

# The Sci Academy Newsletter

QUARTER 2  
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Sci Academy  
5552 Read Blvd,  
New Orleans LA 70127



## My Academy Night!

Sci Academy staff and SciPAC invite you to attend

Enjoy some delicious food in the company of other parents,  
learn more about the school & pick up your child's report card!

**We need your help in funding  
our co-curriculars!**

Please help us by bringing a party pack of 1oz  
chips or a case of Gatorade that we can sell at  
upcoming games and events!

### Order of Events

5:30-6:00pm: Open House/ Report Card Pickup  
6:00-6:15pm: General Whole School Meeting  
6:15-6:30pm: Breakout Grade Level Meetings  
with Culture Deans  
6:30-7:00pm: Refreshments/ Meet with Teachers

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## A Note From Ms. Dale-Hart

Dear Families,

The new calendar year provides us a chance to look back on our past success and to recognize how much we have to be thankful for. We remain the highest performing and most preferred open-enrollment high school in the district. Our End of Course results last spring topped the previous year and we continue to serve more scholars with diverse needs and we have a wider range of talented faculty to prepare scholars for their bright futures.

We know that our work at Sci Academy is never finished and that it is our responsibility to constantly grow and improve our practices so that scholars have more opportunities for learning and are better prepared for college success. In our relentless pursuit of serving scholar needs, we've added more classes, improved wrap-around support systems, and cultivated new co-curricular opportunities. This year we introduced Seminar in Innovation and Change, Reach, Sci Journey Programming, Cheerleading, Student Council and College Captains. Along with new endeavors, we are preserving what has always been special about Sci Academy. As you read this newsletter, scholars are visiting college campuses across the state to experience education beyond the classroom.

When parents and teachers work together, scholar performance increases. We are placing an emphasis on our communication and collaboration with families in an effort to best serve scholars. We want to partner with you to ensure that your son or daughter is learning and developing into his or her best self. We encourage you to join us for My Academy Night, school meetings, to volunteer on campus and to visit classrooms. We realize that Sci Academy is a demanding place, not only for scholars but also for parents. We ask families to remember that every rule, every policy, and every decision is grounded in the vision of Sci Academy. We are here to prepare all scholars for college success, equipped with the passion and tools to begin innovative and world-changing pursuits.

Thank you for being our partners in education,

Rhonda Dale-Hart  
Principal



### Definitions of the Quarter!

#### SciCATION

An off-campus field trip awarded to the scholars who earn and save the most Sci Bucks each month!

#### Value Mart

A place where student scholars can purchase snacks and candy with the Sci bucks they have earned

## SciCATION !

### Our last SciCATION was a huge success!



49 scholars attended Airline Skating Center for an afternoon of rollerblading!

### Our next SciCATION!

#### A MOVIE DAY on Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>!

Eligibility for this SciCATION is dependent on the number of Sci Bucks a scholar earns between November 20<sup>th</sup> (our last SciCATION) and February 3<sup>rd</sup>. To attend, scholars must meet the following requirements...

9<sup>th</sup> Grade – Earn and save at least \$550 Sci Bucks

10<sup>th</sup> Grade – Earn and save at least \$450 Sci Bucks

11<sup>th</sup> Grade – Be one of the top 10 Sci Bucks earners for the Class of 2015

12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Be one of the top 5 Sci Bucks earners for the Class of 2014

So encourage scholars to **EARN** and **SAVE** their Sci Bucks!

## Enrollment Updates

Applications are now being accepted to enroll new students for the 2014-15 school year. Sci Academy honors sibling preference but applications **MUST** be submitted before the Feb. 28th deadline. Applications are available in the office at Sci Academy. You may also register online at [enrollnola.org](http://enrollnola.org).

#### Important Dates:

**Feb 28** - Round 1 Application Deadline for non-selective schools

**Apr 7** - Round 1 Acceptance Notification to families

#### Collegiate Academies school codes:

**514** - Sci Academy

**109** - Carver Preparatory Academy

**103** - Carver Collegiate Academy

## Messages from our Culture Deans

### **Class of 2017- Mr. Stoudt**

Becoming a "Scholar Of The Week" in the class of 2017 is an achievement. Only two scholars are recognized each week, and, in a class where every scholar shows the school's values, demonstrates the freshman obsessions (becoming a scholar, knowing and supporting your team, growing constantly, and staying organized) this is the highest honor that can be awarded a scholar until our end of year ceremony.

As we start the second half of the year, we'd love for you to talk with your scholar about:

- A) their end of year goals
- B) what they're doing for "extension"
- C) what books they're reading
- D) what their favorite class is

Each scholar has ambitious end of year goals for all of their classes – the kind of goal that challenges a scholar to work the hardest they can. In preparation for their end of year stouests, your kids are now working harder than ever and we want to reward that with scibucks, recognition, and now "extension" – an hour long period on Fridays that allows kids to blow off some steam, get to know their teachers and classmates, and have some fun playing football, taking improve classes, joining a group, painting, and more.

### QUARTER 2 Freshman Scholars OF THE WEEK

Racquel Morgan (Yale 17)  
Kaylan Nelson (Yale17)  
Laquana Sheppard (Yale 17)  
Taja Thompson (Cornell A&S)  
Theresa Nguyen (Wellsley)  
Richard Coleman (Stanford)  
De'Andre Nelson (Stanford)  
Allen Sandifer (Washington & Lee)  
Da'Vonta Butler (Washington & Lee)  
Chadnika Williams (Cal Bears)  
Lyndell Robinson (Southern)  
Jahsiah Curtis (Southern)

### QUARTER 2 Sophomore Scholars OF THE WEEK!

Tosha Mitchell (College of Charleston)  
Geourvon Sears (Ohio State Univerity)  
Huy Nguyen (Tulane Classic)  
Taylor Hagans (UVA)  
Toan Tran (Tulane Classic)  
Jennifer Romo Vargas (Ladypack)  
Jamal Ross (Alabama)  
Niante Ricks (Claremont McKenna)  
Jeison Garcia (Ohio State University)  
Dazhanae Batiste (UVA)  
George Tucker (OSU)  
Danisha Morgan (College of Charleston)

### **Class of 2016 – Mr. McElligott**

2016 has shown so much growth over the past quarter. As advertised, sophomore year has been exactly like freshman year and scholars are rising to meet the bar of excellence. We've been stressing the importance of teamwork all year long and q2 making sure we are building scholars who help achieve team goals as opposed to only individual goals. 3 advisories have really stepped up and shown how well they do this. The ladies of Claremont McKenna and the Loyola Ladypack both had GPAs above 2.5, which will qualify for them automatic scholarships for college when they graduate. The gentlemen of the Alabama advisory showed how much they want to reach the goal by having 95% attendance during quarter (among the highest in the school!). Interim assessment data shows a lot of scholars have grown but that we have a lot of work to still get done. Help you scholar by reminding them to do their homework every night - they almost always have homework from all of their teachers - and make sure they get to school every single day on time. Every minute counts.

### QUARTER 2 Junior Scholars OF THE WEEK!

Nghi Pham (Tulane Riptide)  
Richard Kisack (Rutgers)  
Jada Cooper (Duke)

### **Class of 2015 – Mr. Bogard**

It's hard to believe that our scholars are already halfway through their junior year! Junior year is the most important one so far; it's the grade colleges will be weighting most heavily when looking at grades and letters of recommendation. But it also marks the start of their efforts in earning the highest possible ACT score. This is the test that will open opportunities for admission into dream colleges and lots of financial support.

*There are three numbers for you to know...*

**18:** Scholars need an 18 on the English section of the test to gain admission into a 4-year university in Louisiana.

**19:** Similarly, scholars need a 19 on the MATH section to be accepted to a 4-year university.

**20:** If a scholar has a 2.5 GPA, a 20+ score on the ACT will mean tuition paid in full at any public university in the state.

Please make sure your child is constantly practicing ACT problems in his/her weakest subjects--as well as pushing his/her GPA up--every week.

Be on the lookout for more events like 2015 Movie Night, MyAcademy Night, college trips, and more!

### **Class of 2014 – Mr. Sherman**

The second quarter was a great one for the Class of 2014. The highlight of the quarter was the seniors' presentations for their Seminar in Innovation and Change class. The seniors spent months working in teams conducting research on how to solve problems in New Orleans' juvenile justice system, and then presented their projects to a panel of experts in the field and a large audience. The result was truly impressive. It made me proud to be lucky enough to teach such incredible young men and women. The focus for 2014 going forward is "Getting ready for Game Day [the first day of college]." While our scholars have come so far in their career at Sci, there is still much left to do. In particular, we're focusing on raising scholars' scores on the ACT. Scholars need to get an 18 in the English section of the ACT and a 19 on the Math section in order to admitted to a four-year college in Louisiana. Earning a 20 composite score will allow them to go to a public college in Louisiana for free. If your child has not yet hit that those scores (the 18-19-20), then ask them what they are doing to lift their scores. These scores are essential for their college future. We will be offering a significant amount of test preparation to get scholars ready for the March ACT, but they need to be working on their own to hit those important scores!

### QUARTER 2 Senior Scholars OF THE WEEK

Tammanika Scott (Miami)  
Lameika Clark (Miami)  
Damien Harvey (Harvey)  
Freda Murphy (Texas)

## The Road To College

31% of the Seniors have been admitted to at least one college

11 Seniors have been admitted to 2 or more colleges

15 Seniors admitted to LSU

9 Seniors admitted to Nicholls

5 Seniors admitted to University of New Orleans



# UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

## January

January 20: Martin Luther King Day NO SCHOOL  
January 21: Girls Basketball Game v. St. Mary's, 5pm at Joe Brown Park  
January 21: Boys Basketball Game v. Sophie B, 6pm at Joe Brown Park  
January 24: Boys Basketball Game v. Riverside, 6:30pm at Riverside  
January 24: Girls Basketball Game v. Riverside, 5:30pm at Riverside  
**January 27: MY ACADEMY NIGHT 5:30pm- 7:00pm**  
January 27: Girls Basketball Game v. St. James, 6pm at Joe Brown Park  
January 28: Boys Basketball Game v. Carver, 4:30 at Joe Brown Park  
January 30: Girls Basketball Game v. Ridgewood, 4:30pm at Joe Brown Park  
January 31: Boys Basketball Game v. Newman, 7:15pm at Joe Brown Park

## February

February 1 -28: Black History Month  
February 3: Boys Basketball Game v. Covenant Christian, 2:30pm at Covenant Christian  
**Half-Day-** Sci Academy has the opportunity to play at the New Orleans Arena prior to the Pelican's game against the San Antonio Spurs!  
To support our athletic, dance and cheer teams, Sci will have a half- day. Look for more information at MyAcademy Night!  
February 3: SCI PAC Meeting, 6pm at Sci Academy  
February 4: Girls Basketball Game v. St. Mary's, 5pm at Joe Brown Park  
February 4: Boys Basketball Game v. St. James, 6pm at St. James  
**February 5: SciCATION**  
February 7: Boys Basketball Game v. Sophie B Wright (SBW), 6pm at SBW  
February 12: Girls Basketball Game v. Riverside, 5pm at Joe Brown Park  
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**February 14: Sweetheart Dance, 7:00pm-11:00pm at Sci Academy**  
February 14: Girls Basketball Game v. St. James, 6pm at St. James  
February 14: Boys Basketball Game v. Carver, Carver - time TBD  
February 17-20; Interim Assessments, Half-Day Schedule Wed-Thurs  
February 18: Boys Basketball Game v. Newman, 7:15pm at Joe Brown Park  
February 20: Boys Basketball Game v. St James, 6pm at Joe Brown Park  
February 21: Teacher Data Day NO SCHOOL



## March

March 3-7: Mardi Gras Break NO SCHOOL  
March 10-14: State Testing  
**March 10: SCI PAC Meeting, 6pm at Sci Academy**  
March 18: ACT testing at Sci Academy  
**Match 8: Last Day of Quarter 3**

## April

April 1: ACT Makeup Test Date  
**April 3: Quarter 3 Report Card Pickup**  
April 7-10: Interim Assessments, Half-Day Schedule Wed-Thurs  
April 7: SCI PAC Meeting, 6pm at Sci Academy  
April 11: Teacher Data Day, NO SCHOOL  
April 14-18: Spring Break NO SCHOOL  
**April 25: Spring Flight Dance, 7:00pm-11:00pm at Sci Academy**

## Hey Parents! Want to get more involved? Join Sci PAC!

**Mission:** The Sci Academy Parent Action Committee works to set a precedent for parent involvement at Sci Academy by serving the school in the arenas already available and designing detailed structures for expanded involvement in the future.

If you interested in joining Sci PAC would like more information on what we do come to our next meeting on February 3 at 6:00pm or stop by our table at My Academy Night!

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The 3rd Annual Sci Academy, Crawfish Boil Fundraiser  
March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**Parents--we need your help!** - We need Crawfish boilers, tickets sellers, volunteers and donations!  
If you are interested in volunteering to help with the planning and execution of our crawfish boil please contact Rachel Prampin at 504-274-9984 or prampin@collegiateacademies.org

## A Look into Life At Sci Academy



The Boys Basketball Team celebrates after a November win against Ben Franklin!



11<sup>th</sup> graders study for Ms. Reichman's APUSH class during lunch!



Torina Mamon '15, De'Vantee Alexis '15 & Alvin Carter '17 learn to cook with Mr. Mahoney!



A group of 10<sup>th</sup> grade scholars read afterschool in Ms. Bubalo's classroom!



A group of 9<sup>th</sup> graders visit LSU in collaboration with the The Black Male Leadership Institute



The Girls Basketball team pose after a historic win against Kipp Renaissance