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Maroon Family,

It's been a busy month for academy-based projects and learning expeditions!

The **Academy for Classical Studies** 9th graders visited museums, outdoor spaces, sculpture gardens, and the Cathedral of Junk on a scavenger hunt for Truth, Beauty, and Goodness, and our ACS 10th graders are about to head out on a World Religions tour connected to their study of *Siddhartha/The Ramayana* in English and investigations of culture/religion in World History. Students will have the opportunity to visit a synagogue, Hindu temple, Islamic mosque, gothic cathedral, Buddhist temple, and more.

Our **Academy for Design & Technology** 9th graders are launching their genius hour research projects, and the teaching team is planning an upcoming Game Night on Nov. 15 for some peer bonding and creative/critical thinking. ADT 10th graders are heading to The Expedition School on Oct. 31 for team problem-solving challenges.

In the **Academy for Global Studies**, our 9th graders got their hands on power tools last week – building urban gardens for Austin residents living in a food desert. These projects connect to a unit of study based on *Omnivore's Dilemma* and issues of hunger/poverty in our world. AGS 10th graders experienced the Waste Management Launch Day last week, visiting Austin Creative Reuse, the Cathedral of Junk, and cleaning up four local city parks. Stay tuned for details about the upcoming Upcycle Auction. AGS also hosted the first speaker in the 2022 AGS Speaker Series – Jody Ferguson, author and international affairs expert.

Our 9th graders in the **Academy for Science & Innovation** participated in a field experience to observe how humans impact the ecosystem, both marine and terrestrial. They worked to mitigate the human impact by cleaning up our campus grounds and the Hike and Bike trail in mid-October. Our ASI 10th graders are heading out to Barton Springs this Wednesday for “Austin Aqua Academy” to participate in water-related activities about water turbines, historical connections to the springs, literature inspired by water, and more.

Last week we also held our first, annual Travel Fair. There are several opportunities for students in ALL GRADES and ALL ACADEMIES to take learning outside the classroom walls. If you are interested in Study Abroad or language immersion programs, please explore [CIEE High](#)

[School Abroad](#). If your student is interested in a shorter travel experience (10-12 days) reach out to these teachers who are sponsoring summer trips: Australia (Mauri Sparks), Culinary Tour of Europe (Anastasia Eckhart), or Mediterranean Coast (Elizabeth Clausen).

Please remember that November 8th is a student holiday. If you have further questions please contact our main office.

AISD Bond Update

The Austin ISD 2022 bond will appear on the ballot as three separate propositions, as required by Texas law. They are:

- Proposition A: \$2.3 billion dollars in general purpose funds
- Proposition B: \$75.5 million for technology
- Proposition C: \$47.4 million for stadiums

Fine Arts Update

Austin High Theater was asked by Music Theater International to do a national (pilot) premiere of the musical 13 Jr.

The Marching Band received straight Division 1 ratings from all three judges at the UIL Region Marching Contest this week. We advanced to the UIL Area competition on Saturday October 29th in San Antonio.

STAFFING UPDATE:

- Science - In progress
- Latin - In Progress
- Geometry
- 504 Coordinator

NEW OFFICE LOCATION:

The Main Entrance is now located on the west side of campus. The Main Office and Attendance Office are located directly in front of the new west side Main Entrance (Room 148). **The Health Office was moved back to the 2nd floor next to the Admin. Office.** Please call the main line at 512-414-2505 if you have any questions or concerns.

First Floor Main Office

- Visitors Check-in & Check-out
- Student Attendance Sign-in & Sign-out
- Pick up students
- VOE Request & Pick-up

Second Floor Administrative Office

- Principal's Office
- Admin. & Management Assistant's Office
- Bookkeeper's Office
- Registrar's Office
- Attendance Specialist Office

