



## AHJS Monday Mail

Week of 16 October 2017

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### AHJS News

**Spirit Week:** Our spirit week and pep rally was a great success! The students enjoyed themselves watching the pep rally presentations. A round of applause goes out to our teacher, Renee Amaro and the student council for planning such an awesome event for our kids. We also appreciate the support from our PTO who helped us fund this event.

**Healthy Heights: Take time eating, and chew slowly.** Some people have been known to count each chew to reach 15 or 20 before they swallow. Regardless of your approach, slow down. It takes 20 minutes for the brain to tell the body that you are full.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents:** Purchasing a yearbook ad is a great way to share your favorite photo and show your 8<sup>th</sup> grader how proud you are of them for reaching this special milestone. You can go directly to [www.balfour.com](http://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. 31<sup>st</sup>. Right now, we are only taking orders for ONE ad to give all 8<sup>th</sup> graders an opportunity to secure a spot. If space becomes available after Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, we will let you know. Don't delay; order your ad today! Please email any questions to [ahjsjournalism@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**After School Study Hall:** 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.

**Attendance:** 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.

**Managing Your Child's Cafeteria Account:** At [www.schoolcafe.com](http://www.schoolcafe.com), 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 [210-832-5940](tel:210-832-5940)

**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.

### JS Student Highlights

**Chalk it Up 2017 Team Winners!** Our JS students, Mia Aguirre, Milla Wenrich, Yohana Porter, Emily Spurlock, Bella Gunther, and Kiley Smith, were the 1<sup>st</sup> place team winners of this year's San Antonio Chalk it Up art event. Congratulations to Mrs. Fallis and this group of chalk artists who worked so hard on this project yesterday!

**Cross Country News:** Our Cross Country season has come to an end and we finished strong. Many kids ran their best times and our 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Districts this weekend.

Congratulations to Coach McGrew and all the runners for their participation, as well as, our medalist winners during this great season! Go Mules!

**Football News:** 7A (Blue) AHJS 12 SBMS 8/7B (Gold) AHJS 6 SBMS 6/7C (white) AHJS 25 SBMS 18/8A (Blue) AHJS 19 SBMS 14/8B (Gold) AHJS 12 SBMS 12.

**Volleyball News:** Lots of good hustle from our volleyball teams this week against SVMS and Geneva.

### 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: *Spurs Basketball Tickets, College Football Tickets, Majestic Theater and/or Tobin Center Tickets, Rodeo Tickets, Vacation Homes.* The 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:amygcase@gmail.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](mailto:amygcase@gmail.com)

**Yearbook:** *\*New this year\** Yearbooks and 8th Grade Ads are now ordered directly from Balfour at [www.balfour.com](http://www.balfour.com). Simply enter Alamo Heights Junior High School as the school.

**HEB Cards!** 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, [kcrosley@me.com](mailto:kcrosley@me.com), to place a monthly order for HEB cards or to try it out for one month.



## Junior School 2 Weeks at a Glance

Mon – 10/16	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  1 <sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks ends	Adult ESL (Cafeteria, rooms 109 &111) 6PM  Strings Fall Concert (Auditorium) 6:30pm  2 <sup>nd</sup> Nine weeks begins	Environmental FT (Mr.Poarch) 8:40-2:30  FB vs Smithson Valley 8gr.home/7gr.a way 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
Mon – 10/23	Tues – 10/24	Wed – 10/25	Thurs –10/26	Fri – 10/27	Sat – 10/28
Adult ESL (Cafeteria, rms 109 &111) 6PM	FB B Team vs Dobie (8gr.away/7gr.ho me) 4:30pm	Band Mock Auditions 4:30pm  White Team 7 <sup>TH</sup> Canyon MS(away) 4:30pm  8 <sup>TH</sup> Canyon MS(home) 5:30pm  Soccer Parent Mtg. Girl's Gym 6PM  Adult ESL (Cafeteria, rooms 109 &111) 6PM	Students early release/Staff prof.dev. 12:45pm  FB A Team vs Dobie 8gr.away/7gr.ho me 4:30pm  VB vs New Braunfels 8gr.AHHS/7gr.a way 5:00pm		Academic UIL Meet @Bush MS

## District/Community News

**ALAMO HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL CHEER CLINIC** - Saturday, October 21, 2017 at the AHHS Muledome. The clinic is for Pre-K - 8th grade. For more information and registration, a copy of the flyer can be found on our website at

[http://www.ahisd.net/students\\_parents/student\\_flyers](http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers).

**AHHS CHOIR** - The Choir is doing a "Dinner and a Show" event at Order Up on Thursday, October 26, 2017. Students from the JV and Chorale will be performing short sets of their favorite pop songs and/or choir songs. Order Up will donate 20% of all dinner receipts to the choir and we'll also be collecting tips/donations. For more information and registration a copy of the flyer can be found on our website at

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**MULE FOR A DAY** - Join the AH Varsity Football Team for an afternoon of fun and games on Sunday, October 29, 2017, AH Football Stadium, 2-4 pm for all Kindergarten - 5th grades. For more information and registration, a copy of the flyer can be found on our website at

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**Heart of Heights** is hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Alamo Heights Parent Symposium, **Saturday, October 28**. Click [here](#) for details about the event or visit the [Resource Stop](#) to learn more about Heart of Heights initiatives and events.

**PARENTS**, back to school is such a busy time of year for everyone. As we enter our eighth week of school, the campus nurses want you to know that we are busy with vision and hearing screenings, as well as height and weight checks on all Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students. This is a requirement of the Texas Department of State and Health Services for public schools. We will also test new students to our district, as well as any child that was retained and did not move forward to the aforementioned grades. When a child fails two screenings, a referral letter will be sent home with the student. In the spring your campus nurse will send home notifications prior to spinal screenings for 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders.

**AVA'S WISH – 4<sup>TH</sup> 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](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](http://www.bidpal.net/ghn2017).

**DESTINATION IMAGINATION (DI) FUNDRAISER - CHIPOTLE** - AHISD Destination Imagination will be having a fundraiser at Chipotle: 7322 Jones Maltsberger #206, San Antonio, TX 78209. The fundraiser will be on Thursday, November 2, 2017 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Destination Imagination appreciates your support. In order for your purchases to be credited towards the fundraiser, you must show the cashier the flyer in-hand or on a mobile device. For more information and registration, a copy of the flyer can be found on our website at [http://www.ahisd.net/students\\_parents/student\\_flyers](http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers).

**ALAMO HEIGHTS FORT SAM HOUSTON YOUTH SOCCER – FIRE SOCCER CLUB** – Registration is now open. For more information visit [www.ahfsh.org](http://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](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](http://www.i9sports.com). A copy of the flyer can be found on our website at [http://www.ahisd.net/students\\_parents/student\\_flyers](http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers).

**STANDARD OF ATHLETICS** – Register for the 2017 Fall League at [www.soasatx.com](http://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](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](http://www.cygnetssa.org) or email [CygnetsPresident@CygnetSA.org](mailto:CygnetsPresident@CygnetSA.org) for more information. A copy of the flyer can be found on our website at [http://www.ahisd.net/students\\_parents/student\\_flyers](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](http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers).