

AUSTIN ADVISOR

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Austin Academy for Excellence fosters the growth of student self-worth and **integrity** to **empower** and **inspire** each individual to meet the challenges of the future.

The above is our campus mission statement and commitment to our students. Through collaborative and cohesive partnerships among teachers, staff, parents, students, and the community, the 2016-2017 school year will continue to reflect successful completion of Austin's mission.

For those who are new to our campus, three key terms from our mission statement serve as the visibly integral foundation of our campus culture and dynamic: Empower, Inspire, and Integrity. Each AAE student, teacher, and staff member is a member of one of three campus community groups which we refer to as houses. Each year, new house members will receive a house shirt, funded by the PTA, and these will be worn by all on Fridays. Along with this visible representation, every student is an automatic member of their house family. These houses are utilized to: promote team building, strengthen connections between students and Austin Academy, promote leadership capacity among individual students, establish relationships across all grade levels, and eventually mature into community service and mentorship programs. Tremendous momentum surrounds this initiative in its second year at AAE. During the first week of school, the remainder of 6th grade house shirts will be distributed to any sixth grade student who was unable to attend the August 4th orientation. Replacement house shirts will periodically be sold during lunches, for five dollars, to any student.

In addition to our house system, all Austin Academy students will be utilizing AAE student planners (provided by the campus) and the AVID binder system. These organizational tools will serve as a tremendous asset to our students in facilitating their organizational skills, academic success, and communication path for parents. We encourage all parents to review your student's planner and binder on a weekly basis.

All parents are invited to attend Meet the Teacher Night on September 14, 2016 (5:30-7:00pm). This is a come and go event. Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase (through the PTA) that evening and each parent will have the opportunity to walk through student schedules and hear a brief introduction from each teacher. To compensate for our limited parking, a shuttle bus will transport attendees from the parking lot of the Alternative Education Center (AEC, at the intersection of Country Club and Miller) to Austin Academy and back. Parents may park at either location, but we recommend using the shuttle.

The collective network of support among parents, students, and staff members is exceptionally valued, encouraged and appreciated. We invite parents to access and utilize all media tools including: GISD website, AAE website, Skyward (gradebook) /Skyward Fee Management, twitter, and e-mail. Feel free to contact the school, at any time, if we may be of assistance.

As principal of Austin Academy for Excellence, we value and embrace the opportunity to serve your student(s) for the 2016-2017 school year.

Holly Frantz, Principal

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Find us **ONLINE**!

www.garlandisd.net/austin - school @AA_Eagles (Twitter)

http://aapta.tripod.com - PTA Austin Academy PTA (Facebook) @AAEPTA87 (Twitter) PTA Spirit Wear – ptavenue.com PTA Remind 101 – @aaepta

www.Charmsoffice.com

- AAEBAND
- AAECHOIR
- AAEORCH

www.garlandisd.net - District @gisdnews (Twitter for GISD)

A Word From Our PTA President - Marylee Lajoie - mlajoie4@tx.rr.com

Welcome to Austin Academy's 2016-2017 school year!

My name is Marylee Lajoie and I am the PTA President for Austin Academy this year. I have 5 kids, two at Austin, one at Sachse High School, one at Walnut Glen Academy and one in pre-K. As you can probably guess, I'm very busy and a little crazy. This is my second year as President of the PTA and I look forward to a great year at Austin and getting to know other parents here. Middle school is such an important time for our kids as they change so much in these years. As parents, we have a great opportunity to support our kids while also forming a vast network of parent spies to keep each other informed and keep our kids safe. ©

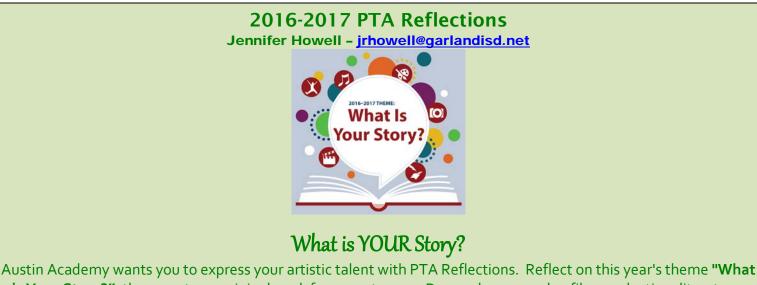
These are crucial years in your child's development, they still need us but they don't act like they want us. Here are some tips to help you navigate these Middle School years:

- 1. **Join the PTA.** We need all types of parents to help make our school the best and to support the various PTA initiatives throughout the school. In addition to providing special programs for our students, the PTA is also involved in fundraising to provide items that our school may not get in their regular budget. Last year, our PTA bought the t-shirts to support the new House system that Principal Frantz has implemented as well as sponsored school parties and events. We couldn't do that without your support so please help us by participating in our fundraisers. You can join online at <u>www.joinpta.org</u>, or fill out the membership form that came home in your first day packet.
- 2. **Sign up to Volunteer.** The district requires anyone who wants to volunteer at school to register online. Be sure and do that ASAP so that you can attend school functions throughout the year.
- 3. **Show up and be present**. Find ways to see and be seen at school. There are volunteer opportunities for both working and stay at home parents, you can support your kids through their electives like Band, Choir, Orchestra & Theater, OR you can go to the Austin Academy sporting events and show school spirit. It's always good to see middle schoolers in their natural habitat to see how their behaviors change.

The PTA will do our best to keep you informed. When your kid gets to middle school, they often forget how to talk to their parents, so we try to help by putting information on our website as well as our Facebook page. Be sure and check out http://aapta.tripod.com to keep up with everything that is going on with the Austin PTA or sign up for a Remind text from AAE PTA by texting the message @aaepta to the number 81010.

Please feel free to reach out to me or any other PTA member if you have questions!

Have great year, Marylee Lajoie, AAE PTA President 214-636-2419 or <u>mlajoie4@tx.rr.com</u>



Austin Academy wants you to express your artistic talent with PTA Reflections. Reflect on this year's theme **"What** is Your Story?", then create an original work from a category. Dance choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, photography, and visual arts. Students may enter in one or more categories. The rules and student form will be located in the hallway on the PTA bulletin board. All entries are due to the front office by October 13, 2016. We have a lot of talented students at Austin Academy so we look forward to seeing many entries. For more information visit <u>www.txpta.org/programs/reflections/</u>.

Dance Choreography - Film Production - Literature - Musical Composition - Photography - Visual Arts

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PTA MEMBERSHIP

Ruth Vaughan - brindisi1985@aol.com

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Why Join the PTA?

Build New Student Programs Connect With Other Parents Make Your Voice Heard Volunteer Be a SUPER PARENT!! MAKE OUR SCHOOL BETTER!!!!

INCENTIVES FOR JOINING

Join by August 30, 2016~**FREE DRAWING FOR SPIRIT WEAR**! Each PAID Membership gets an entry for drawing basket of AAE Spirit Wear (water bottles, socks, and sling pack) Winner will be announced on August 31, 2016

Join by September 19, 2016~**EARN POINTS FOR YOUR HOUSE PARTY**! Each Paid Membership gets 5 house points. House that has the most points WINS the First House Party. Students(Family) who have PAID Membership gets one FREE Snack & Drink at the House Party.

PLEASE HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF 500 MEMBERS!!!!

Anyone can join PTA ~ moms, dads, students, brothers, sisters, grandparents, neighbors, etc.!

PTA MEMBERSHIP DUES

Basic Membership 1 Member \$9 2 Members \$15 3 Members \$22

Student Membership \$6

Busy Parent Membership

No time to volunteer? Consider a Busy Parent Membership! 1 Member \$50

BE YOUR KIDS BIGGEST FAN! JOIN AAE PTA! EVERY CHILD. ONE VOICE!!

** CONGRATULATIONS To The Holder Family for winning the Drawing From 6th Grade Orientation Membership Drive **

*** DADS PTA NEEDS YOU! Help us win the MARS Award (Men Are Really Super) ***

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Spirit Wear Mandy Clem <u>mandyaclem@yahoo.com</u>

Show your **Eagle Pride**!! PTA is selling spirit items for the 2016-2017 school year! Sales began at the 6th Grade Orientation and will continue through the school year. Hoodie orders will run through Sept 16! See order form in the first day packet, at the spirit table at Meet the Teacher night, or attached to this newsletter.

NEW! You can place your order ONLINE and pay by CREDIT CARD.

Go to :<u>https://www.pt-avenue.com</u>

Click on "Log In" (top right of page)

Enter the organization code "AAEmembership"

Click on "Online Store"

START SHOPPING!

Note: Merchandise will be delivered to your student during their 6th period, around the 1st week of Oct. Colored pictures of merchandise online too.



Austin Academy PTA Board members 2016-2017

Officers

- President 1st VP Programs 2nd VP Membership 3rd VP Budget & Finance Secretary Treasurer Parliamentarian
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Council Delegate	Kelly Wilkins
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Special Projects	Michelle Moreno
Spirit Wear	Mandy Clem
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Principal	Holly Frantz

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Snack Attack / Special Projects Julie Macatee - <u>Juliemacatee@msn.com</u>

Michelle Moreno - tmk2004@verizon.net

School Spirit Tastes GREAT!

Help support PTA and give the kids a break with SNACK ATTACK! Our first Snack Attack will be Sept 2 from 2:30-4pm. Kona Ice will be on site selling delicious shaved ice so be sure to send a few bucks with your student!

AAE SPIRIT NIGHT AT CHIPOTLE THURSDAY, SEPT 8 FROM 6-8PM

CHIPOTLE AT FIREWHEEL CENTER, 4170 LAVON DR, STE 130

BRING IN THE FLYER THAT WENT HOME THE FIRST DAY OR ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER AND AUSTIN ACADEMY GETS 50% OF THE PROCEEDS FOR THE EVENT! THE FLYER WILL ALSO BE POSTED ON THE PTA WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE. PLEASE SHARE WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

Be watching for additional Snack Attacks and Spirit Nights!

Volunteers

Kara Waterman - Karamia.waterman@gmail.com

Do you want to help out with House Parties, Book Fair, Career Week, or Field Trips? Sign up to be an Austin Academy Volunteer! It's easy to sign up – just complete the GISD background check process and complete the AAE form and you are all set – then just keep an eye out for emails and postings showing opportunities!

Step 1 – GISD Background Check

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Cut and paste this link into your browser and follow the VOLUNTEER prompts. If you have any questions or problems with the site, please email Anna Boswer at acbows02@garlandisd.net or call the AAE office at 972-926-2620.

Step 2 – AAE Registration

http://aapta.tripod.com

Complete the volunteer form found online and in the office and turn into the front office when complete OR email Kara Waterman at <u>karamia.waterman@gmail.com</u> and include your name, best contact number, and student grade in the SUBJECT line and a form will be emailed back to you.

PTA cannot put on the programs that we want for the kids without the volunteerism of our supportive parents -

THANK YOU for signing up to help!!

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Austin Academy Musical Performances

Austin Academy has many phenomenal musical talents! Please come out and support our Eagle Musicians!

Band Sept 13, 20, Oct 18 - Pep Band at AAE Football GISD Bandfest (Honors Band) – Oct 10, 6:30pm, HBJ Stadium October 26, 7:30pm, Garland High School Auditorium (H,S,J1,J2)

Choir October 20, 7:15pm, Garland High School Auditorium October 28, A Capella at GHS Football Game

Orchestra October 25, 7:15pm, Garland High School Auditorium GISD Stringfest (Honors Orchestra) – Oct 27, 7pm, Culwell Center

> Piano November 10, 6:15pm and 7:45pm, AAE Cafeteria

ON STAGE!!

Auditions for the Austin Academy fall production of

> Guys and Dolls Jr

will be Sept 6-8.

This is a collaboration between the AAE Theatre and Choral Departments.

Performances will be Friday Nov 4 at 7pm and Saturday Nov 5 at both 2pm and 7pm. There will also be a special matinee performance for the 6th grade at 9:30am Friday Nov 4.

National Junior Honor Society

Fall Meetings

Sept 8 – 8am Oct 13 – 8am – Elections Nov 10 – 8am – Officers Dec 8 – 8am



Watch for service opportunities!

Science Matters

Be listening to announcements and in your science classes for information on upcoming science competitions!

> Austin Science Winston Science

EAGLE FALL ATHLETICS

FOOTBALL B TEAM – 5:15PM A TEAM – 6:15PM \$1 STUDENTS, \$2 ADULTS

7TH GRADE/8TH GRADE 9-12 / 9-13 - VS. WEBB (@ WILLIAMS STADIUM) 9-19 / 9-20 - VS. SELLERS (@ SACHSE HS) 9/26 / 9-27- @ SAM **HOUSTON (@ NGHS)** 10-3 / 10-4 - VS. O'BANION (@ NORTH GARLAND HS) 10-10 / 10-11 - VS. COYLE (@ ROWLETT HS) 10-18 - @ BRANDENBURG (@ ROWLETT HS) **BOTH GRADES WILL PLAY** 5PM, 6PM, 7PM, 8PM 10-24 / 10-25 - VS. LYLES (@ NORTH GARLAND HS)

VOLLEYBALL B TEAM – 5:30PM A TEAM – 10 MINUTES AFTER B GAME ENDS

9-15 - SCHRADE @ AUSTIN (7TH @ SMS, 8TH @ AAE) 9-22 - AUSTIN @ BRANDENBURG (7TH @ AAE, 8TH @ CCBMS) 9-29 - BUSSEY @ AUSTIN (7TH @ BMS, 8TH @ AAE) 10-6 - AUSTIN @ SELLERS (7TH @ AAE, 8TH @ SMS) 10-12 - COYLE @ AUSTIN (7TH @ CMS, 8TH @ AAE) 10-20 - AUSTIN @ O'BANION (7TH @ AAE, 8TH @ OMS) 10-27 - HUDSON @ AUSTIN (7TH @ HMS, 8TH @ AAE)

10-8 – B TEAM TOURNEY (7[™] LCHS, 8[™] @ NFHS) 10-29–A TEAM TOURNEY (7[™] LCHS, 8[™] @ NFHS)

We want to stay in touch with you!

Sign up for important updates from Austin Academy PTA

1. Get information for Austin Academy for Excellence PTA right on your phone

	If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.	•
	On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to	🗭 rmd.at/aaepa
	the following link:	Join Austin Academy f Excellence PTA
	rmd.at/aaepta	Join Austin Academy f Excellence PTA Full Name
	Follow the instructions to sign up	First and Last Name
	for Remind. You'll be prompted to	Phone Number or Email Address
	download the mobile app.	(555) 555-5555
$\mathbf{\mathfrak{I}}$	If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications. Text the message @aaepta to the number 81010. If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @aaepta to (469) 518-3536.	To 81010 Message

2. Check out our official Facebook page for Austin Academy (AAE) PTA! www.facebook.com/groups/AAEPTA/

*Warning! There are several independent parent pages that associate themselves with Austin Academy. Join these at your own risk and please be aware of who the administrator for each page to know who is posting information!

The ONLY official school information comes from the GISD website.

3. Follow AAE PTA on Twitter! Login to Twitter, search for @AAEPTA87, then click Follow.

If you don't have a Twitter account, you can receive the tweets as texts. Text "Follow

@AAEPTA87" to 40404. You will receive a message confirming that you are following the feed.



Spirit Wear Order Form

Hoodies, Jackets, and T-Shirts ORDER DEADLINE

Friday, September 16

Delivery 1st week of October for Hoodies, Jackets and T-Shirts other items are in-stock and will be delivered to students weekly.

Students Name

6th Period Teacher

Contact Number / Email _____

2 WAYS TO PLACE YOUR ORDER:

1. NEW! You can place your order ONLINE and pay by CREDIT CARD.

Go to :https://www.pt-avenue.com

Click on "Log In" (top right of page)

Enter the organization code "AAEmembership"

Click on "Online Store"

START SHOPPING!

Note: Merchandise will be delivered to your student during their 6th period, 1st week of Oct. Colored pictures of merchandise online too.

2. Complete this order form and return to front office with cash or check (payable to: AAE PTA).

Item		IN	TEGRITY	EMPO	OWER	INSPIRE	AAE	Total Qty	Price	1	otal
AAE Socks									\$15.00		
House Stickers									\$2.00		
Water Bottle									\$5.00		
Sling Bag									\$9.00		
Car Decal									\$6.00		
Lanyard									\$6.00		
Blanket									\$20.00		
Green Hat with Patch								<u> </u>	\$25.00		
Black Eagles Hat	1							<u> </u>	\$20.00		
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EAGLES Est. 1987 T-shirt										\$15.00	
Front Back Design T-shirt w/ Faux Pocket										\$15.00	
All House T-shirt										\$15.00	
Aztec Print Austin Academy T-shirt										\$15.00	
Long Sleeve T-Shirt										\$18.00	
Hoodie Sweatshirt										\$20.00	
Black Zipper Hoodie										\$25.00	
2 Color Zipper Hoodie (No Youth)										\$30.00	
Pom Shirt										\$35.00	
PJ Pants										\$25.00	
GRAND TOTAL											

Amount Paid _____ Cash _____ Check # _____



Please contact Mandy Clem at <u>mandyaclem@yahoo.com</u> with any questions.

AUSTIN ACADEMY STUDENT INFORMATION SCHOOL DIRECTORY/PTA MEMBERSHIP FORM

******ONE FORM PER FAMILY**

STUDENT NAME: STUDENT NAME: ADDRESS: CITY: EMAIL: CELL#: HOME#: PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME:	STATE: ZIP	GRADE; ;	HOUS HOUS	3E: 3E:
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Austin Academy VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP 2016-2017



Parent Name:	Martin	<u>. </u>	
Student Grade(s):			
Best Contact # :		text-able:	Yes / No (circle)
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Best time to volunteer:	at home e	venings	weekends
	School hours: am	after	noon evening
	check any boxes that app		
General School help			
Specific School organization			
PTA Projects		<u></u>	
Projects/Activities	House Parent Book	k Fair 8 ^t	^h Grade dance
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	Field Trip Chaperone		
Any other interests/ideas:			
If you need any holp w	ith volunteering or have quest	ions or ideas.	please contact

If you need any help with volunteering or have questions or ideas, please contact Kara Waterman, Austin PTA volunteer coordinator, @ 214-641-2476 or by email at karamia.waterman@gmail.com

August 2016

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 6 th Grade Orientation	5	6
8	9	10	11	12	13
15	16	17	18	19	20
22 First Day of School	23	24	25 String Drive	26	27 Choir Party
29	30	31			

September 2016

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Snack Attack!	3
5 NO SCHOOL Labor Day	6 Fall Play Auditions	7 Fall Play Auditions	8 <u>NJHS Meeting 8am</u> <u>Fall Play Callbacks</u> Chipotle Spirit Night	9 Band Party	10
12 7 th FB @ Williams	13 <u>8th FB @ Williams</u> Pep Band @ FB	14 <u>Meet the Teacher</u>	15 <u>7th VB @ Schrade</u> 8 th VB @ AAE	16	17
19 7 th FB @ Sachse	20 <u>8th FB @ Sachse</u> Pep Band @ FB	21	22 7 th VB @ AAE 8 th VB @ CCBMS	23 Orchestra Party	24
26 7 th FB @ NGHS	27 8 th FB @ NGHS	28	29 7 th VB @ Bussey 8 th VB @ AAE	30 HOUSE PARTY Choir to Rangers Game	

October 2016

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 7 th FB @ NGHS	4 <u>8th FB @ NGHS</u> Choir Tailgate Party	5	6 <u>7th VB @ AAE</u> 8 th VB @ Sellers	7	8 VB B-Team <u>Tournament</u> Orchestra All Region Auditions
10 <u>GISD Bandfest</u> 7 th FB @ Rowlett	11 8 th FB @ Rowlett	12 <u>7th VB @ AAE</u> 8 th VB @ Coyle	13 <u>NJHS Meeting 8am</u> PM Conferences	14 STUDENT HOLIDAY AM Conferences	15
17 FAIR DAY	18 <u>7th FB @Rowlett</u> 8 th FB @ Rowlett Pep Band @ FB	19	20 <u>7th VB @ AAE</u> <u>8th VB @ O'Banion</u> Choir Concert	21	22
24 7 th FB @ NGHS	25 <u>8th FB @ NGHS</u> Orchestra Concert	26 Band Concert	27 <u>7th VB @ Hudson</u> <u>8th VB @ AAE</u> GISD Stringsfest	28 A Cappella @ GHS Football	29 VB A-Team <u>Tournament</u> Choir Solo/Ensemble

November 2016

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Oct 31	1	2	3 8 th Band night @ GHS Football	4 HOUSE PARTY 6 th to Fall Play (AM) <u>Fall Play 7pm</u> Orchestra Party	5 Band All District <u>Auditions</u> <u>Fall Play 2pm, 7pm</u> GISD Magnet Fair
7	8	9 GISD Theatre Arts Festival	10 Piano Recital	11 Band Party	12 Band All Region Auditions
14	15 Band trip to Meyerson	16	17	18	19
21 NO SCHOOL	22 thanksgiving	23 break	24 Happy Thanksgiving!!	25 NO SCHOOL	26
28	29	30			



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Austin Academy PTA. Come in to the Chipotle at **4170 Lavon Drive Suite 130** in Garland on **Thursday, September 8th** between **6:00pm** and **8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to Austin Academy PTA.



Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.