



The Academy of Science and Technology

CONROE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Parents of the Academy of Science and Technology - P.A.S.T.

Welcome back AST families and I hope that you all had a safe & happy holiday season! 2012 is now upon us and on behalf of PAST, I'd like to share some opportunities for you to get involved with.

- **Friday, January 6th, COFFEE WITH THE HEADMASTER, 9 am – 11 am – TWCP LGI** . Please check in early at TWCP front desk so we may begin this event on time. Refreshments courtesy of PAST. Dr. Caffery will be discussing AST course requirements and other AST topics. Contact Dr. Caffery at s.caffery@conroeisd.net to submit questions in advance of this meeting.
- We are looking for volunteers to be on the **AST Parent Panel during the prospective (Class of 2016) student interviews**. This will be Monday, January 9th; Tuesday, January 10th and Tuesday, January 17th from 6:00 - 9:00 pm in TWCP Commons. If you are interested in sharing your experience at the Academy with the parents of these prospective students, please contact PAST VP Michelle Rieger at e.michelle.rieger@gmail.com. Separate AST student panels will also be needed, and interested students should contact Dr. Caffery in the AST office.
- Hope that you all have had an opportunity to respond to the **PAST Parent Survey** emailed to all AST parents from Dr. Caffery in mid-December. PAST is looking for creative ways to involve parents to support the Academy. Please contact PAST Fundraising co-chairs Val Martin at valmart1@aol.com or Tammey Scarborough at s.tammey@gmail.com with any ideas you may have.
- Any AST parents who are interested in **servicing on the PAST BOARD for the 2012-2013** school year, please contact PAST President Diana Dunn at drdunntx@comcast.net for consideration. Please read the PAST Bylaws at www.pastforthefuture.org to get an idea of each Board job requirement. You may nominate yourself or others to be considered by the PAST Nominating Committee which will be meeting several times starting in February. All nominees will be contacted by this committee to confirm interest in serving on the Board. All New Board positions will be formally introduced at a PAST annual meeting in May.
- It's never too late for..... **Volunteering w/PAST** – Please contact PAST Board member Joe Castagna at Joe.Castagna@huntsman.com as Joe has compiled a list (from the PAST volunteer forms) that he passes onto all PAST Committees. Please contact Joe if you've signed up for a committee & have not yet heard from anyone. All volunteers are welcome!
- Questions regarding membership, corporate matching gifts & donations can be directed to PAST Treasurer Susie Mallard smallard@hotmail.com. Do you work for any of the following companies?

Chevron
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Aon-Hewitt
Baker Hughes

ExxonMobil
Anadarko (will donate to AST)

These companies along with [others](#) listed on our website will provide corporate matching gifts. **There is no deadline for donations!**

- **AST Photos** – PAST Scrapbook Chair Kathy Jacobsen is collecting photos for an [online AST Scrapbook](#) through Snapfish. Please contact Kathy for questions at kathyjake@mac.com
- **AST Senior Banquet** – April 22nd starting at 4 pm (senior group photo at 3:30 p.m.) at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott. Banquet co-chairs are Terri Turk, tnt@consolidated.net, and Jeanette Peirce, peirce5@yahoo.com. All interested volunteers are welcome to attend the next planning meeting on Wednesday, January 18th at 10 am at Panera Bread on 242 next to TWCP. All parents are encouraged to participate in this planning process to prepare yourselves for a meaningful event when their students are nearing the end of their senior year at AST. This program is sponsored by PAST, and the Class of 2012 has voted on a Cirque du Soleil theme.
- **Hope that you all used your AST Kroger Gift Cards** to support AST during your holiday shopping. These gift cards can be reloaded as often as needed and can also be used to purchase stamps. PAST monthly earnings have been as high as \$300 but vary depending on your support. Please contact PAST Board member Lisa Stevens at katelsu@att.net to enroll.

As I begin the last half of my term & with my last student as AST senior, I encourage all families to get involved in the Academy, as with everything else, it's only as good as we all make it.

Diana Dunn

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