

## ParentCrew News

**Get involved!**



## Penguin Patch is coming back!

ParentCrew will be sending home more information on this fun opportunity for your children to shop at school for small gifts for their family.

Student will be able to preview the gifts on Monday, December 3.

The store will be open during school hours to shop on Tuesday, December 4, and Wednesday, December 5.

View some of the merchandise available at the Penguin Patch here:

<https://penguinpatch.com/penguin-patch-gifts-2018/>

Learn more about ParentCrew and how you can get involved here:

<http://www.anthonyschool.org/Parentcrew.aspx>

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## CALENDAR

*The Cafeteria is Reserved for Elementary Play Practice in the Afternoons throughout the Spring*

11/30/18

5th Grade Invention Fair

12/2/18

JTF Practice

12/3/18

Penguin Patch

12/4/18

4th & 5th ART CLUB

12/6/18

MS Basketball Game -

MS G & B

12/9/18

JTF Practice

12/11/18

4th & 5th ART CLUB

12/14/18

1st Grade Play

12/14/18

4th & 5th Grade Winter Dance

12/14/18

5th Grade to Sing at Rockefeller Cancer Center

12/16/18

JTF Practice

12/18/18

4th & 5th ART CLUB

12/18/18

Field Trip - 4th Grade to AR Children's Hospital to Sing

12/19/18

EARLY DISMISSAL- No Aftercare

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## Announcements

### Happy Holidays!

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Exams (times and dates are forthcoming).  
Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> is an Early Dismissal Day.  
Winter Break is December 20<sup>th</sup> – January 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
The spring semester begins on Thursday, January 3, 2019.

## CALENDAR

12/19/18  
End of 2nd Quarter  
12/19/18  
PreK-K Holiday Program  
12/20/18 - 1/2/19  
NO SCHOOL - Winter  
Break  
1/3/19  
All Students Return

## TAS Athletics

### Panther Pride

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL SEASON BEGINS

Basketball season has tipped off for our Middle School basketball teams.

The TAS boys team, led by four 8<sup>th</sup> graders, are undefeated through their first three games. The TAS girls team won their first game and suffered one loss since opening the season.

Parochial League play begins immediately after the Thanksgiving Holidays. This will be the first year for the middle school teams to compete in this league, and we are looking forward to having this opportunity. Once the complete schedule is finalized, it will be posted in the gym lobby and on the website. We hope to see you at our games!



## Student News

### A day in the life of a TAS student...

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL ACADEMICS

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade English students have finished their career research papers and are beginning "job interviews" with Dr. Covert. The 7<sup>th</sup> Graders are studying verbal phrases, and the 6<sup>th</sup> Graders are reading a play version of A Christmas Carol and discussing how Charles Dickens's own childhood experiences led him to write the novel.

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade Creative Writing class has been working on brainstorming, outlining, and finally writing their first complete short story. With a variety of genres, plot lines, and twists, these will probably need to be published somewhere when they finish!

In Science, the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade will be studying the Periodic Table and Chemical Bonding and preparing for their First Semester Exams; the 7<sup>th</sup> Graders will be studying the Skeletal System and preparing for their First Semester Exams. Finally, the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade will be studying Adaptations and Charles Darwin. They will also launch their Space Camp Rockets. All Grades will be constructing Science Fair Data Tables and Graphs and writing Conclusions, Abstracts, and Works Cited pages in class.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade History classes are transitioning from the end of WWII to the Cold War. Students will research topics and create projects on everything from JFK, Khrushchev, and the Rosenbergs to the Berlin Wall, the Vietnam War, and the Nuclear Arms Race. The 7<sup>th</sup> Grade History classes are researching and analyzing Reconstruction. The 6<sup>th</sup> Graders are researching topics and creating projects on Ancient Greece.

Topics include everything from Socrates, Plato, and Alexander the Great to the Olympics, the Peloponnesian War, and the Parthenon.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Debate class is preparing for their final debate; the policy to be argued is being decided now. The 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Speech class is writing, directing, and performing a skit to celebrate the recent Recycling Grant awarded to The Anthony School.

7<sup>th</sup> grade Literature students have been working on a short story unit while learning how to annotate.

Middle School drama students helped choreograph the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade play, *Journey of the Noble Gnarble*, and will be helping with the 1<sup>st</sup> grade production of *Let It Snow*.

### **GEOGRAPHY BEE**

Class	Winner	Runner-Up
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Charlie Chai-Mulkerin and Bennet Chen	Franklin Hansen and Emerson Chambers
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Karthik Pavuluri and Ayden Maken	Ava Evans and Jude Palmer
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Allie Mareen and Mick Kline	Drew Gwinn
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Wilson Chenault and Jack Baker	Josh McNeil
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Abe Wardlaw and Chloe Chandler	Joseph Buchmann

### **SPELLING BEE**

The School Spelling Bee was extremely exciting this year! The Bee was held on Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and had to be continued on Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> because our final five participants — Genny Batcheller (4<sup>th</sup> grade), Karthik Pavuluri (5<sup>th</sup> grade), Caitlin Cheng (5<sup>th</sup> grade), Drew Gwinn (6<sup>th</sup> grade), and Reese Amberg (8<sup>th</sup> grade) — took us into overtime. Our spellers correctly spelled such words as “auf Wiedersehen,” “jacquerie,” and “asseveration.” After more than 20 rounds, 5<sup>th</sup> grader Karthik Pavuluri was named our school champion. The winning word was “tergiversation.” Judges Carolyn Caig and Nicole Mann and pronouncer Leslie Heister were extremely impressed with all 23 participants and are looking forward to next year!

Congratulations to all of our participants! It was a tough competition!

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Lucy Beaumont, Bella Vines, Aubry Lane, and Lucy Kuykendall

4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Genny Batcheller, Meredith Parker, Bennet Chen, and Olly Goulden

5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Karthik Pavuluri, Ian McNeil, Caitlin Cheng, and Zoe Smith

6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Ben Razer, Mason Chambers, Shannon Nolan, and Drew Gwinn

7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Jack Baker, Sophie Palmer, Wilson Chenault, and Grace McConnell

8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Gabriella Angtuaco, Reese Amberg, and Jacob Razer

### **ESSAY**

Below is a piece that 8<sup>th</sup> Graders Grey Parrish and Gabriella Angtuaco wrote about the National Junior Honor Society visit to the Arkansas School for the Deaf on October 31<sup>st</sup>:

Hearing is a gift. The ability to enjoy music or listen to your friends tell stories is a blessing that should never be taken for granted. We eighth-grade members of The Anthony School National Junior Honor Society never realized this until we visited the Arkansas School for the Deaf and met incredible kids that are just like any of us, despite the fact that they are hearing-impaired. They never let their obstacles hold them back, and they spend each day being positive and grateful for what they have, especially when it isn't easy. Although they are younger than us, today, we learned from them. They taught us far more than just how to say “Halloween” in sign language; they taught us that we should be thankful for everything we have. We don't understand how overindulged our lives are. We spend our busy lives expecting to be able to watch our favorite television show when we want to, for others to listen to us, for everything to be easy, but these kids

never had that. These extraordinary children are an inspiration; the look of pure happiness on their faces when they passed a volleyball to one another or made a lollipop ghost was a heartwarming and touching experience that has opened our eyes to how people should be. Life's smallest joys are the ones that create the fullest memories. That's what they proved to us every time they laughed at something silly and took the time to enjoy their Halloween party with their friends. Hearing is a gift, but so are these wonderful kids at the Arkansas School for the Deaf, who showed us how to forget our self-centered worries and simply be kind. Words cannot describe how extraordinary these children and teachers are, and we believe that they are the people that make this world an amazing place. Because of them, we have been moved and changed, and we can now see (and hear) the world around us with more gratitude and kindness.