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The Official Newsletter of the Superintendent of Schools

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Superintendent of Schools

With Aldine Pride!



Aug. 10

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WELCOME BACK!

I hope you are refreshed and ready to start the 2023-2024 school year! Last week, our staff kicked off the year at our convocation, where I heard why so many have chosen Aldine. These stories, experiences, and many others led to our new hashtag #MyAldine because that is the sentiment I hope you each feel toward our district, your district, and my district.

The first day of school has always been one of my favorite days. Nearly a month ago, I welcomed back our ADSY students. Everyone's excitement is contagious! I will visit Magrill Primary, Carroll ES, Oleson ES, Mead MS, Avalos P-TECH, and Plummer MS tomorrow. Now and throughout the year, I'll be visiting classrooms. It reminds me of why I choose to impact students' lives.

Time has flown by fast! It is my sixth year leading Aldine ISD, and I couldn't be prouder of the staff. Thank you to each staff member for making it happen for all our students each and every day.

Please take a moment to look at the following pages, filled with updates, dates, and more!

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CORE TEAM LEADERSHIP CHANGES

Over the summer, we underwent an organizational restructuring to enable the district to become more efficient and responsive to the needs of students and staff members. Dr. Faviola Cantú and Dr. Javier Villarreal are the new Chief Academic Officer and Chief of Schools, respectively. Additionally, Marcia Herrera is the new Chief Human Resources Officer.

Additional Changes

- Chief Transformation Officer Dr. Adrian Bustillos will oversee additional programs — CTE, advanced academics, virtual school, and performing and visual arts. Streamlining these cross-functional departments will impact schools more and enhance students' choices and opportunities.
- Chief of Staff Sheleah D. Reed oversees Communications, Family and Community Engagement, Print Shop, Government Relations and will also support Athletics.
- School Assistant Superintendents have been realigned to better support campuses.

Click here to meet the district's entire Executive Leadership Team.


Dr. Faviola Cantú


Dr. Javier Villarreal


Marcia Herrera


Dr. Adrian Bustillos


Sheleah D. Reed

SCHOOLS OFFICE REORGANIZATION

Chief of Schools Dr. Javier Villarreal reorganized the Schools Office to increase connectedness, facilitating better communication and collaboration. The change includes a new school alignment and a few new faces The SAS group forms part of the Executive Leadership Team. Click here to read more and the schools and programs they oversee.


Ray Mondragon
SAS — Primary Schools


LaTonia Amerson
SAS — Elementary Schools


Dr. Matilda Orozco
SAS — Elementary Schools


Dr. LaToya Wynne
SAS — Elementary Schools


Dr. Crystal Watson
SAS — Secondary Schools


Dr. Terri Osborne
SAS — Secondary Schools


Dr. Xóchitl Rodríguez
HS Associate Superintendent


Diaka Melendez
SAS — Student Support


Dr. Rachel Alex
Exec. Dir. — Leadership Development

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NEW CAMPUS PRINCIPALS

We are fortunate to have new school principals newly named to lead. Thank you for choosing Aldine ISD! Click here to read about each one. Be sure to congratulate them!



Kory M. Jessie
Caraway ES



Cindy Buentello
Carter Academy



LaKeshia Williams
Carver HS



Jerome Nickerson
Drew Academy



Joshua Nation
Davis Ninth Grade



James Metcalf
Eisenhower HS



Lori Brooks
Ermel ES



Purnell Harvey
Knippel Educ. Ctr.



Crystal Mahar
Lewis MS



Elizabeth Arias-Robles
Marcella ES



José Lara-Collazo
Mead MS



Joyelle White
Ogden ES



Detrick McAfee
Plummer MS



Dr. Esperanza Jones-Valsin
Raymond ES



Miriam Acosta
Sammons ES



Gregory Castille
Smith ES



Maritza Arcos
Stephens ES



Brandy González
Vines Primary



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!: Fall Open House Dates

ADSY Schools
Aug. 15 and/or Aug. 16, 2023

Middle Schools
Sept. 21 and/or Sept. 26, 2023

Primary Schools
Sept. 12 and/or Sept. 13, 2023

Ninth Grade and High Schools
Sept. 20 and/or Sept. 27, 2023

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NEW OPTIONS IN '23-'24

I want like to remind you about our continued commitment to providing choices and opportunities for our students and their families.

We are expanding our college prep options. Last year, we launched Hoffman College Prep. This fall, we are launching 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.

Visit any of our campuses to learn more!

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Aldine ISD

SO MANY CHOICES

My Choice
#MyAldine
My Future

Aldine Offers Diverse Schools and Programs

- Neighborhood Schools
- Single-gender Schools
- A Newcomer/Dual Language Experience (English/Spanish)
- A School for Non-traditional Learners
- Career and Technology Education Schools (CTE)/P-TECH
- Early College Schools/College Prep Schools
- STEAM / STEM Schools
- Dual Language Programs
- International Baccalaureate Schools – Primary Years Program, Middle Years Program & Diploma Program
- Montessori Schools
- Fine Arts Schools

CHOICE SCHOOLS
ESCUELAS DE OPCIÓN

Click here to visit the Choice Schools website.

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

- ADSY (Additional Days School Year)
- ACE (Accelerating Campus Excellence)
- EMERGE Fellowship
- Early Childhood Education
- Advanced Academics
- UIL Programs (Sports, Visual and Performing Arts, CTE, and more)
- Virtual Learning
- College and Career Programs
- Special Education Services
- Dyslexia Services
- SEL Services
- Health Services
- Multilingual Services and Programs



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SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Transportation Department spent the summer diligently working to complete routes by the first day of school, August 10.

Families Who Did Not Request Transportation for Their Students

- The Transportation Department plans to take these students to and from school and home.
- The department will take any student at a bus stop to the campus they attend.
- Campuses must fill out a bus pass and provide it to the driver for transportation from school to home.
- Campuses will take down students' names, addresses, temporary route numbers, and the bus stops they want their students to use while they await a permanent assignment.

How to Request Bus Transportation

- Families with students who need transportation but have yet to request bus transportation formally for their children need to get with their campus so a request can be made.
- The goal is to have all new requests received from Aug. 10-Aug. 13 routed with an effective date of August 14.



All Students Must Wear New Student ID Badges

Students on their respective campuses must visibly wear the new badges starting this school year. These will assist in students being accounted for when they are transported via bus to and from school.

Splitting Grade Levels

Grade levels will be split from riding together to minimize grade level differences. The change could impact some siblings who ride the bus together.

Questions

Click here if you have any bus questions.





Here Comes the Bus

A school bus tracking app for parents

Click here for details on how to download the app and how to sign up.

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SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS BOLSTER HEALTH, KEEPING STUDENTS IN SCHOOL



HOPE Clinic

HOPE Clinic offers affordable healthcare services in 30 languages, accepting Medicaid, Medicare, ACA marketplace health insurance, and CHIP coverage. It provides medical care, wellness, education, wellness exams, immunizations, family planning, sports physicals, counseling, and referrals to specialists and hospitals. Click here to learn more.

Memorial Hermann Nimitz Health Center – AISD

Memorial Hermann Nimitz Health Center – AISD offers medical, mental health, dental, nutritional, navigation, and exercise programs to eligible children and adolescents. It serves 12 Aldine ISD schools, providing well-child visits, immunizations, preventative care, annual physicals, hearing and vision screenings, insurance assistance, dental, nutritional, mental health, and mental wellness services. Click here to learn more.



Hazel Health

Hazel Health is a telehealth provider for K-12 schools. With Hazel Health, students can immediately speak with a medical professional from home or school and receive over-the-counter medicines at school if needed. Students can receive treatment for common ailments such as stomach aches, headaches, and other issues. On-demand physical health services include medical treatment for stomach aches, headaches, sprained ankles, asthma concerns, and everything in between; medication such as prescriptions written or over-the-counter provided at school when needed; coordination with the family physician and return-to-school communications. Click here to learn more.

HOPE Clinic
2112 Aldine Meadows Rd.
Houston, TX 77032
Open five days a week.
Monday-Tuesday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Thursday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
713-773-0803

Memorial Hermann Nimitz Health Center
2003 W.W. Thorne Dr, Suite #TM-01
Houston, TX 77073
Open five days a week from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Closed for lunch Monday-Friday from 12 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
(832) 658-5220

Hazel Health
Hazel visits are available at the 14 AISD school during regular school hours
Hazel at Home services are available Monday through Friday, 7 a.m.-5 p.m.
Click here to view the locations and sign up for services.

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ALL DISTRICT STUDENTS EAT FREE IN '23-'24



One of the best ways to ensure students are ready to learn is to ensure they have a nutritious breakfast and lunch. Once again, Aldine ISD will be able to provide breakfast and lunch at no cost to all. All students can eat FREE! This is made possible through the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). The CEP hails from the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. The USDA provision will provide the funding needed to allow all enrolled Aldine ISD students to eat at no charge during the 2023-2024 school year.

REMINDER TO COMPLETE THE ANNUAL UPDATE

For Aldine to qualify for certain federal funding opportunities, families need to complete the required Annual Update online.

Families with returning students to the 2023-2024 school year can log in to the Home Access Center (HAC) system by visiting AldineISD.org/HAC. Click the Home Access Center Login button. They need their HAC account username and password to access the Annual Update.

Click here to learn more about the Annual Update and to download resources to help you complete the form online.



WHY COMPLETING THE ANNUAL UPDATE MATTERS

- Update Address
- Update Contact Information
- Update Medical Conditions
- Ensure School to Family Communication
- Provide Emergency Contacts
- Notification of Updated Bus Route Information
- Impacts School Funding
- Impacts Free Meals for All Students
- And More!



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STUDENT ID CARDS WITH RFID TECHNOLOGY

(aka Smart ID cards)



The District's purpose for implementing the Smart Tag program is to ensure authorized riders board our buses and improve the safety and security of students in our schools who utilize our bus transportation services. It is another added meASURE to keep our students safe. Click here to learn more about this and other safety measures.

Benefits

- Increased security and streamlined administrative functions
- Improve Access Control and Student Management: Ensures that only authorized people/students enter the school; track school bus ridership with students swiping ID badge while getting on and off the bus; schools leverage ID barcode to track nurse office visits, counselor office visits, cafeteria use).
- Track and Manage Student Attendance: RFID-enabled student IDs eliminate the need to manually track student attendance because the technology automates the entire process.
- Ease Access to Meals, Beverages, and Snacks: The RFID badge can instantly access a student account in the cafeteria for free school meals or the purchase of other items.
- Ease Students' Access to Academic Facilities: RFID-enabled student IDs can streamline facility access. Additionally, students can use their RFID-enabled student ID card to check out books from the library.

ALL OF OUR BACK-TO-SCHOOL RESOURCES ARE ON ONE PAGE!

With one visit, you can learn about the following:

- Online Enrollment
- School Supply Lists
- Immunization Requirements
- Bus Routes
- School Meals & Accounts
- Home Access Center (HAC)
- School Locator
- Dress Code
- Campus Visitor Requirements
- Student Handbooks
- Important Dates
- School and District contact information
- And much more!



Visit AldineISD.org/backtoschool to learn more!

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REGISTER FOR OUR FAMILY AND PARENT UNIVERSITY



The University provides strategies to increase family and community members' knowledge about resources and build participants' self-confidence to better support their children.

Sessions are provided in English and Spanish.

For convenience, parents, legal guardians, and community members have three ways to participate in sessions — in-person, virtual, and pre-recorded.

Family and Community University Focuses on Four Key Areas

- **Academic Life:** Workshops and activities provide strategies and tools to support their child's academic achievement at home and school.
- **Well-being and Social Interactions:** Workshops build confidence while addressing topics such as identifying and exploring hopes and dreams, stress management, conflict resolution, and developing and maintaining healthy family relationships.
- **Community:** Workshops are committed to teaching new skills, basic needs, employment, and family support with techniques on keeping children safe and goal-setting.
- **Continuing Education:** Workshops that teach and develop new and valuable skills.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IMPORTANT DATES

- **August 21-25:** Family and Community University families will share with others their learning experiences at the University with the "Tour for Education: Real Stories of Transformation." Locations will be announced as soon as they become available.
- **September 5:** The third Family and Community University cohort launches; Click here to register.
- **October 21:** Fall Family Conference Date



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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE COMMUNITY

- Aug. 14: Board of Trustees Study Session starts at 6:30 p.m. in the Donaldson Admin. Bldg.-Boardroom. Click here for details.
- Aug. 15: Board Meeting starts at 7 p.m. in the Donaldson Admin. Bldg.-Boardroom. Click here for details.
- Aug. 23: AISD Safety and Security Meeting starts at 3 p.m. at the Donaldson Admin. Bldg.
- Aug. 26: Paint the Convert event will be held at Blanson CTE High School from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Sept. 20: Virtual Job Fair. Click here for details.

ATHLETICS KICKS OFF IN AUGUST!



With the return of school marks the return of fall sports. For a complete list of dates, times, and locations, visit the Athletics webpage by clicking here.



State Sales Tax Holiday
Aug. 11-13, 2023

STAY CONNECTED

Follow us by visiting AldineISD.org. Check out our District News and Aldine ISD Podcast pages to stay updated on all the great things happening in our district.

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Got News to Share?

Do you have a story idea? Reach out to the Office of Communications: comms@aldineisd.org



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RECENT NEWS

- District Develops Professional Development to Support Culturally Responsive Practices
- Former Aldine ISD Board Trustee Rick Ogden Passes Away
- AISD Convenes Long-Range Planning Committee, Makes Recommendations
- Reshaping the Culture: Kelvin Chatham's Quest to Transform Davis HS From Within
- AISD Distributes Nearly 6,000 School Supplies at Back-To-School Expo
- Child Nutrition Services Department to Operate CEP Program During '23-2'24 School Year
- Staff Assignments at July 18 Board Meeting
- Impact Leadership Academy Unveils Mascot
- Aldine ISD Trustees Approve 2023-24 Budget, Tax Rate
- AISD Trustees Approve Pay Raises for All Employees, Retention Stipend For Full-Time Employees
- AISD Board President Randy Bates Jr. Graduates From Leadership TASB, Earns Master Trustee Designation
- Rice University Summer Camp Gets District Students Excited About Math

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS IN AUGUST

- Aldine Named District of Distinction for 5th Consecutive Year by TAEA
- AISD's Finance Department Earns Certificate of Achievement From GFOA
- JASON Learning Honors Xandra Williams-Earlie for Outstanding Leadership in STEM Education
- Chiquita Sanders Named a Region 4 Secondary Teacher of the Year Finalist
- AISD Police Officer Earns Awards





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MONTHLY OBSERVANCES



2023-2024

School Year Calendars

(Traditional & ADSY)

August

- Aug. 10: First Day of School (Traditional Calendar)
- Aug. 11-13: Sales Tax Holiday
- Aug. 16: ENVI210N School Day (ADSY Schools)
- Aug. 23: ENVI210N School Day (ADSY Schools)
- Aug. 30: ENVI210N School Day (ADSY Schools)

September

Natl. School Attendance Month

- Sept. 1: Natl. College Colors Day
- Sept. 4: Student Holiday (All Schools)
- Sept. 6: ENVI210N School Day (ADSY)
- Sept. 13: ENVI210N School Day (ADSY)
- Sept. 22: #WhyApply Day (to College)
- Sept. 15: Student Holiday/Staff Dev. (All Schools)
- Sept. 15-Oct. 15: Hispanic Heritage Month
- Sept. 19: Natl. IT Professional Day
- Sept. 20: ENVI210N School Day (ADSY)
- Sept. 27: ENVI210N School Day (ADSY)

October

- Oct. 6: End of Nine Wks. (traditional calendar)
- Oct. 9: Student Holiday/Staff Development Day (all schools)
- Oct. 10-13: Student vacation (traditional calendar)
- Oct. 10-14: ENVI2ION School Days (ADSY calendar)
- Oct. 16: Student Holiday
- Oct. 16: Beginning of Nine Wks. (traditional calendar)
- Oct 20: Report Card Available Online

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.
- 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).

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CELEBRATIONS

































GREETINGS FROM
CARTER ACADEMY'S
PERFORMING ARTS TEAM