



AHJS Monday Mail

Week of 9 April 2018

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AHJS News

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. **All 8th grade Algebra Students will have a late entry on this day. If Algebra 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 8th and 9th 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.**
- 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

National Junior Honor Society- All NJHS Candidate forms have been accepted and are currently under review by our AHJS Faculty Council. Special thank you to these members: Dr. Susan Frey, Katherine Cardone, Kathy Vasquez, John Sheppard, Amy Soupiset, Morgan Nichols, and Cindy Puchalski! Thank you to all the students, parents, and teachers that assisted in this process from writing letters of recommendation to emailing Mrs. Mata. Announcements will be made by Wednesday, April 25th. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Mrs. Mata at mmata@ahisd.net or our Administration team. Induction ceremony will be Thursday, May 3, 2018 from 6-7:30pm in the auditorium.

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

6th Grade Pre-Athletics/7th & 8th Athletics: To Parents of incoming 6th Pre-Athletics, 7th and 8th 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.

Incoming 9th Grade Athletic Parent/Student Meeting-

Room: Auditorium

Campus: High School

Time: April 16, 2018 6:00 PM-8:29 PM

Reason: Incoming 9th grade will have an opportunity to speak with the high school coaches regarding athletics

8th – 11th Grade Athletes: Cardiac and Athletic Screenings for 2018-19 high school athletics will take place at the AHHS cafeteria on Tuesday May 1st at 4pm. The AHHS athletic training staff is meeting with all current 8th-11th grade athletes, in the coming days, to distribute a packet and promote the event. Please ask your student athlete to share this packet with you. Students who participate must have their vitals checked in the AHHS athletic training room prior to 5pm on Thursday April 26th.

8th Parents: Our 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony will take place on Tuesday, May 29th, from 6:30 to 7:30PM. More details to come.

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: There will be NO Flex this week due to STAAR testing. Our last Flex Session will be a short 2 week Course and will begin on April 17th through April 28th.

Girls Track: On Thursday the 7th and 8th grade Lady Mules competed in a track meet at Lehnhoff Stadium. The 7th grade relay teams place 1st in the 4x2 and 4x4 and 2nd in the 4x1. As well as, Victoria Baker and Meredith Perkins placing in the top 3 of their respected field events. There were great performances from AnnaBeth Tipton in the 400m dash and the 8th grade girls. Overall it was a great night for the track teams. Go Mules Go! Next week are the Prelims for the district meet.

Boys Track: Last night the Junior School Boys traveled to Lehnhoff Stadium to compete in their last practice meet of the year. 7th grade boys earned 3rd place overall and our 8th grade boys earned 5th. Ethan Ball raced himself to a 2nd place finish in the 400 M dash barely missing first overall. Gary Mejia glided to a 2nd place finish in the 100 M hurdles and 1st in the 300 M Hurdles. In the High Jump Ethan Ball and Rett Andersen tied for 1st while Warren Lawrence earned 4th taking 3 of the top 6 spots. Manny Harris, Ethan Ball, Corbin Gunter, and Harrison Sobey ran the best time of the year so far in the 4x400 relay, finishing 2nd overall. In 8th grade Cameron White placed 1st in the Discus with his best throw of the year and Leo Oseguera Shot putted his way to a 2nd place finish. Next week the track team travels to New Braunfels High School to compete in the District Prelims. Come out and support your Junior School Mules. Mules Up!

Tennis: Congratulations to the AHJS Tennis Team who competed in a match versus Spring Branch last Tuesday 4/3. They played 20 one-set matches and were victorious in nearly all of them. Their overall standing in district right now is 1st place with one regular season match left before the district tournament. Keep it up Mules!

Boys & Girls Golf: Jacklyn Gonzalez shot 36 to lead the AHJS Girls team to a first place win at Landa Park. Jacklyn also had the low round for the tournament!! Charlotte Gnam finished 3rd and Jorie Losack a 6th place individual place. Bryce Womack led the boys shooting 41 and taking 3rd place individually. The Boys team finished 2 shots out of 1st place behind a strong Smithson Valley team. J.T. Jones and Wesley Helmer did their part with a pair of 47's. Nicholas Berlind shot 49 in his first tournament of the season.

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 16th Suicide Prevention

PTO News

Sixth Grade Girls Service Club Meeting: will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, in the AHJS Cafeteria.

Last PTO Meeting: Please join us for our final PTO meeting of the school year on **April 17th at 12:00** in the library. We will approve next year's PTO Executive board and announce Springfest success!!! There will not be a speaker, but a delicious lunch will be provided by the Eating Recovery Center.

Zoe's night AHJS- April 10th 5-9PM. 25% of proceeds go to AHJS

Junior School 2 Weeks at a Glance

Mon – 4/9	Tues – 4/10	Wed – 4/11	Thurs – 4/12	Fri – 4/13	Sat – 4/14
No Flex/Advisory due to testing Adult ESL (Cafeteria, Rms. 109 & 111)6PM	Closed Campus No Flex/Advisory due to testing STAAR-gr.7 Writing/Gr.8 Reading Tennis vs Mountain Valley MS, New Braunfels MS(New Braunfels HS) Choir Solo & Ensemble Contest (FA Bldg) 4:00pm	Closed Campus No Flex/Advisory due to testing Math STAAR-7th grade Pre-AP math students and 8th grade Pre-Algebra students Adult ESL (Cafeteria, Rms. 109 & 111)6PM Showcase of Engaged Learning (AHHS) 6:00pm	Closed Campus No Flex/Advisory due to testing STAAR make-up 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 HOTHOP Performance Play Title: Wild Strawberries (9 th period OAP students only) (Aud) 6:15pm	Closed Campus No Flex/Advisory due to testing STAAR make-up	Theatre HOTHOP (BMSN) Play Title: Wild Strawberries (9 th period OAP students only)

Mon – 4/16	Tues – 4/17	Wed – 4/18	Thurs –4/19	Fri – 4/20	Sat – 4/21
Progress reports distributed Adult ESL (Cafeteria, Rms. 109 & 111)6PM	PTO Mtg. (Library) 12:00pm Tennis -District Meet 7th grade New Braunfels HS 4:00pm	Tennis -District Meet-8th grade New Braunfels HS 4:00pm Adult ESL (Cafeteria, Rms. 109 & 111)6PM	Sp.Ed.8th gr.visit to HS STAMP Testing (AUD) Track District Finals (Canyon HS) 4:30pm Reg. Board Mtg. 6:00pm	STAMP Testing (AUD) Science Olympiad -Texas A&M State Meet -Division B&C (College Station, Tx) Talent Show Information Meeting (Cafeteria)	Science Olympiad - Texas A&M State Meet - Division B&C (College Station, Tx)

District/Community News

ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION Each year all AHISD parents are required to verify their child's enrollment through the Home Access Center (HAC) portal.

If you currently have a child attending school in the district, this is your opportunity to make changes to your child's personal information, as well as, sign the Student Code of Conduct, media release and other annually required documents. Please make sure all of your contact information is up-to-date including ALL emergency contacts for your child.

The deadline to complete the "Enrollment Verification" process is Tuesday, May 1, 2018.

You will need your Home Access Center (HAC) account username and password to complete this process. If you have forgotten your username and password for HAC, click the "Forgot my Username or Password" button on the HAC home screen. This [FAQ](#) document may help answer any questions you may have. If you have any problems, please do not hesitate to contact your child's campus for assistance. It is our goal to make this as easy as possible for you.

Enrollment Verification

Howard **210-832-5900**

Cambridge **210-822-3611**

Woodridge **210-826-8201**

Junior School **210-824-3231**

High School **210-820-8850**

HEALTHY HEIGHTS TIP OF THE WEEK: Do you know the [Salty Six for kids](#)? These six common foods contribute the most sodium to American kids' diets and include: **1.** pizza **2.** burritos & tacos **3.** cold cuts & cured meat **4.** bread **5.** chicken **6.** canned soup. Compare food labels and help your kids make healthy choices.

UPCOMING HEART OF HEIGHTS PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS:

- 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.

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

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.

Spring Drama t-shirts are on sale NOW! Use the link to purchase your spring AH Drama t-shirt for just \$16. The online store will close this Thursday, April 12. All shirts will be delivered to your campus. <https://ahdrama18.itemorder.com/sale>

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.

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

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. A copy of the flyer can be found on our website at 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.

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!