



Parents of the Academy of Science & Technology
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Dear Parents,

On behalf of the Parents of the Academy of Science and Technology (PAST) board, I would like to welcome our new and returning families to the 2022-2023 school year. The last two years were challenging for many of our students, teachers and families. We, at PAST, hope that this chapter is behind us.

Although you may have already been introduced to PAST, I wanted to take a moment to highlight what PAST is doing to enhance your child's education and ask you to support our goal of making each students' experience at the Science Academy one that will provide a strong foundation for success both academically and, in the future, professionally.

Many of the events organized by the AST are subsidized by the PAST organization. Fish Camp, Pool Party, Senior Gala and Explorations are a few examples. In addition, PAST provides financial grants to AST for key needs that cannot be covered by the standard school budget. Examples are a new trailer purchased for Jones State Forest projects, laboratory equipment, computers, monitors and additional teaching tools for the classrooms.

PAST is a 501(c)3 organization that is made up entirely of volunteer parents who generously give of their time and resources to ensure the success of our children. To provide the additional educational opportunities and equipment, we rely on the support of the AST parents. PAST's main income comes from the annual membership drive. Each year we strive for a 100% membership, so today, I am asking that you please join PAST at pastforthefuture.org. For your convenience I have also included a hard copy of our membership form.

All PAST members will receive the Academy directory, and our senior families will benefit from discounted tickets to the AST Senior Gala.

Additional ways to help PAST financially include corporate matching, loyalty programs such as AmazonSmile and Kroger, and purchasing of logo merchandise or a directory ad for your business.

There are also many enjoyable opportunities to volunteer with PAST. Along with this letter, I have included a comprehensive list of PAST activities to allow you to see everything PAST does, and a volunteer signup form to tell us your interests if you'd like to help.

I encourage you to support and enhance your student's education today by joining PAST and getting involved as a volunteer.

I look forward to meeting you all as members of PAST in the fall. Please feel free to contact me at naimaspurr@yahoo.com if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Naima Spurr