



YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
 SAN ANTONIO ISD
College Preparatory, Leadership Development, Health and Wellness
2123 W. Huisache Avenue
210-438-6525



Dear Cardinal Family,

This is an exciting year for YWLA! We have completed our 10th year and we are celebrating this year with our Power of 10 theme. We will ask you and our students to realize the potential impact each one of us can have when we team up for a cause. If you join together with nine other parents and commit to doing 10 kind acts for teachers; or donate \$10 each to a community cause; or each ask 10 friends or family members to donate 10 packs of copy paper to our school--you will make a great positive difference.

Our Class of 2019, will be our sixth full cohort to graduate this upcoming June, 2019. They and their families have much to celebrate. We are thrilled to inform you that YWLA has received all of TEA's distinctions -- 7 out of 7--for our STAAR/EOC performance. Additionally, I want to share that we had increases in our AP course qualifying scores--and most notably we increased from 21 AP Scholars to 41 AP Scholars and an additional 67 AP Recognized for attaining a qualifying score on a minimum of one AP Exam. . All of this is possible because of the incredibly dedicated, hand-picked teachers who commit to doing whatever it takes for your daughter(s) to experience personal and academic success.

I am very proud to announce that because of our success as a secondary college prep academy, we will replicating our model with an elementary all girls school in SAISD! More news will be coming to you in the near future. For now, mark your calendars for Saturday, January 5th, 2019--we will have our 10 Year Anniversary celebration and we want all of you to join us! Happy 2018 - 19--Let's work together to make it another great year for all!

Absences Parent Note

It is important that we have quality communication between administration, faculty, staff, students and parents here at YWLA. If your student is absent or going to be tardy, we ask that you please notify the school by contacting the attendance office. 210-438-6525 Ext. 72305 If you have any concerns or question regarding your student, please feel to contact the school.

ATTENDANCE REMINDER

Student attendance is critical to the success of our young women. We understand that sometimes students are ill and cannot attend school that day or have appointments and need to leave early or come late. However, we ask that parents pay close attention to their daughter's attendance and try to schedule appointments outside of school hours. State law requires that students be in attendance a minimum of 90% of the days in each semester. YWLA encourages 98%. If your daughter misses more than 4 days from any one class (even if they are excused absences) during any semester, she is in jeopardy of losing credit for that course if the hours are not recovered.

PSAT and SAT Exam

Wednesday, October 10, 2018 -
10th - 12th grade

Wednesday, October 17, 2018 -
6th - 9th grade

MANDATORY for All 6th - 11th grade
Seniors will be taking the SAT Exam.

Please do not schedule any appointments (excused or unexcused) on this day.

Parent Walk and Talk Scavenger Hunt

Friday, September 14, 2018 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Great opportunity to talk with other parents while walking the campus.

OPEN HOUSE

September 19, 2018 5:45 pm



Please bring your daughter's class schedule. You will be rotating through periods as you learn about each teacher's expectations.



YWLA School Photos

Monday, September 17, 2018
Full Dress including YWLA Cardigan and Tie

World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser

Money for the World's Finest Chocolate fundraiser is due by October 4, 2018. We still have boxes to sell so don't forget prize money will be awarded to our top three sellers. Please see Mrs. De Hoyos in Room 108 for more information.



Parent Meetings

Meeting	Date	Time	Location
Kym's Kids Orientation	September 10, 2018	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Library
Class of 2019	September 13, 2018	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Library
Mandatory Junior Parent Night	September 18, 2018	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Auditorium
Class of 2023	September 17, 2018	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Library
PTSA Meeting	September 19, 2018	5:30 pm - 6:00 pm	Auditorium
Class of 2022	September 20, 2018	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Library
Athletic Booster Club	September 26, 2018	5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Cafeteria
Class of 2021	September 26, 2018	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Library
Class of 2020	October 3, 2018	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Library

Don't forget to bring your parent passport!

Senior Ring Ceremony

September 26, 2018

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

YWLA Auditorium

All welcome to attend.



Cardinal Senate Induction Ceremony September 27, 2018
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
YWLA Library

Progress Reports/Report Cards

Progress Reports
September 5 & September 25

Report Cards
October 17, 2018

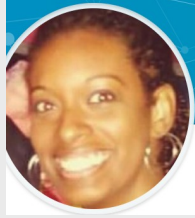
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Es norma del distrito de San Antonio no discriminar por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, identidad de género, expresión de género, orientación sexual o discapacidad, en sus programas, servicios o actividades vocacionales, tal como lo requieren el Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964, según enmienda; el Título IX de las Enmiendas en la Educación, de 1972, la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmienda, y las pólizas DIA, FFH, y FFI de la mesa directiva de SAISD.

Welcome new YWLA Faculty/Staff and Administration

Andre'a Pitts

Andrea Pitts, graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in Tyler, Texas. Andrea attended Tyler Junior College and earned an Associate's Degree in University Studies. Andrea relocated to San Antonio to attend the University of Texas at San Antonio, where she contributed photos to the campus newspaper and was a member of a social issues theater group. In 2009, Andrea earned a Bachelor's Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from UTSA. As a teacher in SAISD, Andrea taught 2nd, and 3rd grade and served as Reading Cadre and Math Trainer of Trainers for her campus. In 2014, Andrea earned her Master's Degree in School Counseling from Lamar University. As a member of the SAISD family for 8 years Andrea gained experience as an Instructional Assistant, Teacher, Counselor, Assistant Principal, and currently an Associate Principal.



Dr. Cassandra Vara

Originally from Laredo, Texas, Dr. Cassandra Vara joins the Cardinal family as the Senior Coordinator of Operations. Dr. Vara earned a Bachelor of Arts in English/Communication Arts from St. Mary's University before becoming a secondary English teacher in SAISD. In 2014, Dr. Vara earned a Master of Education degree in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies from the University of Texas at San Antonio, where she was a member of the Urban School Leaders Collaborative. In May of 2018, Dr. Vara graduated with a Doctor of Education in Educational Administration from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor. Her dissertation focused on the education of Mexican-American girls growing up in South Texas and the factors that help them achieve college success. An SAISD educator for six years, Dr. Vara is passionate about providing all students with the opportunity to reach their college dreams.



Ariana Azimi

Ms. Azimi has a government degree from the University of Texas at Austin. She is looking forward to a great year with the 7th graders as they learn Texas History. In addition to working with the 7th graders, Ms. Azimi is also teaching 6th grade AVID. Ms. Azimi is a Houston native that could not be happier to join the YWLA community.



Leticia McNeil

My name is Leticia McNeil, and I teach 6th grade Social Studies. I graduated from Tarleton State University with a Bachelors of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies with a Major in Education and Minor in P.E. I have 26 Years of Experience. I taught 2 Years of Elementary PE and then moved to Middle School. I coached and taught ELA 6th - 8th grade at Cooper MS from '85-'09. I then transferred to Tafolla MS from '09-'18. There I taught ELA 6th and 8th grade and 6th grade Social Studies. I am originally from Port Isabel, TX 3 miles from the coast, So. Padre Island but now live in Devine TX. I am married to Leon McNeil who coaches at San Antonio Academy and have one son, LeeCharles McNeil. He attends St. Mary's Hall HS. My husband and I are founders of City Kids Adventures an outdoor mentoring program for inner-city youth since 1995. I have a passion for working with kids in and out of the school environment especially in the outdoors.



Lauren Bunce

Lauren Bunce has been an avid reader and writer for as long as she can remember, and she is driven to promote not only students' critical thinking and creative writing skills, but also their engagement in and love of stories. Ms. Bunce is originally from Miami, Florida, and she graduated from Duke University with a B.A. in English and Gender, Sexuality, and Feminist Studies. Her most recent teaching experience was at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, where she consulted both undergraduate and graduate students on their writing. She has also taught in Hot Springs, North Carolina, where she conducted literature circles and a digital storytelling program for girls in grades 6-9. Ms. Bunce is thrilled and honored to join YWLA, where she has found tremendous enthusiasm for learning and love of community.



Debra Luna

It is my honor to become part of the YWLA family. I am ecstatic and filled with such emotion when I hear the wonderful stories that your young ladies have accomplished. I studied Biology at the University of Texas at San Antonio and graduated from The University of the Incarnate Word where I obtained my Bachelor's of Science in Nursing degree. I have twenty years of experience in pediatric nursing. A native of Del Rio, Texas, I decided to stay in San Antonio after graduation and call it home. I began my career at Christus Santa Rosa's Pediatric ICU, now known as Children's Hospital. After working nights in the ICU, I decided that it was time to share my nursing skill and talent with SAISD where I started in 2001. I worked at 3 different schools for 12 years. In 2013, I could not pass up an offer that would open doors for my children. I decided to work as the School Health Administrator at the San Antonio Academy of Texas, a private military school for young men. I am proud of my two young men who are receiving their primary and upper school education from SAA. After 5 years at the Academy, I was eager to come back to SAISD and continue to serve my prior students and community. The exhilaration I feel for the new year is filled with the passion I have for working with students and making a difference in their lives. I welcome you to come meet me and please let me know how I can be of help to your daughter.



Erika Lara

Mrs. Lara is from El Paso TX. She attended the University of Texas at El Paso, she has a bachelor's degree in Spanish and a master's degree in school administration. Mrs. Lara worked in NISD for 6 years. She is happy to be joining the YWLA family. It is going to be a great year.



Joy Scrivener

I am very excited about bringing AP Psychology to YWLA. This is my 10th year to teach it, and it has always been one of my favorite classes to teach! I am a graduate of the University of Oklahoma with degrees in Psychology and English Literature and Education. I also have a master's degree in Education from Lamar University. In addition to teaching AP Psychology, I have taught AP Literature and AP Seminar. I am a College Board consultant, which means that I get to spend my summers working with teachers who will be teaching AP classes. Before coming to SAISD I was with Harmony Public Schools, and prior to that I was with Northside ISD, where I was Middle School Teacher of the Year. When I am not working, I am with my husband and three children.



Student Name: _____ **SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER** PREP Teacher _____

This must be returned to your Prep teacher by 9/12/18 for a grade. If it is not returned, you will receive a grade of 50.

Student Signature: _____ Parent Signature: _____

YWLA Science Fair: December 1, 2018

Due Date	Assignment	Description
September 4-September 14	Student time to work on their Research plan	Student working on putting together their research plan. In class time will be provided on September 8 th and September 15, however any unfinished sections MUST be completed outside of class hours.
September 7, 2018 Data Table	Data collection table workshop	The student will create a Data Table to be used for data collection
September 18-19, 2018 Research Plan	*Research Plan and SRC Paper-work is Due	The student must turn in a TYPED research plan, which they will save and keep so that it can be used as part of the final science fair report. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE RESEARCH PLAN IS SAVED. The research plan must include the following: 1) Research Question, 2) Hypothesis, 3) Experimental design (refer to handout) 4) Materials, 5) Procedure, 6) Explanation for how the Data will be analyzed, 7) Bibliography (5 sources minimum and in the correct format MLA or APA).
September 19-October 19	Project work-time	At this the student will be working and completing their science fair project. The due date for the COMPLETED PowerPoint is November 1-2
September 19-20, 2018 Article One is Due	Article one is Due *Print-out 1 st Article related to Science fair topic. Write up a summary using CER and following the example, you were given.	The student will find an article that relates to the topic that they are doing for science fair. This article is for the purpose of educating the student on the topic and preparing them to answer questions from the judges. The student is to write a one-page summary using the example for a guide and the CER method to answer the following questions: 1. How does this article relate to my science fair project? 2. What does this article teach me about my science fair topic?
September 28, 2018 Data Collection CHECK	*Data collection check. STUDENTS SHOULD HAVE COLLECTED DATA AS THEY SHOULD BE STARTED ON THEIR EXPERIMENTS.	You will collect your raw data for your experiment, and you need a minimum of 10 trials completed and organized. This data will be collected in your Science fair spiral which was part of your school supply list. (Depending on the nature of the experiment you may not be able to collect 10 trials. Speak with your teacher to determine this)
October 19, 2018 Data analysis and conclusion	Science fair PowerPoint Workshop (in-class)	Students will use this time to convert their electronic copy into a PowerPoint, which will include their data, data analysis, and conclusion. An example of what the PowerPoint should look like, will be provided. Any work not completed must be done outside of class time.
October 23-24, 2018 Final Data Collection check	*ALL DATA must be collected and completed Minimum of 10 trials	You will collect your raw data for your experiment, a minimum of 10 trials completed and organized. This data will be collected in your Science fair spiral which was part of your school supply list. (Depending on the nature of the experiment you may not be able to collect 10 trials. You will need to speak with your teacher to determine this)
October 26, 2018 Article Two	Article two is Due	PLEASE SEE THE INSTRUCTION ABOVE FOR ARTICLE ONE
October 26, 2018 Practical apps and Future expansions	Science fair PowerPoint Workshop	Students will use this time to convert their electronic copy into a PowerPoint, which will include their data, data analysis, and conclusion. An example of what the PowerPoint should look like, will be provided. Any work not completed must be done outside of class time.
October 31- November 1, 2018	*Science Fair Power Point (6 slides per page)	See Hand-out for how to write a Science Fair PowerPoint
November 14-16, 2018 PowerPoint corrections	Corrections and resubmissions of Science Fair Power Point printout	Students will use this time to make corrections to their PowerPoints for full credit. If student does not make the necessary corrections, the original grade will become the final grade. Students must submit the original PowerPoint with the corrections and the new PowerPoint printout, to receive a new grade.
November 16 th	*Corrected PowerPoint is due	Students must submit the original PowerPoint with the corrections and the new PowerPoint printout, to receive a new grade.
November 16, 2018 Article Three	Article three is Due	PLEASE SEE THE INSTRUCTION ABOVE FOR ARTICLE ONE
November 5-16	*Presentation practice	Students must present at least once to Ms. Harris. Sign-up times will be outside her classroom.
November 26-30, 2018	Practice presentation	A grade will be taken for 2nd period Advisory
December 1, 2018** (Saturday)	* YWLA Science Fair	You will present to judges and the finalists for regional will be chosen the following Monday 12/04/2017. Come prepared to present again.

History Fair

Part of Project Due	Date it is Due
Research Analysis Checkpoint 2	September 24 th , 2018
Rough Draft	October 12 th , 2018
Final Project	November 2 nd , 2018

Upcoming Holidays

September 21, 2018
Student Holiday/Teacher Work Day

October 8, 2018
Columbus Day Holiday

YWLA College Center News

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12th Grade Students:

The Gates Scholarship -

Phase 1 of The Gates Scholarship Application is now open. The application closes September 18, 2018. Apply today by visiting www.thegatesscholarship.org

The Gates Scholarship - is a highly selective, full scholarship for Pell-eligible, high school seniors. Scholars will receive funding for the full cost of attendance that is not already covered by other financial aid and the expected family contribution, as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Eligibility Requirements: A high school senior, Pell-eligible, A US citizen (national or permanent resident), A minimum cumulative weighed GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale, From one of the following ethnicities: African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian/Pacific Islander American, Hispanic American.



Senior Overnight Trip

All Seniors will attend an overnight trip on September 13th - September 14th. They will tour Texas State University, Southwestern University, Texas A&M University in College Station, and Texas Lutheran University.

8-12th Grade Students

Did you know there is an organization in San Antonio that offers scholarship money from the time you are an 8th grader? Kym's Kids is a scholarship program that engages youths in the community through volunteering. If you qualify, you are eligible to attain scholarship money every year while working on your service hours. You can start as early as the 8th grade and continue into college. If you are interested please check out the website listed below, print out your application, and attend one of the orientations listed. Once completed you and a parent **MUST** attend a Kym's Kids orientation session on either Monday September 10th or Thursday, October 11th at YWLA in the library from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm



Kym's Kids Link: <http://www.kymskidssa.org/>

On the website, scroll down and click on "Become a Kym's Kid," complete application and bring with you on the day of orientation.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9	10 Senior Photos 8:30 am Kym's Kids Orientation Library 6:00 pm Class of 2023 Executive Board Meeting 6:00 pm	11 HS VB @ Providence JV: 5:30 pm Varsity: 7:00 pm	12	13 Senior Overnight College Trip Amherst College 11:30 am College Ctr. Class of 2019 Parent Meeting Library 6:00 pm MS VB vs. Whittier 5:30 pm/6:30 pm 7th: AW 8th: HM	14 Senior Overnight College Trip Parent Walk/Talk Scavenger Hunt Library 6:30 pm HS VB @ Hondo Freshmen: 6:30 pm JV: 6:30 pm Varsity: 5:30 pm	15 All State Choir Workshop 9:00 am TLU
16	17 School Photos Carleton College 11:30 am College Ctr. Notre Dame 11:30 am Library Class of 2023 Parent Meeting Library 6:00 pm MS VB White Team vs. Tafolla 5:30 pm	18 Science Fair Research Plan and SRC paperwork due Loyola University 11:30 am College Ctr. Mandatory Junior Parent Night Library 6:00 pm HS VB @ FEAST JV: 5:00 pm Varsity: 6:00 pm	19 Drexel University 11:30 am College Ctr. Providence College 11:30 am Library PTSA Meeting 5:30 pm Library Open House 5:45 pm - 7:45 pm Auditorium and Classrooms	20 Austin College 11:30 am College Ctr. Class of 2022 Parent Meeting 6:00 pm Library MS VB 5:30 pm/6:30 pm 7th vs. Irving - HM 8th vs. Harris - AW	21 Student Holiday Staff Development	22
23	24 History Fair Research Analysis Checkpoint 2 Centre College 11:30 am Library Tufts University 11:30 am College Ctr.	25 Dartmouth College 11:30 am Library St. Mary's University 11:30 am Library HS VB @ Highlands Freshmen: 5:30 pm JV: 5:30 pm Varsity: 6:30 pm Progress Reports	26 Kenyon College 11:30 am College Ctr. Agnes Scott College 11:30 am College Ctr. Athletic Booster Club Meeting 5:30 pm Cafeteria Class of 2021 Parent Meeting 6pm Senior Ring Ceremony 6:30 pm YWLA Auditorium	27 University of Miami 11:30 am Library Worcester Polytech Institute 11:30 am College Ctr. Cardinal Senate Induction Ceremony 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Library MS VB vs. Davis 5:30 pm/6:30 pm 7th: HM 8th: AW	28 YWLA Club Fair HS VB vs. Jefferson @ Twain Freshmen: 5:00pm JV: 6:00 pm Varsity: 7:00 pm	29
30	1 October MS VB white Team vs. Harris 5:30 pm	2 Northeastern Univ. 11:30 am College Ctr. HS VB @ Sam Houston Freshmen: 5:30 pm JV: 5:30 pm Varsity: 6:30 pm	3 Brown Univ. 11:30 am Library Night School AP US Hist. 4pm Class of 2020 Parent Meeting 6:00 pm Library	4 MS VB vs. Rogers 5:30 pm/6:30 pm 7th: AW 8th: HM	5 Willamette University 10:00 am College Ctr.	6 MS VB Tournament
*Calendar dates are subject to change						

2018 - 2019 Attendance Incentives

1st and 4th 9 Weeks: Students with perfect attendance during the 1st and 4th nine weeks, will receive an ice cream/sherbet station party with all the toppings (no peanuts).

2nd and 3rd 9 Weeks Drawing: Students with perfect attendance during 2nd and 3rd nine weeks will receive a certificate from the Rampage Ice Hockey team that will grant the student and one guest entry to a Rampage game.

Monthly Contest: At the end of each month YWLA will hold a contest for the 2nd/7th period class with the best attendance rate. The winning teacher will receive a gift card and the class will be treated to a donut party.

1st Semester CCR Rampage Game: All students with perfect attendance for the 1st semester will attend San Antonio's Rampage College and Career Readiness day at the AT&T Ctr.

May the Best Grade Win! At the end of the year, the Middle School and High School grade level with the highest overall attendance rate will win a trip for their entire grade! **MS - Main Event, HS - Fiesta Texas**

YWLA Parent Passport 2018-2019

A minimum of 10 parent volunteer hours per academic year, 1 hour per month or donations equivalent to 10 hours (\$10.00 = 1 hr.) Parents are to complete at least 5 hrs./semester
1st semester hours due December 21, 2018 and 2nd semester hours due - April 30, 2019
Parents who complete all 10 hours 1st semester are **not** required to complete an additional 5 hours 2nd semester. Please contact Mr. D. Hinojosa if you have any questions about your parent hours. dhinojosa1@saisd.net (210) 438-6525 ext: 72328




Middle School Tutorials

- Ms. Fowle (6th ELA)- Tues 4:00-5:30
- Mrs. Rodgers (6th Math)- Wed Morning 7:45-8:20 & Wed Afternoon 3:45-5:15
- Dr. Richbourg (6th Science) – Tues. & Wed 3:45 – 5:00
- Mrs. McNeil- (6th SS)- Tues. 4:00- 5:00 or mornings by appointment only
- Ms. Berdecio- (6th /7th Science)-Mon and Wed 3:45-4:45pm.
- Ms. Hale (7th ELA)- Monday-Wednesday 3:45-5:15 pm.
- Ms. Aguilera (7th Math)- Mon. Tues. Wed. 3:45-5:30
- Ms. Azimi (7th Social Studies) -- Tues 3:45 – 5:30
- Ms. Cozart (8th Social Studies) – Mon thru Wed. 3:45-5:45
- Ms. Harris- (8th Science)- Mon. Tues. & Thurs. 3:45-5:30 (other days may be available upon request)
- Mrs. Longoria (8th Math)- Mon and Wed 4-5pm (other days of the week may be available upon request)
- Mrs. Muerrell- (8th ELA)- After school Tues – Thurs 3:45 – 5pm and Mornings Wed – Fri 7:40am – 8:25am
- Ms. Gonzales- (Algebra)- Tues. 4-5 (Available other days as well)
- Sra Lara (Spanish) - Monday through Thursday 3:45-5:00
- Srta. Marks- (Spanish)- Wed and Thurs after school, please communicate with me.
- Ms. Schultz – (Art) Studio hours Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, from 3:45-5:30pm



Don't wait to be invited!
Schedule it in your planner &
get the help you need.

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Math

Other times may be
available. ASK FOR AN
APPOINTMENT!