



# AHS Parent Newsletter: Friday, Aug. 11

## Principal's Message

It is custom here at Alameda High that I provide you with a weekly update. Throughout this year, I will use this update to let you know what is happening at school, upcoming events, and any changes that may affect you and/or your child.

As the first week of school approaches, I would just like to say how impressed I am with the students here at Alameda High School that I have met through all the registrations and activities. I have found the young people here to be respectful of one another and very respectful to the staff and the facilities.

This past week, teachers have been back since Tuesday getting ready for the new year. The counselors have been working hard to determine if all the course request changes will be possible, and the rest of us have been participating in professional development and helping teachers get their rooms ready.

### Science Updates

I am happy to report that A Staff 1, Chemistry teacher position has been filled and Mr. Peskett, a credentialed science teacher with multiple years of teaching experience, is cleared to be here on Monday to start teaching. We still have a few sections of Biology that we need a teacher. The AHS Intervention Lead teacher and the Instructional coach have stepped-up to be in those classes, along with the sub, so that those students still receive all the introductory activities and community building that happens during the first week of school. Beyond that, the other Biology teachers have stepped up to provide lessons so that these students stay on track until such time that we find the best teacher for the position. If you know of anyone with a science degree or background who might be interested in becoming a teacher, we have a 60% position available.

### Sad News

On Monday, July 31, we were shocked and saddened to learn of the passing of Ms. Stella Power. Ms. Power taught Chemistry at AHS for the past 8 years and at Lincoln and Wood Middle School before that. We knew that Ms. Power would be taking a leave for the first semester of this year to tend to her health but were shocked to learn that she died on the Morning of July 31. Our thoughts go out to Ms. Power's family. Should a student need someone to speak to about this loss, they are encouraged to see their counselor. AHS will be holding a staff remembrance for Ms. Power on Wednesday, August 23.

### Check in with your student

Finally, I want to encourage you to check-in with your child. Review their schedule with them that is now viewable on AERIES. In the coming weeks, they and you will be learning of new policies addressing attendance and behavior that they will definitely want to be aware of, especially should they be planning to participate in athletics or other extra-curricular activities this year. Basically, excessive absences and unserved detentions carry more restrictions than in the past. Attendance is crucial and we are tying it to participation in extracurricular activities including sports. Best to make a plan for your child to be in attendance at school.

### Athletics

Many of our fall sports have started, the rest will start next week. If you have any questions about a fall sport, you can email our athletic director, Lani Molina, with your queries. Her email is [lmolina@alamedaunified.org](mailto:lmolina@alamedaunified.org).

We are looking forward to all your students returning next week and let's hope we have a great 2023-2024 school year.

If you have any questions or concerns you may email me at [rithurnburn@alamedaunified.org](mailto:rithurnburn@alamedaunified.org) or you can call the school at (510) 337 – 7022 and I will try to address your questions and concerns.

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# ALAMEDA HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, August 14, 2023

Periods 0 – 6

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Periods 0 – 6

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

Periods 0 – 6

Thursday, August 17, 2023

Periods 0 – 6

Friday, August 18, 2023

Periods 0 – 6