



AHJS Monday Mail

Week of 26 February 2018

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AHJS News

Mark your Calendars: Student Early Dismissal/Professional Development time for our Teachers – Thursday, March 8th. Students will be dismissed at 12:45.

AHJS GOLF- Please contact Coach Bond (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.

The Scholastic Book Fair: starts on Monday, February 26th and ends on Friday, March 2nd. Students may shop before school, at lunch and during the school day with their teacher's permission. Book Fair hours are 8:00 am-4:15 pm each day. Also, you will have the opportunity to shop with your child during our Family Shopping Event Thursday, March 1st, from 4:00-6:30 pm. We are pleased to bring you this Book Fair, because it gives you and your children the opportunity to buy carefully selected, quality books and products at affordable prices. All proceeds from the Book Fair will benefit our Library programs. Students can pay with cash, credit cards or checks made out to AHISD. If you are sending money in with your child, please do not forget to add the 8.25% sales tax. As always, our Scholastic Book Fair promises to be a great event for literacy. We urge you to attend and look forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions, please feel free to email our librarian, Jo Chasse at cchasse@ahisd.net

GT Testing: If you would like your student to be tested for GT courses for 2018-19, the Junior School will be offering two testing dates: **Saturday, March 24** and **Saturday, April 14**. Students must attend **ONE** of these sessions. A Permission to Test form may be obtained in the Junior School Guidance Office. This form must be filled out and returned by **Friday, February 23**. More information regarding the specific details of the testing date will be emailed to you in early March after the permission forms have been collected. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Sheppard at 832-5823 or jdshepp@ahisd.net.

NJHS: National Junior Honor Society Candidate Forms are officially available! 7th and 8th grade students who meet the selection criteria, as listed on the Candidate Form, are welcome to submit their completed form to Mrs. Mata in room 222 or via email at mmata@ahisd.net. **Deadline to submit is Friday, March 23, 2018.** Our NJHS Faculty Council will review all Candidate Forms. Induction ceremony will be Thursday, May 3rd from 6-7:30pm in our school auditorium. Please visit [Mrs. Mata's Teacher Page](#) to access the Candidate Form.

STAAR Testing: Please mark your calendars. Please note: The campus will be closed to all visitors on these days (even if your child is not testing).

- Tuesday, 10 April: all **7th and 8th grade students** will take the Writing Test
- Wednesday, 11 April, all **7th grade Pre-AP math students and 8th grade Pre-Algebra students** will take the 8th grade Math Test
- Thursday, 12 April and Friday, 13 April, Make-up Testing days.
- Thursday, 10 May, all **Algebra students** will take the Algebra End of Course exam.
- Monday, 14 May, all **6th grade students** will take the 6th Grade Math Test and all **7th grade students taking grade level math** will take the 7th Grade Math Test
- Tuesday, 15 May, all **6th and 7th grade students** will take the Reading Test
- Wednesday, 16 May, all **8th grade students** will take the Science Test
- Thursday, 17 May, all **8th grade students** will take the Social Studies Test
- Friday, 18 May – Make-up Testing Day

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 or Cindy Puchalski cpuchalski@ahisd.net for more information.

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.

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.

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

Boys Basketball: 7th Grade Blue and Gold Teams won against Oak Run! 8th Grade Blue & Gold Teams hustled! Go Mules!

Girls Soccer: Girls AHJS won against Smithson Valley last week! During Saturday's Tournament, the team tied their first game against Corbett and won the 2nd game 2-1 against Dobie. Go Mules! – Coach Boyer

AHJS Destination Imagination-This past weekend, our **4 AHJS Destination Imagination** teams competed in Regionals, here in San Antonio! We are so proud of their effort, hard work and most of all, their DI spirit – collaboration, problem solving and fun! Congratulations to our two teams who placed 2nd

6th graders – 7 Chirping Birds

Emma Heusinger, Avi Escodero, Elisa Ramos, Maeve McGregor, Phoebe Ford, Ella White, Lulu Chumney

6th graders – Destination Restoration

Sophia Bordelon, Ceily Moler, Olivia Sethney, Katie Rubiola, Audrey Short

and to our two teams who placed 1st, and will be moving on to State competition!

7th graders – Di'Namites

Ainslie Bashara, Charlie Holcombe, Dylan Corso, Emanuel Harris, Nadia Bujanda Moore

7th graders – Destination Domination

EJ Gonzales, James Cox, Noah Suttin, Scotty Richmond

Latin: Some of our 8th grade Latin students competed in the San Antonio area Junior Classical League competition on Saturday. Congratulations to the following students who placed in the top 5 of their testing categories. Kate Bryan, Bergen Dahl and Dylan McGinlay had 4th place finishes; Tripp Voight finished in 3rd place; and Bo Fuller, Jackson Hedgepeth, and Claudia Mendible-Diaz finished in 1st place.

Science Olympiad:

We're Headed to State!!! The Alamo Heights Blue Team (Alamo Heights A) finished 1st Overall and the Alamo Heights Gold Team (Alamo Height B) finished 3rd Overall at the Regional Science Olympiad Meet in McAllen on February 24, 2018. Amazing work and dedication throughout the school year has paid off and we look forward to the next weeks of preparation for success at the State Tournament at Texas A&M University from April 19th - 21st!! Go Heights! A Tradition of Excellence! - Cindy Puchalski
In the individual events, the Alamo Heights Blue Team (Alamo Heights A) and Alamo Heights Gold Team (Alamo Heights B) performed as follows:

1. Alamo Heights A was 1st overall in Anatomy & Physiology.
2. Alamo Heights A was 2nd overall in Battery Buggy.
3. Alamo Heights A was 1st and Alamo Heights B was 3rd overall in Crime Busters.
4. Alamo Heights A was 2nd and Alamo Heights B was 3rd overall in Experimental Design.
5. Alamo Heights A was 2nd and Alamo Heights B was 3rd overall in Fast Facts.
6. Alamo Heights A was 1st and Alamo Heights B was 3rd overall in Meteorology.
7. Alamo Heights B was 1st overall in Mystery Architecture.
8. Alamo Heights A was 2nd and Alamo Heights B was 1st overall in Optics.
9. Alamo Heights A was 1st and Alamo Heights B was 3rd overall in Potions and Poisons.
10. Alamo Heights A was 1st overall in Road Scholar.
11. Alamo Heights A was 1st overall in Rocks and Minerals.
12. Alamo Heights A was 3rd overall in Roller Coaster.
13. Alamo Heights A was 3rd overall in Solar System.
14. Alamo Heights A was 2nd overall in Towers.
15. Alamo Heights A was 1st and Alamo Heights B was 2nd overall in Write it Do it.

UIL: On Saturday, Feb. 17, 2018, the Alamo Heights Junior School Academic UIL Team competed in the 1st State Qualifying meet of the year. – Magdalena Mata

Congratulations to:

6th Grade:

Caroline Cordts won 4th place in History and Maps/Charts/Graphs, 5th place in Science, and 10th place in Dictionary Skills.

Campbell Dixon won 8th place in Maps/Charts/Graphs, and 9th place in Calculator Skills.

Adelaide Lake won 3rd place in History, 7th place in Maps/Charts/Graphs, and 8th place in Spelling.

Caroline Cordts qualified to compete at the State meet in Number Sense, Calculator Skills, and Science.

Campbell Dixon qualified to compete at the state meet in Calculator Skills!!

7th Grade:

Kameron Kelly won 5th place in History, 6th place in Calculator Skills, 8th place in Math, and 10th place in Number Sense.

James Kendrick won 1st place in Calculator Skills and Math, 4th place in Science, and 5th place in Number Sense.

Marcos Ramirez won 2nd place in Calculator Skills, and 8th place in Number Sense.

James Kendrick, and Marcos Ramirez qualified to compete at the State meet in Calculator Skills!!

8th Grade:

Sam Guven won 2nd place in Number Sense and Calculator Skills, and 3rd place in Math.

Andrew Holzbach won 1st place in Calculator Skills, 2nd place in Math, 3rd place in History, 7th place in Science and Number Sense.

Montgomery Hughes won 6th place in Calculator Skills, and 10th place in Maps/Charts/Graphs.

Chase Marshburn won 4th place in Calculator Skills

Carson Ocker won 1st place in Science and History, 7th place in Math, and 9th place in Number Sense.

Jolie Trotti won 6th place in Science, 8th place in Calculator Skills, and 10th place in Number Sense.

Sam Guven, and Andrew Holzbach qualified to compete at the State meet in Calculator Skills. Carson Ocker qualified to compete at the State meet in Science.!!

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 26th
March 5th

Empathy: Understanding the Needs of Others

Empathy: Keeping Your Cool

PTO News

AHJS Spring Book Fair: Volunteers are needed to staff the Spring Book Fair, February 26-March 2. Tasks include fair set-up/ break down and book sales. Sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c44a5ae2daaf85-ahjs>. For more information, contact Maria Spencer-Etienne (210) 253-0896.

Save the date! Springfest 2018 will be held **Friday, April 6 from 4:00pm - 6:00pm.**

Springfest, an afternoon of fun, games and activities for the entire community, is our largest fundraiser and provides much needed funds for our school. **Thank you to our sponsors!**

Mighty Mule \$3500+

Mission Orthodontics

Britton Orthodontics

Gold \$1,500+

Advanced Aesthetics Lopez Plastic Surgery, Alamo Heights Pediatric Dentistry, Avestee Women's Imaging Center, Grande Communications, Dr. Roy Gonzalez, Jr. Orthodontist, Jefferson Bank, Matt West - Fast Signs, Camille Mandigo - Trade Craft, Christianson Air Conditioning & Plumbing

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, Corie Properties - Beth Lockwood, The Emergency Clinic of Alamo Heights, R.C. Page Construction, The Alcove, Frost Bank, The Padilla Family

White \$250+

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Pat Maloney Jr., The Dorbandt Family
Alamo Heights Pet Clinic,
Brooke and Matthew Bell, Chester's Hamburgers,
Susie Guven, The Bitter Family, Vince Cantu, Mary and David Doggett,
Carrie and Joe Johnston

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 - 2/26	Tues - 2/27	Wed - 2/28	Thurs -3/1	Fri - 3/2	Sat - 3/3
Scholastic Book Fair (Library)	Scholastic Book Fair (Library)	Scholastic Book Fair (Library)	Scholastic Book Fair (Library)	Scholastic Book Fair (Library)	GSoccer Tournament (Church hill MS)- 10:30am and 1:30 pm
BBB vs Canyon8gr.home/7 gr.away 5PM	B/G Track Parent Meeting (BGym) 6:00pm-6:30pm	Adult ESL (Cafeteria, Rms. 109 & 111) 6PM	Book Fair Family Event (Library) 4:00-6:30pm	Band Pre UIL Clinic/Lock-In (FA Bldg., Auditorium) 6PM	
Adult ESL (Cafeteria, Rms. 109 & 111) 6PM	Spring Theatre Productions-8th Period	Spring Theatre Productions-4th Period Production	GSoccer vs Church Hill (AHHS)4:30pm		
			Strings Spring Concert		

Spring Theatre Productions-3rd Period <i>Production And They All Lived</i> (Little Theatre) 6:15pm	Production <i>Mid Summer Night's Dream</i> (Little Theatre) 6:30 pm	<i>Scapin</i> (Little Theatre) 6:15pm Golf Tryouts (Girls) Purim	(Auditorium) 6:30pm Golf Tryouts (Boys) Purim		
Mon – 3/5	Tues – 3/6	Wed – 3/7	Thurs – 3/8	Fri – 3/9	Sat – 3/10
Gr.8 NAEP assessment date(Aud) Adult ESL (Cafeteria, Rms. 109 & 111)6PM	TELPAS testing(Aud) Men's Choir UIL Concert & Sightreading Contest (Eisenhower MS) Tennis vs Boerne S. (away) Band Pre-UIL Concert (AHHS Aud)	Band Assembly 6, 7, 8 Grades 1:45-3:45PM Women's Choir UIL Concert & Sightreading Contest (Eisenhower HS) Adult ESL (Cafeteria, Rms. 109 & 111)6PM	TELPAS make-up testing(Aud) Students early release/Staff prof.dev. 12:45pm Track Meet vs Boerne S,Canyon,N.Braunfels,Dobie (Boerne HS) 4:30pm Summer with Strings (Girls Gym) 5:30pm		

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.

Healthy Heights Tip of the Week: When you cook at home you have more control over ingredients and portion sizes, so aim to cook at home more often than eating out. Get great recipes and tips at heart.org/recipes.

AH HEART OF HEIGHTS BREAKING THE SILENCE - SOCIAL HOSTING WITH TEENS - Join us for a very important conversation on the trends in underage drinking throughout Bexar County on Wednesday, February 28th, 6 PM, AHHS Auditorium. For more information a copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

MARTHA SPOOR YOUNG WRITERS SUMMER WORKSHOPS: Does your 6th or 7th grade child love to write? Have them apply to be a part of this wonderful opportunity to develop their writing skills this summer. Workshop Dates: June 4-8 (9:00 am-2:00 pm) Applications due to English teachers by: Thursday, March 22, 2018. Made possible by the Alamo Height School Foundation.

http://www.ahisd.net/departments/curriculum_instruction/martha_spoor_young_writers_workshop/

AH ACADEMIC SUPPORT GROUP - Is a group of parents, teachers and administrators who for over 20 years have supported and continue to promote the best interests of the AH Gifted, Advanced Placement, and Honors Programs and other academic programs, clubs and contests of AHISD. For more information a copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

INTERESTED IN TRYING OUT FOR CHEER OR MASCOT? The Alamo Heights Cheer and Mascot Program is happy to announce our tryout meeting on Feb. 28th in the High School Cafeteria at 7pm. This program is ranked amongst the top 5 Nationally, State and Regionally. While the teams are very talented, they are as well, hard working young ladies inside and outside the classroom. This program will help develop life long lessons one needs when entering college and the real world.

AH HEART OF HEIGHTS BREAKING THE SILENCE - KIDS, GUNS AND SAFETY - Join Danna Halff, from the Be SMART Campaign, as she leads a discussion about keeping our children safe, and the importance of having respectful dialogues surrounding firearms, guns and safety on March 5, 2018, 7-8 pm, Woodridge Elementary Auditorium. For more information a copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

AHISD VOLLEYBALL CAMP - Save the date! Alamo Heights Volleyball Camps for Grade 3rd - 9th have been set for June. For more information a copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

GIRL SCOUTS - In Girl Scouts girls can develop a strong sense of self, display positive values, seek challenges and learn from setbacks, and learn how to become leaders in their communities. Volunteers can also learn how to build these qualities within themselves, and help teach girls to become leaders. Learn how you can get a new Daisy troop for Kinder and/or 1st grade started by contacting Sara Pena at spena@girlscouts-swtx.org or call 210-349-2404. For more information a copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

THE BALLET CONSERVATORY OF SOUTH TEXAS presents "The Legend of the Bluebonnet" on March 3 & 4, 2018. Tickets are available through ticketmaster.com or Carver Box Office. For more information a copy of the flyer can be found on our website 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.

AHFISH 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

AHFISH YOUTH SOCCER - FIRE SOCCER CLUB - Registration is now open. For more information visit www.ahfsh.org or call 210.973.6002 or a copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

CAMP INVENTION - INVENT THE FUTURE TODAY - A summer enrichment program for students entering grades K-6 will be held at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church July 30 - August 3. Sign up by March 23 and save. For more information a copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.