



AHJS Monday Mail

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AHJS News

Healthy Heights: Eat more whole grains. Examples include oats, brown rice, rye, and whole-wheat pasta. Try to eat at least 3 ounces of whole grains each day. Whole grains help provide a feeling of fullness with fewer calories.

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.

Spelling Bee- The AHJS Spelling Bee will be held in the library on **Tuesday, November 28th**, during 2nd period. The 65th Annual San Antonio Express-News Spelling Bee will take place on **Saturday, February 17, 2018**. The champion of the 65th Annual San Antonio Express-News Spelling Bee will represent our area in the 2018 Scripps National Spelling Bee near Washington, D.C. Any AHJS 6th, 7th, or 8th grader is invited to pick up a packet with information, spelling list, and permission slip. Permission Slips are due NO LATER than Friday, **November 3rd at 4:00** to Mrs. Lowe in room 405. All participants have the opportunity to report to Mrs. Lowe's room (502) for FLEX to prepare for the spelling bee throughout November. We will have a practice spelling bee during FLEX on **Friday, November 17th**, in Mrs. Lowe's room (405). If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Lowe at alowe@ahisd.net.

Strings Poinsettia sale- The poinsettia sale will continue through Monday, November 6th. Poinsettias are \$18 each and are very large, healthy plants. There are plants available in red, white, and pink. This fundraiser supports our strings program throughout the district, and can be purchased from any student enrolled in strings from 6th-12th grade. Payment is due at the time of ordering and may be paid in either cash or check, made out to AHISD (driver's license number should be included on all checks). The plants will be delivered to the students on Saturday, November 25th and they will deliver to the customers shortly after.

Mentoring Training – Are you interested in being a mentor for a student? If so, please make plans to attend the Junior School Mentor Training on Tuesday, October 31st from 9 – 10 am. We will be meeting in the Professional Development Room to discuss how to become a mentor and the expectations for the program.

Additional training opportunities are available at:

- Howard ECC on Tuesday, October 24th from 9 – 10 am in the Cafeteria
- Alamo Heights High School on Tuesday, October 24th from 11 am – noon in the Foyer of the Auditorium
- Woodridge Elementary on Tuesday, October 31st from 10:30 – 11:30 am in the Front Office Conference Room

Please contact Dr. Kristen Ascencao at kascencao@ahisd.net or Roxanna Bazaldua at rbazaldua@ahisd.net if you have questions.

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, 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)

Bus News- We are sending out a note to ask for your help. Electronics are becoming a very dangerous safety issue on the buses. They are distracting to drivers and greatly hinder their ability to monitor your children. They also cause major disruption and violation of bus safety rules among students. At the Secondary level, we ask that students use ear buds or keep electronics at a very low level. Secondary students may lose the privilege of having electronics out if the driver feels it interferes with bus safety. -Ms. Leah Roudebush Coordinator of Transportation 210-832-5973

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

Red Ribbon Week: Our students enjoyed celebrating Red Ribbon Week. We saw lots of great spirit with our different themes, from crazy hair day to Pink Out!

Celebration: Our Cross Country Banquet was held last week to recognize all of the great effort from our cross country team. Thank you Coach McGrew for your leadership!

Volleyball News: 7th and 8th Grade Blue and Gold Teams won against New Braunfels. Our White team did very well in their Inter Squad scrimmage- both games were 25-23.

Football News: 7th grade White team won against Canyon. Lots of good effort from our 8th grade White team against Canyon. Go Mules!

PTO News

Our annual Parent/Teacher party "Your Vibe Supports Your Tribe" is just around the corner! 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 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)

The [2017 AHJS Parent-Teacher Party](#) is one week away. We need your help to make it a success. Please use this link to volunteer the day of the party:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0949AAAB2EA64-volunteers . Thank you!

7th Grade Parent Meeting: Upcoming 7th grade parent meeting!! We will be meeting at the home of Lisa Ray, 540 Garraty. Denise Degeare will be speaking about technology and teens. We will meet at 9am on November 7th.

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

Yearbook: *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.

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, to place a monthly order for HEB cards or to try it out for one month.



Junior School 2 Weeks at a Glance

Mon – 10/30	Tues – 10/31	Wed – 11/1	Thurs –11/2	Fri – 11/3	Sat – 11/4
VB vs Canyon8gr. away/7gr.home 5:00pm Adult ESL (Cafeteria, rms 109 &111) 6PM	Family Night/No Homework FB B Team vs New Braunfels8gr. home/7gr. away 4:30pm	PTO Parent/Teacher Party 6:30pm (More details under PTO news) White Team- 7 TH Churchill MS(home) 4:30pm Adult ESL (Cafeteria, rooms 109 &111) 6PM	FB A Team vs New Braunfels 8gr. home/7gr. away 4:30pm	8gr. Band FB Night @HS AHHS FB Field 7PM UIL Science Olympiad (Houston)	UIL Science Olympiad (Houston) Choir Region Clinic & Concert @Reagan HS Strings Region Bravo Orchestra Auditions (Lopez Middle School)
Mon – 11/6	Tues – 11/7	Wed – 11/8	Thurs –11/9	Fri – 11/10	Sat – 11/11
Site Based Mtg. 4:15pm BB Parent Mtg. GGym 5:30pm Adult ESL (Cafeteria, rms 109 &111) 6PM	Progress reports distribute 7 th Grade Parents Meeting 9:00am MuleTube FT to HS 9:30am FB B Team vs Canyon 8gr.away/7gr.ho me 4:30pm Fall Theatre Production (3rd Period Production <i>Just So and Other Stories</i>) 6:15pm	White Team 7 TH Canyon MS (home) 4:30pm 8 th Canyon MS(home) 5:30pm Greater Heights Night 6PM Adult ESL (Cafeteria, rooms 109 &111) 6PM	FB A Team vs Canyon 8gr.away/7gr. home 4:30pm GBB vs Boerne MS S 8gr.home/7gr. away 5PM	Veteran's Day Assembly Auditorium 8:45am	Band Region Auditions Harris MS Strings Region Con Brio & Concertino Orchestra Auditions Jejeda MS UIL Science Olympiad (Austin)

District/Community News

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.

SAN ANTONIO JUNIOR RAMPAGE invites boys and girls to the Northwoods Ice Center on Saturday, November 4th for a **Try Hockey for Free** clinic as part of Come Play Hockey Month.

Starting at 3:15 pm local youth, ages 4 to 9, are encouraged to experience ice hockey for the first time and learn the basic skills in a fun, safe environment. To register for this **Try Hockey for Free** event, please visit www.TryHockeyForFree.com. For more information, contact Rob Galatiuk at rgally@hotmail.com.

AHHS DISNEY DAZZLE & DESSERT - Don't miss the 2nd annual Disney Dazzle and Dessert, November 4th and 5th. Performed by Alamo Heights High School Theatre and Choir students singing your favorite songs as Disney comes to life. Children are encouraged to wear costumes to pose with Disney Characters after the show. Tickets at <https://alamoheightshighschooltheatre.thundertix.com/events/115053>. See flyer for details, or visit our Theatre FaceBook page! A copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

SUPPORT AH MULES LACROSSE TEAMS - Dine out at Julian's on Monday, November 6th, 5:00-9:00 pm, and Julians will donate a portion of sales to Alamo Heights Lacrosse. A copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

AHISD HEART OF HEIGHTS - INTERNET SAFETY FOR PARENTS presents Tori Walker from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children on Wednesday, November 8th at 10:00 am in the Alamo Heights High School Foyer. She will be discussing the apps and websites kids are using, how to identify warning signs of kids engaged in risky behavior online, and how to discuss appropriate online behavior with kids. Topics include cyberbullying, sexting, sharing too much information online, online privacy, and abduction prevention. 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.

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.

AHISD BREAKING THE SILENCE - Starting the Conversation: Recognizing Depression & Anxiety in children and adolescents is presented by Valerie Moczygemba, M.A., LPC-1 on Monday, November 13, 2017, at 6:00 pm in the AHJS Auditorium. For more information contact Catherine Widder, LCSW at widder@ahisd.net or call 210-832-5956. A copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

DAVID'S LEGACY FOUNDATION invites you to an exclusive pre-screening of the movie "Wonder" on Tuesday, November 14th, 6pm at Santikos Embassy 14, 13707 Embassy Road. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/prescreening-of-wonder-to-benefit-davids-legacy-foundation-tickets-38844063640?aff=eivtefrnd>. Everyone in attendance will receive a David's Law Pledge sticker, and the opportunity to have their name on a set of stickers sent to schools across Texas. The pledge is part of a campaign that brings awareness and support to David's Law, a new law that protects Texas children by treating cyberbullying offenses as misdemeanors and establishing new channels of communication to report these criminal acts to law enforcement through their schools. "I pledge to never use my device as a weapon".

FACTORY OF CHAMPIONS "CHAMPS" WINTER BASKETBALL LEAGUE: 9 week season starts week of November 27th and ends mid-February 2018. Games and practices during the week. Boys 2nd to 5th Grade Divisions, Girls 1st/2nd and 4th Grade. Space is limited - please visit <http://factoryofchampions.com/event/the-factory-winter-basketball-league/>

YMCA WINTER SPORTS - Registration is now open for the YMCA Winter Sports. 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.

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.