

# Armada Area Schools

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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Armada Middle School was chosen to make radio contact with the astronauts on the International Space Station last May. Unfortunately, the contact was postponed by NASA due to undisclosed difficulties and has been rescheduled for Friday, October 24th. The exact contact time is 1:09 p.m. and will last approximately 10 minutes.

During the contact, 12 students selected from Armada's elementary school, middle school, high school, and regional math/science center (MA2S) will be able to ask questions to our astronaut while the space station passes over Armada. The entire audio event will be streamed live through the internet to recipients overseas. People all over the world, as well as locally in Armada and Macomb County, will be able to listen in on the broadcast. This project is made possible in cooperation with NASA, ARISS (Amateur Radio on the International Space Station), and USECA (Utica Shelby Emergency Communication Association).

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"We are fortunate to have dedicated staff and supportive members of our community that go out of their way to provide such outstanding educational opportunities for our students."

-- *Dr. Arnold Kummerow, Superintendent*

"This program is very timely. We are in the process of enhancing our middle school curriculum (especially in the area of math and science) and have just opened a middle school math/science center this fall using instructional techniques that are research based for both our general and "middle academy" students."

-- *William Zebelian, Principal*

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**Armada Area Schools  
Armada, Michigan**

**Question #1**

**Student #1 Brandon Weaver- Elementary School- Grade 2**

What kind of fuel does the space shuttle use?

**Question #2**

**Student #2 Chad Kavanagh- Elementary School- Grade 5**

If there isn't a space shuttle available, do you have an escape plan if you have to evacuate the space station?

**Question #3**

**Student #3 Anna Dillingham- Elementary School- Grade 5**

How big is the space station and how large will it be when it is finished?

**Question #4**

**Student #4 Jon Schlump- Middle School- Grade 6**

Are you able to watch television on the space station?

**Question #5**

**Student #5 Morgan Payne- Middle School- Grade 8**

How do you deal with the after effects of living in a weightless environment for extended periods of time?

**Question #6**

**Student #6 Elijah Zentz- Middle School- Grade 6**

How hot does it get inside the space shuttle during re-entry?

**Question #7**

**Student #7 Natasha Bair- Middle School- Grade 6**

What supplies do you need in space?

**Question #8**

**Student #8 Gino Campis- Middle School- Grade 8**

If I wanted to go into the field of aerospace, what would I have to do now to fulfill this goal?

**Question #9**

**Student #9 Ryan Schmidt- Middle School- Grade 7**

How many people can live on the space station at one time?

**Question #10**

**Student # 10 Ted Binkowski- Macomb Academy- Grade 10**

What do you miss most when you are in space?

**Question #11**

**Student #11 Elizabeth Crawford- Macomb Academy- Grade 10**

What is going through your mind as you are traveling away from Earth?

**Question #12**

**Student #12 Haley Waterstraat- Macomb Academy- Grade 10**

Are you able to see weather changes that happen on Earth from the space station?

**Question #13**

**Student #1 Brandon Weaver- Elementary School- Grade 2**

How much fuel does the space shuttle hold?

**Question #14**

**Student #2 Chad Kavanagh- Elementary School- Grade 5**

Will the space station survive if something happens to the Earth?

**Question #15**

**Student #3 Anna Dillingham- Elementary School- Grade 5**

How often do they change astronauts on the space station?

**Question #16**

**Student #6 Elijah Zentz- Middle School- Grade 6**

Who or what inspired you to be an astronaut?

**Question #17**

**Student #7 Natasha Bair- Middle School- Grade 6**

How does NASA choose which astronauts will go on a mission?

**Question #18**

**Student #9 Ryan Schmidt- Middle School- Grade 7**

How long does it take to get to the space station and once you are there how would you get inside?

**Question #19**

**Student #11 Elizabeth Crawford- Macomb Academy- Grade 10**

What personal items are you allowed to bring with you in space?

**Question #20**

**Student #12 Haley Waterstraat- Macomb Academy-Grade 10**

How are you able to wash your hands or take a shower in space?