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With Aldine Pride!



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MILESTONES & GRATITUDE

The end of the school year is finally here! It's a period of ecstatic highs for students anxious for summer fun in the sun. Others find themselves between mixed emotions of anxiety and excitement transitioning to the next stage in their future. I hope you know just how proud I am of you. From graduating from prekindergarten to high school and all those fantastic accomplishments in between, you have all hit milestones in your lives. Keep meeting goals to get closer to your dreams.

I thank all staff members and stakeholders for your role in making this a successful school year. It was another year where everyone worked together to make it happen for all our students. I appreciate your support as we continue to move forward!

Each year, I like to end with a recap of things to celebrate and be proud of. Please take a moment to look at the following pages to see how we continue to make great strides in our strategic plan.

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2022-2023 POINTS OF PRIDE



If you follow us on social media or our district website, you know a lot is happening in Aldine. Below is a small sampling of some of the highlights and points of pride from the 2022-2023 school year:

Student Achievement

- AISD Starts the New School Year Celebrating Positive STAAR Gains in Student Achievement
  - 32 A and B campuses
- The College Board selects Davis HS to pilot the African American Studies Program
- District partners with Construction Career Collaborative to connect grads to careers.
- Davis HS' Student is One of Only Two Students in Texas to Earn Private Pilot Certification

College Career Readiness

CLASS OF 2023

88% have applied to at least 1 college

77% have submitted a FAFSA or TSFA

$43,606,912 offered in scholarships

Students have received acceptance letters from schools like Johns Hopkins, Harvard University, Yale, Emory, the University of Chicago, and more.

School Culture

- College Prep Program at Hoffman Middle School Starts in Fall 2022
- AISD, Prairie View A&M Officials, and Community Gather for Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony at Impact Leadership Academy
- District Announces it will Launch Eisenhower College Prep at Eisenhower Ninth and Eisenhower HS in Fall of 2023
- Aldine Named District of Distinction for 4th Consecutive Year by the Texas Art Education Association
- District Celebrates Groundbreaking of W.W. Thorne Replacement Stadium
- 7 Magnet Schools Earn National Merit Awards; 1 Receives the Top School of Excellence Award
- District reimagines 2023-2024 Traditional and ADSY School Year Calendars
- Aldine ISD Choice Schools Hosts Inaugural Collaborative Student Art Show

2022-2023 POINTS OF PRIDE (continued)

Mission-driven Leadership

- Superintendent Dr. LaTonya Goffney Recognized at the Latino Learning Center's Humanitarian Awards Ceremony
- Aldine Names Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Superintendent of Student Support Services to Ensure Conditions Result in Accomplishing District Goals
- Staff Receive Retention Bonuses (Approved by Board Trustees) in March 2023
- University of Houston-College of Education Features AISD Principal Residency Program
- AISD Hires 42 International Teachers for 2022-2023 School Year; 100% to Return for 2023-2024

Organizational Efficiency

- AISD's Finance Department Earns Certificate of Achievement from GFOA
- All Aldine ISD Students Eat Free in the 2022-2023 School Year
- Long-Range Facility Planning Underway
- Children at Risk Names Aldine Among Top School Districts in Texas Providing Students With Free
- Aldine is a TIA-Approved School District, meaning designated Aldine ISD teachers may now qualify for up to $30,000 in addition to their regular salaries. Approximately 380 AISD teachers earn TEA designations.
- Roughly $20 million is spent on safety and security — Cybersecurity, cameras, alarms, security surveillance, police staff and supplies, campus monitors, SEL, and school administration.

Community Engagement and Outreach

- Mexican American School Board Association Honors AISD With 2 Outstanding Awards: Outstanding Civics Initiative for Family and Community University and Outstanding English Language Learner Initiative for La Promesa.
- Inaugural Group of Teachers From New Partnership With the University of Houston Starts; The Grow-Your-Own Program Forms Part of AISD's Equity Efforts to Increase Educators of Color in Schools.
- TalkingPoints Implemented at 30 Schools (PreK-12) to Support Communication Between Schools and Families; the Tool Translates up to 100 Languages, Ensuring Teachers Communicate Easily With Parents in Their Preferred Language
- HOPE Clinic Opens Second Aldine Location
- AISD Hosts Inaugural Soñadores Summit for all High School Students Born in and Outside the U.S. and Undocumented Classmates
- 300 Parents Graduate From AISD's Family and Community University, Up From 62 the Previous Year

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NEW OPTIONS IN '23-'24

Finally, I'd like to remind you about our continued commitment to providing choices and opportunities for our students and their families.

Next fall, we will launch Eisenhower College Prep, a new college-prep program at Eisenhower High School and Eisenhower Ninth Grade School.

We will also offer the International Baccalaureate (IB®) Diploma Program at Davis High School.

We are excited to offer these new options through our Choice School Programs.

ENJOY THE BREAK!

I wish you a fantastic summer of rest, relaxation, and reading.

Again, thank you for your support and all you do to serve our students of Aldine.

With Aldine Pride,

Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney
Superintendent of Schools

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE COMMUNITY

- **Now-June 1:** Aldine ISD seeks feedback from all district and community stakeholders to help determine how the district should best utilize ESSER III resources. Click here to take the survey.
- May 22-26: Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month — Celebrate by listening to podcasts. Click here for options.
- June 6 & 7: Lone Star College Preview Days
- June 14: College Trip to UH-Downtown
- June 21: College Trip to UT-Austin
- June 22 — College Trip to PVAMU
- **July 19:** Virtual Job Fair. Click here for details.
- **September 20:** Virtual Job Fair. Click here for details.

Back to SCHOOL

We will welcome students back on the following dates:

First Day of School

ADSY Calendar

Thursday, July 13

Students at Ermel Elementary School, Harris ES, Smith ES, and Vines EC/PreK/K School.

Traditional Calendar

Thursday, August 10

All other students.

SHOUT-OUTS AND KUDOS!



Since joining Aldine ISD, Avalos P-TECH School has been one of our first new Choice School options, and now it has its first graduating class!







Congratulations to our 307 parents who completed over 50 hours of modules and graduated from our Aldine ISD Family and Community University. I am so proud of and thankful for our families! #AldineConnected



Thank you to everyone who attended the Spring Mariachi Concert. What a turnout with a full house! Thank you for supporting our students and staff at Carver High School.



Congratulations to our May 2023 Leadership Matters Award recipient Principal Anthony Watkins of Davis HS! Thank you to all our principals!



Assistant Principal Interns were all smiles on "Match Day." They form part of our Assistant Principal Resident Interns cohort. We train our aspiring school leaders to be better equipped to improve teaching quality and student achievement.



These students from Blanson CTEHS worked hard all year with Ms. Cramm, their transition specialist, and the Texas Workforce Commission. They will receive 100% college tuition reimbursement for any Texas college they choose!

SHOUT-OUTS AND KUDOS! (continued)



What an incredible performance by our Carmichael Elementary School Bilingual Vietnamese students in honor of Asian American Pacific-Islander Heritage Month!



In June, Nimitz High School senior Tori White will represent Texas at National History Day in Maryland. Tori opened our ILT meeting with an amazing performance! I am super proud and thankful for our social studies teachers and leaders for preparing our students. Good luck at the nationals!



The Houston Chronicle featured Victory ECHS senior Jonathan Bush, who is getting a full ride to Northeastern University. Jonathan has been involved in the Emerge Fellowship, a college program, since 10th grade and graduated with a 3.98 GPA and an associate's degree from Lone Star College.



Congrats to Verónica Calderón! Her photograph has been chosen for the 2023 Mexican American School Board Association's District Art Contest. She beautifully captured the theme of Latino Heritage in her work. Well-deserved recognition for celebrating rich culture and heritage!



I am excited to receive the inaugural Educational Excellence recognition at the Texas Black Expo's 20-Year Celebration with NBA Legend Earvin "Magic" Johnson. What a wonderful celebration!

Thank you, Westfield Road Volunteer Fire Department, for providing a fantastic Teen Community Emergency Response Team (Teen CERT) event. And to our high school teens, congrats on undergoing disaster preparedness and emergency response training. And thank you for choosing to serve our community and help care for your school and home.



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RECENT NEWS & PODCASTS

- Dismissal Schedule for Last Day of School on Thursday, June 1
- Summer Feeding Sites – TBA -May 30
- Summer College Tours
- Lone Star College Preview Days, June 6 and June 7
- The Journey of the Social and Emotional Learning in Aldine ISD
- Graduation Ceremony Schedule
- Summer: METRO Offers Students FREE Rides
- PreK-12 Summer Learning
- First Graduating Class of Avalos P-TECH
- Head Start, PreK, and Kindergarten Students
- Over 300 Parents Celebrated at Family and Community University Graduation
- AISD Summer Feeding Sites – TBA -May 30

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SHARE YOUR GRADUATION CELEBRATIONS WITH US! #AISDClassOf2023

Class of 2023 Graduation Schedule

Wednesday May 31	Victory Early College High School	5:00 p.m.
	MacArthur High School	7:30 p.m.
Thursday June 1	Hall Success Academy	5:00 p.m.
	Davis High School	7:30 p.m.
Friday June 2	Nimitz High School	9:00 a.m.
	Carver High School	11:30 a.m.
	Aldine High School	2:00 p.m.
	Blanson CTE High School	5:00 p.m.
Saturday June 3	Eisenhower High School	9:00 a.m.
	Avalos P-TECH School	11:30 a.m.

MONTHLY OBSERVANCES

2022-2023
School Year Calendars
(traditional & ADSY)

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May

- Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month
- Now until end of May: You can help support school funding by clicking here.
- May 29: Student Holiday (traditional & ADSY Calendars)



June

- Pride Month
- June 1: Last Day of School (Traditional); Early Dismissal
- June 2: Staff Development Day/Work Day (Traditional)
- June 6: Summer Learning Experiences Starts
- June 19: Student Holiday (ADSY)
- June 19: Juneteenth
- June 22: Last Day of School (ADSY)
- June 23: Staff Development Day/Work Day (ADSY)

July

- July 10-12: Staff Development/Work Days (ADSY 2023-2024 Calendar)
- July 13: First Day of School (ADSY 2023-2024 Calendar)



REMINDERS FOR FAMILIES

- Outside food and beverages are prohibited on all secondary school campuses (middle, ninth-grade, and high school campuses) premises. Click here for details.
- Backpacks are prohibited on all middle school campuses for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.
- The state requires high school seniors to apply for financial aid to graduate. — FAFSA Application link or TASFA Application links
- The state requires all entering college students to take the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Assessment. (details).
- Aldine ISD's top priorities are students' safety and academic success. The district posts information related to protocols along with any updates at www.aldineisd.org/healthalerts.