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The Amazing Security Team

By Nayan Sharma

Safety is an important concern for schools. Students and teachers need to feel safe so that they can focus. Recently, San Antonio College, which is about a block away from San Antonio Academy, came under lockdown after a threat to security happened on their campus. The administration of San Antonio Academy takes the issue of school safety very seriously. We have a security team on campus that keeps an eye on everything and protects us. The *Paw Prints* team took this opportunity to get to know some of our security team members better.

Mr. Charles Henry Turner is a security guard at SAA. He has worked for the Academy for 19 years. You may have seen Mr. Turner at the front gate in the mornings and afternoons. He frequently greets people when they enter or leave campus. He manages the traffic in and out of campus, and will stop you if you are not wearing a seatbelt.

Mr. Turner is a war veteran, and he was in the infantry. He worked as a patrol ranger, drill instructor, and combat soldier before coming to SAA. According to Mr. Turner, the most enjoyable part about his job is the people he works with. When asked what he finds to be the most challenging part about his job, Mr. Turner responded in his laid back style, "Nothing."

We are fortunate to have brave and skilled people like Mr. Charles Turner, Mr. Richard Cantwell, and SAPD officers on our team protecting us. We hope that it will stay like that for a long time.

Homemade

By Joseph Angulo

Here at San Antonio Academy we have many good people working with us. We have the maintenance staff, the security staff and the kitchen staff. I wanted to learn more about our kitchen staff because they give us all great food every day. They make more than three hundred meals a day, and on Fridays they make or take their time to buy really good desserts.

Isaac Rodriguez, one of the many amazing members of the kitchen staff, said he loves every food they make, and he especially loves Vietnamese food.

Paul Rodriguez, Alex Garcia, and Marc Garza used to work at Silo, an upscale restaurant. Now they use their culinary expertise to make lunchtime at SAA a treat every day.

We are lucky to have yummy main dishes as well as healthy salads, fruit, smoothies, and even delicious desserts! So when you see anybody in the kitchen staff, make sure to thank them.



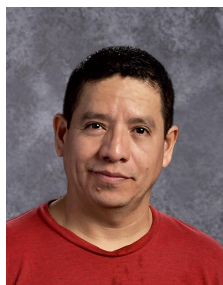
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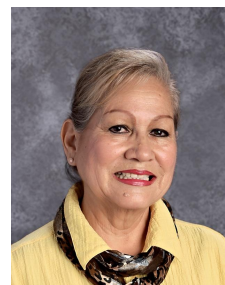
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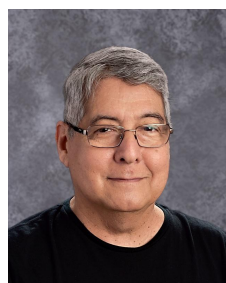
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Maintaining Excellence

By Benjamin Crawford

Every day when you come to school, you arrive to a clean campus, a sparkling Ellison Hall, a spotless classroom, and gorgeously landscaped grounds. Do you ever wonder how they stay so clean? It is because of our marvelous maintenance team, which includes Mr. Yawn, Mr. Cedillo, Mr. Villareal, Mr. Tony, Mr. Medina, Mrs. Medellin, Mrs. Encina, and Mr. Flores.

The maintenance team is hard-working and awesome. A typical day for them includes cleaning the AC and the school and getting requests from staff members for other maintenance improvements. They also manage pest control. Every day they clean the classrooms and take the trash out. This allows us to start our days off in a clean, comfortable learning environment.

Over vacations they improve our school by waxing the floors and doing school improvement projects. For example, they thoroughly cleaned the carpets in Taylor Hall over Winter Break.

We asked Mr. Yawn and Mr. Villareal what inspired them to become a part of S.A.A. Mr. Yawn said, "I saw the campus and thought, 'Wow! This place is amazing!' and I said I wanted the job. The school hired me."

Mr. Villareal said, "I was just truck driving until I got a phone call and I visited the campus. I loved it, and everyone had amazing manners."

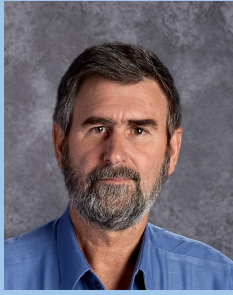
I asked them if they have ever had to tackle a particularly difficult challenge in their jobs here. They both agreed that when the heater in the Art Room needed to be cleaned up, it made a giant mess.

These gentlemen work hard to take care of our school, as do all the members of the maintenance and grounds teams. Here are some fun facts about them. Mr. Yawn likes to fish and build. Every year he takes a trip to Las Vegas, Nevada. Mr. Villareal likes fishing, building cars, deep sea fishing, and darts. He loves to go to Port Aransas and Corpus Christi.

When you see the maintenance team, tell them thank you for giving us a clean campus. And remember to take good care of our campus, be safe, and appreciate the many blessings we have here at SAA.

THANK YOU

Maintenance and Grounds Staff



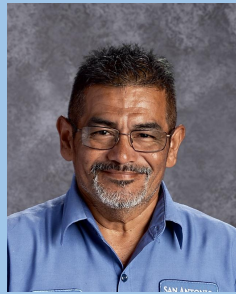
Randy Yawn



Freddie Cedillo



Henry Villareal



Tony Aguilar



Jesse Medina

Thank you to
all those who
work hard
every day to
make our
school feel
like home!

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Patricia Medellin



Adriana Encina



AD Flores

Marvelous Main Office

By Nayan Sharma

It takes a lot to keep a school running every day, and there are a lot of people who help keep things moving smoothly. Mrs. Peggy Klein and Mrs. Paige Matlock work in the main office making sure that San Antonio Academy functions efficiently. They play a key part in keeping the school running. We interviewed them and got to know a little bit more about their day at The Academy.

Mrs. Peggy Klein has been working at San Antonio Academy for 20 years. In her job, she helps the Head of School, Mr. DuBose, with important stuff, adds important information to the school computer system, and sets the school calendar. Most importantly, she hands out gummy worms to the students of San Antonio Academy. According to Mrs. Klein, the most challenging parts of her job are going through changes at the start of a new school year and learning all the boys' names. After a long, stressful day, she likes to go swimming to relax.

Mrs. Paige Matlock started working at the San Antonio Academy in August of 2012. In her job duties, she answers the phone, keeps the calendar for Mr. DuBose, helps the principal with daily work, and assists with sending emails to parents. Doing all that is challenging work! Mrs. Matlock says that the most challenging part of her job is multitasking and working on one subject, then having to switch to another subject quickly. After a stressful day, Mrs. Matlock likes to exercise, go for a walk, and spend time with her dog.

We appreciate what Mrs. Matlock and what Mrs. Klein do for this school every day!



Mrs. Matlock and Mrs. Klein prepare for Friday afternoon gummy worm distribution

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