



Panther Academic Challenge

What is it?

The Panther Academic Challenge is a program for students to challenge themselves and be rewarded for learning outside of school. Our goal is to foster a love of learning and exploration of topics that might not be covered in the classroom. The Panther Academic Challenge is sponsored by the Spiritridge PTSA.

Students may participate in PTSA activities, as well doing good for their bodies and the communities. By going above and beyond the already high expectations at Spiritridge, students could earn ribbons, trophies, and even the Principal's Medal!

We have made some major changes this year, so be sure to read the list carefully and see what has changed. Even though this is not new, it is important to note that the Community Service requirement is required to earn a trophy and the Principal's Medal. **This means that you must do a Community Service project to earn either the trophy or medal!** You must also sign up for the Academic Challenge and each event on the website, or your entries will not be registered. One last thing: when you sign up for Academic Challenge, you will receive a folder. Your entries for Community Service, Art, Wellness, Reading, Math and Technology must be turned in using this folder.

Ribbons! Trophies! Medals!

We award a ribbon for completing each challenge as it is completed. A trophy will also be awarded to students that successfully complete 6 of our 8 challenges.

Students that work extra hard and complete every challenge will receive a Principal's Medal. Every challenge must be completed on time, be original work, and meet all of the requirements of the event in order to receive this coveted award.

All trophies and awards will be presented in a special ceremony at the end of the year by Mr. Hetherington and Mrs. Webster.

More Information

More details and links to all the forms at www.spiritridge.org.

Please email academicchallenge@spiritridge.org for any questions.



Academic Challenges

Category	Challenge	When	Details
Art (Participate in at least one)	Reflections Art Contest	October	Submit a qualifying artwork to the Reflections contest.
	Arts & Crafts Fair	December	Create and sell items at the Arts & Crafts Fair. Space is limited, participation not guaranteed.
	Art or Music Lessons	Due May 24	Provide show/recital program, or signed form by teacher.
Culture	Multicultural Night	March	Choose from 3 options (if available per event chair – not all students may get to do #2 or #3): 1. Submit a paper doll and complete a questionnaire about a country of your choice. 2. Create a poster board about a country of your choice and display at event. 3. Participate in a cultural performance at the event.
Science (Participate in at least one.)	Science Fair	April	Complete an experiment and create a presentation on the results.
	Egg Toss	April	Submit an egg container (and egg!) that can survive a 70 foot drop.
Community Service	Community Service	Due May 24	Submit time log for 5 hours of community service. This is a requirement for either the trophy or principal's medal.
Literature	Book Reports	Due May 24	Fill out book reports for five books. These must be on provided book report form.
	Spelling Bee	January	If you participate in the Spelling Bee, only 3 Book Reports need to be submitted.
Technology	Keyboarding/Robotics/ Programming	Due May 24	Submit time log for ten hours of keyboarding, programming, or attending a Robotics or Programming class at Spiritridge (separate form).
Math	Math	Due May 24	Submit time log for ten hours of math. Can be Math Club, Dreambox, Xtra Math, Khan, Math Challenge, etc.
Wellness	Be Active!	Due May 24	Submit time log of 5 hours of physical activity.
	Trophy Request Form	Due May 24	Submit a form listing the challenges you participated in.