



Thank you!

We made it to the end of the school year! I'd like to personally thank everyone for all of the support we have received throughout the school year. Overall, we have had a great year at SEM despite a few obstacles. Our seniors will begin new educational experiences at top notch colleges and universities. Our juniors are gearing up for their senior year next year. Our sophomores are busy registering for summer community college courses and our freshmen have successfully completed a grueling, but rewarding first year at SEM. We are very proud of all of our students.

We are also very proud of the fact that in a couple of weeks Newsweek will publish its annual list of Best High Schools 2009. A very reliable source from Newsweek has reported that The School of Science / Engineering will be ranked the 2nd best high school in the Nation (June 2009). The Best High Schools list (and a video showcasing our school) will be available online (www.newsweek.com) June 14, 2009.

Again, thank you for a wonderful year. Have a fantastic summer and see you in the fall!

~ Jovan C. Wells, Principal

Townview Spared from Staffing Cuts

At the end of a board meeting that did not end until 1:30 a.m. Friday morning, the DISD Board voted to approve staffing cuts to the learning centers and some of the magnets schools. However, the board voted to modify the district's latest proposal. The board approved an amendment proposed by Dr. Lew Blackburn to increase staffing at the learning centers to 110% of the staffing formulas. The approved plan also included friendly amendments from Mr. Jerome Garza to "hold harmless" Travis and Townview from any staffing cuts and from Ms. Leigh Ann Ellis to include a communications plan. So Townview was spared from proposed cuts of 20 teachers (or about 16 "weighted full-time equivalents"). The news was not good for the learning centers and the magnets that are not stand-alone schools.

Plumton Receives TI Scholarship

Glendon Plumton was recognized last week by Texas Instruments Chairman, President and CEO, Rich Templeton as one of 35 recipients of the National Merit Jerry R. Junkins Scholarship at a luncheon on May 28 at the company's headquarters in Dallas. The Junkins Scholarships, named in honor of TI's former chairman, president and CEO, are awarded to National Merit(R) Program finalists who are sons or daughters of active, retired or deceased TI employees.

Thank You!

On behalf of SEM parents and students, we offer kudos and heartfelt thanks to all of the SEM and Townview teachers, counselors, principals and staff who make the school and the campus an exceptional place to learn and prepare for college.

~ SEM PTSA

Thank You!

Thanks to all that helped with the AP Snack distribution and the Awards Banquet. Your contributions were extremely appreciated. We had a lot of positive comments and compliments (feedback) on both events.

~ Dianna Krueger

Texas Girls' State Fair 2009

Girl between the ages of 10-18 who have won a top award in Texas have the opportunity to be recognized! The Women's Museum invites girls of the Lone Star State who have received top honors in: Science, Math, Music, Dance, Drama, Writing, Sports, Cheerleading, National award winners, and more to participate in the Texas Girls' State Fair. Educational scholarships will be awarded for the top submissions. Registration deadline is July 11, 2009. For more information, visit www.thewomensmuseum.org/txgirlsstatefair.

Have a Great Summer!

The Periodic Tabloid will return in the fall.

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Attention Seniors: Register as Alumni

Congratulations to all of you! We wish you the best of luck at college and beyond. But this is not goodbye. You are now SEM alumni – and we want to stay in touch with you. Please take a moment RIGHT NOW to register as SEM alumni. Just go to the Alumni tab of the SEM website. Then click on [register](#). We also invite you to remain on the SEM PTSA email list so you can continue to receive the Tabloid and other SEM news. In fact, we hope you contribute to the newsletter with news and advice for SEM students. Also, an SEM alum is looking into creating an SEM Alumni Association. More on that as things firm up.

Harris to Attend STEM Camp at U.S. Naval Academy

SEM freshman Lynnea Harris was chosen to attend the STEM summer camp at the US Naval Academy. She is the only SEM student that will be going, but one of several from Townview. Thank you to Mr. Spiritus for putting together this awesome opportunity.

Recruiting for 2009-2010 Speech Team

Mr. Hyman is recruiting students for the speech team for 2009-2010. Interested parties should email Mr. Hyman at shyman@dallasisd.org or they may call Dan Martinez, 214-707-0892, for more information. Persuasiveness is powerfulness!

Recruiting for UIL Current Events Team

The SEM Current Events Team is graduation!. Ms. Dove is recruiting for a new team for next year. SEM students interested in hard work, lots of reading, lots of fun, meeting once a week, going to 4 or 5 invitational meets on Saturdays should email Ms. Dove at ddove041@dallasisd.org. 2009-2010 TOPIC: A Nation Divided; The U.S. Civil War and Reconstruction

Summer Discovery Corps

The Museum of Science and Nature is offering nine two-week sessions from early June through mid August for students age 14 to 17. Students will spend one week in the public galleries giving a variety of engaging, instructive science demonstrations. They will be trained to present such concepts as inertia, density, volume, and states of matter, and activities such as dinosaur footprint casting, paleontology specimen "show and tell," and construction of paper hoop airplanes and rotocopters. An orientation party, "Night at the Museum," will be held in early June that will include orientation, training sessions, a nighttime scavenger hunt, video games on the giant IMAX screen, pizza and ice cream sundaes. Please contact Susan Meyer, Volunteer Manager at smeyer@natureandscience.org or 972.201.0552 for more information. *Hat Tip: Glenn Samford*

Taking the SAT Again: How I Regressed to Adolescence

Wall Street Journal columnist Sue Shellenbarger accepted the challenge from her teenage son to take the SAT again at age 57.

"By the time the test date arrived, I'd gone into a tailspin of adolescent regression, procrastination, avoidance and sloppy study habits. Abandoning my clean, well-lit work area, I started studying in a darkened room with the TV on, ate snacks, allowed my attention to stray – all the behaviors I've taught my children to avoid. What I learned will make me a more tolerant parent."

Read the whole story here:

<http://blogs.wsj.com/juggle/2009/05/27/taking-the-sat-again-how-i-regressed-to-adolescence/>



This spine-tingling introduction to the real world of forensic science gives kids ages 13-17 hands-on experience in crime scene investigation. Summer camp: Now enrolling
www.natureandscience.org/discovery_camp/default.asp

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Upcoming Events

Date		Event	Time
M	June 1	Graduation at Ellis Davis Field House	7:30 p.m.
W	June 3	Last day of school	

New and changed events are in bold.

Events are subject to change. Check the SEM [calendar](#) for updates. www.semagnetschool.org

DSO Summer of Stars Community Engagement Concert Series

The Dallas Symphony Orchestra is proud to announce its [2009 Community Engagement Concert Series](#), including six outdoor concerts in Dallas-area parks and Latino and African-American Festival performances at the Meyerson Symphony Center. All concerts are FREE!! Key dates include:

Tuesday, June 2, 2009 - 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Kidd Springs Park Presented by Target

Thursday, June 4, 2009 - 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Dallas Arboretum Presented by Target

Wednesday, June 10, 2009 - 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Exall Park Presented by Target

Saturday, June 13, 2009 - 7:30 p.m.
DSO Latino Festival Concert at the Meyerson

Friday, June 19, 2009 - 7:30 p.m.
DSO African-American Festival Concert at Meyerson