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Student and Staff Holidays and Calendar Breaks

- Sept. 6 ................................... Half Day AM/Teacher Prep PM
- Sept. 17 ..................... Half Day AM/Parent Conferences PM
- Oct. 8 ................................... Half Day AM/Teacher Prep PM
- Nov. 22 - 26....................................... Thanksgiving Holiday
- Dec. 17.................................Half Day AM/Teacher Prep PM
- Dec. 20 - Jan. 3.................................... Winter Holiday
- Jan. 17....................................... Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Feb. 11......................Half Day AM/ Parent Conferences PM
- March 14 - 18 ........................................ Spring Break
- April 15 ........................................................ Spring Holiday
- May 27.............................................. Last Day for Teachers
- June 27 ........................................................ Last Day for Students

Important Dates

- First Day of School for Students: 
  - Aug. 11
- First Day of Second Semester: 
  - Jan. 4
- Last Day of First Semester: 
  - Dec. 17
- Last Day of School for Students: 
  - May 27
- Last Day of School for Teachers: 
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Superintendent’s Message

Welcome to the 2021-22 school year in Spring ISD!

I’m excited about what is ahead for our Spring ISD community as we continue to put the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic behind us. We have worked hard over the past 17 months to ensure we have the right programs, staff and resources to truly reap a harvest.

First and foremost, we’re embarking on a traditional school schedule this year with all students learning in-person. And, as I write this, we will not be requiring masks or social distancing, unless guidance changes from our local health officials.

As a parent and educator, I’m excited about everything that will be possible this year for our children as we open up all of our amenities, programs and school activities. This year, we’re launching even more options for our students, from the new Early College P-TECH program at Dekaney High School to our School for International Studies at Bammel.

If anything, the challenges of last year have given us a renewed commitment to meeting the needs of each and every student, not only in the classroom but from a social and emotional perspective as well. We’re expanding our focus on overall well-being by adding more counselors and programs to ensure we care for the whole child.

At the center of everything we do this year will be our ongoing focus on equity. The goal is simple: Identify and eliminate any barriers to student success so that we can ensure excellent, equitable outcomes for every child in our district.

Again, I’m excited about the upcoming school year, and I hope you are as well.

Rodney E. Watson, Ph.D.
Superintendent

Superintendent’s Cabinet

Rodney E. Watson, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools
Julie F. Hill, J.D., Chief of Human Resources and Human Capital Accountability
Lupita Hinojosa, Ed.D., Chief of Innovation and Equity
Ann Westbrooks, CPA, RTSSBA, Chief Financial Officer
Sylvia Wood, Chief Communications Officer
Mark Miranda, Executive Chief of District Operations
Kenneth Culbreath, Chief of Police
Jeremy Binkley, General Counsel

VISION
Spring Independent School District will be a district of choice known for high-quality academics with innovative and specialized programs that meet the needs of all students in a positive learning environment.

MISSION
Spring Independent School District prepares students to be lifelong learners, critical thinkers and responsible citizens who display good character – ready to contribute, compete and lead in today’s global society.
SAFETY IS OUR PRIORITY

Safety is Spring ISD’s top priority, so during times of crisis or emergency, it’s important we communicate effectively. To do that, we use the Standard Response Protocol, which provides a common language that everyone understands and follows.

Essentially, there are five key terms to the Standard Response Protocol: Secure, Lockdown, Evacuate, Shelter and Hold.

For families, it’s important to distinguish between Secure and Lockdown.

Secure is less serious than a Lockdown, and means we secure the perimeter of a school when there is a threat outside the building, like a police chase in the neighborhood. A lockdown refers to a threat inside a school building, like an active shooter.

REMEMBER:
Secure is “Secure the Perimeter.”
Lockdown is “Locks, Lights, Out of Sight.”

- All schools use the Standard Response Protocol
- All secondary schools to use metal detectors routinely
- Clear or mesh backpacks required for all students

RESTORATIVE DISCIPLINE AND STUDENT BILL OF RIGHTS

Restorative practices currently are being implemented at all secondary campuses and some of our elementary schools to help ensure a positive learning environment for everyone. These practices focus on positive techniques such as effective statements and questions, restorative circles, and peer mediation to improve relationships and build empathy as a way to prevent and correct unacceptable behavior choices.

This year, we are also creating a new Student Bill of Rights, which will be informed by our focus on equity, and will include student, staff, and community feedback to ensure our discipline policies and procedures achieve the goal of creating a learning environment that ensures equitable and excellent outcomes for all students.
Safety Terms and Procedures

In the event of an emergency at your child’s school campus, here are some helpful definitions:

**SECURE**

EXTERNAL INCIDENT WHERE STUDENTS ARE MOVED INDOORS. INSTRUCTION CONTINUES AS NORMAL.

*Example:* Police search for burglary suspect in the area.

**LOCKDOWN**

ALL DOORS LOCK IMMEDIATELY. ALL LIGHTS TURNS OFF. STUDENTS AND STAFF HIDE. EVERYONE REMAINS QUIET.

*Example:* Active shooter on campus.

**EVACUATE**

STUDENT AND STAFF ARE REQUIRED TO LEAVE THE SCHOOL BUILDING.

*Example:* Smoke alarm or gas leak.

**SHELTER**

A NATURAL OR MANMADE EVENT REQUIRES STUDENTS AND STAFF TO TAKE SHELTER INDOORS.

*Example:* A chemical spill or a reported tornado in the area.

**HOLD**

STUDENTS REMAIN IN CLASSROOM. DOORS ARE LOCKED. INSTRUCTION CONTINUES. HALLWAYS ARE CLEAR.

*Example:* A medical emergency in the hallway.

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**REMEMBER:** IN CASE OF A SCHOOL EMERGENCY

- **DO** keep your phone nearby to receive notifications from the district.
- **DO** tune in to local media for alerts, but depend on official communication from school or public safety officials.
- **DO** pay close attention for official information on how to reunite with your child.
- **DO NOT** call your child’s school. In an emergency, staff and students are discouraged from using cell phone communications for safety reasons.
- **DO NOT** rush to your child’s school. Your presence could hinder emergency response and communication.

Source: Texas State, Texas School Safety Center, “I Love U Guys Foundation”
OUR MOBILE APP MAKES IT EASY TO STAY INFORMED

Spring ISD has had a mobile app available for parents and students for several years. But if you haven’t downloaded it yet from Google Play or the App Store, you’ll want to do it TODAY!

Within the app, you can personalize your experience to easily use your phone for important student information, including:

- **Upcoming Assignments**
- **Classes and Grades**
- **Attendance**
- **Cafeteria Balance**
- **Library Dues**

Parents, you will also be able to receive push notifications to alert you about important information regarding your student. Download the app for access to your student’s assignments, grades, attendance and more at your fingertips.

**Ready to Get Started?**

Here’s a step-by-step guide:

1. **Download** the app from either Google Play (for Android devices) or the App Store (for iPhone users).
   - *Already have the app? No need to download again.*

2. To get your student’s information, select the Student Info icon from the app.

3. You’ll be prompted to type in the username and password provided by your school.

4. Once you log in, you will see new icons with your name and the names of your children. Select your student’s icons to see their grades, balances, assignments and other information.

5. Next, set your alerts. You can set your notification preferences immediately after logging in, or any time through the app settings. Turn on or off any push alerts including: missing assignments, class grade updates, assignment grades, cafeteria balances and library dues.

**That’s it!**

You’re ready to use our mobile app to get personalized information about your student.

Have questions? Check out: [www.springisd.org/mobileapp](http://www.springisd.org/mobileapp)
All about the Home Access Center

Every parent wants their student to be successful in school, and the easiest way to stay informed of your student’s academic progress and attendance is to use the Home Access Center, or HAC.

HAC is where you’ll find real-time information about your student’s grades and where report cards are posted. Just as important, you’ll also be able to keep tabs on your student’s attendance. Should you change addresses or phone numbers during the school year, you can also update your contact information in HAC so that you never miss an important announcement.

So log into HAC TODAY and remember to keep logging in all year long. It’s the best way to stay informed on your child’s academics!

How to log in

1. Go to www.springisd.org, then click on the MySpringISD icon and enter the Portal and log-in using your Username and Password.

2. Use the same Username and Password that you just used for the Portal to log into the Home Access Center (HAC).

3. If you have trouble logging in or don’t know your username and/or password, please contact your child’s campus.

Every Day Counts, Attendance Matters!

Students can’t learn if they aren’t in class, so being in attendance every day is critical to success. Spring ISD policy, in alignment with state compulsory attendance laws, requires students to be in attendance for at least 90 percent of the time a class is in session to receive credit. Students who miss school miss out, so aim for 100 percent attendance!

If your child misses a class or is absent an entire day, expect to hear from your student’s campus. Should an absence be necessary, let your campus know so they can determine whether it may be excusable.

Here’s what the research shows:

- Attendance matters as early as kindergarten. Studies show that children who miss too many days in kindergarten and first grade have trouble learning to read.
- A child with too many absences by sixth grade is a good indication that the student is at risk of dropping out.
- By ninth grade, good attendance can predict graduation rates even better than eighth-grade test scores.
- Good attendance is an important life skill that will help students graduate from high school, college and keep a job.

Receiving District and Campus Messages

If you are new to the district, you will automatically begin receiving district and campus messages. If you have opted out of receiving district messages in the past, you may opt back in by calling the Blackboard Phone Hotline at 855-502-7867 from the phone line that has been opted out. For text messages: Reply START to “60680” from the phone line that has been opted out for non-emergency messages. Reply START to “54968” for emergency messages.
Healthy food fuels better learning for students. For the 2021-22 school year, Spring ISD will offer free breakfast and free lunch to ALL students in every school, along with free supper to students involved in after-school programs at many of our campuses. Each campus will offer a la carte items for purchase at meal times. These items may be purchased with cash or the student’s meal account. This year, students will have the option to scan the barcode on their ZPASS card or enter their PIN.

In addition, students who pack a lunch from home can utilize our “Pick 3” program, which allows them to come through the cafeteria line and grab three items for free: a hot or cold fruit, vegetable and a milk. With “Pick 3”, we hope to take some of the burden of packing lunches and provide ready-to-eat sides for students to “bulk up” their lunch with healthy options.

New this year, we have added a trained chef to work with our dietitians on developing kid-friendly and kid-tested menu items that our students actually enjoy and will eat.

Menus are available on the district website but also at www.SchoolCafe.com, which offers complete nutritional information and an easy way to add money to your child’s meal account and manage the account balance. Sign up using your child’s student identification number.

School meals are safe. School meal preparation is conducted in strict adherence with federal, state and local food safety regulations.

In Spring ISD, we care about the whole child — and their physical, social and emotional well-being.

We have nurses on every campus to triage any emergency situations and to administer medicines. They also work with parents to ensure all of our students are up-to-date on their required vaccinations and have the information they need to make decisions about recommended vaccines, including those against flu and COVID-19.

Throughout the year, Spring ISD will let families know about different vaccination opportunities for their children, whether on campus or in partnership with community organizations.

GOOD NUTRITION IS ESSENTIAL FOR LEARNING

Texas law requires students to be immunized against certain vaccine-preventable diseases.

School meals are safe. School meal preparation is conducted in strict adherence with federal, state and local food safety regulations.

Have questions? Visit: www.springisd.org/nutrition or call 281-891-6445. Remember, download the Spring ISD mobile app, and you can receive account balance notifications on your phone.

Find out more at www.springisd.org/immunization
CARING FOR THE WHOLE CHILD

In Spring ISD, we want all of our students to know they can always reach out to an adult for help — teachers, counselors and administrators. If you see changes in your child’s behavior or lack of interest in school and/or activities, let your school know.

This year, the district’s Department of Guidance & Counselor and Mental Health is offering free teletherapy services to students and families through a partnership with Baylor College of Medicine and its Texas Child Health Access Through Telemedicine (TCHATT) program.

In addition, we’re adding more counselors to some campuses and integrating more Social Emotional Learning (SEL) into the school day to help our students build resilience and the capacity to manage challenging situations.

Elementary campuses will use the program Quaver and secondary campuses will use a program called 7 Elements. Spring ISD also encourages mindfulness practice and we have opportunities for students to interact with emotional support dogs.

BULLYING IS NOT TOLERATED

We don’t tolerate bullying in Spring ISD and have several ways to report it, including an online reporting tool at:

www.springisd.org/stopbullying

Or, report directly from a button designed like a stop sign, located on campus websites and the district website. A special form guides users through a series of questions to gather important information about the incident, including whether it was in-person or cyberbullying. Those who report using the tool may decide to stay anonymous or use their names. In either case, district officials will investigate the claims with the goal of stopping any bullying.
STRONG ACADEMICS LEAD TO MORE OPPORTUNITIES

Spring ISD is committed to college and career readiness for every student, including access to opportunities that prepare our graduates for lasting success, in school and in life.

The district’s Career and Technical Education (CTE) program offers career exploration at every grade level, from an engaging introduction to career ideas at the elementary level, career exploration in middle school, and field experiences and postsecondary planning in high school. Whether headed to college or directly to a career, students can earn a range of industry-recognized certifications while still in high school.

Learn more about CTE, and explore Spring ISD’s extensive Education Planning Guides, at www.springisd.org/cte

The district is also dedicated to providing students the tools they need to chart their course, including access to Naviance, a web-based platform that allows middle and high school students to discover their skills and interests, explore college and career options, and manage the college application process.

In Spring ISD, we believe all students deserve the opportunity to participate in coursework that challenges them academically and inspires them to rise to their full potential. Along with the Gifted and Talented Program for qualified students at every grade level, other examples include Advanced Placement (AP) and Dual Credit classes, which bridge the gap between high school and college. Students who do well on AP exams can earn college credit, while Dual Credit classes – currently offered tuition-free through Lone Star College – allow students to engage in college-level coursework while earning high school and college credit. Some Spring ISD students are even able to graduate with both their high school diploma and an associate degree from Lone Star College.

Applying for college can be a complicated process, and Spring ISD is committed to removing as many barriers to access as possible for students. That’s why Spring ISD offers free, universal PSAT/SAT testing to all students in grades 8-11. By providing testing free to all students during the school day, Spring ISD is helping expand access to post-secondary options.

The district also has an ongoing partnership with the EMERGE Fellowship, a Houston-based nonprofit that works with juniors and seniors from underserved communities, connecting high-performing Spring ISD students with opportunities to attend selective colleges and universities.
Spring ISD offers many opportunities for students to explore and grow through an impressive range of both academic and extracurricular opportunities. Students develop their interests by taking part in clubs, academic honor societies, athletics, theater or one of many other school activities, including campus-based service organizations that encourage students to see themselves as active members of their community.

The district’s Athletics Programs develop sportsmanship, self-discipline and teamwork, while also bringing students, staff and community members together to cheer for their favorite teams. The middle school athletic program offers cross country, volleyball, football, basketball, and track and field. The high school athletic program offers all those sports and adds tennis, swimming and diving, soccer, softball, baseball and golf.

As an eight-time honoree in the national “Best Communities for Music Education” award program, as well as one of only 42 districts in the state to be named a 2020 District of Distinction by the Texas Art Education Association, Spring ISD has a long history of excellence in the arts – including music, dance, visual art, theater and speech. The district has long recognized the connection between engagement in the arts and engagement in the classroom, and Spring ISD’s Arts Integration initiative helps connect the dots between artistic excellence and academic achievement to better serve all students across all subject areas and grade levels.

In addition to the Leadership Officer Training Corps program available to middle schoolers attending the district’s Spring Leadership Academy, high school students can develop personal discipline and camaraderie through the JROTC programs offered at Dekaney, Spring and Westfield high schools. The programs include full-credit elective courses that provide classroom instruction combined with opportunities to serve the school and community, participate in extracurricular activities and competitions, and gain valuable leadership skills that will aid students no matter their post-graduation plans.

KEEP UP WITH ACADEMICS

This year, all Spring ISD schools will be following a nine-week grading schedule, which will make it easier for parents of students to keep tabs on progress and report cards.

Report cards for pre-K and kindergarten students will be released four times a year: Oct. 22, Jan. 14, April 1 and May 26.

Report cards for students in Grades 1-12 will be released: Oct. 15, Jan. 7, March 25. The last report card for elementary students will be released on May 26 and for secondary students on June 10.

Stay on top of what’s happening in the classroom by using the district’s Home Access Center online to monitor grades and attendance. For help with your username and password, contact your child’s school.
SCHOOLS OF CHOICE AND NEW PROGRAMS

Spring ISD’s vision is to be a district of choice for the families we serve, offering rigorous academics at every campus, along with innovative specialized programs.

Students can take part in a specialty program at their neighborhood campus or apply to one of the district’s five schools of choice.

No matter what school your child attends, our mission is always the same: Provide an excellent education that prepares students for lifelong success – in college, career and/or the military.

Roberson Middle School, a 2020 National Blue Ribbon School at 12289 Veterans Memorial Drive, offers students in grades 6-8 a math, science, and fine arts academy that balances high academic expectations with real-world applications. Admitted students have a choice of specialty pathways, including Performing Arts, STEM Engineering, Law Enforcement, and Environmental/Agriculture.

Spring Early College Academy, located on the Lone Star-North Harris campus and named a “2020 Best High School” by U.S. News and World Report, provides students with a strong college preparatory curriculum along with the opportunity to graduate from high school with a diploma and an associate degree from Lone Star College – all at no cost to families.

Spring Leadership Academy, at 14450 T.C. Jester Drive, develops middle school students into future leaders who possess a wide range of critical skills, empowering them to compete globally by adapting quickly to evolving environments and emerging technology.

Carl Wunsche Sr. High School, at 900 Wunsche Loop, integrates core academics with career pathway exploration. Students can earn college Advanced Placement credit, dual credit, and industry-recognized certifications while gaining valuable, professional work experience during their high school years.

P-TECH at Dekaney High School, at 22351 Imperial Valley Drive, is making its debut during the 2021-22 school year with its first cohort of ninth-grade students. Key areas of study include computer programming, coding, animation, and gaming. Admitted students will have the opportunity to graduate from high school with a diploma and an associate degree from Lone Star College – all at no cost to families.
School for International Studies at Bammel, at 16711 Ella Blvd, will be the district’s first school to serve pre-K through eighth grade. The school is recruiting students in pre-K through third grade with plans to add a grade level each year through eighth grade. The school features a two-way dual elementary language immersion program in Spanish, and foreign languages and world culture in middle school.

The Bailey Middle School for Performing & Visual Arts, at 3377 James C. Leo Drive, offers an exciting array of fine arts courses, including traditional and jazz bands, photography, technical theater, creative writing, dance and digital filmmaking to zoned students attending Bailey Middle School. The school is also offering expanded advanced core academic offerings along with new advanced electives.

The Claughton Polytechnic Middle School, at 3000 Spears Road, will feature classes in communications, video game programming and animation, digital forensics and robotics, and more. Students will have the opportunity to attend local, state and national technology-related events as well as participate in internships, apprenticeships, multimedia projects and community service.

Springwoods Village Middle School International Baccalaureate (IB) program at 1120 Crossgate Blvd, just received its official IB Middle Years Programme (MYP) certification after a rigorous application and review process. The IB program is designed to foster diversity, curiosity and a lifelong love of learning and growth.

Barbering at Westfield High School an innovative course of studies at Westfield High School, enabling students to train and prepare to become licensed barbers through the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) while still in high school. Completion of the program will prepare graduates for success—whether in postsecondary studies or as professional barbers.

**Interested in a Spring ISD School of Choice or a Specialty Program? Stay tuned this fall for information about the application and transfer process for the 2022-23 school year.**
Spring ISD is introducing a new scanner system ZPASS on all of its buses for the 2021-22 school year that will give added peace of mind to parents by allowing them to know when and where their student gets on and off the bus.

Students carry a small card that automatically logs their entry or exit when they pass the scanner on the school bus. The information is then instantly and securely available to parents. Notifications can also be sent directly to their computer or cell phone via text message. By downloading the free MyView app, parents will have an easy-to-use mobile app to check on their child’s school bus location. Parents can create and set alerts to let them know when the bus enters their neighborhood or gets close to the drop-off point, which is especially helpful on bad weather days.

In addition, these cards will have a dual purpose to allow students to scan at the Point of Sale in the cafeteria lines, adding convenience and efficiency for both parents and child nutrition workers.

In recent years, Spring ISD has expanded its bus service to provide transportation to all students who live one mile or more from their zoned campus, as measured by the nearest commonly traveled public roadway. Learn more at www.springisd.org/zpass.

We know some students may walk or ride bikes to school. We encourage all parents to talk with their students about using sidewalks when available, crossing the street at designated crosswalks and obeying all traffic laws.

Parents, if you opt to drive your child to school, it’s important for the safety of all students that you comply with each campus’ designated, traffic-flow plan. Your principal will make you aware of drop-off and pick-up procedures at the beginning of the school year. Be considerate, drive slowly in a school zone area, and remember that aggressive driving has no place on or near our campuses.

Because safety is so important, we’ve also upgraded our bus fleet and added three-point seat belts for our students. We also recognize that our youngest riders — those in pre-K and kindergarten, need extra supervision, especially at drop off, so parents or designated guardians need to meet the bus.

Please visit www.springisd.org/transportation for more information.

Want to figure out your student’s bus route? Use our Infofinder-I tool available on our website!

Are you a parent or guardian looking to earn extra income? Consider driving for Spring ISD. Learn more at springisd.org/careers.
FINDING YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL

Wondering what campus your address is zoned to? That’s easy! Just visit:

www.springisd.org/attendanceboundaries

And plug in your address in our Infofinder-I tool.

2021-22 SCHOOL HOURS

**HIGH SCHOOLS**

7:20 a.m. – 2:40 p.m. Drop-off Time – 6:50 a.m.
- Andy Dekaney HS
- Carl Wunsche Sr. HS
- Spring Early College Academy
- Spring HS
- Westfield HS

**MIDDLE SCHOOLS**

8:55 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. Drop-off Time – 8:25 a.m.
- Bailey
- Claugton
- Dueitt
- Roberson
- Spring Leadership Academy
- Bammel*
- Springwoods Village
- Twin Creeks
- Wells

* Please note: Elementary students attending the School for International Studies at Bammel will ride a separate bus using the same bell schedule as middle school:
  8:55 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Drop-off time – 8:25 a.m.

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

8:05 a.m. – 3:25 p.m. Drop-off Time – 7:35 a.m.
This year, all 26 Spring ISD elementary schools will follow the same bell schedule.

STAAR TESTING

The state of Texas requires students in grades 3 through 12 to take assessments, known as STAAR, to ensure grade-level expectations are being met. High school students are required to pass five STAAR End-of-Course (EOC) exams to graduate: Algebra 1, English I and II, Biology and U.S. History. Your school will let you know about testing dates, but if you have any questions or concerns, reach out to your child’s principal.
Spring ISD offers full-day Pre-K at 25 elementary campuses and at the new School for International Studies at Bammel located at Bammel Middle School.

In addition, the district is expanding its pre-K program to meet the needs of more students by offering a tuition-free option for 4-year-olds who don’t meet state eligibility requirements. These seats will be awarded on a space-available basis.

Families interested in pre-K should register at www.springisd.org/prek and fill out the application.

The only eligibility requirement is that a student must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1.

If your child is at least five years of age by Sept. 1 of the current school year, you may enroll them in kindergarten.

Have questions? Call us at 281-891-6022 or visit:
www.springisd.org/prek

We want all of our young learners in school as early as possible.

The district also offers a school readiness program called Smart Start that helps parents of toddlers in their own homes through weekly visits. Instructors assist parents in learning how to be their child’s first teacher and support healthy development. Smart Start is open to any family in the district that has children from 18 months to four years of age. For more information, call 281-891-6013.

If your young child has special needs, Spring ISD offers intervention services for children, birth to age three, with disabilities or delays. Learn more about how to request a free screening at:
www.springisd.org/specialed
Statistics show that when parents are engaged in their child's education, they are more successful in school. Here's how you can become involved:

**Schools welcome parents to volunteer and provide the following opportunities:**
- Car rider duty
- Hall duty
- Cafeteria duty
- Mentor a student
- Tutor students
- Chaperone school trips
- Sign up to speak during career day or college night

**Join a parent leadership committee**
Each campus has a parent organization, whether it is a PTA, PTO or booster club. Campuses also have a parent advisory council in which parents can participate. We encourage parents to join a committee and get involved.

Every campus has a **Family Empowerment Liaison** on staff to engage parents at the campus level in order to positively impact student academic performance. Call your campus and ask to speak to the family liaison to become involved.

**Attend parent meetings, open house and parent-teacher conferences**
These events are a great way to meet and develop a relationship with your child’s teachers and counselors. This is also a great opportunity to learn more about the school, including campus wide programs and policies.

**Volunteer at your child’s school**
Many parents are active in their child’s elementary school, but as their kids get older, some parents become less involved. Parents who continue to volunteer and be part of the middle school and high school communities are more likely to be aware and engaged in their child’s school life.

*Are you interested in supporting the well-being of our students? Consider joining the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) where you can have a direct impact on student health and learning. For more info, call 281-891-6736.*
STAY CONNECTED

We offer multiple ways for parents to be in touch with the district and to stay on top of all of the news and happenings. By providing a reliable email address and phone number to your campus at the start of the year, you’re taking the first step to not missing any important information, including updates about weather-related closures.

Here are eight easy ways to stay in touch:

- **Email, texts and calls** – We use an automated messaging system in the case of an emergency or to share school-related information.

- **Websites** – Bookmark SpringISD.org and your campus website for news, calendars and events.

- **Facebook** – “Like” us on Facebook.com/SpringISD to interact and share information with Spring ISD.

- **Twitter** – Follow Twitter.com/SpringISD and your campus Twitter feed for fun and inspiring updates throughout the day. Want to share news with us? Tag us @SpringISD.

- **YouTube** – Subscribe to our YouTube Channel at SpringISDWeb to see what’s happening on our campuses and across the district.

- **Instagram** – Follow us on Instagram @Spring.ISD for engaging information at the campus and district level.

- **Mobile App** – Go to either the Apple App Store or Google Play and search for Spring ISD. Download the app with the district logo.

- **elevate** – Our online tool it is accessible via our mobile app or district homepage to share your feedback.

**Save the Date**

FOR SPRING’S ANNUAL WINTER WONDELAND LITERACY EVENT
FREE FOR ALL ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS!
FRIDAY, DEC. 10
AT DEKANEY HIGH SCHOOL
CHECK BACK ON WWW.SPRINGISD.ORG THIS FALL FOR MORE DETAILS

SIGN UP FOR THE MYSPRINGISD PORTAL – KEEP TABS ON YOUR CHILD’S ATTENDANCE AND GRADES BY GOING TO WWW.SPRINGISD.ORG AND CLICKING ON THE MYSPRINGISD TAB. A LINK TO THE PORTAL IS ALSO AVAILABLE FROM CAMPUS WEBSITES.