



## AHJS Monday Mail

Week of 2 April 2018

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### AHJS News

**STAAR Testing 8<sup>th</sup> grade Students:** Wednesday, 11 April, all 8<sup>th</sup> grade Algebra Students will have a late entry on this day. If students would like to eat lunch at school they need to report by 1:10, if not students need to report by 2:15 to proceed to 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> period. We will have a supervised study hall for Algebra students who are unable to get a ride to school later in the day and need to come to school in the morning.

**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 **7<sup>th</sup> grade students** will take the Writing Test **8<sup>th</sup> Grade students** will take the Reading Test
- Wednesday, 11 April, all **7<sup>th</sup> grade Pre-AP math students and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Pre-Algebra students** will take the 8<sup>th</sup> 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 **6<sup>th</sup> grade students** will take the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Test and all **7<sup>th</sup> grade students taking grade level math** will take the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Test
- Tuesday, 15 May, all **6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students** will take the Reading Test
- Wednesday, 16 May, all **8<sup>th</sup> grade students** will take the Science Test
- Thursday, 17 May, all **8<sup>th</sup> grade students** will take the Social Studies Test
- Friday, 18 May – Make-up Testing Day

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents:** Please read the letter sent home with your student's report card regarding immunization requirements for your soon to be 7<sup>th</sup> grader. Thanks, Dardie Pringle, RN AHJS

**8<sup>th</sup> Parents:** Our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Ceremony moved from Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> to **Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 to 7:30PM**. Baccalaureate services were moved to Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, which presented a conflict for families who have 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students and our HS Seniors as they celebrate these milestones in their lives.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Pre-Athletics/7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Athletics:** To Parents of incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Pre-Athletics, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Athletics 2018-19 participants: Please plan to attend a mandatory Athletics Parent Meeting on Wednesday May 23 from 6-7pm in the AHJS auditorium.

\*Physicals forms and on-line signatures are due no later Monday August 20, 2018.

**Destination Imagination:** Thank you to everyone who came out in support of our 1<sup>st</sup> ever **AHJS Movie Night!** What a fun event, with little kids, big kids and parents enjoying the show! Collier Bashara was an excellent emcee! Thank you to all campus **Destination Imagination Sponsors** who attended and worked the event. A huge thank you to the **DI families** who donated pizza and the incredible projection screen. We hope you'll join us when we host this event again in the future. Your generous donations will support our **6 Destination Imagination teams** (students from both elementaries, Junior School & High School) on their way to **State Competition** in Dallas next week! Please reach out to campus sponsors if you'd like more info, or find us on Facebook (AHISD Destination Imagination) if you'd like to donate.

**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

**Honors Band Parents and Supporters:** Our Honors Band earned straight Division 1 ratings from all the judges, both in concert performance and in sight reading! I cannot begin to express to you how proud of them we as a band staff are. They played the most difficult selection of music ever in the history of the program and received outstanding comments from all the judges. I would also like to thank you for your support throughout this year and the past years your kid has participated in the program. All the early morning practices and long evening rehearsals help us achieve the success we achieved, and you are an integral part in making that happen. Great job again to all the kids for their amazing performance! ~Mr. McGrew, JS Band Director.

**Flex:** Students received 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:** Last Thursday the girls 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade track teams competed in a meet at New Braunfels High School. The 7<sup>th</sup> graders came in 3<sup>rd</sup> overall with many great performances. Trinity Wernicke had awesome long distance runs placing 1<sup>st</sup> in the 1600m, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 300m hurdles and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 800m. Alex Bitters placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the 300m hurdles and 4<sup>th</sup> in high jump. Meredith Perkins placed 1<sup>st</sup> in long jump and 4<sup>th</sup> in the 400m run. While the 8<sup>th</sup> graders had stand out performances from Anna Gracia, Bella Barrera and Anna Beth Tipton. Way to go Lady Mules. Their next track meet is Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup> at Canyon High School.

**Boys Track:** Track meet this week was held at Canyon High School in New Braunfels and overall the athletes performed well. Tommy Colligan and Rett Andersen earned 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in both the Long Jump and Triple Jump. While Ethan Ball, who ran the 400 Meter Dash for the first time, earned 2<sup>nd</sup>. Trey Hildebrand held off a competitor in a tight race, from Corbette, to earn 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 800 Meter Dash. Etheridge Zachary sprinted his way to 5<sup>th</sup> in the 200 Meter Dash and Sebastian Zepeda earned 4<sup>th</sup> overall in the 100 Meter Dash. The night was cut short due to weather but overall the boys track team had a great night! Go Mules!

**Boys & Girls Golf:** Girls and Boys Golf Team take 1st place in the first tournament of the year. Girls Individual honors go to Jacklyn Gonzalez-1st, Charlotte Gnam-2nd, Mary-Louise Buchek-4th Boys individual honors go to Gavin Story-1st, Bryce Womack 3<sup>rd</sup>. Way to 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.



**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.

April 2<sup>nd</sup>                      Suicide Prevention: Depression  
April 16<sup>th</sup>                     Suicide Prevention

### **PTO News**

**Springfest** Friday, April 6th 4-6pm. **T-shirts, activity tickets, action passes** preorder at [www.ahjspto.org](http://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.

**Volunteers make this event run smoothly.** Please consider giving a little time. **Sign up at** <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4caee2aa5f85-springfest3/19904107>

**Thank you to our sponsors!**

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**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 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.

## Junior School 2 Weeks at a Glance

<b>Mon – 4/2</b>	<b>Tues – 4/3</b>	<b>Wed – 4/4</b>	<b>Thurs –4/5</b>	<b>Fri – 4/6</b>	<b>Sat – 4/7</b>
TELPAS Testing-Make-ups  Site Based Mtg 4:15pm  Adult ESL (Cafeteria, Rms. 109 & 111)6PM  Passover	Author Visit  TELPAS Testing-Make-ups  Tennis vs Spring Branch MS (Smithson Valley) 4PM  Passover	TELPAS Testing-Make-ups  Adult ESL (Cafeteria, Rms. 109 & 111)6PM  Passover	Track Meet vs Corbett,Dobie,Smithson Valley,Church Hill (Lehnhoff Stadium/Clemens HS) 4:30pm  Passover	Springfest  Passover	Passover
<b>Mon – 4/9</b>	<b>Tues – 4/10</b>	<b>Wed – 4/11</b>	<b>Thurs –4/12</b>	<b>Fri – 4/13</b>	<b>Sat – 4/14</b>
No Flex/Advisory due to testing  Adult ESL (Cafeteria, Rms. 109 & 111)6PM	No Flex/Advisory due to testing  STAAR-gr.7 Writing/Gr.8 Math  Tennis vs Mountain Valley MS, New Braunfels MS(New Braunfels HS)  Choir Solo & Ensemble Contest (FA Bldg) 4:00pm	No Flex/Advisory due to testing  STAAR-Gr. 8 Reading  Adult ESL (Cafeteria, Rms. 109 & 111)6PM  Showcase of Engaged Learning (AHHS) 6:00pm	No Flex/Advisory due to testing  Tennis vs SA Christian School (away) 4:00pm  Track District Prelims vs Boerne S,Church Hill,Smithson Valley,N Braunfels(New Braunfels) 4:30pm  Theatre HOTHOAP Performance (Aud) 6:15pm	No Flex/Advisory due to testing	Theatre HOTHOAP (BMSN)

## District/Community News

**Healthy Heights Tip of the Week: Package your own healthy snacks.** Put cut-up veggies and fruits in portion-sized containers for easy, healthy snacking on the go, without the added sugars and sodium.

### UPCOMING HEART OF HEIGHTS PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS:

- **DIGITAL PARENTING SESSION #5 - LITERACY** - April 3rd, 10:00 am, at the HS Auditorium Foyer.
- **COFFEE WITH THE COUNSELORS** - Counselor Q&A: Open Forum - April 18th, 9:00 am, HS Auditorium Foyer.

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 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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**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\*

**ALAMO HEIGHTS POOL SHARKS** - Interested in joining a recreational summer league swim team for ages 4-18? Tryouts and registration for new swimmers will be held at AHHS on April 14 from 8-9:45am and on April 21 from 12-1:45pm. Registration for returning swimmers is open. For more information a copy of the flyer can be found on our website

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**ALAMO HEIGHTS NIGHT** - Presented by the Alamo Heights Rotary, Friday, April 20th, 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).

**AH GIRLS BASKETBALL SPRING LEAGUE** - For girls in grades 1st - 6th who attend Woodridge, Cambridge and Junior School. The league begins on April 30th. 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).

**SA WORKS SUMMER INTERNSHIP** - Get a real-world experience and grow the skills you'll need to pursue your career path, while making new connections and earning money. Internships are open to high school students who are 16-20 years old by June 1, 2018. For more information a copy of the flyer can be found on our website

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**RESPITE SUMMER DAY CAMP** - A camp for kids with special needs will be held on June 11 - August 3, 2018. For more information call Nickol at 210-737-1212, ext. 2015 or email at [ngomez@respitecaresa.org](mailto:ngomez@respitecaresa.org). 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).

**TRINITY TECH CAMP** - This camp is for girls who will explore and learn basic coding skills and design their own apps using Scratch. 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).

**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!

**GO BLUE WITH CASA** - Friday, April 6th is Texas Go Blue Day to show support for Child Abuse Prevention Awareness by wearing royal blue. 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).