



## AHJS Monday Mail

### Week of 5 February 2018

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### AHJS News

**It is National School Counseling Week!** Take a moment to thank our counselors to show them how much we love them.

**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. Contact Nicole Osborne if you have any questions [nosborne@ahisd.net](mailto:nosborne@ahisd.net)

**Girls Who Code Club:** Are you interested in coding? Join us 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](mailto:sfrey@ahisd.net) or Cindy Puchalski [cpuchalski@ahisd.net](mailto:cpuchalski@ahisd.net) for more information.

**AHJS GOLF-** Please contact Coach Bond ([mbond@ahisd.net](mailto:mbond@ahisd.net)) if you are a 7th or 8th grade boy or girl and you want to try out for the AHJS Golf Team. Tryouts will be the week of Feb. 27-Mar 2. There will also be a second informational meeting Feb. 21 @ 6pm in the boy's gym.

**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup>. For details, please contact Mr. Lake at 210.824.3231 or call School Tours Of America customer service directly at 1 (866) 543-9625.

**From the Nurse:** Fever Policy reminder, A student with a temperature of 100 degrees or more will be sent home from school. Our policy is to be fever free for 24 hours without the use of antipyretic medications such as Tylenol or Motrin before returning to school. The policy is strictly enforced to prevent the spread of illness to other students and staff. If you have any questions, please call the school nurse at 210.832.5810.

**Destination Imagination Book Drive:** The Destination Restoration 6th grade DI team is holding a book drive for Houston libraries impacted by Hurricane Harvey. Donation boxes are set up throughout the junior school. Please bring gently used books by Wednesday, February 7th. Any level books (childrens, tweens, adult, etc) are appreciated!

**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](mailto: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.

**UIL-** This past Saturday, our school hosted our annual UIL Invitational "Mule Madness" in which we hosted ten different schools from the San Antonio area to compete in over 14 different academic competitions. We are grateful to our parents and faculty members who helped us plan, prep, and execute all the moving parts in order to host a successful meet. We took home the 2<sup>nd</sup> place Sweepstakes trophy!

**Boys Basketball:** 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Blue and Gold Teams won against SBMS and 7<sup>th</sup> grade White hustled against Corbett! 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Blue & Gold Teams hustled against SBMS. Go Mules!

**Cyber Patriot-** Jr High school team # 10-2161 (Blue Stars) competed in the Cyber Patriot state round competition and finished 3rd overall! These young men have earned the right to advance to the national semi-final round on 9 February 2018. Team members are: Jacob Williams, William Villa, Daniel Robelo, Victor Falvo, and Zane Colbert.

## 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.**

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

## PTO News

**The Sixth Grade Girls Service Club-** will meet on Tuesday, February 13 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the AHJS Cafeteria. The girls will learn about life in Haiti from teacher Cookie Harris, as well as find out about the Green Door Thrift Shop, whose proceeds go to charity.

**Are you interested in serving on the AHJS PTO Board**, or know someone who is? The AHJS Nominating Committee is now accepting nominations for the PTO Executive Board for the 2018-2019 school year.

**Please click here to access and complete the nominating form online.** Nominations are due by **February 9**. Self-nominations are welcome and strongly encouraged. All inquiries and submissions are confidential. For questions, please contact [Susanne Marco](#).

**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](mailto:amandabezner@gmail.com) or Kelly Middleton at [kellymiddleton@gmail.com](mailto:kellymiddleton@gmail.com) if you have any questions. Secure your sponsorship for this great event for our school today! **Deadline is February 12<sup>th</sup>** to be included in printed materials. Thank you for your support of AHJS!

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
- Avestee Women's Imaging Center
- 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
- Lisa Nichols, Nic Abbey
- Laura Nelson

**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
- Dr. and Mrs. Richard Walton
- Kumon Alamo Heights
- Kathryn and Bill Dehlinger

**Spirit – Up to \$249**

- 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](mailto:amygcase@gmail.com)

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

## Junior School 2 Weeks at a Glance

Mon – 2/5	Tues – 2/6	Wed – 2/7	Thurs –2/8	Fri – 2/9	Sat – 2/10
Site Based Meeting 4:15PM  GSoccer Parent Mtg.(Health Rm) 5:30pm  Adult ESL 6PM	6/7 to 7/8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Course Selection (AHJS Auditorium) 6PM	Adult ESL 6PM	Honors Band visits Cambridge Elem.  BBB vs Smithson Valley (8gr. away/7gr. home) 5PM  BBB White Inter-Squad(AHJS) 7th 5PM/ 8 <sup>th</sup> 6PM	Honors Band visits Woodridge  Valentine Dance(GGYM) 5:30PM-7:30pm	Girls Soccer AHJS vs. Dobie 9AM (away) AHJS vs. Corbett 10:30am (away)
Mon – 2/12	Tues – 2/13	Wed – 2/14	Thurs –2/15	Fri – 2/16	Sat – 2/17
GSoccer vs Canyon MS (away)4:30pm  BBB vs Church Hill 8gr. (away/7gr. home) 5:00pm  Honors Band and 6 <sup>th</sup> gr Winter Concert (Auditorium) 7:00pm  Adult ESL 6PM	6th gr. girls Service Club (Cafeteria) 4PM	Adult ESL 6PM	BBB White Team vs Dobie(home) 5PM  Reg. Board Mtg. 6PM		Science Olympiad -Brazoswood Invitational Meet -Division B&C (Houston)

## District/Community News

**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](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](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](http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers).

**DESTINATION IMAGINATION** - Come support our Destination Imagination teams as they prepare for Regional Competition! Destination Imagination is hosting a FUNdraising Day on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. The event will be held at the Woodridge Gymnasiums and will include

performances by the Destination Imagination teams beginning at 12:30 p.m. Come enjoy lunch for \$5. Donations are accepted. 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).

**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](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](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](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](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](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](mailto:barbarai@ahisd.net). 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).

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

**Mules Lacrosse Starts** 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.MulesLax.com), or contact Peter Zacher, [HousewareInsider@gmail.com](mailto:HousewareInsider@gmail.com), 210.396.6614. Please register ASAP if you are a returning player.

**ALAMO HEIGHTS NIGHT** - Friday, April 20, 2018, 5:30 - 11:30 PM at the University of the Incarnate Word. 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).

**2ND ANNUAL AH09 5K A GREAT PLACE TO WALK/RUN** - Saturday, April 21st, 8:30 am, at the Alamo Heights City Hall Parking Lot, 6116 Broadway. 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).

**STANDARD OF ATHLETICS (SOA)** - Registration is now open for the Spring League. 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).

**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](http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers).

**NFL FLAG FOOTBALL** - Registration is now open for the 2018 Spring Flag Football League. 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).

**LADENSOHN LECTURE** - Join us for our annual Graham Ladensohn Memorial Lecture on **February 19th at 8:30 AM in the HS Auditorium**. Guest speaker will be Allison Zmuda, full-time education consultant, who works with educators to grow ideas and to offer practical strategies on how to make learning for students challenging, possible, and worthy of the attempt. Flyer can be found on our website at [http://www.ahisd.net/students\\_parents/student\\_flyers](http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers). **NOTE:** This lecture will also be streamed live on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/AHISD/>.