

Wak Newsletter



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SAN XAVIER DISTRICT

October 2025

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Under the Stars
Swap Meet
Drug and Alcohol free event
FREE ADMISSION
SAN XAVIER MISSION | 1950 W. SAN XAVIER ROAD
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025
4:00 - 11:00 P.M.
LIVE WAILA MUSIC
50 50 RAFFLE
Find Unique Treasures:
HOME GOODS/DECOR
ARTISAN/HANDMADE PRODUCTS
JEWELRY/ACCESSORIES
FOOD/CONFECTIONS
Organized by: SXD Health & Wellness Committee
Persons attending and participating in the Under the Stars Swap Meet assume all risks, including but limited to illness, injury, death, or property loss, and agree not to hold the San Xavier District, the San Xavier District Health & Wellness Committee, its agents, event sponsors, and volunteers liable.



Report & Highlights

9/1/25 – Labor Day Holiday	9/2/25 – Chaired SXD Council Meeting
9/3/25 – Met with the new Legislative Water Resources Committee members, SXAA and SXCA Boards/staff and attorneys to present a history and update of SAWRSA/AWSA including the Long-Term Storage Credit status. -Attended the O’odham language class.	9/4/25 – Dedicated the new flagpole with the elders from the Senior Services Dept. Thank you Mr. Melvin Moreno, Veteran for assisting and sharing his thoughts about the U.S. flag and his military service. -Met with TON Budget & Finance Committee to present our ARPA Budget amendment #2.
9/5/25 – Forwarded an updated ARPA Budget packet to Budget & Finance Committee on amendment #2 which was then approved. -Attended an Indigenous Spirit Coalition virtual meeting.	9/6/25 – Attended the Semi-Annual Allottees Association, Inc. meeting at Desert Diamond Casino conference center.
9/10/25 – Chairman, Finance Director, Director of Operations, and Covid Coordinator traveled to the TON Council meeting at San Lucy Farms to present our ARPA Budget amendment which was approved. -Chaired the Special Community Meeting and Special SXD Council Meeting.	9/15/25 – Attended an Audit Exit Interview with the TON Auditor, along with SXD Finance Director and Director of Operations. 9/16/25 – Attended monthly Cemetery Wash Project update meeting. -Chaired SXD Council Meeting
9/17/25 – Chairman/Vice Chairwoman were not available to attend today’s District Leadership Meeting hosted by Gu Achi District, however SXD Director of Economic Development attended in our place. -End of O’odham Language Class 8-week session.	9/18/25 – Attended the TON Council Meeting held in the SXD Community Building for District Budgets; SXD FY26 Budget was approved. -Chaired 6pm Community Meeting -Attended the Generations of Faith & Strength Celebration of Grandparent’s Day with Mr. Noah Fifita founder of First Down Foundation. UA Polynesian student athletes, our youth, and elders attended.
9/19/25 – Attended the annual Reburial Ceremony hosted by the SXD Cultural/Natural Resources Committee with assistance from SXD Culture Coordinator and volunteers.	9/20/25 – Attended the Wa:k Ceksan Royalty Farewell Recognition at the SX Recreation Center. <i>Congratulations on a successful rein representing our District!</i>
9/22/25 – Met internally to prepare for the upcoming TON ARPA Team meeting on our grant & subrecipient compliance review.	9/23/25 – Attended staff planning meeting for the upcoming All Staff meeting and holiday events. -Chaired the Special SXD Council virtual meeting
9/25/25 – Attended and provided a welcome and opening prayer at the UA Udall Center Special Collections panel discussions.	9/26/25 – Chaired the Special SXD Council meeting. 9/30/25 – Attended the Asarco meeting with SXD, SXAA and Asarco representatives regarding SAWRSA CAP water.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
	6	7	8	9	10	11
	13	14	15	16	17	18
	20	21	22	23	24	25
	27	28	29	30	31	
2	3	Notes:				
		CB= Community Building C= Chambers PWH= People Wellness House EC= Education Center CR= Conference Room				

October

SXDC COMMITTEE VACANCIES
Cultural & Natural Resources (2)
Finance (1)

SXDC/TOLC VACANCIES
TOLC Alternates (2)
SXD Council Alternate (1)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 SXDC Elections Mtg. 6pm	2	3 SXDC CLOSED St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day	4
5	6 5:30PM SXDC Cultural & Natural Resources Committee	7 5:30pm SXDC Health & Education 6pm SXDC Council	8 6:30PM SXDC Finance Mtg. 6:30PM SXDC Planning & Housing	9	10	11 4-11 PM SXDC Health & Wellness Swap Meet
12	13 SXDC CLOSED	14	15 6PM SXDC Elections Meeting	16	17	18
19	20 5:30PM SXDC Cultural & Natural Resources Committee	21 5:30pm SXDC Health & Education 6pm SXDC Council	22 6:30PM SXDC Finance Mtg. 6:30PM SXDC Planning & Housing	23 6PM SXDC Community Meeting	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Happy Halloween 	

Notes: **November 2nd 2025, Stipend Deadline

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

SANDI WEBB ALVAREZ

Quarterly All Staff Meetings

Every quarter, we bring together all the employees for a meeting designed to strengthen our team and boost morale. These meetings provide a platform to warmly welcome new team members, celebrate departmental achievements, and recognize individuals with service awards, highlighting their dedication to the District. We also share important reminders and engage in interactive team-building exercises to enhance collaboration and communication. Additionally, these meetings often include a good meal. Here are some pictures from past All Staff Meetings



Director of Operations
Sandi Webb Alvarez
celebrating 10 years of
service.
Pictured with Chairman
Austin Nunez and Vice
Chairwoman Sally
Pablo



HAPPY
HALLOWEEN

2025 THANKSGIVING NATIVE AMERICAN ARTS & CRAFTS MARKET

30 + YEARS OF TRADITION IS BACK

November
29TH - 30TH
9am - 5pm

Vendor Registration



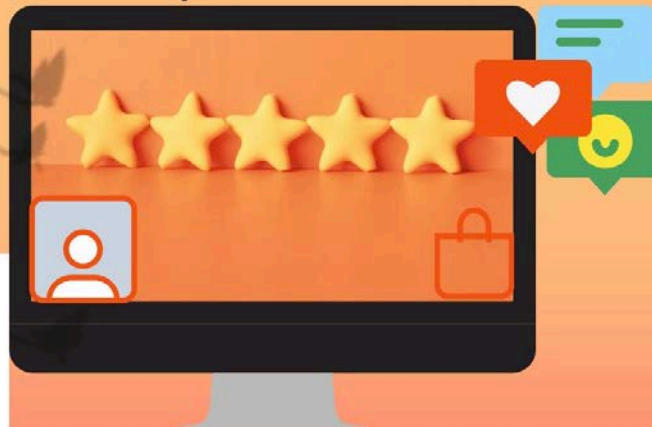
This event has been a cherished tradition for over 30 years. It's the perfect place to shop for unique gifts, enjoy lively entertainment, and savor delicious food. Bring along your visiting relatives for the holidays or simply stop by to experience the festivities. Interested vendors must be tribal members, limited space available, while supplies last.



520-573-4006

1959 San Xavier Rd.,
Tucson AZ 85746

Your feedback and review
are important to us!



Help shape future training and job opportunities in our community. Take our short survey online at **Waknet.org/admin** or simply scan the QR Code to share your input. Your feedback will directly guide programs that support employability and encourage economic growth.

NATURAL Resources

-David Tenario
Natural Resources Director

Greetings, Wa:k Community!

Once again, it's that time for the upcoming CAP Fall Outage taking place October 20th-November 23rd, 2025. This does affect both the Wa:k Hikdan and Site II temporarily, as both sites will be without water. During this outage, some of the work taking place will include carrying out preventative maintenance and inspections on several pumping plant power systems, along with an electromagnetic inspection of a pumping plant discharge line in the Tucson area. We do apologize for the inconvenience this may cause.

The Natural Resources staff have attended or been involved with the following activities: meetings held with Asarco/UKLA re: livestock issues, assisted with the transplanting of culturally sensitive cacti at Lot #12, planned for the upcoming EcoTruths for Indigenous Youth fall sessions, staff attended the Water Resources Committee Meeting held at the SXAA Offices on 9/3, and we assisted with the SXD Culture/Natural Resources Committee's request for certain ceremonial items and traffic control for the Reburial Ceremony.

Over the past few weeks, our staff has been fortunate to meet and receive assistance from Ms. Georgia Clark, from the TON's One Stop Division. Georgia arrived daily on time with a positive attitude and professional demeanor and was ready to put her best foot forward. She remained busy and productive, assisting with the main desk and leaving once her work was completed. We are forever thankful for Georgia's assistance and wish her well!

Georgia wanted to share a little bit about herself before she goes on to her next work experience:

"My name is Georgia Ann Clark, and I'm from the Schuk Toak District and live in the village of Santa Rosa Ranch. Currently, I'm working under the One Stop Program, and I have been assigned as a temporary Administrative Assistant in the Natural Resources Department. My parents are Mary Helen Goode-bad and George Goode Sr.

I graduated from Pueblo High School and attended the University of Arizona. I accepted a job working for Mountain Bell telephone company as a telephone operator and customer service representative in Denver, Colorado, for 12 years. I moved back home and started working at the TON's Department of Law Enforcement as an Office Manager, assisting the Evidence Unit and Records Department for 6 years. Following my tenure at TOPD, I joined the Adult Protective Services Investigator team in the elderly abuse division for 8 years. Lastly, I joined the Gaming Office in Sahuarita as an Office Specialist for 2 years.

I spend my time with my family and friends, enjoying hiking at the State Parks, cycling, camping, and playing tennis. My future interests are gardening and traveling.

Thank you, everyone here at the San Xavier District Office, for welcoming me." – Georgia Clark

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us: David Tenario (520) 573-4056, Geena Johnson (520) 573-4055, Morgan Parsons (520) 573-4057, Ulrick Francisco (520) 573-4054, or Miranda Flores (520) 573-4053.

Have a safe and Happy Halloween!

Wa:k Senior Services

S-ke:g taş wesij em wui! A:ñi añ hab ce:gig Manuel Martinez. Ha a:gig Manny.

Ñ-O:g 'o hab ce:gig Felix Martinez Sr. bađ. Ñ-Je'e 'o hab ce:gig Lou Ann (Encinas) Martinez bađ.

l:o amjed Wa:k Cekşañ. Ñ-Ba:b 'o hab ce:gig Manuel Encinas bađ. Ñ-Hu'ul 'o hab ce:gig Helen (Pancho) Encinas bađ.

A:ñi añ am cipkan San Xavier District as the Wa:k Senior Services Program Director. As of September 8, 2025, I was informed that I have the blessing of working for the Senior Services Department as the full-time, permanent Director. I entered this position to provide a safe, healthy, and fun space, along with efficient services, for our Senior clients. I am navigating and learning the Department's processes, alongside my staff and the District Administration. During this learning process, I appreciate your patience and understanding.

Events attended:

On September 5th, Congregate clients, with the assistance of Senior Services staff, attended the Kaij Mek Taş Senior Games. The clients participated in various activities, including cup stacking, distance throwing, ring toss, bean bag toss, frisbee throw, basketball throw, and a dance contest. We congratulate our Seniors who brought home some of the gold!



- Gerald Salcido – First Place in the Ring Toss
- Karen Antone and Richard Norris – Third Place in the Dance Contest
- Geri Antone and partner – First Place in the Dance Contest

Thank you to the Kaij Mek Taş planning committee for coordinating the entire day of games.

On September 8 – 11, Congregate clients, accompanied by Senior Services staff, attended and competed in the 20th Anniversary All Indian Quechan Senior Olympics!

Join us in congratulating our Seniors who placed in the various sports and age categories:

- Loretta Pablo – First place in Sticky Golf
- Karen Celestine – First place in Basketball Throw
- Paula Juan – First Place in the Mix and Match
- Karen Antone – Third place in the Chicken Throw
- Lorraine Canner – Second place in the Mix and Match, Third place in the Wiffle Ball, and Third place in the Bean Bag Toss
- Sonny Junhama – First Place in Stackers, First Place in Sticky Golf, First Place in the Wiffle Toss, First Place in the Axe Throw, Second Place in the Chicken Throw, Second Place in the Mix and Match, Second Place in the Basketball Throw, and First Place in the Bean Bag Toss; a total of eight medals!!

An honorable mention also goes out to Lorraine Canner who dressed up and participated in the Welcoming Ceremonies Dance Contest. Theme was 1950s Toga Party. She gave it her all and made us proud.



Things to come:

I, along with the Senior Services staff, will be working on updating and developing the Department's guidelines and exploring ways to advertise our services effectively. This measure is due to feedback and suggestions I received upon coming into this position as a part of open and transparent communication.

We are also exploring opportunities to collaborate with San Xavier District Departments, Community-related entities (such as the SX Rec Center and San Xavier Mission School), and other stakeholders to introduce new information and activities into our Congregate gatherings.

Feel free to contact me at (520) 573-4064 or email me at mmartinez@waknet.org if you have any questions.



Housing DEPARTMENT

LAND ASSIGNMENT POLICY

If you received a tribal land assignment more than one(1) year ago and have not yet utilized the assigned land, please reach out to SXD Housing Department to discuss your next steps and available options. Due to shortage of tribal land, the Housing Department will follow the procedures outlined in the Land Assignment Policy to revoke land assignments if construction has not begun within one year of the assignment. If you need an extension, please contact the Housing Department

Land Assignment Policy: 3.0 – GENERAL PROVISION 3.3 – EXISTING SXD LAND ASSIGNMENTS SITES:

3.3.2 – Any existing, non-utilizing SXD Land Assignment Site that has been assigned for ONE year on or after the effective date of this policy shall be revoked and returned to the status of available tribal land. To avoid revocation, the assignee shall, within ninety days of written notification by the District, utilize the SXD Land Assignment Site by starting construction of any dwelling. If this is not possible, they may request an extension of their assignment through the SXD Housing Department.

3.4.8 – A SXD Land Assignment Site shall be utilized by the assignee within one year from the date of the approved SXDC Resolution by constructing a home or placing a dwelling on the SXD Land Assignment Site. If one year has passed, the applicant can request an extension through the Housing Manager via an official letter and be considered for a six-month extension, or otherwise withdraw land assignment, or the land assignment will revert back to SXD if no action has been taken.

For any questions regarding Land Assignment, please contact the Housing Department at
(520)573-4000

WA:K CEK SAN TAS

CELEBRATING THE LEGACY OF OUR STRONG O'ODHAM WOMEN
OCTOBER 17 & 18, 2025



FRIDAY – OCTOBER 17, 2025
Pageant 5:00pm
San Xavier Community Building

Saturday – October 18, 2025

- Parade 9:00am
- Entertainment 10:30am – 5:00pm
- Swap Meet • Sweet Booths • Arts & Crafts
- Information Booths
- Piast 5:00pm 9:00pm

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.

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.

THE COVID OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED...

Friday, October 24th and will reopen Monday, October 27th. During this time, please call the SxD front desk for any assistance.



**TRICK
OR
TREAT**

COVID NEWS

According to the CDC Data, an increase in transmission of the new Status strain of Covid. This has been detected in Arizona and other western states. This is part of the end of summer uptick in Covid cases across the country. Hospitalizations due to Covid are on the rise for all age groups.

CDC recommends staying up to date on vaccines, these reduce risk and serious complications. The 2025-2026 Covid Vaccine is expected to be released this fall.

DIAPER & MENSTRUAL PRODUCT MONTHLY DISTRIBUTION

**OCTOBER 6-30, 2025
MONDAY-FRIDAY**

Items Available:

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

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

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

FOR ANY QUESTIONS, REACH OUT TO THE COVID OFFICE:

520-573-4010 OR COVID@WAKNET.ORG



Himdag

EVENTS COORDINATOR

A:ñi 'aň hab ce:gig Michael David Anthony Enis. Ñ amjed i:ya Wa:k tab, Ð o aň Wa:k Himdag Events Coordinator. Ñ-O:gĩ bađ kc Ñ-Je'e 'o hab cecegig Eugene Enis Sr. kc Janice Felix.

Since February 2025 I have been the Himdag Events Coordinator and within this time we have held several Himdag events for the San Xavier District Staff and their families, collaborated with San Xavier District programs and built new partnerships.

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 call me at (520) 573-4005. Pegi 'Oig.

Southern Arizona Water Rights Settlement Act

The SAWRSA Office consists of Margaret (Maggie) Alvarez and Velma Begay. This article covers a little bit of history and our responsibilities.

The Southern Arizona Water Rights Settlement Act (SAWRSA) was signed by President Ronald Reagan in October 1982. Water users (agribusiness owners, copper mines, and city of Tucson) were held accountable for draining groundwater from under the San Xavier District.

SAWRSA secured water rights and required the government to build water facilities, fund irrigation systems and create water management plans. Through Central Arizona Project (CAP), a pipeline was installed to deliver Colorado River water from Lake Mead, approximately 336 miles.

The Tohono O'odham Nation (Nation) was allocated 66,000 acre feet per year (one acre feet = one foot deep of water on one acre). From the Nation's allocation, San Xavier District has 35,000 acre feet of first right of beneficial use of CAP water. The Schuk Toak District was granted 16,000 acre feet per year.

The 1982 Act was Amended in 2004, entitled the Arizona Water Settlement Act. The Amendment further supported the community's water right claims that also includes restoring and stabilize groundwater, restore riparian habitat, and working capital for the San Xavier Cooperative Association farm.

The SAWRSA Office was created in 1999 with the purpose of working with a multi-agency team to rehabilitate the existing farm and construct an extension. The multi-agency team consists of the San Xavier Cooperative Association, San Xavier Allottee Association, Bureau of Reclamation, Tohono O'odham Nation, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and other agencies.

Next month, we will explain authorizations and start listing projects that were completed because of the 1982 Southern Arizona Water Rights Settlement Act/2004 Arizona Water Settlement Act.

If you have any questions, please give us a call at (520)573-4000.

San Xavier Mission

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi Celebrations

October 2nd 2025:

12:00 PM- Blessing of Animals
(In front of Church)

October 3rd 2025:

5:00 PM- Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi
7:00 PM- Procession

October 4th 2025:

10:00 AM- Feast Day Mass
3:30 PM- Confessions
5:00 PM- Vigil Mass
7:00 PM- Procession

Baptisms: October 11th

Next openings are in February

Religious Education: Openings for Grades 3rd, 4th, and 5th
[All other grades are full]

Liturgical Ministers Workshop:

October 19th 4:00 -5:00PM

St. Clare

We need more ministers at every Mass time
If you are interested, call Sister Carla (520)294-4639





O'odham AP'EDAG KI:

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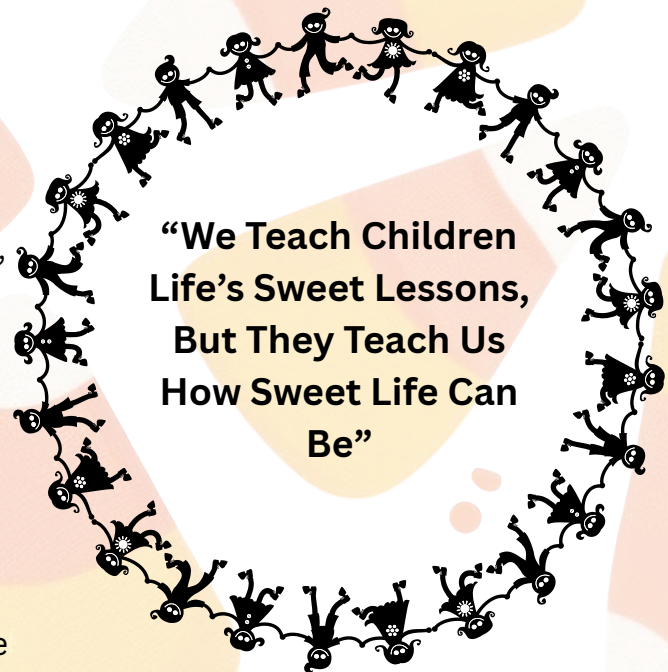
O'odham Ap'edag Ki: (People Wellness House) welcomes back our Students, Parents & Guardians. To date our enrollment has reached capacity in both K-3rd and 4-6th grades. We are now accepting applications for both sessions which will then be placed on a waiting list. As we start our program Staff have been engaged in the following.

August 11-14, 2025, People Wellness Staff had the opportunity to attend the 57th Annual Southwestern School for Behavioral Studies in Chandler Az. This focused on various sessions of mental health i.e., youth crisis, substance abuse & treatment, healing attachments, ADHD, Technology effects on children & parents and many more. These sessions were very informative.

On August 26, 2025, PWH planned a Family Taco Tuesday evening with a presentation for parents/guardians and students by the Tohono O'odham Nation's Special Needs Program, this was very informative for all in attendance. Students were made aware of some of the difficulties their peers may have and were encouraged to assist these students when they need a little help.

In moving forward, I plan to continue to introduce the O'odham Himdag/language, schedule field trips within the community & surrounding areas, engage students' creativity through art, have mindfulness and individual sessions which focus on the well-being of the students, schedule school visits on a regular basis and engage parents in activities i.e. parent nights, presentations and having them join their child/ren in activities planned for the holidays & other events. As always "It is the students that bring the joy, laughter within our building and we the staff are learning from our students as well".

-Margaret Unito
Wellness Case Manager



O'odham Ap'edag Ki: Cont.

Greetings to all Wak Newsletter readers and community members,

This is James Funmaker coming to you from the People Wellness House. We're excited to share some ongoing events and offerings at the Wellness House that continue to support our community's healing and connection.

Sweat Lodge Ceremonies

Held on the **first Friday of every month**, these co-ed ceremonies are open to all. We welcome everyone to join us in this sacred tradition.

White Bison Wellbriety Meetings

These meetings take place **twice a month** on **Sunday mornings from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM**. For October, the meetings will be held on **October 12th and October 26th**. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate in this journey of wellness and recovery.

Visit the Wellness House

We invite all community members to stop by, say hello, and receive a blessing if needed. Your presence is always welcome.

Stay safe and well—we hope to see you soon at the Wellness House!

Respectfully,
James Funmaker



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**



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

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

San Xavier District

We Are **HIRING**

Join the Wa:K Community

AVAILABLE POSITIONS:

• **Wellness Case Manager**

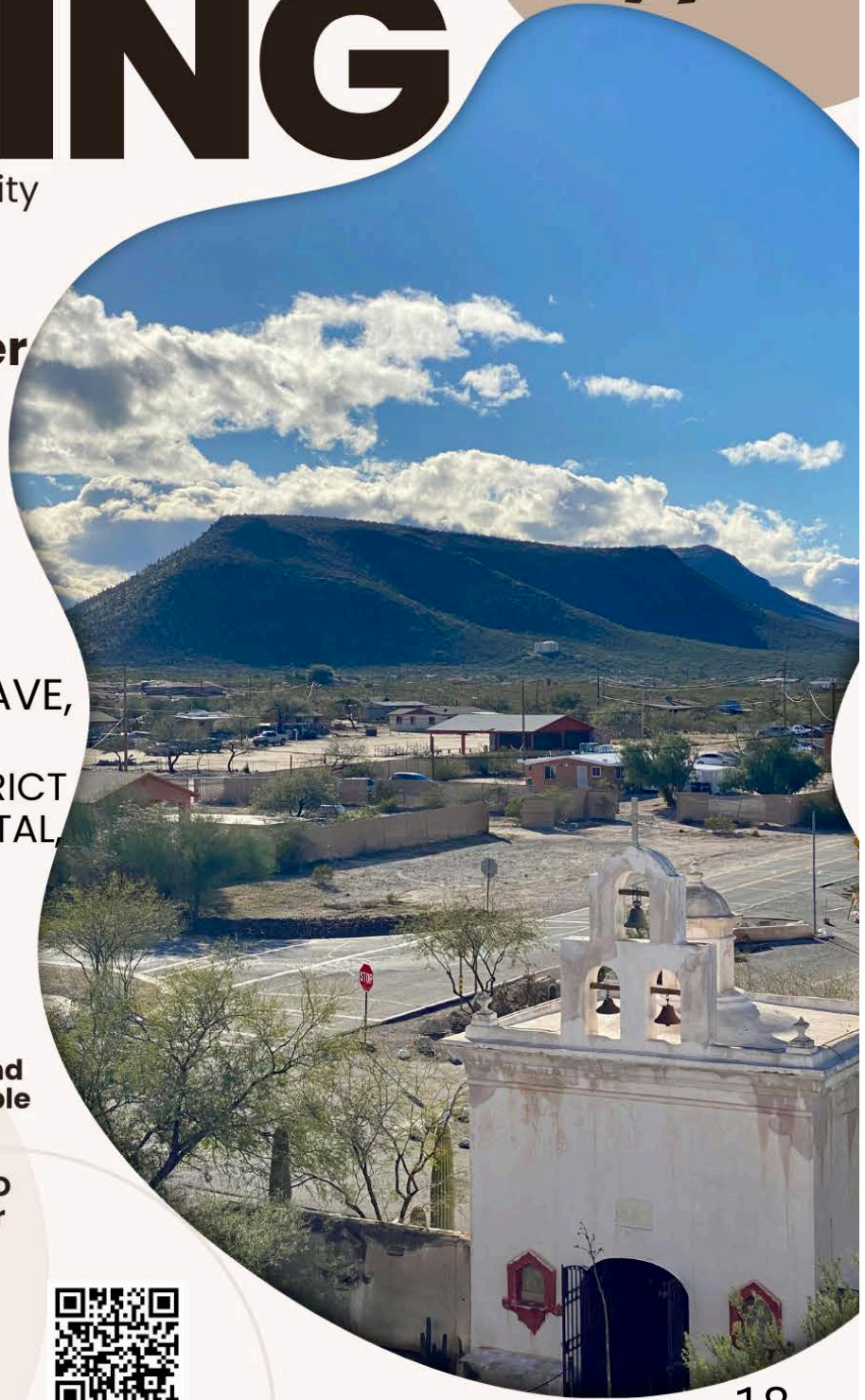
- Hiring pay range
\$24.02- \$26.42
- 4% EMPLOYER
MATCH ON 401K
- ANNUAL LEAVE, SICK LEAVE,
& WELLNESS .
- 90% EMPLOYER-PAID DISTRICT
BENEFITS (MEDICAL, DENTAL
& VISION)

MORE INFO

Applicants must submit an application, along with 3 recommendation letters, and two forms of ID. Applications are available at the SXD offices or on the SXD website.

ALL positions require a HS Diploma or GED and a valid Drivers License with no major traffic offenses in the past 3 years.

Contact the SXD HR office at (520) 573-4019/4016 regarding any questions.





SAVE THE DATE

THE SAN XAVIER RECREATION CENTER WOULD LIKE
TO INVITE YOU TO BE A PART OF OUR

ANNUAL HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT

COSTUME
CONTEST

HAUNTED HOUSE
OF TERRORS

MONDAY

OCTOBER 27TH, 2025

5PM - 8PM

CARNIVAL GAMES &
YOUTH ACTIVITIES

FOOD VENDORS &
MUSIC

TRUNK OR TREAT
CONTEST

ALL COMMUNITY GROUPS WELCOME

For more information contact the San Xavier
Recreation Team at 520.393.4075 or follow
us on Facebook for more updates



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 is going to 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 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 opportunities for fun and 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 be celebrating Halloween by doing crafts, playing games with their classmates, and wearing their costumes at their Halloween Party.

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

- Wednesday, October 29, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- Thursday, October 30, 2025, from 5:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

NOTE: Cost to enter the Haunted House is \$3.00 for 18 & up and \$1.00 or bring a non-expired canned food for 17 yrs & under.

As another school month has been completed, please continue to let your children know that good attendance is essential! Attendance is a parent and student responsibility. Please let your child know that attending school daily is important. Show them you are interested in their school activities and let them know you want them to do well. Regular and punctual school attendance is essential for school success. Attendance increases student achievement and improves the quality of their educational experience. It prepares them for college, promising careers, and successful adulthood.

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

Carmen H. Martinez—Program Administrator

HELLO OCTOBER!

The library has been extremely busy with our library programs, such as the After School Program, and having fun activities for everyone to enjoy! We are proud of our students who have come for homework help, and are also here to improve their reading and vocabulary. I want to 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. to 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 22, 2025:

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 do not hesitate to call if you need to reserve a computer for a certain date and time. 520-807-8621.

Gertrude Lopez—Learning Center Coordinator
Elissa Encinas—Learning Center Aide

SXD Books & Tuition Grant

What is needed for a Book and Tuition assistance?

- Completed Application
- Tribal Enrollment/ OR Family Tree if not San Xavier Enrolled
- Verification of School Enrollment
- Grades from previous semester, if applicable
- Billing Statement
- Summary of education goals
- 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.)

COMMUNITY LIAISONS!

S-keg Tas Wa:k Community,

Greetings from the community liaisons. First, I would like to welcome our new Community Liaison, Delissa Romero, to the team. She is a recent graduate of the University of Arizona. Next, I would like to extend my gratitude to the families for your ongoing dedication to your children's education and for your continuous support of your students, making sure they are on time for daily classes. Parents, you have done a fantastic job with your students. Hang in there! As a reminder, please check in on your children and have them turn in any late or missing assignments as soon as possible before the close of the quarter.

As for our programs, we started our ASP (After School Program) on September 22, 2025. And our VOY (Voices of Our Youth Program) on September 18, 2025. All of our programs are off to an excellent start for the year. If families are interested in VOY and ASP programs, applications are still available here at the Education Center. Feel free to reach us at 520-807-8620. Please keep in mind that our VOY Program will do its yearly fundraising by having its Halloween "Haunted House" for the community at the end of October—more information to come soon. Lastly, I would like to extend gratitude and acknowledgment to DJ Jahmar for his donations this year. Over the last couple of years, Jahmar has made several donations to the San Xavier Education Center and other places on the Tohono O'odham Nation, such as school bags, school supplies, and lunch boxes to be given out to students. Thank you, Jahmar, for your continuous support is greatly appreciated.

Please parents, continue to keep an eye out for our upcoming events and programs. I encourage all to come and join our programs in the future. I would like to take time to thank everyone that contributed to the students education all your support is appreciated. If you need any assistance our offices are open Monday – Friday. Thank you all for an awesome school year!

Community Liaisons
Anna Butler and Delissa Romero



10/29 — 10/30

TERROR

A W A I T S

5PM-8:30 BOTH DAYS



Haunted House!

One-time Entry Fee

18+ years.....\$3.00

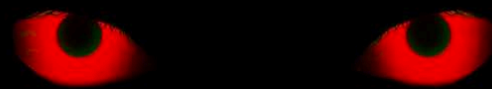
55+.....\$2.00

0-17 years.....\$1.00

OR 2-non-expired food cans.

**All proceeds will go towards the Voices of Our Youth
Program students.**

Thank you for your support!



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CULTURAL

Language Teacher

S-ke:g Taş Wesig 'Em Wui,

For the past month of August. The Sr. Services Elders have learned to work with clay and mold it into O'odham pottery. Several of the elders learned to mold more quickly, and as I watched, they shared their memories of being young and observing their grandmother as a potter. He would watch her, collect clay, and then crush it, separating the clay from the small rocks. When she is done, she will form the clay, and it would be ready to paddle.

Here are several of the elders who are molding their pieces.

I will continue having updated events happening in the next few months.
I hope you have a safe month.

Elizabeth Ortega



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.

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.

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.

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

Applications available:

August 4th

Transportation begins:

September 2, 2025





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Please be advised that San Xavier District will be closed on Tuesday, October 7th from 11:30 am to 5:00 pm to allow all staff to attend a mandatory meeting. We will resume normal business hours on Wednesday, October 8th at 8:00 am

We appreciate your understanding and look forward to serving you.