



The Spartan Messenger

STISD - STPA

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Mission

South Texas Preparatory Academy endeavors to serve students through engaging and challenging curriculum that prepares them for future learning.

Vision

South Texas Preparatory Academy community promotes successful students by focusing on learning, working together, & being accountable for results.

Motto

We are honest, responsible, respectful. We are leaders. We are Spartans!

STPA A 2015 National Blue Ribbon School

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School Safety

In light of recent events we would like to reassure that STPA and South Texas ISD are taking precautionary measures to ensure the safety of all students and staff. Safety and security are of the utmost importance and priority. STPA strives to provide a safe environment for our students and staff.

Important Information

The Q3 9-weeks is almost over and we encourage you to continue to motivate your student to work hard in school. Tutoring/Intervention is available to every student that is in need of that extra help. Don't wait till it's too late to remedy that low grade. This will ensure success at the end of the grading period and also at the end of the semester. If you feel that you need a conference with your student's teachers, send them an email with the request or contact the counseling office for help.

Academic Pep-Rally—Hosted by Team 84

Q3 9-Weeks Academic Pep-Rally is scheduled for Friday March 29th from 3:00 to 4:00, in the wellness center, with the theme "Hawaiian Beach Party." There will be chanting and competitive games between

teams. Parents are welcome to join in the fun in celebrating the coming of Spring Break and the end of the 9-week grading period. Team 84 has designated March 26th-29th as Spirit Week with assigned Special Days in preparation for the pep-rally.

- **Monday**—Hat and Sunglasses Day
- **Tuesday**—School Colors Day (dress in Red & Black)
- **Wednesday**—Squad Day (you should find groups of others, or organize with friends to dress as a group)
- **Thursday**—Bright Color Day (Colors—Team 71- Pink; Team 72- Blue; Team 84-Yellow; Team 83-Green)

Summer Camps

UTRGV STEM Camp—A Rising 8th Graders STEM Camp will be held on July 29th-August 3rd, 2018, at UTRGV. Applications will be available online from April 2-13. All applications are due on April 13, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. No exceptions.

Rising 6th Graders STEM Camp—A 4-day long Rising 6th Graders STEM Camp will be held on July 23-26 and July 30th- August 2nd, 2018, at

STPA. Applications will be available on the website from May 1-June 22nd, 2018.

Rising 6th Graders Technology Camp—A 4-day long Rising 6th Graders Technology Camp will be held on July 16th-19th and July 23rd-26th, 2018, at STPA. Applications will be available on the website from May 1-June 22nd, 2018.

Texas A&M Exploration Camp—A Rising 9th Graders Exploration Camp will be held on June 18th-22nd, 2018, at Texas A & M University in College Station, Texas. Applications will be available at the front office from April 2-13. All applications are due on April 13, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. No exceptions. *(Dates yet to be confirmed)*

Yearbook Reminder

Don't miss out on the memories! Yearbooks are on sale for \$40.00. Students can pay with cash or check payable to STISD. You may contact Mr. A. Gonzalez by email at alberto.gonzalez@stisd.net or Mrs. Laura Cavazos at

laura.cavazos@stisd.net



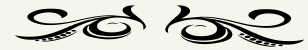
Q 2 AND Q 3 STUDENT AMBASSADORS

Congratulations to our Q2 & Q3 student ambassadors. These students were chosen to represent their specific team by being their voice and vote. Each team chooses two representatives which are recommended by the teachers. The ambassadors for Q2

are as follows: Team 71-Ryan Servantes and Angeles Zamora; Team 72-Sevy Cantu and Anna Baker; Team 83-Andrea Garza and Veena Namboodiri Team 84-Marcela Granados and Jorge Gonzalez. They had lunch with the principal in January.

The student ambassadors for the third nine-weeks were selected in January. They are as follows: Team 71-Nayaab Khan and Isaiah Ortega; Team 72-Linus Flores-Araujo and Isabella Smith; Team 83-Arthur Cabo Jr. and Varsha Namboodiri; Team 84-Daniel

Ballinas and Mariana Heferan. The new ambassadors will be having lunch with administration on Monday, March 26, 2018 from 11:15-12:15 in the Administration Conference Room.



CLUBS AND UIL INFORMATION



STPA Chess Club—The STPA Chess Team will represent Region X at the Texas Scholastic Chess Tournament, which will be held on March 3rd and 4th at Edinburg North HS in Edinburg. Best of luck to the STPA Chess students and sponsor-Mr. Gonzalez!

TSA Club—TSA students will be completing on March 2nd and 3rd at the TSA Regional Competition at Science Academy. Best of luck to TSA students and sponsors-Mrs. Starr, Ms. Kalata and Mr. Medrano.

UIL Results

The District UIL meet was held on February 10th, at BL Garza Middle School. The students did very well! The following are the results for students that placed in their respective categories:

Number Sense: 7th grade: 1st - Nikhil Veeramachaneni, 2nd Evan Tomai, 3rd- Hannah Jin. 8th grade: 1st Sarah Park, 3rd - Danielle Ebaseh-Onofa, 4th-Jorge Gonzalez

Math: 7th Grade: 1st Evan Tomai, 2nd Chaeun Seo, 3rd-Nikhil Veeramachaneni. 8th Grade: 1st- Sarah Park, 3rd-Danielle Ebaseh-Onofa, 6th Jorge Gonzalez

Calculator: 7th Grade: 1st-Xamara Longoria, 3rd- Madelene Trujillo. 8th grade: 1st-Danielle Ebaseh-Onofa, 3rd-Stella Son, 6th- Jorge Gonzalez.

Dictionary Skills: 8th grade: 1st- Danielle Ebaseh-Onofa,

2nd- Cassidy Nguyen, 4th-Deisiree De Jesus

Maps, Graphs, and Charts: 7th Grade: 1st- Daniel Park, 2nd- Hannah Jin, 4th- Bipul Soti. 8th grade: 1st- Erin Krska, 2nd Sinbi Choi, 4th- Andrea Cantu.

Spelling: 7th Grade: 2nd-Yaseen Tasnif, 3rd Darius Haft, 5th Alenverl David. 8th Grade: 2nd- Cassidy Nguyen, 3rd- Sophia Mangoo-Sudario, 4th- Veena Namboodiri

Science: 7th Grade: 3rd-Daniel Park, 5th- Bipul Soti. 8th Grade: 1st- Sarah Park, 2nd- Kashish Kumar, 3rd-Michael Garcia

Social Studies: 7th Grade: 1st- Rylei Ripley, 3rd- Onyeze Chineke, 6th- Gabriel Mora. 8th grade: 2nd- Mario Salinas, 4th- Desiree De Jesus, 6th-Varsha Namboodiri.

Ready Writing: 7th Grade: 3rd- Sofia Jordan, 4th-Sydney Do. 8th grade: 1st-Susanah Lynn-Macrae, 5th-

Simon Sy, 6th- Andrea Gonzalez.

Listening Skills: 7th Grade: 3rd Onyeze Chineke, 6th Madelene Trujillo. 8th grade: 1st Ruben Herrera, 4th Erin Krska.

Poetry: 8th grade: 1st—Bohdana Riabova

Prose: 7th grade: 2nd- Aniela Matulewicz

Solo: 8th Grade: 5th- Sara Smith, 6th- Kevin Jimenez

Duet: 8th Grade-1st-Seema Shaheen & Delanie Sanchez

Modern Oratory: 7th Grade: 1st Victoria Otero, 4th Angelina Chapa, 5th Evan Tomai. 8th Grade: 1st Susannah Lynn-Macrae, 2nd Agnieszka Ocampo, 3rd Miranda Lozoya.

Spelling Bee—Best of luck to Venna Namboodiri at the Regional Spelling Bee at TSTC in Harlingen, TX. She will be accompanied by Mr. Compe and Nurse Galloso.

T M S C A I N F O R M A T I O N

TMSCA Competitions

Congrats to the students who attended the Texas Math and Science Coaches Association Qualifying Meets and met the qualifying criteria to advance to the state competition to be

held on April 21st 2018 at UTSA in San Antonio, TX.

Science: 7th Grade- Daniel Park, Bipul Soti, Linus Flores, Hannah Jin, Emilio Repetto-Ayala, Luis Perez, Nikhil Veeramachaneni, Mathew Salinas **8th Grade-**Michael Garcia, Kashish Kumar, Mario Sa-

linas, Alejandro Ballesteros, Ada Sadlier, Danielle Ebaseh-Onofa, Sarah Park, Geevana Uribe, Ashley Rodriguez, Arthur Cabo, Sabrina Garza, Hannah Garcia, Veena Namboodiri.

Math: 7th Grade-Nikhil Veeramachaneni, Evan Tomai, Hannah Jin. **8th Grade-** Sarah Park, Danielle Ebaseh-Onofa.

Calculator: 7th Grade- Dante Tovar. **8th Grade-** Stella Son, Danielle Ebaseh-Onofa.

Number Sense: 7th Grade- Nikhil Veerachaneni, Evan Tomai. **8th Grade-** Kashish Kumar.



S T A A R / E O C E X A M S C H E D U L E

We would like all of our students to be prepared mentally and physically for the STAAR Tests coming up soon. Make sure the student gets a good night's rest the night before and eats a good breakfast on testing days.

STAAR/EOC Testing Schedule:

DATES	7th Grade	8th Grade
Tues. April 10th	Writing 7	English I EOC
Wed. April 11th	Math 8 (7th graders)	Reading 8
Mon. May 7th	None	Biology EOC
Wed. May 9th	None	Algebra I EOC
Mon. May 14th	Math 8 STAAR (7th) retest	None
Tues. May 15th	Reading 7	Reading 8 retest
Thurs. May 17th	None	Social Studies

Summer Testing Dates

DATES	7th Grade	8th Grade
Tues. June 26th	Math 8 (7th grade) retest	
Wed. June 27th		Reading 8 STAAR retest (if needed)
June 26th-28th		English I/Algebra I/ Biology (If needed)