



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. 25th. Progress Reports were mailed out to parents on Monday, Jan. 28th. 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. 21st, 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 3rd UIL meet was held on Dec. 15th, 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 Dave Philips, 2nd Sumita Dantu, 4th Raven Cabasag, 5th Srinidhi Sompalli, 6th Wang Zhang; 8th grade-1st Nikhil Veeramachaneni, 2nd Evan Tomai, 3rd Hannah Jin, 4th Daniel Chen, 6th Edward Lee; **Math:** 7th grade-3rd Dave Philips, 4th Peter Choi, 5th Sumita Dantu; 8th grade-4th Nikhil Veeramachaneni, 6th Evan Tomai; **Science:** 7th grade-2nd Dave Philips, 3rd Ashwin James, 5th Peter Choi, 6th Wang Zhang; 8th grade-1st Matthew Salin-

as, 2nd Nikhil Veeramachaneni, 3rd Emilio Repetto-Ayala, 4th Rishi Pokhrel, 5th Linus Flores-Araujo, 6th Daniel Chen; **Listening Skills:** 8th grade-2nd Ann Thomas, 4th Madelene Trujillo, 6th Aditya Nair; **Social Studies:** 7th grade-2nd Peter Choi, 3rd Ashwin James; 8th grade-1st Onyeze Chineke, 2nd Yaseen Tasnif, 5th Victoria Otero, 6th Dante Tovar; **Ready Writing:** 7th grade-1st Youxuan Andrew Tan, 3rd Elisa John, 4th Samarah Balmores, 6th Daniella Fonseca; 8th grade-1st Joseph Zambrano, 4th Sydney Do, 5th Diane Joseph; **Dictionary Skills:** 7th grade-4th Raven Cabasag; 8th grade-1st Ernesto Alvarez, 2nd Bipul Soti; **Maps, Graphs, and Charts:** 7th grade-2nd Dave Phillips, 3rd Mateo Boyer; 8th grade-1st Bipul Soti, 2nd Linus Flores-Araujo, 3rd Hannah Jin, 5th Nayaab Khan; **Spelling:** 7th grade-1st Sumita Dantu, 2nd Allysa Torio, 4th Srinidhi Sompalli; 8th grade-1st Yusha Wahid, 3rd Nayaab Khan, 4th Yaseen Tasnif; **Poetry:** 7th grade-5th Natalie Garcia; **Impromptu:** 7th grade-1st Mariam Daghestani, 2nd Elisa John; 8th grade-5th Bipul Soti; **Modern Oratory:** 7th grade-1st Allysa Torio, 3rd Mia Rodriguez; 8th grade-1st Evan Tomai, 2nd Simon Sy, 6th Victoria Otero.

The 4th UIL meet was held on January 26th, at Garcia MS in Mission. STPA received 3rd place Sweepstakes. The following are the individual results for students that placed in their respective categories:

Number Sense: 7th grade-7th Raven Cabasag; 8th grade-

10th Evan Tomai; **Math:** 7th grade-3rd Dave Philips, 8th Peter Choi; 8th grade-5th Nikhil Veeramachaneni, 10th Hannah Jin; **Dictionary Skills:** 7th grade-1st Raven Cabasag, 9th Ava Gomez; 8th grade-9th Ernesto Alvarez; **Maps, Graphs, and Charts:** 8th grade-1st Linus Flores-Araujo, 5th Bipul Soti; **Spelling:** 7th grade-1st Sumita Dantu, 5th Yusha Wahid, 6th Allysa Torio, 8th Raven Cabasag; 8th grade-6th YaseenTasnif; **Science:** 7th grade-4th Ashwin James, 5th Wang Zhang, 6th Peter Choi, 8th Samarah Balmores, 9th Yusha Wahid, 10th Dave Philips; 8th grade-2nd Nikhil Veeramachaneni, 3rd Matthew Salinas, 5th Daniel Chen, 7th Emilio Repetto-Ayala, **Social Studies:** 7th grade-1st Ramya Kunta, 4th Ashwin James, 9th Angel Jose; 8th grade-2nd Dante Tovar, 4th Onyeze Chineke; **Ready Writing:** 7th grade-1st Youxuan Andrew Tan, 2nd Mia Rodriguez, 10th Elisa John; 8th grade-3rd Joseph Zambrano, 4th Sydney Do; **Listening Skills:** 8th grade-4th Ann Thomas, 7th Onyeze Chineke, 8th Madelene Trujillo; **Poetry:** 7th grade-5th Frances Pepito; **Solo:** 8th grade-4th Mariana Pacheco; **Modern Oratory:** 7th grade-1st Allysa Torio, 2nd Alivia Shaju, 6th Daniella Fonseca; 8th grade-1st Mia Rodriguez, 4th Evan Tomai; **Impromptu:** 7th grade-1st Alivia Shaju, 3rd Elisa John; 8th grade-4th Bipul Soti, 5th Rishi Pokhrel; **Chess:** 7th grade-1st Dave Philips, 3rd Yusha Wahid, 4th Ashwin James; 8th grade-2nd Dante Tovar, 4th Hiram Moya, 9th Rishi Pokhrel

Congratulations NICE GOING!
GREAT! Way to Go!
Yea! FELICITATIONS
Take A BEST
CHEERS BOW! WISHES!



2018 - 2019 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)

UIL / CLUBS INFORMATION



Battle of the Books- Congratulations to Alex Arreola, Leonardo Moro-Ochoa, Robert E. Schmidt, Sebastian Salinas and their sponsors Ms. Power and Mr. Schmidt 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 20th at Region One. Fifteen other district teams will be competing for the regional championship. Best of Luck to the STPA team!

NAEP- Selected STPA 8th grade students will participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress on February 7th. We would like to thank the students for participating in this important assessment and the parents for their support.

Spelling Bee- The 7th District Spelling Bee Competition was held on Saturday, January 26, 2019 in the Romeo Villarreal Student Lounge at STPA. A "Loud Round of Applause" to the students who competed: Darius Haft, Sumita Dantu, Yusha Wahid, Matthew Salinas, Mariam Daghestani, Adita Nair, and Baily Rosalez. Great Job Spartans!

Congratulations to Darius Haft on winning the district competition. He will be representing STPA-STISD at the 31st Annual Rio Grande Valley Regional Spelling Bee Competition, to be held March 2, 2019 at STC in Weslaco. The champion of the regional competition will win an all-expense paid trip to compete in the 2019 Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington DC

Yearbook- Parents and students, don't forget to order your 2018-19 yearbook! Visit www.jostensyearbooks.com to order yours today! Price is now \$35. If you have any questions please email Mr. A. Gonzalez at alberto.gonzalez@stisd.net or Ms. Cavazos at laura.cavazos@stisd.net.

Chess Club- The STPA Chess Club will be competing in the Region X Area Championships

from Friday to Sunday, February 8-10, at McAllen Achieve Early College High School.

STPA Mentors- Student Mentors are hosting a Valentines Day Dance on February 14th from 3:00-5:00 pm. All students are encouraged to bring in 3 cans of food or \$1 as an entrance fee to donate to the food bank.

DC Trip- 7th grade students, the Washington DC applications are due Feb. 11th to Ms. Ramirez or Mr. Leo.

One Act Play- Congratulations to the One Act Play students. They won 2nd place at the OAP competition on Saturday, January 26th at Edinburg North HS. Student Lisa Manoj received best Tech support. Milan Diaz and Lauren Valencia won Actors Honorable Mention Medal. Apollo Patch won All Stars Medal, and student Jose Castro won Best Male Actor Award. Thanks to Mrs. Auen-Smith and Ms. I. Rodriguez for their dedication. Great job Spartans!

VEX Robotics- STPA Robotics students will be competing at the VEX Robotics Competition to be held on Saturday, Feb. 9 at Pace Early College HS in Brownsville. The students will be accompanied by Mrs. Starr

& Mr. Medrano.

TSA-STPA students will be competing at the TSA Regional completion held on February, 22-23 at Sci Tech.

UIL Meets- students will participate in the following meets—Feb. 9th - District UIL at BL Garza
Feb. 16th - 1st TMSCA Qualifier at Liberty Middle School
Feb. 23rd - 2nd TMSCA Qualifier at Raul Yzaguirre Middle School

Junior Historians- STPA Students will be participating at the National History Day on Saturday, February 23, at UTRGV in Brownsville. They will be accompanied by Mrs. Maldonado and Mr. Leo.

DI- Congratulations to the STPA DI team. They placed 4th and received the Da Vinci Award at the South TX Boarder Bridge Destination Imagination Competition on Feb. 2nd at Mission HS.



Pre-registration- The counselors will be visiting the 7th grade IPC classes to pre-register students to 8th grade courses on Feb. 14-15.

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