



## AHJS Monday Mail

Week of 1 May 2017

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### AHJS News

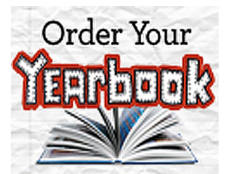
**8<sup>th</sup> grade parents:** If your student will be participating in athletics for the 2017-2018 school year, you are encouraged to attend an informational meeting on Monday, 1 May, at 6:0pm in the AHJS auditorium.

**NJHS Ceremony:** The National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony will take place on Tuesday, 2 May, 6:30pm in the Auditorium. New members- Please arrive 15 minutes early. Formal dress required. If you have any questions please reach out to our NJHS Sponsor, Mrs. Mata, at [mmata@ahisd.net](mailto:mmata@ahisd.net)

**Athletics Awards Ceremony:** The Athletic Awards will take place on Wednesday, 10 May, 6:30pm in the Auditorium.

**8<sup>th</sup> Graduation:** 8<sup>th</sup> grade Graduation will take place on Wednesday, 24 May, 6:30pm (Auditorium).

**Still haven't ordered your yearbook?** There are three different ways to order the Yearbook this year, by Mule Market, the AHJS Office, or through Mrs. Osborne's Journalism Class. The cost of the Yearbook is \$36 **until 30 April**; the price goes up to \$40 **on 1 May 2017**. All checks should be made out to AHISD, and include the word "Yearbook" on the memo line. If you are not sure if you've ordered one already through Mule Market, please email [ahjsjournalism@gmail.com](mailto:ahjsjournalism@gmail.com), and they will check for you!



**HELP AHISD DESTINATION IMAGINATION** raise money to travel to Global Finals in Knoxville, Tennessee by wearing your favorite hat to school on Thursday, 4 May, at Woodridge and Friday, 5 May, at Cambridge/Junior School. Minimum donation of \$1. For more information, a copy of the flyer can be found at [www.ahisd.net/students\\_\\_\\_parents/student\\_flyers](http://www.ahisd.net/students___parents/student_flyers).

**Study Hall:** Homework help is available for AHJS students every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 4:00-5:00pm in the AHJS library. There are two to three teachers available to help AHJS students with their homework.

**Morning AHJS Library Hours:** Students will be allowed to come into the library as early as 7:30am Monday through Friday. This is a great opportunity for students to complete work and/or read a book. Supervision will be provided.

**Follow AHJS on Twitter:** <https://twitter.com/AlamoHeightsJS>.

### Character Corner

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Healthy Sense of Self (Self-reflection and Celebrations)

**May 1:** Digital Citizenship – Safe internet searching

**May 15:** Last advisory -Celebrations for the year



### PTO News

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting:** Please join us for the last 8th Grade Parent Meeting at 9 a.m. on Thursday, 9 May, at the home of Dori Salisbury (716 College). The AHHS Athletic Director, Jennifer Roland, will talk about the transition into high school sports.

**Attention Families of 8<sup>th</sup> Graders:** The 8th grade teacher appreciation event is Friday, 12 May. Families of 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to bring cookies to AHJS office for **Cookie Day**! Please use the sign up genius link [www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ba4aa2ca1fb6-8thgrade/](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ba4aa2ca1fb6-8thgrade/). A total of 25 dozen cookies of requested, to be sent to the AHJS office to be available for the faculty and staff lunches starting Friday, 12 May, at 11:30am. This is a fun opportunity to show your appreciation for their dedication to AHJS kids and the community. Please feel free to add a note of thanks with your cookies!

**HEB Cards!** Every \$100 card = \$5 for AHJS! It's SO EASY to support your school...The cards are delivered to your home! Please contact Karen Crosley, [kcrosley@me.com](mailto:kcrosley@me.com), to place a monthly order for HEB cards or to try it out for one month!



**Parents, AHJS Long Sleeve T-shirts** are available for sale! If you are interested in purchasing, please contact AHJS T-shirt chair, Catherine Matthews, [catherine@tpmpromo.com](mailto:catherine@tpmpromo.com). Cost is \$20.

## Junior School 2 Weeks at a Glance

Mon – 5/1	Tues – 5/2	Wed – 5/3	Thurs –5/4	Fri – 5/5	Sat – 5/6
Theatre Arts District Children's Show Price increases for yearbooks 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Athletics Meeting (JS Auditorium), 6:00pm	Theatre Arts District Children's Show Adult ESL, 6PM NJHS Ceremony (Aud), 6:30pm Yom Haatzmat Early voting ends (See Basics of the AHISD Bond) Yom Haatzmat	Theatre Arts District Children's Show Adult ESL, 6:00pm Breaking the Silence-Marijuana Myths vs Facts (JS Auditorium), 6:00pm	Theatre Arts District Children's Show Alg.EOC Exam (HS), 8:30am Strings Spring Concert, 6:30pm <b>The Big Give S.A.</b>	Theatre Arts District Children's Show Band Peak Music Festival (UNT)	Band Peak Music Festival (UNT)
Mon – 5/8	Tues – 5/9	Wed – 5/10	Thurs –5/11	Fri – 5/12	Sat – 5/13
Theatre Arts District Children's Show	Theatre Arts District Children's Show Adult ESL, 6:00pm	Theatre Arts District Children's Show Adult ESL, 6:00pm Athletics Awards Ceremony (Auditorium), 6:30pm	Theatre Arts District Children's Show Talent show rehearsal (Auditorium), 4:00pm	Theatre Arts District Children's Show Talent show rehearsal (Auditorium), 4:00pm	6gr. Band Soundwaves Music Festival

## District/Community News

**AHISD PARENT PRESENTATION: ACCENTUATE THE POSITIVE – ASSETS FOR HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT:** The next presentation will be on Monday, 1 May 2017, 6:00-7:00pm, at Woodridge Elementary School. The session is free and childcare will be provided for children ages 4 and up. For more information a copy of the flyer can be found online at [www.ahisd.net/students\\_\\_\\_parents/student\\_flyers](http://www.ahisd.net/students___parents/student_flyers).

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND GIVE BIG ON 4 MAY:** The Alamo Heights School Foundation participates in **The Big Give S.A.** Simply go to <https://www.thebiggivesa.org/organizations/alamo-heights-school-foundation> anytime on 4 May to support great minds or go directly to the website <https://55967.thankyou4caring.org/sslpage.aspx?pid=298> and make your donation. Your funds go towards supporting educational programs, resources for addressing social and emotional needs and scholarship opportunities. **EVERY DONATION COUNTS!**

**DISTRICT OF INNOVATION PLAN 2016-2021:** House Bill 1842, passed in the 84<sup>th</sup> TX Legislative Session, provides an opportunity for TX public school districts to modify state requirements at the local level to better meet the needs of their unique student populations, in order to prepare them for success and lifelong learning. As a District of Innovation, AHISD will be able to implement its District Improvement Plan with the increased flexibility and freedom necessary to be innovative with the kinds of learning experiences afforded to AHISD students. For more information, go online to the website [www.ahisd.net/cms/One.aspx?portalId=8146&pageId=6738689](http://www.ahisd.net/cms/One.aspx?portalId=8146&pageId=6738689).



**HEIGHTS CHEER CLUB:** Calling all incoming 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. If you are interested in getting information to join the 2017-2018 "Heights Cheer Club" team, please contact Melissa Zuniga at [mmgsrs@gmail.com](mailto:mmgsrs@gmail.com). Tryouts will be held on Friday, May 19.

**AH 7 ON 7 FOOTBALL INFORMATIONAL MEETING** and Sign-up for all current 8<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> graders on **Tuesday, 2 May**, at 6:00pm in the AHHS Visitors' Locker Room. Questions? Kathryn Dehlinger (210)286-0655 or Karel Hoffman (210)410-1528.

**MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING** will be offered by Ms. Pringle, School Nurse at AHJS. This all day training will teach you how to provide initial help to someone experiencing a mental health crisis. Training is open to the AHISD community and staff (18 and over). The goal of the training is to decrease stigma and increase literacy surrounding Mental Health. Please register at the following links. This training can be used for "trade days" for JS staff (other campuses will need administrative approval for trade day). May 13 Course: <http://bit.ly/2myap9e>.

**AHISD SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS:** All camps are offered by each head coach. For more information a copy of the flyer can be found at [www.ahisd.net/students\\_\\_\\_parents/student\\_flyers](http://www.ahisd.net/students___parents/student_flyers).

**ALAMO HEIGHTS SUMMER AT HEIGHTS** has many exciting courses still open for incoming K – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students!! Participants won't want to miss this opportunity to learn or improve skills taught by AH teachers and area professionals: sports, robotics, chess, cooking, art, STEM, engineering and Much More! Online registration makes it easy with immediate confirmation. Join them this June! [http://ahisd.net/students\\_\\_\\_parents/summer\\_at\\_heights](http://ahisd.net/students___parents/summer_at_heights).

**ALAMO HEIGHTS DESTINATION IMAGINATION** will be hosting a fundraiser at Burleson Yard on Tuesday, 2 May, from 5:30pm – 7:00pm. Enjoy the food trucks and watch performances by the Destination Imagination teams. Thank you for your support! For more information a copy of the flyer can be found at [www.ahisd.net/students\\_\\_\\_parents/student\\_flyers](http://www.ahisd.net/students___parents/student_flyers).

**ALAMO HEIGHTS DESTINATION IMAGINATION** will be hosting a fundraiser at Sushi Zushi on Wednesday, 10 May, from 5:00pm – 10:00pm. Please present this coupon and a percentage of your purchase will go towards a donation from Sushi Zushi. Thank you for your support! For more information see the flyer at [www.ahisd.net/students\\_\\_\\_parents/student\\_flyers](http://www.ahisd.net/students___parents/student_flyers).

**AH BASKETBALL 2017 SPRING LEAGUE**: For current 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls, will run through the month of May, twice a week, from 5-7 PM, at the AHHS Gyms. For more information, see the at [www.ahisd.net/students\\_\\_\\_parents/student\\_flyers](http://www.ahisd.net/students___parents/student_flyers).

**BLUE-GOLD FLAG FOOTBALL CAMP**: Summer camp sessions for boys in 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade interested in Flag Football have been set. For more information, see the flyer at [www.ahisd.net/students\\_\\_\\_parents/student\\_flyers](http://www.ahisd.net/students___parents/student_flyers).

**NYS SOCCER CAMP**: Summer Soccer Camp will be June 12-16, 2017. 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).

**UIW YOUTH FOOTBALL CAMPS**: Summer camps begin in June for ages 6-12. For more information a copy of the flyer can be found at [www.ahisd.net/students\\_\\_\\_parents/student\\_flyers](http://www.ahisd.net/students___parents/student_flyers).

**JOIN CUB SCOUT PACK 275**: All boys Kinder- 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to make a launch paper rockets on Saturday, 20 May, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. RSVP to 210-560-1877.

**UIW TENNIS CAMPS**: For ages 6-16, there will be 8 one-week sessions beginning 5-9 June 2017. For more information a copy of the flyer can be found at [www.ahisd.net/students\\_\\_\\_parents/student\\_flyers](http://www.ahisd.net/students___parents/student_flyers).

**AHFSH FIRE SOCCER CLUB**: Tryouts for 3v3 tourney and summer camp inclusion are starting soon. For more information a copy of the flyer can be found at [www.ahisd.net/students\\_\\_\\_parents/student\\_flyers](http://www.ahisd.net/students___parents/student_flyers).

**CAMP ALAMO**: Register now for summer camps. For more information about the camps, see a copy of the flyer online at [www.ahisd.net/students\\_\\_\\_parents/student\\_flyers](http://www.ahisd.net/students___parents/student_flyers).

**BASICS OF THE AHISD BOND**: The AHISD Board of Trustees has called for a \$135 million bond issue election to be held on Saturday, May 6, 2017. Early voting is 24 April to 2 May 2017. For more detailed information about the bond, including a flyer, a link to a video presentation, and a PowerPoint presentation, please visit [www.ahisd.net/news/what\\_s\\_new/a\\_h\\_i\\_s\\_d\\_bond\\_2017/](http://www.ahisd.net/news/what_s_new/a_h_i_s_d_bond_2017/). Every penny of bond revenue stays in the district (No "Robinhood"/Recapture). Seniors age 65+ generally have frozen school taxes. Estimated debt service tax rate implication: 5.5 cents per \$100 valuation. The total amount is \$135 million. Go to the link about for highlights of the bond for every AHISD campus as well as AHISD-wide highlights.