



AHJS Monday Mail

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AHJS News

Last Day of School: We will have early dismissal on the last day of school- On June 1st, our students will be dismissed at 1PM. Our 8th grade students will participate in yearbook signing during their last class period from 12:30-1PM in the Courtyard.

8th Graduation: 8th grade Graduation will take place on Wednesday, 24 May, 6:30pm (AHJS Auditorium).

Athletics: Reminder: There will be an Athletic Parent meeting Thursday, 25 May, from 6:00-7:00pm in the AHJS auditorium for those current 6th and 7th grade boys and girls who are interested in athletics and playing sports at AHJS next year.

Library News: AHJS is excited to announce the addition of a Little Free Library on the AHJS campus grounds on N. New Braunfels Road! This sweet community library was designed and built for AHJS by Mr. Wheatcraft's talented S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) students and will serve students and neighbors by offering access to free books. You are invited to stop by and take or leave a book. Happy Reading! ~ Ms. Persyn

Yearbook Update: 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 \$40. 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, and they will check for you! 19 May was the LAST DAY TO PLACE YOUR YEARBOOK ORDERS through Mule Market, the Office, and Mrs. Osborne's Journalism Classes. If they did not sell out of Yearbooks by then, they will be selling Yearbooks (\$40 cash or check) in front of the cafeteria after 30 May on a "first come, first serve" basis.



NETFLIX SERIES – 13 Reasons Why: Parents, please note that many AHJS students are talking about a relatively new series on Netflix, called "13 Reasons Why." This fictional series revolves around a teen suicide. AHJS wants you to be aware of what the students are watching and talking about. As with anything, this might provide a nice opportunity to open up a dialog with your child about teen issues. Here is a link to consider: <https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources/school-safety-and-crisis/preventing-youth-suicide/13-reasons-why-netflix-series-considerations-for-educators>.

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>.

PTO News

8th grade Pool Party: All 8th graders are invited to attend a pool party in their honor. The pool party takes place on Thursday, May 25th from 4:30-6:30 at the AH Swimming Pool (250 Viesca Street, 78209). If you have any questions please contact Laura Gulley at 210.913.3995 or Ramona Howard at 210.649.5455. Don't forget to submit your waiver to the front office by Wednesday, May 24th. Please note, as per the AH pool, no one can be admitted without the signed waiver.

Attention Families of 8th Graders: Thank you for your support!

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, 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. Cost is \$20.

How Can You Help at AHJS? Do you like mentoring students? Do you like planning parties? Do you like getting your hands dirty? Do you like counting coins? Do you love social media? AHJS students and staff need your help to make the 2017-18 school year a great

one at AHJS. The AHJS PTO is actively seeking volunteers for the following committees: The Parent/Teacher Party and the Springfest Carnival (the two AHJS PTO fundraisers); student services teams (SnackPaks for Kids, Tutor Outreach and grade level field trip liaisons); grade-level parent groups (6th, 7th, 8th); and social media and the PTO website. There is not a job too big or too small, and the PTO values everyone's involvement. Please reach out to Meredith Brewer for more details at meredith@bennettandstrauss.com.

Junior School 2 Weeks at a Glance

Mon – 5/22	Tues – 5/23	Wed – 5/24	Thurs –5/25	Fri – 5/26	Sat – 5/27
Theatre Arts District Children's Show Talent show rehearsal (Auditorium), 4:00pm Strings Solo & Ensemble Contest (FA Bldg.), 4:00pm	Theatre Arts District Children's Show Adult ESL, 6:00pm	Theatre Arts District Children's Show Adult ESL, 6:00pm 8gr. Graduation (AHJS Auditorium), 6:30pm	Talent Show (Auditorium) Athletic Parent Meeting for 6 th and 7 th Graders, AHJS Auditorium, 6:00-7:00pm	Semester Exam begin today. 1 st Period Review/Semester Exam, 8:45am - 11:05am 9 th Period Review/Semester Exam, 1:36pm - 4:00pm	
Mon – 5/29	Tues – 5/30	Wed – 5/31	Thurs –6/1	Fri – 6/2	Sat – 6/3
No School Memorial Day 	3 rd period Review/Semester Exam, 8:45am-11:05pm 5(6gr.)/4th(7,8gr) Period Review/Semester Exam, 1:36pm-4:00pm	6 th (6,7gr.)/5 th (8gr) Period Review/Semester Exam 8:45am-11:05pm 8 th Period Review/Semester Exam, 1:36pm-4:00pm Shavuot (Jewish Holiday)	2 nd Period Review/Semester Exam, 8:45am-11:50am 11:55am-12:25pm 9 th period 12:30pm-1:00pm 6 th period (8 th Grade Yearbook Signing in the Courtyard) Last Day of School! Shavuot (Jewish Holiday)		

District/Community News

EDUCATORS IN ACTION: Congratulations to Austin Amaro, Special Ed Teacher at the 09 Academy, Mariana Medaris, Woodridge Elementary Dual Language Teacher, and **Casey Fallis, AHJS Fine Arts Teacher and Boys Soccer Coach**, for being recognized by their peers as "Educators in Action" and exemplifying the Profile of a Learner in their classrooms! Visit www.ahisd.net/news/what_s_new/profile_of_a_learner_-_educators_in_action_may/ for more information.

CUB SCOUT PACK 248 – Come and learn about our Pack and all of our fun activities on May 27, 2017. For more information a copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

AHISD WINS HEB EXCELLENCE AWARD: Alamo Heights Independent School District is honored to have won the H-E-B 2017 Excellence in Education Awards for a small school district! AHISD Superintendent Dr. Kevin Brown, several administrators, and staff accepted the award in Austin, TX. AHISD received a \$50,000 cash prize. Woodridge Elementary Teacher Alma Gonzalez was also honored as an H-E-B finalist in the Lifetime Achievement category.

DISTRICT OF INNOVATION PLAN 2016-2021: House Bill 1842, passed in the 84th 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.



END OF YEAR POOL PARTY TO BENEFIT LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA SOCIETY: Please join Howard dad, Matt Pepping, at the Alamo Heights Pool on Wednesday, 31 May, from 5: 00pm to 8:00pm for a FUNdraiser to benefit his campaign for Man of the Year for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. All are welcome to this community event! What a fun way to end the school year! \$25 donation/family and tickets can be purchased online at the website www.mwoy.org/pages/sctx/sat17/shoppingCart?fundraiserPageURL=http://www.mwoy.org/pages/sctx/sat17/mpepping. See the flyer at www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

TRINITY YOUTH FOOTBALL CAMPS: Camps are 19-22 June 2017 or 26-29 June 2017 at Trinity Turf Practice Field. For more information a copy of the flyer can be found at www.ahisd.net/students___parents/student_flyers.

STEM SUMMER ENRICHMENT CAMPS: Register now for the Mad Science Summer Camp. For more information a copy of the flyer can be found on our website at www.ahisd.net/students___parents/student_flyers.

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.

ALAMO HEIGHTS SUMMER AT HEIGHTS has many exciting courses still open for incoming K – 8th 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.

AH BASKETBALL 2017 SPRING LEAGUE for current 2nd – 6th 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.

UPCOMING EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES FROM YOSA (YOUTH ORCHESTRAS OF SAN ANTONIO): YOSA has two exciting opportunities coming up in June. The 2017/18 YOSA auditions will take place at UTSA from 1 to 7 June for orchestra and wind ensemble programs in the 2017/18 school year. Every YOSA musician has the chance to perform in top local venues, including the Tobin Center, and explore great music in weekly rehearsals. Players of all band and orchestra instruments are welcome - oboe, bassoon, saxophone, percussion, viola, and string bass are especially needed. You can find more information at www.yosa.org/programs/yosa-orchestras/. In addition, the 2017 YOSA Summer Symphony Camp will take place at Saint Mary's Hall from 12 to 23 June, ending in a finale concert at the Majestic on June 23. This two-week day camp is a great chance for young musicians to have a great time and advance their musical skills in a fun environment. Again, players of all band and orchestra instruments are welcome—oboe, clarinet, bassoon, and saxophone are especially needed. You can find more information at www.yosa.org/programs/yosa-camps/summer-symphony-camp/.

BLUE-GOLD FLAG FOOTBALL CAMP: Summer camp sessions for boys in 1st through 5th grade interested in Flag Football have been set. For more information, see the flyer at www.ahisd.net/students___parents/student_flyers.

NYS SOCCER CAMP: Summer Soccer Camp will be 12-16 June 2017. For more information a copy of the flyer can be found online at 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.

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.

AHFISH 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.

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.