

Academy of Careers & Technologies
Charter High School



Panther's Call

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Principal's Message



Principal's Corner for November Newsletter

Congratulations to our newly elected PTO officers. Our new officers are (President), Mrs. Victoria Lackey; (Vice President), Mr. Patrick Moran; (Treasurer), Mr. Nehemias Moreno; (Secretary), Mrs. Elvira Jacquez, and (Parliamentarian) Mr. Ralph Douglas.

I encourage all parents to become members of our P.T.O. Membership dues are only 5.00 per year; let's shoot for 100% membership this year. A big thank you to the parents who supported the school's first school-wide fund raiser, the

Casino trip to Oklahoma. This trip raised \$1,050.00. The proceeds will go toward getting a second school bus. At the end of each month we plan a social activity for our students. Our first event was the ice cream social held in the school cafeteria at the end of September. Our next social event will be held Friday, October 28, from 2pm-4pm at Bandera Super Bowl. Flyers detailing the event were given to students this week. The activity will cost \$6.00 per student and this includes rental of the bowling shoes. We are excited to announce the kick off of our first year robotics program. Sixteen students have been selected to participate in year one. These students have expressed an interest in robotics and are a part of the Robotics Team. UTSA staff will engage these students in projects and programming during the third semester. The program will continue into the summer with emphasis on environmental applications. We are fortunate to be the only school to partner

with the UTSA ITECH department. The goal is to get more students interested in pursuing engineering as a career. Congratulations To our Lady Panthers' Volleyball Team: They now have a record of 3-3

Thank You,
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Winter Gala 2011

The Academy of Careers and Technologies High School will be having their annual Winter Gala at the historic San Antonio Women's Club at 1717 San Pedro Avenue (near San Antonio College) on December 10, 2011. This black tie fund-raising event has become a more exciting multi-story arena for dining, music, dancing, and multimedia entertainment. Last year's event set a high standard and exceeded as administrative and Christmas spirit. San Antonio's businesses and educational communities in what promises to be a warm and memorable evening of the 2011 holiday season. Tickets are \$50.00 and people attending have an opportunity to buy into the 2011 Winter Gala Raffle, where five exceptional prizes will be awarded to winners. Be thinking in November about attending what promises to be ACT's crowning event of this calendar year.





November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30			

Schedule of Events

- Nov. 2 Benchmark Testing
- Nov. 3 PTO Meeting @ 6:00 pm
- Nov. 5 SAT Testing
- Nov. 7 Picture Day
- Nov. 11 End of 6 Weeks
- Nov. 14 Beginning 6 weeks
- Nov. 14.....Robotics Class Begins
- Nov. 17 Career/College Day
2:00 pm—4:00 pm
- Nov. 21-25 Student Holiday
- Nov. 28-30 Toys For Tots



Counselor's Corner

Seniors interested in attending a four year university need to have their applications done By October 31st.

There are several scholarships available online. Ask the counselor's office for details. Juniors and Seniors wishing to take a dual credit class next semester need to let Mr. Harris know by November 8th.

A Honor Roll



A and B Honor Roll



New Speech/Drama Club

Mr. Courtney and Mr. McNamee want to announce that they will be launching the ACT Speech and Drama Club during the next 12 week term and they would like to be able to produce a school play in the final 12 weeks of school.

A lot of the success or failure of this club depends on the size and strength of our membership and the willingness of students to sacrifice some of their time to participate in speech events and rehearsals for a school play. The kind of performances we can do will also depend on the talent (and there is a lot of it here) which our students can bring to a club of this type. The plan we

have at this time is to choose our speech activities and select the play or plays that will be presented on the basis of who is willing to participate and lend their particular talents to the activities of the club. Also we are actively seeking suggestions for a better name for this group. "The ACTors Group"? The "Podium Panthers"? The "Stage Cats"? Our guess is that the students can come up with a name we might all like and get behind. Mr. Courtney and Mr. McNamee will keep students posted as to when we will have our first meeting. So stay tuned and work on some ideas for plays and speech activities that you would like to see happen at ACT in the coming months.



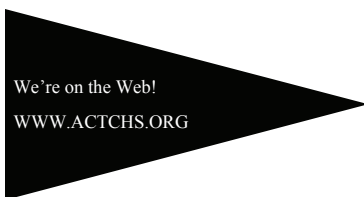
ACT's Hispanic Heritage Month



FOOD BANK

Mr. Christopher is asking students and staff to donate canned food for a food drive in support of the San Antonio Food Bank. In these difficult economic times, service groups like the Food Bank face greater challenges than ever in meeting their goals of keeping people in groceries and hope for the future. With Thanksgiving only a few weeks away and Christmas not much further ahead, now is our opportunity to give thanks and share our good fortune at the end of the year with Alamo City residents who fate has been less kind to. Mr. Christopher will be responsible for getting the cans to the food bank, if students and staff will just get their donations in by the date required by the Food Bank.. Take this opportunity to share with those less fortunate and show both school pride and community spirit!

Academy of Careers and Technologies is an equal opportunity educational institution that complies with the law. The school will provide educational services to any eligible adolescent within its geographical boundaries, and in accordance with its charter, without regard to race, ethnicity, citizen status, national origin, ancestry, gender, sexual orientation, age, religion, physical or mental disability, or any other factor protected by law.



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Mission

The Mission of the Academy of Careers & Technologies is to educate students to learn creatively while igniting a life-long interest in Technology

Vision

The Academy of Careers & Technologies vision is to become a premier training hub for technology based education. ACT will provide a top quality technologically based education to each student so they will graduate with above average academic and technological skills to compete and excel in today's rapidly changing technology world