



# AHS Parent Newsletter: Friday, Jan. 19

## Principal's Message

Here we are cruising through January.

### Senior Portraits

Any senior who has not had their Senior portraits taken are scheduled to take them on Monday, January 22 through Thursday, January 25. After these four days if a senior hasn't taken their portrait, then they would need to contact Studio One themselves to see if it is still possible to have a picture taken for the yearbook. All students have been notified of their appointment. Since these portraits are scheduled during the school day, students need to know that they will have about a 15-minute window for the sitting. Students will not be permitted extra time to put their face on and do their hair. Any such preparation should occur prior to their coming to school on the day of their appointment. Photographers have all drapes, shirts and jackets so students do not need to worry about their apparel.

### Junior Prom

A caution to our juniors/seniors who are planning to attend the Junior Prom on March 30. Students cannot attend the prom if they have any outstanding lunch detentions, second semester suspensions, period attendance below 90% or more than 10 tardies earned during the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. We want as many students wanting to attend to have that opportunity, however, we won't be making exceptions for students not adhering to our behavior and attendance expectations and site consequences. All outstanding detentions will need to be made-up by Friday, March 22, in order to be eligible to attend the prom. Also note that if students are allowed to bring guests and those guests are AHS students from other grades, those students also must meet all the above expectations also. Freshmen are not permitted as guests.

### PTSA Positions

Tick, tick, tick, I'm excited with anticipation to hear from you about serving on PTSA next year. AHS has always been fortunate to have a great and supportive PTSA but that support is only as strong as the members who serve. We have a number of positions opening up and I encourage you to consider serving. Being on PTSA is really one of the best ways to know all that is happening on campus and to have input and influence into decisions that are made that affect your child. If interested or have questions, please call or email me and I will try my best to answer your questions or put you in contact with one of our PTSA officers who can.

### Course Selection Presentations

Information on course selection for next year will be presented by the counselors to students in all grade levels next week. They will each be given a Course Selection Form as well as information about the AP / Honors Policy. Please review it carefully. Students are required to complete the following two steps:

1. Students will enter the courses selected for 2024-25 school year on the Course Selection Form. **A parent signature** will be required on the form and indicates that parents have

read and agree to all the stipulations in the course selection letter and the AP/Honors Policy. A student can't be enrolled in an AP course without this signature. Students will then return the course selection form directly to their Social Studies (10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade) or English (9<sup>th</sup> grade) teachers by February 2, 2024.

2. Students will next enter their selected course in Aeries by January 31. Students will do so by entering classes in their **Academic Plan in Aeries**. Instructions for accessing the Academic plan will be posted on our school's website and included in the course selection packet. Students should click on the 'Students' tab on the school's website and review the information under AHS Course Catalog and Selection.

Parents, please make sure that your student is aware of all the resources available on our school's website. All information will be available on our website by the end of the day on Tuesday, January 23.

### **Spring Sports**

Planning on playing a spring sport at AHS? A reminder that you need to complete the Family ID process for each sport that your child participates in. Information about Family ID can be found on the school's website under the Athletics tab. Most spring sports will start tryouts the second week of February and that is just a few weeks away. In the past, some families had difficulties completing the process on Family ID and couldn't start the season with the rest of the athletes, and some families had issues getting an appointment for the required physical to play in high school sports. A reminder that a student must have been cleared by a physical to play and those physicals must have occurred since July 1, 2023. Questions regarding sports can be directed to our athletic director, Lani Molina, at [lmolina@alamedaunified.org](mailto:lmolina@alamedaunified.org).

### **Grad Night**

Our Grad Night Committee is STILL looking to fill some key positions for our Grad Night celebration that happens next June 7th. 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 (parent of a junior hopefully) 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 Angie Watson-Hajjem, [echoangie@yahoo.com](mailto:echoangie@yahoo.com) and we'll find the perfect match for you. The continuation of this great night is really contingent on the support of our parent community. Parents of non-seniors' involvement, allow parents to see what a great experience it is for graduates and what it takes to pull it off. If we don't have those parents getting involved then the likelihood of this event continuing is in jeopardy. Come on out, get involved, do it for the classes of 2025, '26, '27...

### **Jazz Band – Yoshi's**

Just a little more than one week until the Alameda Jazz Band performs at Yoshi's. Hurry now to get your ticket for a fantastic evening, and support the Alameda High School music program. The Alameda High Jazz Band will be performing at the prestigious Yoshi's jazz club in Oakland on

Monday, January 29. Tickets are \$30; purchase info can be found on the Yoshi's website, or here is a [direct ticket link](#). I hope I see you there.

### **Change is good**

After 11 years of serving as principal here at Alameda High School, this week I submitted my resignation effective June 28, 2024. It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve the Alameda High community over the past decade but it is time for change, time for new leadership here in the House of the Hornet. I know it feels early to announce, but I want Alameda High to have plenty of time to find a principal worthy to serve all these great kids, families, and staff. A posting for the position will occur very soon and then a process to establish a selection committee will commence. All of this is left to others and I will continue to do my best to serve the needs of the school community. In the coming months, I am sure that I will have more to say in appreciation to all of you who have supported Alameda High and who have entrusted us with your children's education, development, and safety. For now, I'll just say thank you for everything but mostly for your patience, understanding, and support.

Please have a restful weekend, and 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.

Robert Ithurnburn  
Hornet Pride!



# Weekly Bulletin

## Saturday, January 20

TBD	Basketball: Women's Varsity vs Carondelet	Carondelet HS
8:00am	Wrestling: Women's All Level	San Ramon Valley
8:00am	Wrestling: Men's All Levels	San Ramon Valley
11:00am	Soccer: Men's JV vs Acalanes	Acalanes HS
1:00pm	Soccer: Men's Varsity vs Acalanes	Acalanes HS

## Monday, January 22

<b>8:30-9:12am</b>	<b>MEANINGFUL MONDAY</b>	<b>Periods 0,MM,1-6</b>
<b>All Day</b>	<b>Senior Portraits-by appointment only</b>	<b>5<sup>TH</sup> PERIOD CLASSES</b>
4:00pm	Soccer: Women's JV vs Castro Valley	C208
10:45am	Soccer: Women's Varsity vs Castro Valley	Castro Valley HS

## Tuesday, January 23

<b>All Day</b>	<b>Senior Portraits-by appointment only</b>	<b>Periods 0,1,2,5,SMART,6</b>
4:00pm	Basketball: Men's F/S vs Bishop O'Dowd	C208
5:30pm	Basketball: Women's JV vs Bishop O'Dowd	BOD HS-Knauss Gym
5:30pm	Basketball: Men's JV vs Bishop O'Dowd	AHS New Gym
7:00pm	Basketball: Women's Varsity vs B. O'Dowd	BOD HS-Knauss Gym
7:00pm	Basketball: Men's Varsity vs B. O'Dowd	AHS New Gym

## Wednesday, January 24

<b>All Day</b>	<b>Senior Portraits-by appointment only</b>	<b>Periods 0,1,3,4,6</b>
1:30pm	Soccer: Men's JV vs San Lorenzo	C208
3:30pm	Soccer: Men's Varsity vs San Lorenzo	San Lorenzo HS
4:00pm	Wrestling: Dual Meet	San Lorenzo HS

## Thursday, January 25

4:30pm	Soccer: Women's JV vs Encinal	<b>Periods 0,2,3,4,SMART,5</b>
5:30pm	Basketball: Women's JV vs Castro Valley	AHS Thompson Field
6:30pm	Basketball: Women's Varsity vs Castro Valley	Castro Valley HS
6:30pm	Soccer: Women's Varsity vs Encinal	Castro Valley HS

## Friday, January 26

4:00pm	Basketball: Men's F/S vs Castro Valley	<b>Periods 0,1,2,3,4,5,6</b>
4:30pm	Soccer: Men's JV vs Encinal	AHS New Gym
5:30pm	Basketball: Men's JV vs Castro Valley	EHS Don Grant Field
6:30pm	Soccer: Men's Varsity vs Encinal	AHS New Gym
7:00pm	Basketball: Men's Varsity vs Castro Valley	EHS Don Grant Field

**AHS Jazz performs at Yoshi's Monday, January 29 8:00pm**



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