



Alexander Hamilton

September Newsletter



Principal's Greeting

Welcome Back To School,

We had a very successful opening and want to thank all our amazing families for their support and partnership. Your student's educational journey is important to us and we value each of you as our partners throughout the academic year.

A big thank you to the PTSA for their dedication and support. I also want to take a moment to honor our students and applaud them for coming to school ready to learn and focus on their academics. In addition, I would like to thank the Village of Elmsford and Mayor Williams for their support in providing our school with an SRO, Officer Chris.

Furthermore, I would like to remind families that there is no cell phone use in the building.

Looking forward to a successful school year!

Best,

Mr. Engelhardt

AHHS Department Work!

Math

As we kick off another exciting school year at Alexander Hamilton High School, we are thrilled to bring you the latest updates from our Math Department. We have some fantastic news to share and look forward to a year full of learning and exploration in mathematics!

We are delighted to introduce Mr. Richard Molina, our new 7th grade math teacher. Mr. Molina brings a wealth of experience and a passion for problem-solving to our team. This year, his students will be diving into various problem-solving strategies, honing their critical thinking skills, and applying mathematical concepts to real-world scenarios. Mr. Molina's engaging teaching methods and dedication to student success promise to make math an exciting and enriching experience for our 7th graders. Please join us in welcoming Mr. Molina to our school community!

In the world of advanced mathematics, Ms. Rahman's calculus class has been deeply immersed in investigating complex problems. This month, students have been tackling challenging calculus problems, exploring limits with enthusiasm and curiosity. Their investigations are designed to not only understand the theoretical aspects of calculus but also to appreciate its practical applications. We are excited to see the innovative solutions and insights that emerge from their hard work.

Upcoming Events and Announcements

- Mr. Simon offers Algebra review on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.
- Coding club is open to new members and returning members beginning on October 2nd in room 206 at 2:30.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences: Scheduled for November 21st and 22nd. This is a great opportunity for parents to discuss their child's progress with their math teachers and learn more about the curriculum.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year filled with mathematical discovery, problem-solving, and growth. Here's to a successful and enjoyable school year!

English

Welcome to a new year and new faces!

Our department would like to welcome our latest addition, Mr. Doug Elliott, to our ELA team. Mr. Elliott will bring his ELA expertise, love of reading, and joyful curiosity to our grade 7 students this



year. Students in his class are already exploring themes of survival through their reading of *A Long Walk to Water* and adapting to their daily grammar, vocabulary, and journaling routines. Please say hello to Mr. Elliott when you see him in our hallways!

We would also like to celebrate the new reading classroom for Ms. Brenna and her students. When the school year began, Ms. Brenna's class enjoyed a ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially open the new room. We are excited for our young readers to have such a warm, welcoming space.

Students will also notice some new electives to our course selection this year. Mr. Vergara will be teaching an elective course on Film Study, focusing on the techniques and talents of classic and contemporary filmmakers. In addition, Ms. Doolittle will also be introducing our students to the many facets of drama, including staging, production, acting, and design. Please encourage your students to stop by and ask our teachers about these exciting new offerings.

Reminders:

- If your student is enrolled in a WCC ECE 101 or 102 course, please remind them to show you the registration materials on the WCC website. All registration and payments will be handled directly with WCC through this website.
- If you have an AP Language or Literature student, please remind them to join AP Classroom as soon as possible.
- Many of our senior classes have already begun the process of planning, writing, and revising the college essay. If you are a grade 12 parent, please ask your student about their college essay and application progress.

Science

The Science Department would like to welcome students and families back to Hamilton for the 24-25 school year. We have been busy this summer preparing a series of great courses for our students. The year has kicked off well, students are engaged in a wide variety of Core, Elective, College and AP courses within the department. The 7th and 8th grade classes are busy building a community of curious and sharing learners who are building on each other's ideas as they work to gain an understanding of the world around them.

Our Regents students are setting the stage for a broad and rigorous year of investigating the world around them. Stay tuned for more information later in the year about how these courses will continue the statewide evolution to the New York State Science Learning Standards.

Our Advanced Placement students are keeping an eye towards college as they study either AP Biology or AP Psychology. These students are ready to dive deeper into these fascinating topics. Our electives classes give students a chance to explore various other topics to expand their knowledge and find connections in their learning. Our Robotics sequence continues to be a favorite amongst the students of Hamilton. Providing students with a chance to design, build and test robots to perform ever increasing challenges.

This year's offerings include: Performance Physics, Forensics, Nutrition, Anatomy, Consumer Chemistry, and Natural Disasters (new for '24-25). Students of all levels of curiosity are sure to find a course to keep them interested.

Social Studies

The Social Studies department would like to welcome Taylor Pisani to AHHS. She is teaching Global 9 and 10 as well as coaching Girls Modified Soccer.

Mr. Stout began the year with a project entitled "One Special Thing About America." Students could choose one thing they find great. Answers ranged from people to food to music. It was a creative way for students to think about the United States.

Students in Mr. Budzynski's Economics/Personal Finance course have been working on a group project called Budgeting with Roommates. This interactive activity had students engage in negotiating the terms and agreements of splitting the costs of renting an apartment with roommates. They had to create a roommate agreement (contract) and create a budget for all costs associated with the apartment.

Reminders:

- All students enrolled in AP courses should be sure to join the AP Classroom as soon as possible.

Art

Middle and high school art students began the year with cooperative learning challenges that simulated the creative process, preparing them to get into an artist's mindset for the 24'/25' school year.

Studio Art students are celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month and exploring textures by creating portraits of their favorite Latin American figures, adorned with zentangle patterns. Studio II students are exercising their drawing and value skills by creating drawings of culturally relevant animals from Latin American countries.

7th and 8th grade artists are warming up their creative skills by creating 3D Line Sculptures and Neurographic Drawings.

Guidance Department

September was a busy month for the students, updating schedules and getting familiar with their school routines. Mrs. Ahern and Ms. Luccioni did a presentation for our seniors in their social studies class discussing their next steps to the college process. Some college reps have already come in to meet with our students and many more will be coming. Please check google classroom and Naviance to see the list of colleges visiting plus sign up on Naviance to register to meet with a college rep.

Dates to remember for October:

- October 1st- College Financial Aid- 6:30 pm
- October 17th- PSAT
- October 22- AHHS Annual College Fair 8:30 am

SAC

Alexa White is AHHS's Student Assistance Counselor (SAC). She is employed by an agency called Student Assistance Services (<http://sascorp.org/>). Mrs. White's role as a SAC is to be a pillar of support for your children and for you, and to provide your children with skills (decision-making, resistance skills, coping skills) to combat any issues related to school, peers, family, and substance use.

Her position includes:

- Substance use prevention (classroom lessons, school-wide activities, Raiders Against Destructive Decisions (RADD) club)
- Individual and group counseling
- Confidential consultations with families and faculty
- Referral to community resources

The RADD club focuses on spreading awareness to the school community about substance use and mental health. September is Recovery Month. Recovery Month is intended to promote and celebrate the recovery process from addiction of alcohol and other drugs. To bring awareness to this month, students learned about what recovery means. They participated in activities to enhance

their knowledge about celebrities who are in recovery, words associated with recovery (growth, hope, patience), coping skills, and how to support someone who may be struggling.

For more confidential consultations, more information, please contact the Student Assistance Counselor:

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Student Art Work



College Visit



We Welcome Mr. Elliot

Upcoming Events

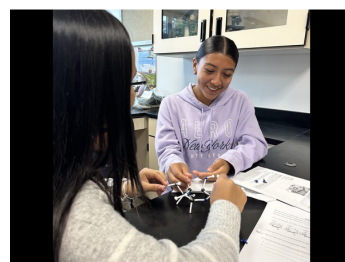
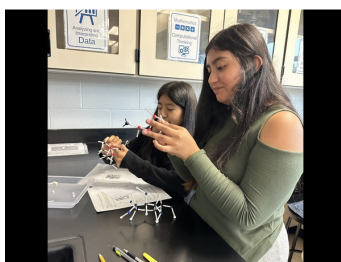
October 1 - College Financial Aid Night 6:30

October 3 & 4 - School is Closed for Rosh Hashanah

October 16 - BOE Meeting - AHHS Auditorium 7 pm

October 17 - PSAT Exams

October 25 - Our Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration - this will be for students only



Joseph Engelhardt

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