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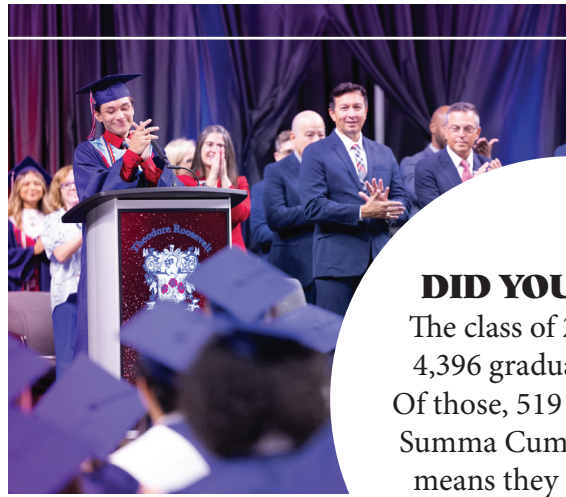
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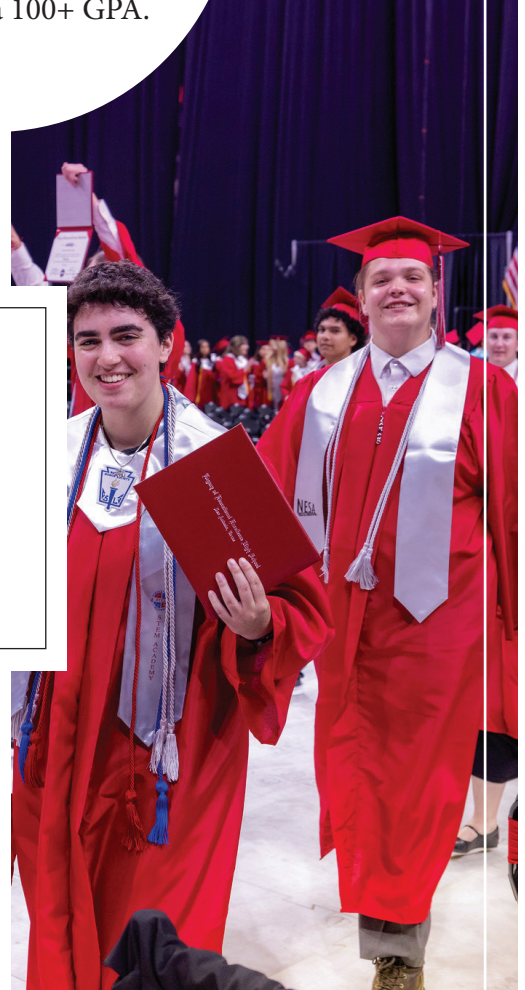
DID YOU KNOW?

The class of 2025 includes 4,396 graduating seniors. Of those, 519 are graduating Summa Cum Laude, which means they finished high school with a 100+ GPA.



WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU! CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2025!

For more great photos from our commencement ceremonies, visit our [District Facebook](#) page.



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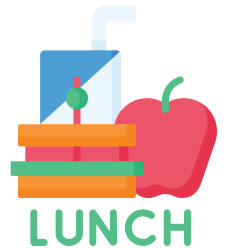


Free meals for kids this summer!

North East ISD is participating in the Summer Food Service Program, providing free meals to children 18 years of age and younger at several NEISD campuses beginning May 29, 2025.

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- Receive 20% discount on community education classes.

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THANK YOU, NEISD COMMUNITY!

NEISD has been voted the #1 School District in the 2025 YourSA San Antonio Express-News Readers' Choice Awards!

This wouldn't be possible without you—our incredible students, families, teachers and staff. Your dedication, hard work and trust make NEISD a place where students thrive and futures are built.

Thank you for choosing NEISD and helping us provide the best education possible for every child.



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SCHOOL TIME CHANGES

School start and end times in North East ISD are being adjusted for the 2025-2026 school year, and some of our bus riders may notice a difference in route locations.

NEW TIMES

Early elementary school:	7:25 a.m. - 2:40 p.m.
Late elementary school:	8 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. (no change)
Middle school:	8:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.
High school:	8:55 a.m. - 4:20 p.m.

These minor adjustments will allow our Transportation department to eliminate several bus routes in the morning and afternoons, which will improve efficiency and on-time arrivals. In addition, some middle school and high school students who live inside gated communities will experience a change in their bus stop locations.

NEISD's Efficiency Committee, which gives parents and stakeholders the opportunity to help advise our District systems to work more efficiently, made the recommendations which were then approved by our Board of Trustees.

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NEISD honors outstanding educators

Each year, North East ISD honors Teachers of the Year at every campus. These men and women make a lasting impact on the lives of their students. They are nurturing, innovative and dedicated to their students' success. At the District level, six finalists are selected and ultimately one Secondary Teacher of the Year and one Elementary Teacher of the Year are announced and all are honored at a special banquet each May.

"The folks I meet say nothing but praise about the educators in our District," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Sean Maika to guests in attendance. "I am so proud and so humbled that I am your superintendent - that I get to support you. Thank you for what you are doing every single day for our kids. I want you to know it doesn't go unnoticed."

And because NEISD understands that many people contribute to the education of our students, we added another special honor with our inaugural Paraprofessional of the Year Awards.

Paraprofessionals support student learning and well-being. They may be charged with supporting students with disabilities, supervising individual or small-group work, helping with behavior management or offering specialized instruction. They play an incredibly important role in our classrooms, and our teachers will tell you they are invaluable.

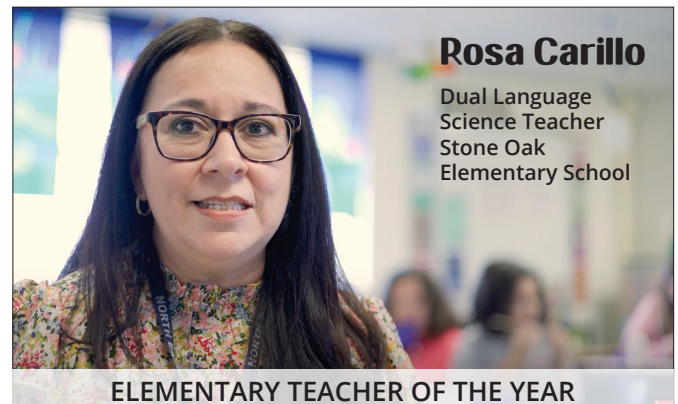
"We see you. We value you for what you do. You fill such a critical role in our schools every day," emphasized Maika.

Take a moment to get to know these amazing educators and their dedication to our students.

To see all our Teachers of the Year, click [HERE](#).



"The students are so fun to teach, fun to get to know. I love learning so I like always improving my craft, and I want them to always remember how much I care about them, how special they are and the potential I saw in them."



"Science is cool. I hope that students understand that learning is fun, that I care about their learning and will do whatever I can for them. Their discovery of something new that they didn't know before. That makes it all worth it."



"I'm hoping I instill in my students a love of learning. I always tell them to be curious. Keep learning. Learning never ends. I'm still learning. I learn a lot from them, so I hope they have that curiosity to keep on going."



"We really allow our students to get engaged with sign language. I was a former student here, so coming back, this feels like a full circle moment in my life. I am very grateful that there are so many students eager to learn."

Matthew Trevino is making beautiful music

Matthew Trevino has been teaching elementary school music for the past 10 years at Roan Forest Elementary School. Under his leadership, the school's music program -- and his students -- have flourished.

In 2015, he established his student percussion group, Sonido. The Sonido program at Roan Forest is a high-energy percussion ensemble made up of fourth and fifth-graders. They have collaborated with performers from around the world and have

been invited to perform at big events like the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) conference, San Antonio High School All Star Game at the Alamodome, the Tobin Center and San Antonio Spurs games.

It takes a lot of work and dedication to build such a successful program, but he wouldn't want to spend his time doing anything else.

"Connecting with my students through music is what drives me," said Trevino. "Being a part of their lives reminds me how important it is to give them my very best, every single day."

Studies have shown that music education has endless benefits including improving academic performance, enhancing motor skills, improving self expression and improving discipline and behaviors.



"Music has the power to reach everyone. Teaching kids about its beauty and impact is incredibly valuable. Music will always be part of our lives. In music class, students get to create, imagine, collaborate, problem-solve, and make music together. How cool is that? Every child deserves the chance to be part of a strong, high-quality music program."

His high quality music program has also earned him several personal accolades. He is a two-time CMA Foundation Music Teacher of Excellence honoree and three-time Grammy music educator nominee. In May, he won the Leadership Award from the H-E-B Excellence in Education Award program.

This statewide honor earned himself \$10,000 and a \$10,000 grant for Roan Forest.

"This award means so much because it highlights the hard work and dedication of my students," said Trevino. "I'm constantly inspired by their growth, creativity, and passion for music. I feel lucky to be a part of their journey. The prize money will help us take our program to new heights, providing more opportunities, better resources, and experiences that will make their experience even more meaningful."

The H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards is the largest monetary awards program for educators in Texas and one of the largest in the nation. H-E-B annually awards over \$500,000 in cash prizes to deserving teachers, principals and school districts.

Teachers like Trevino remind us of the irreplaceable value of music education. With every note played and every young life touched, he keeps the music and love of learning alive.

BIG DREAMS AND BIG HEARTS GALA RAISES \$303,000 FOR NEISD SCHOOLS

On a beautiful evening in March, North East ISD staff, students, community members and business partners gathered for a spectacular evening of entertainment, celebration and fundraising. North East Educational Foundation's Big Dreams & Big Hearts Gala had one goal and that was to invest in our students. And that, they did.

In all, NEEF and many generous donors raised \$303,000 to help fund Student Impact Grants. These grants financially support classroom teachers so they can bring creative, groundbreaking, and non-traditional resources and activities to students. Every dollar helps fund innovative learning experiences across NEISD—whether that's through robotics kits, STEM labs, fine arts programs, or inclusive learning tools that reach every type of learner.

"It is such an honor to walk into a classroom and hand a well-deserved teacher a check for this idea that she came up with and worked so tirelessly writing a grant for," said Kimberly Prater, NEEF board chair. "We are so grateful to those donors and people that believe in it and want to donate and want to increase these educational opportunities for kids across the District."

The event was a powerful reminder of what's possible when a community comes together to support public education and invest in the future of its students. The night was filled with high energy and heartfelt moments—from the excitement of the silent and live auctions to the powerful stories shared by NEISD teachers and students. Guests bid on unique experiences and heard firsthand how NEEF grants have transformed classrooms and expanded educational opportunities across our District.

Hosted at the beautiful Pedrotti's Ranch, the gala's Big Dreams & Big Hearts theme captured the spirit of the evening perfectly: our donors dream big about what's possible in education, and they give with big hearts to make it happen. From local businesses to individual donors, this support enables NEISD educators to go beyond the basics and inspire lifelong learning in the classroom.



We are deeply grateful to the many sponsors who made the NEEF gala a success. Your commitment to educational excellence is changing lives across our District.

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Join us for another incredible event supporting NEISD students! The tournament will take place at the Quarry Golf Club on Oct. 22, 2025.

For more information and to register, click [here](#). We can't wait to see you on the green!

Rachelle Barrera is giving back in style

Rachelle Barrera is making a big impact in the community through her countless hours of creativity and volunteerism. For the past three years, this Legacy of Educational Excellence (LEE) High School senior has been decorating hats for the San Antonio Assistance League which donates the beautiful and vibrant hats to chronically ill children and adults in hospitals. They are small but meaningful gifts that bring comfort to people undergoing difficult medical treatments.

For Barrera, the experience has taught her that she can make a difference and create positive change even with the simplest of acts.

“Knowing that my efforts can bring a smile to someone’s face or provide them with a sense of hope motivates me to continue to give back,” said Barrera. “I also believe in the power of kindness and compassion, and volunteering allows me to put these values into action.”

This school year, she has dedicated more than 650 volunteer hours to her school and community through the various organizations she is involved with.

In addition to her work with the San Antonio Assistance League, she has volunteered with the San Antonio Food Bank, Alamo House Cleaning and Grace Pavilion Church.

Barrera was chosen as North East ISD’s Student Volunteer of the Year after demonstrating this enduring commitment to creating positive change.

“I hope that my work inspires others to get involved and make a difference in their own way.”

Rachelle will attend the University of Texas at Austin in the fall and pursue a degree in Public Health, where she will undoubtedly continue to display her acts of kindness and compassion.



Student Volunteering in North East ISD

North East ISD offers outstanding student volunteer programs to improve learning outside the classroom. And its easy for students to record volunteer hours once they are complete.

All students are able to log in through the Skyward Student Portal. Parents are also able to log in to the system to help their child record hours through the Skyward parent portal if needed.

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NEISD Alumni Spotlight

North East ISD is proud of the men and women who graduate from our District and go on to make a positive impact on the world.



Brooke Iglesias does it all

Churchill High School graduate Brooke Iglesias is a force to be reckoned with. Just reading her résumé is enough to leave you breathless — and inspired.

She's appeared in movies and Super Bowl commercials.

She's earned numerous medals for Jui Jitsu.

She's written a children's book.

She's a mom of two.

She's launched BRAVE, a self-defense and mental fortitude program.

She's currently Mrs. San Antonio and recently competed in the Mrs. Texas competition.

At Churchill there's a motto, "We care. We create. We compete." Brooke doesn't just live it—she elevates it.

"My time at Churchill taught me to be productive, disciplined and it gave me a great work ethic," said Iglesias. "Coach Trevino pushed me beyond what I thought I was capable of. She was able to do that in a loving and encouraging way— the perfect blend in a coach."

Trevino was Brooke's cheer coach at Churchill. Cheer played a critical role in Brooke's high school career. She fondly recalls the feeling she would get when the drum line would clear the bleachers and join and the cheerleaders on the

track to get the crowd excited under the Friday night lights.

That passion led her to join the National Cheerleading Association (NCA) which resulted in a national title run her senior year. During her high school years, it was already evident that if Brooke was going to do something, she was going to give it her all and go as far as she could.

As she was preparing for Mrs. Texas, she returned to the place that instilled that discipline and work ethic that has gotten her so far in life. During her visit to Churchill, she got in a few practice rounds of walking the stage.

"It was surreal! To see how far I have grown emotionally and spiritually since being a high schooler was the best part of it all," said Iglesias. "In high school, I struggled with finding acceptance from others and now I can truly say I am confident with just who I am showing up the best version of myself every day for my family and my community. Once a Charger. Always a Charger."



Britton Moore is turning chairs and making moves



In 2022, Britton Moore crossed the stage to receive his diploma from Reagan High School. Three years later, he stepped foot on a much bigger stage where he earned a four-chair turn from celebrity judges during his blind audition on the latest season of NBC's *The Voice*. John Legend, Adam Levine, Kelsea Ballerini and Michael Buble all turned their chairs, hoping Moore would pick them to be his coach.

"Ultimately, I went with Team Adam because I believe in his ability to give me a great song," said Moore. "I also felt that I relate to Adam musically when it comes to singing. Although it's Adam's first season back for a very long time, I know that he had a lot of experience on the show, and I also feel like we are quite similar when it comes to artistry."

Moore knows a thing or two about coaches. He had some incredible ones during his time in North East ISD. Britton was a standout athlete in baseball and football here. He played in the Little League World Series in 2016 between his time at Hardy Oak Elementary School and Lopez Middle School. He was named a First Team All-State selection, a San Antonio Coaches Association All-Star and lettered all four years at Reagan. Moore was also part of the Reagan baseball team that made it to state in 2022.

In fact, he was going to try out for *The Voice* that year but couldn't pass up competing for a state title. After playing a year of college baseball, he hung up his cleats and picked up a microphone full time.

With sports in his rear view, Moore uses the power skills he learned in locker rooms and dugouts to take him to the next level of his singing career.

"I had some incredible, incredible coaches—Coach Pena, who was at Lopez and now coaches at Madison High School. Coach Chapman coached my baseball career in high school. There are too many to name. But my coaches have always supported me through every decision, especially my decision to step away from sports. But they really are the ones who put the discipline and competitiveness and drive in me to get better."

Moore delivered some amazing performances and made it as far as the playoff round on "*The Voice*." It was an experience he will never forget and one he will use as inspiration for his next move.

"Find your purpose and pursue it with 100% of your energy. You know, when you focus on what you're passionate about and you give all of what you have to that, you're destined to succeed."

Roosevelt student artwork heads to D.C.

Roosevelt High School student, Aiyana Gomez, is the overall winner of the 35th District Congressional Art Competition. Her beautiful artwork will be displayed at the U.S. Capitol for an entire year, and she'll be recognized this summer at a special ceremony in Washington, D.C. with her family.

Additionally, Roosevelt student, Alikia Bustos, was selected as one of only four finalists this year, her second time in the top 10! These incredible students are taught by our very talented art instructor Sandra Gonzalez McKinney.



North East ISD

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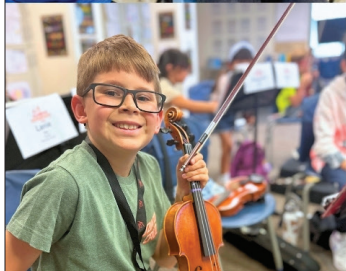
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13-18



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Cello Intensive

Ages
10-14
7-10
12-18



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Ages
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13-18
7-10



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