



CONROE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Academy of Science and Technology
The Woodlands College Park High School



Newsclippings

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Date	Event
1/16	MLK Day - Holiday
1/17	AST Interviews
1/19-20	Texas Junior Science & Humanities Symposium
1/20	Coffee with the Headmaster
1/24	AST Interviews
1/26	Sam Rhine Genetics Conf AST Interviews
1/27	Senior High Science Bowl

Dear Academy Parents and Students:

Parent judges are needed for Science Fair, Senior High EDC, Technical Writing, Etc. Please sign up to judge at www.efta-us.org.

Dr. Caffery

Opportunities

Architecture Center of Houston

The **Architecture Center of Houston** offers walking tours during the year. Students may earn exploration credit for these events as part of the pre-approved tours. For more information go to <https://aiahouston.org/>.

- Saturday January 14 Houston Heights Bicycle Tour The tour explores the original footprint of the Heights, Texas' and Houston's first mixed-use community and home to 120 of the 215 National Register of Historic Places in Houston. Meet at the Heights Branch of the Houston Public Library, 1302 Heights Boulevard. Cost is \$10 and reservations are required.
- Saturday January 21 UH Art & Architecture Tour
- Saturday January 28 Museum District Walking Tour
- Saturday February 4 Texas Medical Center Walking Tour
- Saturday February 11 Third Ward Bicycle Tour

Coffee with the Headmaster

The second semester **Coffee with the Headmaster** will be **Friday January 20 from 9-11 a.m.** Parents of the Academy of Science and Technology hosts this informative event. Parents are invited to come, enjoy delicious treats and coffee, and enjoy an informative session. Topics include course selection, PSAT, SAT, ACT and college preparation.

Judge at SCI://TECH

SCI://TECH is a partnership between Conroe ISD and Education for Tomorrow Alliance that provides opportunities for students to engage in STEM activities. Parent volunteers are needed to judge/participate in the various events in order to make this another successful year!

Please review the events and then sign up to judge wherever you can at www.efta-us.org. Click on Events and then select **General Volunteer, Judge or Sponsor!**

Please note that if you want to judge science fair you have choices:

- All Day judge
- Senior High Only (7:45 – 11:30 a.m.)
- Junior High Morning (9:15 a.m. – 1 p.m.)
- Junior High Afternoon (1:15 – 5:15 p.m.)
- Grand Award Judging (11:30 a.m. – 1 pm) experienced judges only please

January 27 5-9 pm at Lone Star College Montgomery

- ***Energry Private School Science Fair***
- ***Anadarko Senior High Science Bowl***

January 31 4:30 pm at The Woodlands College Park HS

- ***Technical Writing Competition***

February 3 7:30 am – 6 pm at the Lone Star Convention Center

- ***Chevron Phillips Senior High Science Fair***
- ***CB&I Junior High Science Fair***

February 4 10 am – 4 pm at the Lone Star Convention Center

- ***Forensic Science Demonstration***
- ***Huntsman Elementary Science Festival***
- ***Math Bowl***
- ***PBK Sci.Math.e.Lon***
- ***Robotics Demonstration***

February 10 5 pm – 9 pm Lone Star College Montgomery

- ***Junior High Science Bowl***

February 11 Lone Star College Montgomery

- **Senior High Engineering Design Competition 8 am – 4 pm**
- **Biotechnology Competition 8 am – 1 pm**

February 18 8 am – 3 pm Moorhead Junior High School

- **Consolidated Communications Junior High Engineering Design Competition**

Thank you in advance for your gift of time and expertise!

2017 Annual Space Settlement Design Competition

Students in grades 10, 11 and 12 are eligible to participate in the 2017 Annual Space Settlement Design Competition for High School Students held March 24 – 26, 2017 at the NASA Johnson Space Center. Groups of 2, 3, or 4 are sought to participate. All students must be US citizens. Many Academy students have participated in this exciting event.

The cost is \$195 for each student and chaperone and includes accommodations, food, snacks, materials, T-Shirt and transportation within NASA. All registration materials should be submitted by February 16, 2017.

This is a unique opportunity for students who are thinking of engineering as a career. Students will work as a member of an aerospace company team developing a design and operation proposal for a large human base somewhere in the inner solar system within the next 75 years. For more information go to www.JCSSDC.com or www.JCSSDC.org. Students may pick up packets in the Academy office.

National Youth Science Camp

Current seniors are invited to apply for the National Youth Science Camp, an intense month-long camp for young scientists, during the summer following graduation. Two students will be selected to represent Texas at the all-expense-paid honors program. Applications are due by March 1, 2017. Students can create an account and complete the application at <http://apply.nysc.org>.

Academy News

Student Service Award

Congratulations to freshman **Phillip Becker** for receiving the Presidential volunteer Service Award Gold Medal for more than 100 hours of volunteer service this year. He was awarded the Student Community Ambassadors award as well, presented by Jeannie Crowell of the Crowell Foundation.

AST Senior Wins Art Award

Senior **Claire Zhang** was awarded a Gold Medal for her oil painting for the rodeo. She will now compete against thousands of students from more than 50 schools at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo in March. Claire is also an avid robotics enthusiast, competing on the FIRST Robotics team.

Students Tour iFLY

Local business iFLY provides anyone the opportunity to experience the principles of flight with vertical wind tunnel technology. Recently, about 30 Academy students and parents visited the facility to discover physics principles and to experience flight time. This tour was sponsored by P.A.S.T.'s Academic committee of Ila Alam and Melissa Yang.



Senior Gala Information

Attention Class of 2017 and Senior Parents

The Senior Gala for the Class of 2017 will be held **Sunday, April 30, 2017 at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel at 3:00 p.m.**

Have you submitted your baby photo yet? Use the link below to easily submit all photos of your child that will be used throughout this event.

Senior Gala Photo Submission Form Link - <http://jotform.us/form/52585378439167>

DUE DATES (You don't need to wait until the deadline... send in photos now if you have them!)

October 21, 2016 - Baby Photo (1) - PAST DUE!

January 27, 2017 - Casual Photos (5-6)

January 31, 2017 - Deadline for Senior parents to join P.A.S.T.*

March 17, 2017 - Presentation of Seniors "Formal" Photo (1)

March 17, 2017 - Change of Address

*Members of P.A.S.T. will receive discounted tickets to the Gala.

Finally, have you signed up for REMIND? Simply text the message @ast201 to the number 81010 to receive information, updates, and reminders via text message about the Senior Gala

P.A.S.T. for the Future News

Information from the Parents of Academy of Science and Technology

P.A.S.T. is partnering with **Whitney World Travel** to offer families the use of travel experts to book a vacation and have a portion of the commission paid to P.A.S.T. It is easy to do. When you are ready to book a vacation complete the contact form and one of the members of their team here in The Woodlands will get back in touch. For more information please visit <https://www.whitneyworldtravel.com/academy-of-science-and-technology.html>

We have several Loyalty Programs in which you can participate. Please read below and if you can participate please do!

Kroger

Kroger asks that each card member renew their charity online after August 1 each year. Go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com and link your card number to charity #81773!

Amazon.com

Shop **Amazon Smile** at their charity-linked site: <http://smile.amazon.com> (use your regular Amazon sign in. The prices are the same as on Amazon.com)

Randall's

Visit any Randall's Courtesy Booth and ask for the form. Link your card to Charity #2243!
Have fun and happy shopping

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