



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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Important Information

The end of the first 3-weeks for the second semester was on Friday, Jan. 26th. Progress Reports were mailed out to parents on Monday, Jan. 29th. Please make sure to review your child's progress and contact his/her teachers if you have any questions or concerns. The next few months are especially important because all students will be taking the STAAR tests. Testing schedule will be sent out at a later date.

STPA Hosts Open House

We want to invite all parents to join us for our Spring Open House, to be held on Thursday, Feb. 22nd, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the STPA Gym. Join us to find out what the students will be covering the rest of the semester as you visit with each teacher. Please make plans to attend.

UIL Results

The 4th UIL meet was held on Jan. 20th, at Escalante JH in Pharr. STPA received 1st place Sweepstakes. The following are the individual results for students that placed in their respective categories:

Number Sense-7th Grade-1st- Nikhil Veeramachaneni, 2nd- Evan Tomai, 5th- Daniel Chen, 6th- Hannah Jin, 8th- Edward Lee; **8th Grade**: 2nd- Sarah Park, 4th- Jorge Gonzalez, 5th

- Danielle Ebaseh-Onofa, 7th- Kashish Kumar, 8th-Varsha Namboodiri, 9th-Keith Biteng

Calculators-8th Grade: 4th- Danielle Ebaseh-Onofa, 5th- Stella Son **Math: 7th Grade**-

1st Nikhil Veeramachaneni, 3rd- Evan Tomai, 4th- Chaeun Seo, 5th- Hannah Jin, 6th-Daniel Park, 7th- Emilio Repetto-Ayala, 8th- Dante Tovar; **8th Grade**: 2nd -Danielle-Ebaseh-Onofa, 3rd- Sarah Park, 5th- Jorge Gonzalez, 6th- Joseph Andoh-

Baidoo, 7th Veena Namboodiri **Dictionary Skills-7th Grade**: 1st-Ernesto Alvarez; **8th**

Grade: 1st- Cassidy Nguyen, 2nd- Danielle Ebaseh-Onofa, 4th- Deisiree De Jesus

Maps, Graphs and Charts-7th Grade-1st-Daniel Park, 2nd- Bipul Soti, 3rd- Linus Flores-Araujo, 4th- Hannah Jin, 7th- Dante Tovar; **8th**

Grade: 2nd Erin Krska, 7th- Meryka Montemayor, 8th-

Sinbi Choi

Spelling-7th Grade- 1st Darius Haft, 2nd Yaseen Tasnif, 6th Alenverl David; **8th**

Grade: 1st Sophia Mangoo-Sudario, 3rd Veena Namboodiri, 5th Cassidy Nguyen, 7th- Mira Janella Morales

Science-7th Grade-1st Daniel Park, 2nd Bipul Soti, 3rd- Aditya Nair, 4th- Evan Tomai, 5th- Nikhil Veeramachaneni,

6th-Linus Flores-Araujo, 7th- Joseph Zambrano; **8th Grade**: 2nd- Sarah Park, 4th-Kashish Kumar, 5th-Ada Sadlier, 6th- Ashley Rodriguez

Social Studies-7th Grade- 3rd- Onyeze Chineke, 5th Gabriel Mora; **8th Grade**: 1st-Ada Sadlier, 2nd- Mario Salinas, 5th- Varsha Namboodiri, 6th-Hannah Garcia

Ready Writing-7th Grade: 1st- Joseph Zambrano, 2nd- Diane Joseph, 3rd-Victoria Otero;

8th Grade: 1st- Sydney Do **Listening Skills-7th Grade**: 1st- Madelene Trujillo, 2nd Onyeze Chineke

Poetry-7th Grade: 6th Place Salome Gonzalez

Prose-7th Grade: 8th-Valencia Garcia; **8th Grade**: Salome Gonzalez

Solo-7th Grade: 1st- Mariana Pacheco

Modern Oratory-7th Grade: 1st - Victoria Otero, 2nd-Evan Tomai, 6th- Angelina Chapa; **8th Grade**: 1st- Agniezka Ocampo, 2nd- Susannah Lynn-Macrae, 5th - Miranda Lozoya

Impromptu-7th Grade: 3rd Briana Hinojosa, 4th Rishi Pokhrel

UIL Meets—students will participate in the following meets— Feb. 10- UIL District Meet at B.L. Garza MS in Edinburg;

TMSCA Competitions (Qualifiers 1 & 2): Feb. 17- Liberty MS; Feb. 24- R. Yzaguirre MS.



2017 - 2018 FIELD TRIP CRITERIA

Every year we treat our students to class field trips to various places. In order to participate in these trips there are specific criteria that each student must meet. These specifications are tak-

en into account by semester September - May. Students that do not meet these requirements, will not be allowed to go on the field trips. We keep close documentation for every student/incident.

Parents, please read carefully and understand that these rules have been put in place for the safety and well-being of all of our STPA students and staff.
NO MORE THAN 5 LUNCH

DETENTIONS (given by admin.) (6=OUT)
NO MORE THAN 3 AFTER SCHOOL DETENTIONS (4=OUT)
1 REFERRAL (2=OUT)
NO ISS (1 DAY=OUT)



Battle of the Books— Congratulations to Gabriela Cadena, Alex Arreola, Ann Thomas, Laura Alanis and their sponsor Mrs. Virginia Moreno for winning the District Battle of the Books. They will be representing STISD in the Jr. High Regional Battle of the Books to be held February 14th at Region One. Twelve other district teams will be competing against STISD for the regional championship. Best of Luck to the STPA team!

STISD Chess Tournament—Sci Tech & Med High will be hosting a district tournament on Feb. 10th in Mercedes.

Spelling Bee—The 7th District Spelling Bee Competition was held on Saturday, January 27, 2018 in the Romeo Villarreal Student Lounge at STPA. A "Loud Round of Applause" to the students who competed: Veena Namboodiri, Danielle Ebaseh-Onofa, Natalia Reyes, Keya Nandi, Greeshma John, Janella Morales, and Darius Haft. Great Job Spartans!

Congratulations to Veena Namboodiri on winning the district competition. She will be representing STPA-STID at the 30th Annual Rio Grande Valley Regional Spelling Bee Competition, to be held March 3rd, 2018 at TSTC in Harlingen. The champion of the regional competition will win an all-expense paid trip to compete in the 2018 Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington DC

STPA Chess Club—The STPA Chess Team did an awesome job in the Region X Area

Championships held last January 27th and 28th in Sharlyland High School. The team took first place in the Middle School Championship division and second place in the Junior Varsity. Matthew De Leon took first place by winning all his games in the MS Championship division. For this feat, he was adjudged the top middle school chess player of the tournament. Other team members who placed in this category are Dawson Tsay (3rd place), Keith Biteng (4th), Evan Yong (16th), Emilio Repetto (17th), Aiden Gomez (18th), Joaquin Pena (20th), Aaron Garza (18th) Sankirth Tippur (33rd). In the MS JV division STPA also placed 2nd, leading the way were Isaiah Moreno (2nd Place), Arthur Cabo (3rd), Hiram Moya (16th), Paz Medrano (25th), Aaron Ramirez, (28th). The other Spartan Chess Team members who competed and won games are Apollo Patch,

Aibel Jose, Shrey Patel, Vinny Cano, Matthew Urbina, Jose Luis Rodriguez, Tyler Lanoue, Mario Salinas, and Jose G. Guerra. The STPA Chess Team will represent Region X at the South Texas Scholastic Chess Tournament at UTRGV on March 10th-11th. Congratulations on all the hard work these students have put in!

One Act Play—One Act Play— Congratulations to all the students that competed in the District One Act Play Competition on Jan 20th. STPA took 6th place with Milan Diaz receiving a Top 24 recognition of Honorable Mention as well as Lea Thomas for Best Tech Sound. Great job Spartans!

VEX Robotics—STPA Robotics students will be competing at the VEX Robotics Competition to be held on Saturday, Feb. 17, at Pace Early College HS in Brownsville. The students will be accompanied by Mrs. Starr & Mr. Medrano.

UIL / CLUBS INFORMATION

FITNESSGRAM INFORMATION

State law requires students in grades 3-12 to take specific fitness assessments each year. STPA's Physical Education faculty will be conducting these assessments beginning in February to early-March, depending on the weather. They would like the students to be prepared for the FITNESSGRAM by making sure to be well hydrated

in advance of their testing days and by making sure to have the proper exercise attire so that they may participate comfortably and safely. Also, any student with asthma will need to have their inhaler close by or at the nurse's office. ONLY MEDICAL EXCUSES FROM A LICENSED DOCTOR THAT SPECIFY ABSTINENCE

FROM A SPECIFIC ACTIVITY ARE EXCUSED BY THE STATE OF TEXAS.

These are the components of the fitness test:

- 1) BMI- Body Mass Index-Height & Weight
- 2) Sit & Reach-Flexibility

- 3) Trunk Lift -Flexibility
- 4) Shoulder Stretch-Flexibility
- 5) Curl-ups-Muscular strength and endurance
- 6) Push-ups-Muscular strength and endurance
- 7) One mile run-Aerobic Capacity
- 8) Pacer test-Cardio