



# 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 first 9 Weeks grading period ended on Oct. 12, 2018, and report cards were mailed out on Oct. 15. Students who earned a grade between a 64.45 and a 69.45 in any class at the end of the grading period are eligible for an Academic Contract, which would be issued by their teacher. The contract has a check-off section that requires you as a parent to accept it or decline it; also needed are the signatures of the student and the parent. Once you have accepted the contract, please make sure the student completes and submits the contract to the teacher before the expiration date. Encourage your child to take advantage of this important opportunity.

### STISD District Transfers

Transfer forms for 2019-2020 school year for all 8th graders are now available through the counseling center. The window of opportunity will be open until December 7. Students will be able to choose which STISD High School they wish to attend before open-enrollment begins for the public. It is very important that all demographic information (mailing address/ phone numbers) be legible and accurate. This will be the only

information used by the high school to contact you for further instructions regarding enrollment requirements. Please remind your student of this very important decision, once it is made on the form and turned in to the office, it is difficult to make changes. All forms will then be submitted to their designated high schools. Upon receiving the transfer forms the high school of choice will contact you by mail or phone call. If you would like to contact any one of these high schools here are the phone numbers: BETA -Edinburg-956-383-1684; Med High-Mercedes-956-565-2237; Science Academy-Mercedes-956-565-4620; Medical Academy-Olmito-956-214-6100.

### ELA 8 Book Needed

Eighth grade ELA P-AP students will be reading Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury in two weeks. Students will need to purchase and bring their copies to school to annotate them as they read and analyze the text.

### Student Achievement

A Great BIG CONGRATULATIONS to our Q1-1st 9-Weeks Perfect Attendance and our Q1-A & A/B Honor Roll Students.

These students were present everyday since the first day of school on Aug. 20, for eve-

ry class period. Here are the team counts for Perfect Attendance:

Team 71-89      Team 83-72  
 Team 72-85      Team 84-62

Remember, every class takes attendance, therefore, if you're out one class period, that is an absence already.

Here goes A GREAT HIGH FIVE to those students who achieved an "A" in every class and A ROUND OF APPLAUSE for those students who also achieved an "A/B" on their Q1 Report Card.

"A" HONOR ROLL-158 students  
 7th grade-95      8th grade-63  
 "A/B" HONOR ROLL-210 students

7th grade-102      8th grade-108  
 Seventh grade honor roll students were recognized for their accomplishments on Monday, Oct. 29 and eighth grade students were recognized on Tuesday, Oct. 30. A list of the student names has been posted in the display case in the main hall.

### 2nd Semester Enrollment

All STISD campuses will be opening enrollment on Nov. 1st for second semester. Registration is strictly online at [stisd.net](http://stisd.net) and will end automatically when all slots are filled. STPA will be opening a few slots.

## Q 2 A M B A S S A D O R S & L I B R A R Y M E S S A G E

**Q2 Student Ambassadors**—Congratulations to our new round of 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 will be meeting with the principal to discuss issues and ideas to implement during their allotted time of lead-

ership. The Q2 ambassadors 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 Garza!

**Spartan Top Readers Competition**—Author Pablo Cartaya will visit the library on Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2018. Top Spartan Readers will have lunch with the author

before he presents to third period English classes about his book *The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora*, autograph books, and then conducts a writing workshop with selected students.

Twenty-seven students have become Top Spartan Readers so far this semester. Students must read independently and AR quiz on books and when they reach one million words read, they qualify for the distinction of Top Spartan Read-

er.

Students may take Accelerated Reader quizzes during lunchtime or after school for the remainder of the school year.

Overdue notices for library books and equipment were sent to student email addresses. Please have your child log in to their school email account to check for an overdue notice. There are no fines for overdue library items returned in good condition.



**Cross Country**

Ryan Servantes and Isabella Morales did an outstanding job representing STPA at the Cross Country State Competition. Ryan finished first in the competition and was State Champion as an individual. Congratulations to both students for their hard work.

The STPA Cross Country team participated at the regional competition on October 16th in Edcouch. STPA B-Team received 2nd place at the competition. Ryan Servantes and Isabela Morales qualified to participate at the state competition. Congratulations to all the students who competed!

**Music Program**—Christopher Wong, Peter Choi, Katelynn Ferreira and Mateo Boyer participated in the Middle School Orchestra All Region Auditions on Oct. 20. They

## C L U B S I N F O R M A T I O N

will be participating in a clinic and concert on November 9th and 10th at McAllen High School. Congratulations!

**Chess Club**—Congratulations to the STPA Chess Team for placing 1st in the middle school and high school division at the STPA Chess Tournament on Saturday, October 27th.

**2018-2019 Yearbooks**—Parents and students, don't forget to order your yearbook! Visit [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com) to order yours today! Price is now \$30. This would be a great holiday gift for your child.

After Dec. 21, the price will be \$35. If you have any questions, please email Mr. Gonzalez or Mrs. Laura Cavazos at [alberto.gonzalez@stisd.net](mailto:alberto.gonzalez@stisd.net) or [laura.cavazos@stisd.net](mailto:laura.cavazos@stisd.net)

**National Spelling Bee**—Practices are held every Tuesday in Mr. Comple's Room, 106. The school competition will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

**W. Geo Club**—Members of the club will be visiting J&D Produce and the Museum of South Texas History (MOST Museum) on Saturday, November 10.

## P S T O I N F O R M A T I O N & U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

**Spartan Olympics/5K**—The STPA-PSTO would like to invite everyone to participate in the Fifth Annual Spartan Olympics and 5K Run/Walk that will be held on Friday, November 30, 2018 in the STPA grounds. This year, the organization will be raising funds to help The Rio Grande Children's Home, a nonprofit organization that has been helping children in the Rio Grande Valley since 1964. The RGCH makes a positive differ-

ence for children whose lives have been afflicted by abuse, neglect, or abandonment (see attached sponsor form).

In preparation for the Spartan Olympics/5K, PSTO will have a presentation by a representative from The Rio Grande Children's Home on Monday, November 12, between 11:15-12:15 in the gym.

Please join us at our next PSTO Meeting, which will be held on Nov. 27th at 5:30

p.m. in the library.

**History Travel Club**—Best wishes to the group of 8th grade students and chaperones, Ms. Ramirez and Mr. Leo, traveling to Boston on November 2-5.

**Thanksgiving Break**—The break will be from November 19-23. Monday, November 26th will be an Instructional Design Day. There will be no classes in session for the students, but we will have training for the teachers.

Classes will resume on Tuesday, November 27th.

**BETA Medieval Fair**—The BETA Medieval Fair will be held on November 16th. STPA students will be able to participate in the festivities during their lunch hour and SET. A modified schedule will be followed which will include having SET right after lunch. Third and fourth period will be at the end of the day.

**UIL RESULTS BARRIENTES MS / OCT. 27, 2018**

The first UIL meet was held on October 27th at Barrientes Middle School in Edinburg. The students did very well! STPA received 1st place Sweepstakes for 7th and 8th grade. Congratulations to all the students and coaches on a job well done!

The following are the individual results for students that placed in their respective categories:

<b>8th Number Sense</b>	2nd Nayaab Khan	7th Bipul Soti	<b>7th Modern Oratory</b>
5th Evan Tomai	4th Linus Flores-Araujo	8th Joseph Zambrano	1st Alivia Shaju
<b>7th Math</b>	5th Hannah Jin	<b>7th Social Studies</b>	4th Allysa Torio
1st Dave Philips	<b>7th Spelling</b>	1st Ashwin James	<b>8th Modern Oratory</b>
2nd Peter Choi	1st Sumita Dantu	<b>8th Social Studies</b>	1st Evan Tomai
3 <sup>rd</sup> Nicholas Mathew	3rd Saiyid Yusha Wahid	2nd Onyeze Chineke	<b>7th Impromptu</b>
4th Mateo Boyer	4th Ashwin James	3rd Dante Tovar	2nd Alivia Shaju
5th Sumita Dantu	7th Srinidhi Sompalli	6th Yaseen Tasnif	4th Elisa John
<b>8th Math</b>	<b>8th Spelling</b>	<b>7th Ready Writing</b>	<b>8th Impromptu</b>
1st Nikhil Veeramachaneni	2nd YaseenTasnif	2nd Samarah Balmores	3rd Bipul Soti
5th Edward Lee	<b>7th Science</b>	5th Elisa John	5th Rishi Pokhrel
6th Hannah Jin	1st Dave Philips	<b>8th Ready Writing</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> Kylie Skrzypinski
7th Matthew Salazar	2nd Samarah Balmores	1st Sophia Jordan	
<b>7th Calculator</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Ashwin James	2nd Diane Joseph	
2nd Raven Cabasag	4th Peter Choi	<b>8th Listening Skills</b>	
<b>8th Calculator</b>	5th Nicholas Mathew	2nd Onyeze Chineke	
7th Dante Tovar	6th Wang Zhag	3rd Samara Saycocie	
<b>7th Dictionary</b>	7th Guillermo Barrera	5th Madeline Trujillo	
4th Swayam Chakraborty	<b>8th Science</b>	<b>7th Prose</b>	
6th Raven Cabasag	1st Nikhil Veeramachaneni	2nd ChristineTeju	
<b>7th Maps, Graphs, and Charts</b>	2nd Dante Tovar	8th Marissa Thomas	
5th Mateo Boyer	3rd Daniel Chen	<b>7th Solo</b>	
<b>8th Maps, Graphs, and Charts</b>	4th Ann Thomas	5th Angel Jose	
1st Bipul Soti	5th Yumiko Balotro	<b>8th Solo</b>	
	6th Matthew Salazar	2nd Mariana Pacheco	



**District-wide UIL Event**

On Saturday, November 10th. Med High and Science Academy will be hosting a UIL Academic Competition for the students in the district. STPA students will participate in Number Sense, Calculator, Math and Science.

**STPA LADY SPARTANS VOLLEYBALL**

A loud shout-out to the Lady Spartans on a great volleyball season! They have been undefeated in every game. Best of luck in their semi final playoff game as they face IDEA McAllen .

The 2018-2019 STPA Volleyball Team members are:

- Amare Hernandez
- Aliyah Cerda
- Katia Garza

- Isabella Morales
- Mariam Daghestani
- Katherine Williamson
- Rylei Ripley
- Maddy Volpe

- Raven Cabasag
- Sofia De La Garza
- Danielle Cedillo
- Viviana Palacios





**Dear Valued Spartan Sponsor,**

The Parent Student Teacher Organization (PSTO), in conjunction with students and staff of **South Texas Preparatory Academy** in Edinburg, are gearing up for the **Fifth Annual Spartan Olympics and 5K Run/Walk**. This event will be held on **Friday November 30th, 2018**. We invite you to join us as our honored guest and potential sponsor.

As per an established tradition, the proceeds have a two-fold benefit, our school community at large, and a designated donation to a specific local charity. This is graciously made possible by the kind support from sponsors like you.

This year's charity of choice for the **5K Run/Walk is The Rio Grande Children's Home**, a non-profit organization that has been helping children in the Rio Grande Valley since 1964. The **RGCH** provides a loving home through foster care and adoption to abused and neglected children. In 2017, the Rio Grande Valley had an alarming 27,386 allegations of abuse and neglect, with 5,551 of those being confirmed cases.

The **RGCH** makes a positive difference for children whose lives have been afflicted by abuse, neglect, or abandonment.

A guest speaker from the **RGCH** will be presenting to our student body the work and mission of the **RGCH**. As the students develop a greater understanding of the work of **RGCH**, we hope that they will become more aware and empathetic to those in need. Apart from corporate/family sponsorship, students will be encouraged to participate in their own fundraising campaign, which will consist of pledges made through a coordinated school wide pledge drive in each of their respective **SAM** classes.

A range of sponsorship opportunities are available for your consideration. Sponsors will be acknowledged and promoted throughout the event at school, on T-shirts, banners, newsletters, and in school and district wide media outlets accordingly. Kindly select the sponsorship level most suitable for you and submit this form with your check, made payable to **STPA PSTO**, to the main office no later than **Friday, November 16th, 2018**.

**Thank you in advance for your commitment to our students and community!**

Edna Cedillo  
PSTO President

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