

Wa:k Newsletter



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SAN XAVIER DISTRICT

June 2026

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In this newsletter
you can expect:

Drug and Alcohol free event

FREE ADMISSION

Under the Stars Swap Meet

SAN XAVIER MISSION | 1950 W. SAN XAVIER ROAD

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2026 | 4:00 – 10:00 P.M.

Live Waila Music

Find Unique Treasures:
HOME GOODS/DECOR
ARTISAN/HANDMADE PRODUCTS
JEWELRY/ACCESSORIES
FOOD/CONFECTIONS

VENDOR FEES:
COMMUNITY - \$15
NON-COMMUNITY - \$30

Starting June 1st

LIMITED SPACE. REGISTER HERE →



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Organized by: SXD Health and Wellness Committee

Persons attending and participating in the Under the Stars Swap Meet assume all risks, including but not limited to illness, injury, death, or property loss, and agree not to hold the San Xavier District, the San Xavier District Health & Wellness Committee, San Xavier Mission, its agents, event sponsors, and volunteers liable.

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Report & Highlights

MAY 2026	
<p>5/1/26 – Chairman, Vice Chair & SAWRSA Staff met with Catlow Shipek, Watershed Management Group, regarding water issues surrounding our community, and how to support our water needs.</p>	<p>5/4/26 – Vice Chair attended the Young Women’s Gathering (YWG) planning meeting. Chairman and Vice Chair attended the Voices of our Youth Family Night end of the program event.</p>
<p>5/5/26 – We attended the Land Assignment Committee to discuss land assignments/transfers, IHS sewer updates, and archaeological & biological clearances. Chairman chaired the SXD Council meeting</p>	<p>5/6/26 – We met with the Maintenance Roads Crew to get updates on road projects, signs, illegal dumping, and homeless camps. -Chairman met with the S-cuk Son Land Trust representatives and the Rio Nuevo president to appraise him of the Trust’s status and future plans.</p>
<p>5/7/26 – Vice Chairwoman attended the Old Pueblo Archaeology Center Board meeting to hear Director’s report, review financial statements, and discuss webinars, tours, and classes, and other public activities. 5/8/26 – Chairman held a meeting with Pima County Supervisor Allen’s staffer.</p>	<p>5/11/26 – Chairman attended a Young Men’s Gathering (YMG) workshop at the Coop. -Vice Chairwoman provided a welcome for the AZ Tribal Workforce’s 3-day training hosted by the One Stop Division and TON Education Department. -Vice Chair attended the YWG Planning meeting.</p>
<p>5/13/26 – Chairman offered the opening prayer at ASU’s Graduation ceremony for the School of Social Work at Fox Theatre, Tucson. - We attended the Planning & Housing Committee meeting with Housing staff on land assignments. -Chairman attended the YMG planning meeting. -Vice Chair attended the YWG Parents/Guardians, and Volunteers orientation meeting.</p>	<p>5/14/26 – Executive Team, Finance & COVID Coordinator attended the TON Internal Audit Team review of ARPA expenditures. -Chairman chaired the community meeting where Maintenance/Roads Depts and Cultural Events Coordinator provided update reports.</p>
<p>5/15/26 – Chairman attended the TOCC’s graduation ceremony at DDC. - Executive Team met with UA Professor Williams on his grant application to provide online certification courses to improve financial capabilities for adults.</p>	<p>5/19/26 – Executive Team, Planning staff held a virtual meeting with TON Health Center CEO & Board, Health & Human Services, and Indigenous Pact, as part of our due diligence, to discuss how a proposed outside medical health care provider can be allowed to serve our community. -Chairman chaired the SXD Council meeting</p>
<p>5/22/26 – Chairman and Vice Chair attended SXD Memorial Day Services at the SX Cemetery in honor of our fallen veterans. -We attended a virtual meeting with TON Water Resources Department and EPA regarding water quality issues in the District. -We and Velma Begay met with Luke Cole and John Shepard of Sonoran Institute to discuss opportunities for collaboration and shared our respective projects.</p>	<p>5/26 – 29/26 Vice Chair assisted with the Young Women’s Gathering Camp 5/26/26 - Chairman attended the District Leadership meeting hosted by Sif Oidak District. 5/29/26 – We attended the monthly ARPA meeting to update on project progress with the TON ARPA Team.</p>

June District Events

MON
1
Early Risers &
Summer Reading Program
Education Center

FRI
8
Infant/Toddler
Session #1 Begins

TUES-SAT
9-13
Young Men's
Gathering

MON
15
Summer Youth
Employment Orientation

THURS
18
Early Risers/
Infant Toddler & SRP
Concludes

FRI
19
SXD Closed in
Observance of
Juneteenth

TUES
22
Recognition Day
Education Center

WED
24
2026 Middle
School Summer Program
Orientation

FRI
26
2026 Honorary
Community Bldg
San Juan Feast

SAT
27
2026 Staff Renewal
Ceremony
6:30 AM- 10:30 AM
Community Swap Meet
4 PM - 10 PM

MON
29
Middle School
Summer Program
Begins

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SXDC Committee Meetings

Finance

- June 11th
- June 25th

Elections

- June 3rd
- June 17th

Culture & Natural Resources

- June 1st
- June 15th

Health & Education

- June 9th
- June 23rd

Planning & Housing

- June 10th
- June 24th

SXD Council

- June 2nd
- June 16th

Community meeting

- June 18th

SXDC/TOLC Vacancies:

- TOLC Alternate (1)
- SXD Council Alternate (1)

SXDC Committee Vacancies

- Culture & Natural Resources (1)
- Finance (1)

San Xavier District Council & Community Meeting Schedule

April 2026 – December 2026

To formally request a place on the agenda of the Council, please submit your request along with any relevant presentation materials, including PowerPoint slides, handouts, and draft resolutions, to the Council Secretary no later than two weeks prior for Council meetings, and one week prior for Community meetings. Email your request and documents to council@waknet.org.

Deadline Dates for Requests & Presentation Materials	San Xavier District Council Meeting Dates
March 24, 2026	April 7, 2026
April 7, 2026	April 21, 2026
April 21, 2026	May 5, 2026
May 5, 2026	May 19, 2026
May 19, 2026	June 2, 2026
June 2, 2026	June 16, 2026
June 23, 2026	July 7, 2026
July 7, 2026	July 21, 2026
July 21, 2026	August 4, 2026
August 4, 2026	August 18, 2026
August 18, 2026	September 1, 2026
September 1, 2026	September 15, 2026
September 22, 2026	October 6, 2026
October 6, 2026	October 20, 2026
October 20, 2026	November 3, 2026
November 3, 2026	November 17, 2026
November 17, 2026	December 1, 2026
December 1, 2026	December 15, 2026

Deadline Dates for Requests	San Xavier District Community Meeting Dates
April 1, 2026	April 16, 2026
May 7, 2026	May 21, 2026
June 4, 2026	June 18, 2026
July 2, 2026	July 16, 2026
August 6, 2026	August 20, 2026
September 3, 2026	September 17, 2026
October 1, 2026	October 15, 2026
November 5, 2026	November 19, 2026
December 3, 2026	December 17, 2026

Times and Dates are subject to change

For any questions, you may contact the SXD Council Department at 520.573.4026 or 520.573.4028 or email council@waknet.org

YOU ARE INVITED

to participate in the
**2026 Traditional Prayer Staff
Renewal Ceremony**

at the
Wak Hikdan

June 27th 2026

- Blessing of New Prayer Staff & Spiritual Run Begins at the SXD Center
- Runners & Horsemen Arrive at the Wak Hikdan, Renewal of Prayer Staff
- Welcome & Invocation
- Traditional Singing & Dancing

Lunch will be provided following ceremony.

In Tradition and Unity

SXD Natural Resources Department

For more information contact Miranda at (520)573-4053

Community Members Only

Covid Office Provides...

- Covid Tests
- Covid Box (if you test positive) includes Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and cleaning supplies for your household.
- PPE for community events, funerals, and anniversaries, when requested.

Water Filters & Replacements

Our office has Pur Plus Filter system available; it screws right onto the spout!

We have a small amount of replacement filters for the iSpring Countertop System and the Zero Water Pitcher.

Covid News

A new Covid-19 variant (BA.3.2), also known as Cicada variant, has been spreading in 25 states, including neighboring states of California, Nevada, and Utah according to the CDC. The variant is descended from Omicron variant, which spiked in early 2022. However, hospitalizations are less prevalent with Cicada variant.

CDC recommends staying up to date on vaccines, these reduce risk and serious complications. The 2025-2026 Covid Vaccine is available, ask your primary care doctors for any further information.

DIAPER & MENSTRUAL PRODUCT

MONTHLY DISTRIBUTION

Monday – Thursday Begins June 8th

For a Diaper Emergency outside of the giveaway dates, please call!

For (children of) SXD members
Availability varies! Limit per month!

Items Available:

- Diapers
- Pull Ups
- Adult Incontinence Products (Diapers)
- Menstrual Products

Open Monday–Thursday, Closed Fridays

For any questions, reach out to the Covid Office:

520-573-4010 or covid@waknet.org

SAN XAVIER DISTRICT

WE ARE HIRING!

JOIN OUR TEAM

- ACCOUNTANT - FINANCE
- EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT - ADMINISTRATION
- HVAC - MAINTENANCE
- COOK - SENIOR SERVICES
- HOME HEALTH TECH - SENIOR SERVICES
- HYDROLOGIST - NATURAL RESOURCES

APPLICATIONS/JOB DESCRIPTIONS AVAILABLE AT:
WWW.WAKNET.ORG OR THE SAN XAVIER DISTRICT OFFICES

ALL POSITIONS REQUIRE A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR GED AND A VALID DRIVER'S
LICENSE WITH NO MAJOR TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS IN THE PAST 3 YEARS.

CONTACT THE SAN XAVIER DISTRICT
HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE AT
(520)573-4019/4016 WITH ANY
QUESTIONS.



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2025-2026 ENROLLMENT K-2 GRADE

Accepting K-2 Children-ALL ARE
WELCOME!

Safe Learning Environment
Catholic Values

Integration of Tohono O'odham
Language & Culture / Himdag
Academic Excellence

1. Enroll Now
2. Scholarships Available
3. School Tour





HELLO June-Hasan Ba:k Masad



Rodent Infestation Prevention

Rodents can pose serious health and safety risks by contaminating food, damaging property, and spreading disease. Reduce the risk of infestation by practicing the following:

- keep all food stored in sealed containers
- promptly clean food crumbs, spills, and grease from the counter and floors
- dispose of garbage regularly and ensure trash containers have tight-fitting lids
- Eliminate standing water and repair plumbing leaks to reduce water sources
- seal holes, cracks, and gaps around doors, windows, pipes, and foundation to prevent entry.
- Regularly inspecting homes, sheds, and storage areas for signs of rodent activity, including droppings, gnaw marks, or nesting materials.
- use traps or seek professional pest services

Hantaviruses are a family of viruses spread primarily by rodents (mice and rats) that can cause severe, potentially fatal respiratory or renal diseases in humans. Infection often occurs through inhalation of airborne particles from infected rodent urine, droppings, or saliva, typically in enclosed spaces. Symptoms include fever, muscle aches, and fatigue, which can progress to serious illness. If you suspect you have hantavirus, seek medical attention immediately, especially if you have had recent exposure to rodents or their nesting areas. There is no specific cure, so prompt, supportive hospital care is critical, as the disease can worsen rapidly and is fatal in roughly 40% of cases.

Early prevention and routine maintenance are essential to minimizing rodent infestations and protecting the health and safety of elders, children, and community members.

FINANCE

DEPARTMENT

Mario Reyes, Finance Director

Hello, I graduated from the University of Arizona in the Spring of (Y2K) 2000, earning a bachelor's degree in accounting and finance and a minor in Spanish. Go Wildcats!!! Bear Down!!! I have worked with the Tohono O'odham Tribe for a total of 15 years, 5 years in the Accounting Department in Sells, as a Senior Accountant, and recently completed my 10th year here at San Xavier District. In my current position as Finance Director, my primary role is to oversee, guide, and direct the San Xavier District's daily financial operations, including the care and custody of all funds and securities, deposits of all payments, the accounting of receipts and disbursements, and the general accounting and financial functions. I enjoy working for the San Xavier District and hope to continue making a positive difference for the community.

Geri Rios, Accounting Specialist

Hello, I live in San Xavier and have been employed with the SXD Finance Department since December 17, 2001, as an Accounting Specialist. I received an associate's degree in accounting from Pima Community College while working full-time at the District in 2007. I have worked since age 14 in various clerical positions. After graduating high school, I worked in the banking and health insurance industry in various accounting positions before accepting a position working for the District. I enjoy traveling and spending time with family.

Eliana Norris, Accounting Assistant

Hello, I come from the San Xavier District, and I was born and raised here in Tucson. I have lived on and off the reservation. I have been part of various District groups, including Wa:k Tab Basket Dancers, Wa:k Royalty, Voices of Our Youth Program, the Wa:k Youth Council, and the Young Women's Gathering Committee. I graduated from Tucson High Magnet School in 2022 and started working for the District shortly after. I have worked for the district for 3 years, and it will be 4 years in June. I started as a temp receptionist for the Education department in June 2022, transferred to the Finance department as a temp at the beginning of June 2024, and was officially hired into my position in October 2024. I act as a backup for Geri Rios, the Accounting Specialist. I mainly assist the District departments with daily financial needs, such as purchase orders, credit cards, petty cash, and budget reports, if needed. I handle the filing and scanning of documents and assist with processing payroll.

Finance Word Search

Find the words in the word bank. The words in the puzzle may be hidden horizontally, vertically, diagonally, forward, or backward.

A	D	R	E	C	E	I	V	A	B	L	E	S
L	C	H	E	C	K	S	Y	E	P	B	T	A
L	F	C	D	P	C	D	W	K	N	U	U	F
O	I	P	O	O	O	U	E	G	H	D	C	E
R	L	R	T	U	C	R	S	B	I	G	O	V
Y	E	S	F	K	N	U	T	T	I	E	K	R
A	C	R	E	D	I	T	M	V	O	T	U	N
P	A	Y	A	B	L	E	S	E	F	M	I	R
K	J	B	A	L	A	N	C	E	N	D	E	J
F	I	S	C	A	L	Y	E	A	R	T	Y	R

Accounts	Checks	Payables	Document
Credit	Balance	Receivables	Payroll
Budget	Debit	File	Fiscal Year
Report	Vendor	Audit	Customer

HIMDAG EVENTS

COORDINATOR

A:ñi 'añ hab ce:gig Michael David Anthony Enis. Ñ amjed i:ya Wa:k tab, D o añ Wa:k Himdag Events Coordinator. Here is some information to share. There are many ways O'odham Himdag is shared and understood. Let this be one source for you as you read and listen.

During this month O'odham gather **Bahidaj** (Saguaro fruit) from the **Ha:şañ** (saguaro). O'odham also prepare for summer and the coming of the **Ju:kĩ**. The Ha:şañ is the symbol of life, sustenance, and harmony. When the white flowers ripen into fruit in early summer, it is harvested to make **Sitol** (syrup), **Hihij kusul** (Jam) and **Nawait** (ceremonial wine). Harvesting Bahidaj is a very spiritual event. No fruit is picked until the Ha:şañ is asked to give its blessings to the harvest, and great care is taken to pick the ripest fruit.

The dried pulp and seeds left behind from the straining were spread out until almost dry and then beaten with sticks to separate the pulp from the seeds. The **Hihij** (dried pulp) was combined with syrup to make **Hihij kusul** (saguaro jam). The **Kai** (seed) was ground into a sweet nut butter **Biblos** (nut butter) and added to water to make an **Atoll** (gruel). The syrup was stored in clay jars.

O'odham celebrate the start of the New Year. There is no date, but the O'odham New Year is a season that begins with the harvesting of the Bahidaj. After the harvest, the O'odham celebrate the **Ju:kĩ** (rain) and **Hewel** (wind), during the **Jujkida** (rain ceremony). Our community, Jujkida is the last Friday of July.

HIMDAG EVENTS

COORDINATOR CONTD.

Also, during this time O’odham would prepare also for farming and or clearing their areas from weeds. Below are the tools the O’odham learned to incorporate using and coming up with names for:

Siconakud – Hoe

Pa’la or Ku’bid – Shovel

Galonakud or Hukşanakud – Rake

Ban Wuhioşa – Pickaxe

We will have Gohmel practice on Wednesday, July 15 and Wednesday, July 22, 2026. Both beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Building.

Please open the link for more information

Ha:şañ song



Beginning Gohmel Song



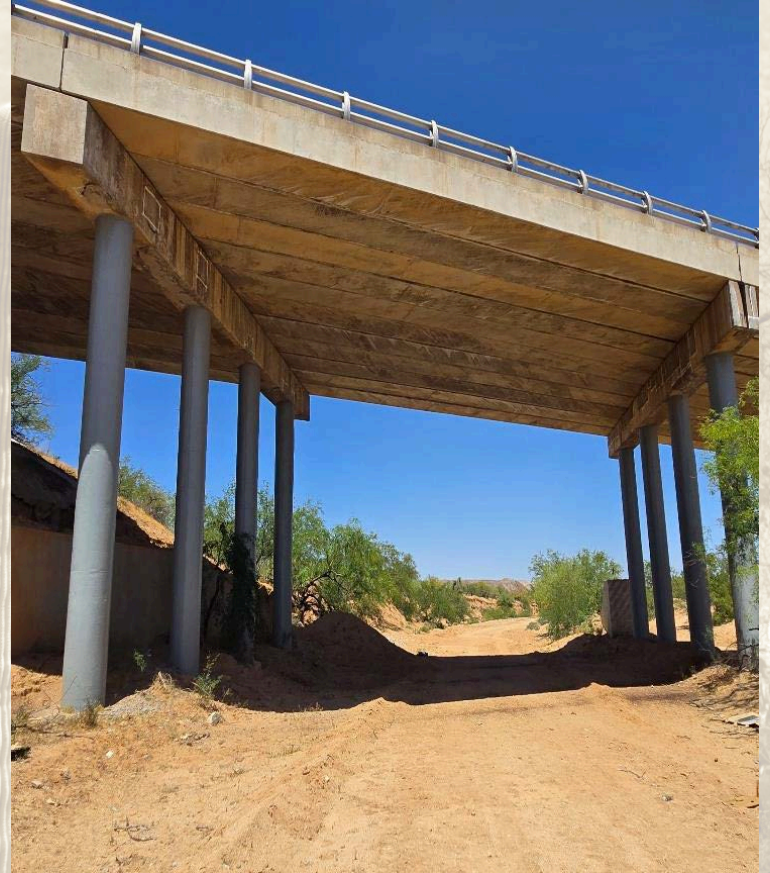
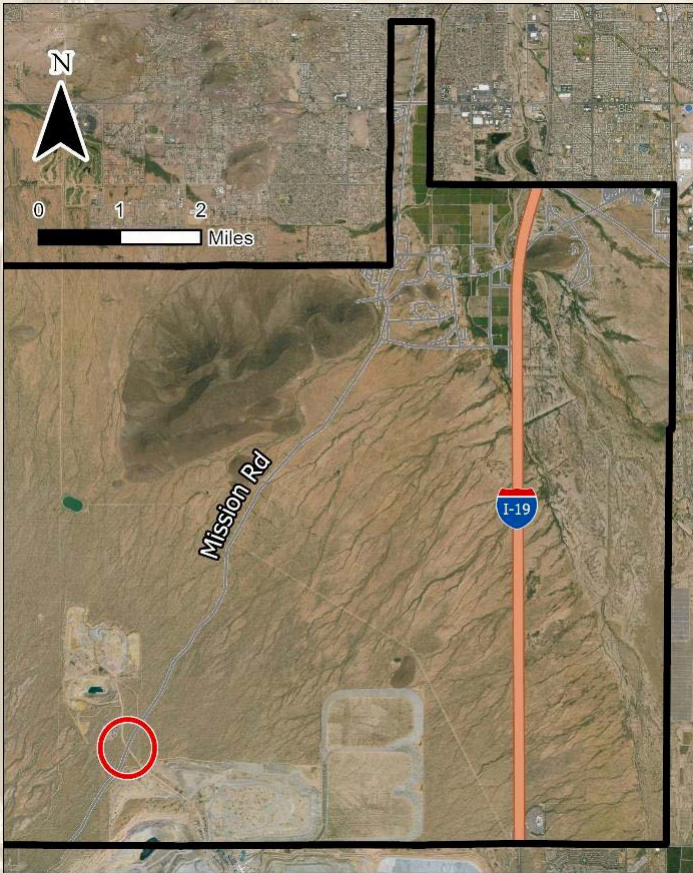
Beginning Gohmel Song Story



I look forward to creating and collaborating with you all in the near future in regard to cultural and community events and potential ideas. If you have any suggestions or questions, please feel free to reach out and send me an email to menis@waknet.org or phone call at (520) 573-4005. Pegi ‘Oig.

Planning

Department Update



San Xavier District Bridge Repair Update:

The Planning Department would like to update the community on repair work that began approximately 6 months ago on our very large vehicular bridge at South Mission Road, just north of Pima Mine Road. This work has been completed successfully with the Pima County Department of Transportation in collaboration with the District to bring this key infrastructure up to code for vehicular and pedestrian use. Concrete pillars beneath the bridge were thoroughly inspected and remediated as necessary, reinforcing the structure's functional stability. The Planning Department remains committed to the ongoing improvement and inspection of our critical infrastructure and will continue to take the steps necessary to ensure the safety and overall well-being of our community.

S.A.W.R.S.A

SOUTHERN ARIZONA WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENT ACT

Water Management Plan

The Southern Arizona Water Settlement Act (SAWRSA), enacted by Congress in 1982 and amended in 2004, allows the San Xavier District (District) to develop a plan for the Central Arizona Project (CAP) and groundwater management.

In the District's Vision Document, the San Xavier community (Community) created water resource values for the District's water resources. They include the following: effective use of groundwater to benefit residents, water conservation, and environmentally sound use and careful planning in managing the District's CAP water allocation.

With these values, the Water Management Plan (WMP) was prepared by Scott Rogers, the District's former Hydrologist. The WMP underwent a review period by District departments, San Xavier Cooperative Farm, the Community, and federal and tribal government agencies. It was approved by the District Council on January 6, 2015. The WMP outlines the following goals:

Implement SAWRSA obligations in a manner that provides a fair and effective system of distributing, allocating, and accounting for the District's CAP water and groundwater.

- Prioritizing the use of the District's water resources so that they are put to their highest and most beneficial use.
- Protecting and conserving the District's water resources and preserving them for future residents of the Community.
- Managing the District's water resources in a manner that prevents the further spread of degraded or contaminated groundwater.

The WMP addresses uses of the CAP water, such as farming, aquifer recharge, and riparian restoration, along with other uses (mining, commercial, livestock, dust abatement, construction, recreation, etc.)

The Tohono O'odham Nation was allocated 66,000-acre feet, and SAWRSA authorized 50,000-acre feet per year (afy) to the District and 16,000 afy to eastern Schuk Toak. Of the District's allocation, the Tohono O'odham Nation controls 15,000 afy (Figure 1).

S.A.W.R.S.A Contd.

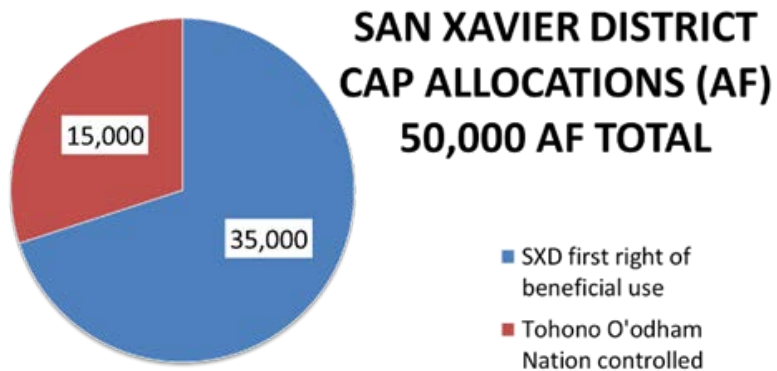


FIGURE 1

Of the allocated amount, 27,000 afy is high priority Indian agriculture CAP water that will be used on the farm rehabilitation and proposed extension. All of which is authorized in SAWRSA.

PROJECTED CAP WATER USE (AFY) SAN XAVIER DISTRICT 2040

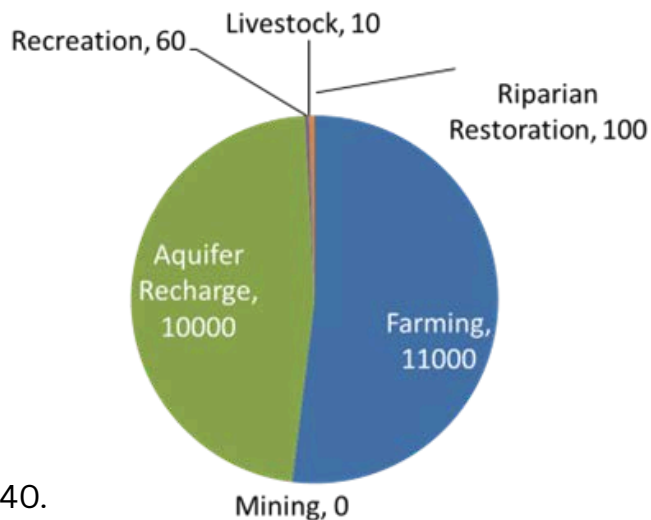


FIGURE 2

Figure 2 outlines the projected CAP water use for 2040.

The WMP provides guidelines for management of groundwater quality affected by mining, farming, and CAP water use. To implement the WMP, piezometers were installed to monitor groundwater levels and quality, geophysical investigations were performed to identify high water producing zones in the aquifer and identifying geophysical characteristics, geological structures such as physical property like density, magnetism, and resistivity.

The WMP provides a plan for underground storage and recovery of CAP water during future CAP outages and shortages. The Arroyo Recharge project article will be in next month's newsletter.

If you have any questions, please contact Maggie Alvarez or Velma Begay at (520)573-4000.

Oodham Ap'edag Ki: PEOPLE WELLNESS HOUSE

S-ke:g tas

My name is Warren Fayuant. I am one of the community Case managers in the San Xavier Community, and I'd like to share what's going on here at the People's Wellness House (PWH).

On June 19th and 20th. PWH will be hosting the 2nd annual Men's Gathering. We're collaborating with four male presenters to discuss a range of male-focused topics. The topics to be discussed address the effects of stress and anxiety on the brain, male communication, Hierarchical views vs complementary roles men play at home, at work, and in the community. We will end the gathering with a competitive ball game (Wuicuda/Songuiwul) to encourage leadership and teamwork.

The presenters are encouraged to focus on 80% interaction and 30% lecturing.



Greetings to all the Wak Newsletter readers and all San Xavier community members.

This is James Funmaker from the Wellness House, inviting you all to visit the Wellness House and receive a smudging with sage. With what's going on in this world right now, we believe in taking care of ourselves spiritually to protect ourselves and our children!

Surround ourselves with positive wellness energy! We do smudging every day, so come by and have some tea or coffee and receive a blessing, it will give you all a good feeling to share with your family!

Blessing and love to you all with respect and love, James Funmaker





O'odham Ap'edag Ki:

Peoples Wellness House

MEN'S WELLNESS GATHERING

"Register by using your camera to open the link"

Inviting Men to learn about healing & wellness.

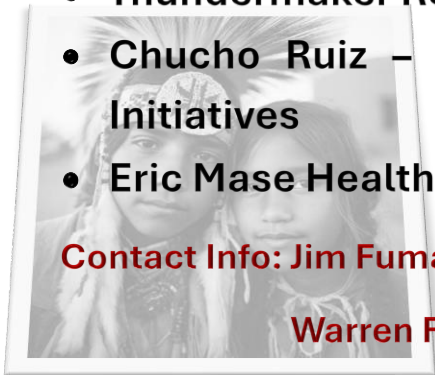


June 19th sweat 6pm to 9pm behind admin Bldg.

June 20th group session 9:00am to 5:00pm

Guest Speakers

- Tommy K Begay PhD., MPH
Behavior Health Consultant
- Thundermaker Recovery Program, Chino Valley, AZ
- Chucho Ruiz – Coordinator of Healthy Manhood Initiatives
- Eric Mase Healthy Education Specialist



Contact Info: Jim Fumaker (520)- 807-8663

Warren Fayuant (520)-807-8662





Wa:k Spirit

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S-ke:g Tas Wa:k Community,

As we enter June, the Education Center is looking forward to a month filled with excitement for our San Xavier District community students. There are several upcoming summer programs, field trips, and year-end farewell celebrations. Currently, our Early Risers and Unearth A Story Summer Reading Program are in full swing. We have attached flyers with details on our upcoming 2026 SXD Recognition Day, Honorarium, Middle School Summer Program, Back-to-School Rally, SXD & AZ Science Center STEM Camp, Scholarships & the Clothing Grant.

With our summer programs, not only are they meant to be fun, but we also help your student stay engaged in their academics and prepare for the upcoming school year. We will be directing our efforts toward helping your child have fun experiences and develop critical learning, reading, and math skills. We hope you will share the excitement by taking time each day to listen as your child shares their experiences with you.

As you spend time with your child this summer, observe their interactions and note any questions you may have about their development. If you have questions or concerns, a developmental screening can help identify any delays in your child's growth and development, connect you with needed support, and better prepare your child for the upcoming school year.

Because children learn and grow at different rates, even the most attentive parents can miss some important milestones. Completing a developmental screening will give you a "snapshot" of your child's development. If you are confused or concerned about the results of your child's developmental screening, please contact the Education Center for more information.



In addition, whether going on a summer vacation or staying close to home, books are a great tool for building background knowledge, which is a key aspect of reading, as it helps children make connections to the text and the topic at hand.

A heartfelt thank you to all our parents and guardians for your continuous support throughout the year. We appreciate all you do to support our programs and your child's educational journey. As we look forward to the next school year, we are excited about the new adventures and stories that await us. Until then, have a wonderful and safe summer filled with lots of reading and joy.

Thank you for your continued support of your child's education. Looking forward to serving you and everyone else as you continue your education.

Carmen H. Martinez, Program Administrator



Cultural Language Teacher -Elizabeth Ortega



S-ke:g Taş Wesig 'Em Wui

Time is moving fast, and the school year is quickly coming to an end. To all of the graduates and the Class of 2026, congratulations!

Thank you to all the families, guardians, friends, and many supporters who helped you pursue your education. A new adventure in this next chapter of your life. Embrace it with courage, determination, and confidence; never give up as you step into the bright future full of opportunities that lies ahead.

This also includes the after-school program. Thank you, parents/grandparents, for participating and bringing your children to the Education Center. The students have learned the O'odham Calendar, the five groups of the calendar, and the lunar phases, as well as the O'odham Traditional Calendar: Ahidag ("Year"). The traditional calendar follows the cycles of the natural world. The plants, animals, the rains, and the agricultural seasons. The heavy rains of the Summer Monsoon bring new life to the desert. This is the start of the O'odham New Year. The students have been practicing the names of the months, and also include the Lunar Phases. This will help students learn the months and how the climate changes throughout the calendar year.

For the ASP K-2nd grades, the students wanted to hear more O'odham stories. Reading De Grazia Paints the Papago Legends, the students drew and wrote their own storybook. I told the students to write and draw something they know about, or a make-believe story. After the students completed their book, they read their stories to me. I really enjoyed listening to their stories. One of the stories was the Iguana, the student's family story, and another was on Pac-Man, which was very creative.

A Great Shout Out to the Teen Ribbon Skirt participants! Thank you for your participation in the Fashion Show at the SX Swap Meet.

At the Family STEM Night, it was enjoyable to see young children and their parents participate in STEM activities. Thank you to the Voices of the Youth for helping out with serving pizza and Eegees, and for also helping the young students in the activities.

Have a safe month.
Elizabeth Ortega





Summer is here!

We are grateful for all of our successful programs throughout this year.

As you all know, the bookmobile has been visiting the Education Center for a number of years now and will continue to do so.

We would like to acknowledge and congratulate Wade Zelenak on his retirement from driving the Bookmobile. We thank you so much, Wade, for all your hard work with the Pima County libraries for the many years of your service. Have a Happy Retirement and Enjoy yourself! We will Miss You!

Our 2026 summer Infant/Toddler program will start with two sessions. This program is for children aged 0– 3 years. The following are the dates for our two sessions:

- Monday, June 8–Thursday, June 18 (Mon, Tues, Wed, from 10 –10:45 am)
- Monday, July 6–Thursday, July 16 (Mon, Tues, Wed from 10 –10:45 am).

For more information, please call Gertie or Elissa at 520-807-8621.

We would also like to send our thanks to Howard and Libby. Howard brings his therapy dog, Libby, for our K–2nd graders to read to the dog.

Y'all have a great Summer!

Staff Initials _____
Date Received _____



STUDENT RECOGNITION

K - 6th GRADE
MONDAY, June 22, 2026
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
San Xavier Education Department

On behalf of San Xavier Education Department, we would like to recognize your child's achievements of success throughout the 2025-2026 school year. We will be celebrating your success with a FUN DAY at *Peter Piper Pizza and a movie at Harkins Movie Theatre!*



The San Xavier Education Department will provide the FUN and LUNCH.

Examples of achievements may include:

Perfect attendance, Honor Roll, Good Citizenship Award, Athletics, etc.

In order for your child to participate in the "K-6th Grade Student Recognition Fun Day" event on Monday, June 22, 2026 please:

- complete the attached application with current information
- provide a copy of your child's achievement award(s)

DUE: Wednesday, June 17th or until spaces filled~ 40 students!

If you have any questions or need assistance with the application, please call the Education center at 520-807-8620.



San Xavier Education ————— June 29th–July 13th

Middle School Summer Program

Empowering Young Minds


A special initiative to inspire students to think creatively, learn confidently, and grow holistically.

For Waik students incoming 7th & 8th grades

Students must be committed to 2 weeks to receive stipend

Applications available May 4th

SXD Education 520.807.8620

San Xavier District Graduate Honorarium

Class of 2026!

The San Xavier District will be honoring all San Xavier District graduates on **Friday, June 26, 2026**

In 2026 have you received your:

- Middle School Promotion credentials
- High School Diploma or G.E.D.
- Certification in your respective career
 - Associates Degree
 - Bachelor's Degree/Master's Degree/PhD or Doctorate

Please pick up an application at the SXD Education center starting May 4th, 2026 to be recognized by the San Xavier District.

FOR MORE INFORMATION YOU MAY CONTACT THE SAN XAVIER EDUCATION AT 520.807.8620

All San Xavier District 2026 BACK TO SCHOOL RALLY



Saturday, July 11, 2026
Community Building
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

For all San Xavier District Members (students) who will be attending grades Kindergarten—12th!

- School Supplies
- Informational Booths
- Activities
- Backpacks
- Food Vendors
- Raffles + Music

For more information, contact the SXD Education Department at 520.807.8620.



CALLING ALL CAMPERS!

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR CAMP INNOVATION SUMMER BREAK 2026

July 13-17 | Grades 1-6

WHAT: CAMP INNOVATION Offered Monday-Friday
COST: FREE
TIMES: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
LOCATION: San Xavier Education Center, 1960 Waik Ln, Tucson, AZ 85746

Join us for CAMP INNOVATION's Summer Break camp at San Xavier Education Center! Let your imagination run wild in our week-long, two theme camp session that sparks curiosity in science through a hands-on interactive program that incorporates learning through high-energy challenges, building and design.



To learn more and register, scan the QR code!



San Xavier District \$10,000 Scholarship

2 year degree programs

GUIDELINES

- ⇒ Applicant **MUST** be an enrolled member of the San Xavier District
- ⇒ Applicant **MUST** be attending a 2 year Community College and be classified as a full time student (12 credit hours)
- ⇒ Scholarship will fund tuition, books, fees, living expenses, transportation and tutoring services.
- ⇒ **Two students will be awarded**

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE
JUNE 8th 2026

APPLICATIONS DUE
July 31st 2026

Application CHECKLIST

Completed Application
Financial Needs Analysis (FNA)
Student Agreement
Tribal Enrollment
Official Transcript
Diploma- Copy of your High School or GED diploma
School Acceptance Letter
Class Schedule
Student Aid Report (SAR): Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
Proof of Dependents (If Applicable)
Program of Study A program with the required classes you need to complete your program/degree.
1,000 word essay— Educational Goals

For more information please call the San Xavier Education Center 520.807.8620

San Xavier District \$25,000 Scholarship

University Degree programs

GUIDELINES

- ⇒ Applicant **MUST** be an enrolled member of the San Xavier District
- ⇒ Applicant **MUST** be attending a 4 year University and be classified as a full time student (12 credit hours)
- ⇒ Scholarship will fund tuition, books, fees, living expenses, transportation and tutoring services.
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2026 SAN XAVIER DISTRICT CLOTHING GRANT

Guidelines

- Parent/Guardian and/or child who has met membership of San Xavier District.
- Three (3) children per family.
- Application must be completed and signed by parent or legal guardian with copies of the following supporting documents:
 1. San Xavier District enrollment card/letter application for enrollment and OR Family Tree.
 2. Current proof of residency (i.e., electric bill, water bill, gas bill, phone bill)
 3. Proof of School documentation: 4th quarter report card **and** 2026/2027 school registration.
 4. Student attendance record (sch. Yr. 2025/26)
 5. Proof of Guardianship– Birth Certificate or Guardianship (be court order sealed) or CPS Placement. Power of Attorney without court seal will not be accepted.

Applications will be available

Monday, June 8th

Applications DUE

**Thursday, June 25th
by 5pm**

**Incomplete applications
will not be accepted!**

Disclaimer: If past/future receipts have not been turned in, applicant will not be eligible for two years.

For more information please call the San Xavier Education Center 520.807.8620