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Academy of Science and Technology

The Woodlands College Park High School



Newsclippings

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Date	Event
12/12	PAST Holiday Meeting
12/13	4 th period exam
12/14	1 st and 2 nd period exams
12/15	AST Donut Day 3 rd and 5 th period exams AST Alumni Reception
12/16	6 th and 7 th period exams
12/17	Winter Break
-Jan 1	
Jan 2	Teacher Workday/Student Holiday

Dear Academy Parents and Students:

This semester is rapidly coming to an end. Please note that Monday and Tuesday are full days and Wednesday through Friday are Early Release for students.

Please read the information regarding summer camps below.

Dr. Caffery

Opportunities

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.

Exploration: iFLY Indoor Skydiving and High School STEM Program

On January 5 students have the opportunity to experience a physics demonstration to understand the nature of fluids, flight school and flight time, additional concepts presented. Students interested in participating should complete the Parent Consent form and attach a check for \$35 made to the Academy Activity Fund. There are still spots available. The event takes place from 3 - 7 p.m.

Walking Tours of the Architecture Center of Houston

The **Architecture Center of Houston** offers walking tours of notable places in Houston. This Saturday November 5 the center offers the Texas Medical Center Walking Tour at 10 a.m. The Texas Medical Center is the largest medical center in the world with over 33.8 million square feet of patient care, education and research space. Sites on the tour include Baylor College of Medicine, the new Texas Children's Hospital Maternity Center, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Methodist Research Center, and a short ride on Houston's Metro Rail. For more information go to <https://aiahouston.org/>. Other walking tours include:

- **Dec 10 Towers and Trees Downtown Walking Tour**

Tours require registration and a fee of \$10 is charged. Students may earn exploration credit by doing one of the tours

ASU Food Drive

The ASU officers have extended the deadline for collection of food items and money. The food drive will run until Wednesday **December 7th**. **Cash and checks will be accepted through Friday December 9th**. The progress of each class can be seen on the thermometers on the wall near the Academy office on third floor. Please help us replenish the Food Bank for the Holidays.

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>.

University of Texas Austin Summer Pre-College Program

The University of Texas offers several summer pre-college programs for high school students. Students may choose among the following programs: medicine, engineering/creativity and design, medicine, psychology, programming and robotics, python programming and others.

For more information go to www.summerdiscovery.com/u-texas-austin or call 516.621.3939 or email at texas@summerdiscovery.com.

Stanford Pre-Collegiate Studies: High School Summer College

High school students (ages 16-19) are invited to apply for Stanford's pre-college program. Students accepted into the program will enjoy an array of social, cultural, and educational programming, events, speakers and trips, all situated in San Francisco Bay area. Students can choose among 145 different classes across 30 departments within the University and may take up to 5 courses in the summer. Admission is rolling and now open. For more information go to

https://summercollege.stanford.edu/invite?utm_source=nagc&utm_campaign=NAGC&utm_medium=email.

Boston College Pre-college Experience

Students interested in broadening their understanding of university-level academics can experience at Boston College. There are three week non-credit programs, six-week, and eight-week sessions. For more information go to <http://www.bc.edu/schools/summer/bce/>

Brown University Summer Program

Students looking to experience college-level academics on an Ivy League campus will find such an experience in Summer@Brown. There is the STEM II for rising 9th and 10th grade students (June 26-July 7, 2017) and the Brown Environmental Leadership Lab (BELL)

Pre-College Summer at UConn

Rising high school juniors and seniors (Class of 2018 or 2019) may apply to the premier summer program at UConn. The summer experience includes a two-week program in Digital Media: Game Design and One Week Pre-Med programs in Biomedical Engineering, Medicinal Chemistry, Forensic Science, Intro to Human Anatomy, Intro to Kinesiology, Intro to Human Pathology, Medical Anthropology, etc. There are session dates beginning July 9. For more information go to <http://precollege-summer.uconn.edu/>.

Carnegie Mellon University Pre-College Programs

Carnegie Mellon offers six-week programs in architecture, Computer Science, Engineering, Math, Science, etc. for students in grades 10-PG (ages 16-18). For more information go to <http://www.collegexpress.com/summer-programs/carnegie-mellon-university-pre-college-programs/53/>

Are Interested in More Summer Pre-College Programs

Many universities offer programs to talented high school students. Please refer to the following lists of programs offered by universities:

- <http://www.collegexpress.com/lists/list/top-summer-pre-college-programs/1761/>
- <http://www.fastweb.com/college-search/articles/summer-programs-for-high-school-students>

Academy News**AST Annual Alumni Reception**

All students and staff are invited to the Annual Alumni Reception on Thursday December 15 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 pm in the LGI. Alumni will be on hand to share their experiences in college and career.

CP PTO Update**Armstrong School Adoption Program**

Tuesday, Dec 6, 9-4pm, Workday in LG11, Volunteers needed, come and go or stay as long as you can, gift wrapping, book sorting

Thursday, Dec 15, Holiday Party at Armstrong Elementary, Parents volunteers are still needed for the morning sessions to help in the classrooms at Armstrong, if you are available please contact Ann Young at amyoung0627@gmail.com

CP Grad Night

Attention Seniors: Grad Night ticket price goes up January 1, from \$40 to \$50. Get your registration form at <http://www.cpgradnight.org/>

Underclassmen parents: In the good CP tradition, this is a “pay forward” event. At this time we are seeking corporate donations. More information about this event can be found at the above website or please contact our own Karen Cahill at kjcahill1@gmail.com

Helping our own CP families in need

The CP Counseling Center is seeking Wal-Mart and Target gift cards donations to help our own CP families in need. Gift cards for any amount can be dropped off at the front office and marked with “Counseling center”. Thank you for your generosity.

CP Book Room still needs helpers

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4ba9a72babfb6-book>

The next CP PTO meeting will be on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 9am.

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.

NEW! 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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