

# Sci Academy Monthly Newsletter

December 2012



## Academic Updates:

**9th:** 9th graders are in the middle of a reading campaign--your scholar has a book on his or her level, and should be reading every night and day. Reading a lot will help a scholar in every single class and lead to success in college!

**10th:** 10th graders will take two End of Course exams in May; they will be taking practice tests for those in mid-January. Ask your scholar about his or her math and English classes, and what they should be doing to succeed in those vital courses.

**11th:** 11th graders took their first ACT in December, and it's time for them to act as competitive college applicants all the time! Juniors should focus on having strong first semester grades by taking and re-taking assessments in the first two weeks of January.

**12th:** Advanced Placement exams are only a few months away. Ask your senior about his/her AP Environmental Science class and about any other APs they are taking, and about why these exams are so important!



## Letter from the principal

Sometimes in classrooms and schools we have a tendency to wait until the project is clearly working well or finished before we celebrate it, but in sports people don't wait for the team to win before applauding, and we shouldn't wait either! Instead, we need to celebrate each incremental step toward victory. Our scholars and teachers have been working extremely hard to learn exciting content with the new Common Core curriculum and to prepare for rigorous End of Course assessments and for the ACT. The scholars are being challenged to explain their thinking, answer higher-level questions and READ all the time. We are seeing both academic and behavioral growth across the school and are thankful to families for all of your support. Please take time over the winter break to congratulate your scholar on his or her hard work and encourage him or her to read as much as possible.

I am excited to bring you the first edition of a monthly newsletter that will provide you with updates on happenings at school and give you a glimpse of upcoming calendar dates. We want to increase our communication with families and invite your input. Please feel free to email [rdalehart@collegiateacademies.org](mailto:rdalehart@collegiateacademies.org) with any thoughts or questions that you have.

Please enjoy a safe and happy holiday season,  
Rhonda Dale-Hart



## December's Scholars of the Week!

Jennifer Romo Vargas (9<sup>th</sup>)  
Hai Nguyen (9<sup>th</sup>)  
Krishonna Burke (9<sup>th</sup>)  
Chris Bordere (9<sup>th</sup>)  
Qwentana Collins (9<sup>th</sup>)  
Devin Washington (9<sup>th</sup>)  
Melvin Rodriquez (10<sup>th</sup>)  
Lauren Jones (10<sup>th</sup>)  
Richard Kisack (10<sup>th</sup>)  
Tena Nguyen (10<sup>th</sup>)  
Leon Cooper (10<sup>th</sup>)  
Diem Tran (10<sup>th</sup>)  
Chandell Carter (11<sup>th</sup>)  
Alston Tyler (11<sup>th</sup>)  
Breon Savage (11<sup>th</sup>)  
Chynelle Thomas (12<sup>th</sup>)  
Trevon Keasley (12<sup>th</sup>)  
Janell Halphen (12<sup>th</sup>)  
Darren Johnson (12<sup>th</sup>)  
Terron Williams (12<sup>th</sup>)



## Definition of the Month

**Sci Bucks:** At Sci Academy, "being good" is not just something that keeps you from consequences—it earns you rewards. Scholars may use Sci Bucks to purchase items from the ValueMart (school store) each Thursday, earn privileges such as a ticket to the SciCATION (a monthly local field trip), and for eligibility in the Nautilus Society. There are many ways to earn Sci Bucks in a given day. Ask your scholar how many they earned today!

**Chase Perfection.  
Catch Excellence.**



# MyAcademy Updates:

Become a Parent Leader at Sci Academy by joining the Sci Academy Parent Action Committee (SCI PAC)!

The SCI PAC is the Sci Academy parent organization that works together to support Sci Academy in providing resources to assist Sci Academy in meeting its mission of college success for all scholars. SCI PAC members receive the opportunity to participate in leadership training workshops once a month hosted by the Urban League of greater New Orleans. SCI PAC Meetings are the second Monday of every month and is currently made up of 3 committees:

**The Scholar/Teacher Support Committee's** purpose is to provide support to the school through volunteer opportunities on campus, addressing students' needs outside of what the school is able to offer, and teacher appreciation activities.

**The Fundraising Committee's** purpose is to run various fundraising activities to provide funding to the school for needs not covered by the school's budget. The committee will set an annual fundraising goal and will work with the school administration, other committee members, and activity/event advisors to determine how funds are allocated.

**The Activities/Events Committee's** purpose is to enhance the educational experience for students by supporting the needs of school staff to provide assistance for scheduled events and activities.

Please contact Rachel Prampin at [rprampin@collegiateacademies.org](mailto:rprampin@collegiateacademies.org) or 504-274-9984 for more information.



## Featured Events

1/15- Girls & Boys Basketball Game Versus KIPP Renaissance. Girls play at 530 and boys play at 6. The game will be at KIPP Renaissance (5316 Michoud Blvd).

1/30- Report Card Pick Up Night begins at 6pm at Sci Academy. Please stop by to pick up your scholar's Quarter 2 report card. Teachers and advisors will be available to answer questions and talk about your scholar's growth.

### January Calendar

- December 21<sup>st</sup>- January 4<sup>th</sup>: Winter Break; No School
- January 8<sup>th</sup>: Girls Basketball Game, 5:30p @ John McDonough
- January 11<sup>th</sup>: Girls Basketball Game, 5:30p @ Ben Franklin
- January 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>: IA Testing
- January 14<sup>th</sup> : SCI PAC Meeting, 6:00p in Rm 4
- January 15<sup>th</sup> : Girls & Boys Basketball Game, 5:30p @ KIPP Renaissance
- January 17<sup>th</sup>: My Academy Meeting, 6:15p in LMC
- January 18<sup>th</sup>: Last Day of Quarter 2, Teacher Data Day; No School  
Boys Basketball Game, 6:00p @ Atonement Lutheran
- January 21<sup>st</sup>: Martin Luther King Jr. Day; No School
- January 22<sup>nd</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup>: College Trips Round 2
- January 29<sup>th</sup> : Boys Basketball Game, 5:30p @ Ridgewood  
Girls Basketball Game, 6:00p @ KIPP Renaissance
- January 31<sup>st</sup>: Report Card Pick Up Night

### February Calendar

- February 1<sup>st</sup>: Girls & Boys Basketball Game, 5:00p @ KIPP Renaissance
- February 4<sup>th</sup>: SCI PAC Meeting, 6:00p in Rm 4
- February 8<sup>th</sup>: Boys Basketball Game, 5:00p @ Sophie B. Wright  
Girls Basketball Game, 5:00p @ Ursuline
- February 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>: Mardi Gras Break, No School
- February 21<sup>st</sup>: My Academy Meeting, 6:15p in LMC
- February 22<sup>nd</sup>: Sweetheart Dance
- February 25<sup>th</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup>: Early Release for IA Testing



## The Road to College

- 90% of seniors completed at least one college application. • 30% of seniors' ACT scores TOPS-eligible.
- 12% of the class of 2013 has been accepted to LSU. These scholars are Kater Jackson, Jhi Prosper, Avis Smothers, Donyé Washington, Kayla Hagans, Jacques Williams and Ryeisha Cosey.
- Jonathon Collins and Jason Johnson received scholarships to visit Middlebury College and Wesleyan University. Both seniors were flown up to stay overnight & attended classes. Jonathon Collins's host was none other than Mr. Sci Academy 2012 Eddie Barnes, of the Middlebury Class of 2016.



## Photos From Around Campus



Scholars who were in the top 5% of their grade for total Sci Bucks earned this year were taken on our first Sci CATION of the year. They enjoyed brunch at Ihop and then a showing of *The Polar Express* in 3D IMAX.

