



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



Newsclippings

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Date	Event
9/25	YMCA Dragon Boat Races
9/26	AST Information Night
9/29	AST Information Night
10/6	Distinguished Lecture Series
10/8	AST Testing for 8 th graders
10/10	PAST Board Meeting
10/11	CISD College Night

Dear Academy Parents and Students:

Please read our exciting news below. Check the Parent/Student Calendar often for important information.

Dr. Caffery

Opportunities

High School Juniors

HIGH SCHOOL AEROSPACE SCHOLARS is now accepting applications for the 2016-2017 program. HAS offers one of a kind experience for Texas high school students to explore the possibilities of a science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) related major or career. It begins this fall with an online course and culminates –for students who earn the opportunity- with an onsite summer experience at NASA’s Johnson Space Center. Eligibility- U.S. citizen, Texas high school junior, committed to a one-year relationship with NASA, internet access. You may go to <https://nas.okstate.edu/has/> for more information. You may join the webinar on Tuesday Sept 27 (6:30 – 7:30 pm Central) or Thursday October 13 same time. Academy students who have participated in this program include: Franklin Shi, Brunon Walczak, Zoha Khan, Justin Stobart, Matthew Webb, and Nicholas Zhao.

Regeneron Science Talent Search

Regeneron has become only the third sponsor in 75 years of the nation’s oldest and most prestigious high school science competition, committing \$100 million to support the Science Talent Search and other Society for Science and the Public through 2026. Applications

opened June 1 **with transcripts and recommendations due Nov 9 and November 16 (8:00 pm ET) being the application deadline.** The online application can be found at <https://sciencetalentsearch.fluidreview.com/>. The rules and instructions can be found at <https://member.societyforscience.org/document.doc?id=748>.

Eligibility: seniors (students enrolled in last year of high school). Students who have conducted individual research only. Team projects are not eligible

Young Women Energized

Are you a young woman in grades 9-12 and interested in learning more about energy careers and STEM? If so you may want to register for the WEN event on **Tuesday November 15, 2016** from 5-9 pm at Houston Baptist University (Morris Cultural Arts Center/Belin Chapel 7502 Fondren Road Houston, TX 77074. Sessions include a discussion on the next generation of women advancing in energy; ask the experts-engineers, scientists, technology professionals, lawyers, accountants, and more; mapping your career; Q&A session for parents, educators, and career and college counselors. Each year WEN awards five high school seniors, \$2000 scholarships from the greater Houston area. Apply now. To register go to

<https://www.womensenergynetwork.org/houston/community-initiatives/young-women-energized/ywe-2016-registration-form/> . To find out more go to www.womensenergynetwork.org.

Seniors- Haag Family Foundation Scholarships

The Haag Family Foundations is providing two scholarships for our seniors who will be attending a public/state funded college or university in the fall of 2017. The scholarship includes the following:

- Financial support begins in the fall of 2017
- Annual financial support of \$5000 per academic year (\$2500 per semester)
- Renewable for a period of 3 years with total value of \$20,000
- All seniors graduating from the Academy of Science and Technology are eligible
- Only students who will attend publicly funded college or universities will be eligible.

Copies of the scholarship are available in the Academy office. Completed application will be submitted to Ms. Debra Creel in the College and Career Center.

Academy Senior Gala is Seeking Volunteers

Attention Class of 2017 and Senior Parents

It has been a long-standing tradition of the Parents of the Academy of Science and Technology to honor the senior class with a very special, formal, and personal graduation event. **The Senior Gala** is an elegant celebration of our seniors and their accomplishments

during which we will share their memories of the past four years and plans for the future. The Senior Gala for the Class of 2017 will be held on **Sunday, April 30, 2017** at **The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel at 3:00 p.m.**

Throughout the coming months, we will be sending you information and reminders about the Gala through the US postal service, email, the AST weekly Newsclippings newsletter, The Class of 2017 Facebook page, and REMIND. To join the REMIND group simply text the message **@ast201** to the number **81010**. Standard text messaging rates apply to those without unlimited texting on their cell phone data plans.

For those who wish to assist in the preparation of this event, a **volunteer meeting** will be held on Thursday, October 13 from 9 – 10:30 a.m. in the Mitchell Library (8125 Ashlane Way The Woodlands, TX 77382).

Terri Kedzierski and Tandi Hodges
Senior Gala Co-Chairs

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Science Fair Information Night

There were many winning projects at the annual **Science Fair Information Night** held this week. Freshmen and their parents as well as upper classmen had the opportunity to view display boards and speak with the students who created the projects. Following the program students also had the opportunity to speak with experts in fields ranging from medicine to computer science to engineering. Many thanks to presenters, panelists and to our P.A.S.T. Hospitality committee who fed everyone for the evening.



Academy Picnic

Each year the Academy hosts a picnic that serves as the end of freshman orientation. However, it is much more than that. The picnic is a venue for parents to pick up merchandise,

directories, etc. and it serves as a venue for the teachers to do a SHOW-AND-TELL about their Research and Problems activities. Parents of the Academy of Science and Technology hold one of two General Meetings providing information about the budget and their efforts to support the Academy. Of course, the day culminates in the picnic with delicious food for all.



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

Information from the Parents of Academy of Science and Technology

PAST Membership Information

It's that time again...time to join PAST for the 2016-2017 school year! We are off to a good start, with memberships from the parents of 107 students. Many thanks to the parents who have already joined and supported PAST through membership fees and extra donations. PAST is largely funded via parent and corporate matching donations, and that money is put to excellent use supplementing the educational opportunities for all Academy students. PAST funds are used for items such as student laptops, lab equipment, classroom textbook sets, and more. Because PAST funding benefits all Academy students, it is our goal every year to have 100% parent participation. Current statistics:

Freshmen:	64%
Sophomores:	23%
Juniors:	35%
Seniors:	24%

Please join PAST today, so that we can continue to provide a high level of financial support to enhance our students' educations! To join, visit <http://web.pastforthefuture.org/get-involved/> and you can either download the form (if paying by check) or follow the link to pay via PayPal. All members will receive Academy directories, and those who donate at the Sponsor level and above (\$150 or more) will also receive an Academy logo umbrella.

Important Senior Gala discount information for parents of seniors: PAST members who join before **January 31, 2017** receive a discount ticket price for the Senior Gala. Member price is \$55 per ticket, while non-member price is \$75 per ticket. In order to qualify for the discount, membership must be received by the deadline. After January 31, senior parents are still welcome to join PAST but will **NOT** be eligible for the discounted Senior Gala ticket pricing.

Not sure if you have already joined PAST this year? Welcome emails have been sent to parents who have joined. Please check your inbox (and junk folder) for an email from tasharees@icloud.com entitled "Welcome to PAST 2016-2017". If neither parent has received such an email but you believe you have joined PAST, contact membership coordinator Tasha Rees at tasharees@icloud.com or 832-540-6033 (text or voice, but text preferred).

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For information about **Title IX rights or Section 504/ADA rights**, contact the Title IX Coordinator or the Section 504/ADA coordinator at 3205 W. Davis, Conroe, Texas 77304; (936) 709-7752.