



AHJS Monday Mail

Week of 28 August 2017

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AHJS News

School Hours: Our school hours are from 8:45AM-4:00PM. Our first bell rings at 8:35. Our office hours are from 8:15-4:15. See our schedule attached.

Robotics It's time to start preparing for Robotics Club. The club will be participating in competitions and developing inventions to help solve real world problems. If your student is interested in being in the club, they need to attend the information meeting on Wednesday, August 30th. The meeting takes place at 4:15 in Room 300, the Technology Lab. If you have questions, please see Mr. McDow at cmcdow@ahisd.net

Managing Your Child's Cafeteria Account: At www.schoolcafe.com, register yourself (parent) and then add your children using their student ID# (obtained from school or from Child Nutrition) and the school they attend. Once you have completely registered, you can apply for Free or Reduced Meals, add funds to your student's lunch account, setup purchasing and snack restrictions, and setup low balance warnings or automatic payments. It's one way to make your life easier, so try it out! If you have any questions please reach out to Richard Mallard, Senior Area Foodservice Director at [210-832-5940](tel:210-832-5940)

Morning Library Hours: Our library opens at 7:30AM daily. Supervision is provided.

Courtyard Pick-Up Location Reminder: If you pick up your child in the back of the school please remember the following: the outer lanes are for pick-up. The inner lane should flow the whole time.

Back to School Nights: 6th grade back to school night will be Tuesday, August 29th at 6PM. 7th and 8th grades will be Tuesday, September 5th at 6PM. Both back to school nights will be start in the auditorium. You will receive more information about this special event in the near future.

P.E. and Athletics Uniforms: Girls and Boys P.E./ATHLETICS uniforms for 2017-18 can be purchased the first week of school from your P.E. Coach. \$20 per set. Questions? – please contact Coach Michelle Boyer at mboyer@ahisd.net or Coach Mark Bond at mbond@ahisd.net

Excel After School Program: The Junior School after school program, EXCEL, currently has spots available for the 2017-2018 school year. Staffed by teachers, we help your children complete their homework and study for tests in a safe environment. The program runs daily after school from 4-6PM and is a great, affordable child care solution. If you would like more information, please contact Steve McGrew at smcgrew@ahisd.net or visit www.ahisdexcel.weebly.com

Cell Phones: We will prohibit the use of cell phones and other personal devices during regular school hours (including passing periods and lunch). Students may have cell phones on campus, however, to use before and after school hours, but they must be stored away in their lockers all day during school hours. If you have an emergency and need to contact your child during the day, you may call the campus office. Also, please remind your child to lock their locker at all times.

After School 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. This support starts Tuesday, September 5th.

Regular/Late Bus: Please be aware that bus registration for Regular/Late bus must be filled out every year. The Transportation form is separate from the campus registration. Please go to: <http://www.ahisd.net/cms/One.aspx?portalId=8146&pageId=37206> and fill out the form for

your child's campus. This registration is your consent for your child to ride the bus. If we do not have your consent, we cannot allow your child to ride. It is vital that this form be completed as soon as possible. Additionally, the deadline for registering for tuition bus was August 14th. If you would like to apply to be a tuition bus rider, you may do so after Labor Day, once our routes have been determined. You can do this through the link on the Transportation webpage listed above. Late bus services start on September 5th.

PTO News

AHJS Mule Market: If you ordered items through Mule Market, they will be delivered to your student's advisory class this week. Limited quantities of the AHJS t-shirt and 8th grade t-shirt are still available and can be ordered through Mule Market. PTO Memberships, Parent/Teacher Party Tickets, HEB Card Orders, PTO Angels Donations, TOPS Donations, and Snack Pak 4 Kids Donations will remain on Mule Market throughout the fall.

Yearbook: *New this year* Yearbooks and 8th Grade Ads are now ordered directly from Balfour at www.balfour.com. Simply enter Alamo Heights Junior High School as the school.

PTO Volunteers – we need you! We still have open PTO positions, including chairs needed for Pep Rally, Tutor Outreach, Springfest Food, Springfest Tickets, Faculty Snack Coordinator and Teacher-Appreciation (co-chair). Please contact Meredith Brewer at meredith@bennettandstrauss.com for more information.

PTO Meeting: Join us for the first PTO meeting of the year on Tuesday, September 19, at noon in the library. Lunch will be provided by the Alamo Heights Emergency Clinic.

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!



Junior School 2 Weeks at a Glance

Mon – 8/28	Tues – 8/29	Wed – 8/30	Thurs –8/31	Fri – 9/1	Sat – 9/2
	6gr.Back to School (Auditorium) 6:00pm		Athletic Picnic/Scrimmage (Cafeteria,Gyms,Field) 4:30pm		
Mon – 9/4	Tues – 9/5	Wed – 9/6	Thurs –9/7	Fri – 9/8	Sat – 9/9
	7/8 gr. Back to School (Auditorium) 6:00pm		VB vs Boerne MS (8gr away/7gr.home) 5PM		

District/Community News

AHHS MULE TEAM BBQ – The annual Mule Team BBQ benefiting all athletics, band, JROTC, Spurs and Cheerleading is Wednesday, August 30th from 5-7 pm at the Harry B. Orem Stadium. There will be a BBQ dinner, prize drawings, band performance and team introductions. If you would like to be a sponsor of the banner which is displayed during the entire school year at different events, you can find donation information at www.muleteambarbecue.com. You may designate the funds for the program of your choice. A copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

SPUR FOR A DAY - The AHHS Spurs Dance Team will be hosting Spur For A Day on Saturday, September 16th, 2017 from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm at the AHHS Dance Studio. Come and join the AHHS Spurs Dance Team for a morning of fun and dancing. This event is for children pre-K to 8th grade. Children attending the clinic will be eligible to register for an opportunity to perform at the September 22nd, Varsity Football Game. If you have any questions please contact Jessica Sanchez, Spur Dance Team Director

at jsanchez@ahisd.net or alamoheightsspurs@gmail.com. The registration flyer and form can be found at <https://ahhsptso.org/products/spur-for-a-day>.

AHJS CHESS CLUB – THURSDAYS - Alamo Heights Junior School will be hosting Chess Club with Jesse James on Thursday mornings from 7:30 AM - 8:20 AM. The cost is \$95.00 per student, which includes 14 sessions beginning Thursday, September 7, 2017 and ending December 14, 2017. The deadline to enroll is Friday, September 1, 2017. Please complete the form to enroll and return the campus office. Enrollment will be on a first come, first serve basis. A copy of the flyer can be found on our website

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WOODRIDGE CHESS CLUB – WEDNESDAYS - Woodridge Elementary will be hosting Chess Club with Jesse James on Wednesday mornings from 7:30 AM - 8:20 AM. The cost is \$95.00 per student, which includes 15 sessions beginning Wednesday, September 6, 2017 and ending December 20, 2017. The deadline to enroll is Friday, September 1, 2017. Please complete the form to enroll and return the campus office. Enrollment will be on a first come, first serve basis. A copy of the flyer can be found on our website

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CAMBRIDGE - ADVANCED CHESS CLUB – TUESDAYS - Cambridge will be hosting Advanced Chess Club with Jesse James on Tuesday mornings from 7:30 AM - 8:20 AM. The cost is \$95.00 per student, which includes 15 sessions beginning Tuesday, September 5, 2017 and ending December 19, 2017. The deadline to enroll is Friday, September 1, 2017. Please complete the form to enroll and return the campus office. Enrollment will be on a first come, first serve basis. A copy of the flyer can be found on our website

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CAMBRIDGE CHESS CLUB – FRIDAYS - Cambridge Elementary will be hosting Chess Club with Jesse James on Friday mornings from 7:30 AM - 8:20 AM. The cost is \$95.00 per student, which includes 14 sessions beginning Friday, September 8, 2017 and ending December 15, 2017. The deadline to enroll is Friday, September 1, 2017. Please complete the form to enroll and return the campus office. Enrollment will be on a first come, first serve basis. A copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN DESTINATION IMAGINATION (DI)? Come join us at our district-wide DI information night at Woodridge Auditorium on Thursday, September 14th from 6:00-7:00 p.m. (DI is offered at Cambridge, Woodridge, AHJS, and AHHS!) We will go over DI guidelines for the 2017-2018 school year, provide registration packets, and discuss Team Challenge Overviews. DI is a non-profit organization that teaches 21st century skills from kindergarten to university students. DI promotes creative and collaborative problem solving tasks. A copy of the flyer can be found on our website

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DESTINATION IMAGINATION (DI) TEAM MANAGERS MEETING: 2017-2018 DI Team Managers will be meeting at Woodridge Auditorium on Tuesday, October 3rd from 6:00-7:00 p.m. We will go over DI guidelines, forms and fundraising. DI is a non-profit organization that teaches 21st century skills from kindergarten to university students. DI promotes creative and collaborative problem solving tasks. A copy of the flyer can be found on our website

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GIRL SCOUTS STEM EXPO - Spend the afternoon with Girl Scouts of Southwest Texas at our first ever STEM Expo, powered by USAA. Children of all ages are invited to have join us for this great event which will include Human Hamster Balls, 3D Printing, Laser Tag, Rock Climbing Wall, Interactive Gaming, Drones, Make-N-Take Projects, Robotics and so much more! Tickets are \$10/person in advance or \$12/person at the door. A copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

INTERESTED IN CUB SCOUTS? Come to the Pack 59 Roundup on Monday, Sept. 11 from 6:00-7:00 pm at the Alamo Heights United Methodist Church to meet the scouts and get the answers to any questions you may have. The roundup will have pizza and a visit from the Alamo Heights Fire Department. Cub Scouts is open to boys from Kindergarten-5th grade. Scouts have fun and engaging activities each month, 2 annual campouts, and this year we're boarding the USS Lexington for a night to remember! www.Pack59sa.com or www.Facebook.com/Pack59sa

ALAMO HEIGHTS FORT SAM HOUSTON YOUTH SOCCER – FIRE SOCCER CLUB –

Registration is now open. For more information visit www.ahfsh.org or call (210) 973-6002. A copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

I9 SPORTS YOUTH PROGRAMS – Register now for fall leagues, clinics and programs. For more information go to www.i9sports.com. A copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.