



## AHJS Monday Mail

Week of 23 April 2018

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### AHJS News

**Library-**The Junior School Library Used Book Sale will be May 7-10th, 2018. It is a great opportunity for students, teachers and parents to shop for great summer reading books. Shopping will take place during the school day. Paperback books will be .50 cents and hardcover books will be \$1.00. NOW through May 7th, the library is accepting donations of gently used books. All books will be accepted and can be dropped off in the library. Money raised from the book sale will support library programs.

**National Junior Honor Society-** Our Induction ceremony will take place on Thursday, May 3, 2018 from 6-7:30pm in the auditorium.

**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. We have also attached the letter to this Monday Mail. Thanks, Dardie Pringle, RN AHJS

**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.

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

**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).

- 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. **All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and 7<sup>th</sup> grade Pre-AP Math students will have a late entry on this day. A Late arrival schedule will be shared with you in the near future. We will have a supervised study hall for students who are unable to get a ride to school later in the day and need to come to school in the morning.**
- Tuesday, 15 May, all **6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students** will take the Reading Test. **All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will have a late entry on this day. A Late arrival schedule will be shared with you in the near future. We will have a supervised study hall for students who are unable to get a ride to school later in the day and need to come to school in the morning.**
- 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

**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:** Our last Flex Session will be a short two-week Course and will begin April 18th through April 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Do the Write Thing Texas Challenge 2018:** Nadia Bujanda-Moore and Austin Soupiset were our campus writing finalists and were recognized this week by Judge Arteaga. They both did a great job writing essays on violence prevention. Their essays were published in the *Essays from the Heart* book. Congratulations!

**Science Olympiad News:** Our Alamo Heights team worked hard and diligently this school year to make it to the Science Olympiad State Tournament at Texas A&M University this April 19th-20th. Their amazing work and dedication lead us to the State Tournament and the Team continued their efforts and finished 16th at the State Tournament. The Alamo Heights Science Olympiad Team was able to achieve Top 5 and Top 10 positions in the following individual events:

1. 4th in Mystery Architecture
2. 5th in Density
3. 8th in Anatomy & Physiology
4. 8th in Optics
5. 8th in Road Scholar
6. 9th in Meteorology
7. 9th in Solar System
8. 10th in Battery Buggy

The Team also achieved the following positions in the other individual events:

1. 11th in Disease Detectives
2. 12th in Crime Busters
3. 13th in Potions and Poisons
4. 14th in Experimental Design
5. 14th in Rocks and Minerals
6. 16th in Dynamic Planet
7. 16th in Ecology
8. 18th in Thermodynamics
9. 20th in Roller Coaster
10. 21st in Microbe Mission
11. 22nd in Herpetology
12. 22nd in Write it Do It
13. 23rd in Fast Facts
14. 23rd in Towers
15. 25th in Naked Egg Drop

We are very proud of the dedication and commitment these students showed throughout the year. It is a reflection of the commitment to Educational and Academic Excellence of Alamo Heights! ~Cindy Puchalski and Mike Snell

**Girls Track:** On Thursday April 19<sup>th</sup> the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Lady Mules competed in District Finals track meet at Canyon High School Stadium. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade team finished 4<sup>th</sup> place out of 10 schools overall, scoring 78 points. The 4X100 relay team placed 4<sup>th</sup>, The 4x200 m relay finished 2<sup>nd</sup>, The 4x400 m relay placed 5<sup>th</sup> place. Relay team members consist of the following girls- Charley Baker, Claire Walton, Darden Page, Campbell Stevens, Avery Pearl, Alex Bitter, & Abbey Mayes. Victoria Baker placed 4<sup>th</sup> in Pole Vault, Trinity Warnicke placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 800m run and 5<sup>th</sup> in the 1600m run, Alex Bitters placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the 300 m hurdles with a new school record of 49.94 seconds, Campbell Stevens placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 200 m dash, 1<sup>st</sup> in High Jump and 1<sup>st</sup> in long jump. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade team finished 9<sup>th</sup> place scoring 14 team points. The 4X100 relay team placed 8<sup>th</sup> relay team members are: Josie Stevens, Emma Gillespie, AnnaMaria Shulze, & Anna Gracia. AnnaBeth Tipton placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 100 meter hurdles, 4<sup>th</sup> in the 400 m run, and 5<sup>th</sup> in the 300m hurdles. Josie Stevens placed 8<sup>th</sup> in long jump. Overall it was a great night for the track teams. Congratulations to all the girls who qualified to participate in the finals. Go Mules Go!

**Boys Track:** Boys track had their last track meet of the season on Thursday at Canyon High School in New Braunfels. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade Boys ended up coming in 5<sup>th</sup> overall in the GVAC standings. A lot of personal bests were accomplished along with a bag full of medals earned. Some brief highlights from the track meet: Tommy Colligan earned 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall and Rett Andersen placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Long Jump. While Trey Hildebrand finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 800 Meter Dash. Ethan Ball ran his way to a nail biting 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in the 400 meter dash and Manny Harris sprinted his way to a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in the 100 meters. As the season comes to an end we are proud of all the athletes that ran track this year and came out to compete every week. It has been a great season! Go Mules!

**Boys & Girls Golf:** AHJS Golf took first place in the CMS tournament this week. Jacklyn Gonzalez led all players with a 42. The Boys finished in second. Bryce Womack led his team with a round of 41. The Mules are looking forward to a strong finish at the District Tournament next week.

## 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.



**April – May**

### **Healthy Sense of Self (Self-reflection and Celebrations)**

**April 23 :** Digital Citizenship- Safe internet searching practices


**April 30:** Inclusion Part I

**May 7:** Last advisory for the year. Inclusion Part II

## PTO News

**6th Grade Parents Meeting:** 11:30-1 on May 10. We will meet at the Hildebrand's home, 335 Charles Road with Speaker, Kristen A. Plastino, MD Professor Dept of Ob/ Gyn UT Health San Antonio. SAY IT! Don't Wait to Talk\_Parents play an important role in their children's lives. Parents can be a great resource for their children by talking about sexual health with them but often these conversations are a challenge for parents. What do I say? How much do I say? When do I start talking to my teen about sex? This presentation will provide parents with an opportunity to learn about current trends, communication tips, and handling tough questions in an age appropriate manner.

## Junior School 2 Weeks at a Glance

Mon – 4/23	Tues – 4/24	Wed – 4/25	Thurs –4/26	Fri – 4/27	Sat – 4/28
<p>Strings District Festival Concert- Blossom Athletic Center</p> <p>Adult ESL (Cafeteria, Rms. 109 &amp; 111)6PM</p>		<p>No Homework/ Family Night</p> <p>5th Gr. Tours</p> <p>Adult ESL (Cafeteria, Rms. 109 &amp; 111)6PM</p>	<p>Soccer Faculty vs Student Game 3:15pm</p>	<p><b>No School</b> Battle of Flowers</p> 	<p>Chess Tournament 8-4PM (AHJS)</p>
Mon – 4/30	Tues – 5/1	Wed – 5/2	Thurs –5/3	Fri – 5/4	Sat – 5/6
<p>Talent Show Auditions (Fine Arts Building) 4PM</p> <p>Adult ESL (Cafeteria, Rms. 109 &amp; 111)6PM</p>	<p>6gr. Theatre Daytime Performances</p> <p>Talent Show Auditions (Fine Arts Building) 4PM</p>	<p>6gr. Theatre Daytime Performances</p> <p>Talent Show Auditions (FA Bldg) 4PM</p> <p>NJHS Rehearsal (AUD) 4:15pm</p> <p>Adult ESL (Cafeteria, Rms. 109 &amp; 111)6PM</p> <p>Digital Parenting Session #6 (Library) 6:30pm</p>	<p>6gr. Theatre Daytime Performances</p> <p>Talent Show Auditions (Fine Arts Building) 4PM</p> <p>NJHS Induction Ceremony (Aud) 6PM</p>	<p>6gr. Theatre Daytime Performances</p> <p>Strings Solo &amp; Ensemble Contest (FA Bldg.) 4PM</p> <p>Band Dallas Trip</p>	<p>Band Dallas Trip</p>

## 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

**HEIGHTS CHEER CLUB** will have an informational meeting for parents and athletes for incoming 6th, 7th, and 8th graders, on Tuesday, May 1 at 5:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the AHHS outside the cheer gym (standing only). Details about the club, tryouts, cost, practices, competitions and more will be covered at this meeting. For more information please email Melissa Zuniga or Leslie Greehey at [mmgsrs@gmail.com](mailto:mmgsrs@gmail.com)

**CAMP INVENTION** - This is a week long STEM and innovation enrichment summer camp for elementary students. 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).

**CHESS TOURNAMENT** - The AHJS is hosting a Rated Chess Tournament on Saturday, April 28th 9am - 3pm. The event has 6 divisions, including beginners, and is a five-round Swiss System, which means you are *never eliminated, you play five rounds, win or lose*. The first round starts promptly at 9am with subsequent rounds immediately following. The final (5th) round and awards ceremony should end at approximately 3pm. **TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION** You must first have a US Chess Federation ID (\$17 for a year for a scholastic player) Here is the link to join: [US Chess Federation](#)

**THEN REGISTER:** Complete Chess website and sign up for the tournament (\$15 registration fee). Here is the link to register: [Alamo Heights JS Tournament | Complete Chess](#) (be sure to specify Cambridge, Woodridge, AHJS, etc. You will be placed on a school/division team). Concessions will be sold: Please contact Sharon Spivey at 210-663-5258 to volunteer with sales.

**AHISD VOLLEYBALL CAMP** - Save the date! Alamo Heights Volleyball Camps for Grade 3rd - 9th have been set for June and July. 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).

**BLUE-GOLD FLAG FOOTBALL CAMP** - Summer camps for youth who will be attending the 1st - 5th grade in the fall semester of 2018. 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 at [http://www.ahisd.net/students\\_parents/student\\_flyers](http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers).

**THE FIRST TEE** - Enrolling now for summer golf camps. 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).

**MAYS FAMILY YMCA / CHALLENGER SPORTS** - Enrolling now for summer soccer camps. 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).

**INCARNATE WORD HOOPS SUMMER CAMP** - Basketball day camp for boys and girls going into 1st and 9th grades. 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

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**AHFSH FIRE SOCCER CLUB** - ID4 Select Play - Register now. 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!

**CENTRAL SA FLAG FOOTBALL** - Spring Football Academy for 5th and 6th grade students will be offered in May. For more information a copy of the flyer can be found on our website

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