



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



Newsclippings

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Date	Event
9/12	PAST Board Meeting
9/13	AST Visits Knox JHS Distinguished Lecture Series
9/15	AST Visits McCullough JHS
9/16	AST Donut Day Coffee with the Headmaster
9/17	AST Picnic TEDxYouth@The Woodlands
9/20	Academy Visits Irons JHS Science Fair Information Night
9/22	AST Visits York JHS

Dear Academy Parents and Students:

Although it still feels like summer, the fall semester has fully engaged all of us. Please refer to the AST Parent/Student Calendar often for the many events we have coming up.

All students should turn in a Research and Problems contract to their sponsor.

Dr. Caffery

Opportunities

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.

CP Grad Night Planning-volunteers needed

One of our senior parents, Karen Cahill, is co-chairing CP Grad Night for the Class of 2017. She is in need of volunteers. Please read her message below:

All Grade Level Volunteers Needed to Help Plan CP Grad Night

Be a part of an exciting, milestone event! Grad Night, our senior lock in, is June 1-June 2 at Main Event following graduation. Underclassmen parents, please consider paying it forward by helping us plan this event to allow our senior parents time to enjoy their soon-to-be graduates.

We need an army of volunteers to help with corporate donations, spirit night coordinating, prize procurement, and student registration. There are many big and little jobs that need to be done. Come help us make this event extra special for our seniors!!!

Please join us to help plan this event:

Tuesday, Sept. 13 10:00 a.m.,

immediately following the PTO meeting

LGI 2 in freshman wing

Academy Senior Gala

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

PSAT

The **PSAT** will be given on October 19. Conroe ISD pays for sophomores and juniors to take the test. Freshmen are encouraged to pay and sign up for the PSAT. Beginning **September 26, freshmen can pay the \$15 fee in the Counseling Center.**

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BEST Kick Off

On Saturday Mr. Van Alstyne met members of the 2016 BEST team for the North Houston **BEST Kick-Off** at Lone Star College Montgomery. GJ Snyder, Hub Director, and Paul Lutes, track builder and sponsor, gave student and sponsors the first glimpse at the game for this year's competition. The game is *Bet the Farm* and challenges students to design and build a robot that can plant seeds, pick corn and turn on water. BEST Demo Day is Saturday October 8 at The Woodlands Mall and BEST Game Day is Saturday October 15 at Lone Star College Kingwood.



Academy Student Semifinalist in Think Outside the Box Challenge

Senior **Noah Tatman** was recently recognized as a semifinalist in Future Engineers *The Think Outside the Box Challenge*. In this challenge students were tasked with designing an object that assembles, telescopes, hinges, accordions, grows, or expands to become larger than the printing bounds of the AMF 3D printer. This project was part of the requirement for SRD II class last year. Mrs. Humes required students to enter a competition where they had to design something. Congratulations to Noah and Mrs. Humes! For more information about the competition go to <http://www.futureengineers.org/thinkoutsidethebox/>

First Lecture Overwhelming Success

The **Fall 2016 Distinguished Lecture Series** kicked-off last night with a student-filled LGI. **Dr. Vaidya** provided a visual display of the heart, heart beats, and devices to correct abnormal heart rhythm issues. A special feature of the lecture was a display (courtesy of St. Jude's Hospital) that showcased various types of pacemakers and leads providing students the opportunity to see and touch the newest tools physicians have to improve the lives of people with heart disease.



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

Information from the Parents of Academy of Science and Technology

P.A.S.T. Seeking 100% of Families with Membership

Please consider joining Parents of the Academy of Science and Technology if you have not already done so! Your contribution/donation makes a huge difference in the support P.A.S.T. can offer the Academy. The Membership form can be found on the P.A.S.T. website www.pastforthefuture.org

Have you been doing routine or fun shopping? Are you planning to do shopping in the future? If so, you can shop and simultaneously benefit the Academy! We have several Loyalty Programs in which you can participate. Please read below:

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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