



CONROE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
**Academy of Science and Technology**

The Woodlands College Park High School



## Newsclippings

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**September 30, 2016**

| Date  | Event                         |
|-------|-------------------------------|
| 10/5  | Exploration: Tour Halliburton |
| 10/6  | Distinguished Lecture Series  |
| 10/8  | AST Testing                   |
| 10/8  | BEST Demo Day                 |
| 10/10 | PAST Board Meeting            |
| 10/11 | CISD College Night            |
| 10/15 | BEST Robotics Game Day        |

Dear Academy Parents and Students:

This week marks the end of the first six weeks. Please be sure all work is made up by this Friday.

Dr. Caffery

## Opportunities

### PSAT – Mark Your Calendars for Oct 19

Ninth grade students who are interested in taking the **PSAT** this year must register for the test and pay the \$15 fee. Beginning **September 26** students may pay and register for the test in the Counseling Center. You must do this **before September 7<sup>th</sup>**. There are a limited number of tests available so do this early!

### Distinguished Lecture Series

Our next lecture is Thursday October 6. Jaye Thompson, Ph.D. will provide attendees with a general understanding of the clinical trial process of new drug development. The remaining lectures are listed below:

- Thursday Oct 6 **Jaye Thompson, Ph.D.** *New Drug Development: An Overview of the Clinical Regulatory Process.*
- Thursday Oct 20 **Brittany Rhodes, MSOP** *Prosthetics and Orthotics- A Career Improving Individuals' Lives*
- Tuesday Nov 8 **Dusty Alexander**, *Global Shop Solutions-Using Technology to Solve Manufacturing Problems*

### **Academy 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.**

Throughout the coming months, you will receive 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 101. 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 the cell phone data plans.

DUE DATES (Please refer to an email sent to you the week of September 25 for details)

October 21    BABY PHOTO (1)

January 27    CASUAL PHOTOS (5-6)

January 31    DEADLINE FOR SENIOR PARENTS TO JOIN PAST AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF PAST MEMBERS' REDUCED TICKET PRICE FOR SENIOR GALA (HARD DEADLINE)

March 17    PRESENTATION OF SENIORS PHOTO (1)

March 17    CHANGE OF ADDRESS

### **Volunteer Opportunity**

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 and personal graduation event. The **Senior Gala** is an elegant celebration of our seniors and their accomplishments.

For those who wish to assist in the preparation of this event, **a volunteer meeting will be held on Thursday, October 13 from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. at the Mitchell Library** (8125 Ashlane Way / The Woodlands, TX 77382). If you would like to help but cannot attend the meeting, please email Terri Kedzierski (mrs\_kedz@hotmail.com) or Tandi Hodges (tandi2@yahoo.com).

We encourage parents from all classes to participate, as it is a great opportunity to see what is in store for your child at the end of their senior year.

## Academy News

### National Merit Announces Commended Scholars

The **National Merit Scholarship Program** announced the students who have been recognized as **Commended Scholars** as a result of their performance on the PSAT/NMSQT taken in their junior year. Congratulations to the following 26 students on their Commended status:

***Daniel Baledos, Rishabh Bhatnagar, Michael Bohnet, Michael Calizzi, Kelly Conlon, Amanda Doyle, Daniel Duran, Davis Fridley, Jana Hustedt, Moonhee Kang, Glen Lauritsen, Mason Loss, Rachel Luomala, Alexander Nutt, Jiayi Qu, Roshni Sen, Pravin Sivagnanakumar, Janet Sonka, Juliana Steward, Jordan Sterling, Kevin Svetlitski, Alessandro Topini, Zivan Vasquez, Tori Windrich, Annie Zhang, and Claire Zhang.***

### Freshman Luncheon

Parents of Academy freshmen (**Class of 2020**) have arranged for the freshmen to gather at **Russo's** on **October 14<sup>th</sup>** from **11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.** This is an early dismissal day for all students. The cost will be around \$8 for lunch.

### TEDxYouth@TheWoodlands

On a recent Saturday several of our Academy students along with other students in The Woodlands and experts hosted a TEDx event. TEDx was created in the spirit of TED's mission, i.e. "ideas worth spreading." TEDx events provide a forum to initiate conversations. These events are planned and coordinated independently. Academy student participants included: ***Megan Alam, Hannah Meiseles, Andrew Yu, Ajitha Anand and Nandika Nair, Kelly Zhou, Aaryan Shenoy, and Academy alumna Elizabeth Turner (Academy Class of 2006 and MIT Class of 2010).***



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

### Information from the Parents of Academy of Science and Technology

#### **PAST Membership Update**

Many thanks to the parents who have joined and supported PAST through membership fees and extra donations. PAST does not have any planned fundraising events this year, and has no plans to ask parents or students to sell anything. PAST membership and donation funds are used for items such as student laptops, lab equipment, classroom textbook sets, social events and more. Because PAST funding benefits all Academy students, it is our goal every year to have 100% parent participation.

Current statistics:

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|-------------|-----|
| Freshmen:   | 79% |
| Sophomores: | 33% |
| Juniors:    | 42% |
| Seniors:    | 33% |

**Directories & Umbrellas have arrived!** If you have joined PAST but have not already picked up your directories (and umbrellas for Sponsor level and above) please send your student to see Ms. Angela Kyle in the Academy office to pick up your items.

**Important reminder 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](mailto: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](mailto:tasharees@icloud.com) or 832-540-6033 (text or voice, but text preferred).

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

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