



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 year we proudly begin our tenth year in existence. Our Class of 2018 will be our fifth graduating cohort and we are excited about the college admissions that await them. Together, I know that we can continue to achieve the goals we set out for each of our young women. Your daughters are on a path toward their first college degree. In order to prepare them, we need your continued support from sixth grade all the way through college graduation! Congratulations to our incredibly dedicated teachers who taught our young women effectively enough to earn 7 out of 7 Texas Education Agency's distinctions. We continue to be ranked nationally as the best of the best middle school and high school programs in America! THANK YOU for all that you do to support your daughters. As I enter my eighth year as the very proud principal of YWLA, I remain steadfast in my commitment to excellence and to serving our students and faculty to meet the need of our students. THANK YOU Cardinal family for being a part of our success! Happy 2017 - 18!

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. 72328 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. 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.



YWLA School Photos
 Monday, September 18, 2017
 Full Dress including YWLA
 Cardigan and Tie

PSAT Exam

Wednesday, October 11, 2017

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

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



OPEN HOUSE

September 20, 2017 6:00 pm

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



Science National Honor Society Induction Ceremony

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm YWLA Library



FotoSeptiembre @ YWLA

FotoSeptiembre is an annual city-wide photography event that takes place in San Antonio. YWLA takes part in this event by exhibiting photographs by students, faculty/staff, and family/community members who wish to participate.



Theme: YWLA: Moments to Remember OR
 YWLA: The Cardinal Rules

To participate:

1. Photographs must be original and taken by the person submitting the image.
2. Photographs should be no smaller than 4 x 6 inches, and no larger than 8 x 10 inches.
3. Photographs may be color or black & white, but must be printed on photo paper.
4. Photographs must be appropriate to the theme.
5. Submit a printed photograph appropriate to the theme to Ms. Schultz in Room 120. Label your photograph on the back with your name, your 3rd period teacher and room #, and a phone number where we can reach you. Photograph will be mounted.

Submission deadline: September 15, 2017.

Viewing/Reception: September 20th, to coincide with YWLA Open House.

Questions? Email Ms. Schultz at lschultz@saisd.net, or drop by in person to Room 120.

Class of 2020
Parent Meeting
 September 6, 2017
 6:00 pm Cafeteria

STEAM IGNITE
 Saturday, Sept. 9, 2017
 Mandatory for all 8th Grade

Mandatory Senior
Parent Night
 September 7, 2017
 6:00 pm YWLA Library

Mandatory 6th Grade
Parent Meeting
 September 12, 2017
 6:00 pm Auditorium

Senior Ring Ceremony

September 14, 2017
 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
 YWLA Auditorium
 All welcome to attend.

Junior Parent Night
 September 28, 2017
 6:00 pm YWLA Library



Progress Reports/Report Cards
Progress Reports
 September 6, 2017
 September 26, 2017
Report Cards
 October 18, 2017

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Welcome new YWLA Faculty and Staff

Megan Berdecio

I grew up in Pleasanton, TX and graduated early with honors and college credit. I have my bachelor's degree in Psychology with a minor in Interdisciplinary Studies from UTSA. This is my 10th year as a teacher. I've taught in private and public school. I'm a certified Microsoft Office trainer and have taught business classes as well as Science. I've also served as the Director of Education for a vocational school that served homeless veterans. Recently, I moved back from Conroe, TX, where I taught Science for 3 years at one of the top middle schools in the state. I'm thrilled to be home! I've always wanted to teach for YWLA. My girls amaze me every day! It is such a privilege to work with students who truly want to succeed and try their best; the first full lesson I taught here brought tears to my eyes. Being here making a difference in the lives of these young ladies on a daily basis is why I look forward to work each day. I love my job!



Jessica Hale

I am very excited to join the YWLA family this year. I am the current 7th grade ELA teacher as well as a 7th grade advisor and 6th grade AVID teacher. I was born and raised in Southern California right outside Los Angeles. I graduated from Amherst College in Massachusetts where I majored in History concentrating on American Studies. While at college I was on the Amherst Women's Soccer team and served as a Residential Counselor. I was also a member of Amherst Bible Study while on campus. My junior year I studied abroad in Europe where I got to travel and visit the places that I had learned about while at school. I love to travel and gain new experiences from wherever I go, which led me to San Antonio. From the few months I have been here, I absolutely love the city, the culture, and the people. I am looking forward to working with the students at YWLA this year and continue learning to become the best educator I can be.



Kimberly Clark-Rankin

I am currently in my 13th year of teaching. I have taught IPC, Chemistry, Chemistry PAP, Chemistry AP, and physics. I graduated from UTSA with a Bachelor's degree in chemistry and from the University of Phoenix with a Master's in Curriculum and Instruction. I have a wonderful husband, 18 year old son and new baby boy who occupy most of my time. I love to find different ways to teach and am looking forward to being here at my new YWLA home!



Kelly Hawkins

I am so excited to be at YWLA, get to know your wonderful young ladies, and continue the excellence of the dance program! I am a San Antonio native, and graduate of East Central HS. I have 13 yrs. of studio training in Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Lyrical, Hip-Hop, and Acrobatics. As a high school and college student I was part of the dance teams and began my studies of Precision High-Kick, Military, Modern, Contemporary, World Dance, and Ballroom dance styles. I graduated from Texas State University in San Marcos with a Bachelor's of Science in Dance/Education. It was my privilege to perform for 2 yrs. as a Texas State Strutter across the globe, and 2 yrs. as a member of the Orchestis Dance Company at Texas State. I have taught dance in the studio setting for 6 yrs., Incarnate Word HS, and Wise Fine Arts Magnet ES for 2 yrs. each. As a dancer and a teacher I have been able to combine my passions into one amazing job! I absolutely love to bring out the passion in all of my students through dance, no matter what it may be. I look forward to a fabulous year! I am glad to call YWLA my home.



Caroline Fowle

I am thrilled to begin my teaching career at YWLA as the sixth grade ELAR teacher. I recently graduated from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte as a Levine Scholar, where I majored in economics and Spanish and studied abroad in Spain, China, and Chile. My love of learning and the belief that all children deserve an excellent education inspired me to join Teach for America after graduation.



Naomi Longoria

Hello everyone, my name is Mrs. Longoria. I recently graduated for the University of Texas at San Antonio with my BA of Science in Mathematics. I am a new teacher at the YWLA, and I'm very excited to be a part of this community. I love to spend time with my family, going to the parks, camping, and traveling. Most of all I love being around my children. I look forward to an amazing year at the YWLA!



Jessica Gonzales

I am a Graduate of the University of the Incarnate Word where I received my Bachelors of Arts in Mathematics with an emphasis in Secondary Education. Throughout my college career, my love for teaching grew as I tutored middle school students in Edgewood ISD, those around my neighborhood, and high school students through the Upward Bound Program at Trinity University. Getting the opportunity to teach here at YWLA has been a true blessing and I cannot wait to make the most of my time here to make a difference in the lives of my students.



David Murphy

I am a veteran teacher with over twenty years of classroom experience. I studied English and Communications at Trinity University, where I also received my Masters of Arts in Teaching. I then lived in Japan for three years teaching English as a foreign language. Returning to San Antonio, I taught ELA at Communications Arts HS in NISD for four years, before pioneering a Japanese language program for that district. I left to spend some time in the private sector, but then returned to NEISD and Japanese teaching, where I was most recently at Reagan HS for the past 6 years. I am passionate about teaching and learning and I am delighted to be here at YWLA. I enjoy spending time with my family, getting together for games with friends, and being active with hiking, camping, kayaking and (most important to my health and sanity) yoga.



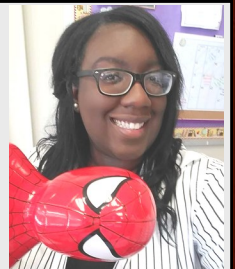
Georgina Garcia

I was born and raised in San Antonio along with the majority of my relatives. I am married with three kids, 11, 7 and 1 month. I am excited to start my 11th year in public education. I graduated with my Bachelors in Mathematics from St. Mary's University and my Masters in Education from UTSA. I have had the opportunity to teach a variety of high school mathematics courses with my favorites being AP Statistics and College Algebra. I enjoy distance running and competing in 5ks and 10ks and completing half marathons and marathons (only one so far but I plan for more). I also love spending time with my family and friends. I look forward to teaching at YWLA and can't wait to be part of the successes these young women are going to have this year!



Eboni Murrell

Hello, all! I'm the ELA 8 / ENG I teacher and this is my 4th year teaching ELA. I'm ecstatic to be a part of the YWLA team. I graduated from Baylor University in Waco, TX with a BA in Psychology. Before pursuing my dream of becoming an educational psychologist, I decided to give the teaching field a chance and fell in love with it! Speaking of love, feel free to stop by my classroom (204) any time and discuss Spider-Man or Star Wars. I will gladly geek out with you! Other than that, I'm just your typical dog mom trying to inspire educated, analytical young minds to love school.



Student Name: _____ SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER PREP Teacher _____

This must be returned to your Prep teacher by 9/06/17 for a grade. If it is not returned, you will receive a grade of 50.

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Science Fair

DATE	ASSIGNMENT	DESCRIPTION
September 1, 2017 Final Proposal	Final Proposal This is the experiment you plan to do	Final Proposal is the experiment that the student will be doing for the Science Fair. The proposal must include the experimental question, the hypothesis and a paragraph describing how this experiment is relevant to society/life. You must also include a list of materials and if you have access to them. Student must supply their own materials. IF NOT YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO DO THE EXPERIMENT. Include any modifications and other information as instructed by teacher.
September 4-September 15	Research plan	Student should be 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 8 th Research plan	Research plan workshop (in-class)	Students will work on editing, completing their research plan in class, and I will be offering suggestions, as well as other students, as to making sure the research plan is complete.
September 15, 2017 Data Table	Data collection table workshop	The student will create a Data Table to be used for data collection
September 18-19 2017 Research Plan	*Research Plan and SRC Paperwork	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). The research plan must be in future tense and have no pronouns. SRC paperwork must be completed and turned into Ms. Harris
September 20 th - October 20 th	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 29 th , 2017 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 6, 2017 Article One	*Print-out 1st 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 project? 2. What does this article teach me about my topic?
October 23-24, 2017 Final Data Collection check	*ALL DATA must be collected and completed Minimum of 10 trials	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 27 th , 2017	Science fair PowerPoint Workshop (in-class)	Students will use this time to convert their electronic copy of their research plan 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.
November 1-2, 2017	*Science Fair PowerPoint Print-out (6 slides per page)	See Hand-out for how to write a Science Fair PowerPoint
November 6 th , or 7 th , 2017 Article Two	*Print-out 2nd Article related to Science fair topic. Write up a summary using CER Follow the example you were given.	PLEASE SEE THE INSTRUCTION ABOVE FOR ARTICLE ONE
November 15-17 PowerPoint corrections	Corrections need to be made to PowerPoints Workshop	Students will work with me and each other to make sure that all suggested corrections have been made so that they can get the highest grade possible.
November 6 th – December 1 st	Presentation practice	Practice your presentation as much as possible and present to a minimum of two students and have them sign the form.
November 27- December 1, 2017	Practice presentation skills in 3rd Period Advisory	A grade will be taken for 3rd period Advisory
December 2, 2017** (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

Date	Task
Sept. 29	Rough Draft
Oct. 25/26	Final Project Due
Dec. 16	District History Fair

Angeles Coss

Greetings! My name is Angeles Coss and I am the middle school counselor at YWLA. I received my MA in clinical and school counseling and my BA in sociology with a minor in psychology from Texas A&M International University. I am a former bilingual 2nd grade teacher and prior to that, I had the privilege of working with 3-5th graders as a resource special education teacher. I will be working closely with your daughters to help provide a safe environment and increase their academic, social/emotional, and career success. I am here to help and support your child succeed. I encourage you to reach out to me if any questions should emerge. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Vanessa Lora

I am thrilled to be at YWLA as the College Bound Advisor. I was previously with the Gear Up program and served as a College Readiness Coach for five years. I am passionate about providing students with opportunities for higher education. Prior to Gear Up, I taught middle school. I am also a certified School Counselor. I was raised in El Paso, TX and attained my Bachelor's Degree in Psychology at the University of North Texas. I graduated with a Master's Degree in Counseling from Our Lady of the Lake University.



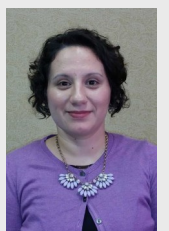
Lisa Sanchez

Hello YWLA families my name is Lisa Sanchez, I am your new campus Registrar. I have been with the district 4 years, I previously worked at Thomas Jefferson. I am married to John Sanchez Jr. and have 4 children, Ramse 21, Amber 17 (Senior at Jefferson), David 16 (Junior at Wagner HS), and Phoebe 14 (Freshman at Fox Tech), 3 Stepsons (John III, Joseph, and Justin) and 5 grandchildren. I was born and raised in San Antonio and am a graduate of Luther Burbank High School. I enjoy reading and spending time with my family. I am happy and excited to start this next chapter in my life at YWLA.




Irene Campos

I am from San Antonio and have lived here all my life. I have three wonderful children Alejandra 16, Adrian 11 and Angel 6. My husband Adrian and I have been married for 17 years. I enjoy reading and spending quality time with my family. I have been part of the YWLA Cardinal Family as a parent since the 2012-2013 school year when my daughter entered 6th grade. I am excited to now be joining the Cardinal family as a front office clerk. I am looking forward to a wonderful year.



Research shows that when parents volunteer at school, their child's self-esteem improves; their achievement increases; and school attendance soars!—National PTA Newsletter

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 September					1 Dress for Success (HS students only) HS VB @ Poteet Freshman: 6:00pm JV: 6:00pm Varsity: 7:00pm	2
3	4 Labor Day Holiday No School	5 Science National Honor Society Induction Ceremony 6:00pm Library HS VB @ Pleasanton Freshman: 5:30pm JV: 5:30pm Varsity: 6:30pm MS VB vs Irving White Team 5:30pm	6 Class of 2020 Parent Meeting 6:00pm Cafeteria Texas A&M Univ. College Station 11:30am Library University of Massachusetts 11:30am College Ctr. Progress Reports	7 World's Finest Chocolate Money due Bryant University 11:30am College Ctr. Mandatory Senior Parent Night 6:00pm Library MS VB vs Lowell 5:30pm 7th- AW 8th-HM	8 Dartmouth College 10:00am Library Vassar College 10:00am College Ctr. HS VB @ Randolph Freshman: 5:00pm JV: 6:00pm Varsity: 7:00pm	9 STEAM IGNITE Session 9:00am Auditorium All 8th grade required to attend
10	11 DePaul University 11:30am College Ctr. PTSA Executive Board Meeting 6:00pm	12 Rice University 11:30am Library Mandatory 6th grade Meeting 6:00pm Auditorium MS VB vs Whittier White Team 5:30pm	13	14 Senior C/O 2018 Ring Ceremony 6:00pm Auditorium MS VB vs Whittier 5:30pm 7th- HM 8th-AW	15 Deadline to Submit FotoSeptiembre Photos to Ms. Schultz Rm. 120 HS VB @ Somerset Freshman: 5:00pm JV: 5:00pm Varsity: 6:00pm	16
17	18 School Photos Full Dress with Cardigan and Tie Lehigh Univ. 11:30am College Ctr. Texas A&M Kingsville 11:30am Library	19 SMU 11:30am College Ctr. HS VB @ Hondo Freshman: 5:00pm JV: 5:00pm Varsity: 6:00pm MS VB vs Longfellow White Team 5:30pm	20 Amherst College 11:30am College Ctr. Providence College 11:30am College Ctr. Open House 6:00pm	21 Senior Overnight College Trip St. Mary's Univ. 11:30am Library Wellesley College 11:30am College Ctr. MS VB vs Twain 5:30pm 8th-HM	22 Senior Overnight College Trip Student Holiday Teacher Work Day Class of 2019 Peter Piper Lock-In	23
24	25 Senior Photos Univ. of Chicago Admissions Info Session 5:30pm YWLA Auditorium	26 Univ. of Chicago 11:30am College Ctr. HS VB @ Fox Tech Freshman: 5:00pm JV: 5:00pm Varsity: 6:00pm MS VB vs Harris White Team 5:30pm Progress Reports	27	28 Northeastern Univ. 11:30am College Ctr. 6th Grade Math High School 4pm Junior Parent Night 6:00pm Library MS VB vs Davis 5:30pm 7th- AW 8th-HM	29 University of Notre Dame 10:00am Library Guilford College 10:00am College Ctr. YWLA Club Fair 11:30am GYM A	30
1 October	2 Smith College 11:30am College Ctr. PTSA Mixed Bag Sale begins	3 University of Miami 11:30am College Ctr. HS VB @ Sunnybrook JV: 6:00pm Varsity: 7:00pm	4 Choir Fee due to Mrs. Holloway	5 MS VB vs Rogers 5:30pm 7th- HM 8th-AW	6 Dress for Success (HS students only) Austin College 10:00am College Ctr.	7 HS Mixed Region Choir Auditions Edison HS Middle School Volleyball Tournament
*Calendar dates are subject to change						

Student Holidays

Sept. 4, 2017 - Labor Day
Sept. 22, 2017 - Teacher Work Day

YWLA Choir Parents

The Choir Fee of \$30 is due no later than October 4, 2017. Cash Only. Please submit to Mrs. Holloway.

Senior Overnight College Trip

September 21-22, 2017



University of Chicago

Information Session
September 25, 2017 5:30 pm
YWLA Auditorium
This session is open to ALL SAISD High School students and families.

YWLA Parent Volunteer Hours

YWLA parents are asked to complete a minimum of 10 volunteer hours per school year (5 hours per semester).

- 1st Semester hours due Friday, December 15, 2017
- 2nd Semester hours due Friday, April 27, 2018