

AHJS Monday Mail

Week of 9 October 2017

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AHJS PTO events, past copies of Monday Mails and more can be found online at www.ahjspto.org.

AHJS News

Spirit Week at the JS: Let's celebrate spirit week this week at the JS! Tuesday= Be part of the team...Wear your favorite team jersey/shirt * Wednesday=Dress to Impress...Wear your best outfit and take your school picture * Thursday=Can't hide our Heights...Wear camo * Friday=Pump up our AH spirit...Wear your best AH colors/gear and get ready for the pep rally! **AHJS Toiletry Drive for the Gulf Coast:** we will be collecting toiletry items during advisory classes. Items needed include: toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, gallon zip lock bags, granola bars/protein bars (no chocolate), new washcloths, hand sanitizer, body was, travel size: shampoo/conditioner. The supplies will be made into care kits and will be delivered to local organizations in Rockport, Port Aransas and Victoria areas.

Healthy Heights: Let kids help plan and prepare 1 meal each week. Depending on the ages of your children, this can be a more or less independent activity. But, regardless of their age, it provides a sense of ownership over the nourishment of the family and over their own nutrition. **Picture Day**: Wednesday, Oct. 11th. Pictures will be taken during English classes on that day. Picture forms will be handed out Thursday, Oct. 5th in your English class.

8th Grade Parents: Purchasing a yearbook ad is a great way to share your favorite photo and show your 8th grader how proud you are of them for reaching this special milestone. You can go directly to www.balfour.com to purchase your ad online or come by the office to pick up an order form. A yearbook staffer will be assigned to help you create your ad. Deadline to guarantee your space is Oct. 31st. Right now, we are only taking orders for ONE ad to give all 8th graders an opportunity to secure a spot. If space becomes available after Nov. 1st, we will let you know. Don't delay; order your ad today! Please email any questions to ahjsjournalism@gmail.com. **Cyber Seniors**: is a group that meets every Wednesday after school. We will get on the bus in front of the school at 4:10PM and will travel to the Alamo Heights Health and Rehab center, where we will share our expertise in technology with the residents, and they will share their experience and wisdom with us! We will return to the JS at 5:10PM. We will be using ipads and smart phones. This is a wonderful service opportunity and a chance to get to know some elders in our AH community and their wonderful caregivers. Meetings will start Wednesday, 25 October. Please come by Ms. Pringle's clinic to pick up a permission form.

<u>After School Study Hall</u>: Homework help is available for AHJS students every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 4:00-5:00pm in the AHJS library. There are two to three teachers available to help AHJS students with their homework.

Morning Library Hours: Our library opens at 7:30AM daily. Supervision is provided.

<u>Attendance:</u> When a student is absent, the attendance office needs written documentation (parent note/parent email/doctor's note). The documentation must be received no later than five (5) school days after the absence.

<u>Managing Your Child's Cafeteria Account:</u> At <u>www.schoolcafe.com</u>, register yourself (parent) and then add your children using their student ID# (obtained from school or from Child Nutrition) and the school they attend. If you have any questions please reach out to Richard Mallard, Senior Area Foodservice Director at <u>210-832-5940</u>

Regular/Late Bus: Please be aware that bus registration for Regular/Late bus must be filled out every year. The Transportation form is separate from the campus registration. Please go to: http://www.ahisd.net/cms/One.aspx?portalId=8146&pageId=37206 and fill out the form for your child's campus.

PTO News

Our annual Parent/Teacher party "Your Vibe Supports Your Tribe" is one month away!
We are looking for additional donations for our fabulous silent auction. Please let us know if you would consider donating the following: Spure Backethall Tickets. College Footbal Tickets

would consider donating the following: Spurs Basketball Tickets, College Footbal Tickets, Majestic Theater and/or Tobin Center Tickets, Rodeo Tickets, Vacation Homes. The 7th annual Parent/Teacher Party will be held on Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at the home of Catherine and Wilbur Matthews. This party is a wonderful opportunity for parents and teachers to get to know each other in a relaxed and fun environment. Buy your tickets now at www.ahjspto.org (go to For Sale tab, then Mule Market). You will not want to miss this great night with friends and delicious food and beverages! Thank you for all of your support! Questions? Amy Case (amygcase@gmail.com)

<u>Girls Service Club</u>: If you have not signed your daughter up for the Sixth Grade Girls Service Club, please do so ASAP on the online Mule Market on the AHJS PTO website at ahjspto.org. Cost is \$25 and meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 10, in the AHJS cafeteria and members can walk in the Howdy Night Parade on Wednesday, October 11. For questions, please contact Allison Sethney at (210) 758-1802 or asethney@gmail.com or Catherine Markette at (210) 260-9399 or cmarkette@satx.rr.com.

AHJS Mule Market: AHJS T-Shirts, 8th Grade T-Shirts, and Spirit Socks are still available! Order online, and they will be delivered to your student. PTO Memberships, Parent/Teacher Party Tickets, HEB Card Orders, PTO Angels Donations, TOPS Donations, and Snack Pak 4 Kids donations will remain on Mule Market throughout the fall. Questions? Amy Case - amygcase@gmail.com

<u>Yearbook</u>: *New this year* Yearbooks and 8th Grade Ads are now ordered directly from Balfour at www.balfour.com. Simply enter Alamo Heights Junior High School as the school.

<u>HEB Cards!</u> Every \$100 card = \$5 for AHJS! It's SO EASY to support your school...the cards are delivered to your home! Please contact Karen Crosley, <u>kcrosley@me.com</u>, to place a monthly order for HEB cards or to try it out for one month.



Junior School 2 Weeks at a Glance

| Mon – 10/9 | Tues – 10/10 | Wed – 10/11 | Thurs -10/12 | Fri – 10/13 | Sat - 10/14 |
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| Student Holiday/Staff Development | Wear your favorite team jersey/shirt | Dress to ImpressWear your best outfit | Can't hide our HeightsWear camo | Pump up our AH spiritWear your best AH colors/gear and | VB White Team VB Tournament @ Incarnate Word High |
| THE COLUMBUS OF | 6gr Service Club 4PM (Cafeteria) White Team FB- 7 th /8 th Spring Branch MS away 4:30pm | School Picture Day (Auditorium) Howdy Night Parade 4:30pm Adult ESL (Cafeteria, rooms 109 | FB vs Spring Branch 8gr.away/7gr.ho me 4:30pm VB vs Smithson Valley 8gr.away/7gr. home 5PM | get ready for the pep rally! Simchat Torah | School District Cross Country Meet 7am-noon Comal County Fair Grounds |
| Adult ESL (Cafeteria, rms 109 &111) 6PM | White team VB game Home 4:30/5:30 | &111) 6PM Shemini Atzeret | Shemini Atzeret Simchat Torah | | |
| Mon – 10/16 | Tues – 10/17 | Wed – 10/18 | Thurs -10/19 | Fri – 10/20 | Sat - 10/21 |
| Adult ESL (Cafeteria, rms 109 &111) 6PM Band Fall Festival Concert 6gr. 6:30-7:00 pm 7/8 gr. 7:30-8:30 pm | White team football- 7/8 (home) Borne South MS 7th 5:00pm 8th 6:00pm Coir Fall Concert @HS AHHS 7:00pm 1st Nine Weeks ends | Adult ESL (Cafeteria, rooms 109 &111) 6PM Strings Fall Concert (Auditorium) 6:30pm 2 nd Nine weeks begins | Environmental FT (Mr.Poarch) 8:40-2:30 FB vs Smithson Valley 8gr.home/7gr.aw ay 4:30pm VB vs Dobie 8gr. away/7gr. home 5:00pm Reg. Board Mtg. 7:00pm | Regional Choir Auditions @Wood MS Report Cards distributed | Regional Choir Auditions @Wood MS |

District/Community News

AHHS HOMECOMING - Get your Mums and show your school spirit for Homecoming! Homecoming festivities are the week of October 9, and online sales for mums will begin September 25. Purchase your mums and "Go Mules" buttons online at www.ahhsptso.org, and pick them up at the AHJS on Tuesday, October 10. You can also print out the attached form and Cash and carry mums will also be available on that day. Go Heights!

HOWDY PARADE/HOWDY NIGHT – Everyone is invited to join us in supporting our AHHS school and clubs on Wednesday, October 11, 2017. The parade will begin at 4:30 pm. Route starts on Alamo Heights Blvd. between Argo and Corona. The parade will end at the HS with the annual Howdy Night Carnival to follow on the practice field. Enjoy lots of fun, food and win some prizes too! This is a great event for the whole family. Admission to Howdy Night is FREE! Tickets for the carnival are \$1 each. Support AHHS Clubs and Mulepushers! A copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students parents/student flyers.

HOWARD RAFFLE – Our Alamo Heights kindergarten school, Howard, has their annual Raffle happening now! Find your favorite Kindergartener or Mini Mule by Friday, October 13 and support their fundraising efforts with the purchase of a Raffle ticket. Tickets are available for \$1, \$5, \$10, or \$20. You can also go online to find Howard's auction full of great items from our local community. Thanks for your support of Howard, where the fun and learning begins! https://www.32auctions.com/howard2017

AVA'S WISH – **4TH ANNUAL TENNIES AND TIARAS 5K RUN** – will be on Sunday, October 29, 2017 at the Alamo Heights Pool at 9:00 AM. For more information a copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students parents/student flyers.

GREATER HEIGHTS NIGHT - Mark your calendar for a fun-filled evening with friends at Greater Heights Night on November 8, 2017, at the Witte's Mays Center. GHN is the premier fundraising event benefiting Alamo Heights School Foundation. Tickets are now available for purchase at www.bidpal.net/ghn2017.

ALAMO HEIGHTS FORT SAM HOUSTON YOUTH SOCCER - FIRE SOCCER CLUB - Registration is now open. For more information visit www.ahfsh.org or call (210) 973-6002. A copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students parents/student flyers.

I9 SPORTS YOUTH PROGRAMS – Register now for fall leagues, clinics and programs. For more information go to www.i9sports.com. A copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students parents/student flyers.

STANDARD OF ATHLETICS – Register for the 2017 Fall League at www.soasatx.com or call 210-775-2807. A copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students parents/student flyers.

SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING – You're invited! Join us to try synchro for free on Saturdays, 2:30-5:00 pm. For more information go to www.cygnetssa.org or email CygnetsPresident@CygnetsSA.org for more information. A copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students parents/student flyers.

TEXAS TUITION PROMISE FUND – The state's prepaid college savings plan that locks in tuition for all Texas public colleges and universities is now available for open enrollment through February 28, 2018. A copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students parents/student flyers.