



# AHS Parent Newsletter: Friday, Sept. 22

## Principal's Message

Happy last day of summer. Big day here at AHS with the annual Island Bowl this evening over at Encinal High School. Gates for the game open at 4:00 pm and the game is scheduled to start at 5:00 pm. A reminder that there are no in and out privileges for the game. If you leave, you pay again to enter. Also, students will not be allowed to bring backpacks, purses, bags of any kind into Encinal Field so it's important that they bring a sweater, coat, or sweatshirt in with them should they get cold during the game. We do all of this because the management of the number of people who historically show up at the Island Bowl requires a bit tighter parameters in an effort to maintain safety.

I want to try to keep the energy high and the spirit fun yet appropriate for all these Hornets. Come on out and root on the Hornets.

### Progress Reports

Progress report grades have now been recorded in the books and report cards are viewable online in AERIES. Please review your child's grades with them and make any arrangements or plans should they need to address their progress in any of their classes. Students needing to improve their progress can seek assistance from their teachers or utilize their SMART periods. I also recommend that parents establish a space in the house (not the student's bedroom where there are too many distractions) and a time daily where the student is expected to sit and attend to their studies. If a student says that they have finished their work, then they can organize their backpack and folders. Should they have done that then the student could be expected to read. Establishing this same place, same time rule helps those students who have yet to develop the habits needed to be a successful student. These progress grades represent your child's academic progress thus far this year. These grades are not the grades that will be noted on their transcripts. Those would be the semester grades that they will finalize in December just prior to winter break. To view your child's grades: **In Aeries, go to Grades (this should appear in the vertical listing on the left side of the screen), then to Report Card History. The top entry on that screen will be 1st Quarter Progress Report.** On the first progress reports of the year, many teachers will indicate a grade of P for passing. This is done because some classes have so few points in the gradebook that there may be very little difference between an A and a C.

### Counselor Presentations – Seniors

Earlier this week counselors visited all 12<sup>th</sup> grade English classes to present information to our seniors. These presentations covered important information in regard to meeting the Alameda Unified School District's graduation requirements and the 4-year colleges A-G requirements. The college application process, requirements for community college applications and 4-year college applications were reviewed as well. If your student was absent during these presentations, please have them check in with their counselor.

If your student is applying to a 4-year college that requires a Secondary School Report, your student needs to complete a Student Profile packet. Please note, UCs and CSUs do **not** require a Secondary School Report. This packet has been e-mailed to all Seniors. It's also available on the Alameda High School website under the 'Students' section. Please go to the Counseling Office information section and look for 'Letters of recommendation / Secondary School reports' under Quick Links. The deadline to submit this packet is Monday, October 2, at 3:45 pm. No requests will be accepted after the deadline, so please make sure that your student submits the packet to their counselor by the October 2 deadline and remember this does not apply to students who are submitting applications to CSUs and UCs only. This information was shared with all seniors during the classroom presentations made by counselors this week. Please have your student check in with their counselor if they need any clarification.

### **School Site Council**

I am happy to report that we have four parents interested in serving on this year's Site Council. Since we have returning parents for the second year of their two-year term, we will not be needing a ballot. The Site Council meets monthly to review data and talk about programs at the school. Parent voice on this council has influenced programs here on campus in the past. Some of their influence impacted after school tutorials, increasing AP sections for some courses, increasing supports for English Language Learners, etc. Our first meeting will be October 11 and I will send an invite to the council early next week.

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.

Sincerely,  
Robert Ithurburn  
Hornet Pride!

# ALAMEDA HIGH SCHOOL



## Monday, September 25

Periods 0-6

All day Spirit Week-Beach Day

## Tuesday, September 26

Period 0,1,2,5,SMART,6

All Day	Spirit Week-Twin Day	
SMART	Western Washington University	College Career Center
4:00pm	Men's Water Polo Var vs San Leandro	San Leandro HS
4:30pm	Women's Volleyball Frosh vs Castro Valley	CVHS
5:00pm	Women's Water Polo Var vs San Leandro	San Leandro HS
5:45pm	Women's Volleyball JV vs Castro Valley	CVHS
7:00pm	Women's Volleyball Var vs Castro Valley	CVHS

## Wednesday, September 27

Periods 0,1,3,4,6

All Day	Spirit Week-Class Cliques	
3:30pm	Women's Golf All Levels Match vs Multiple Schools	Monarch Bay
3:30pm	Women's Tennis JV vs Hayward	AHS Tennis Courts
5:00pm	Men's Water Polo JV vs Castro Valley	Encinal Swim Center
6:00pm	Men's Water Polo Var vs Castro Valley	Encinal Swim Center
7:00pm	Women's Water Polo Var vs Castro Valley	Encinal Swim Center

## Thursday, September 28

Periods 0,2,3,4,SMART,5

All Day	Spirit Week-Barbenheimer	
SMART	Lehigh University	College Career Center
4:30pm	Women's Flag Football All Levels	Burrell Field
4:30pm	Women's Volleyball Frosh vs SLHS	AHS New Gym
5:30pm	Women's Volleyball JV vs San Leandro HS	AHS New Gym
6:30pm	Women's Volleyball Var vs San Leandro HS	AHS New Gym

## Friday, September 29

Periods 0-6

All day	Spirit Week-Class Colors	
4 <sup>th</sup> Period	Homecoming Assembly	AHS New Gym
3:30pm	Women's Tennis All Levels vs Piedmont	AHS Tennis Courts
3:30pm	Women's Tennis JV vs Piedmont	Piedmont Rec Courts
4:15pm	Men's Football JV vs Redwood Christian	Thompson Field
7:00pm	Men's Football Var vs Redwood Christian	Thompson Field

