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Our goal is to keep residents informed about the school district they helped build.



Enjoy a Show Close to Home: SBISD High School Theatre Performances

Looking for an evening or afternoon of live entertainment close to home? Spring Branch ISD’s talented student performers are preparing to take the stage for another exciting season of theatre.

SBISD senior citizens are invited to experience the creativity, talent and hard work of students across the district. From classic stories and comedies to Broadway musicals and UIL One-Act Play productions, there are plenty of opportunities to enjoy live theatre throughout the 2026-27 school year. *Please note: Performance dates and details are subject to change. Check with the school or theatre program before attending for the latest information, including ticketing details.*

Memorial High School

The 39 Steps

An ordinary man is swept into a dangerous international conspiracy in this fast-paced mystery filled with suspense, comedy and inventive theatrical surprises.

Performances

Oct. 15-17 | 7 p.m., Oct. 17 | 2 p.m.

Seussical the Musical

Beloved Dr. Seuss characters come together in a colorful musical adventure celebrating imagination, friendship, loyalty and the power of believing in yourself.

Performances

Jan. 28-30 | 7 p.m., Jan. 30 | 2 p.m., Feb. 5-6 | 7 p.m.

This Narrow World

This adaptation of Shakespeare’s Julius Caesar explores ambition, loyalty, betrayal and the consequences of political power in a divided world.

UIL One-Act Play Public Preview

March 4 | 6:30 p.m.
Learn more: www.memorialtheatre.com

Northbrook High School

The Play That Goes Wrong (High school edition)

This 1920s whodunit has everything you never wanted in a show: an unconscious leading lady, a corpse that can’t play dead, and actors who trip over everything (including their lines). Nevertheless, the accident-prone thespians battle against all odds to make it through to their final curtain call, with hilarious consequences!

Performances:

Oct. 27 | 6:30 p.m., Oct. 28 | 6:30 p.m., Oct. 29 |6:30 p.m.

The 25th Annual Putnam Country Spelling Bee

A quirky group of six middle schoolers for the spelling championship of a lifetime. While candidly disclosing hilarious and touching stories.

Six spellers enter; one speller leaves a champion! At least the losers get a juice box.

Performances:

Jan. 13 | 7 p.m., Jan. 14 | 7 p.m., Jan. 15 | 7 p.m.

Spring Woods High School

FRANKENSTEIN

The story of Mary Shelley’s Frankenstein, revealed as a 1930’s radio play with live foley sound and visuals to inspire the horrors of imagination.

Performances:

Oct. 16–17 | 7 p.m., Oct. 17 | 2 p.m., Oct. 19 | 7 p.m.

CRAZY FOR YOU - A Gershwin Musical

Enjoy a comedic love story that stretches from 1930’s New York City to Dead Rock, Nevada, featuring timeless classics like "Embracable You" and "I've Got Rhythm."

Performances:

Jan. 29–30 | 7 p.m., Jan. 30 | 2 p.m., Feb. 1 | 7 p.m., Feb. 5–6 | 7 p.m., Feb. 6 | 2 p.m.

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

Our interpretation of Shakespeare’s classic comedy.

UIL One-Act Play Public Preview

March 23 | 6:00 p.m.
Learn more: www.safariplayers.com

Stratford High School

Urinetown: The Musical

In a city facing a severe water shortage, citizens must pay to use public facilities until one young man challenges the system. This satirical musical blends comedy, romance and social commentary.

Performances

Oct. 16 | 7:30 p.m., Oct. 17 | 7:30 p.m., Oct. 18 | 2:30 p.m., Oct. 22 | 7:30 p.m., Oct. 23 | 7:30 p.m., Oct. 24 | 2:30 p.m., Oct. 25 | 2:30 p.m.

Finding Neverland

Inspired by the story behind Peter Pan, this musical follows playwright J.M. Barrie as his friendship with a family sparks the imagination that brings Neverland to life.

Performances

Jan. 29 | 7:30 p.m., Jan. 30 | 7:30 p.m., Jan. 31 | 2:30 p.m., Feb. 4 | 7:30 p.m., Feb. 5 | 7:30 p.m., Feb. 6 | 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The Sound of Music

A spirited young governess brings music and joy to the seven Von Trapp children while finding love and helping the family face the growing threat of Nazi occupation.

Performances

April 30 | 7:30 p.m., May 1 | 7:30 p.m., May 2 | 2:30 p.m., May 6 | 7:30 p.m., May 7 | 7:30 p.m., May 8 | 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Learn more: <https://www.stratfordplayhouse.com>

Support the Arts. Support Our Students.

SBISD is proud to offer exceptional fine arts experiences for students across the district, and our community plays an important role simply by attending, filling the seats and celebrating their work.

**We hope to see you at a show this year!
Don't forget to bring your STAR Card!**



STATE RECOGNITION HIGHLIGHTS SBISD’S CONTINUED ACADEMIC PROGRESS

Spring Branch ISD (SBISD) received statewide recognition in Austin on Sept. 4 for its continued academic growth and success strengthening student performance. During the Texas State Board of Education meeting, SBISD was celebrated for the collective work of students, teachers, staff and school leaders and the district’s continued focus on improving academic outcomes.

The recognition comes as SBISD continues to receive state and national attention for its academic progress, including significant gains in reading and math.

“This recognition is another confirmation that our focus on what matters most for students is paying off,” said Dr. Jennifer Blaine, SBISD superintendent of schools. “We have been intentional about focusing on literacy and numeracy and providing the supports students need to succeed. These results reflect the extraordinary work of our teachers, principals, staff and students and our commitment to doing what is right for Every Child.”

The latest recognition adds to a milestone year for SBISD, as the district celebrates 80 years of serving students and the Spring Branch community.

Read more inside: Learn more about SBISD’s academic progress, including the district reaching the **96th percentile in Relative Performance** among comparable Texas school districts and the story behind more than a decade of sustained growth.



WHAT’S POSSIBLE IN SBISD: FROM STUDENT TO EDUCATOR SHAPING POSSIBILITIES FOR OTHERS

For Shelby Anderson, a career in SBISD is more than a return to the schools that helped shape her. It is an opportunity to create that same sense of possibility for a new generation of students. Shelby Anderson knows Spring Branch ISD (SBISD) from both sides of the classroom. A graduate of Bunker Hill Elementary (BHE), Memorial Middle School (MMS) and Memorial High School (MHS), Anderson grew up experiencing the opportunities, relationships and community that define SBISD. (continued on page 2)

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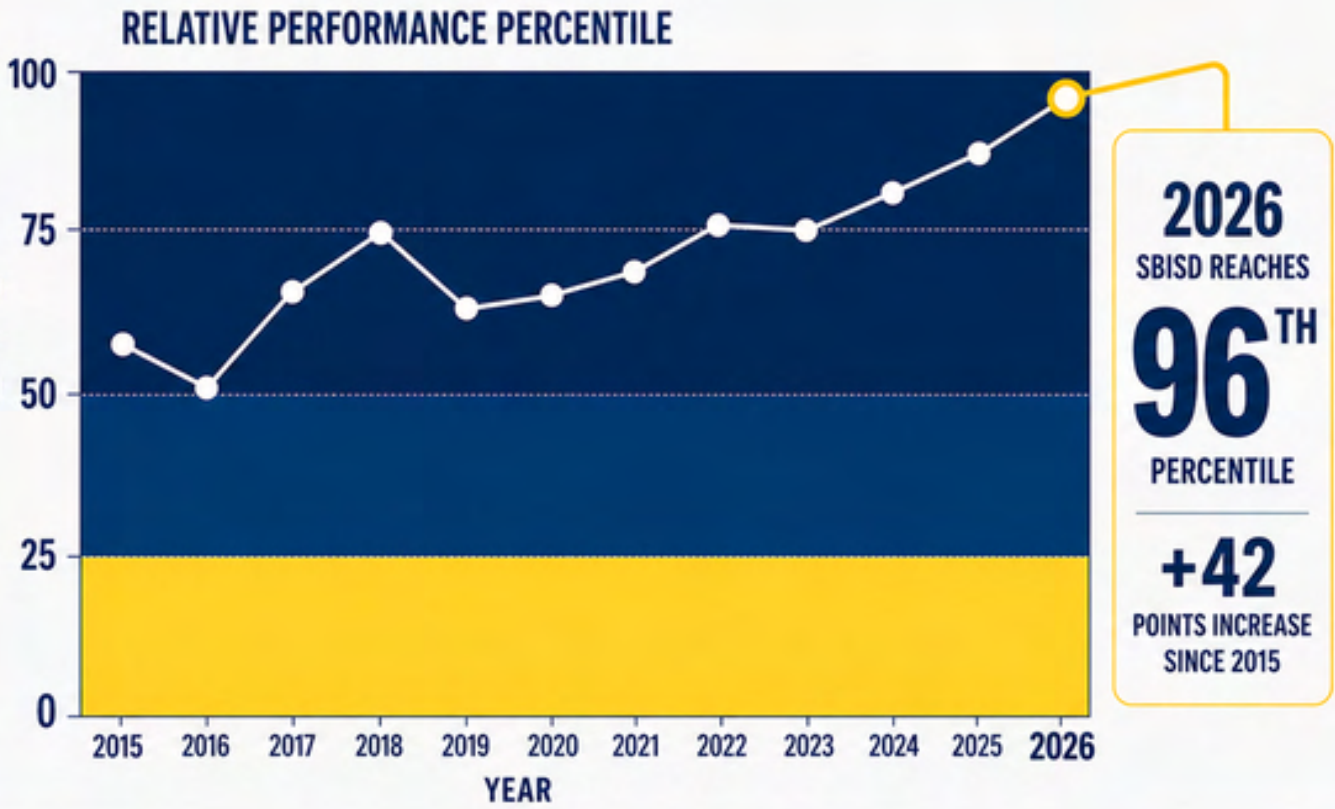
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NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ACADEMIC GROWTH

SPRING BRANCH ISD

RELATIVE PERFORMANCE HISTORY

From the 54th percentile
in 2015 to the 96th percentile
in 2026.



CONSISTENT GROWTH. UNSTOPPABLE MOMENTUM.

For 80 years, generations of Spring Branch residents have supported their public schools and helped create opportunities for students to learn, grow and prepare for what comes next. Today, there is much for our entire community to celebrate.

Spring Branch ISD (SBISD) continues to demonstrate strong academic growth, reaching the **96th percentile in Relative Performance** among comparable Texas school districts in 2026. It is the district's highest ranking since the Texas Education Agency began tracking the measure and represents significant progress from the 54th percentile in 2015. **The progress is also receiving attention beyond Texas.**

For the second consecutive year, SBISD was recognized as a "District on the Rise" through the Education Scorecard, a national research effort from Harvard and Stanford universities examining student academic growth and recovery.

Together, these measures tell an important story. SBISD is not simply celebrating one strong year. Students continue to make progress, and the district continues to build on years of academic growth.

What does that mean for our community? Strong schools benefit more than the students sitting in classrooms today. They contribute to a strong community, help prepare the next

generation of employees and leaders and reinforce Spring Branch as a place where families want to live, learn and grow.

For longtime residents, these accomplishments are also a reflection of decades of community support. Whether you attended an SBISD school, raised children here, served as an educator or employee, volunteered, mentored students, supported bond programs or cheered from the stands, you are part of the story- and the success.

Academic achievement is only one part of what makes SBISD special. The people, programs and experiences available across our district work together to help every student succeed. From outstanding educators and strong academics to fine arts, athletics, career and technical education and more, students have opportunities to discover their strengths, explore what's possible and prepare for life beyond graduation.

The district's continued growth demonstrates what is possible when schools and the community work together with a shared commitment to students.

Nationally recognized. Continuing to grow. Building on 80 years of excellence. That is something our entire Spring Branch community can celebrate.

(Anderson continued) Anderson's journey reflects what's possible when students are given opportunities to grow and later choose to invest their talents in the community that helped shape them.

In her Life Skills classroom, Anderson works to ensure students with unique learning needs have the resources, relationships and opportunities they need to succeed. During her first year at MMS, her sister, Sydney Shelton, served as a student aide in her classroom, an experience that helped open the door for more students to become involved with Life Skills and experience inclusion firsthand.

Today, Shelton is a Life Skills teacher at Spring Branch Middle School, a full-circle example of how one opportunity can inspire another.

"The students have learned the importance of inclusion and the lasting impact each aide has on my students," Anderson said.

Anderson continues to grow as an educator, inspired and supported by colleagues, students and families.

"The most meaningful opportunity I have encountered is the chance to build genuine, lasting connections with my students and their families," she said. "These connections have not only enriched my career, but they have also deeply shaped who I am as a person and an educator, proving that the heart of SBISD is truly its people."

As SBISD celebrates 80 years of serving students and families, Anderson sees herself as part of a legacy that stretches from the educators who once taught her to the students whose lives she now helps shape.

"Being part of this district means honoring the high standards set by the educators before me, while actively working to make our schools more inclusive, safer and a place where students feel seen, valued and loved by our community," Anderson said.

That commitment reflects SBISD's promise to inspire minds and shape

lives and its T-2-4 vision for Every Child. Delivering on that promise requires employees across the district working together to help every student experience what's possible.

After experiencing SBISD as a student and spending nearly a decade growing here as an educator, Anderson has her own answer to what's possible: "Being part of a community that values Collective Greatness and supports my growth as an educator."

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SHAPED BY SBISD, NOW SHAPING WHAT'S POSSIBLE

What happens when a school district invests in the people and opportunities that help students discover who they can become? Sometimes, they come back. For Katie Redd, the Spring Branch ISD (SBISD) experience has come full circle.

Redd entered SBISD as a fourth grader at Spring Shadows Elementary, later attending Cornerstone Academy and Spring Woods High School.

Today, she is a community engagement coordinator for the district that invested in her. Now, she is choosing SBISD for her own son.

Her journey reflects what's possible here and why, for 80 years, people have remained at the heart of the SBISD experience.

Ask Redd what she remembers most about being an SBISD student, and she points to the people who believed in her. Mark Plunkett, her sixth grade English teacher at Cornerstone Academy, continued mentoring her long after she left his classroom.

"He continued to mentor and support me through middle school and the challenges that come with that," Redd said. "I know he's positively impacted hundreds of students beyond just me."

At Spring Woods, Linda Buchman, now SBISD's associate superintendent of communications and community engagement, served as Redd's Collegiate Challenge mentor and helped her see possibilities beyond high school.

Years later, Redd returned to SBISD as a temporary employee while in college. She joined the district full-time in 2017 and became a community engagement coordinator in 2023.

"The coolest thing about my job is managing programs I benefited from as a student and creating programs that I wish I had," she said.

Redd's experience reflects the purpose behind SBISD's T-2-4 vision: preparing Every Child for success beyond graduation.

Through strong academics, mentoring, career and technical education and other opportunities, SBISD works to give students multiple ways to discover their strengths and prepare for what comes next. For Redd, that investment has come full circle.

(Redd continued)

"I have extremely fond memories of growing up in Spring Branch," she said. "So much so that I came back to work here and am now choosing to raise my son here."

As SBISD celebrates 80 years, Redd's story shows how the impact of a school district can extend well beyond graduation. She began as an SBISD student, returned as an employee and is now helping create opportunities for the next generation.

"For me, the support from the community makes SBISD possible. Because when a community invests in its schools, the impact does not end at graduation. **It comes back.**"

SBISD CELEBRATES 80 YEARS

SBISD is celebrating 80 years of excellence (1946-2026) and the generations of students, staff, families, alumni and community members who made it possible.

Together, their Collective Greatness has built a proud legacy and continues to inspire what's possible for the next generation.

Celebrate with us! Share your favorite SBISD memories and follow along throughout the year as we honor our past and look toward the future.

Learn more: springbranchisd.com/80years

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EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS

For the sixth consecutive year, Spring Branch ISD (SBISD) has been named a District of Distinction by the Texas Art Education Association, recognizing the outstanding visual arts opportunities available to students across our district.

For our community, this recognition is another reason to be proud of SBISD. Strong schools are about more than academics. The people, programs and experiences available to students help them discover their talents, build confidence and explore what's possible for their futures.

At the heart of this recognition are our talented SBISD art educators. Every day, they create opportunities for students to imagine, create, take risks and share their unique perspectives through art.

As we celebrate 80 years of excellence in SBISD, this sixth consecutive honor is another example of the outstanding opportunities our community continues to provide for the next generation.

Congratulations to our art educators and student artists on another year of distinction!



Come inside.

The Guthrie Center

The new home for Career and Technical Education (CTE) in Spring Branch ISD

For more than 50 years, a relatively nondescript building on Hammerly Road was home to something pretty special.

Unless you took a class there, had a student enrolled in a program or worked in Spring Branch ISD (SBISD), you might have driven by without knowing much about what was happening inside, but generations of students knew.

The Guthrie Center was a place to explore an interest, discover a talent and learn from career professionals excited to share their expertise and passion with students. For some, it was a class unlike anything else in their school day. For others, it was where an interest began to look like a future. Today, you cannot miss it.

The new Guthrie Center is bold, modern and purpose-built for what Career and Technical Education (CTE) has become. And just as the building has gone next-level, so has the experience inside.

What made Guthrie special remains: exceptional educators, hands-on learning and opportunities for students to discover what they can do. What has changed is the scale, sophistication and reach of that experience.

Students are learning in spaces designed to reflect the industries they may one day enter, with state-of-the-art medical and dental equipment, a full automotive service center, professional cosmetology and barbering spaces, construction, architecture, an on-site bistro with a commercial kitchen built for real-world food service and much, much more.

These are spaces where students can do more than learn about a profession. They can experience the work, use industry-aligned equipment, solve real problems and begin developing the skills and confidence to succeed beyond high school.



Bigger than a building

The Guthrie Center may be the most visible new symbol of CTE in SBISD, but the story is much bigger than one building.

CTE learning happens across the district, with opportunities available at every SBISD middle and high school. Students can begin exploring interests and career pathways early and continue building their skills as they move through high school.

Students are taking advantage of these opportunities. More than 80 percent of SBISD secondary students take at least one CTE course.

That level of participation is a reflection of the power of SBISD's T-2-4 vision, established more than a decade ago to ensure every student graduates prepared to successfully complete a technical certification or military training, a two-year degree or a four-year degree.

CTE puts that vision into practice. Students have opportunities to explore careers, discover their strengths, build industry-relevant skills and gain real-world experience that helps them see what is possible and make informed decisions about their future.

The Guthrie Center represents the next chapter in that commitment, creating more opportunities for students to discover what they can do, explore what comes next and gain the real-world experiences that prepare them for the future.

Serving students from across SBISD, the center provides access to advanced coursework, specialized equipment and industry-aligned learning that cannot easily be replicated at every campus.

Together with the SBISD Agricultural Science Center, which opened its doors with updated and expanded spaces and programming last year as part of the 2022 Bond Program, the Guthrie Center represents a significant community investment in making sure students are future-ready.

The true return on that investment is not measured in buildings or equipment. It is measured in what students get to experience, learn and accomplish inside them.



Student floral design

Where learning becomes experience

That next level of learning is taking shape through Guthrie Enterprise Services, an expanding model that puts students' skills to work for real customers and gives the community a direct role in their learning.

Students will take orders, serve clients, manage deadlines, solve problems and experience what it means to deliver quality work for someone else. At the Ag Science Center, that is already happening through floral design and pet grooming services available to SBISD staff, families and community members at a reduced cost. Floral Design students are currently taking orders for fall plants and floral subscriptions.

Student pet grooming services

This spring, even more doors will open. Barbering and cosmetology students will begin welcoming clients for salon services at the Guthrie Center, while the student-operated bistro will give culinary arts and hospitality students experience preparing food and serving real guests. In the future.

Guthrie Enterprise Services are expected to expand to include select automotive services in the 2027-2028 academic school year.

A haircut, meal, floral arrangement or pet grooming appointment may be what brings someone through the door, but the learning behind each service is much bigger. These are experiences a textbook cannot replicate. Students are learning to communicate with customers, manage time and resources, solve problems, build trust and deliver a quality product or service.



The new campus is a project of the 2022 Bond Program.
www.springbranchisd.com/2022bond



Students welcome community to a "wonderland of opportunities"

On Sept. 29, SBISD celebrated the grand opening of the Harold D. Guthrie Center for Excellence, giving community members a firsthand look at the state-of-the-art facility and how their investment through the voter-approved 2022 Bond is shaping students' futures.

The celebration began with a VIP reception and formal ceremony, followed by a ribbon cutting and community tours. Across the campus, students demonstrated their skills, shared their aspirations and introduced guests to the professional learning spaces helping them prepare for what comes next.

"What matters most is what will happen inside these walls: students discovering a talent, finding a passion, earning a credential, gaining a skill and seeing a future they may not have imagined for themselves," Superintendent of Schools Dr. Jennifer Blaine said.

"Today isn't just the opening of a building. It's the opening of thousands of possibilities for our students."

Made possible through the voter-approved 2022 Bond, the 219,000+-square-foot facility has capacity to serve 2,200+ students, expanding access to specialized career and technical education (CTE).



For more than a decade, SBISD's T-2-4 vision has focused on preparing Every Child for success through technical certification, military training, or a two- or four-year degree.

Principal Joe Kolenda emphasized the educators who shape the center's new learning spaces. "The design you see here is what the teachers asked for and needed," Kolenda said.

The next chapter is already underway as students use these spaces to learn, create, serve and prepare for their futures.

"Our students realize they have talent, and a passion for what they are doing," he said. "They develop and plan and they work the plan. They succeed."

Don't miss what comes next!

Visit the Guthrie website Enterprise page to learn about floral sales, salon and pet grooming services, the Bistro, upcoming automotive services and more.

www.springbranchisd.com/o/guthriecenter/page/enterprise

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2026-27 SBISD VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Memorial, Northbrook, Spring Woods and Stratford are hitting the field this fall. Save the dates, wear your school colors and come out to support our student-athletes, coaches, bands, cheerleaders, dance teams and everyone who makes game night in SBISD something special.

SCHEDULES: Memorial, Northbrook, Spring Woods and Stratford are ready to take the field. Find your team's games below and make plans to join us this fall.

Tickets and Game-Day Information

Visit the SBISD Athletics website for the latest schedules, venue information and ticket details.

GoFan Ticket Options

- Purchase tickets online
- Download the GoFan app for ticket purchases
- Order a General Athletics Punch Card
- Request a Star Card for SBISD residents ages 65 and older

www.springbranchisd.com/athletics

New: Neptune GameTime

SBISD Athletics has partnered with Neptune GameTime to elevate the game-day atmosphere at SBISD sports venues. Neptune GameTime provides 100% family-friendly, lyric-safe music, allowing SBISD to mix clean hit music with district announcements, local sponsorships and special walk-up tracks for our student-athletes. **We hope you enjoy this new game experience!**

Livestreaming/Game Coverage

SBISD Athletics partners with Texan Live for livestreaming and coverage of select athletic events. (on the Athletics website) When Texan Live is not streaming, Hudl is available to fans on the SBISD Athletics website. Download the Hudl Fan App and follow your school throughout the season.

September

- 9.12 | Northbrook vs. Sharpstown | Butler Stadium | 6 p.m.
- 9.17 | Memorial vs. Alief Hastings | Tully Stadium | 6:30 p.m.
- 9.18 | Northbrook vs. Houston Chavez | Tully Stadium | 7 p.m.*
- 9.25 | Memorial vs. Stratford | Tully Stadium | 7 p.m.
- 9.25 | Spring Woods vs. Huntsville | Hornet Stadium | 7 p.m.
- 9.26 | Northbrook vs. Houston Westbury | Butler Stadium | 6 p.m.

October

- 10.2 | Spring Woods vs. Splendora | Tully Stadium | 7 p.m.*
- 10.2 | Stratford vs. Westside | Butler Stadium | 7 p.m.
- 10.8 | Memorial vs. Westside | Tully Stadium | 7 p.m.
- 10.9 | Northbrook vs. Houston Waltrip | Tully Stadium | 7 p.m.
- 10.9 | Spring Woods vs. Montgomery | Montgomery Stadium | 7 p.m.
- 10.10 | Stratford vs. Alief Taylor | Tully Stadium | 6 p.m.
- 10.15 | Northbrook vs. Houston Wisdom | Butler Stadium | 7 p.m.
- 10.16 | Memorial vs. Alief Taylor | Crump Stadium | 7 p.m.
- 10.16 | Spring Woods vs. Kingwood Park | Turner Stadium | 7 p.m.
- 10.16 | Stratford vs. Houston Lamar | Delmar Stadium | 7:30 p.m.
- 10.22 | Spring Woods vs. Lake Creek | Tully Stadium | 7 p.m.
- 10.23 | Memorial vs. Houston Lamar | Tully Stadium | 7 p.m.*
- 10.24 | Northbrook vs. Houston Madison | Tully Stadium | 11 a.m.
- 10.24 | Stratford vs. Houston Heights | Tully Stadium | 6 p.m.
- 10.29 | Spring Woods vs. West Fork | R. Reed Stadium | 7 p.m.
- 10.30 | Memorial vs. Houston Heights | Delmar Stadium | 7:30 p.m.
- 10.30 | Northbrook vs. Houston Milby | Barnett Stadium | 7 p.m.
- 10.30 | Stratford vs. Alief Elisik | Crump Stadium | 7 p.m.

November

- 11.5 | Northbrook vs. Houston Math & Science, 7 p.m. at Tully Stadium
- 11.6 | Stratford vs. Bellaire, 7 p.m. at Tully Stadium (Homecoming)
- 11.7 | Spring Woods vs. Porter, 11 a.m. at Tully Stadium
- 11.7 | Memorial vs. Alief Elisik, 6 p.m. at Tully Stadium

*Homecoming

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SBISD STUDENTS RECOGNIZED BY ABC13 AND CITGO

Five Spring Branch ISD (SBISD) students have been recognized by CITGO and ABC13 as CITGO Distinguished Scholars for their outstanding achievements in academics, leadership, service, STEM, Career and Technical Education and the arts.

This recognition, which includes a \$5,000 scholarship for each student, is especially meaningful, because it celebrates the many ways students excel, from pursuing technical and STEM pathways to demonstrating leadership, serving others and shining through the arts.

Each student represents what is possible when talent, determination and opportunity come together.

Congratulations to these outstanding SBISD students:

- **Andrew Jesus Hernandez**, Northbrook High School — Career and Technical Education
- **Olivia Marie Ceraudo**, Stratford High School — STEM
- **Maria Ledezma**, Westchester Academy for International Studies — Beating the Odds
- **Adam Emran El-Badawi**, Westchester Academy for International Studies — Performing and Fine Arts
- **Miguel Angel Garcia**, Westchester Academy for International Studies — Service and/or Leadership

We are grateful to ABC13 and CITGO for investing in students and creating opportunities to recognize their accomplishments.

Partnerships like these help shine a spotlight on young people, celebrate the many pathways to success and reinforce the importance of supporting the next generation of leaders.



SPRING BRANCH ISD

Be a Reading Buddy. 30 minutes a week.

Read with a second-grade student.
Help build skills, confidence and connection.

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BRIGHT LIKE LUCY LAB OPENS AT MEMORIAL DRIVE ELEMENTARY

Memorial Drive Elementary (MDE) celebrated the opening of Lucy's Lab in August, with a special ribbon-cutting, bringing together students, staff, families and supporters of the Bright Like Lucy Foundation.

The new hands-on STEM learning space is designed for students in pre-K through fifth grade, providing opportunities to explore, create, collaborate and build confidence through innovative STEM experiences.

Memorial Drive Elementary is the founding location of Lucy's Lab, with the space envisioned as a place where curiosity and creativity can thrive for generations to come.

Lucy's Lab was created by the Bright Like Lucy Foundation, established by Lisa and Brandt Dillon in honor of their daughter, Lucy Dillon, who was a student at MDE.

The Houston-based nonprofit supports children's education, STEM and STEAM programs, athletic scholarships and animal welfare initiatives, carrying forward the interests and spirit that made Lucy shine.

Lucy was 8 years old when she tragically lost her life during the July 4, 2025, Texas Hill Country floods.

Through Lucy's Lab, her legacy now has a special home at her school, inspiring other children to remain curious, confident and bright.



Raiders make history #SBISDPossible

Stafford named Houston Texans Coach of the Week

Northbrook football is making history, snapping a 59-game district losing streak and earning head coach Demond Stafford **Houston Texans Coach of the Week** honors this fall. Built on accountability, trust and resilience, the Raiders' success reflects a commitment to developing young men prepared to succeed on the field and beyond.

STAR CARD

STAR Cards are distributed free-of-charge to citizens 65-and-older who reside in SBISD. It's our way of saying "Thanks!" for all you've done, and continue to do to support our district.

Benefits include:

- ★ Free admission to SBISD regular season "home game" athletic events (playoffs not included).
- ★ Free admission to student performances (some seats are limited and advance ticket pick-up may be required)



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