



AUSTIN ADVISOR

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Win An Austin Academy Stadium Blanket!!!

All who join Austin PTA from the first of the school year through the end of October will be entered in the drawing. JOIN NOW!!

From The Principal's Desk

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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. As the new Principal of Austin Academy, my goal is to provide the consistency needed for all stakeholders, so that the 2017-2018 school year will continue to reflect successful completion of Austin's mission. My career in education started in this great building 20 years ago as a math teacher. I look forward to the opportunity to serve the students and staff of the greatest school in Garland ISD.

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.

We encourage all parents to schedule a time to meet with teachers during one of the two parent conference evenings on October 24th and October 30th. Austin Academy will host "Getting the Most Out of Your Conference" seminar on October 24th at 5:00 p.m. Members of the Family and Community Engagement Department will provide parents with ideas and suggestions that can be utilized to create positive relationships so that your child gets the most out of their school year.

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.

A Word From Our PTA President

Welcome to Austin Academy for Excellence 2017-2018 school year!

My name is Ruth Vaughan and I have the privilege of serving as the PTA President for Austin Academy this year. I have a son at Austin Academy and another at University who also attended Austin Academy. This is my first year as President of the PTA. We are looking forward to a great year filled with fun events, community building activities, and most importantly, supporting the students and teachers to continue to attain excellence in education! I know that the PTA Board, faculty and students, as well as all the very supportive parent members, will make this an amazing 30th year at Austin Academy!

Middle school is a big milestone and can be challenging to students as there are many adjustments and changes they may encounter in these years. As parents, we have a great opportunity to support them while also staying informed about events and decisions taking place in our schools by.....

- 1. JOINING THE PTA.** We need ALL parents to help make our school the BEST and to support various PTA initiatives throughout the school. When you **JOIN THE PTA** your membership dues help to provide school enrichment gifts, special programs for students and parents, as well as helping meet needs of faculty and staff of Austin Academy. The PTA also fundraises to provide items that may not be included in the school's yearly budget. PTA has purchased the t-shirts to support the House system that was implemented as well as sponsored school parties and events for faculty and students. **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT! PLEASE HELP BY JOINING THE PTA!** You can join online at www.joinpta.org, www.pt-avenue.com, or fill out membership forms that were sent home. The forms are also available in the school office.
- 2. SIGNING UP TO VOLUNTEER.** It has been proven that students who have parental involvement in their education and school experience are more successful at school. By joining and volunteering in the PTA, there's no better way to get connected. The district requires anyone who wants to volunteer at school to register online www.apps.raptortech.com. Be sure to do this ASAP so that you can attend school functions throughout the year. Also fill out the PTA volunteer form that was sent home. The forms are also available in the school office.
- 3. SHOWING UP AND BEING 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 students through their electives like Band, Choir, Theater, Orchestra , OR you can go to the Austin Academy sporting events to show your school spirit! GO EAGLES!

The PTA will do our best to keep you informed. Middle schoolers often forget to share or bring information from school to their parents. We will try to help by putting information on our website <http://aapta.tripod.com> as well as our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/AAEPTA/>.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to Austin Academy. Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me or any other PTA Board Member. Please know that questions and suggestions are always welcome!

Have a GREAT year!
Ruth Vaughan, AAE PTA President
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THEATER NEWS:

The fall play, *The Birds: A Modern Adaptation*, will run November 10th at 7:00 pm and November 11th at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm. All performances will be at Garland HS.

We will also be taking this production to the Garland ISD MS Theatre Arts Festival on November 15th.

There will be a student matinee for the 6th and 7th grade students of AAE on November 9th at 9:30 am. Public performance ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students

Auditions for the spring play, *Macbeth*, will be held on January 9th and 10th from 4:10 to 5:15 in room 11.

Austin Spirit Wear can be purchased online at:
www.pt-avenue.com/ShopGP.asp

BAND NEWS:

The AAE Bands are off to an outstanding start! We are so excited about the NEW state of the art band hall! It is a palace!

The AAE Pep Band will perform at the following AAE Football Games: September 19, September 26 and October 17 (all at Williams Stadium from 5:15 - 6:30 p.m.). Honors Band will perform at the GISD Band Festival on October 9 at HBJ Stadium (6:30 - 8:30 p.m.). Symphonic, Honors, Jazz I and Jazz II Bands will perform at the AAE Fall Band Concert on October 26 at Garland High School at 7:30 p.m.

Yearbooks can be ordered online <https://goo.gl/W2DaWv> or through the office for \$25. This price is good through Oct 27.

If you order online, you can request to have your student's name printed on the book along with 4 icons for free. Having the student's name on the book prevents books from being lost or accidentally picked up by other students.

The free icon offer is only good through Oct 27.

We will be selling yearbooks until Feb 2.



ART NEWS:

3/29-4/5/2018 GISD Middle School Art Show @ Nicholson South Garland Branch Library; Reception the evening of 3/29.

4/14/2018 Junior VASE competition, art's UIL, details to come.

TBD...be on the look out for Art Club to start when extend days do! All are welcome.

...Also, not in art? Would you like to be? Talk to your counselors about zero hour art class starting in the Spring!

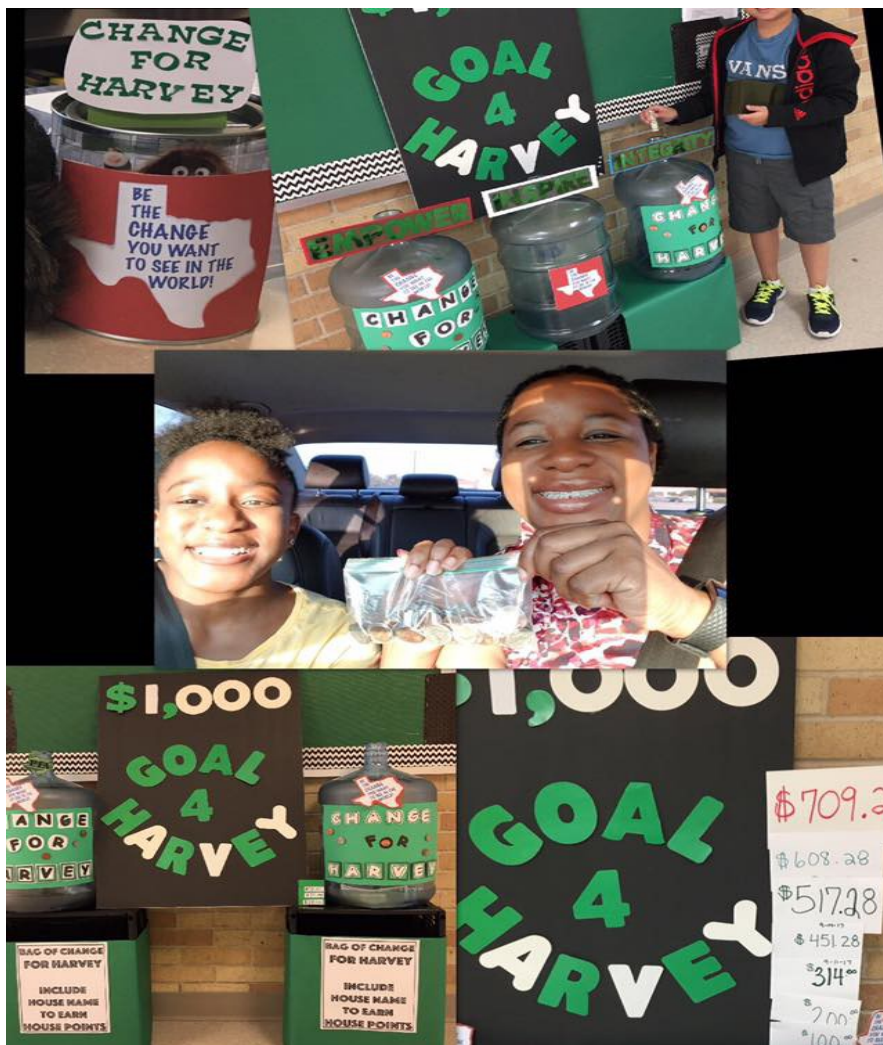
CHANGE FOR HURRICANE HARVEY

THANK YOU TO ALL THAT HAVE DONATED!

We've collected \$865.28!

PLEASE HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF \$1000.00.

We plan to donate to help school/students that were affected by Hurricane Harvey.



Bring your change to campus and help us make a difference!

GIRL'S ATHLETICS NEWS:

Lady Eagle of the Week: September 22: 7th grade: Violeta Reyna/8th grade: Catherine Wilson
Lady Eagle of the Week: September 29: 7th grade: Sophea Wideman/8th grade: Angie Kurian

September 22 MVPs:

7th grade - A Team: Jesse Tan B Team: Reece Roberson

8th grade - A Team: Angie Garcia B Team: Emma Glick

September 29 MVPs

7th grade – A Team: Addison Palmer B Team: Maria Aguilera

8th grade – A Team: Camryn Parker B Team: Kylie Davila

7th grade Volleyball schedule:

B Team Game Time: 5:30

A Team Game Time: 10 minutes after B Team Game

October 5 Austin vs. Webb

October 12 Austin vs. Hudson

October 19 Coyle vs. Austin

October 26 Austin vs. O'Banion

Tournaments:

B Team October 7 @ Lakeview

A Team October 21 @ Garland High



8th grade Volleyball Schedule:

B Team Game Time: 5:30

A Team Game Time: 10 minutes after B Team Game

October 5 Auatin vs. Jackson

October 12 Hudson vs. Austin

October 19 Austin vs. Coyle

October 26 O'Banion vs. Austin

November 2 Austin vs. Sam Houston

Tournaments:

B Team October 7 @ Sachse High

A Team October 21 @ Sachse High



BOY'S ATHLETIC NEWS:

Game Times:

B Team 5:00pm
A Team 6:00pm

Ticket Prices:

\$2.00 for Adults
\$1.00 for Students

7th grade Football Schedule

October 10 Obanion vs. Austinat North garland
October 17 Austin vs. Sam Houston at Williass Stadium
October 23 Coyle vs. Austin at Rowlett High
October 31 Austin vs. Lyles at Sachse High
November 6 TBA TBA



8th grade Football Schedule

October 10 Bussey vs. Austin at Williams Stadium
October 17 Austin vs. Sam Houston at Williams Stadium
October 23 Coyle vs. Austin at Rowlett High
October 31 Austin vs. Lyles at Sachse High
Novemeber 7 TBA TBA

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month! Our pink out games will be the week of October 16. Buy your pink out shirt for ONLY \$10 and show your support! For every shirt purchased, AAE PTA will donate \$2 to THE BRIDGE BREAST NETWORK. The Bridge Breast Network saves lives by providing access to diagnostic and treatment services for breast cancer to low income, uninsured and underinsured individuals in North Texas. For more information, please go to <http://www.bridgebreast.org/>. We will be selling shirts at several events. We will be at the volleyball game tonight! You can order in person or online. To order online, go to www.pt-avenue.com. Click "Log in" (top right of page). Enter the organization code "AAEmembership". Click "Online Store". START SHOPPING!



• REACH YOUR •
CREATIVE POTENTIAL
WITH THE PTA REFLECTIONS ART PROGRAM



CREATE AN ORIGINAL ARTISTIC PIECE
THAT REFLECTS ON THIS YEAR'S THEME: 'WITHIN REACH'

6 MEDIUMS • 1 THEME • ALL THE POTENTIAL

- Forms & Guidelines can be found on the PTA bulletin board in the main hallway.
- Entries can be submitting from October 2, 2017 and are due November 3, 2017. Please turn in all entries into the office. All entries earn House Points and the chance to win the AAE Swag Bag and other AAE spirit wear.
- Entries should be submitted to the front office.
- Judging will take place November 6-8, 2017, with notifications of advancements to district November 10th.
- Finalists will be notified from district judging on December 9th.
- The Reflections Showcase will be held at the Curtis Culwell Center Ballroom on January 11, 2018 from 6:00PM-8:00PM.

The arts—and the National PTA Reflections program—support student success and serve as a valuable tool for building strong partnerships in your school community. Celebrate arts learning in your school community with Reflections.

Your parent(s) must be a member of PTA to participate.

**Questions? Email Rene' Bennett
ribennet@garlandisd.net**

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REACH
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Choir Fall Schedule:

Oct 19	Fall Concert	7:15pm	Garland High
Oct 20	Express Industries Fundraising	Day Event	Austin Academy
Oct 28	Solo & Ensemble Contest	All Day	Austin Academy
Nov 2	Solo Success Celebration	4:10-5:00	Austin Academy
Dec 1	Fundraising & Express Party	4:10-5:30	Austin Academy
Dec 7	Northpark Mall Performance	12:00-4:00	Northpark Mall
Dec 8	Northpark Mall Performance	1:00-5:00	Northpark Mall
Dec 11	Winter Concert	7:25	Naaman Forest High



Fall Orchestra Schedule:

Oct 11	Fall Concert	7:00	Garland High
Oct. TBA	Group pictures/uniform	day	Austin Academy
Oct 21	All Region Auditions		Garland High
Oct 25	Stringfest - Honors only	7:00	Curtis Cullwell Ctr
Nov 3	Fundraiser begins		
Nov 3	Fall Fun party	4:30-9:00	Double D Ranch
Dec 8	All Region Clinic	6:30-9:00	Garland High
Dec 9	All Region Clinic	day time	Garland High
Dec 9	All Region Concert	4:00	Garland High
Dec 11	Winter Concert	7:00	Garland High



AUSTIN ACADEMY PTA FAMILY INFORMATION

FOR SCHOOL DIRECTORY/PTA MEMBERSHIP /VOLUNTEERS

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE#: _____ EMAIL: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____ GRADE: _____ HOUSE: _____

STUDENT NAME 2: _____ GRADE: _____ HOUSE: _____

STUDENT NAME3: _____ GRADE: _____ HOUSE: _____

****PLEASE CHECK FIELDS YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE STUDENT DIRECTORY**PROVIDED ONLY FOR PTA MEMBERS****

___*ALL* ___ NAME ___ ADDRESS ___ PHONE# ___ EMAIL ___*NONE*

CHOOSE YOUR PTA MEMBERSHIP LEVEL

- \$ _____ 1 MEMBERSHIP = \$9.00
- \$ _____ 2 MEMBERSHIP = \$15.00
- \$ _____ 3 MEMBERSHIP = \$22.00
- \$ _____ STUDENT MEMBERSHIP = \$6.00
- \$ _____ TEXAS LIFE MEMBERSHIP = \$6.75
- \$ _____ BUSY PARENT MEMBERSHIP=\$50
(OPTION FOR PARENTS WHO DO NOT HAVE TIME TO VOLUNTEER)

Checks Payable to
AUSTIN ACADEMY PTA.
ATTACH PAYMENT AND
RETURN COMPLETED FORM
TO AUSTIN ACADEMY

\$ _____ **TOTAL ENCLOSED CASH:** _____ **CHECK#:** _____ **CREDIT CARD:** _____

Name(s) For Membership(s): _____

BE ACTIVE! BE INFORMED! BACK THE FUTURE! JOIN PTA!

BE A VOLUNTEER

How would you like to receive VOLUNTEER Communication? TEXT: _____ EMAIL: _____ BOTH: _____

Grade Level(s) for which you would like to VOLUNTEER: 6th: _____ 7th: _____ 8th: _____ Any: _____

Time(s) for which you would be able to VOLUNTEER: _____

CHOOSE EVENT(S) YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR:

- _____ SNACK DONATIONS
- _____ House Parent
- _____ Book Fair
- _____ Fundraising
- _____ Field Trip Chaperone
- _____ 8th Grade Dance
- _____ Career Day Speaker
- _____ Teacher Appreciation Donations
- _____ Request Businesses Donation

_____ ****ALL**** _____ ****VIP** I can Volunteer In-a-Pinch**

SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Friday, October 20

Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Austin Academy PTA. Come in to the Chipotle at **3109 Lakeview Pkwy** in Rowlett on **Friday, October 20th** between **4:00pm** 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.

Rowlett Location



If placing an order online during your fundraiser, please note you must choose the pay in-store option and inform our cashier of your participation before paying. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.

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