



AHS Parent Newsletter: Friday, Dec. 1

Principal's Message

I hope that you all had a restful and pleasant Thanksgiving break. We are in that period between the break when so much is happening. There are only two weeks left until we enter our semester finals for the first semester. Please conference with your child and review if they have any assignments outstanding or any assessments to make-up. I remind you that the grades earned at semester are the grades that will be recorded on the student's official transcript. These transcripts are the permanent records used by colleges, and employers when assessing candidates for positions or admittance.

Locker Room Incidents

This week, AHS experienced a rash of thefts in the girls' locker room on two different days. On Monday, we know of 5 phones that were stolen out of the girls' locker room during one period. On Tuesday, we reviewed the videos outside the locker rooms and witnessed students who did not have PE that period, enter the locker room and not exit until 24 minutes later, well after the time that PE students exited and were in their classes. When we attempted to pull the student seen on the video, they were no longer in school on Tuesday. Again on Wednesday, that student arrived late to school after we tried to retrieve them, but again, entered the locker room when it was not their period for PE and left campus soon after. We know this because we reviewed the video. On Wednesday, 10 phones were stolen. We contacted Alameda police and filed a report. Over the remainder of Wednesday and Thursday, Ms. Snowden, and Mr. Lee, gathered names of victims and isolated video, both of which were turned over to APD. On Thursday, we were able to collect the student seen in the video on both incidents and that student has received school consequences. This is now a matter that the police are addressing.

Since the incidents occurred, our PE teachers have been sweeping the locker rooms before securing them, and each time they are finding backpacks and other student materials left out of secured lockers. Earlier in the week, it was reported on social media that there were not enough larger lockers in the locker room to allow the girls to secure their belongings during PE. We have done a count of the larger lockers in the girls' locker room and there are 108. No period of PE has more than 80 girls, so there are ample lockers for each girl to have her own. Early in the year, PE teachers instructed and have reminded students of the importance of securing their belongings but continue to find things left out during the period. I'm including a picture of the lockers so that you may know what the smaller lockers look like and the longer/larger ones that are next to them. This photo below was not staged but shows how a student put their backpack in the smaller locker that could not be secured while a larger locker sits unused just next to and below. Ideally, the student would have secured their backpack in the larger locker.



Going forward, we will be sweeping the locker rooms to ensure they are empty and then continuing to lock the locker rooms during PE classes to secure student belongings inside. Please also remind your students that they can help keep their belongings safe by:

- locking them in a locker room locker during PE or in their personal locker.
- Students should not share their combination with anyone else.

Students who drive should also remember that belongings left on car seats may tempt thieves to smash the windows and take any items available.

Finals Week

The week prior to Winter Break has a different class schedule for students. Monday, December 18 will be a regular day with a 3:30 release time. Tuesday, December 19 through Thursday, December 21, students will all have half days for our semester finals. This means that students will attend classes from 8:30 am – 12:45 pm. Tuesday will be 1st and 2nd periods. Wednesday will be 3rd and 4th periods; and Thursday will be 5th and 6th periods. Zero periods will meet only Tuesday and Wednesday that week.

Performances

The period of time between the Thanksgiving and Winter breaks always provides us with so many wonderful opportunities to see our students share their gifts and talents. Next Friday, I'm looking forward to attending our annual winter concert where all the bands, orchestra, and guitar classes will perform for the community. We are excited to be holding this concert in Kofman theater again. I am looking forward to a fantastic show.

A similar concert will be performed for our students at the Winter Assembly that will take place earlier that day. Along with the music performances there will be videos created by students from our leadership and film production classes that will be shared at the assembly.

It is not uncommon that students face additional stressors at this time of year, for some it may be applications to college, for others it might just be the expectations of the holidays, and for all of us

the shorter days cheat us of the benefits of vitamin D and the sun. It might be a good time to check in with your child and see how they are feeling and if they may benefit from any assistance. Please contact the school office or your student's counselor if you feel your child is in need of assistance (510-337-7022), or you and your child can access Care Solace @ <https://www.caresolace.org/> to seek answers or assistance, or, if necessary, you can take your child to the nearest crisis center or emergency room should you feel that is what is needed.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may email me at 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!



Weekly Bulletin

Saturday, December 2

TBD	Men's Basketball F/S Tourney	AHS New Gym
8:00am	Wrestling: Women's All Levels	Dublin HS
8:00am	Wrestling: Men's All Levels	Vintage HS
8:00am	Wrestling: Men's All Levels	Logan HS
5:00pm	Soccer: Men's Varsity Tournament (Pleasanton)	Foothill HS
6:00pm	Basketball: Women's JV vs Aragon	AHS New Gym
7:30pm	Basketball: Women's Varsity vs Aragon	AHS New Gym

Monday, December 4

Period 0-6

2:00pm	Wrestling: Women's Novice Tournament	San Leandro HS
2:00pm	Wrestling: Men's Novice Tournament	San Leandro HS
6:00pm	8 th Grade Parent Information Night	Kofman Auditorium

Tuesday, December 5

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

4:00pm	Basketball: Men's F/S vs American Canyon	AHS New Gym
4:30pm	Soccer: Men's JV vs O'Dowd	Thompson Field
5:30pm	Basketball: Women's JV vs Amador Valley	Amador Valley HS
5:30pm	Basketball: Men's JV vs American Canyon	AHS New Gym
6:30pm	Soccer: Men's Varsity vs O'Dowd	Thompson Field
7:00pm	Basketball: Women's Varsity vs Amador Valley	Amador Valley
7:00pm	Basketball: Men's Varsity vs American Canyon	AHS New Gym

Wednesday, December 6

Periods 0,1,3,4,6

4:30pm	Soccer: Women's JV vs Arroyo	Thompson Field
5:00pm	Basketball: Women's JV vs Arroyo	Arroyo HS
6:30pm	Basketball: Women's Varsity vs Arroyo	Arroyo HS
6:30pm	Soccer: Women's Varsity vs Arroyo	Thompson Field

Thursday, December 7

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

TBD	Basketball Tournament JV	AHS New Gym
4:30pm	Soccer: Men's JV vs Berkeley	Thompson Field
6:30pm	Soccer: Men's Varsity vs Berkeley	Thompson Field

Friday, December 8

Period 0-6

6 th Period	Winter Assembly	Kofman Auditorium
TBD	Basketball Tournament JV	AHS New Gym
4:30pm	Soccer: Women's JV vs Mt. Eden <small>(reschedule from 12/21)</small>	Thompson Field
6:30pm	Soccer: Women's Varsity vs Mt. Eden <small>(reschedule from 12/21)</small>	Thompson Field
7:00pm	Winter Concert	Kofman Auditorium