



AHJS Monday Mail

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AHJS News

AHJS Movie Night hosted by **Destination Imagination!** Come and join the fun **Saturday, March 24th** – to support our 1st annual fundraiser as our 6 AH teams prepare for State and Globals competition. Bring a blanket, sleeping bag or chair and enjoy the show! We will have two showings in the Gym, one from 5:30 – 7:30 (**Despicable Me 3**) and the second 8:00 – 10:30 (**Night at the Museum**). Concessions will be available for purchase – pizza, popcorn, candy & soda. Please see our Facebook page (AHISD Destination Imagination – www.facebook.com/events/1798998420159190/?ti=c) for more information, or email campus sponsors, Ms. Zorn (kzorn@ahisd.net) or Mrs. Soupiset (asoupiset@ahisd.net).

8th Parents: I want to let you know that we have moved our 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony from Wednesday, May 30th to **Tuesday, May 29th, from 6:30 to 7:30PM**. Baccalaureate services were moved to Wednesday, May 30th, which presented a conflict for families who have 8th grade students at the JS and Seniors at the HS. Thank you in advance for your understanding and support- with this change we will be able to support our 8th Grade students and our HS Seniors as they celebrate these milestones in their lives.

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 grade students** will take the Writing Test **8th Grade students** will take the Reading 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

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.

Thank you- In an effort to make real-world connections and reveal relevance to the content taught in 6th grade Social Studies, Mrs. Lowe and Mrs. Sadosky solicited the expertise of parents to speak about their professions. Thank you to the parents who volunteered their time and expertise to this endeavor thus far. They look forward to continuing this meaningful experience with parents and students and welcome any more volunteers that connect to the last unit of study with culture.

Economics- Entrepreneurship

Mr. Randy Stetson- Kona Ice
Mr. Michael Girdley- Alamo Fireworks and Code Up
Mr. Curtis Cantwell- Cantwell Mattress
Mr. Ralph Voigt: Commercial Real estate
Mr. Clay Moore: Resale of construction equipment
Mrs. Miranda Harris: Grout Cleaning Business Planet Green
Mr. Jeff Radke: Black and Blue Fishing Club
Mrs. Stacey Smith- More Water- non-profit

Government

Ms. Mary Graves- NAVY
Judge Elizabeth Chestney- Federal Judge

Geography-

Mr. Roland Gutierrez- SAWS- Aquifers, sources, and recycling
Mr. Chris Jones- mapping-real estate appraisal Stouffer and Assoc.
Ms. Aida Guhlin-Cozzie- GIS and Demography
Mr. Sean Caporaletti- attorney-plotting out a tract of land from a legal description and using metes and bounds calls
Mr. Zimmerman- US Airforce retired- air navigation

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

Flex: Students will receive a new assignment for Flex Course V on 03/20. Flex Course V will be 3 weeks long and will run from 03/20 through 04/06.

Girls Track: AHJS girls track did an amazing job in our track meet this week. We had 27 – 7th grade places in the top 6 for their events. 7th grade finished 2nd place overall in the meet. 20-8th grade places in the top 6th for their events. 8th grade finished in 5th place in the meet. It was a great showing for our first meet of the season. Great job Ladies :)GO MULES!!!

Boys Track: Boys Track had a very competitive night as the boys showed up and performed well at the Boerne Relays. With many of our athletes this track meet was their first and there is a lot of potential for the future. Michael Dehlinger was the surprise of the night placing 2nd in Pole Vault as well as Cameron White throwing his way to a 3rd place finish in Discus. 7th graders Ethan Ball and Rhett Anderson tied for 3rd in High Jump while Trey Hildebrand and Aiden Kane ran their way to finish in the top 3 of their respective events. Overall, the night was cold and long but the boys showed up and competed to their best.

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.



March is the month that we focus on Youth Suicide Prevention.

This week, our advisory classes will be learning curriculum called LOOK LISTEN LINK. The LOOK LISTEN LINK curriculum has been evaluated locally and nationally reviewed and recognized on the "Best Practice Registry" of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention/Suicide Prevention Resource Center. LOOK LISTEN LINK lessons integrate interactive teaching and participatory learning principles. They focus on problem-solving skills. This program educates students about stress, anxiety and depression, and empowers them to get help for themselves and others when needed.

March 19 th	Suicide Prevention: Stress
March 26 th	Suicide Prevention: Reducing Stress
April 2 nd	Suicide Prevention: Depression
April 16 th	Suicide Prevention

PTO News

Sixth Grade Girls Service Club: There will not be a Sixth Grade Girls Service Club Meeting during the month of March. The group, which typically meets on the second Tuesday of the month, will meet again on Tuesday, April 10th and Tuesday, May 8th.

Springfest Friday, April 6th 4-6pm. **T-shirts, activity tickets, action passes** preorder at www.ahjspto.org or see attached form. Watch for **raffle tickets** to come home on Monday, March 26th. **Raffle prizes:** Girly Girl package(Jon Hart backpack, Lululemon GC, Kendra Scott GC, Jewelry GC, Photographer GC), Beats Wireless Headphones, Apple Watch 3, Apple iPad, Xbox-One. **Thank you to our sponsors!**

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Junior School 2 Weeks at a Glance

Mon – 3/19	Tues – 3/20	Wed – 3/21	Thurs –3/22	Fri – 3/23	Sat – 3/24
Adult ESL (Cafeteria, Rms. 109 & 111)6PM	Start of Flex Session VI Tennis vs Corbett MS (Clemens) 4:00pm Digital Parenting Session #4 (Library) 6:30pm 3 rd Nine weeks ends	Strings MS Orchestra UIL Concert & Sight- reading (San Marcos HS) Adult ESL (Cafeteria, Rms. 109 & 111)6PM	Strings MS Orchestra UIL Concert & Sight- reading (San Marcos HS) Tennis vs SA Academy 4:00pm Track Meet vs Oak Run, Smithson Valley, Church Hill, N. Braunfels (New Braunfels HS) 4:30pm Reg. Board Mtg. 6:00pm	Report Cards Distributed National Junior Honor Society Applications Due	
Mon – 3/26	Tues – 3/27	Wed – 3/28	Thurs –3/29	Fri – 3/30	Sat – 3/31
8gr. Panaramic Picture Adult ESL (Cafeteria, Rms. 109 & 111)6PM	Cafecito (PD Room) 8:00am Band UIL Tennis vs Churchhill (home) 4:00pm	Family Night/No Homework Band UIL Track Meet vs Canyon,Oak Run,Church Hill, Corbett (Canyon HS) 4:30pm Adult ESL (Cafeteria, Rms. 109 & 111)6PM	TELPAS Testing- Listening & Speaking (AUD) 8:45am	Good Friday No School	

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.

HEART OF HEIGHTS - DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP FOR PARENTS - On Tuesday, March 20th, 6:30 pm, AHJS Library you will learn how important your child's digital footprint is. For more information a copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

SHOWCASE OF ENGAGED LEARNING - 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."](#) This year's Showcase Design Contest winner is **Brady Gissell**, a 3rd grade student at Cambridge Elementary School. Congratulations to Brady on a job well done! 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 SCHOOL FOUNDATION - The Alamo Heights School Foundation is participating in the Big Give - San Antonio's day of giving back to the non-profit community! Support our schools, teachers and students by making a donation to the Alamo Heights School Foundation on March 22. Each campus has its own online page under AHSF on the Big Give website. Two campus grants will be given based on participation and donations. Click on the attached flyer for your campus link. Together we can Support Great Minds! C

CAMBRIDGE BALLOONFEST - Please join us for Cambridge Balloonfest on March 23rd from 3:45-6:30pm! Join us for us for carnival rides, games and food for ALL ages! Do you have a teenager that would like to volunteer or needs volunteer hours? Please sign up today, credit hours given! www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C094FAAA92DAB9-balloonfest3

AHJS SPRINGFEST - Please join us for SPRINGFEST on Friday April 6th 4-6 PM at AHJS!_ This event is our biggest fundraiser of the year full of fun, food and games. Mind Winder*100ft Slide*Carnival Games*Snow cones*Live DJ*Dunk a Teacher*Photo Booth*Bungee*

MARTHA SPOOR YOUNG WRITERS SUMMER WORKSHOP: 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 Heights School Foundation.

http://www.ahisd.net/departments/curriculum_instruction/martha_spoor_young_writers_workshop/ 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/STRIKERS VOLLEYBALL - 2018 TOTS LEAGUE - For all students in grades 4th - 6th. This six weeks of instruction begins on March 19th. 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.

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

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.

GIRL SCOUTS - The 2018 Camp Guide is out and it is full of fun and adventure. The camps are for girls K-12. For more information a copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

BUTTERFLY RELEASE - On May 1st at 4pm, Painted Lady Butterflies will soar in Alamo Heights as they are released at the Butterfly Garden on Viesca Street near the Hondondo Creek Trails and Heights Pool. In addition there will be information about monarch butterflies, their habitat, and the good plants that can be grown in our gardens to nurture butterflies and help them thrive. Water and cookies will be served. This is an event presented by the Alamo Heights-Terrell Hills Garden Club and is free and open to the public. Please join us!