

# SSE THURSDAY FOLDER

## UPCOMING EVENTS

11/27 - 12/12.....	Kinder Holidays Around the World
11/29-30 .....	PTA Kindness Shop
12/1 .....	3rd to Nutcracker at DSHS PAC
12/2 .....	UIL District Meet
12/5 .....	UIL Assembly, 8:30am, Cafeteria
12/8 .....	Gingerbread Decorating in Studios
12/12 .....	Market Day - Hosted by 3rd Grade
12/14 .....	4th Grade Music Performance: Nutcracker
12/15 .....	Polar Express Day
12/19-20 .....	Classroom Celebrations (see flyer for times & to RSVP)
12/20 .....	Last Day, early release at 12 noon
12/21-1/5 .....	DSISD Winter Holiday
1/8 .....	1st Day of 2nd Semester

**CLICK HERE** to pay for SSES Activity Fees -- these are used to pay for field trip entry fees, buses, and special events held on and off campus.





## **Elementary UIL District Contest**

Sycamore Springs Middle School

**Saturday, December 2, 2023**



When to show up: Check-in will **begin at 7:30 a.m.** All students should be at their event tables by 7:45. The contest directors will begin pulling contestants to the room at 7:45. The contests will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. **Students arriving after 7:55 a.m. will be disqualified from the competition.**

Note: Since Ready Writing students will have already completed their writing compositions; they are not required to attend the meeting on Saturday unless they want to see the results.

Where to park: Park in the parking lot on the north side of SSMS (by the football stadium) or the parking lot on the northeast side of SSMS (by the cafeteria). The doors at the front of SSMS will be open for those who park at the front of the school. Be aware that you will need an additional 5 minutes to get to the back of the school to sign in.

Entrance: Students and parents should enter at the CL&I doors (north side) or cafeteria doors (northeast side) of SSMS.

Where to check-in: **Parents must check in their students at your school's registration table located outside of the SSMS cafeteria..** After your child is checked in, please have them go and sit at their event table.

What to wear: Dress comfortably. **No school-identifying clothing may be worn.**

What to bring: Students may bring money for the concession stand but do not need to bring items for their competitions. The exception to this is Maps, Graphs, and Charts and these students will need to bring their reference materials. Food and drink bottles are not permitted in the competition rooms.

Parents: Parents are asked to wait for their children in the cafeteria. Only participants, staff, coaches, and judges are allowed in the competition rooms.

When the contest is over: Parents are to pick up students in the cafeteria and check them out on the stage by the slide show. Students may leave after their competition or may stay until the results are posted. Contest results are expected to be posted by 11:00 a.m.

***If your child will be leaving with someone other than his/her parent or guardian, you must send a note with your child and he or she must give it to the staff member at the time they sign in.***

Results: Contest results will be posted in the cafeteria as they become available. Results will also be posted on the District UIL Website.

Contact your Campus UIL Coordinator with any questions.

UIL District Meet at  
Sycamore Spring Middle School  
Saturday, December 2, 2023

The red, black and blue lots are best for parking.



Doors marked with a star will be unlocked for UIL families to enter.

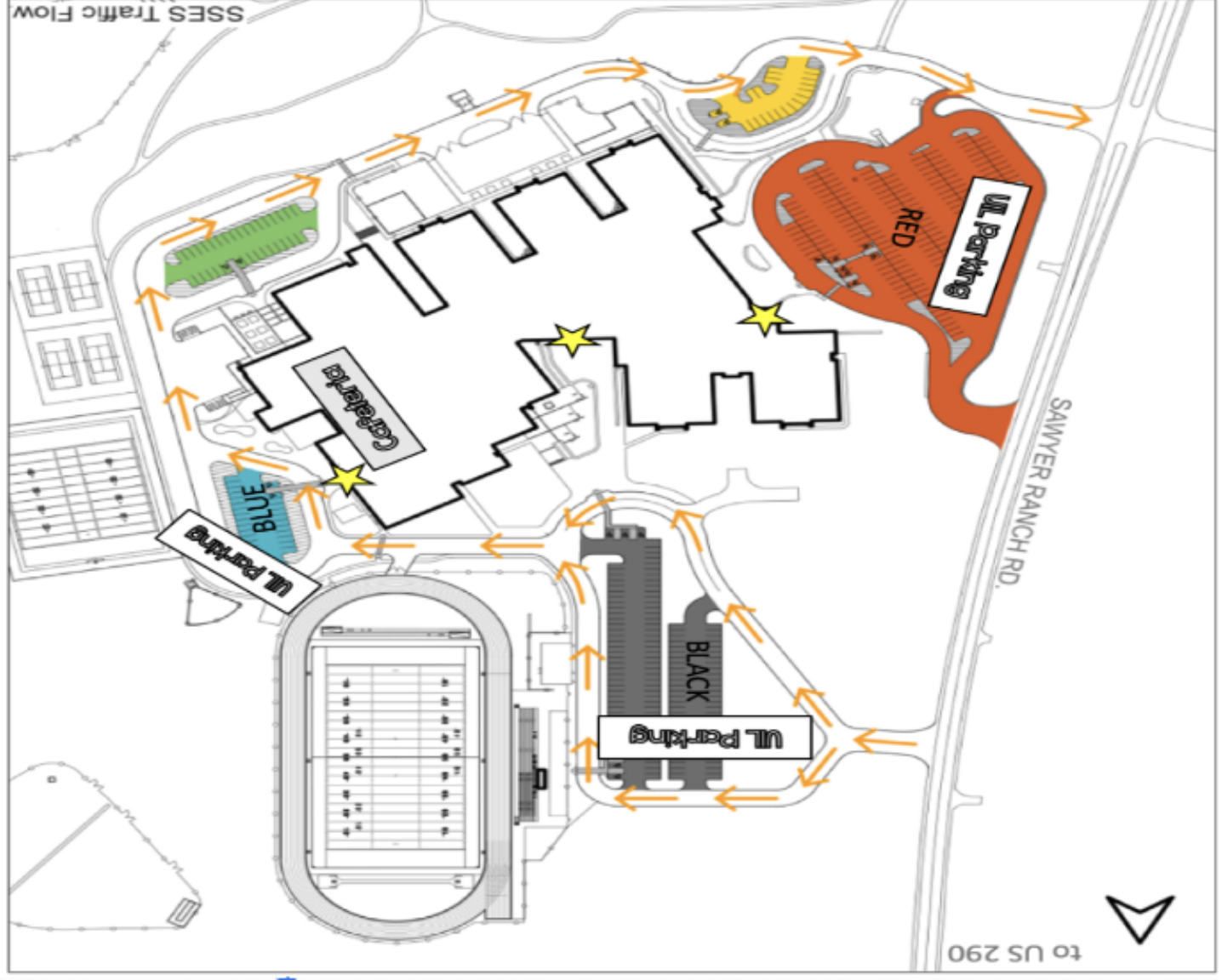
7:30 am - Registration begins outside of the SSMS cafeteria. Please keep in mind that it takes some time to walk from parking to cafeteria.

7:45 am - Coaches will begin taking students to their contest rooms.

8:00 am - Contests begin. There are NO late admissions.

Most events take about an hour. However, speaking events may take longer.

Parents may wait in the SSMS cafeteria until their child is finished with their event. Sign out will take place on the stage by the UIL slide show.





# PROJECT ELF

A tree with elf hats has been placed in the front office at SSE by Helping Hands of Dripping Springs

Each elf hat has gifts listed for a child in need

**WE HAVE A FEW ELF HATS  
LEFT WITH GIFTS needed!**

Gifts are due back to SSE by December 4th!  
Thank you!!



# COUNSELING NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER  
2023



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Our mission is to partner with ALL to provide a comprehensive school counseling program that is focused on addressing the unique needs and personal growth of all students including academic, career, and social-emotional development.



## PreK-2nd News - Mrs. Carrell

We will be wrapping up our lessons on Kelso's Choices for conflict resolution during our December CARE Classes. Students will learn to accept responsibility for their mistakes by giving an apology (ie. saying they're sorry and doing something to show it). They will also learn strategies for "making a deal" that is fair for all.

## 3rd-5th News - Mrs. Smart

During CARE Class in December, we will discuss Habit 4 - Think Win Win and conflict resolution. We will use the Peace Path to help guide students through a conversation they can have to solve any problem that they encounter with someone else. We will discuss communication as being aggressive, passive, and assertive and use I feel statements to communicate our feelings to others. We have linked the Peace Path below. It is a great tool to use even at home!



## Upcoming Events -

**THIS WEEK - Coats for Kids:** We will be collecting new or gently used coats in the front office. Make sure you check the Lost and Found in the main hallway throughout the month of November. We will be donating coats from the lost and found that are not claimed on November 30th

Thank you to everyone who donated to Project Elf! We still have a handful of elf hats left on the tree! We will be able to support 30 families in the Dripping Springs area with this support from all of you!



## Home Connections & Parent Lighthouse

Click on each topic to find links to family activities and fun family read-alouds  
[Habit 4: Think Win Win Home Connections](#)

### [Peace Path - Conflict Resolution](#)

Our next Parent Lighthouse meeting will be Friday, December from 8:15-8:45 in the Learning Lounge across from the front office in the main hallway. We will discuss what is going on in Student Lighthouse along with discussing counseling events and activities.

Sycamore Springs Elementary

CLASSROOM

# CELEBRATIONS

"Day Before"

Tuesday, Dec 19th

Pre-K 12:00–1:00pm  
Kinder 12:30–1:30pm  
1st 12:45–1:45pm  
5th 1:00–2:00pm

**RSVP HERE**

**FOR TUES. 12/19**

"Last Day"

Wednesday, Dec 20th

4th 8:30–9:30am  
2nd 8:45–9:45am  
3rd 9:30–10:30am

**RSVP HERE**

**FOR WED. 12/20**





7TH ANNUAL

# SUGAR SHACK

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DECEMBER

COOKIE DONATION SIGNUP



# WINTER BREAK

EARLY RELEASE  
DECEMBER 20 @ 12PM

DISTRICT CLOSED  
DECEMBER 21 - JANUARY 3

STUDENT HOLIDAYS  
JANUARY 4-5

CLASSES RESUME  
JANUARY 8