



# AHS Parent Newsletter: Friday, Aug. 25

## Principal's Message

Happy Friday. Campus is alive with activity. Thank you to all those 9<sup>th</sup> graders who had their school photos taken and received their student ID card today. It is a very good practice for students to carry their ID card on them just as you or I carry our legal form of ID on us. There are many times during the year when students are asked to produce their cards and processes can be greatly slowed when a student cannot produce theirs. All students are issued an ID card and if they should lose it, they need to purchase a replacement card in the main office.

Seniors should already have their cards as we issued them when they picked up their schedules. Sophomores and juniors will have their photos taken on Monday and will receive their ID card then. Photo make-ups for all students will be on October 19. Again, all students should have their IDs on them after October 19 whenever on campus or at a school event.

### **Back to School Night**

Mark your calendars for Thursday, September 7, for the annual Back to School Night. The night starts with a quick 10-minute welcome from me in the Kofman Auditorium. Then you will run through your child's schedule and see each of their teachers for a quick 11-minute overview of their class. A quick tip, access their most recent schedule on your smart device or ensure that you have the correct sequence of classes and room numbers. If you have a paper copy, it could be old and incorrect if your child's schedule experienced any changes in the first few weeks of school. Also note that we do not meet SMART periods at Back to School Night. SMART shows as period 7 on the AERIES schedule. Finally, if your child has a Zero period then note that that meeting will occur at the end of the evening on September 7.

### **Club Info**

This coming Monday and Tuesday during lunch there will be meetings for all potential club presidents. Existing clubs' representatives will meet in room C 208 on Monday and new club representatives will meet in C 208 on Tuesday. We should have 60 – 80 clubs represented at the meeting, and we are looking forward to new clubs that will be formed this year. Let your child know that during lunch on Friday, September 15, AHS will have their Club Fair where most clubs set-up tables, answer any questions and encourage students interested to join their club. If not already involved in clubs, sports, music, arts, or drama, then I encourage you to get your child to check out the fair.

### **SMART Period – Block schedule**

Also, this week with the start of block scheduling, we also started our SMART period. SMART period is a time (51 minutes) twice a week where students can get a chance to get help from a teacher, make up quizzes or tests, or work on a project. The parameters of the class were laid out for students in a power

point that was presented yesterday in the SMART period. SMART period, if used wisely, can be tremendously beneficial to students. However, it is up to the student to make the most of their time.

### **Grade Level Assemblies**

Yesterday and next Tuesday during SMART period, AHS is holding grade level assemblies to discuss student success on campus and to try to be proactive in the sense of letting students know what could result in terms of eligibility for sports and extra curriculars. If students are in class on time, then most conditions that could render them ineligible are moot. **Below is a list of things that can render a student ineligible for athletics and co-curricular activities.**

- Failure to serve a detention or the one-time, make-up detention given as a result of a tardy
- More than 10 tardies in a semester
- Less than 90% positive attendance to all classes (this number changes depending on the number of days into the school year). Subject to review by an administrator upon request.
- Students with more than one truancy letter in a semester
- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> violation of the academic integrity expectations (No cheating, plagiarism, or AI work)
- School suspension
- Multiple incidences of vaping or controlled substances
- Use of hate speech or acts, and ongoing bullying

Avoiding all the above qualifiers will leave a student in good standing and with the option to participate in athletics and other co-curricular activities in school. The assemblies are differentiated for each grade-level with 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade focusing on citizenship and community, and 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> on personal decision-making and services available such as the College/Career Center and the School-Based Health Center.

### **Meaningful Monday**

On Monday, August 28, we will have our first in a series of monthly discussions that will happen simultaneously in each class at 8:30, the start of the school day. We are calling these discussions Meaningful Mondays. The theme for our first discussion will be community, and each month we'll have a different theme related to building a safer, more inclusive and respectful environment at AHS. All students including those who have a free period are expected to participate. We want all voices represented. Students should report to their 1<sup>st</sup> period class to participate in our first Meaningful Monday. Students with a free 1<sup>st</sup> period are to report to the library for their group discussion. Teachers will be referring back to these discussions throughout the day and the week. We hope you will ask your students about them, too. We hope that these Meaningful Mondays provide a space and time for students to share and learn about how AHS can be a more welcoming and inclusive community.

### **Music Boosters**

Attention all Music Families: please check your email and parent square for a zoom link for our Music Boosters kickoff meeting this Monday, August 28, at 7:00 pm. Important info on our Spring band trip to NYC and events for the year will be shared. Your participation is what keeps our music program alive!

In closing, I still want to share with you the positive energy that students are emitting on campus. For the most part, outside of homework and some courses being full, every student I have spoken to has been having a good start to the year and is happy to be back with their peers. I am happy that we can accommodate that and will work to do everything in our power to keep it that way for students.

I know that I have said this before and you will read/hear me say it many times again, but I want to thank you for your support and for the great kids that you send us. 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 them.

Robert Ithurnburn  
Hornet Pride!



# ALAMEDA HIGH SCHOOL

## Monday, August 28

Periods 0-6

8:35am School Picture Day-see schedule Larry Patton Gym  
Meaningful Monday Various Classrooms

## Tuesday, August 29

Periods 0,1,2,5,smart,6

5:30pm Women's Volleyball JV vs Moreau AHS New Gym  
6:45pm Women's Volleyball Varsity vs Moreau AHS New Gym

## Wednesday, August 30

Periods 0,1,3,4,6

3:30pm Women's Tennis Varsity vs College Prep Alameda Tennis Courts  
3:30pm Women's Golf All Levels Match Monarch Bay  
5:00pm Women's Volleyball JV vs Irvington Irvington HS  
6:15pm Women's Volleyball Varsity Irvington HS

## Thursday, August 31

Periods 0,2,3,4,smart,5

5:00pm Women's Volleyball JV vs SJND SJND  
6:15pm Women's Volleyball Varsity vs SJND SJND

## Friday, September 1

Periods 0-6

4:30pm Men's Football JV vs Concord Thompson Field  
7:00pm Men's Football Varsity vs Concord Thompson Field

**Monday, September 4, Labor Day Holiday-No School**



**Go Hornets!!!**