



AHJS Monday Mail

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AHJS News

The District Wellness Coordinator, Cat Widder, will be meeting with the Junior School students during their lunch periods on Wednesday January 24th. She will be talking with them about the negative effects of vaping/e-cigarettes. Additionally, she will discuss specific ways to handle peer pressure related to vaping/e-cigarettes.

AHJS is proud to present Wizard of Oz Young Performer's Edition. Join us for this classic tale STRAIGHT OUTTA OZ. You will see a talented group of students who will make you believe you are NOT IN KANSAS ANYMORE, and remind you IT'S NOT WHERE YOU'VE BEEN BUT WHO YOU MEET ALONG THE WAY. January 25, 26, 27, 2018 in the AHJS Auditorium. Admission is Free! T-shirts will be on sale for \$15.

Boys and Girls Tennis: On Wednesday January 24th 6:00-6:30, in the Little Theater, there will be an informational meeting for parents and students interested in trying out for the 7th & 8th grade AHJS tennis teams. If you have any questions please contact Coach Osborne at 210.824.3231 ext 1209 or nosborne@ahisd.net.

7th & 8th grade AHJS trip to Boston Massachusetts-The dates for this summers AHJS trip to Boston Massachusetts have been changed to Tuesday June 5th through Saturday June 9th, 2018. As a result, registration has been reopened and it is not too late to sign up! The Final Payment Deadline is March 27th. For details, please contact Mr. Lake at 210.824.3231 or call School Tours Of America customer service directly at 1 (866) 543-9625.

UIL: Interested in having your child build their public speaking skills? Please click on this [link](#) or reach out to Mrs. Mata at mmata@ahisd.net for more information on our UIL Speaking event competitions in Spring! Students can compete in the following academic competitions: Impromptu, Modern Oratory, and Oral Reading. Practice sessions are held every Wednesday morning in room 222 with Mrs. Mata from 8:05-8:30.

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.

Transportation: For the safety of all the children and because of limited space on our buses, we are no longer allowing children to ride other buses home with friends.

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

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/Academic News

8th Grade Parents: The High School Counselors will hold a 9th Grade Scheduling Information Session for 8th grade parents to provide more detailed information on course selection, 4-year planning and pre-college planning.

-The session will be held in the auditorium at AHHS:

Wednesday, January 24th from 6:00-7:00 PM

- A presentation in Spanish will be held that same date and time:

Wednesday, January 24th from 6:00-7:00 PM in Room 100M

6th and 7th Grade Parents: AHJS will have its 6th to 7th/7th to 8th Grade Parent Transition Night on Tuesday, February 6th from 6pm to 7pm in the auditorium. Course recommendations, GT testing information, electives and new courses will be presented. Counselors and department representatives will be available for questions. If you have any questions, please contact the AHJS Guidance Office at 210-832-5790.

UIL Mule Madness Meet-Alamo Height Junior School is hosting our annual **UIL Mule Madness Meet** on **Saturday, January 27, 2017**. We are excited to host over 8 different middle schools from all over the city. Our UIL Invitational meet is a showcase of academic and intellectual competition that fuels the fire of academic rigor! Our UIL Academic Team consists of 6th, 7th, and 8th graders who have been competing in academic competitions since October this academic year. We look forward to hosting again this year! If you would like to volunteer or make donations, please contact Mrs. Mata at mmata@ahisd.net to learn how you can help! GO MULES!

Girls Basketball: 7th grade Blue & Gold Teams won against New Braunfels. 8th grade Gold won against New Braunfels and Blue hustled and worked hard. Go Mules!

Boys Basketball: 7th and 8th grade Blue & Gold teams won against New Braunfels good hustle from both teams! Go Mules!

Character Corner

Do you want to have talking topics for the dinner table? Do you want to know what AHJS is discussing in advisory? Well you are in luck. You now have the Character Corner. Character Corner will inform you of Character Education topics that we are discussing in advisory and on our campus. We will also attach relevant articles related to the topics we talk about and upcoming event information.



January 22nd

Goal Setting for the New Year

January 29th

Digital Citizenship

PTO News

Save the date! Springfest 2018 will be held **Friday, April 6 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.** Springfest, an afternoon of fun, games and activities for the entire community, is our largest fundraiser and provides much needed funds for our school. **Sponsorship opportunities are available at the following levels: Mighty Mule \$3,500+ (only one remaining for purchase), Gold \$1,500, Blue \$500, White \$250, Spirit any amount up to \$250. See attached letter and donor form for more information.** Please contact Amanda Bezner at amandabezner@gmail.com or Kelly Middleton at kellym Middleton@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Thank you to those businesses and families who have already contributed to making SpringFest 2018 a huge success!

Might Mule, \$3500 and up

Mission Orthodontics

Gold, \$1500 and up

Advanced Aesthetics Lopez Plastic Surgery / Grande Communications

Blue, \$500 and up

Speaker Joe Straus / Dullnig Ranches / Bartlett Cocke General Contractors

White Level, \$250 and up

Dripping Wet Water, Inc. / The Basso Family

Spirit Level – up to \$250

Cappy Lawton, Cappy's / Bradshaw Designs

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 are now ordered directly from Balfour at www.balfour.com. Simply enter Alamo Heights Junior High School as the school.

Junior School 2 Weeks at a Glance

Mon – 1/22	Tues – 1/23	Wed – 1/24	Thurs –1/25	Fri – 1/26	Sat – 1/27
GBB vs Canyon (AHHS Mule Dome) 5PM Adult ESL 6PM	Band Pizza Party (Cafeteria) 4PM	BBB Pictures 7 th 8:30am 8 th 3:15pm Lunch Presentations- (District Wellness Counselor) Tennis Parent Mtg. (Little Theatre) 6PM Adult ESL 6PM	Family Night/No Homework BBB vs Corbett 8gr. away/7gr.home (5PM) Theatre Production - The Wizard of Oz (Aud) 7PM BBB White Team vs Corbett 8gr (away) 4PM	Theatre Production - The Wizard of Oz (Aud) 7PM	Mule Madness-Academic UIL Meet (AHJS) Theatre Production - The Wizard of Oz (Aud) 7PM
Mon – 1/29	Tues – 1/30	Wed – 1/31	Thurs –2/1	Fri – 2/2	Sat – 2/3
Progress reports distributed Adult ESL 6PM	Girls Soccer tryouts (main field) 4:00pm-5:30pm Breaking the Silence-Anxiety and Perfectionism (JS Auditorium) 7PM	Girls Soccer tryouts (main field) 4:00pm-5:30pm Adult ESL 6PM	Girls Soccer tryouts (main field) 4:00pm-5:30pm BBB vs Spring Branch(8gr.home /7gr. away) 5PM Strings Side by Side Concert (Auditorium) 6:30pm BBB White Team vs Corbett(AHJS)7gr 4PM	Girls Soccer tryouts (main field) 4:00pm-5:30pm Strings Rollercade Social 4PM Band Practice Marathon(FA Bldg, Audit, Little Theatre, 6 gr. annex) 6PM	

District/Community News

Alamo Heights Band Association - The AH Band Association will have a Taco Cabana Benefit Night to raise fund for the band on Thursday, January 25th, 5-9 pm at the Taco Cabana located at 1253 Austin Highway. You must mention school benefit night to earn credit.

Dear Parents, We are offering an opportunity for you and your children to receive the flu vaccine at school. Health Heroes of Texas will provide nursing staff for a flu shot clinic on Friday, January 26 at Howard ECC, Woodridge, Cambridge, AHJS and AHHS. You will need to complete the attached paper work entirely and return to your child's school nurse by Thursday, January 25 in order for your student to receive the vaccine. The flu vaccine helps to decrease the incidence of flu and hospitalizations. Flu season peaks from late November to mid-March so it is not too late to take care of this important task.

For adults & students with insurance, the company will be billed for payment. For students who are underinsured or un-insured the vaccine is free, but all paperwork must be completed. Aetna TRS

Select Open Access and TRS Active Care Select are two insurances not accepted by Health Heroes of Texas. Adults without insurance can receive the vaccine for \$20.

Here is the schedule:

- 8:00-8:30 Howard Early Childhood Center
- 9:00-10:00 Woodridge Elementary
- 10:30-11:30 Alamo Heights Jr High
- 1:00-2:00 Alamo Heights High School
- 2:15-3:15 Cambridge Elementary

Please call me with any questions: 210-832-5903.

Best Regards, Kathi Martinez RN, AHISD Health Services Coordinator

A copy of the form can be found on our website

at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

Breaking the Silence: Perfectionism and Anxiety - Join Dr. Madeleine Reichert on Tuesday, January 30th, 7:00 pm, AHJS Auditorium, as she discusses Perfectionism and Anxiety. For more information a copy of the flyer can be found on our website

at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

BAT BOY - Be an Alamo Heights Baseball Bat Boy! Let your 3rd - 6th grade player be in the dugout for a Mule Baseball game. For more information contact Barbara Iverson at 210.213.5129 or barbarai@ahisd.net. A copy of the flyer can be found on our website

at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

Be a Bat Girl at the home softball games. Contact Maggie Welham (head softball coach) at 210-260-9794 or mwelham@ahisd.net if interested.

Mighty Mules Night: An Open Boys Basketball Practice - Wednesday, January 24, 2017, 4:30-5:30. Mighty Mules Night is an annual open practice for basketball players of all ages and their parents. The varsity basketball team will hold a regular practice and then afterwards high school players will be available to answer questions about what it's like to be a freshman, JV, and varsity basketball player. Parents and young players will be able to hear from high school athletes themselves about the academic demands high school presents, playing multiple sports, tryouts, or any other questions parents or players might have about playing high school basketball.

Destination Imagination is taking orders for the 2017-2018 t-shirt. Each t-shirt is \$20.00. To order, click on this link [HERE](https://goo.gl/2SVUbG) (<https://goo.gl/2SVUbG>). This online order form will need to be completed by Friday, February 2nd at 4:00 PM. Monies will need to be turned in to Alicia Caballero at Central Office, 7101 Broadway, San Antonio, TX 78209 by Friday, February 2nd at 4:00 PM. Please note, t-shirts will only be ordered if we have collected the total payment. Cash and checks are accepted. Thank you for supporting Destination Imagination.

Mules Lacrosse Starts 1st Week of February! All teams (Grades 1-4) (Grades 5-8) (Grades 9-12) will begin practice in early February. For more information and registration go to www.MulesLax.com, or contact Peter Zacher, HousewareInsider@gmail.com, 210.396.6614. Please register ASAP if you are a returning player.

SOA 2018 LEAGUE - Register now for the 2018 Basketball and Volleyball leagues. For more information a copy of the flyer can be found on our website

at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

Softball Fundamentals Clinic for Ages 7-14 - Thursday, January 25th, 4:30-7:00 pm, at the softball field, given by the Mule Softball Coaching staff and players.

AH Fort Sam Houston - Registration is now open for the AHFSH Youth Soccer - Fire Soccer Club. For more information a copy of the flyer can be found on our website

at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.