



AHJS Monday Mail

Week of 2 October 2017

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AHJS News

Astronomy Night at the JS: This coming Wednesday, October 4, in honor of World Space Week, the Junior School will have it's first Astronomy Night from 6:30-9:00 PM. Come and see student space themed artwork, projects that will teach you about the universe, meet with STEM representatives from St. Mary's University, look through telescopes presented by AH High School astronomy program or talk black holes and gravity with Mr. Wheatcraft. There will also be Teka Molina with food, so make it a family night and come explore our universe. It will be located on the courtyard/back soccer field and Girls gym.

School Dance: Our Friday Nights Height dance takes place on Friday, October 6th from 6:30-8:30PM in the Girls gym. Tickets are \$3 dollars in advance and \$5 at the door. We are selling tickets all this week during lunch. We will be selling pizza and drinks during the dance.

Picture Day is Wednesday, Oct. 11th. Pictures will be taken during English classes on that day. Picture forms will be handed out Thursday, Oct. 5th in your English class.

AHJS Toiletry Drive for the Gulf Coast: we will be collecting toiletry items during advisory classes. Items needed include: toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, gallon zip lock bags, granola bars/protein bars (no chocolate), new washcloths, hand sanitizer, body was, travel size: shampoo/conditioner. The supplies will be made into care kits and will be delivered to local organizations in Rockport, Port Aransas and Victoria areas.

Healthy Heights: Eat together as a family as often as possible. Not only can you benefit from time together, you can help each other make healthy choices in foods you eat. Remember not to demand or reward "a clean plate." Let children ask for more if they are still hungry and serve food in small portions.

Cyber Seniors- is a group that meets every Wednesday after school. We will get on the bus in front of the school at 4:10PM and will travel to the Alamo Heights Health and Rehab center, where we will share our expertise in technology with the residents, and they will share their experience and wisdom with us! We will return to the JS at 5:10PM. We will be using ipads and smart phones. This is a wonderful service opportunity and a chance to get to know some elders in our AH community and their wonderful caregivers. Meetings will start Wednesday, 18 October. Please come by Ms. Pringle's clinic to pick up a permission form.

Lunch Drop Off/Delivery: We are discouraging the dropping off and/or the delivery of lunch to our students. Parents are still encouraged and welcome to come to school and have lunch with their children. This is a time-honored tradition in AHISD, and it is very positive for our children. We want to encourage healthy, constructive social interactions during the lunch time to build community and positive relationships among all students. To be clear, we are discouraging drop off and delivery of lunch, not prohibiting it. There may be times when lunch drop off is necessary. However, the practice of dropping off lunch and allowing delivery has unintended consequences that include safety and exclusivity concerns, not to mention being disruptive to office operations when so many lunches are delivered. In addition, due to safety concerns, we are not allowing students to leave the building to go to the parking lot to get their lunch from your vehicle. Thank you in advance for your support as we help improve the culture in our community and schools and to ensure the safety and wellness of our children.

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.

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

Attendance: When a student is absent, the attendance office needs written documentation. The following documentation will be accepted: a.) A note written by the parent or guardian or b.) An email sent from the address of the parent or guardian which is on file in Home Access Center c.) Written documentation from a health professional. The documentation must be received no later than five (5) school days after the absence. All AHISD campuses follow this "five-day" rule.

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 setup purchasing and snack restrictions, and setup low balance warnings or automatic payments. If you have any questions please reach out to Richard Mallard, Senior Area Foodservice Director at [210-832-5940](tel:210-832-5940)

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.

PTO News

Sixth Grade Girls Service Club- If you have not signed your daughter up for the Sixth Grade Girls Service Club, please do so ASAP on the online Mule Market on the AHJS PTO website at ahjspto.org. Cost is \$25 and meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 10, in the AHJS cafeteria and members can walk in the Howdy Night Parade on Wednesday, October 11. For questions, please contact Allison Sethney at (210) 758-1802 or asethney@gmail.com or Catherine Markette at (210) 260-9399 or cmarkette@satx.rr.com.


AHJS Mule Market: AHJS T-Shirts, 8th Grade T-Shirts, and Spirit Socks are still available! Order online, and they will be delivered to your student. 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. Questions? Amy Case - amygcase@gmail.com

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.

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 – 10/2	Tues – 10/3	Wed – 10/4	Thurs –10/5	Fri – 10/6	Sat – 10/7
Site Based Mtg. 4:15pm Rm 120 Adult ESL (Cafeteria, rooms 109 &111) 6PM	White Team FB- 8th Oak Run MS away 4:30pm	Astronomy Night (Girls Gym, Track Field and Courtyard) 6:30pm Adult ESL(Cafeteria,rooms 109 &111) 6:00pm Sukkot	FB vs Corbett 8gr.home/7gr.aw ay 4:30pm VB vs Spring Branch 8gr.away/7gr. home 5:00pm Spirit Day-wear blue and gold! Sukkot	Fall Dance 6:30pm-8:30pm Sukkot	Cross Country Meet- Live Oak Park, 18001 Park Dr., Live Oak
Mon – 10/9	Tues – 10/10	Wed – 10/11	Thurs –10/12	Fri – 10/13	Sat – 10/14
Student Holiday/Staff Development  Adult ESL (Cafeteria, rms 109 &111) 6PM	White Team FB- 7 th /8 th Spring Branch MS away 4:30pm	School Picture Day (Auditorium) Howdy Night Parade 4:30pm Shemini Atzeret Adult ESL (Cafeteria, rooms 109 &111) 6PM	FB vs Spring Branch 8gr.away/7gr.ho me 4:30pm VB vs Smithson Valley 8gr.away/7gr. home 5PM Shemini Atzeret Simchat Torah	Simchat Torah	VB White Team VB Tournament @ Incarnate Word High School District Cross Country Meet 7am-noon (Starcke Park, 1 Wave Pool Dr., Sequin)

District/Community News

AHHS HOMECOMING - Get your Mums and show your school spirit for Homecoming! Homecoming festivities are the week of October 9, and online sales for mums will begin September 25. Purchase your mums and "Go Mules" buttons online at www.ahhsptso.org, and pick them up at the AHJS on Tuesday, October 10. You can also print out the attached form and Cash and carry mums will also be available on that day. Go Heights!

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

FOOTBALL 101 (FOR FEMALE FANS) – Huddle up as we learn and practice positions, plays and pointers on Wednesday, October 4, 2017, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, at the Mule Dome. For more

information contact Melinda Young (210) 269-2809. A copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

HOWDY PARADE/HOWDY NIGHT – Everyone is invited to join us in supporting our AHHS school and clubs on Wednesday, October 11, 2017. The parade will begin at 4:30 pm. Route starts on Alamo Heights Blvd. between Argo and Corona. The parade will end at the HS with the annual Howdy Night Carnival to follow on the practice field. Enjoy lots of fun, food and win

some prizes too! This is a great event for the whole family. Admission to Howdy Night is FREE! Tickets for the carnival are \$1 each. Support AHHS Clubs and Mulepushers! A copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

GREATER HEIGHTS NIGHT - Mark your calendar for a fun-filled evening with friends at Greater Heights Night on November 8, 2017, at the Witte's Mays Center. GHN is the premier fundraising event benefiting Alamo Heights School Foundation. Tickets are now available for purchase at www.bidpal.net/ghn2017.

AVA'S WISH – 4TH ANNUAL TENNIES AND TIARAS 5K RUN – will be on Sunday, October 29, 2017 at the Alamo Heights Pool at 9:00 AM. 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 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.

STANDARD OF ATHLETICS – Register for the 2017 Fall League at www.soasatx.com or call 210-775-2807. A copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING – You're invited! Join us to try synchro for free on Saturdays, 2:30-5:00 pm. For more information go to www.cygnetsa.org or email CygnetsPresident@CygnetsSA.org for more information. A copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.

TEXAS TUITION PROMISE FUND – The state's prepaid college savings plan that locks in tuition for all Texas public colleges and universities is now available for open enrollment through February 28, 2018. A copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students_parents/student_flyers.