

San Benito Consolidated Independent School District

EDUCATION Connection

Making and reinforcing strong connections!



Our Mission

The mission of the San Benito CISD is to provide a premier education for all students, through a positive and safe learning environment, so that its graduates are college, career, and workforce ready.

Our Vision

The vision of San Benito CISD is to be the gold standard in all areas of public education.

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SBCISD Board president meets Texas political icons

San Benito CISD school board president Michael A. Vargas attended the Texas Association of School Board (TASB) Legislative Committee Summer Leadership Institute (SLI) in San Antonio, Texas. During a reception for the Board of Directors of the Mexican-American School Board Members Association (MASBA), Vargas had the honor of meeting with Texas Congressional District 20 Congressman Joaquin Castro (San Antonio) and the Honorable Julian Castro, former mayor of San Antonio and Housing and Urban Development Secretary under the Obama Administration from 2014-2017.

Three local educators earn scholarship towards master's degree

Three teachers from San Benito CISD received an all expense, tuition-paid scholarship towards earning a Master of Education (M.Ed.) degree in Early Childhood Special Education through the district's partnership with the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) Border SPICES (Special Interventionists in Childcare and Education Services) scholarship program.

After going through a four-hour interview process, only 21 professionals from across the Valley were selected to participate. The Border SPICES grant covers items such as tuition and fees associated with a 42-credit hour courses required for an M.Ed. in Early Childhood Special Education, books associated with the courses, two years of parking permits, reimbursement for state teacher certification exam fees, and a tablet.

"We are very excited and ready to start our graduate journey together on July 13," said Melissa Rodriguez, a teacher at La Paloma Elementary. "We will be great assets for our students, parents, district and community!"

SPICES school district partners besides San Benito CISD include Brownsville ISD, Los Fresnos CISD, and Point Isabel ISD. The objectives of the program are to recruit and support highly qualified bilingual scholars for professional careers in early childhood special education.

The program offers coursework that is field-experience embedded and evidence-based in special education and early childhood with a focus on culturally and linguistically diverse children. Participants will develop relationships among scholars, community members and organizations and families to build a community of practice.



They're on their way!

Three San Benito CISD teachers are ready to begin their journey of pursuing a master's degree, thanks to a partnership with UTRGV Border SPICES. Shown, from left, are Maria Elena Fox from Dr. Raul Garza, Jr. Elementary; Dr. Hsuying C. Ward, Border SPICES Principal Investigator; and Melissa Rodriguez and Jesus Zuniga, both from La Paloma Elementary.



During the recent summer meeting of the TASB Board of Directors ...

SBCISD Board President Michael A. Vargas, left, stands alongside Texas Commissioner of Education Mike Morath.

During the recent Texas Association of School Boards Summer Board of Directors meeting in Austin, Morath provided updates on the special legislative session as well as on the new School Accountability System.

Commissioner Morath heads the Texas Education Agency, which oversees pre-kindergarten through high school education for more than five million students enrolled in both traditional public schools and charter schools.



VMA staff to welcome incoming freshmen

San Benito Veterans Memorial Academy (VMA), located at 2115 N. Williams Road, will be hosting the traditional "Fish Camp" orientation on Friday, August 11, from 9:30 AM until 3:00 PM.

Members of the San Benito High School Class of 2021 are invited to gather in the VMA gymnasium to participate in various full-filled activities designed to help them transition from middle school to high school and career planning. Fish Camp also provides students from three different middle schools with an opportunity to get to know one another.

Pictured are former VMA students wearing fun hats, shades, and attire during their participation at the Fish Camp celebration photo booth. Incoming freshmen may register online by visiting the VMA website, <http://vma.sbcisd.net>. For additional information, please call the campus at (956) 276-6000.

San Benito CISD announces personnel changes

San Benito CISD Acting Superintendent Hilda G. Rendon has announced administrative personnel changes effective for the 2017-2018 school year.

"In moving the district forward and assigning individuals whose strengths will enhance the leadership efforts at the campus and district level, we feel completely confident that these staff members will do an outstanding job in their new roles," Rendon said.

The new assignments are as follow:

Staff Member	Role	Campus / Department
Dr. Eva Bisailon	Assistant Principal	San Benito High School
Eduardo Errisuriz	Assistant Principal	San Benito High School
Nedia Espinoza	Principal	Fred Booth Elementary
Normalinda Garcia	Assistant Principal	San Benito Veterans Memorial Academy
Rosie Garcia	Assistant Principal	Berta Cabaza Middle School
Elsa Haman	Assistant Principal	Miller Jordan Middle School
Scott Hausler	Assistant Principal	San Benito Veterans Memorial Academy
Saul Ibarra	Principal	Berta Cabaza Middle School
Manuela Lopez	Principal	Ed Downs Elementary
Lupita Monsevalles	Principal	Landrum Elementary
Rolando Monsevalles	Assistant Principal	Fred Booth Elementary
Carmen Ramos	Assistant Principal	Gateway to Graduation Academy, Darrell B. Hester Juvenile Detention Center & Joe Callandret Positive Redirection Center
Virginia Romero	Principal	Angela G. Leal Elementary
Dr. Dorothy Shelton	Director	Professional Development
Julie Treviño	Director	Curriculum Development



2017 SUMMER HOURS

San Benito CISD is currently observing a summer schedule through Friday, August 4.

District offices are OPEN Monday through Thursday, from 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM, and CLOSED each Friday.

COMING UP IN AUGUST ...

August 9 & 10	New Teacher Orientation
August 14	First Day for Teachers
August 22	Back-To-School Convocation
August 28	First day for Students

San Benito CISD announces registration schedules

Throughout the summer months, San Benito students have attended a variety of educational, dance, cheer, athletic, and/or band camps.

The summer is just about over, and San Benito schools will proudly welcome students to the new academic year beginning on Monday, August 28.

Registration for new, transfer, or returning students will be held according to the following schedules:

All elementary and middle schools:

- Wednesday, August 9
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
- Thursday, August 10
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- Friday, August 11
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

San Benito Veterans Memorial Academy:

- Thursday, August 24
8:00 AM - 11:30 AM and 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- Friday, August 25
8:00 AM - 11:30 AM and 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

San Benito High School:

- Thursday, August 24
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM (Seniors)
2:00 PM - 7:30 PM (Juniors)
- Friday, August 25
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM (Sophomores)

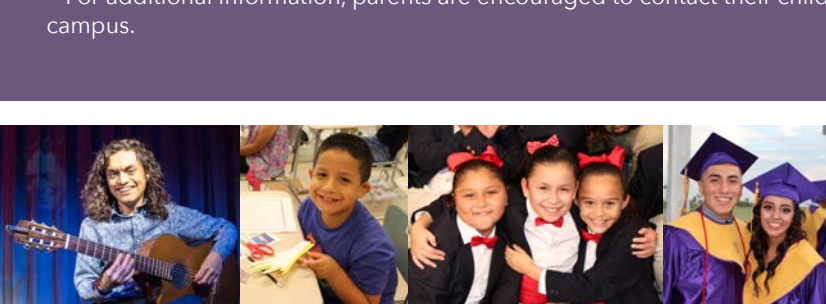
The following documents are needed for transfer students or students new to the district:

- birth certificate,
- Social Security card,
- immunization record,
- parent's picture ID or driver's license,
- guardianship letter, if child is not living with parent(s),
- government assistance documentation (TANF, SNAP, SSI),
- proof of residence - utility bill (gas, water, or light),
- notarized letter as proof of residence (if utility bill is under someone else's name), and
- for Pre-K students only - proof of income (current check stub or current tax return).

The following documents are needed for returning students:

- Immunization Record and
- Proof of Residence - Utility Bill (gas, water, or light).

For additional information, parents are encouraged to contact their child's respective campus.



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