



AHS Parent Newsletter: Friday, Jan. 12

Principal's Message

Happy New Year and welcome back. I hope you all had a restful break.

Here at AHS, students hit the ground starting fresh with a new semester. Report cards from 1st semester are now reviewable on AERIES. To see the grades in AERIES, go to Grades, then to Report Card History. These are the grades that will exist on your child's transcript (permanent record). If a grade shows as "I" incomplete, then your student needs to work with that teacher to get that incomplete rectified. Otherwise after 6 weeks, their grade will be reflective as if they never completed the missing work.

Again, this year, we are taking a particular interest to see what correlation may exist between grades and attendance or time in class. Acknowledging that COVID complicates this matter, I was still able to make some observations and draw some conclusions. I ran a grade exception report for any student who failed any class. In looking over that data, I saw that 87% of students who failed a class had also missed 10 days of school or more. Students having absences in the 40s and 50s in terms of the number of days were the students who failed more than one class 98% of the time. I also ran a report showing any students who earned an A or a B in a class along with attendance. In that report 98% of students who earned all A's and B's missed less than 5 days of class and overwhelmingly (99%) students earning A's missed less than 3 days of class in those classes where they earned the A during the entire semester. I share this data to implore that unless a student is sick, they have a far greater chance of succeeding in their classes if they maintain strong attendance. One thing this data tells me is that we give our students a better chance at academic success when we get them to school.

Grade Level Assemblies – Review

At the beginning of the year, we held assemblies letting students know the expectations for behavior and attendance and the consequences regarding extra-curricular activities should they not meet those expectations. I'm putting it here again as a reminder. With activities like prom and senior picnic happening this semester, it is a good time to provide a reminder to students regarding attendance and behavior expectations required to participate in extra-curricular activities.

Behavior: Any student earning a school suspension will be excluded from one extra-curricular activity during the semester of the suspension. Any student earning more than one suspension will be excluded from all extra-curricular activities during that semester. **Tardies:** Any student exceeding 10 tardies will be excluded from one activity for each tardy up to a total of 12 during that semester. Students exceeding 12 tardies will have a 2 month exclusion from all extra-curriculars. This includes athletics participation. **Attendance:** Any student falling below 90% of positive attendance to any period during the semester will be excluded from one extra-curricular activity. For the prom this means any student exceeding 5 absences since January 8 to any period

in their schedule. * For Senior Picnic, this means any senior exceeding 9 absences since January 8 to any period in their schedule. This includes both excused and unexcused absences.

*: If a student exceeds the 5 absences due to an ongoing illness then the student's 90% positive attendance can be factored based on their attendance record from the beginning of the school year. This means that a student would need to have less than 15 absences to any given period since the first day of school on August 14.

Counselor Visits – Academic Plans

Next week counselors will be visiting freshmen in their 'Navigating Life' classes to talk to students about their Academic plans. There will be a power point presentation and students will be provided instructions on how to enter these plans in Aeries. Students should refer to the course catalog online, the worksheet and written instructions provided to them while creating their plans. Students will have until Monday, January 22 to enter their plans in Aeries. Once the window closes, students will be unable to add any information. Students will then have an opportunity to make changes to their plans during course selection. Parents will be able to view their student's plans in Aeries by going to 'Classes' and selecting ' Academic Plan.' Please make sure that your student brings a charged chrome book to school.

Grad Night Volunteers Needed

Grad Night Needs YOU! Hello AHS Parents! Our Grad Night Committee is looking to fill some key positions for our Grad Night celebration that happens next June 7. We hope to make this a fun and memorable evening for our graduating seniors and need your support to make it all possible. We would love for a parent (ideally a Jr. parent) to come on board as co-chair. We also need someone to head our Set-up/Clean up committee. If someone has a flair for communications, we would love your assistance in helping to market Grad Night to the AHS community. Maybe you have a special skill you can offer or maybe you can only commit to being a helper on a committee for a few hours. However, anything you can contribute to Grad Night will be greatly appreciated. Please contact me and we'll find the perfect match for you. If you are interested in helping out you can contact Angie Watson-Hajjem, Grad Night Chair; echoangie@yahoo.com

Wrestling Program – Congrats

Congratulations to the AHS Wrestling program for their domination at the January 11, Tri-Meet defeating both Berkeley and San Lorenzo!!

Day of Service – Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday

A quick reminder that there will be no school on Monday, January 15, in recognition of Dr. Martin Luther King. It is always a good time to reflect on the contribution of Dr. King in regards to peace and equity. Did you know that MLK Day is the only federal holiday designated as a national day of service to encourage all Americans to volunteer and improve their communities? Below is information should you or your child be interested participating in any community service in honor of Dr. King.

Day of Service Opportunities–MLK Weekend 2024

MLK, Jr. Regional Shoreline–Monday, Jan. 15

Call 510-544-2229 or [register online](#)

- Gardening and maintenance (MLK Grove)
- Shoreline cleanup (Oakport Staging Area)
- Shoreline cleanup (Arrowhead Marsh)

City of Oakland MLK Days of Service–Jan. 13-15

Call 510-238-7630 or [register online](#)

- Cleaning local parks and waterways
- Planting trees and native plants
- Engaging in educational opportunities

Golden Gate National Parks Weekend of Service–Jan. 13-15

Call (415) 561-3044 or email: volunteer@parksconservancy.org (registration is required)

- Many outdoor volunteer opportunities in San Francisco

MLK Days of Service at Muir Woods–Jan. 13-15

- Registration is required [here](#), or go to parksconservancy.org/events

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 Ithurnburn
Hornet Pride!



Weekly Bulletin

Saturday, January 13

8:00am	Wrestling: Women's All Level	San Lorenzo HS
8:00am	Wrestling: Men's All Levels	Albany HS
8:00am	Wrestling: Men's All Levels	Mt. Diablo HS
3:30pm	Basketball: Women's JV vs Tennyson	AHS New Gym
5:00pm	Basketball: Women's Varsity vs Hayward	AHS New Gym

Monday, January 15

9:00am	Basketball: Women's JV vs College Park	AHS New Gym
10:45am	Basketball: Women's Varsity vs College Park	AHS New Gym

No Classes/MLK Day

Tuesday, January 16

4:30pm	Soccer: Women's JV vs Bishop O'Dowd	BOD HS-Lower Field
6:30pm	Soccer: Women's Varsity Bishop O'Dowd	BOD HS-Lower Field

Periods 0,1,2,5,SMART,6

Wednesday, January 17

1:30pm	Soccer: Men's JV vs Arroyo	Arroyo HS North Field
3:30pm	Soccer: Men's Varsity vs Arroyo	Arroyo HS North Field
5:00pm	Basketball: Women's JV vs San Leandro	San Leandro HS Main Gym
6:30pm	Basketball: Women's Varsity vs San Leandro	San Leandro HS Main Gym
5:30pm	School Site Council Meeting	Teams Link – online evite

Periods 0,1,3,4,6

Thursday, January 18

4:00pm	Basketball: Men's F/S vs Berkeley	AHS New Gym
4:00pm	Wrestling: Men/Women vs Multiple Schools	Hayward HS
4:30pm	Soccer: Women's JV vs Berkeley	Berkeley HS
5:30pm	Basketball: Men's JV vs Berkeley	AHS New Gym
6:30pm	Soccer: Women's Varsity vs Berkeley	Berkeley HS
7:00pm	Basketball: Men's Varsity vs Berkeley	AHS New Gym

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

Friday, January 19

8:00am	Wrestling: Men's & Women's All Level	Gilroy HS
4:00pm	Basketball: Men's F/S vs SJND	SJND
4:00pm	Soccer: Men's JV vs Hayward	HHS Clark-Hanlon Field
5:30pm	Basketball: Women's JV vs Piedmont	AHS New Gym
5:30pm	Basketball: Men's JV vs SJND	SJND
6:00pm	Soccer: Men's Varsity vs Hayward	HHS Clark-Hanlon Field
7:00pm	Basketball: Men's Varsity vs SJND	SJND
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Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday

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