



AHS Parent Newsletter: Friday, Sept. 29

Principal's Message

I'm going to keep this letter short since it is Homecoming Friday and there is a lot of stuff happening on campus today. The amount of teen spirit on campus today is amazing. I'm writing this before the rally, so I am hoping to report to you next week that the latter half of today was as fun as the first half. I didn't visit float building this year, so I am looking forward to seeing all the creativity that the students put into their floats tonight during halftime of the varsity game against San Lorenzo. I hope they have enjoyed the week. I know it exhausted me but is worth it if it creates lasting memories for students. I always consider these days as payback to Mr. Berry, Mr. Morash, Ms. Summers, and all the other teachers who had to tolerate me and my immaturity on days such as these when I was in high school. We still have the football game, halftime floats, parade of the homecoming court, band performance tonight and I'm looking forward to it all.

We were pleased to see a lot of interest in tomorrow night's Homecoming Dance. Tickets are no longer on sale for the dance, but we were happy to see more than 600 students buying tickets for the dance. The dance will be held in the new gym here on campus and doors will open at 6:30 pm and the dance will end at 9:30 pm. Staff members volunteer to supervise the dance, so please be timely in picking up your child if they are going to the dance. After the long week of Homecoming and their giving up their Saturday evening, it can be a bit frustrating when staff members have to wait around until an hour or more after the dance ends because a student hasn't been picked up. It would be great if all students from the dance were picked up no later than 9:45 pm. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this.

Athletics Info

Last night, I got to see the AHS volleyball team defeat San Leandro. At the same time our Flag football team was increasing their record to 3-0 by beating San Lorenzo, and last week the Hornet football team dominated the Encinal Jets 34 – 0 in the annual Island Bowl. This leaves a record of 34 wins, 32 losses, and 2 ties in the 68 years of the Island Bowl. Way to go Hornet athletes!

Winter sports tryouts start at the end of October, and **I once again want to let families know that students exceeding 10 tardies from August 28 until the end of semester will receive a 3 month suspension from all extra-curricular activities.** This includes tryouts and a fair portion of the winter sports seasons. Tardies are inching up for some students and this is one more attempt to caution anyone who may have a winter sports athlete. You can check tardies on AERIES. At this point, we may not have an opportunity to meet with your child if they are in the 7-10 tardy range. It is their responsibility to monitor their attendance.

School Site Council

AHS will have our first School Site Council meeting this coming Wednesday, October 18, at 5:30 pm on Teams. At this first meeting, we will review our goals for this year, look at some of the data from last spring, and discuss the 2023-24 school year to date. The council members include Montserrat Arellanes,

Nelly Baranyi, Rebecca Baumgartner, Meihuan Fang, Stephanie Hipps, Christine Huddleson, Soni Johnson, Tabitha Kim, Debra Mehra, Alice Myerhoff, Rebecca Shoshan, and myself. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time to provide perspective and suggestions to help make AHS a better place. The meeting is open to all and if you'd like to join us, the link is: [Click here to join the meeting](#) Passcode: check Parent Square message from 9/29

Counseling Info

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.

Security Drill

Next Thursday during SMART period, AHS will hold a campus intruder lock down drill. The drill should not take more than 20 minutes and should not interfere with academic classes. These drills are important for students to be able to know the expectations and to engage in conversations so that we can work to have the safest environment should such an emergency ever occur.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may email me at rithurburn@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, October 2

Periods 0-6

Tuesday, October 3

Period 0,1,2,5,smart,6

SMART
3:30pm
3:30pm

Western Washington University
Women's Tennis All Levels Match
Women's Tennis JV vs Piedmont

College Career Center
AHS Tennis Courts
Piedmont Rec Courts

Wednesday, October 4

Periods 0,1,3,4,6

3:30pm
4:30pm
5:30pm
6:30pm
6:00pm

Women's Golf All Levels Match vs Piedmont
Women's Volleyball Frosh vs Berkeley
Women's Volleyball JV vs Berkeley
Women's Volleyball Varsity vs Berkeley
City Wide College Night-College of Alameda COA Gym

Chuck Corica GC
AHS New Gym
AHS New Gym
AHS New Gym

Thursday, October 5

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

SMART
3:30pm
4:00pm
4:30pm
4:45pm
5:30pm
5:30pm
6:00pm
6:30pm

Haverford College
Women's Tennis JV vs Mt. Eden
Women's Water Polo JV vs Lick-Wilmerding
Women's Volleyball JV vs Encinal
Men's Water Polo JV vs Lick-Wilmerding
Women's Volleyball Varsity vs Encinal
Women's Water Polo Var vs Lick-Wilmerding
Flag Football All Levels vs Hayward
Men's Water Polo Varsity vs LWHS

College Career Center
AHS Tennis Courts
Encinal Swim Center
Encinal Gym
Encinal Swim Center
Encinal Gym
Encinal Swim Center
HHS-Clark Hanlon Field
Encinal Swim Center

Friday, October 6

Periods 0-6

TBD
4:30pm
7:00pm

Cross Country Varsity
Men's Football JV vs Piedmont
Men's Football Varsity vs Piedmont

Clovis, CA
Thompson Field
Thompson Field

Monday, October 9 – Teacher Inservice Day – No Students