



THE BLACK KNIGHTS' SWORD



MARCH 2023

EYES ON THE SUPERINTENDENT'S CUP

The **HISD JROTC Superintendent's Cup** is an annual award for the top JROTC program in the district based on performance in drill team, color guard, flag folding, physical training, marksmanship, academic bowl, superior cadet instructor, and outstanding cadet board competitions. As of March 1, here are the current standings:

Drill: #1 Sam Houston, #2 Scarborough, #3 Westside

Color Guard: #1 Sam Houston, #2 Northside, #3 Madison

Flag Folding: #1 Sam Houston tied with 7 other programs

Marksmanship: #1 Sam Houston, #2 Heights, #3 Westbury

Physical Training: #1 Sam Houston, #2 Furr, #3 Westside

Academic Bowl: #1 Sam Houston currently tied with several programs

Last year's champion was the Scarborough Spartans while the Black Knights finished in 5th place behind Bellaire, Westbury, and Heights.



The Remaining Events

- **HISD's Bluebonnet Drill Meet:** March 4, 2023, at Westside High School
- **Superior Instructor Competition:** Early March
- **Outstanding Cadet Board:** March 25, 2023, at High School for Law and Justice

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MIDDLE SCHOOL TOURS

WE WANT YOU!

During the spring months, the Black Knights take the show on the road to meet 8th graders from **Fonville Middle School, Patrick Henry Middle School, and Burbank Middle School**. The presentation kicks off with a push up competition to get the crowd rowdy followed by a drill team exhibition. The cadet leaders then explain the good about Sam Houston and why they should choose Sam. Finally, the cadets make the pitch for future freshmen to join Army JROTC at Sam Houston.

**THANKS FOR HOSTING THE
BLACK KNIGHTS!!!**



Above: Push up competition at Burbank MS



Left: Cadets mix in with the students and show a teacher how to spin a rifle

Right: The male winner of the push up competition with a fellow competitor and Ms. Martinez (8th grade counselor)



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IT COSTS TO BE THE BOSS

'FUN'RAISING

Cadets understand that drill equipment, teams' uniforms, the military ball, and paying expert drill coaches require resources. So, the Black Knights and the booster club work with partners off campus to increase community interest in the program and raise funds to support themselves. On February 25, 2023, the booster club parents, the VFW Auxiliary group, and the cadets hosted a barbeque plate sale. Madam President JoAnn Mata (Sam Houston Alum) along with other Sam Houston alumni supported the Black Knights by reaching out to all contacts to support. The event was overwhelmingly supported, and the Black Knights are extremely grateful. Thank you!



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CAREER WEEK AT SCARBOROUGH AND SHADYDALE SCHOOLS



In February, both **Scarborough** and **Shadydale** elementary schools invited the Army JROTC instructors to speak to young people about careers in the military. But in true Black Knights' fashion, the cadets put on a demonstration before the instructors discussed the military. The students loved the presentation and were able to speak with cadets after the formal discussion. Cadets enjoyed speaking with students about JROTC and their plans for after high school. Everyone enjoyed each other and hopefully this tradition remains.



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Career Week 2023 -Armed Forces Day
Shout out to Lt Ray and Sgt Pace and the JROTC cadets from Sam Houston HS for an amazing drill formation and information about the U S Army and the myriad of career opportunities presented to our Rams on today!!

@ShadydaleRams
@HISD_ACC



Cadets earn credit in JROTC for community service work. Speaking to elementary students and inspiring them to be better citizens is important work and the Black Knights take this work seriously.



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ARMY NATIONAL DRILL MEET

On May 3, 2023, the armed drill team will travel to Daytona, Florida to represent the Houston Independent School District and the 5th Brigade of Cadet Command against schools from all over the nation. The Black Knights placed 3rd in the toughest region in the nation in the San Antonio meet back in January of 2023. Keep your eyes on the Black Knights and cheer on the home team going forward...

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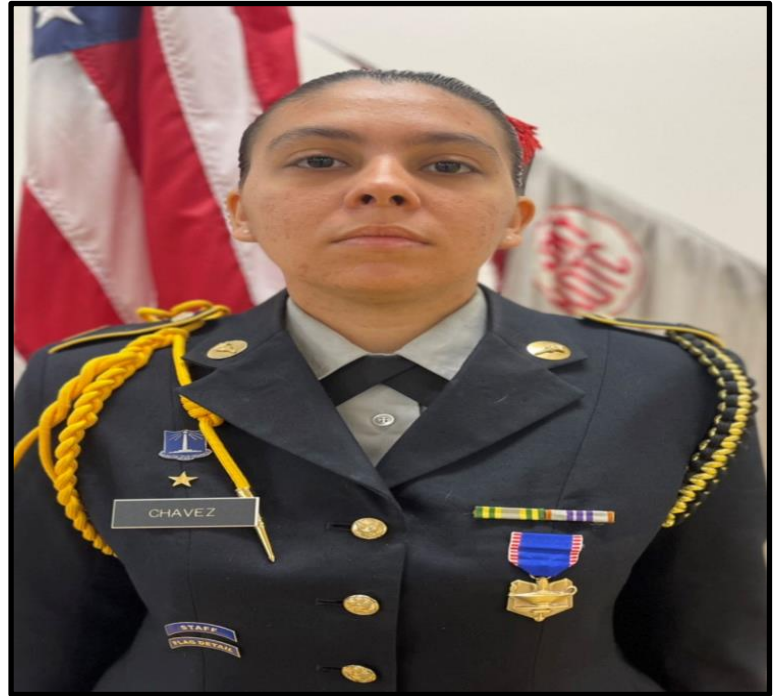
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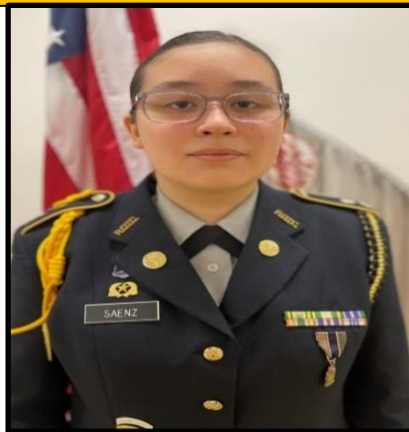
BATTALION COMMANDER JIMENEZ

Good day cadets and patrons. We have a busy schedule so look forward to the events we will be participating in. Make sure to keep supporting our program through our monthly fundraisers and support our cadets who will be competing for the superintendent's cup. Cadets, keep your head up high and work diligently. We just started the second semester so we must finish stronger than how we started. Thank you to all those who work hard and those who support us. **GO BLACK KNIGHTS!!!**



COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR CHAVEZ

Good afternoon, everyone. Our cadets have put in the time into recruiting future cadets along with supporting their communities by showing up to elementary schools. The teams are putting every ounce of their efforts not only at practice but in the classrooms as well, to win the super attendance cup. Fundraising has played a key role into where we are right now, which we are thankful to have the support of those that have contributed. Let's keep up the good work and motivation to finish the year off. **HOORAH!!!**



EXECUTIVE OFFICER SAENZ

Greetings cadets and readers alike, the first battalion has much to look forward to this March! First, the Black Knights will be running into the battle zone to achieve maximum points in this year's Blue Bonnet on March 6th. In addition, we have an extraordinary line-up for the Cadet Board which will be held on March 28th. Let's dominate across all fields and win that Superintendent's Cup! Besides competitions, the military ball at the Westin Galleria is now only a month away! Reserve your spot for the ball as soon as possible by March 10th. If you would like to participate in the court, please pay your \$10 fee to run and start hanging up your posters to win that crown! Work as hard as you can out there cadets, and celebrate our victories at the military ball, see you there!

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