

Wa:k Newsletter



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SAN XAVIER DISTRICT

October 2026
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Under the Sun
Swap Meet
Saturday
OCTOBER 24, 2026
9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Drug and Alcohol Free Event
RAIN OR SHINE
FREE ADMISSION

San Xavier Mission
1950 W. SAN XAVIER ROAD

Live Waila Music

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

LIMITED SPACE
REGISTER STARTING OCT. 1

<https://forms.office.com/r/58P23G5w5h>

Vendor Fees
COMMUNITY - \$15
NON-COMMUNITY - \$30

50 50 RAFFLE

Organized by: SXD Health and Wellness Committee

Persons attending and participating in the 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.



SXD CHAIRMAN NUNEZ/VICE CHAIRWOMAN PABLO REPORT & HIGHLIGHTS

September 2026

9/1/26 – Chairman and Vice Chair attended the quarterly Land Assignment Committee meeting to discuss encroachment, hydrological concerns, archaeological and biological clearances, TOKA Subdivision, Land Assignments & Transfers.
-Chairman chaired this evening's SXD Council meeting.

9/3/26 – ARPA/District staff assisted with the food box distribution for about 112 community members.
-We met with Planning, Natural Resources/ Rangers, Maintenance staff and Pima County staff/engineers at the Wa:k Ki:Kam Park to discuss maintenance issues.
-Chairman assisted with blessing 29 Native American students and some staff at SUSD's Apollo Middle School.

9/7/26 – Offices Closed for Labor Day Holiday
9/12/26 – Chairman provided a blessing for participants for the Mental Health Awareness & Suicide Prevention 24-hour walk/run.

9/14/26 – We attended a planning meeting with Admin and Planning staff to discuss the opening date celebration for the Wa:k Ki:kam Park for November 7, 2026.

9/15/26 – Held the quarterly All Staff Meeting to hear project updates/announcements, introduction of new employees, and recognized years-of-service awardees.
-Chairman chaired this evening's SXD Council Meeting.

9/16/26 – Chairman and Vice Chair attended the monthly District Chairs meeting hosted by Gu Vo District; Chairman Verlon Jose provided updates on ARPA Funds timeframe, St. Francis feast day, and midterm elections. Rodeo Queen Program also gave an overview and recruitment efforts.

9/17/26 – We attended Day 1 of the Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) Economic Opportunity Summit held at DDC.
-The Community Meeting was cancelled due to lack of attendance
9/18/26 – Day 2 of the CDFI Summit

9/22/26 – We presented the SXD ARPA Amendment No. 4 to the TON Council virtually; it was approved.
-Chairman chaired the Special SXD Council meeting this evening.

9/23/26 – Chairman provided an Opening Blessing and attended Day 1 of Characterizing PFAS in Arizona Workshop at UA regarding per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances contamination (PFAS).
-Vice Chair attended the TON WRC SAWRSA Update meeting held at San Lucy Farms along with Maggie Alvarez, SAWRSA Office Admin Assistant.

9/24/26 – Chairman attended Day 2 of the PFAS in Az Workshop at the UA. -We met with TON Budget & Finance Committee regarding SXD FY25 Audit approval. **9/25/26** – Chairman attended the Environmental Protection Agency and TON Water Resources Dept virtual meeting.

9/26/26 – Vice Chair attended the Wa:k Ceksan Royalty Farewell event to say the Closing Prayer.
9/27/26 – Chairman and Vice Chair attended a community gathering to welcome the Four Directions walkers, organized by the Hualapai Nation citizens, to our community. This event was organized by the SXD Cultural Events Coordinator, Mikey Enis.

9/28/26 – We attended an information sharing and meal with the walkers & community to learn about how they are protecting their water, land, and way of life. **9/29/26** – Community members were invited to join the walkers as they left the District to continue their important journey.

OCTOBER DISTRICT EVENTS

MON

05

SXD Closed
Observance of
St. Francis of Assisi

MON

12

SXD Closed
in Observance of
Indigenous People's Day

FRI & SAT

16 & 17

Wa:k Ceksan Tas Pageant
& Wa:k Ceksan Tas

THUR

22

Wreath Making
5:00-7:30 PM

SAT

24

Community Swap Meet
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
VOY Haunted House

THUR

29

Wreath Making
5:00-7:30 PM

FRI

30

VOY Haunted House



Vacancies:

Finance Committee - (1) Vacancy
TOLC Rep. & Alternate - (2)

SXDC Alternate - (1) Vacancy
Vacancy Rep. (2) Vacancy Alternate

Recruiting for enrolled Community Members of the SXD to fill the vacant positions on a voluntary basis. If interested, please submit a letter of interest to the SXD Council Department

**** Times & Dates are subject to change****

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Memorandum (Committee Stipend Deadline)	2	3
4	5 St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day SXD Closed	6 Council Meeting	7 Finance @ 5:30 Cultural & Natural Resources @ 5:30 PM	8	9	10
11	12 Indigenous People's Day SXD Closed	13 Health & Education @ 5:30 PM	14 Finance @ 5:30 Elections @ 5:00 PM Planning & Housing @ 6:30 PM	15 Community Meeting	16	17
18	19	20 Council Meeting	21 Elections @ 5:00 PM	22	23	24
25	26 Cultural & Natural Resources @ 5:30 PM	27 Health & Education @ 5:30 PM	28 Planning & Housing @ 6:30 PM	29	30	31

**The SXD Covid Office ceased operations on
September 30, 2026, including all associated programs.**

COVID COORDINATOR UPDATE

Dear Wa:k Community,

After 5 years, the Covid Office has ceased operations with the closing of the 2026 fiscal year. The San Xavier District utilized over 3 million of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and we have a list of accomplishments.

Our direct community impact projects include: the Solar Streetlights project, financial assistance, food distributions, cleaning supply distributions, the diaper and feminine hygiene program, water filter program, mold remediation in community homes, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Covid boxes, the Broadband project, Rainwater Harvesting projects, and the hotspot program.

Thank you to our outside partners on these projects; the Arizona Diaper Bank, the Tohono O'odham Utility Authority, EcoSense Sustainable Landscapes, and Titan Restoration.

Most importantly, thank you to the San Xavier District departments and employees for their collaboration on completing these projects. Each department had an impact on the projects listed above. This grant allowed district employees to come together after a long period of isolation to continue the District's mission to support our community.

Reminder to everyone that the Covid-19 virus has not gone away, and it is important to take care of yourself. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) still recommends a seasonal Covid-19 vaccine as the best way to prevent serious illness, especially for those with preexisting conditions.

I want to thank the Wa:k community for allowing me to serve you in this role for 3 years. It was an honor to meet and work with many community members. In 2023, I graduated from the University of Arizona, I wanted my education to serve our community. This role has allowed me to do so. Finally, a heartfelt thank you to my predecessor, Cheryl Conde, and the SXD Administration for trusting me to serve as the Covid Assistance Coordinator.

**Best,
Benjamin Davis
San Xavier District Covid Assistance Coordinator**

NATURAL *Resources*

Greetings Wa:k Community! October is here...for most, it's that time of year when many events in and around our community begin. We hope you get out and enjoy your favorite activity before the holidays. Just three (3) quick reminders we like to share with you: (1) Our office will be closed on Monday, October 5th, in observance of St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day; (2) The 2026 CAP Fall Outage will be taking place October 19th- November 22nd. This will affect both of our riparian sites, the Wa:k Hikdan and Site II, as both sites will be temporarily without water. (3) Our office will be closed in honor of Indigenous Peoples' Day on Monday, October 12th. We do apologize for the inconvenience this may cause.

NR Specialist:

Over the past few years, we have seen an increase in wildcat shooting ranges in the community. Although the Second Amendment is a protected right under the United States Constitution, it comes with certain responsibilities that cannot be ignored when exercised. Those responsibilities include, but are not limited to, gun safety, respect for the environment, respect for community infrastructure, and responsibility to be a good steward and ambassador of the Second Amendment community. The most recent wildcat shooting range sits directly within a riparian restoration site, referred to as Site II.



Evidence also shows that individuals have been firing directly into the spillway infrastructure, damaging the concrete and introducing lead into our waterways. "Once in water, lead can harm aquatic life, reduce fish populations, and potentially contaminate drinking water sources." CRG Texas Environmental Services. "Lead exposure risks extend beyond wildlife to nearby residents, especially if waterways are used for recreation or drinking water. Chronic lead exposure can cause neurological and kidney damage." CRG Texas Environmental Services. Shooting at concrete and bodies of water also creates safety issues, such as ricochet and overtravel hazards. One of the first rules of gun safety is knowing what is between you and your target and what is beyond. When shooting at water, you can't always see rocks or metal that could change the trajectory, or wildlife that could be injured by the projectile. Another issue is the integrity of the concrete on our spillway, which helps regulate stormwater flow into the Santa Cruz River. Shooting into the District's critical infrastructure is actually considered criminal vandalism under TON CODE regarding trespassing and vandalism, which could result in a seizure of property, including firearms, vehicles, and any other property utilized in the commission of a crime.

Be sure to be a good steward of both the San Xavier Community, the District's physical infrastructure, and the ecosystem that supports all living things in Wa:k/San Xavier.
– Morgan Parson, NR Specialist

Please contact us if you should have any questions or concerns: David Tenario (520) 573-4056, Geena Johnson (520) 573-4055. Morgan Parsons (520) 573-4057 or Ulrick Francisco (520) 573-4054.

Thank you & have a safe Halloween!
NR Director

HIMDAG EVENTS

COORDINATOR

'AL JU:BIG MAŞAD

MONTH OF SMALL RAINS

During this month the O'odham would continue to maintain their fields and begin the pre-tasks for fall harvesting. The rain begins to slow down, but this month small amounts of rain do happen. This is one of the reasons this month is called

'Al Ju:big Maşad

'Al Ju:big Maşad could also be known as Ge'e Piast Maşad (month of the big feast). This is due to the St. Francis Feast Day. For Wa:k we celebrate this feast October 3rd and 4th . Other District usually will celebrate October 4th.

Use the below QR to hear more information about Ma:lina Himdag



HIMDAG EVENTS COORDINATOR

Here are some O'odham Songs to celebrate Wa:k Cekşañ Taş

To celebrate Wa:k Cekşañ Taş (Wa:k District Day), below are QR codes that link to YouTube videos. These four songs tell of the Wa:k Community. These songs carry memories. These songs are available to help you become familiar with the rhythm, melody, and some of the words. It takes more time and practice to understand the songs. Especially the stories and the meaning of why the song is sung.



Rainbow over
Wa:k Jewed



White birds
over Wa:k



Ali Akimel
Santa Cruz River



Evening Rainbow

In O'odham singing, we try to sing in sets of four, if there are enough songs. For example, the community songs above. Four songs about Wa:k. The songs would be sung, then move on to a different set of four. A new set could be about a mountain near the community or something. Sometimes there are not enough songs, so you might hear just one song about a place or mountain, and then the singers continue singing. This could also be due to time. Different singers from the other communities do their sets differently. Other singers used to identify where the songs were from when they heard them. This was due to the terms used, rhythm and melody, and dialect.

Using the QR code below, you will hear how the songs would sound with the rattle and box. Some groups will use a drum or cowhide basket. Some elders would use a box because it has a similar sound to a willow basket. Willow baskets were used to keep the beat. Please note that the video recording includes two additional songs. These songs are about Babad Do'ag (Mount Lemmon) or the Catalina mountain range.



I look forward to creating and collaborating with you all in the near future on 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.

WA:K ELDERS ENJOY A MEMORABLE TRIP TO APPLE ANNIE'S FARM ON

August 20, 2026



Wa:k Elders recently spent a beautiful day at Apple Annie's Farm, enjoying fresh air, scenic orchards, delicious food, and the opportunity to pick fresh fruits and vegetables straight from the source. The outing gave everyone a chance to relax, explore, and share time together while experiencing one of Southern Arizona's favorite farm destinations.

Harlan Moreno enjoyed the orchard's peaceful atmosphere. "Apple Annie's trip was fun, especially getting my own peach off the tree," he said. "It was a nice walk among the trees and feeling the breeze." Harlan also enjoyed lunch at a local Mexican restaurant and described it as delicious.

Phillip Salcido appreciated seeing all the vegetables around the farm and spending time outdoors. He described it as "a nice outing" and said he hopes to go on more trips in the future.

Loretta enjoyed picking her own fruit. Although she did not pick any chilies this year, she said she likes selecting fresh produce herself.

For Lorraine Canner, the fresh produce was the highlight of the trip. "You can definitely taste the difference," she said. She also enjoyed the farm's hot chilies, adding that they did not disappoint and were "muy caliente."

Deborah Liston shared her appreciation for the farm's fresh fruits and vegetables and especially enjoyed the peaches. Sharon Canner enjoyed picking pears and tasting a piece of sweet watermelon during the visit.

Dennis F. Lopez was impressed by the abundance of fruits and vegetables available throughout the farm. Phyllis Davis enjoyed visiting the bakery, where she browsed fruit preserves and freshly baked goods. She also enjoyed sampling watermelon, describing it as sweet and juicy.

The outing was filled with laughter, good conversation, and plenty of fresh produce. From peaches and pears to watermelon and chilies, everyone found something to enjoy. The trip to Apple Annie's Farm was a wonderful experience that left the elders with happy memories and hopes for more group adventures in the future.

STRENGTHENING

Our Youth through

COMMUNITY

Involvement

Wa:k Ceksan Tas

October 16 & 17, 2026

SAN XAVIER DANCE RAMADA

Friday - October 16, 2026

Pageant @ 6pm - San Xavier Community Building

Saturday - October 17, 2026

9:00 am

Parade

10:30 am

Introductions of New Royalty & Visiting Royalty

11:00 am

Safford School Folklore Group

12:00 pm

Cake Walk & Other activities

1:00pm - 4:00pm

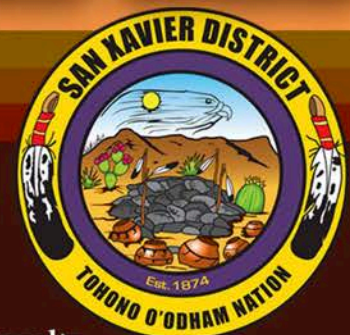
Chaka & Friends

4:00pm - 6:00pm

Pablo Band

6:00pm - 7:00pm

Wa:k Traditional Singers & Dancers



Swap Meet • Vendors • Arts & Crafts

Persons attending and participating in the Wa:k Ceksan Tas assume all risks including, but not limited to illness, injury, death or property loss and agree not to hold the San Xavier District & Community Volunteer Committee, its agents, event sponsors and volunteers liable.

SAN XAVIER RECREATION CENTER

S-keg Tas Wa:k Community,

We want to extend a huge thank you to all the tribal departments and community groups who attended recent events! Your participation is what makes these gatherings so special. Simply put: the more people who show up, the more we can offer.

Our center's ultimate goal is to keep growing and keep everyone moving, active, and connected. These community events are our way of giving back to you and creating fun reasons to get out and be together.

We want to stay deeply in tune with you, so we are keeping the momentum going with our big upcoming seasonal events! Mark your calendars for our **Annual Trunk or Treat**, the **Community Turkey Feast**, and our spectacular **Holiday Lights** celebration. We can't wait to see you there—thank you for growing with us!

San Xavier Recreation Center Team

San Xavier Recreation Center

Teens Night
Tuesdays and Thursdays
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
For ages 13-17

Snacks, Games, Fun, and More!

Free!

All Participants must be registered with the San Xavier Rec Center

For more information, Call at (520) 393-4075 or email Israel.Harris@tonation-nsn.gov

*Persons attending and participating in the "Teens night" assume all risks, including but not limited to, illness, injury, death, or property loss and agree not to hold the Tohono O'odham Nation, its agents, event sponsors, and volunteers liable.

SAN XAVIER RECREATION CENTER

HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT

MONDAY OCT. 26TH 2026

5PM - 8PM

Located at San Xavier Recreation Center
8549 S. J Mayor Dr. Tucson, AZ 85746
(520) 393-4075

TRUNK CONTEST COSTUME CONTEST FOOD VENDORS MUSIC & MORE

ALL COMMUNITY GROUPS WELCOME!

HAUNTED HOUSE DOORS OPEN AT 6PM

For more information: Email michael.hernandez@tonation-nsn.gov

*PERSONS ATTENDING AND PARTICIPATING IN THE SXRC TRUNK OR TREAT, ASSUME ALL RISKS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ILLNESS INJURY DEATH OR PROPERTY LOSS AND AGREE NOT TO HOLD THE TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION ITS AGENTS EVENT SPONSORS AND VOLUNTEERS LIABLE

SAVE THE DATE

SAN XAVIER RECREATION CENTER

HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT

MONDAY OCT. 26TH 2026

5PM - 8PM

Registration open for vendors, forms available at SXRC front desk: Trunk Vendors, Food Vendors, Information Booths & Volunteers

Open for donations: candy, costume prizes, decorations, polaroid paper

For more information: 8549 S. J Mayor Dr. Tucson AZ, 85746
michael.hernandez@tonation-nsn.gov
(520) 393-4075

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Hosted by
SAN XAVIER RECREATION CENTER



CARAMEL CANDY APPLES

Wednesday,
October 28th,
2026

4PM - 6PM

Located at the
San Xavier
Recreation
Center
8549 S. J Mayor
Dr. Tucson, AZ
85746



For more information contact morgan.gonzales@tonation-nsn.gov
at 520.393.4075 or like us on Facebook for more updates

Persons attending and participating in the "candy apple social" assume all risks,
including but not limited to, illness, injury, death, or property loss and agree not to
hold the Tohono O'odham Nation, its agents, event sponsors, and volunteers liable



San Xavier Recreation Center

Craft & Create



Craft of the Month:

Paper Mache Masks



Wednesdays 1PM - 3PM

- Family Craft Time
- Kid Activities Provided
- Hands-on Learning
- Light snack & drinks, while supplies last
- Step-by-step Instructions
- Creative expression
- Final artwork to take home

For more information

✉ rosemary.coronado@tonation-nsn.gov ☎ (520) 393 - 4075
📍 8549 S. J Mayor Dr. Tucson, AZ 85746

Persons attending and participating in the "Craft Club" assume all risks, including but
not limited to, illness, injury, death, or property loss and agree not to hold the Tohono
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San Xavier Recreation Center
8549 S. J. Mayor Dr. Tucson AZ 85746 | (520) 393-4075



Fall Break Program

Ages 6-17
From Oct 5th - Oct 9th

Register Here:

Monday - Friday
11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Spend your
break doing
sports, crafts
and other fun
activities

Snacks
Provided as
well



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SAN XAVIER RECREATION CENTER

PUMPKIN PAINTING

4PM - 6PM
OCTOBER 8TH 2026

Come and show off your creativity & bring
your families to paint pumpkins together and
take home the masterpiece!

HELD AT SXRC MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
8549 S J MAYOR DR TUCSON AZ 85746

For more information email
morgan.gonzales@tonation-nsn.gov
or call the center at (520) 393 -4075



Persons attending and participating in the "Pumpkin Painting" assume all risks,
including but not limited to, illness, injury, death, or property loss and agree not to
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San Xavier Recreation Center

8549 S. J Mayor Dr. Tucson, AZ 85746

(520) 393 - 4075

Hours of Operations: Mon - Fri 8AM - 8PM

Saturday 8AM - 4PM

HOPP Weight Rm Hours: Mon - Thurs 10AM - 7PM

Friday 8AM - 5PM

SXRC Closed on Sundays

*Alvin:big
Masad*

Small Rains Moon

October 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
All activities, programs, events at SXREC, including HOPP are subject to change		Follow Us on Facebook for updates @sanxavierrec	1 Noon Basketball Chair Volleyball	2 Tiny Tots Noon Basketball Teens Program Late Night Volleyball	3 Fall Ball Basketball League
5 SXRC Closed In observance of St. Francis	6 Fall Break Youth Program Chair Volleyball Teen Nights	7 Basketball Night	8 Chair Volleyball Pumpkin Painting	9 Courts Closed 5PM - 8PM	10 Gym open for tournament only
12 Coffee & Chair Volleyball Noon Basketball Basketball Night	13 Noon Basketball Chair Volleyball Teen Nights	14 Craft & Create Basketball Night	15 Noon Basketball Chair Volleyball Teen Nights	16 Tiny Tots Noon Basketball Teens Program Late Night Volleyball	17 Red Road to Wellbriety Open for event only
19 Coffee & Chair Volleyball Noon Basketball Basketball Night	20 Noon Basketball Chair Volleyball Teen Nights	21 Craft & Create Late Night Hoops	22 Noon Basketball Chair Volleyball Teen Nights	23 All Recreation Centers Closed	24 Fall Ball Basketball League
26 SXRC TRUNK OR TREAT	27 Noon Basketball Chair Volleyball Teen Nights	28 Candy Apple Social Basketball Night	29 Noon Basketball Chair Volleyball Teen Nights	30 Tiny Tots SRX Trunk or Treat Trip Volleyball Costume Night	31 Open Rec HAPPY HALLOWEEN

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Teen Nights	Tues & Thurs 6PM - 730PM
Coffee & Chair Volleyball:	Mon 10AM - 1130AM
Chair Volleyball Night:	Tues & Thurs 530PM - 8PM
Noon Basketball:	Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri 12PM - 2PM
Basketball Night:	Mon & Weds 530PM - 8PM
Craft & Create:	Wednesday 1PM - 3PM
Teens Program:	Fri 4PM - 530PM
Tiny Tots:	Fri 10AM - 11PM

WHAT'S COMING UP

Trunk or Treat	Mon 10/26/26 5PM - 8PM
Late Night Hoops	Weds 10/21/26 5PM - 10PM
Fall Youth Program	Tues - Fri 11AM - 3PM
Vball Costume Night	Fri 10/30/26 5PM - 8PM
SRX Trunk or Treat Trip	Fri 10/30/26 4PM - 9PM
Late Night Volleyball	Fri 10/02 & 10/16 5PM - 11PM
Pumpkin Painting	10/28/26 4PM - 6PM
Candy Apple Social	Weds 10/08/26 4PM - 6PM

Persons attending and participating in the "October Events" assume all risks, including but not limited to, illness, injury, death or property loss and agree not to hold the Tohono O'odham Nation, its agents, event sponsors, and volunteers liable.

O'odham Ap'edag Ki: PEOPLE WELLNESS HOUSE

Greetings Wak Community,

The O'odham Ap'edag Ki: People Wellness House would like to remind the community that we are here to support you and your family. Below are some of the services we offer:

- Individual Support Services
- Family Support Services
- Community Resources and Referrals
- Advocacy and Guidance
- Wellness Education and Prevention Activities
- Cultural Support and Community Outreach
- Crisis Support and Resource Navigation

Our goal is to promote the health, wellness, and well-being of our community members. If you or someone you know could benefit from our services, please do not hesitate to reach out. We are here to help.

Together, we can build a healthier and stronger community.



Please contact O'odham Ap'edag Ki: People Wellness House for more information about available services and support - 520-807-8664



O'odham Ap'edag Ki:
Will Host
Their Sunday



White Bison - White Buffalo Woman Bi-Monthly Wellbriety Meetings

Strengthening
Your
Spiritual
Wellness



Foster
Personal
Awareness
Growth &
Development

**All Are Welcome
to Attend**

10:30—12 noon Sunday
October 11th & 25th
November 8th & 22nd



For Information:
Jim Funmaker,
People Wellness House
2039 W. San Xavier Rd.
Tucson Az.

PWH San Xavier District
520-807-8663
PWH@waknet.org



7 Pillars of Wellness



2039 W. San Xavier Rd. Tucson
Warren Fayuant (520) 807- 8662

Date: Wednesdays
Time: 2pm to 3:30pm

Transportation provided within
San Xavier District

- Group Discussion/Activities
- Acu-Detox
- Mindfulness-based stress reduction exercise-building tools to manage life stressors.



O'odham Ap'edag Ki: People Wellness House



S.M.A.R.T Self-Management and Recovery Training

Fridays: 10am to 11:30am

For Info contact:

Warren Fayuant (520)807-8662

2039 W. San Xavier Rd. Tucson AZ.

(Transportation provided within San Xavier District area)



Wa:k Spirit Al Ju:big Masad



Greetings Wa:k Community,

September has just flown by, and now Fall is in full swing. I'm excited for Fall and the cooler weather. October will be full of exciting activities and events at the SxD Education Center. At the SxD Education Center, we are planning fun fall-themed activities for our students this month, and we will be excited to share photos with you in the November 2026 Wa:k Newsletter.

Halloween, one of the most celebrated holidays of the year here at SxD Education Center, is just around the corner. This special day will offer fun, exciting activities where you will see the colors orange and black, jack-o'-lanterns, pumpkins, and scarecrows. Our After School Homework Help Program classrooms will celebrate Halloween by doing crafts, playing games with classmates, and wearing costumes at their Halloween Party.

ARE YOU READY TO VISIT OUR HAUNTED HOUSE at the Education Center? The Voices of Our Youth is planning for another successful year of scaring you! We invite you all to visit their Haunted House on the following dates:

• **Saturday, October 24, from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

• **Friday, October 30, 2026, from 6:00 p.m.— 8:30 p.m.**

NOTE: More information will be forthcoming. Please look out for our upcoming flyer.

As another school month has been completed, please continue to let your children know that good attendance is important! Attendance is a parent and student responsibility. Let your child know that you think attending school daily is important. Show them you are interested in their school activities and tell them that you want them to do well in school. Regular, punctual attendance is essential for school success.

As always, thank you for your commitment and for supporting your child's education. Look forward to serving you and everyone else as you continue your education.

Carmen H. Martinez—Program Administrator



SxD Books and Tuition Assistance!

What is needed for Books and Tuition Assistance?

- * Completed application
- * Tribal Enrollment/ OR a Family Tree if not San Xavier enrolled
- * Verification of school enrollment
- * Grades from previous semester, if applicable.
- * Billing statement
- * Summary of educational goals
- * FNA (Financial Needs Analysis) if applicable
- * FAFSA/Award letter
- * General Welfare Law
- * W-9

The Education and Health Committee will review all applications on the 2nd Tuesday of the month (time and dates are subject to change).

GREETINGS FROM THE LIBRARY



HELLO OCTOBER

The library has been extremely busy with our library programs, such as the After School Program, while still having fun! We are proud of our students who come for homework help and also work to improve their reading and vocabulary. Thank you, parents and guardians, for allowing your children to attend the After School Program Homework Help.

In addition, we have begun our Infant/Toddler program on Tuesdays only from 10:30 a.m.— 11:15 a.m. for ages 0— 3. Also, the bookmobile continues to come to the Education Center every 1st Wednesday of each month from 3— 4 p.m.

The library staff continues to assist with computer help and research.

Library hours have changed since the After School Program began on September 14, 2026:

Monday & Tuesday: 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m.—12 noon

Thursday & Friday: 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

We continue to take appointments for computer use, although walk-ins are always welcome. Please call if you need to reserve a computer for a specific date and time. 520-807-8621.

Gertrude Lopez—Learning Center Coordinator

Elissa Encinas—Learning Center Aide

HAVE A SAFE HALLOWEEN!

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

EDUCATION OUTREACH COORDINATORS CORNER

S-KEG TAS WA-K COMMUNITY,

HELLO FAMILIES & COMMUNITY.. WELCOME TO OCTOBER!
AS THE WEATHER COOLS AND THE SEASON CHANGES, WE LOOK
FORWARD TO ANOTHER MONTH FILLED WITH LEARNING,
CREATIVITY, FRIENDSHIP, AND FUN AT THE EDUCATION CENTER.

OCTOBER IS A WONDERFUL TIME FOR STUDENTS TO EXPLORE THEIR
IMAGINATION, LEARN NEW THINGS, AND BUILD POSITIVE
RELATIONSHIPS WITH THEIR PEERS. WE ENCOURAGE OUR STUDENTS
TO CONTINUE PUTTING FORTH THEIR BEST EFFORT AT SCHOOL AND
TO REMEMBER THAT EVERY DAY IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN,
GROW, AND TRY SOMETHING NEW.

REMEMBER, LEARNING DOESN'T ONLY HAPPEN IN THE CLASSROOM.
FAMILIES PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN A CHILD'S SUCCESS. WE
ENCOURAGE YOU TO SPEND A FEW MINUTES EACH DAY TALKING
WITH YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT THEIR SCHOOL DAY. EVEN A SHORT
CONVERSATION CAN HELP CHILDREN FEEL SUPPORTED, HEARD, AND
ENCOURAGED.

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT OUR VOY PROGRAM WILL DO ITS
YEARLY FUNDRAISING BY HAVING THE HALLOWEEN "HAUNTED
HOUSE" FOR THE COMMUNITY AT THE END OF OCTOBER.

THANK YOU, FAMILIES, FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND
PARTNERSHIP. YOUR ENCOURAGEMENT AT HOME MAKES A
DIFFERENCE IN YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT.

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO BE PART OF A COMMUNITY WHERE
CHILDREN HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN, CREATE, CONNECT AND
GROW TOGETHER.

WITH APPRECIATION,
EDUCATION OUTREACH COORDINATORS
DELISSA ROMERO
ANNA BUTLER



UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS:

- SUSD- IN SERVICE DAY NO SCHOOL- OCT 2ND
- SUSD/SXMS- FALL BREAK OCT 5TH -9TH
- TUSD- GRADING DAY NO SCHOOL- OCT 9TH
- TUSD- FALL BREAK- OCT 12TH -16TH
- VOY'S HAUNTED HOUSE- OCT 24TH & 30TH

CULTURAL LANGUAGE TEACHER

S-KEG TAŞ N-HAJUN,

IT IS THIS TIME OF THE MONTH, THE SHORT MOON MONTH.

THE RECENT HEAVY RAINS HAVE TRULY TRANSFORMED THE
DESERT, BRINGING A BEAUTIFUL AND VITAL WAVE OF
GROWTH ACROSS O'ODHAM LAND. THE DESERT SURROUNDINGS
ARE FULL OF LIFE. SI-SAP N-I:BADAG.

DURING THE SMALL RAINS MONTH, WE WILL SHARE THE
CULTURE, LANGUAGE, AND HIMDAG WITH SUNNYSIDE SCHOOL
DISTRICT (SUSD) STUDENTS. THE STUDENTS WILL MAKE
RIBBON SKIRTS/SHIRTS. THIS WILL BE VERY EXCITING FOR
THE STUDENTS TO LEARN. O'ODHAM BINGO WILL ALSO TAKE
PLACE, ALONG WITH MANY MORE ARTS AND CRAFTS
ACTIVITIES.

FOR ASP PROGRAMS, THERE WILL CONTINUE WITH BASIC
LANGUAGE LEARNING, VOCAL, MECHANICAL WRITING, AND
SHARING O'ODHAM SONGS.

UPCOMING EVENTS ARE:

OCTOBER 22 & 29: WREATH-MAKING CLASS. A FLYER WILL BE
POSTED.

NOVEMBER: POTTERY FOR THE SX COMMUNITY.

T-DO AP M-ÑEI
ELIZABETH ORTEGA,
SAN XAVIER CULTURE LANGUAGE TEACHER



Wreath Making Class

Wack Community join us for wreath making for Kōkoi Taʻa / Li:moʻsañ



Classes will be held on Thursday's:

October 22, 2026

October 29, 2026

From: 5:30 pm—7:30 pm



Participants must commit to attend all (2) Classes!

Will be accepting up to 12 participants.

Applications are available at the SX Education Center



Front Desk (520) 807-8620

Lisa Ortega (520) 807-8626 for further questions.



Family



STEM

Night

Focusing on Science

All families are welcome to enjoy a night of FUN!

STEM activities focusing on SCIENCE!



SAVE THE DATE



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

San Xavier District-Education Center

Missed Bus Program

AN APPLICATION MUST BE ON FILE PRIOR TO YOUR CHILD BEING PICKED UP!

Morning transportation: Will be provided for those students who miss their school bus, including the Van Tran and City Bus. The limits are:

- 3 times per month for K-5th
- 2 times per month for Middle and High School students.

Calls: Calls may be made between 7am & 9am. Transportation calls after 9am will not be accepted

Applications were available starting August 3rd

Transportation began August 31st, 2026

Transportation WILL NOT be provided if the scheduled pick up time for student has not passed according to school bus and Van Tran schedules.

Missed bus transportation WILL NOT be provided for students who are suspended from riding the bus.

Transportation for parents without a vehicle who need to attend parent meetings, parent-teacher conferences, parent night, local conferences, school board meetings, town hall meetings, etc.—as it relates to their child/ren and education. **WE ASK FOR 72-HOUR NOTICE!**

Transportation can be provided to those students who may need to register, follow-up on registration, testing, intake, and/or to do campus tours. Campus tours may be planned to involve more than one student.



Applications available at the San Xavier Education Center 520.807.8620

SAN XAVIER DISTRICT

VOY

★ VOICES OF OUR YOUTH ★

SAN XAVIER STUDENTS 7TH-12TH



BE INVOLVED IN:
COMMUNITY SERVICE~GROUP
FUNRAISING~WORKSHOPS/PRESENTATIONS~YOUTH
CONFERENCES~EDUCATIONAL GROWTH~FAMILY
NIGHTS~COLLEGE TOURS~GROUP OUTINGS~CULTURE
LEARNING~POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT~ SOCIAL OUTINGS

VOY BEGAN SEPTEMBER 17th

SIGN UP WITH THE SXD EDUCATION CENTER @ 520.807.8620



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Tohono O'odham Nation
2018 W. San Xavier Road
Tucson, Arizona 85746
Phone: (520) 573-4000
Fax: (520) 573-4089



WHEN SXD PHONE LINES ARE DOWN:

If you need to reach the District when the phone lines are down, please call **520-965-5941**.

We will take your message and contact information and forward it to the appropriate department. Please save this number.

Thank you,
San Xavier District

IMPORTANT COMMUNITY NOTICE

The San Xavier District respectfully asks all families needing a burial plot for a miscarriage burial to please contact the San Xavier District Office at 520-573-4000 before any burial takes place.

All burials must receive prior approval and authorization from the District.

We have recently seen an increase in miscarriage burials taking place without approval. Unfortunately, this can interfere with burial plots already reserved for other families.

We understand that the loss of a pregnancy is a very difficult and sensitive time, and we want to assist families with care and respect. At the same time, proper coordination is necessary to protect reserved burial plots and keep cemetery records accurate.

Please do not select, prepare, or use a burial plot without first contacting the San Xavier District Office at 520-573-4000 and receiving approval.

Thank you for your understanding,
San Xavier District