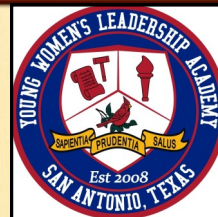




**YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**  
 SAN ANTONIO ISD  
*College Preparatory, Leadership Development, Health and Wellness*  
 2123 W. Huisache Avenue  
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## YWLA Barnes and Noble Book Fair

Come join us for our Annual YWLA Barnes and Noble Book Fair

**Sunday, December 9, 2018 12pm - 4pm**

Barnes and Noble  
 321 NW Loop 410, Unit 104  
 SA, TX 78216



Proceeds of your purchases will go to our school.

Performances will be scheduled throughout the day from some of our wonderful YWLA students.

## YWLA Celebrating 10 years of Academic Excellence



**Saturday, January 5, 2019**

**4:00 pm - 6:00 pm YWLA**

All YWLA Families and Alumni welcome

Food Trucks, Music, Games, Family Fun!

***First 50 families to receive anniversary gifts!***

## Tri M National Music Honor Society



Induction Ceremony  
 January 30, 2019  
 6:00 pm Auditorium



## Poetry Readings - Black History Month

February 1, 2018  
 6:00 pm Library



## Health and Wellness

### Simple toys over high-tech gadgets

A new report by the American Academy of Pediatrics suggests that heavy use of electronic media could actually interfere with children's speech and language development - and even lead to obesity. Dr. Alan Mendelsohn, a pediatrician at NYU Langone Health in New York and co-author of the study, explained that while many parents feel pressured by ads promoting tablet-based toys and games - the best toys for toddlers are old-fashioned hands-on playthings like blocks and puzzles which spark imagination and creativity. Studies say more than 90% of U.S. kids have used mobile devices and most started using them before age one. *Washington Post*

## In Memory of YWLA Dance Teacher Kelly Hawkins

*"You can shed tears that she is gone,  
 or you can smile because she has lived.  
 You can close your eyes and pray that she'll come back,  
 or you can open your eyes and see all she's left.  
 Your heart can be empty because you can't see her,  
 or you can be full of the love you shared.  
 You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,  
 or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.  
 You can remember her only that she is gone,  
 or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.  
 You can cry and close your mind,  
 be empty and turn your back.  
 Or you can do what she'd want:  
 smile, open your eyes, love and go on."*

—David Harkins



## YWLA Parent Passport 2018-2019

Parents are asked to complete 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 hours per semester.

The deadline for 1st semester hours is due **Friday, December 21, 2018**. Please turn them in to Mr. D. Hinojosa. Parents will be given a 2nd semester passport to be submitted by Tuesday, April 30, 2019.

Parents who complete all 10 hours during the 1st semester are not required to complete an additional 5 hours 2nd semester. Please contact Mr. D. Hinojosa if you have any questions. [dhinojosal@saisd.net](mailto:dhinojosal@saisd.net) (210) 438-6525 ext: 72328

## Parent Meetings

| Meeting               | Date              | Time              | Location   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Class of 2020         | December 5, 2018  | 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm | Library    |
| Class of 2025         | December 12, 2018 | 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm | Library    |
| Class of 2019         | December 13, 2018 | 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm | Library    |
| Class of 2024         | December 13, 2018 | 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm | Auditorium |
| Class of 2023         | December 17, 2018 | 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm | Library    |
| Class of 2021         | December 19, 2018 | 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm | Cafeteria  |
| Class of 2022         | December 20, 2018 | 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm | Library    |
| Class of 2024         | January 9, 2019   | 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm | Library    |
| Class of 2019         | January 10, 2019  | 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm | Library    |
| Class of 2023         | January 14, 2019  | 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm | Library    |
| Class of 2022         | January 17, 2019  | 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm | Library    |
| Athletic Booster Club | January 23, 2019  | 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm | Library    |
| Class of 2021         | January 30, 2019  | 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm | Library    |

**Don't forget to bring your parent passports**

It is the policy of San Antonio ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation or disability in its vocational programs, services or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and SAISD's board policies DIA, FFH, and FFI.

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.

## YWLA College Center News

Vanessa Lora (210) 438-6525 ext: 72332 [vescobedo3@saisd.net](mailto:vescobedo3@saisd.net)

**Senior College Applications:** The Class of 2019 is doing a wonderful job with college applications. This group of young ladies has submitted over 425 applications to 135 universities across the United States. We won't hear back from some of the Universities until Early Spring of 2019.

Several of our students have already been accepted to the following Universities: St. Mary's University, Our Lady of the Lake University, Sam Houston State University, University of the Incarnate Word, Iowa State University, Texas Lutheran University, University of North Texas, St. Edward's University, Our Lady of the Lake University, Texas Tech University, Texas A&M University, Kingsville, Missouri University of Science and Technology, Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi, University of Central Florida, University of Mary-Hardin Baylor, De Paul University, and the University of Houston. We are excited to hear the acceptances as they start to trickle in. Please remind your daughter's to bring in their acceptance and scholarship letters.

Please be sure that your daughter's FAFSA and CSS Profiles are complete. If you were selected for FAFSA Verification you should first read any messages from the Department of Education appearing on the Student Aid Report. You can contact the university's Financial Aid Dept. as well. If you completed the CSS profile make sure you follow up with the IDOC process as well. Please see Mrs. Galvan or Mrs. Lora if you have any questions.

**Scholarships:** Seniors are getting scholarship updates via emails so please encourage your daughters to check their emails regularly and start working on them.

Quest Bridge: A group of five of our very own YWLA Seniors are among the few high school students nationwide who were selected as Quest Bridge Finalists. They are Alyssa A., Emily G., Angie G., Giselle R., and Emily R. Angie G. was matched with Washington and Lee University! Congratulations Ladies on the hard work!

**Senior Parent Reminder:** Please make sure your daughter has her Meningitis Vaccine up to date so she is allowed to register for college classes.

**Junior, sophomore, and Freshman Parents:** It is never too early to start preparing for the SAT. Your daughter can utilize resources such as an SAT Study Guide or Khan Academy for SAT tutorials. The Khan Academy website is: [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org)

## Counselor Notes

Ashley Cash [acash1@saisd.net](mailto:acash1@saisd.net) (210) 438-6525 ext:72309 - High School  
 Angeles Coss [acoss1@saisd.net](mailto:acoss1@saisd.net) (210) 438-6525 ext:72302 - Middle School

### 2019-2020 Course Slips

Even though the first semester is still in session, we are already beginning to plan our course offerings for next school year. Ms. Coss and I will be visiting with students during the first full week of December in order to review the course slips for their grade level. Please keep an eye out for these forms because they do require a parent signature. I encourage you to have a conversation with your child about their goals for next school year and the reality of what they can manage in their schedule. For example, if you know your child needs to have a study hall class in order to stay on top of homework and manage all of the extracurricular demands on her time, make sure she chooses "Academic Mentoring" as one of her course options. Please feel free to contact our office with any questions you have about scheduling or graduation credits.

### 8th Grade Parent/Student Advisement Conferences

Conferences have already begun for 8th graders and their parents. If you have not scheduled a conference with our office, please email Ms. Coss at [acoss1@saisd.net](mailto:acoss1@saisd.net) as soon as possible so that we can get you on the calendar. During the conference, we will review your child's career interest inventory results, look at 4-year high school plan options, choose a high school endorsement (pathway), and complete the choice slip for incoming 9th graders! Conference times are available throughout the day.

### Middle School Applications for UTSA PREP Program

The PREP summer program identifies middle and high school students who have an interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). It also helps prepare those students for success in advanced studies and careers by providing a challenging academic program that emphasizes the development of abstract reasoning and problem-solving skills. YWLA is requiring all 6th graders to apply to the PREP program (It will be optional for 7th and 8th graders). All applications will be online and we will be guiding the students through the application during advisory classes. San Antonio PREP will hold a PREP Parent/Guardian Information Sessions on Monday, January 7th at the Encino Library for any parent who would like to receive additional information about the program.

## Night School

| Date            | Subject/Course           | Time         | Location                     |
|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| December 13     | AP World History         | 4pm - 7pm    | 216-Hartman                  |
| January 28 & 29 | 8th grade Science and SS | 5:30pm - 7pm | 130 - Harris<br>131 - Cozart |

## Saturday School

| Date       | Subject/Course       | Time      | Location     |
|------------|----------------------|-----------|--------------|
| January 12 | 8th Grade US History | 8am - 3pm | 131 - Cozart |

### Winter Choir Concert

Tuesday, December 11, 2018  
 6:00 pm Doors open at 5:30 pm  
 YWLA Auditorium  
 Admission: Free, please donate cans for the Food Pantry canned food drive.  
 Carnations available for purchase \$3.00/1 or \$5.00/2



### Winter Dance Show

Friday, February 1, 2019  
 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm  
 YWLA Auditorium  
 Admission: Donations of blankets and coats  
 You must bring at least one donated item to enter the show. All donations will be sent to the Battered Women's & Children Shelter and Haven for Hope.

### 1st Semester Exam

| Date              | Period        |
|-------------------|---------------|
| December 17, 2018 | 1st, 2nd, 4th |
| December 18, 2018 | 5th, 6th, 7th |
| December 19, 2018 | 8th, 9th, 3rd |

Amended Schedules on Exam Days including lunch times

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ **December and January NEWSLETTER** PREP Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

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

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



# YWLA Science Fair Winners

|                   | 6th grade       | 7th grade            | 8th grade               |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1st Place         | Lyla A,         | Kalysta M.           | Alinne R.               |
| 2nd Place         | Liliana Z,      | Anyssa P.            | Mia G.                  |
| 3rd Place         | Gabriella N. T, | Ava M.and Lillian W. | Emelia C. and Lauren L. |
| 4th Place         | Aryana L,       | Evelyn C.            | Campbell T.             |
| 5th Place         | Frida C,        | Brianna G.           | Brenda R                |
| 6th Place         | Sophia O,       | Danna C,             | Elise T.                |
| Honorable Mention | Yadira P,       | Julianna S,          | Bianca M.               |



## Jr. Academy Regional Science Fair

February 2 - 3, 2019  
Lee High School

## Alamo Regional Science Fair

March 2 - 3, 2019  
St. Mary's University



## SAISD Spanish Spelling Bee

Congratulations to all our YWLA Spanish Spelling Bee participants

### Middle School:

Paola J.- 1st Place

### High School:

Alizon C. - 1st Place

Ruth V.- 3rd Place

Maria G.



## Pre Area Choir Competition

Congratulations to Lily C., Marissa S., Joelle M., and Emily V. for singing so beautifully at the Pre Area Choir Competition. They placed 1st, 4th, 6th, and 7th respectively and all qualified to move on to the next level and audition for the All State Choir in January.

Not Pictured: Emily V,



## YWLA Admissions for enrollment in 2019-2020 - grades 6th - 9th

**Applications will be available November 26, 2018 - February 8, 2019.**

Do you know a student who would thrive here at YWLA? As YWLA parents and students, you are our greatest resource when it comes to getting the word out about our Nationally Recognized Blue Ribbon School. Our applications for the 2019-20 academic year will be available soon on our website under the admissions tab. Interested families are encouraged to check our website regularly for updates. Tours available on Mondays by appointment only. Please contact us for more information or to set up your tour. (210) 435-6525. Applicant and parent expectations: **attend one informational session at YWLA during November, December and January.**

**Important admission information, expectations and application due dates will be provided during these informational sessions.**

### Informational Sessions for YWLA—for incoming grades 6, 7, 8, 9

|                                      |                   |                                    |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| Thursday, December 6, 2018 (Spanish) | 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm | YWLA (2123 W. Huisache Ave. 78201) |
| Tuesday, December 18, 2018           | 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm | YWLA (2123 W. Huisache Ave. 78201) |
| Wednesday, January 9, 2019           | 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm | YWLA (2123 W. Huisache Ave. 78201) |
| Tuesday, January 22, 2019 (Spanish)  | 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm | YWLA (2123 W. Huisache Ave. 78201) |
| Thursday, January 31, 2019           | 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm | YWLA (2123 W. Huisache Ave. 78201) |

## YWLA Primary Admissions for enrollment in 2019-2020 - grades Kinder and 1st




Building on the success of the Young women's Leadership Academy (YWLA), San Antonio ISD will launch an all-girls, college-preparatory primary school focused on science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM). Opening in August 2019 with grades kindergarten and first, the school will ultimately become a full K-5 program with a new grade phased in every year.

Parents may learn more about the school and application process during one of the following information session.

### Informational Sessions for YWLA Primary:

|                                      |                   |   |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|---|
| Tuesday, December 11, 2018           | 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm | The Doseum 2800 Broadway                      |
| Thursday, January 10, 2019 (Spanish) | 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm | Page Middle School Library 401 Berkshire Ave. |
| Tuesday, January 29, 2019            | 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm | YWLA 2123 W. Huisache Ave.                    |

**"What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make." - Jane Goodall**

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday   |
|--|--|--|---|---|--|--|
| 2<br><b>December</b>   | 3<br>HS BB vs. KIPP U Prep @ ACC<br>JV: 6:00 pm<br>Varsity: 7:30 pm  | 4<br>Huston-Tillotson University<br>11:30 am<br><br>Mu Alpha Theta Induction Ceremony<br>6:00 pm<br>Auditorium<br><br>Choir Caroling SA Zoo 5:30 pm                  | 5<br>Science Fair Awards Ceremony<br>11:30 am Auditorium<br><br>Class of 2020 Parent Meeting<br>6:00 pm Library                                       | 6<br><b>Admissions</b><br>Informational Session <b>(Spanish)</b><br>6:00 pm - 7:00 pm<br>YWLA Auditorium<br><br>Briscoe Western Art Museum 8th gr. art<br><br>HS BB Tournament Poteet ISD<br><br>SAISD Dance Extravaganza                     | 7<br>Dress for Success (HS students only)<br><br><u>Field Trip</u><br>Ropes Course<br>9:00 am 6th grade<br><br>HS BB Tournament Poteet ISD<br><br>SAISD Dance Extravaganza | 8<br>HS BB Tournament Poteet ISD<br><br>MS Soccer @ Rogers 8th - 10am 7th - 11am<br><br>Girls on the Run Comanche Park 9:30 am<br><br>TriM Caroling 10am<br><br>Rampage Game (YWLA Fundraising Night)<br>6:30 pm AT&T Ctr. |
| 9<br>Barnes and Noble Book Fair  | 10   | 11<br>Choir Concert<br>6:00 pm Auditorium<br><br>HS BB vs. TMI Varsity: 7:30 pm<br><br>YWLA Primary Parent Information Session 6:00 pm @ The Doseum                  | 12<br>Class of 2025 Parent Meeting<br>6:30 pm Library<br><br>MS Soccer Tournament Mission City Soccer   | 13<br><u>Night School</u><br>AP World History<br>4:00 pm - 7:00 pm<br><br>Choir @ Woodlawn Lake 5:00 pm<br><br>Class of 2019 Parent Meeting<br>6:00 pm Library<br><br>Class of 2024 Parent Meeting<br>6pm Auditorium<br><br>Soccer Tournament | 14<br>MS Lock In<br>4:00 pm - 8:00 am<br>YWLA GYM A<br><br>HS BB vs. Providence<br>JV: 5:30 pm<br>Varsity: 7:00 pm   | 15<br>MS Soccer Tournament<br><br>Robotics Competition<br><br>SAISD History Fair<br>12:00 pm - 1:00 pm<br>Jefferson HS Cafeteria   |
| 16   | 17<br>Semester Exams 1st, 2nd, 4th<br><br>Class of 2023 Parent Meeting<br>6:00 pm Library                        | 18<br>Semester Exams 5th, 6th, 7th<br><br><b>Admissions</b><br>Informational Session 6:00 pm<br>YWLA Auditorium<br><br>HS BB vs. Sunnybrook Varsity: 5:30 pm         | 19<br>Semester Exams 8th, 9th, 3rd<br><br>Class of 2021 Parent Meeting<br>6:00 pm Library   | 20<br>Class of 2022 Parent Meeting<br>6:00 pm Library   | 21<br>Ugly Sweater Day<br><br>1st Semester Parent Passport Due<br><br>HS BB vs. Pleasanton<br>JV: 6:00 pm<br>Varsity: 7:30 pm  | 22   |
| 23<br> | 24   | 25   | 26  | 27<br>HS BB Tournament Comfort HS   | 28<br>HS BB Tournament Comfort HS  | 29<br>HS BB Tournament Comfort HS  |
| <b>Winter Break</b>  |  |  |   |   |  |  |
|  |  | 1  | 2<br>HS BB vs. Brooks<br>JV: 12:00 pm<br>Varsity: 1:30pm  | 3   | 4<br>   | 5<br><b>10 Year Anniversary Celebration 4:00 pm</b><br>YWLA  |
| <b>Winter Break</b>  |  |  |   |   |  |  |
| 6  | 7<br>Student Holiday<br><br>Staff Development  | 8<br>HS BB vs. St. Anthony<br>JV: 5:30 pm<br>Varsity: 7:00 pm  | 9<br><b>Admissions</b><br>Informational Session 6:00 pm<br>YWLA Auditorium<br><br>Class of 2024 Parent Meeting<br>6:00 pm Library<br><br>Report Cards | 10<br>YWLA Primary Parent Information Session 6:00 pm @ Page MS <b>(Spanish)</b><br><br>Class of 2019 Parent Meeting<br>6:00 pm Library   | 11<br>HS BB vs. Fox Tech<br>JV: 5:30 pm<br>Varsity: 7:00 pm  | 12<br>HS Choir All Area Auditions Cuero HS<br><br><u>Saturday School</u><br>8th gr. US History<br>8:00 am  |
| 13   | 14<br>Class of 2023 Parent Meeting<br>6:00 pm Library  | 15<br>HS BB vs. Bracken Christian<br>Varsity: 6:00 pm  | 16<br>UTSA 11:30 am<br>College Center   | 17<br>Class of 2022 Parent Meeting<br>6:00 pm Library   | 18<br>HS BB vs. St. Anthony<br>JV: 5:30 pm<br>Varsity: 7:00 pm   | 19<br>MS Cross Country Meet<br>Mission City Complex<br>8:00 am   |
| 20   | 21<br>MLK Jr. Holiday<br><br> | 22<br><b>Admissions</b><br>Informational Session <b>(Spanish)</b><br>6:00 pm - 7:00 pm<br>YWLA Auditorium<br><br>HS BB vs. George Gervin Academy<br>Varsity: 5:30 pm | 23<br>Athletic Booster Club Meeting 5:30 pm   | 24  | 25<br>HS BB vs. Lee Aca.<br>Varsity: 6:15 pm   | 26<br>MS Cross Country Meet<br>Mission City Complex<br>8:00 am   |
| 27   | 28<br><u>Night School</u><br>8th grade<br>Science and SS<br>5:30 pm  | 29<br>YWLA Primary Parent Information Session 6:00 pm @ YWLA<br><br><u>Night School</u><br>8th grade<br>Science and SS<br>5:30 pm                                    | 30<br>Tri M National Music Honor Society Induction Ceremony<br>6:00 pm Auditorium<br><br>Class of 2021 Parent Meeting<br>6:00 pm Library              | 31<br><b>Admissions</b><br>Informational Session 6:00 pm<br>YWLA Auditorium   | 1<br>FEBRUARY<br>Dress For Success (HS Students Only)<br><br>Poetry Readings<br>Black History Month<br>6:00 pm Library<br><br>Winter Dance Show<br>6:00 pm<br>Auditorium   | 2<br>Junior Academy Regional Science Fair<br>Lee HS<br><br>Class of 2021 Applebee's Breakfast<br><br>MS Cross Country Meet<br>Mission City Complex   |
| <b>*Calendar dates are subject to change</b>   |  |  |   |   |  |  |