

The Harlandale Report

from the

Desk of Superintendent Soto



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2020

Dear Harlandale Family,

It's hard to believe, but we are only two weeks away from Thanksgiving break! I know this year hasn't been what we are used to but I can't tell you all enough about how proud I am for all of the amazing things we have accomplished despite the challenges that this pandemic has brought.

Did you know that we have a brand new center in our district whose purpose is to help our community with different issues including mental health? Our Harlandale Care Center will officially open up next week and I couldn't be more excited and proud of the great work that has been put in to make this happen. Some of the organizations that will be providing their services at this center are; Communities in Schools, Jewish Family Services, Rise Recovery, Children's Bereavement Center, Family Services Association, UT Health Science Center- TCHAT services, and Harlandale ISD Age Parenting Program. All of these organizations will be available to you to provide you the help and support that you might be needing. We can't wait to see all the amazing things that happen and come out of this center. The Harlandale Care Center is located at **7026 South Flores Street**, next door to the Sosa Family Engagement Center.

I am sure most of you heard that [Toyota gave us \\$50,000](#) that we will continue to use to close the gap in our technology needs and COVID-19 resources. Their generous support is greatly appreciated. Thank you Toyota!

Also, we will begin [COVID-19 testing at McCollum High School](#) with our athletes on November 10th. This is the first phase of our testing that will be provided by Community Labs in partnership with ASPIRE, which we are a part of with Texas A&M and other school districts. All athletes will be required to get tested with parental consent in order to participate in UIL activities.

On the sports side I have some GREAT news to share with you. Please join me in congratulating the McCollum High School Cowboy Tennis team who finished 3-3 in district play which qualified them for a 4th place in the bi-district round of playoffs. They made it to the second round of playoffs. This had not happened in 27 years! Also, join me in supporting the Harlandale Boys and Girls Cross Country team for earning a 2nd place victory in District. The teams will be moving onward to Corpus Christi, Texas on November 9th to compete in the Area Cross Country meet. We are all extremely proud of all of our athletes.

I loved seeing how everyone celebrated Halloween and Dia de los Muertos at the different campuses in a safe and socially distanced manner. Thank you to our principals and teachers for making this happen and for always bringing joy to our students.

I close by thanking you one more time for making Harlandale ISD an amazing place to work at. I'd also like to remind you to keep following safety guidelines. Stay six feet apart from one another, wear your facemasks, wash your hands often, and remember to also respect these safety measures outside our schools as well. Your safety and well-being is our number one priority.



Important Dates

HISD Care Center Grand Opening
7026 South Flores St.
San Antonio, TX 78214
Thurs., Nov. 12, 2020

Volleyball Frontier Game
Fri., Nov. 13, 2020

School Board Meeting
Mon., Nov. 16, 2020

Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 23 - 27, 2020



Our student athletes are accomplishing amazing things. (L) McCollum Tennis snapped a 27-year drought. (R) Harlandale Cross Country teams are competing in the Area meet this weekend. Congrats and good luck to all!

Schools held socially-distanced Halloween parades for students and handed out candy and books!

Sincerely,

Gerardo Soto

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Superintendent of Schools

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