



AHJS Monday Mail

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AHJS News

Tennis-Attention Seventh and Eighth Graders. If you missed the tennis meeting, please come by room 504 during flex to pick up your paperwork. Tryout forms and medical releases are due no later than **February 9, 2018**. Please go to the tennis [webpage](#) for more info. Nicole

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Girls Who Code Club: Are you interested in coding? Join us on January 29th or February 5th after school in room 121 for more information on Girls Who Code. We will meet on Mondays after school until 5:15pm. Any 6th, 7th or 8th graders interested in sharing your passions through coding are invited to attend. Please contact Susan Frey sfrey@ahisd.net or Cindy Puchalski cpuchalski@ahisd.net for more information.

Destination Imagination- Support the JS Destination Imagination Teams by wearing your hat to school on Friday, Feb. 2nd. There will be a minimum \$1 dollar donation collected at the beginning of school.

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 8:05am-8:30am.

After School Study Hall: Homework help is available for AHJS students every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 4:00pm-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.

JS Student Highlights/Academic News

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.

Wizard of Oz- Our students did an amazing job during all 3 performances. Thank you Mrs. Bynum and Mrs. Buentello for your commitment!

Science Olympiad- This past weekend at the Anthony Middle School SO Invitational, our Alamo Heights Science Olympiad Team had 9 top ten finishes in the various disciplines:

1. Ecology - 8th place
2. Fast facts - 8th place
3. Meteorology - 8th place
4. Microbe mission - 7th place
5. Mystery architecture - 4th place and 5th place
6. Optics - 8th place
7. Potions and poisons - 5th place
8. Road scholar - 8th place

Overall the Alamo Heights SO team came in 10th place and look forward to moving up in future competitions. Our next meet is on February 16th and 17th at Brazoswood Middle School in Houston.

Girls Basketball: Congratulations to the Girls Basketball Teams for a great season...Go Mules!
Boys Basketball: 7th Grade Blue and Gold Teams and 8th Grade White Team won against Corbett.
Good hustle!

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.



February is the month that we focus on Empathy.

February 5th	Empathy: Recognizing Feelings
February 12th	Empathy: Creating an Advisory Family Mantra
February 26th	Empathy: Understanding the Needs of Others
March 5th	Empathy: Keeping Your Cool

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 kellymiddleton@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+

- Mission Orthodontics
- Britton Orthodontics

Gold - \$1500+

- Advanced Aesthetics Lopez Plastic Surgery
- Alamo Heights Pediatric Dentistry
- Grande Communications
- Dr. Roy Gonzalez, Jr Orthodontist
- Jefferson Bank

Blue - \$500+

- Speaker Joe Straus
- Dullnig Ranches
- Bartlett Cocke General Contractors
- Julian Gold
- Little Spurs Pediatric Urgent Care

- Maloney Family
- Mary and Peter Turnbull

White – \$250+

- Dripping Wet Water, Inc.
- Dorothy and Cory Basso
- Brainiac, LLC
- Clayton & Clayton, PC
- Cryofit
- The Hildebrand Family
- Jason's Deli
- The Kell Family
- Julie and Peter Zacher

Spirit

- Cappy's, Inc.
- Bradshaw Designs
- Lucia and Jason Carter
- Mr. and Mrs. Clare Flesher
- Amy & Bill Goforth
- Julie Hill
- La Fonda on Main
- JoLynn Meador
- Dr. Ann Cross, Olmos Park Animal Hospital
- Pat Maloney Jr.

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 – 1/29	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) 4-5:30pm Breaking the Silence-Anxiety and Perfectionism (JS Auditorium) 7PM	Girls Soccer tryouts (main field) 4-5:30pm Adult ESL 6PM	Girls Soccer tryouts (main field) 4-5:30pm 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) 4-5:30pm Strings Rollercoade Social 4PM Band Practice Marathon(FA Bldg, Audit, Little Theatre, Annex) 6PM	
Mon – 2/5	Tues – 2/6	Wed – 2/7	Thurs –2/8	Fri – 2/9	Sat – 2/10
Site Based Meeting 4:15PM Adult ESL 6PM	6/7 to 7/8 th Grade Course Selection (AHJS Auditorium) 6PM	Adult ESL 6PM	Honors Band to Cambridge Elem. BBB vs Smithson Valley (8gr. away/7gr. home) 5PM BBB White Inter-Squad(AHJS) 5PM	Honors Band to Woodridge Valentine Dance(GGYM) 5:30PM-7:30pm	Girls Soccer AHJS vs. Dobie 9AM (away) AHJS vs. Corbett 10:30am (away)

District/Community News

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.

It is time for Feedback February! AHISD values input from families – and we need to hear from you. You are an important partner as we work to improve our communication, academic program and overall experience for students and their families. In order to learn more about student and family experiences in AHISD, we will be asking for your feedback via a survey that you will be receiving on February 5th. See the attached flyer for more information at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

SAVE THE DATE - On Wednesday, April 11, 2018, from 6:00 - 7:30 pm at the High School, we will be hosting our annual [AH Showcase of Engaged Learning](#). This is an evening where teachers and students from across the district come together to showcase the engaging work that is occurring in their classrooms. Our theme this year is ["Reimagine."](#) For more information a copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

SHOWCASE T-SHIRT CONTEST - Each year, students are encouraged to participate in the Showcase of Engaged Learning T-shirt Contest. The winner of the contest will receive an iPad. The design will be displayed on the cover of the program and on the Showcase T-shirts. Please encourage your child to participate in the contest. All entries are due to the campus front office no later than Friday, February 16, 2018 by the end of school day. For more information a copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

THE CLASSIC THEATRE - CAMP CLASSIC is a Theatre Arts-based summer camp for children ages 5-13 of all ability level. For more information a copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

GIRLS ON THE RUN - Join Girls on the Run at AHJS this spring in our 6th - 8th grade program, Heart & Sole! For more information a copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

CALLING ALL 3RD TO 5TH GRADE GIRLS - Get ready for Girls on the Run this spring at Cambridge and Woodridge Elementary. For more information a copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

FREE SHRED DAY - As a service to its customers and to the community, Plains Capital Bank will host free document shredding on Friday, February 16th at its branch at 7925 N. New Braunfels between 7:30 am and 9:00 am.

AHFSH GAINS IN THE EDUCATION OF MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE (GEMS) CAMP FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS - The program is laboratory-based and provides every student with an opportunity to participate in scientific experiments. For more information a copy of the flyer can be found on our website at

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

RED DRESS 5K FUN RUN & WALK - Join us in honoring those affected by heart disease. Wear red or your favorite red dress and join us for the sixth annual Red Dress 5K Fun Run & Walk at Methodist Stone Oak Hospital. 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.

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.

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.