negative energy but we promote positive energy. This is a safe place where you can let go of anything that has effected you emotionally, mentally, or physically.

Animation Club

Sponsor: Mr. Patel

The Animation Club's mission is to provide a positive environment for students to connect with each other and appreciate Japanese culture through the medium of Animation. Our members watch modern Animations together and discuss those episodes and other Animation related topics during club meetings. Throughout the year we will view many different Animation films (all TV-14 or less). These films give our members a firsthand perspective of the topics we discuss at club.

Anime' Club

Sponsor: Mr. Patel

The Animé Club's mission is to provide a positive environment for students to connect with each other and appreciate Japanese culture through the medium of Animé. Our members watch Animé together and discuss those episodes and other Animé related topics during club meetings. Throughout the year we will view many different Animé films (all TV-14 or less). These films give our members a firsthand perspective of the topics we discuss at club. We often enjoy refreshments together and look forward to including some community service type activities this year.

Band

Sponsors: Mr. Graham & Mr. Perez

Bible Study—Finding Your Faith

Sponsor: Ms. Slay

No matter where you are in your faith, we want you to join us in reading the word of God and discovering the beautiful love and forgiveness of God. "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Book Club

Sponsors: Ms. Makin & Ms. Slay

The Stratford Book Club meets to discuss current fiction and more. We will meet authors, discuss books and decide as a group which books we want to read and discuss next. Students can join at any time during the year.

Bowl of Life Club

Sponsor: Mrs. Jackson

Connect with groups throughout SHS such as Student Council, NHS, and other Volunteer based organizations to encourage and motivate students to volunteer. On planned dates at area food banks such as Houston Food Bank.

Business Professionals of America (BPA)

Sponsors: Ms. Walker, Mrs. Jackson, & Ms. Schaper

Are you interested in the area of business? If so, this is the club for you! Business Professionals of America (BPA) is open to all grade levels; the only requirement is for you to be enrolled at Stratford High School. Area, state, and national dues usually cost about \$30 year. You will be given the opportunity to compete in business and technology-related team and individual competitions and work on leadership skills. Membership in this group can be a benefit when applying for colleges.

**Conservation of Environment
& Restoration of Ecological Systems Club (CERES)**

Sponsor: Mrs. Salek

The purpose of this club is conservation of the environment through recycling and donating to animal wildlife centers. Students will collect hard to recycle materials off to Terracycle to earn terrapoints. At the end of the year, these points will turn into money that will be donated to wildlife centers and animal shelters.

Cheerleaders / J.V. Cheerleaders

Sponsors: Ms. Dixon & Ms. Jones

The cheerleaders promote school spirit and provide leadership to the students of Stratford. They cheer at games, plan pep rallies, and volunteer their help when needed. Our cheerleaders are not only role models, but also good-will ambassadors. All students are eligible to try out, providing they meet the academic criteria and are willing and able to spend their next year serving Stratford.

Chemistry Club

Sponsor: Mr. Barrett

Club for students who enjoy learning about chemistry.

Choir

Sponsors: Mr. Steinmetz & Ms. Baker

Color Guard

Sponsors: Mr. Graham & Mr. Perez

Color guard is a class offered by the Stratford Band. You will learn how to spin a flag, rifle, and sabre while you incorporate movement and dance. The color guard performs with the Stratford Marching Band in the fall semester and competes in the Texas Color Guard Circuit in the spring semester. See the band directors for more information.

Comedy Sportz

Sponsor: Mr. Holmes

ComedySportz (CSz) is an improvisational comedy organization started in 1984 in Milwaukee, by a group of local comedians. The ComedySportz High School League is an outreach program of ComedySportz Houston where Teams of players from High Schools across the city compete with each other for Audience laughs. Teamwork, acceptance, and responsibility are taught. The Stratford High School League team is created from an audition, and performs throughout the year both at Stratford and surrounding schools.

Computer Science Club

Sponsor: Mr. Avis

To study and participate in computer science and events as well as aid for the AP exam.

Crypto-Currency Club

Sponsor: Ms. Slay

The purpose of this club is to help other students get a better understanding of Bitcoin and other crypto-currencies. Crypto-currencies are a digital currency in which encryption techniques are used to regulate the generation of units of currency and verify the transfer of funds, operating independently of a central bank. As technology advances so will the use of crypto-currencies. It is best for students to get a good understanding of crypto-currencies while they are still new so they can be able to use and make money off of it in the future.

Thespians

Sponsors: Mrs. Prudhomme, Mr. Holmes, & Mr. Clayton

A nationally recognized organization, Thespians helps to promote the Stratford Playhouse and gets all of those who love theater together. Students must earn 10 points and work on 2 shows to be inducted (1 point = 100 hours). Various activities include secret Santa, progressive dinner, murder mystery, Oscar party, and kickoff party. Meetings once/month or as needed.

Tri-Theta (Senior Women)

Sponsors: Ms. Suerth & Ms. Hulshizer

The purpose of Tri-Theta is to support the teams at Stratford and to lift school spirit. The members make signs for players and for the halls to show enthusiasm for athletic endeavors. They also have a dance in the spring to celebrate their work. A \$45 fee pays for paint, t-shirt, and the spring formal. We will meet after school on Thursdays.

Water Polo

Sponsor: Mr. Hoskovec

Competitive water polo season is in the Spring, beginning the last Monday of February and finishing before the second Monday of May. Practices are at the SBISD Natatorium at 10404 Tiger Trail in the morning at 6:30. Swim Team recommended but not required. Must have some swimming ability to participate.

World Affairs Club

Sponsor: Ms. Chelala

We are a social club that meets every 2 weeks to discuss current world events. We have on campus access to the World Affairs Council of Houston events and speakers, including topics such as human trafficking, global poverty, refugees, and war. After one year of participation, active club members would be eligible to apply for a college scholarship granted by the Council.

Writer's Club

Sponsor: Ms. Slay

The Writers' Club's mission is to facilitate an environment for young student writers to do what they do best: write! Members can receive constructive criticism on their written works, the absolute freedom to write whatever they choose to, and a time to share their pieces if they so wish. Club presidents will provide the chance to participate in fun and engaging writing activities to take the edge off of a long school day. Information on short story contests and other writing competitions will also be given out by club presidents for Writers' Club members to pursue and succeed in. Students can expect to share their work and ideas with like-minded individuals, and in doing so enrich their writing prowess as well as their interactions with each other. The Writers' Club is a place where young writers can come to celebrate their craft and prosper in a league of their own.

Stratford Eats

Sponsor: Ms. Hollister

Engage with friends while experiencing good food right here in our community. Then serve back to the community by volunteering once a month at the Houston Food Bank. A balance of fun and service centered around an essential for life: Food!

Stratford High Advanced Robotics Club (SHARC) Sponsor: Mr. Barrett

We are a group of prospective engineers and entrepreneurs who enjoy working as a team on engineering projects and participate in FIRST. FIRST stands for 'For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology'. Teams form and compete each spring. Being a part of this team is a rewarding experience for anyone interested in math and science and its real world applications. This competition and others like it allow students hands-on engineering opportunities, experience working with a team, as well as the challenge of learning to communicate effectively with colleagues. Members are expected to attend weekly meetings, pay a fee of \$50, participate in Build and Contest, maintain a grade of 80 in core classes, and participate in fundraising.

Stratford Leadership CouncilSponsors: Mr. Crowson,
Mrs. Yonkin, Mrs. Jackson

The Council is comprised of a representative from each of Stratford's clubs and organizations. The council meets once each six weeks during Spartan Time to discuss everything going on in school.. Our goal is to unify our school, get more people involved, and increase communication.

Stratford Oaks

Sponsor: Mr. Barrett

Stratford Oaks oversees planting and maintaining the mighty oak trees surrounding the SHS campus, along with other beautification projects. We meet the last Wednesday of every month.

Student Council

Sponsors: Mrs. Jackson & Mrs. Yonkin

Student Council is a service organization providing service and leadership to Stratford. Each grade elects approximately 20 representatives in late April or early May for the following year. Freshmen will elect their representatives after the first six weeks of school. Certain requirements must be met to run. These are listed under leadership in the Student Handbook. Once the representatives are elected, officers are chosen from these students. The Executive Board is chosen by the entire school and are members of the senior class. Meetings are held every two weeks on Wednesday mornings.

Students for Oncological Aid and Relief (SOAR)

Sponsor: Ms. Bucio

SOAR is a student led, non-profit organization, dedicated to helping cancer patients. Whether as 7 or 70 year-olds, cancer patients are forced to fight a vicious battle. While we can't cure the disease or stop the pain, we strive to make patients' lives a bit easier by providing car packages with various hospital necessities filled with our love.

Dessert Club

Sponsor: Mr. Reyes

If you love fantasy role playing games and hanging out with friends for hours, this

Dungeons and Dragons Club

Sponsor: Mr. Holmes

If you love fantasy role playing games and hanging out with friends for hours, this club is for you!! You and your friends tell a story together, guiding your heroes through quests for treasure, battles with deadly foes, daring rescues, courtly intrigue, and much more.

Empower a Child

Sponsor: Mrs. Fain

The purpose of this group is to fund children and families living in extreme poverty in Uganda and Kenya. The club funds will go directly toward rebuilding communities and providing resources for students to excel academically. Our mission is to bring together a community and help those in need.

Engineering Design Club

Sponsor: Mr. Foshee

The Engineering Design Club's purpose is to provide students with insight into numerous engineering fields. Our goal is to get students excited about engineering. We will have challenges, guest speakers, and a lot of fun!

Environmental Science Organization (ESO)

Sponsor: Mrs. Gaiser

Create a community in which people interested in Environmental Sciences, or just interested in helping the Environment, can meet and discuss any ideas, whether it be about their future plans or a project they want to make happen.

Fashion Club

Sponsor: Ms. Lucas

Our mission is to give Stratford students an opportunity to participate in something that they're passionate about while also incorporating philanthropy activities!

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)

Sponsor: Mr. Cozad

FCA meets every Wednesday before school at 7 am on the second floor right outside the library. After enjoying donuts and fellowship, we move into the library for a short devotional given by a student leader. The \$5 dues covers the cost of a t-shirt and breakfast each week.

Food For Thought

Sponsor: Ms. Henry

Join Food For Thought! We will meet once every 6 weeks to make care packages and deliver them to those in need in our community. Come and join a great cause!

French Club

Sponsor: Ms. Mason

French club hopes to unite all to spread French and Francophone (other French speaking countries) culture. From macarons to art museums, it has tons of opportunities and activities to experience << le Francais >> Enhance your understand and celebrate with new-found friends.

Freshmen Girls Sponsors: Ms. Baker & Ms. Johnson

Our purpose is to show school spirit and support the football players! Also, for freshmen girls to meet each other and get together.

Future Doctors of America (FDA) Sponsor: Mrs. Yonkin

This club focuses on medicine and educating students about medical occupations through hands-on learning. We will offer speakers, dissection, familiarization with medical terminology, study of and ability to diagnose common illnesses, practicing general sutures and medical techniques, first aid basics and knowledge of CPR.

Future Lawyers of the World Sponsor: Mrs. McHale
This group is for those students interested in a career in the legal field.

Future Scientists & Engineers of America (FSEA) Sponsor: Mr. Barrett

The purpose of this club is to guide students interested in the engineering field where students can share common interests, do projects together, and have established professionals from the field share their experiences with the group.

Gay Straight Alliance Sponsor: Mrs. Shirley

This purpose of this group is to create a safe place for LGBT teens and their straight allies to support one another, socialize, and create a platform to fight for racial, gender, LGBTQ, and economic justice as well as stay informed.

Glee Club Sponsor: Ms. Arrington

Our mission is to bring Spartans together who have a love and passion for music. In Glee Club, we will explore all genres of music and perform around Houston. We'll meet Wednesdays after school for rehearsals from 3:15 to 4:30.

Good Sportsmanship League (GSL) Sponsor: Ms. Jackson
This organization represents Stratford at athletic events throughout the school year. Students attend and announce information at varsity football, volleyball, and basketball games. Five junior and five senior students are placed on the team each year, based upon recommendations from teachers and administrative staff. Interested students may contact the sponsors if they wish to be considered.

Guitar Club Sponsor: Mr. Prince
This club is for people who want to share their love for playing and composing music.

Hackeysack for Habitats Sponsor: Mr. Kent
We aim to raise money for the environment by playing hackeysack and selling merchandise.

Sophomore Girls Sponsors: Ms. Adcock, Ms. Bolen, & Ms. Slattery

This is a sophomore girl spirit group.

Spartanaire Dance Team Sponsors: Ms. Gibson & Ms. Vinyard

The Spartanaire Dance Team is a year-round organization that allows high school students a great opportunity to dance at football games, pep rallies, basketball games, and softball games. We also travel to competition and perform and host the annual Spring Show. Not only will members walk away with a high knowledge of dance terminology and movement, but they will also learn valuable self-esteem skills, time management, commitment, and discipline. With around 70-90 members, it's an awesome way to meet people, travel, be involved at Stratford, and learn life lessons needed for college success. Auditions for the team are held in early December and once accepted, the new members are moved into a training class during the spring semester. The Spartanaire Booster Club meets the first Tuesday of each month throughout the school year.

Spartan Art Club Sponsor: Ms. Dikdan

The Spartan Art Club's mission is to further the creative abilities and talents of its members as well as bringing art and aesthetic awareness to the attention of the school and community. All curious and creative minds of any skill level are welcome to join!

Spartan Buddies Sponsors: Ms. Walker & Ms. Jones

Dedicated to establishing a school-wide volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, leadership development, and an inclusive environment for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Spartie Belles Sponsor: Mr. Schwartz

Our mission is to provide school spirit and a special surprise to varsity teams for big games! We want to expand on Stratford America's Core and show the boys how much they mean to our school. This club is open to Senior girls who have school spirit!

Spike Ball Club Sponsor: Mr. Cusimano

Play Spike Ball on a competitive level and have fun!

Step Up Stratford Sponsor: Ms. Jones

Step Up Stratford is a subsidiary of Step Up Houston, a non-profit organization that focuses on helping the homeless and guiding them towards a better life. The purpose of Step Up Stratford is to volunteer our time to help the homeless, especially the homeless youth. We want to make a difference in others' lives and offer them hope to continue moving forward.

activities and field trips. We aim to provide a fun learning environment for those who enjoy learning about physics. We meet on Wednesday afternoons in room 338.

Ping Pong Club

Sponsor: Mr. Amarantos

All inclusive. No skill required. All for fun!

Project NICE

Sponsor: Mrs. Sorsby

Our goal is to promote a sense of community within the school by encouraging positive interactions among all students and adults. We achieve this by doing "random acts of kindness" which create a chain reaction of positive energy. We also help transfer students feel welcome as new members of the Stratford community. We meet on B-Day Wednesday afternoons in room 108.

The Puzzle Club

Sponsor: Ms. Makin

To exercise the mind in a fun way with friends. We will meet on Wednesday after school from 3:10 to 3:45. Puzzles in this group will include jigsaw puzzles, logic puzzles, word searches, and others of the sort. We will have competitions and tournaments! Contact hagedjen000@mysbisd.org for any questions!

Red Cross Club

Sponsor: Mr. Schwartz

We give members a way to put talent, skills and passion to work for a greater purpose. Members work closely with Greater Houston Chapter of the Red Cross, engaging in projects that will help members improve and build critical skills while helping the community. Membership fee of \$15 includes T-shirt price.

Robotics Club

Sponsors: Mr. Foshee & Mr. Humphrey

Teach mechanics and programming and to have fun!

SAP Support Groups

Sponsor: Counselors

The Student Assistance Program (SAP) is a voluntary school-based program that includes a systematic effort to educate, identify, assess, prepare, and support students with problems such as stress management, family difficulties, drug/alcohol problems, and conflict management, which may interfere with a student's education and life development. Students meet each Thursday during Spartan Time in small groups and discuss a variety of issues.

Society of Asian Scientist & Engineers (SASE)

Sponsor: Mrs. Dillon

Our mission is to promote scientist and engineers for success in the global business world. Anyone can join this club and we promote cultural diversity. This club does numerous volunteer works and provides the opportunity of internships and collegiate mentors. We also work closely with the UH SASE and will be fully supported by them.

Health Science Students Association (HOSA)

Sponsor: Ms. Webb

The mission of HOSA is to enhance the delivery of compassionate, quality health care by providing opportunities for knowledge, skill and leadership development of all health science technology education students, therefore, helping students to meet the needs of the health care community. Student involvement is through the classes of Principles of Health Science (year one) and Health Science, (year two).

Heinrich Heine Club

Sponsor: Ms. Rechen

The German Club will allow students of German and/or students who are interested in broadening their cultural knowledge and understanding to gather every other week in order to explore and discuss modern Germany in a European context. Hot and controversial social and political topics will include hip trends in music, art, literature and cuisine, as well as traditional or alternative lifestyles.

Helping Hands

Sponsor: Mr. Poetzl

To raise funds for the kids in Colombia by selling shirts and also to help the kids in our community by tutoring them twice a month and playing with them.

Homework Helpers

Sponsor: Mr. Knapik

To help students with their homework if they don't understand it, or to have a place for students who don't have a place to study or do their homework. We can also tutor kids.

Interact Club

Sponsor: Mrs. McGee

The purpose of the Interact club is to be a service organization that has on international service project and one local service project a year. The Interact club is part of the Rotary organization and is a Rotary Club for high school students in which the members learn about service and the ways of the Rotarians.

Junior Girls

Sponsors: Mrs. Evans & Mrs. Dillon

Junior girls who come together to promote school spirit. You pay dues once a year and receive a club t-shirt to wear on spirit day. Girls paint banners and support grade level sports and activities.

K-Pop Club

Sponsor: Ms. Prudhomme

The purpose is to learn what K-Pop is, what culture around it is, and to appreciate the art of it. We welcome anyone who wants to learn and enjoy the unique art form.

Key Club

Sponsor: Mr. Huntsman

Key Club is an internationally known service organization that is entirely student led. Members perform acts of service such as cleaning up beaches, tutoring, or fundraising for UNICEF. They also learn leadership skills by running meetings, planning projects, and holding elected leadership positions at the club, district, and national levels.

Lacrosse Club—Boys & Girls

Sponsor: Mr. Elmore

Link Crew

Sponsors: Mrs. Parizot & Ms. Fain

Link Crew is an organization where seniors and juniors help freshman transition to high school. It is a great way to give back to your school, and it is bunches of fun! Mentor Link Crew students must apply and be accepted in the spring.

Making a Change

Sponsor: Mr. Blaze & Mr. Retana (2nd Sem)

There's no power for change greater than a community coming together. Have a heart and stand out to make a change and a difference. Your change can make a difference.

Math Honors Society

Sponsors: Mr. Marquez & Mr. Nguyen

To spread the joy of mathematics and expand beyond the school curriculum.

Math Tutoring Club

Sponsor: Mrs. Shirley

The Math Tutoring Club is a chance for students to get together after school and help each other with homework, studying for tests, or just answering math questions. This club is for anyone who wants to give or receive help in math. We will provide a welcoming and relaxing environment while helping each other to be successful in math. We hope to see you there!

Mode Club

Sponsor: Mrs. Schaper

Watch Fashion shows, find out about events in the Houston area, study trends, and consult ideas.

Music Appreciation Club

Sponsor: Mrs. Mennes

Our mission is to play, listen to, analyze, and appreciate the music of the past and today in order to gain a better understanding of the culture surrounding music in our lives.

Muslim Students Association Club

Sponsor: Mr. Vaughan

Our purpose is to make every Muslim student, or anyone else who wants to join, feel like they can belong somewhere. We would like to educate more people about the culture of Islam.

National Honor Society (NHS)

Sponsors: Ms. Russo & Ms. Parizot

The National Honor Society (NHS) is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school level students. More than just an honor roll, NHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character. These characteristics have been associated with membership in the organization since their beginnings in 1921 and 1929. Seniors who have met the GPA standard and

faculty recommendation process are qualified for NHS induction.

National Speech and Debate Association (NSDA)

Sponsor: Mr. Yu

Do you like to argue? Are you competitive? Do you need college scholarships (i.e., free money)? Are you interested in U.S./World affairs? How about law school? Would you like to improve your speaking skills? Do you like meeting new & interesting people? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then Debate is the activity for you! Speech and Debate is open to all grade levels. Students will have the opportunity to debate against other schools at regional and national tournaments. Students will also be allowed to join the National Forensics League and earn points toward advanced degrees. This is a great resume builder and an activity that will enhance your scholastic abilities in all other areas including English, Math, Reading, Social Studies.

Newspaper: The Oracle

Sponsor: Mrs. Cummons

The Oracle is a student-produced newspaper coming out every 3 weeks. Students may apply to be on staff after completion of Journalism I, Photojournalism, or Art II Photography. Students on staff write, design, photograph, and record all the events in and around school. Over the years, the staff has gone to both state and national journalism conferences, garnering several major awards along the way. Students on staff may earn a letter jacket and they may work on the print or the online side of the publication.

One World Club

Sponsor: Mr. Knapik

The One World Club is a group to build connections between our American students and Refugee students here at Stratford. We will have a fun time talking, playing games, making art, eating food, and going to different events throughout the school year. It will be a time to learn from each other and grow in our differences. There are volunteer and learning opportunities through homework help after school, as well as community building activities. Come make some friends and learn about the many cultures we have here at Stratford High School!

Orchestra

Sponsors: Mr. Fahey & Mr. Altamirano

The Orchestra is actually comprised of three separate performing ensembles that meet as separate classes: Symphony, Philharmonic, and Cello Choir. Membership is by audition, but we have a place for anyone who plays one of the following stringed instruments: violin, viola, cello, bass. We also can accept two pianists and two harpists each year. At the current time, there are no beginner classes offered; students must have had at least one year of instruction on their instrument. The Orchestra Officers plan monthly social activities as well as service and performance opportunities outside the regular concert schedule. One of the high points of the year is our annual performance tour.

Persian Culture Club

Sponsor: Mr. Hall

The Persian Culture Club is a secular club focused on examining ancient society, playing games, watching Persian movies, and enjoying Persian cuisine.

Physics Club

Sponsor: Mr. Mesler

Our club mission is to promote interest in physics through creative science