

# The Harlandale Report

from the **Desk of Superintendent Soto**



*Dear Harlandale ISD Family,*

**September 17, 2021**



What a great school year it has been so far. Can you believe we are almost at the end of the first six weeks of school? There is no better time to take care of your studies than the present. It is extremely important to do your best and give it your all every single day. On behalf of the board of trustees, I want to thank all of you for doing your part in continuing the Harlandale Legacy and making our district the best in the State of Texas.

Amazing things are happening in our district everyday and we are extremely proud of our students, staff, and the Harlandale community. Currently, on a weekly basis, we spotlight one of our students and a staff member. We have added a spotlight for our Harlandale ISD Alumni that will feature outstanding Alumni. You will find the form, "What's your Harlandale Legacy?", on our district website at [Harlandale.net](http://Harlandale.net).

I would like to congratulate Faith Vasquez from Harlandale High School who has been accepted to the Teen Studio Intensive program at the Southwest School of Art. She is officially part of some of the top and most dedicated art students in San Antonio, and the surrounding areas. Congratulations Faith! We know that you will continue to make Harlandale ISD proud.

Another one of our students that was featured on our [Harlandale Highlights last week is Lia Morales](#). She is ranked number 13 in her age category in Table Tennis. Lia's hope is to one day attend the Olympics and we are certain that she will accomplish it. Keep up the great work Lia!

I would also like to recognize Ms. Leora Uribe from Harlandale Middle School, as she has been selected as one of 15 recipients of a 2021 Humanities Texas Outstanding Teaching Award. She has been recognized as one of the top educators in our state. Ms Uribe has taught U.S. History and Contemporary World Cultures in her eight-year span as a teacher at HMS. Thank you for making a difference in our students' lives Ms. Uribe!

Last week our hearts and cheers were divided as our Harlandale High School and McCollum High School volleyball teams played in the annual Frontier Volleyball game. The McCollum volleyball team ended up winning 3-2. We are very proud of both teams and continue to wish them luck the rest of the season.

Remember that we are celebrating Hispanic Heritage month. We encourage you to share on your campus social media the different ways that you celebrate and commemorate this special cultural month.

We continue to test for Covid-19 every week at every campus free of charge for all of our students and staff. You can visit [harlandale.net/covid19testing](http://harlandale.net/covid19testing) to sign up for your test. We continue to encourage you to be safe outside our district so that we can all do our part in keeping Covid-19 outside our district.

Our virtual academy, "Harlandale @ Home", will begin on Monday, September 27 for all of those students that applied and are eligible. If you need more information on this instructional option, we ask that you speak to your home campus.

Like always we ask that you continue to check our social media and website for updates on the different events happening in our district.

Thank you for everything you do for our Harlandale Family and for being part of our legacy.

## Important Dates

**Hispanic Heritage Month**  
**Sept. 15 - Oct. 15**

**Board of Education Meeting**  
**September 20, 2021**

**Mobile Food Pantry**  
**September 21, 2021**

**Intercession Days**  
**Oct. 18 -22**



Sincerely,

*Gerardo Soto*

Gerardo Soto  
Superintendent of Schools  
Harlandale ISD

**Pictured left to right:** Faith Vasquez holds one of her drawings, Lia Morales focuses on her Table Tennis game, the McCollum volleyball team celebrates their victory.

*Estimada familia de Harlandale ISD:*

Qué gran año escolar ha sido hasta ahora. ¿Pueden creer que estamos casi al final de las primeras seis semanas de clases? No hay mejor momento para ocuparse de sus estudios que el presente. Es extremadamente importante hacer todo lo posible y darlo todo todos los días. En nombre de la mesa directiva, quiero agradecerles a todos por hacer su parte para continuar con el legado de Harlandale y hacer de nuestro distrito el mejor en el estado de Texas.

Todos los días suceden cosas asombrosas en nuestro distrito y estamos extremadamente orgullosos de nuestros estudiantes, personal y la comunidad de Harlandale. Actualmente, semanalmente, destacamos a uno de nuestros estudiantes y a un miembro del personal. Hemos agregado un foco de atención para nuestros exalumnos de Harlandale ISD que contará con ex alumnos sobresalientes. Encontrarán el formulario llamado “¿Cuál es su legado de Harlandale?” en el sitio web de nuestro distrito, [Harlandale.net](http://Harlandale.net).

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