



AHS Parent Newsletter: Friday, Dec. 8

Principal's Message

There is only one week 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.

School Site Council

I also wanted to remind you that AHS will hold its monthly School Site Council meeting on Wednesday, December 20, at 5:30 pm via Microsoft Teams. This meeting is open to all interested parties. This month, we will be discussing the school's safety plan. I'll send a link in next week's letter.

Finals Week

The week prior to Winter Break has a different class schedule for students. Monday, December 18, students will attend all 6 academic classes. Tuesday, December 19, thru Thursday, December 21, will all be half days for 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 on only the first two days of finals. There will be no classes on Friday, December 22.

Winter 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. Today, AHS students will attend the Winter Assembly which is a collection of musical performances from our student musicians. There is also a dance number, a winter video, and a student skit performance. Tonight at 7:00 pm, we have our Annual Winter Concert where all the bands and guitar classes will perform for the community in Kofman Auditorium. As usual, I'm anticipating a fantastic show. Then next Thursday and Friday evening, the dance program will hold their Annual Winter Show in Kofman Auditorium starting at 7:00 pm.

Summer Travel

AHS has great news for student travel this summer. Exciting news! Your student is invited to join AHS teacher Nancy Read's travel club on a once-in-a-lifetime international travel experience with their peers to South Korea and Japan in June of 2025! Big trips take big plans. To learn more, please RSVP to the information meeting here: <https://bit.ly/3R63QHg> to learn about the itinerary and how to make it happen for your student. Educational travel exposes students to new people,

places, and cultures which in turn expands their knowledge of the world and their knowledge of themselves. Registering early for these amazing opportunities ensures an affordable experience.

This trip will fill up fast, so please join the online meeting on December 14 at 7:00 P.M. - there are limited spots available so don't miss your opportunity to reserve your seat. One parent or guardian must be in attendance. If you can't make the meeting but want more information? Register at <https://bit.ly/3R63QHg> and select "No, but send info." There are also a few spots left for the summer 2024 trip to the Peruvian Amazon. For more information, please email Ms. Read nread@alamedaunified.org.

Shelter in Place

Yesterday, I put the school in a Shelter in Place for 11 minutes starting just prior to SMART period and extending 10 minutes into SMART period. A Shelter in Place is used when we want to be cautious about something at the school or in the nearby community. What it means is that teachers secure their rooms and then continue on with the class as normal. In the past we have enacted a Shelter in Place when there was police activity nearby. In my past, at another school in another district, we had a Shelter in Place when two dogs came on to campus and attacked a student (student was OK but required some stitches in his calf). Yesterday, we enacted the Shelter in Place because a student from a non-AUSD school was on campus and acting odd, going into a classroom, and hiding in a storage room. The student ran off campus but we sheltered until we could fully involve the Alameda Police and we knew that the student had fled the campus.

Please note that a Shelter in Place is usually a precautionary measure and not the same as a Lock Down when there is an imminent danger to lives on campus. That is when we lock room, turn off lights, and if appropriate, either hide in a classroom in silence or run for safety. Some students expressed being worried that their class was loud yesterday during the Shelter in Place but that is not a concern since we were not in a lockdown. When enacted, we announce three times whether we are Sheltering or Locking Down.

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!



Weekly Bulletin

Saturday, December 9

TBD	Men's Basketball F/S Tourney	AHS New Gym
8:00am	Wrestling: Women's All Level	San Leandro HS
8:00am	Wrestling: Men's All Levels	Castro Valley HS
4:30pm	Soccer: Men's JV Tournament	Granada HS
5:30pm	Basketball: Women's JV vs SR Valley	AHS New Gym
6:30pm	Soccer: Men's Varsity Tournament	Granada HS
7:00pm	Basketball: Women's Varsity vs SR Valley	AHS New Gym

Monday, December 11

All Day	Spirit Week: Channel your Flannel	
5:00pm	Soccer: Men's Varsity vs Oakland Tech	Oakland Tech

Periods 0-6

Tuesday, December 12

All Day	Spirit Week: Winter Gear	
4:00pm	Basketball: Men's F/S vs Oakland Tech	Oakland Tech
4:00pm	Soccer: Women's JV vs Hayward	Hayward HS Clark-Hanlon Field
5:30pm	Basketball: Women's JV vs Foothill	AHS New Gym
5:30pm	Basketball: Men's JV vs Oakland Tech	Oakland Tech HS
6:00pm	Soccer: Women's Varsity vs Hayward	Hayward HS Clark-Hanlon Field
7:00pm	Basketball: Women's Varsity vs Foothill	AHS New Gym
7:00pm	Basketball: Men's Varsity vs Oakland Tech	Oakland Tech

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

Wednesday, December 13

All Day	Spirit Week: Pajama and Blanket	
4:30pm	Soccer: Men's JV vs Piedmont	Thompson Field
6:30pm	Soccer: Men's Varsity vs Piedmont	Thompson Field

Periods 0,1,3,4,6

Thursday, December 14

All Day	Spirit Week: Candy Cane (wear stripes)	
7:00pm	Winter Dance Showcase	Kofman Auditorium

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

Friday, December 15

All Day	Spirit Week: Ugly Sweater	
4:00pm	Basketball Men's F/S vs Jesse Bethel	AHS New Gym
4:30pm	Soccer: Women's JV vs Tennyson	Tennyson-Prince Serrano
4:30pm	Soccer: Men's JV vs Castro Valley	Castro Valley HS
5:30pm	Basketball: Women's JV vs Freedom	Freedom HS
5:30pm	Basketball: Men's JV vs Jesse Bethel	AHS New Gym
6:30pm	Soccer: Women's Varsity vs Tennyson	Tennyson-Prince Serrano
6:30pm	Soccer: Men's Varsity vs Castro Valley	Castro Valley HS
7:00pm	Basketball: Men's Varsity vs Jesse Bethel	AHS New Gym
7:00pm	Winter Dance Showcase	Kofman Auditorium