



# 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 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 "Rock your Future." There will be chanting and competitive games between teams. Parents are welcome to join in the fun in celebrating the return from Spring Break and the end of the 9-week grading period. Team 84 has designated March 25th-29th as Spirit Week with assigned Special Days in preparation for the pep-rally.

☞ **Monday:** You've got a BRIGHT future! Wear Bright/ Neon Colors & Sunglasses

☞ **Tuesday:** You're the Real STAAR: Wear your red STPA STAAR Royale T-Shirt (Subject to Change)

☞ **Wednesday:** College Roommates: Dress up as twins/ Dress up in common theme with

a group of friends.

☞ **Thursday:** College Gear Day: Wear your favorite College Shirt

☞ **Friday:** Team Color Day: Wear your Team Assigned Color:

- 71: Navy
- 72: Gray
- 83: Green
- 84: Orange

### Summer Camps

**UTRGV STEM Camp-A** Rising 8th Graders STEM Camp will be held on July 21-26, 2019, at UTRGV. Applications will be available online from March 6-22. All applications are due on March 22, 2019 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 15-18 and July 29th-August 1st, 2019, at STPA. Applications will be available on the website from May 1-June 22nd, 2019.

**Rising 6th Graders Technology Camp-A** 4-day long Rising 6th Graders Technology Camp will be held on June 3-6, 2019, at STPA. Applications will be available on the website from April 1-May 24, 2019.

**Rising 6th Graders Coding Camp-A** 4-day long Rising 6th Graders Coding Camp will be held on June 10-13, 2019, at STPA. Applications will be available on the website from April 1-May 24, 2019.

**Texas A&M Exploration Camp-A** Rising 9th Graders Exploration Camp will be held on June 24th-28th, 2019, at Texas A & M University in College Station, Texas. Applications will be available at the front office from March 6-22. All applications are due on March 22, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. No exceptions.

### Library Message

Students should stop by the library circulation desk to ask about lost items. The library has an assortment of items, including glasses, clothing, and pencil cases, that have been left behind by STPA and BETA students. Consider labeling your child's items.

Accelerated Reader - Tuesday, April 2, 2019, is the final deadline for students to become Spartan Top Readers.

Students staying in the library after school must remain in the library or ask the staff for permission to go to the main building. Also, after-school students should study, work on group projects, read quietly, and be aware that other STPA and BETA students are trying to study.

### Parent Advisement

The second Parent Advisement for new 2019-2020 parents and students will be held on Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the STPA Wellness Center (Gym).



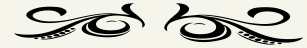
## Q 2 AND Q 3 STUDENT AMBASSADORS

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 teach-

ers. The ambassadors for Q2 are as follows: Team 71—Damian Villarreal & Mia Rodriguez; Team 72—Emilio Jimenez & Sumita Dantu; Team 83—Madeline Schneider & David Garza; Team 84—Sondos Makhlof & Julio De la Fuente! 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—Amare Hernandez & Daniella Fonseca; 72—Aaron Izaguirre & Sophia Trevino; 83—Jenais Panday & Moiz Asif; 84—Luis

Hernandez & Hannah Jin. The new ambassadors will be having lunch with administration on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 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 Super State Chess Tournament, which will be held on March 8-11 in Houston Texas at the Westchase Marriot. Best of luck to the STPA Chess student and sponsors- Mr. Gonzalez and Ms. I Rodriguez.

## NJHS

The NJHS Induction Ceremony will be held on Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the STPA Wellness Center (Gym).

## UIL Results

The District UIL meet was held on February 9th, at BL Garza Middle School. The students did very well and received 1st Place Sweepstakes in 7th and 8th grade! The following are the results for students that placed in their respective categories:

**7th grade Number Sense:** 1<sup>st</sup> Raven Cabasag, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wang Zhang, 4<sup>th</sup> Srinidhi Sompalli; **8th Number Sense:** 1<sup>st</sup> Hannah Jin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nikhil Veeramachaneni, 3<sup>rd</sup> Evan Tomai

**7th Math:** 1st Peter Choi, 2nd Sumita Dantu, 4th Mateo Boyer; **8th Math:** 1<sup>st</sup> Evan Tomai, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nikhil Veeramachaneni, 3<sup>rd</sup> Hannah Jin

**7th Calculator:** 1st Raven Cabasag, 3<sup>rd</sup> Alexandra Jasso;

**8th Calculator:** 1st Dante Tovar, 2<sup>nd</sup> Xamara Longoria, 5<sup>th</sup> Yumiko Balotro

**7th Dictionary:** 1st Raven Cabasag

**7th Maps, Graphs, and**

**Charts:** 1st Mateo Boyer, **8th Maps, Graphs, and Charts:** 2nd Linus Flores-Araujo, 5th Bipul Soti

**7th Spelling:** 1st Sumita Dantu, 5th Yusha Wahid; **8th Spelling:** 3<sup>rd</sup> YaseenTasnif, 4<sup>th</sup> Nayaab Khan

**7th Science:** 1st Ashwin James, 5th Wang Zhang; **8th Science:** 1st Nikhil Veeramachaneni, 3<sup>rd</sup> Matthew Salinas, 4<sup>th</sup> Ann Thomas

**7th Social Studies:** 2nd Ashwin James; **8th Social Studies:** 1st Onyeze Chineke, 3<sup>rd</sup> Yaseen Tasnif, 4<sup>th</sup> Dante Tovar

**7th Ready Writing:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Samarah Balmores, 6<sup>th</sup> Youxuan Andrew Tan; **8th Ready Writing:** 1st Joseph Zambrano, 6<sup>th</sup> Diane Joseph

**7th grade -Listening Skills:** 1<sup>st</sup> Angel Jose, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ashwin James; **8th Listening Skills:** 4<sup>th</sup> Ann Thomas

**7th Prose:** 4th Christine Teju, 5th Marissa Thomas

**7th Solo:** 6th Angel Jose

**7th grade Duet:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Christine Teju /Alivia Shaju

**7th Modern Oratory:** 1st Alivia Shaju, 2nd Allysa Torio, 3<sup>rd</sup> Mia Rodriguez; **8th Modern Oratory:** 1st Evan Tomai

**7th Impromptu:** 1st Alivia Shaju, 2nd Elisa John, 5<sup>th</sup> Christine Teju; **8th Impromptu:** 1st Kylie Skrzypinski, 3<sup>rd</sup> Bipul Soti

## Spelling Bee

Best of luck to Darius Haft at the Regional Spelling Bee at STC in Weslaco, TX. He will be accompanied by Mr. Comple and Nurse Gallos.

## Yearbook

Don't miss out on the memories! Yearbooks are on sale for \$35.00. 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.

## 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 27, 2019 at

UTSA in San Antonio, TX.

**Science:** 7<sup>th</sup> Grade-Wang Zhang, Peter Choi, Guillermo Barrera, Damian Villarreal, Samara Balmeres; **8th Grade-** Daniel Chen, Nikhil Veeramachaneni, Bipul Soti, Matthew Salinas, Joseph Zambrano, Richard Fleming, Hannah Jin,

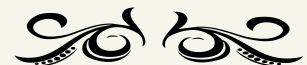
Onyeze Chineke, Evan Tomai, Linus Flores-Araujo, Edward Lee

**Math:** 7<sup>th</sup> Grade-Dave Philips

**8th Grade-**Nikhil Veeramachaneni, Hannah Jin  
**Calculator:** 7<sup>th</sup> Grade-Raven Cabasag; **8th Grade-**Dante Tovar, Xamara Longoria

**Number Sense:** 7<sup>th</sup> Grade-Raven Cabasag; **8th Grade-**Kashish Kumar

The students will be accompanied by their sponsors-Mrs. Mon, Ms. Nieto, Ms. Magana and Ms. C. Garcia.



## 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:

<b>DATES</b>	<b>7th Grade</b>	<b>8th Grade</b>
Tues., April 9th	Writing 7	English I EOC
Wed., April 10th	Math 8 (7th graders)	Reading 8
Mon. May 6th	None	Biology EOC
Wed. May 8th	None	Algebra I EOC
Mon. May 13th	Math 8 STAAR (7th) retest	None
Tues. May 14th	Reading 7	Reading 8 retest
Thurs. May 16th	None	Social Studies

### Summer Testing Dates

<b>DATES</b>	<b>7th Grade</b>	<b>8th Grade</b>
Tues. June 25th	Math 8 (7th grade) retest	
Wed. June 26th		Reading 8 STAAR retest (if needed)
June 24th-28th		English I/Algebra I/ Biology (If needed)