



# Spring Branch Academic Institute



October 15, 2019

Secondary Issue 9

## SFMS Pictures

Emails were sent to the email address of the parent or guardian provided on the student information packet from Inter-State Studio. They may be in a SPAM folder. If you did not receive an email with the link to the proofs of your child's picture, you may contact Inter-State Studio or Cathie Erickson for next steps or questions. However, check your JUNK or SPAM folder first.

## Veteran's Day

SFMS is in the planning stages for the annual Veterans Day Celebration. This will be the 19<sup>th</sup> annual celebration and a very special one. Because of the increased enrollment at SFMS, the event will be moved to the Don Coleman Coliseum, 1050 Dairy Ashford Road. The date for the celebration is the actual Veterans Day, Monday, November 11. The Veteran's breakfast will begin at 7:45 am, followed by the patriotic assembly at 9:15 am. We will be transporting all of the students to Don Coleman the morning of the event. It should be a very exciting day for our schools as we salute our community's veterans! As part of the event, we are once again going to do a fundraiser for our veterans-related charity, Patriot Paws. Patriot Paws, which has headquarters in Rockwall, TX, trains and provides service dogs to our veterans in need. The Patriot Paws Chapter at Texas A & M will once again be attending the event! More information to come on the fundraising efforts. We are in the process of mailing invitations to veterans for the event. If you have a family member, friend, neighbor, etc. who you would like to invite, please see the [attached flyer](#) for information. We would love to have them for the celebration!

## 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

- Oct 15** 1. SHS Band Spirit Night, Daddy's  
2. SFMS Spirit Night Sam's & MAS Taco
- Oct 16** 1. PSAT Grades 8-9, NMSQT 10-11  
2. [Performing and Visual Arts College Fair](#) 7-9 PM
- Oct 17** SFMS Pink Out Day
- Oct 18** 1. Breakfast with Dr. Blaine 8:00  
11935 Broken Bough [RSVP](#)  
2. SFMS Spookfest 4:00 & 6:30 pm
- Oct 20** [STEM College & Career Fair](#) 1-4 pm
- Oct 21-22** DLP Conference 6<sup>th</sup> grade, SHS
- Oct 23** 1. DLP Conferences 9<sup>th</sup> grade, SHS  
2. SFMS Free Dress Day \$5.00  
3. SFMS Multicultural Festival  
SFMS 3:30-5:00
- Oct 24** SFMS early Release 1:35
- Oct 25** LeadSBISD Application Due
- Oct 28** Cybersecurity PSA Due
- Nov 1** 1. 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> grade after-school Dance  
2. Reflections entries due  
3. SHS BBQ Tailgate for class of 2022 Project Prom 4:30, \$10
- Nov 2** SFMS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance [Car Wash](#)
- Nov 4** Generation TEX College Fair
- Nov 8** 1. Science Fair Judges Meeting 4:00  
2. SHS [SportsFest](#)
- Nov 11** SFMS Veterans Day Celebration  
Don Coleman Col. 7:45-10:45 am
- Nov 13** SHS Late Start 9:45, HS only
- Nov 15** Science Fair SHS 1:00-5:00
- Nov 18** SFMS Spookfest
- Nov 19** Spelling Bee Permission Slips Due
- Nov 25-29** **Thanksgiving Break**
- Dec 3** Secondary Spelling Bee SFMS 8:30
- Dec 17-20** Secondary Final Exams
- Dec 18-20** Secondary early dismissal  
SHS 12:00, SFMS 12:35
- Dec 21** **Winter Break Begins**
- Jan 7** Students Return from Winter Break
- Jan 25** SFMS Chess Tournament, 9:00 am
- Jan 30** The Drowsy Chaperone  
SHS Auditorium 7:30 pm
- Jan 31** District Spelling Bee WAIS 8:30 am

## PSAT and NMSQT

Wednesday October 16 all eighth and ninth graders in SBISD will be taking the [PSAT](#) and 10th and 11th graders will be taking the [PSAT 10/National Merit Scholar Qualifying Test](#). All SBAI testing students will be at Stratford; non-testers will be at SFMS until testing is complete. There are practice tests on [Khan Academy](#). Students who qualify for testing accommodations will have those accommodations for the NMSQT only. Like the Iowa test at SBAI, the PSAT is used as a baseline. Sixth and seventh graders will be at SFMS during first period, third period, and lunch. Electives will still meet; SBAI morning classes will meet at SFMS.

## Differentiated Learning Plan Conferences, 6th Grade

Differentiated Learning Plans list yearly goals for student progress. DLPs will be going home with students along with the first nine-weeks report cards around October 17. Sixth-grade parents and students will have the opportunity to discuss their DLP Monday October 21 or Tuesday October 22 at Stratford HS. Times are attached to the end of the newsletter.

## Differentiated Learning Plan Conferences, 9th Grade

Differentiated Learning Plans list yearly goals for student progress. DLPs will be going home with students along with the first nine-weeks report cards around October 17. Ninth-grade parents and students will have the opportunity to discuss their DLP Wednesday October 23 at Stratford HS. Times are attached to the end of the newsletter.

## 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.

## LeadSBISD

The Spring Branch Board of Trustees proudly announces LeadSBISD, a new program to encourage, engage and develop leaders across our school district community. The yearlong program will focus on all aspects of our school district, with bi-monthly meetings giving cohort members a deep-dive into one or more aspects of SBISD operations and initiatives. LeadSBISD Cohort 1 will be comprised of up to four representatives from each of our seven middle school feeder patterns, selected by lottery. There is no cost to participate and translation/interpretation will be available. Applications will be accepted online at this [link](#), and via paper application attached, between October 1-25.

## Cybersecurity High School PSA Competition

Share your cybersecurity practices to keep your friends and family safe. Create a short (15-20 sec.) Public Service Announcement (PSA) video in one of three Competition Categories: Phishing, Social Media, and Hackers. For more information [follow this link](#). Deadline October 28.

## Reflections Contest

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. Attached to the end of the newsletter is a flyer and registration form – due November 1. Please contact [Vanya Karia](#) for details.

## Class of 2022 Fundraisers.

Please visit the [Stratford PSTA Spartan Scoop](#) for information on fundraisers such as BBQ Tailgate November 1, Ladies Teddy Fleece, and Spartan Car Emblems.

## Science Fair

The SBAI Science Fair will be held on November 15 from 1:00 – 5:00 PM. SBAI students will present 35 projects. Students and judges are to be present for the entire four hours. However, students who have after-school activities will be evaluated by judges between 1- 3:15 PM. Please inform Dr. Haidar if your student has afterschool activities by November 8. Parents may stop-by any time during the window of 1-5 PM for visiting the Science Fair Projects. Students with electives before 7<sup>th</sup> grade lunch will still attend those classes. Students with classes at SHS before 7<sup>th</sup> lunch will prepare the pod, set up their projects, and get feedback from fellow students. All SBAI students will be at Stratford after 7<sup>th</sup> lunch (be on the 12:48 bus) until the end of the Science Fair. Dr. Haidar will contact parents who expressed their willingness to be a SBAI Science Fair Judge soon. A short meeting will be held at 4:00 on November 8 at SBAI pod to discuss Science Fair Rubric and other logistics. Ten finalist from SBAI Science Fair will be recommended for the District Science Fair competition (Date not yet announced). District Science Fair winners will move to Science and Engineering Fair of Houston for presentation on February 15, 2020 at George R. Brown Convention Center. All necessary materials related to Science Fair are posted in the Science Fair Folder on Its Learning.

## Spelling Bee

The secondary spelling bee will be Tuesday December 3 in the SFMS MPR at 8:30 am. There will be an elementary and middle school SBAI representative at the district bee January 31. Permission forms are available at the end of the newsletter or may be picked up from Ms. Helfer; they are due November 19. After completing the permission form, participants will receive a copy of the study words for the school bee and links and passwords to spelling bee Quizlets. Good luck.

## Chess Club

Spring Forest is still in need of parent helpers for the Chess Club. Meetings are Mondays in the SFMS MPR from 3:35 – 5:00 PM. Please help if you can.

Spring Forest is having a chess tournament January 25, 2020 at 9:00 am at SFMS. Online Registration is at <http://chess.jliptrap.us/enter.htm>. Contact Leah Whitten with questions.

## Volunteering Opportunity

Last year, Jean Hoang, a student in SBAI, volunteered to help math teachers at Spring Forest by staying afterschool and helping the teachers during their tutorials. Jean would like to continue the organization and is hoping some students will step up and help the Spring Forest community as she did. Not only will these students be helping their peers, but they will also learn how to teach others. In addition to following SBAI's vision of contributing to society, this is a great opportunity to meet friends while upholding a strong foundation in math. If your child is interested, please let Jean or SBAI know, so we can set up a date for Jean to provide a short training session and share her experience. It is one hour of volunteering, one or two days a week, after school. Math content ranges from 6th grade math to Algebra or Geometry. We will find the teachers and the right level of math who need your child's help. Spring Forest teachers have expressed their need and gratitude for this effort.

## 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](#).

## Stratford Playhouse

Stratford Playhouse has lined up a very exciting 2019/2020 Season! It starts off with the whimsical play, "Peter and the Starcatcher." The big musical this winter will be fun and family-friendly: "The Drowsy Chaperone." And then we end the season with a bang with "Mamma Mia!" Season tickets went on sale Monday, August, 19th. Don't miss out on the chance to get the best seats in the house! Go to <http://www.shsplayhouse.org/> to get your tickets.

## 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.

## 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.

[https://online.springbranchisd.com/cc/CourseCatalog\\_HS\\_2019-2020.pdf](https://online.springbranchisd.com/cc/CourseCatalog_HS_2019-2020.pdf)

### 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.

## 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/>

### Alexander

**Math 6:** We will continue our equations and inequalities unit.

**Math 7 / Pre-Algebra:** We begin our Rational Number Unit.

**Geometry:** We will begin our Similarity Unit.

### Haidar

**Science:** States of Matter

**Biology:** Magnetism

**IPC:** Cellular Transportation

### Treleaven

**English** With the PSAT and a short week, we have a light workload this week. Apart from NoRedInk and Membean assignments (and English I's project), no other homework will be assigned. Have a great week!

### Wood

**USH:** We will discuss Shay's Rebellion and its role in the formation of our Constitution. In addition we will do a simulation related to the Northwest Ordinance.

**WC & G:** We will continue our examination of Human Geography by discussing the push and pull factors of immigration, and how they apply to the world today. We will end the week with a look at the different types of economies that exist throughout the world.

**ELA Courage:** We will continue our discussion of theme by applying it to our novels. Once we have identified the themes we will start writing introductory paragraphs for our MLA papers.

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

6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
1 <sup>st</sup> Period 8:26 AM – 9:18 AM	1 <sup>st</sup> Period 8:26 AM – 9:18 AM	1 <sup>st</sup> Period 8:26 AM – 9:18 AM
2 <sup>nd</sup> Period 9:23 AM – 10:15 AM	2 <sup>nd</sup> Period 9:23 AM – 10:15 AM	2 <sup>nd</sup> Period 9:23 AM – 10:15 AM
3 <sup>rd</sup> Period 10:20 AM – 11:12 AM	3 <sup>rd</sup> Period 10:20 AM – 11:12 AM	3 <sup>rd</sup> Period 10:20 AM – 11:12 AM
LUNCH 11:17 AM – 11:46 AM	4 <sup>th</sup> Period 11:17 AM – 12:09 PM	4 <sup>th</sup> Period 11:17 AM – 12:09 PM
4 <sup>th</sup> Period 11:51 AM – 12:43 PM	LUNCH 12:14 PM – 12:43 PM	5 <sup>th</sup> Period 12:14 PM – 1:06 PM
5 <sup>th</sup> Period 12:48 PM – 1:40 PM	5 <sup>th</sup> Period 12:48 PM – 1:40 PM	LUNCH 1:11 PM – 1:40 PM
6 <sup>th</sup> Period 1:45 PM – 2:37 PM	6 <sup>th</sup> Period 1:45 PM – 2:37 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> Period 2:42 PM – 3:35 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	Bus 8:20 SFMS → SHS
2 <sup>nd</sup> Period 9:25 AM – 10:20 AM	<b>Bus 9:10 SHS → SFMS</b> ; 9:23 SFMS → SHS (RT)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Period 10:25 AM – 11:15 AM	<b>Bus 10:07 SHS → SFMS</b> ; 10:20 SFMS → SHS (RT)
4 <sup>th</sup> Period 11:20 AM – 12:15 PM OR 11:55 – 12:50	<b>Bus 11:04 SHS → SFMS</b> ; 11:17 SFMS → SHS (RT)
5 <sup>th</sup> Period 12:20 PM – 1:10 PM	Bus 11:51 SFMS → SHS; <b>12:01 SHS → SFMS</b> (RT)
OR 12:55 PM – 1:45 PM	<del>Bus 12:14 SFMS → SHS; 12:35 SHS → SFMS</del> (RT)
6 <sup>th</sup> Period 1:50 PM – 2:40 PM	Bus 12:48 SFMS → SHS; <b>12:58 SHS → SFMS</b> (RT)
7 <sup>th</sup> Period 2:45 PM – 3:35 PM	<b>Bus 1:32 SHS → SFMS</b> ; 1:45 SFMS → SHS (RT)
	<b>Bus 2:29 SHS → SFMS</b> ; 2:42 SFMS → SHS (RT)
	<b>Bus 3:25 SHS → SFMS</b>

## Spring Forest Middle School Wednesday Bell Schedule

6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
1 <sup>st</sup> Period 8:26 AM – 10:00 AM	1 <sup>st</sup> Period 8:26 AM – 10:00 AM	1 <sup>st</sup> Period 8:26 AM – 10:00 AM
3 <sup>rd</sup> Period 10:05 AM – 11:39 AM	3 <sup>rd</sup> Period 10:05 AM – 11:39 AM	3 <sup>rd</sup> Period 10:05 AM – 11:39 AM
LUNCH 11:44 AM – 12:17 PM	5 <sup>th</sup> Period 11:44 AM – 12:28 PM	5 <sup>th</sup> Period 11:44 AM – 1:18 PM
5 <sup>th</sup> Period 12:22 PM – 1:56 PM	LUNCH 12:33 PM – 1:06 PM	LUNCH 1:23 PM – 1:56 PM
7 <sup>th</sup> Period 2:01 PM – 3:35 PM	5 <sup>th</sup> Period 1:11 PM – 1:56 PM	7 <sup>th</sup> Period 2:01 PM – 3:35 PM
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### SBAI Bell and Bus Schedule

1 <sup>st</sup> Period 8:30 AM – 10:05 AM	Bus 8:20 SFMS → SHS
3 <sup>rd</sup> Period 10:10 AM – 11:31 AM	<b>Bus 9:52 SHS → SFMS</b> ; 10:05 SFMS → SHS (RT)
5 <sup>th</sup> Period 12:25 PM – 2:00 PM	<b>Bus 11:31 SHS → SFMS</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> Period 2:05 PM – 3:25 PM	12:22 SFMS → SHS (RT)
	<b>Bus 1:48 SHS → SFMS</b> ; 2:01 SFMS → SHS (RT)
	<b>Bus 3:25 SHS → SFMS</b>

## Spring Forest Middle School Thursday Bell Schedule

6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
2 <sup>nd</sup> Period 8:26 AM – 10:00 AM	2 <sup>nd</sup> Period 8:26 AM – 10:00 AM	2 <sup>nd</sup> Period 8:26 AM – 10:00 AM
Advisory 1 10:05 AM – 10:50 AM	Advisory 1 10:05 AM – 10:50 AM	Advisory 1 10:05 AM – 10:50 AM
Advisory 2 10:54 AM – 11:39 AM	Advisory 2 10:54 AM – 11:39 AM	Advisory 2 10:54 AM – 11:39 AM
LUNCH 11:44 AM – 12:17 PM	4 <sup>th</sup> Period 11:44 AM – 12:28 PM	4 <sup>th</sup> Period 11:44 AM – 1:18 PM
4 <sup>th</sup> Period 12:22 PM – 1:56 PM	LUNCH 12:33 PM – 1:06 PM	LUNCH 1:23 PM – 1:56 PM
6 <sup>th</sup> Period 2:01 PM – 3:35 PM	4 <sup>th</sup> Period 1:11 PM – 1:56 PM	6 <sup>th</sup> Period 2:01 PM – 3:35 PM
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### SBAI Bell and Bus Schedule

2 <sup>nd</sup> Period 8:30 AM – 10:05 AM	Bus 8:20 SFMS → SHS
Advisory 1 10:05 AM – 10:50 AM	<b>Bus 9:52 SHS → SFMS</b> ; 10:10 SFMS → SHS (RT)
Advisory 2 10:54 AM – 11:39 AM	<b>Bus 10:41 SHS → SFMS</b> ; 10:55 SFMS → SHS (RT)
4 <sup>th</sup> Period 12:25 PM – 2:00 PM	<b>Bus 11:31 SHS → SFMS</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> Period 2:05 PM – 3:25 PM	12:22 SFMS → SHS (RT)
	<b>Bus 1:48 SHS → SFMS</b> ; 2:01 SFMS → SHS (RT)
	<b>Bus 3:25 SHS → SFMS</b>





## 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

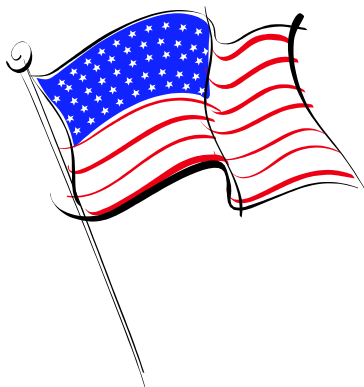
Pep Rally Schedule		
Period	Begin	End
1 or 2	7:45	9:03
3 or 4 (With Announcements)	9:09	10:30
<b>Block Lunch</b>	10:34	11:34
5 or 6	11:38	12:56
7 or 8	1:02	2:20
<b>Pep Rally</b>	2:20	3:00

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



**Spring Forest Middle School  
Veterans Day Celebration  
Monday, November 11, 2019  
Don Coleman Coliseum  
1050 Dairy Ashford  
7:45 A.M.-10:45 A.M.**



Spring Forest is planning our annual breakfast and assembly to honor our community's veterans. We are looking for local veterans to attend our patriotic ceremony. Many of our students and staff may have relatives or friends who have served our country. We want to invite them to attend.

If you know a veteran that we may invite, please fill out the back of this sheet with their name and address and either:

- Have your son/daughter return it to the SFMS Office
- Mailed or delivered to the following address:  
Kate Potter  
538 Nottingham Oaks Tr.  
Houston, Texas 77079
- Or email form (or required information) to Kate Potter at [katejpotter@yahoo.com](mailto:katejpotter@yahoo.com).

We welcome the help of parents as we plan our special day. If you would like to volunteer, please fill out the necessary information on the back of this sheet.

Return this form to SFMS Front Office  
Or Send to Kate Potter (538 Nottingham Oaks Tr. Houston, Texas  
77079 or [katejpotter@yahoo.com](mailto:katejpotter@yahoo.com))

(Please print)

Student's name\_\_\_\_\_

Grade\_\_\_\_\_

I would like to invite the following veteran to our celebration on Nov 9.

Name of veteran\_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Service\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City/State\_\_\_\_\_Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Phone number\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address\_\_\_\_\_

Your relationship to the veteran (ex: father, grandfather, friend, neighbor,  
etc..)\_\_\_\_\_

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Parent Volunteers-If you would like to help in anyway with Veterans Day,  
please check the Eblast for signup on Membership Toolkit.

We need lots of volunteers to help with this event!

2019 – 20 October DLP Schedule  
Stratford HS conference room in the main office

Monday October 21

Per	Time	Student	Teachers	Class	Room
1	8:35 – 9:00	Zoe	Alexander & Wood	Math	207A
	9:00 – 9:25	Julio	Alexander & Wood	Math	207A
2	9:30 – 9:55	Saige	Alexander & Wood	Social St	207A
	9:55 – 10:20	Alex	Alexander & Treleaven	Social St	207A
3	10:25 – 10:50	Ben	Alexander & Treleaven	Science	207A
	10:50 – 11:15				
	11:20 – 12:00				
4	12:00 – 12:25	Jaeho	Alexander & Treleaven	Science	Conf
	12:25 – 12:50	Will D	Alexander & Wood	Science	Conf
5	12:55 – 1:20	Lauren	Alexander & Wood	ELA	Conf
	1:20 – 1:45	Maddox	Alexander & Wood	ELA	Conf
6	1:50 – 2:15	Justin	Alexander & Wood	Science	Conf
	2:15 – 2:40	Kelly	Alexander & Wood	Science	Conf
7	2:45 – 3:10	Ronin	Alexander & Wood	Geometry	Conf
	3:10 – 3:35				Conf

Tuesday October 22

Per	Time	Student	Teachers	Class	Room
1	8:35 – 9:00				Conf
	9:00 – 9:25				Conf
2	9:30 – 9:55				Conf
	9:55 – 10:20				Conf
3	10:25 – 10:50				Conf
	10:50 – 11:15				Conf
	11:20 – 12:00				Conf
4	12:00 – 12:25				Conf
	12:25 – 12:50				Conf
5	12:55 – 1:20				Conf
	1:20 – 1:45	Aaron	Wood and Sexton	ELA	Conf
6	1:50 – 2:15	Bryan	Wood and Sexton	Science	Conf
	2:15 – 2:40	Stephanie	Wood and Sexton	Science	Conf
7	2:45 – 3:10	Valerie	Wood and Sexton	Math	Conf
	3:10 – 3:35	Vincent	Wood and Sexton	Math	Conf

2019 – 20 October DLP Schedule  
Stratford HS

Wednesday October 23

Period	Time	Student	Class	Location
2	7:45 – 8:10	Sara Cate	Tennis	Conference Room
	8:15 – 8:40	Matthew M	Orchestra	Conference Room
	8:45 – 9:10	Chloe	Orchestra	Conference Room
4	9:20 – 9:45	Matthew S	Band	Conference Room
	9:50 – 10:15	Cooper	Tech Theatre	Conference Room
	10:20 – 10:45	Emerson	Choir	Conference Room
6	12:00 – 12:25	Jean	Band	Conference Room
	12:30 – 12:55	Katrina	Dance	Conference Room
	1:00 – 1:25	Lowell	Spanish	Conference Room
8	1:35 – 2:00	Will Y	Computer Science	Conference Room
	2:05 – 2:30	Phin	Debate	Conference Room
	2:35 – 3:00			Conference Room

# CIS NEWSLETTER

*Communities In Schools at Stratford High School*

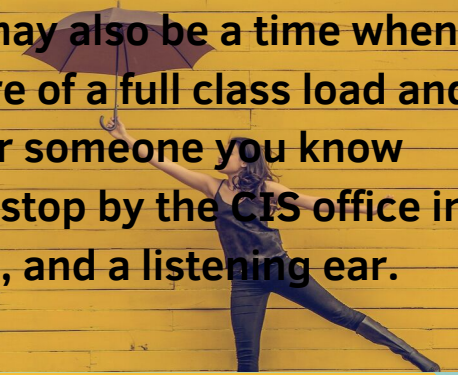
## NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE: 800-273-TALK

Chances are, someone you know has considered ending their life. You can help! Find a list of do's and don'ts at:

[suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://suicidepreventionlifeline.org)

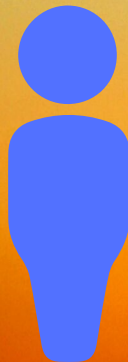
**Hey Spartans! October is a great month to evaluate your own mental health and determine a system to manage stress and practice self-care. It may also be a time when students begin to feel the pressure of a full class load and the first progress report. If you or someone you know needs any added support, please stop by the CIS office in the Clinic for guidance, resources, and a listening ear.**

**-Amanda Thompson, LMSW**



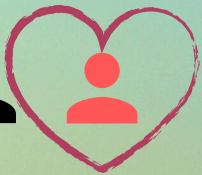
## IT'S OKAY TO TALK ABOUT SUICIDE

- Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death among people aged 10-34 in the U.S.
- Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the U.S.
- The overall suicide rate in the U.S. has increased by 31% since 2001
- 46% of people who die by suicide had a diagnosed mental health condition
- 90% of people who die by suicide had shown symptoms of a mental health condition, according to interviews with family, friends and medical professionals
- LGBT youth are 4x more likely to attempt suicide than straight youth
- 75% of people who die by suicide are male



## OCTOBER 6-12 MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK

**1 in 6 youth  
experience a  
mental disorder  
each year!**



**CIS  
Support  
Groups  
Available!**

## *We meet during lunch!*

Bipolar/Depression group  
Girl's group  
Boy's group  
LGBTQ group  
Freshman girl's group  
Yoga/Mindfulness group (after school)



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES  
HOSTS 2ND ANNUAL

# 2019 CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS PSA COMPETITION

SHARE YOUR CYBERSECURITY PRACTICES TO KEEP YOUR  
FRIENDS AND FAMILY SAFE.  
CREATE A SHORT (15-30 SEC.) PUBLIC SERVICE  
ANNOUNCEMENT VIDEO.

ADDITIONAL INFO: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/2MQXRLZ](https://bit.ly/2MQXRLZ)  
SUBMISSION LINK: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/2MAEC7P](https://bit.ly/2MAEC7P)

SUBMISSIONS OPEN  
SEPT 20 • OCT 28

This event is open to Texas High School  
Students (grades 9-12).





UNLEASH YOUR

# creative potential

There is NO LIMIT on the number of entries per student

**For Program Rules And Student Entry Forms Visit:**

<https://www.txpta.org/reflections-participation>

Each entry must be accompanied by an official entry form.

Guidelines and requirements must be met or your entry will not be judged (see the program rules above).

Submit completed entries to the front office labeled "Reflections." The submission box will be available from 11/4/2019 until 11/6/2019.

**Entry Deadline: FIRST WEDNESDAY OF NOVEMBER (11/6/19)**

Please email me with any questions at [vanya.karia@att.net](mailto:vanya.karia@att.net)

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Reflections is a current PTA member benefit. All entrants must have at least **one current SFMS PTA member** in their household for **this** school year. Click below to renew or join the PTA.  
<https://sfmspta.membershiptoolkit.com/home>

*"LOOK WITHIN"* is the theme for the 2019-2020 school year. Create original works of art in as many of the categories as you choose.

**BE RECOGNIZED FOR YOUR CREATIVITY!!**

**Remember to reflect the theme in the work!**

## ABOUT REFLECTIONS

Reflections has been a staple arts program in many schools for 50 years. Through the efforts of our Local PTAs, millions of students have found a creative outlet in the areas of dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography, and visual arts.

**look within**



## 2019-2020 PTA Reflections Program: Look Within STUDENT ENTRY FORM

### THE LOCAL (SCHOOL) PTA MUST COMPLETE THIS SECTION BEFORE ADVANCING

Verify household membership and complete partial or illegible entry forms. **CORRECT and COMPLETE CONTACT INFORMATION is VERY important as the entry progresses so the family receives information about possible awards and ceremonies.**

School PTA Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Household Membership Verified by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Joined: \_\_\_\_\_

### Local (School) PTA must attain Active Status with Texas PTA by October 31<sup>st</sup>

☐ PTA has reported at least 20 members to Texas PTA

☐ Board Member Information Reported to Texas PTA

Please type or print clearly in black or blue ink (do not use pencil). This form must be completed in its entirety.

If additional space is needed, please continue onto the back or a separate sheet of paper and clearly mark with your full name.

**The student or at least one person from their primary household must be a current member of the Local PTA/PTSA where the student is participating. Encourage members to join before judging begins.**

REQUIRED PTA MEMBER NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_ CHOOSE ONE: ☐ Current Member/Date Joined: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Please contact me! We need to join.

The best way to contact me is by: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ M/F: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

TEACHER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TEACHER EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Ownership in any submission shall remain the property of the entrant, but entry into this program constitutes entrant's irrevocable permission and consent that PTA may display, copy, reproduce, enhance, print, sublicense, publish, distribute and create derivative works for PTA purposes. PTA is not responsible for lost or damaged entries. Submission of entry into the PTA Reflections program constitutes acceptance of all rules and conditions. I agree to the above statement and the National PTA Reflections Official Rules.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of parent/legal guardian (required if child is under 18 years)

### JUDGING INFORMATION

#### GRADE DIVISION (Check One)

☐ PRIMARY (Preschool- Grade 2) ☐ HIGH SCHOOL (Grades 9-12)

☐ INTERMEDIATE (Grades 3-5) ☐ SPECIAL ARTIST\* (All Grades)

☐ MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 6-8)

#### ARTS CATEGORY (Check One)

☐ DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY

☐ MUSIC COMPOSITION

☐ FILM PRODUCTION

☐ PHOTOGRAPHY

☐ LITERATURE

☐ VISUAL ARTS

\*Please refer to the Special Artist Guidelines if you believe your entry qualifies for this division.

Special Artist entrants should select both their grade division and the Special Artist box.

TITLE OF ARTWORK (REQUIRED): \_\_\_\_\_

ENTRY DETAILS: (Dance/Film: cite background music; Music: musician(s)/instrumentation; Literature: word count; Photo/Visual Arts: materials & dimensions) \_\_\_\_\_

ARTIST STATEMENT (REQUIRED): Statement must be 10- 100 words describing how your work relates to the theme. \*Many times, the artist statement will make a huge difference during judging because this is where you as the artist can explain in your own words, your thoughts and feelings for the piece.

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# STRATFORD CLASS OF 2022



## Ladies Teddy Fleece Crew

9 Oz, 100% Polyester, Sweater Fleece, Dolman Sleeve construction, Hi-low hemline, side-split side seams

# \$55

**Name:**

**SIZE: S M L XL 2XL**

**Student grade:**

**Email:**

**Address:**

**Phone number:**

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**Purchaser will be notified of time and date for pickup via email.**

**Venmo: @SHS22PROJPROM**

**Check: SHS CLASS OF 2022 PROJECT PROM**

Email to [Cherylhbrady@att.net](mailto:Cherylhbrady@att.net) or deliver to Cheryl Brady at 13627 Pinerock, Houston, Texas 77079

Dear Stratford Families,

We are excited to announce that on October 29th and 30th of this school year, we will provide every student at Stratford High School with the opportunity to participate in the Spring Branch ISD Chromebook Loaner Program. With this device, students will have access to anywhere, anytime learning and will be able to engage with their classes, teachers, and peers in new and exciting ways.

It is our expectation that every student will come to school each day with a portable computer charged for a full day of use. Students have the option to bring a laptop from home or participate in the Chromebook Loaner Program. This will enable students to access itsLearning, a learning management system already being used in our classes to access course content.

Prior to receiving Chromebooks, students will need to have the [SBISD Student Device Loan Agreement](#) signed by a parent or guardian. The second page of this agreement should be **returned to the library**. This document addresses the loan conditions as well as the optional \$25.00 technology damage coverage.

Please read the coverage agreement carefully as it is specific with regards to financial responsibility and what is and is not covered by the optional damage coverage. If you elect to purchase the Optional Technology Damage Coverage, then you may pay by check (payable to Stratford HS), cash in exact amount, or through [MySchoolBucks](#), a secure online payment system accepting credit cards, debit cards, and electronic checks.

Any student who prefers to bring their own device to school can opt out of the Chromebook Loaner Program as long as the device has a screen size of at least 9 inches, has keyboard capability, and has the ability to connect to the school's wireless network. All students will be expected to abide by the [SBISD Student Acceptable Use Policy](#) regardless of the device they use.

#### **Action Steps for students participating in the Chromebook Loaner Program:**

Please return:

- A signed [SBISD Student Device Loan Agreement](#) to the **Library by October 18<sup>th</sup> (required)**
- Technology Damage Coverage fee **to the Library** from 7:30-8:15AM or 2:30-3:15PM **by October 18<sup>th</sup> (optional, but recommended - not necessary for those using MySchoolBucks)**

I will host an optional informational meeting regarding the Chromebook Loaner Program on Monday, October 7, 2019 at 6:00PM in the Library. During this session, I will explain the benefits of our digital learning tools, describe our plan for distribution, and answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Chad Crowson, Principal

# **SBAI**

## **Spelling Bee**

Permission slip is due  
**Tuesday November 19** if you  
are going to participate!

### **Permission/Participation Form and Quick Info Sheet**

Students and Parents:

Yay, it's bee time! This is a *voluntary* activity and is not required. We will hold 2 separate spelling bees, 1 for elementary SBAI students, 1 for secondary! We are sending the 2 winners to the district bee this year. The secondary spelling bee will occur Tuesday December 3 at Spring Forest Middle School at 8:30 in the MPR.

The district bee will be held Friday, January 31 at Westchester Academy at 8:30 am.

The requirements for participating in the bee are below.

- **Students who wish to participate in the SBAI Spelling Bee must turn in this signed permission slip by Tuesday, November 19.**
- Students will be given a copy of the *spelling practice words* from the Scripps website ([www.spellingbee.com](http://www.spellingbee.com)) once they have returned the permission slip.
- SBAI will adhere to local bee rules as other SBISD schools do.
- Students who have excessive tardies, absences, failing grades, office referrals, or conduct issues will not be allowed to participate in the Bee.
- Disqualification is at the discretion of Ms. Kassir and Mr. Lefebvre
- Students must not solicit assistance from teachers at any time during the school day. They are welcome to study words with their friends.
- There will be no official bee practices on campus – rather, studying for the bee is the responsibility of the student and parent.
- Please understand that these guidelines are meant to ensure the most fair and judicial Spelling Bee as possible.

**Please keep this page for your reference and sign and return the 2<sup>nd</sup> page by  
Tuesday November 19 if you are interested in participating.**

**Good Luck!**

# **SBAI Spelling Bee**

## **Permission Slip**

In signing my name below, I acknowledge that I have read the Spelling Bee Info Sheet and agree to the guidelines and rules written above.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form to Ms. Helfer or Mr. Lefebber.**



# Stratford HS Final Exam Schedule Fall 2019

## NON TEST DAYS

Thursday, Dec. 12 'A' Day - Power Review  
Friday, Dec. 13 'B' Day - Power Review  
Monday, Dec. 16 'A/B' Day

### Tuesday, Dec. 17

7:45–9:45 Period 2 \*Exam

9:54–11:54 Period 4 \*Exam

11:58 – 12:58 Block Lunch

1:02–1:58 Period 6 \*Class

2:04–3:00 Period 8 \*Class

All students must clear the building at 3:00  
unless staying for tutorials or makeup exams.

### Wednesday, Dec. 18

7:45–9:45 Period 5 Exam

9:51–11:50 Period 7 Exam

11:50–12:05 Lunch

12:05 Buses leave

All students must clear the building at 12:10  
unless staying for tutorials or makeup exams.

### Thursday, Dec. 19

7:45–9:45 Period 6 Exam

9:51–11:50 Period 8 Exam

11:50–12:05 Lunch

12:05 Buses leave

All students must clear the building at 12:10  
unless staying for tutorials or makeup exams.

### Friday, Dec. 20

7:45–9:45 Period 1 Exam

9:51–11:50 Period 3 Exam

11:50–12:05 Lunch

12:05 Buses leave

All students must clear the building at 12:10  
unless staying for tutorials or makeup exams.

- Students must stay the entire class period during classes and finals
- Students who remain on campus and do not have a final exam must report to the snack bar
- No Final Exams will be given Early

# Spring Forest Middle School 2nd Annual USCF Sanctioned Chess Tournament

On-Line Registration & Payment

<http://chess.jliptrap.us/enter.htm>



**January 25, 2020 at 9:00 AM**

14240 Memorial Drive, Houston

*A Houston Chess Association Tournament*  
Breakfast tacos and delicious kabobs for lunch (*cash only*)

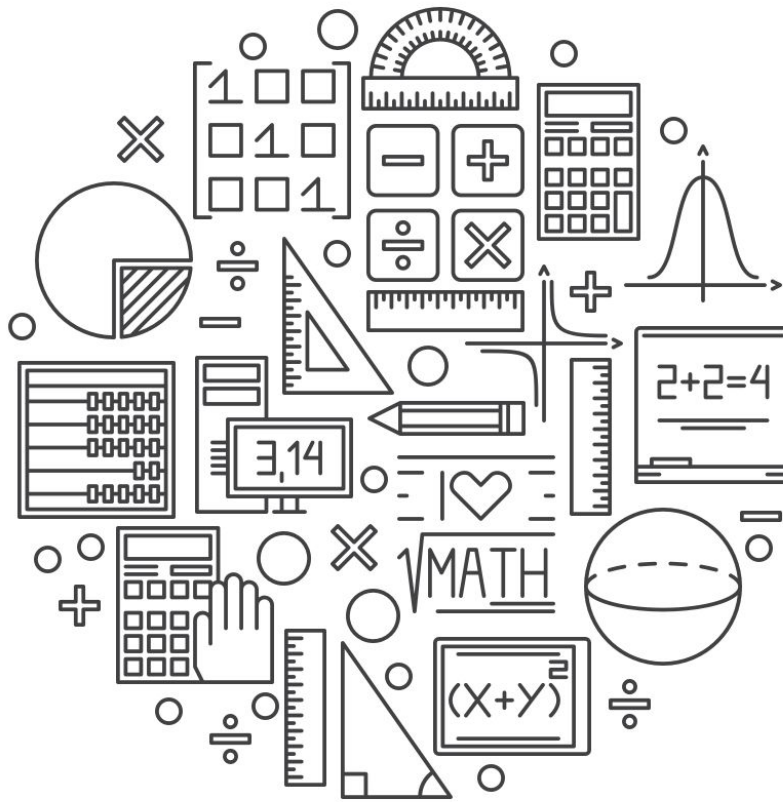
## SBAI'S HELP IS NEEDED

# Let's help some SFMS math teachers with their tutorials!

# Commitment of only one hour of volunteering once or twice a week

**Build new  
friendships  
while helping  
others**

# Tutorials for math levels starting from 6th grade math to Geometry



**Let's GIVE BACK**  
**TO OUR**  
**COMMUNITY!!**

## Uphold a strong foundation in math

**Develop your interpersonal skills by teaching others.**

**If you are interested, tell/email Mr. Lefeber,  
so that we can set up a training date.**

**By: Jean Hoang**

## 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

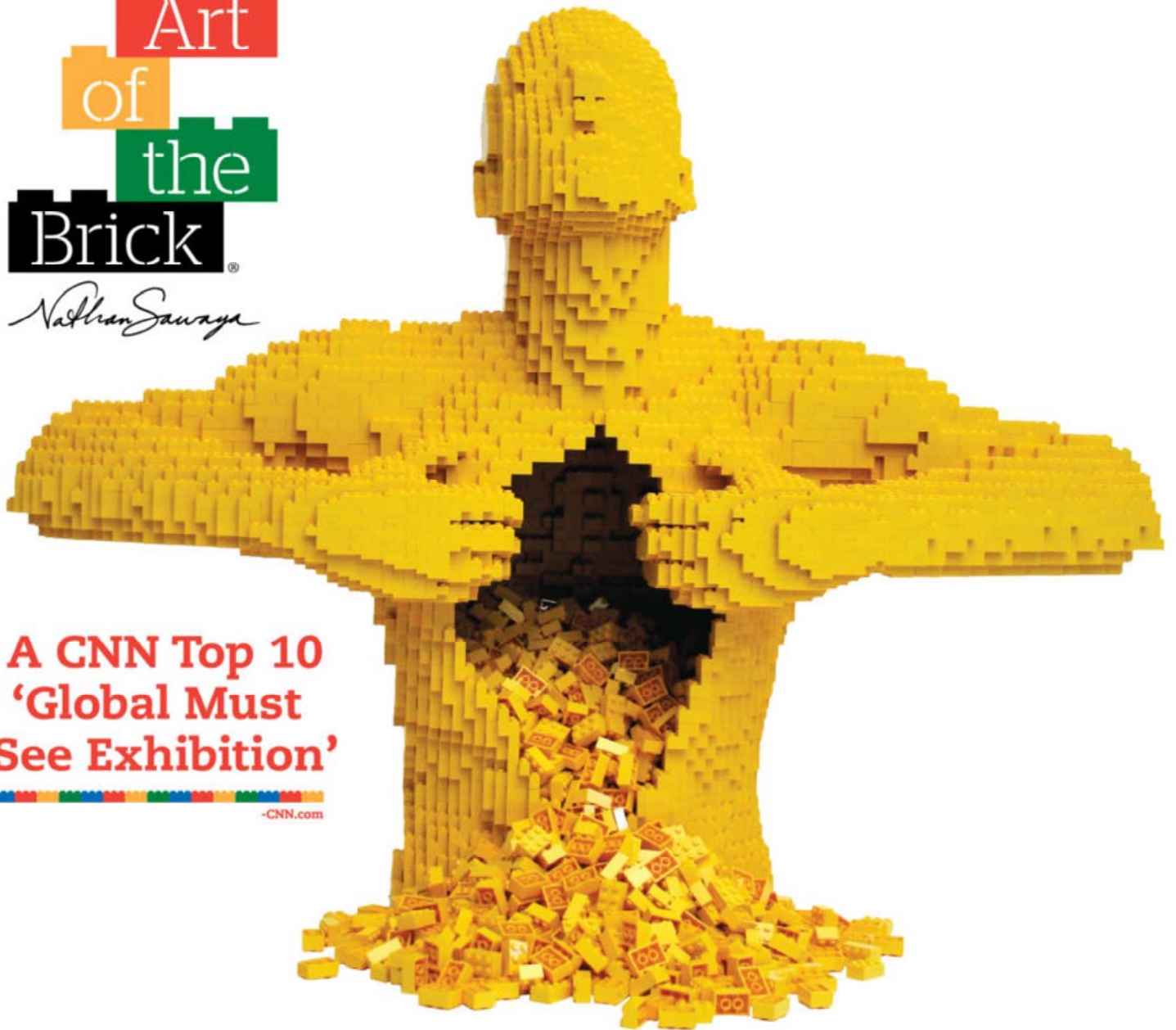
The Electrical Technician Pathway provides students with an understanding of the opportunities and skills needed for a career as an electrician. This pathway offered as a dual credit work force program in partnership with Houston Community College and Trio Electric. Successful completion of the program 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.

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