

# Latest Buzz

Weekly Superintendent Update for the FBISD Board of Trustees

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## Greetings!

This week has been a great week dedicated to the veterans that work alongside us in our district and those that live among us in our community. Flour Bluff is the best place to be when recognizing these amazing heroes because of our connection to the Naval Air Station and the Corpus Christi Army Depot and the number of military-connected students and families that we currently serve and have served throughout our history.

I want to thank everyone that attended the Hornet Town Square Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Tuesday evening! Our Hornet scholars represented our tradition of Class, Pride, and Heart (CPH) to the highest caliber that evening as they performed and honored our veterans! Our Public Information Office has produced a video of the event that captured the highlights of the evening, and it is contained within this publication. Enjoy!

We hope to see you at the scheduled events throughout the weekend, where many of our Hornets will be competing in Fine Arts, Academics, and Athletics!

***Be safe & strong! Be committed! Bee a HORNET!***

## Board Buzz is changing to Latest Buzz!

The Board Buzz is going public to our community and because of this, we are changing the name to the Latest Buzz! The Latest Buzz features all news for Flour Bluff ISD and will also be available on our website and now on the Flour Bluff ISD Facebook page!



## Flour Bluff ISD welcomes Savanna Bledsoe, our new District Social Worker!

Flour Bluff ISD welcomes Savanna Bledsoe, our new District Social Worker. Savanna graduated with her Bachelor of Science in Social Work with a minor in Psychology from Texas A&M University-Kingsville. She then went on to graduate school and graduated with her Master of Science in Social Work from the University of Texas Arlington. Savanna has been a Social Worker since 2014 and has spent the last four years working with the foster care system. Savanna states, "I am so excited to be the new District Social Worker for FBISD! With this past year being the most challenging time for students, parents, and school staff, I hope to increase resources and skills to enhance the learning experience here in Flour Bluff." Savanna, welcome to the Home of the Greatest Students and Staff!





## Flour Bluff High School's Aquatic Science Classes were awarded grant to work with Texas A&M 's Oceanography Department

Flour Bluff High School's Aquatic Science Classes were awarded funding and the chance to work with Texas A&M's Oceanography Department on an Ocean Acidification grant.

Students will get a chance to gather data on the water quality, and the health of the organisms in our bay. Our Hornets will also have access to activities developed by Texas A&M University- Corpus Christi while on their trips. The data collected will then be shared with TAMU-CC to provide them with feedback on the area and the success of the activities that the students completed. This grant gives our Hornet scholars an extraordinary experience that our students and faculty members are so excited to experience!







## Junior High & High School All- Region Choir Concert Tonight!

The Junior High/Middle School All-Region Choir Concert will be held at the FBHS Auditorium this year, today, November 12, at 6:00 PM. We hope you can make it and support all of our Flour Bluff Singers.



## Flour Bluff Intermediate and Junior Math/Science Team traveling to Mission, TX!

Our Flour Bluff Intermediate and Junior Math/Science Team are headed to Mission to compete in the TMSA Meet! The Math and Science team will be competing against the top 10 5A teams! We are so



proud of our Hornets!



## Thank you all for attending our Hornet Town Square Ribbon Cutting!

From all of us at Flour Bluff ISD, we want to thank everyone who attended our Hornet Town Square Ribbon Cutting event! Be sure to stay tuned for more Town Square events coming your way! We want to thank Flour Bluff High School ROTC, High School Chamber Choir, Intermediate Choir, ECC and Primary students, and the Corpus Christi Veterans Band for their performances! To see the full video, click the link here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hJ\\_4otX8hzE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hJ_4otX8hzE)



## NJROTC attends State of the Port

Wednesday, November 11 at the State of the Port, our very own NJROTC along with CDR Hughen welcomed everyone to this great event! Thank you to the Port of Corpus Christi for having us!

## Superintendent's Listening and Learning Sessions Scheduled for Fall 2021

Superintendent Soliz-Garcia started the Listening and Learning Session during the Spring 2021 semester. The initiative will continue this school year as we share the state of the district and gather feedback from employees, parents, students, and community members. The following sessions have been confirmed:

Tuesday, November 16 - Elementary Campus  
Monday, November 29 - Intermediate Campus  
Tuesday, November 30 - SDGC Campus  
Wednesday, December 1 - High School Campus  
Monday, December 6 - Jr. High Campus  
Tuesday, December 7 - Nutrition Department  
Wednesday, December 8 - Primary Campus  
Monday, December 13 - ECC Campus



## Great job Flour Bluff High School Choir!

TMEA Region/Pre-Area Choir auditions were held at Veterans Memorial HS this past weekend. This competition was the second of three rounds in the TMEA All-State Choir process. This competition was a two-round audition with repertoire and sightreading skills being scored, and it selects region choir members and Area candidates to compete for state chairs. Only 20 girls per section and 15 boys per section score high enough to sing in the Region Concert this weekend (here at our auditorium), and 5 plus 2 alternates advance to Area auditions in January. Of all the participating high schools and student musicians across the region competing for those seats. We had 25 eligible to audition, and of those, 25... 21 are region choir members and alternates, and eight are area candidates and alternates! A perfect day for the FBHS choirs!

REGION Choir Members

**Soprano 1:** Gabrielle Oller (alt.), Lisette Torres (alt.), Analeya Lester (alt.)

**Soprano 2:** Bricelynn Castillo, Montana Allen (alt.), Paige Dwyer, Alaina Featherby

**Alto 1:** Agnes Garcia

**Alto 2:** Dayanara Underwood

**Tenor 1:** Luke Franz

**Tenor 2:** Andrew Biven



**Bass 1:** Abel Valdez Jr., Jack Winters

AREA Candidates and Alternates

Abbigayle Wiginton (4th Soprano 2), Katelynn Rumfield (2nd alt. to area Soprano 2)

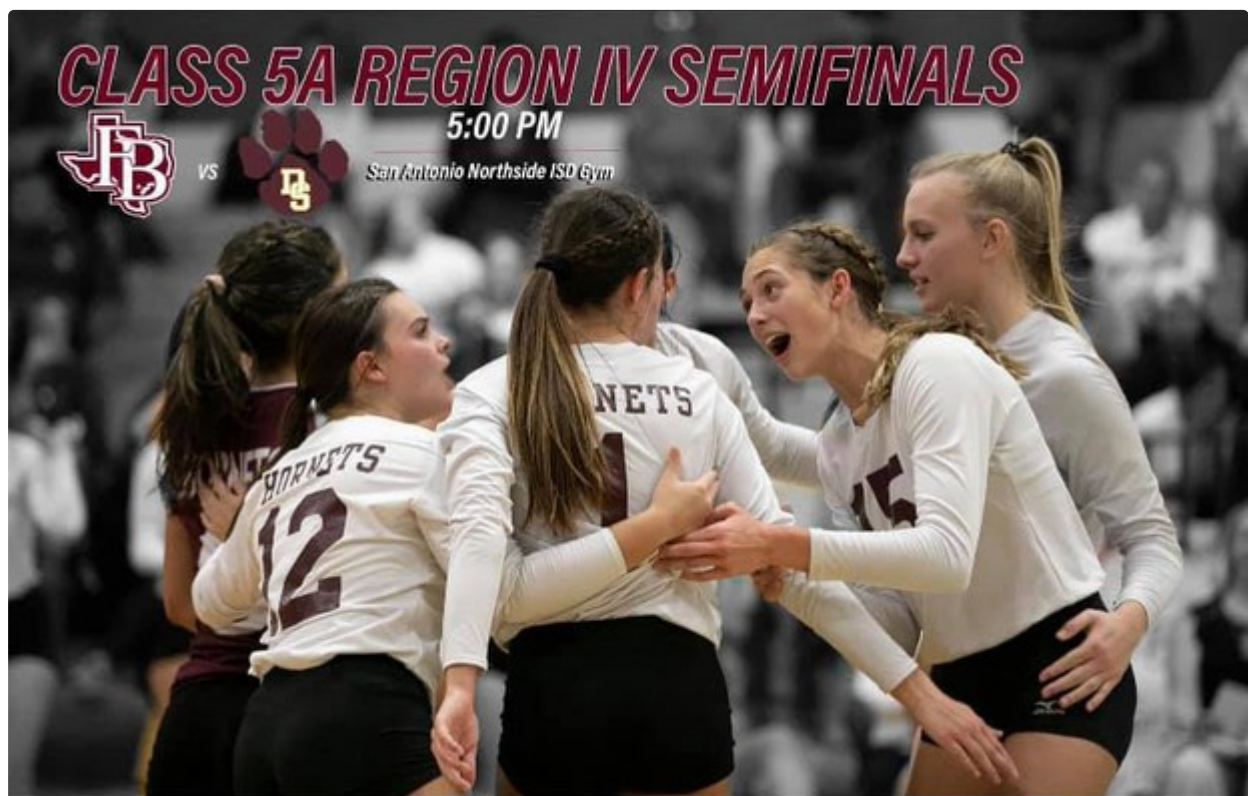
Caitlyn Edwards (2nd Alto 2), Bailey Hutchison (1st alt. to area Alto 2)

Joshua Garcia (2nd Tenor 1), Jaylee Garcia (2nd alt. to area Tenor 1)

Hunter Henne (4th Bass 2), Nathan Skrobarczyk (5th Bass 2)

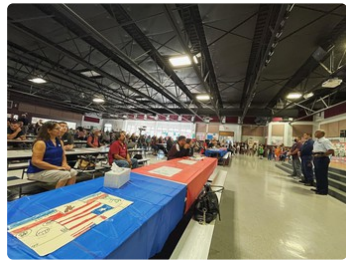
The area candidates now prepare for Area/State auditions on the first weekend of January- where they compete against the top 20 singers in their section from South San Antonio down to the RGV. It is also the first contest I will formally oversee as the new TMEA area vocal chair.

Their public concert is here at the HS auditorium (Friday is JH/MS - Small School Choir and Saturday is Region Treble - Large School Choir). We are hosting the region clinics and concerts in the auditorium this Friday and Saturday. Several hundred singers rehearsing all day, and then over a thousand will attend the concerts this weekend. There is an admission fee, but administrators are free with their IDs.



## Lady Hornets Volleyball Head to San Antonio to play Dripping Springs for Semifinals!

Our Lady Hornets headed to dominate Dripping Springs for the semifinals. Busses lined up at the Varsity Gym Parking Lot to give the Lady Hornets a sendoff on Thursday to San Antonio. We are so proud of our Lady Hornets!



## Veterans Day Assembly with Primary/Elementary!

It was a special morning for us as we headed to the Veterans Day assembly at our Primary/Elementary cafeteria! We got to hear music from the Corpus Christi Veterans Band, children displayed artwork, and parents came up to be recognized and thanked for their service. Way to go, Hornets, and thank you, parents, for coming and allowing us to thank you for all you have done.



## Education & Workforce Stakeholder Meeting

Dr. Linda Barganski, Associate Superintendent of Student Services, and Lauren Smith, High School Counselor, attended the Education & Workforce Stakeholder Meeting at the Education Service Center on November 12, 2021. Mayor Guajardo gave a brief welcome and reported how this meeting is significant to the City of Corpus Christi to ensure Corpus Christi has a skilled workforce. She said that all stakeholders attending were essential to the success of this project. Mayor Guajardo then



introduced Dr. Janet Cunningham, Executive Director, Education to Employment Partners, and she, in turn, introduced Mr. Jeff West, Deputy Executive Director, Education to Employment Partners. Mr. West introduced the Strategic Priority Plan and explained how all stakeholders, Public Schools, Institutions of Higher Education, and Workforce Partners should work together to help students attain their goals and the workforce goals for Corpus Christ. The three priorities include: 1) Improve awareness and preparation for postsecondary education and careers throughout the P-16 system, 2) Use data to drive decisions and create a compelling call to action, and 3) Enhance collaboration and partnerships among education, business, industry, and community organizations to align student skills with workforce needs. Flour Bluff ISD looks forward to working with Education to Employment Partners to help our students acquire the needed skills to join the workforce or pursue higher education after graduation.

## Assessment Updates

- FBISD Interim Testing is occurring throughout October, November, and December at all campuses; click on the following link for the Interim testing schedule: [FBISD Interim Testing Schedule](#)
- The upcoming December 2021 End-of-Course assessments will be online during the following dates:
  - December 7-17 for Algebra I, Biology, and U.S. History
  - December 7 for English I
  - December 9 for English II
  - December 10 for Make-Up Sessions for English I & II
- This will be the last year for the STAAR 1.0 assessment, meaning the current version of STAAR with all question types as multiple choice. The STAAR 2.0 assessments will begin with Spring 2023 assessments; 70% of question types will be multiple-choice, while the remaining questions will have new item types. See the [read4ward assessment and accountability summary](#) for more information.
- Reading & Language Arts (RLA) Assessment Program Updates:
  - The 2021-2022 RLA Assessment updates for grades 3-8 can be found at the following link: [3-8 RLA Test Design Schematics Comparison](#).
  - Important changes for this year include:
    - Assess ONLY the 2017 reading standards for grades 3-8
    - Field Test 2017 reading and writing standards
    - Assess the 2017 reading AND writing standards for EOC English I & II
- Some of our students were selected by the state to take the STAAR 2.0 Field Test between February 7-18, 2022. These students include:
  - 3rd-5th grade Spanish Reading & Language Arts (RLA)
  - 6th grade Reading & Language Arts
  - 8th grade Math
- Additionally, a sample of FBISD 9-year-olds will be selected to participate in the NAEP Assessment on February 2, 2022. More information regarding this assessment can be found [here](#).
- House Bill (HB) 3261 requires state assessments to be administered online by the 2022-2023 school year. This transition will require nearly all students to be assessed online, with the exceptions of students taking the STAAR Alternate 2 assessment and students who require accommodations that cannot be provided online. Beginning December 2022, all STAAR and EOC assessments will be 100% online. The technology department will be developing a plan to support campuses' needs for additional devices.
- House Bill 4545 - Students who do not perform satisfactorily on the Spring 2022 STAAR and EOC assessments will be required to receive 30 hours of accelerated instruction either during summer



## Payton Baklik and Nash Villegas who both signed letters of intent to play collegiate sport!

We are so proud of our Hornets!! We want to congratulate both Payton Baklik and Nash Villegas who both signed letters of intent to play collegiate sport!

Payton signed her letter of intent to compete collegiate Track& Field at Texas A&M University-Kingsville!

Nash signed his letter of intent to play collegiate baseball at Texas A&M University- Corpus Christi! Help us to congratulate these two incredible athletes and wish them the very best in their future!





## Xavier Pon accepted into AMDA (American Musical and Dramatic Academy)!

Xavier Pon was just accepted into AMDA (American Musical and Dramatic Academy) with a \$10,000 scholarship! They have campuses in New York City and Los Angeles. He will either go there to study theatre or attend a college where he can focus on Sports Broadcasting. It's great to be a Hornet!

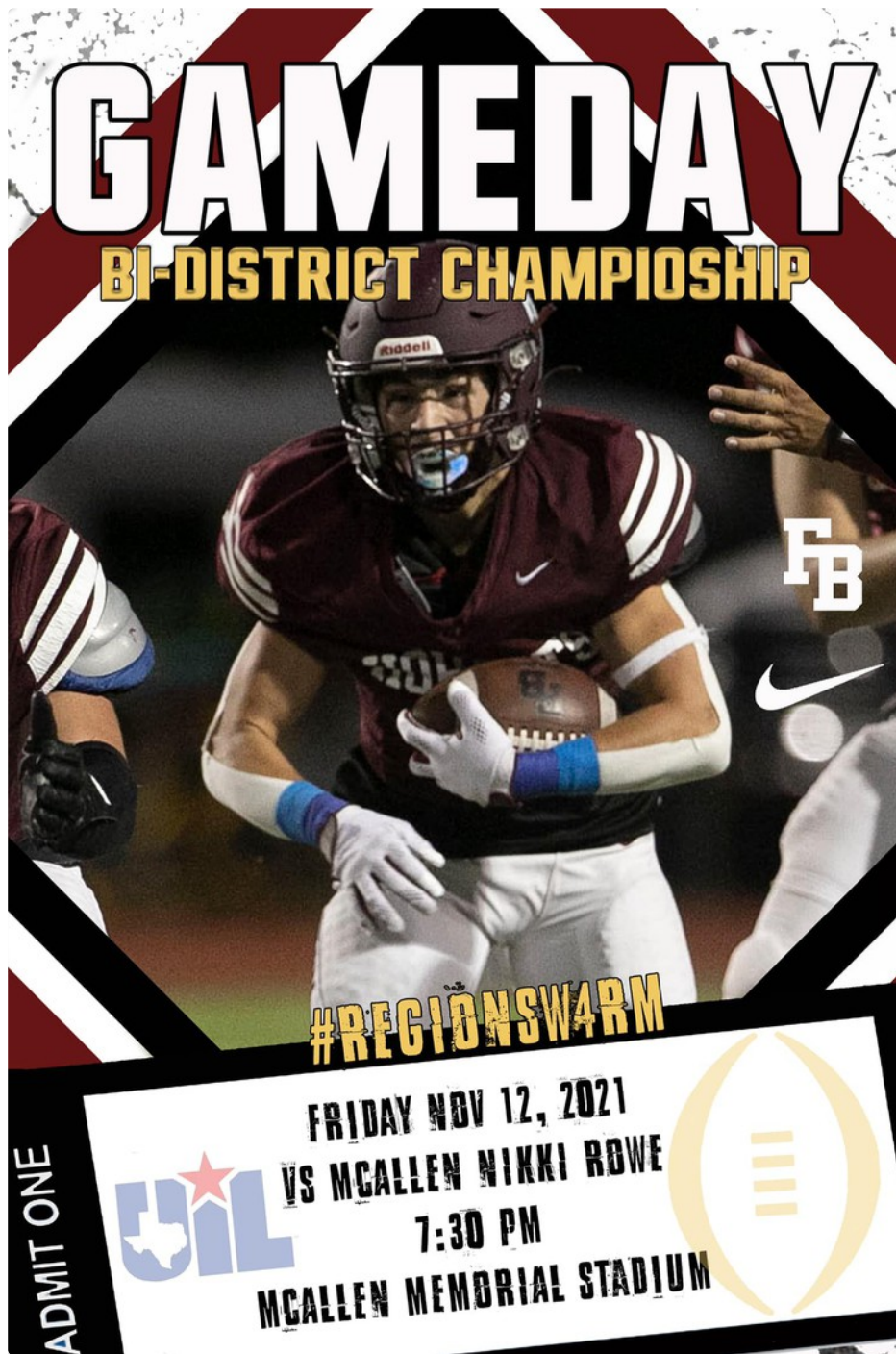
## Calendar Committee Update

The calendar committee met Wednesday, November 10th. The purpose of the meeting was to collaborate with members on their calendars to make sure the final products met all the requirements. Here are the items the team looked for on all the calendars:

- Does the calendar have 175 student days
- Does the calendar have 187 teacher days
- Does the calendar meet all UIL requirements
- Are teacher in-service/workdays listed
- Does calendar consider state testing windows
- Are the holidays we observe listed
- Is the graduation date feasible based on availability

Next Wednesday, we will be meeting again to go over final products and decide which calendars to move forward for broader community input.

UPDATES FROM HORNET ATHLETICS



Good Luck to our Hornets today!

ITS GAME DAY!

Don't miss the Bi-District Championship game against McAllen Nikki Rowe, 7:30 pm at the McAllen Veterans Memorial Stadium!

<https://youtu.be/ahUaYWFwJd4>

Tune in to Sports Radio Corpus Christi 1230 AM ,95.1 FM to listen!

Sports Update: Go Hornets!

#### Athletic Accolades

- Volleyball in the 4th round for the 4th year in a row
- Football in 1st round of playoffs



- Varsity boys and girls basketball starting 2021 season
- Girls sub varsity basketball both going 2-0 in their respective tournaments
- Hornet of the Week – Payton Baklik -

<https://athletics.flourbluffschools.net/2021/11/12/hornet-of-the-week-payton-baklik/>

## Next Week in Athletics

.athleticsflourbluffschools.net

### This Week in Hornet Sports

- Tuesday - November 16
  - HS Girls Basketball @ Beeville (JV 5, V 6:15, 9th 7:30)
  - Varsity Volleyball - Regional Quarterfinal
  - HS Varsity Boys Basketball vs. Laredo Martin- (V 6:30, 9 5, JV 5)
- Wednesday November 17
  - JH Boys Basketball vs. Kaffie - Home (A Teams 5PM, B Teams 6:15)
- Thursday - November 18
  - JH Girls 7th Grade Basketball @ Alice (A 5PM, B 6:15 PM)
  - JH Girls 8th Grade Basketball vs Alice Home (A 5PM, B 6:15 PM)
  - HS Varsity Girls Basketball @ Marble Falls Tournament (Thu - Sat)
  - HS Varsity Boys Basketball @ Harlandale Tournament (Thu - Sat)
  - HS 9th/JV Boys Basketball @ <sup>TM</sup> (Thu - Sat)
- Friday - November 19

### Football 2nd Round

- Saturday - November 13
  - HS Swim a& Dive - Hornet TISCA Meet - Home

[Click Here for More Athletic News](#)

## COVID-19 UPDATE

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The Flour Bluff ISD COVID-19 Testing Center reported from November 8 to November 11; they tested a total of 20 students and staff members at the FBISD Testing Center. The testing center reported 1 positive case during this time. As of November 12, we have a total of 7 active cases in the district. The cases include 6 students and 1 employee.

[Click here for the latest COVID-19 case numbers and other district data.](#)

To keep up to date on the latest information surrounding COVID-19, visit <https://flourbluffschools.net/coronavirus-covid-19-updates/>.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

November 22-26: Thanksgiving Break

December 2: Board Meeting

## FBISD Calendar of Events

### Regular Meeting of the Flour Bluff ISD Board of Trustees

When

Thursday, Dec. 2nd, 6pm

Where

Central Office, Board Room

### Special Meeting of the Flour Bluff ISD Board of Trustees

When

Tuesday, Dec. 14th, 6pm

Where

Central Office, Board Room



### CONTACT INFO

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