AHS Parent Newsletter

March 29, 2026

Principal's Message

Monday March 30	Tuesday March 31	Wednesday April 1	Thursday April 2	Friday April 3
CAASPP Testing **11th Grade Starts @: 8:30** **9th, 10th and 12th grade starts @: 11am**	**CAASPP Testing** **11th Grade Starts @: 8:30** **9th, 10th and 12th grade starts @: 11am** **Senior Breakfast – New Gym 9-10:30am**	**CAASPP Testing** **11th Grade Starts @: 8:30** **9th, 10th and 12th grade starts @: 11am**	**CAASPP Testing** **11th Grade Starts @: 8:30** **9th, 10th and 12th grade starts @: 11am**	
Periods: 1,2,3 3:30pm Dismissal	Periods: 4,5,6 3:30pm Dismissal	Periods: 1,2,3 2:27pm Dismissal *AHS Staff Meeting	Periods: 4,5,6 3:30pm Dismissal	Periods: 0-6 3:30pm Dismissal

Sports Schedules are posted here.

Upcoming Dates

- March 27: 3rd Quarter Grades Online
- March 30- April 2: CAASPP Testing
- April 13-17: Spring Break – No School

- **Prom – Exclusion List Reminder**
  Junior and Senior families, prom is coming up and I want to give a quick reminder that students with excessive tardies (over 24) will be placed on the exclusion list and will be unable to attend prom. You can find more details further down in this newsletter.

- **Graduation Tickets**
  Senior families, graduation is around the corner – June 5th! As a reminder, each senior will receive 5 tickets. Unfortunately, we cannot give more than 5 tickets.

- **Drop Off Etiquette**
  Parents, please ensure you are not blocking the entrances or exits on Oak and Walnut during drop-off and pick-up. Parking or idling in these areas creates a significant safety hazard for our students and causes unnecessary traffic pileups for everyone. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping the flow moving!

- **CASSPP Testing**
  CAASPP State Testing – March 30–April 2

	Monday 3/30	Tuesday 3/31	Wednesday 4/1	Thursday 4/2
11th Grade Only	8:30am – 11am: Testing	8:30am – 11am: Testing	8:30am – 11am: Testing	8:30am – 11am: Testing
9th, 10th, 12th Grade Only	11am – 3:30pm: Report to school	11am – 3:30pm: Report to school Senior Breakfast: 9am-10:30am	11am – 2:27pm: Report to school	11am – 3:30pm: Report to school

Our 11th grade students will participate in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) statewide assessments from Monday, March 30 through Thursday, April 2, 2026. These assessments are administered to 11th grade students only.

To ensure a quiet and focused testing environment, we will operate on a modified bell schedule during these four days.

- Testing will take place: March 30, March 31, April 1, April 2
- 11th graders should report to school at the regular time of 8:30 AM, with testing taking place from 8:30–11:00 AM each day.
- 9th, 10th, and 12th graders will begin their school day at 11:00 AM.

Please also note that on Tuesday, March 31, our Senior Breakfast will take place in the New Gym from 9:00–10:30 AM.

Students in our Extensive Support Needs (ESN) program will not be impacted by this modified schedule. ESN classes and transportation will continue as regularly scheduled, and students should report to school each day at 8:30 AM.

On Friday, April 3, we will return to our regular bell schedule for all students.

We appreciate your support in helping ensure students arrive on time and prepared for these important assessments. Please refer to the schedule below for additional details.

Link to CAASPP modified bell schedule:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zpR73fnPwlWlT6yr1JEfoLnR0o3KXj86USvTo0_P6aM/edit?usp=sharing

- **College & Career – Scholarships**
  If you have a graduating senior this year, please encourage them to check out the college and career center. There ae many scholarships available and Ms Bustos can share that information with them and suggest some that are a good fit. Check out the C&C website, by clicking here.

- **(Exclusion List) Attendance and Senior Events**

Our last attendance period has started and goes until May 16th. Please know that this is a very important attendance window for our seniors (and juniors). Too many tardies (over 24) and the student is placed on the exclusion list and **not eligible for senior events, this includes prom**. In order to support this, we have increased notification of tardies. Please remind your seniors and juniors to be mindful of their tardies and attendance. Please see the attendance policy in its entirety below:

ATTENDANCE POLICIES

Excused and Unexcused Absences:

Excused Absences: Excused absences can be verified by a parent calling the attendance office or sending a note which includes the student's name, AHS ID#, reason for absence, date and time of absence, and the signature of the parent. When a student has an excused absence they are not allowed to be on campus or in the media center.

- CA Education Code states that any absence beyond 14 absences will be considered an unexcused absence unless a doctor's note is submitted for that absence. Each absence beyond the 14th day requires its own doctor's note.
- Students who are truant, with excessive unexcused absences in any of their classes may be denied participation in extracurricular events, including sports and senior privileges.

  Chronic absenteeism, is when a student has more than 14 excused absences and may be factored in when considering the attendance percentages to participate in extracurricular activities, including athletics and proms.
- Unexcused Absences: When a student has an unexcused absence from school, the parents will be notified via email, text or phone depending on your preferences in our communications system. In addition, unexcused absences may lead to discipline by both the school and the district. These disciplines can include detentions and/or truancy letters and exclusion from school activities.
- Clearing Absences: All absences must be cleared within three (3) days of a student returning to school by the parent. This can be done either by telephone, sending a note, or emailing the Attendance Office. The Attendance Office is open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Students will only be assisted in the Attendance Office for an absence clearing purpose in the morning from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. during break time, and lunchtime. Teachers are not to send any student out of class during class time to the Attendance Office to clear any absence.

Truancy:

A student is considered *truant* if they are absent three class periods without a valid excuse in one school year, and/or are tardy for more than 30- minutes at the beginning of the period, or any combination thereof. Once your student reaches any combination of 3 missing class periods or 30 minute tardies, the district office / attendance will generate a truancy letter that will be sent home to the parent/guardian. After multiple truancy letters, a truant student may be subject to prosecution and/or suspension/revocation of his/her driving privilege (Vehicle Code 13202.7). Moreover, a truant student is also subject to suspension/revocation of any work permit acquired at the high school.

If you have any attendance concerns, please call or email our attendance staff, according to your student's last name.

- If your student's Last Name begins with the letter A - L, please call Ms. Derieg at 1-510-337-7022, extension 22757, or email: pderieg@alamedaunified.org .
- If your student's Last Name begins with the letter M - Z, please call Ms. Rosenthal at 1-510-337-7022, extension 22756, or email: crosenthal@alamedaunified.org.

Absence, Tardies, and the Exclusion List:
Attendance and tardies are both calculated following Chronic Absenteeism and Truancy policies as outlined by the CA Department of Education. For a student to be able to participate in extracurricular activities such as athletic teams, dances, plays, etc., they must stay under 10% attendance issues. We are monitoring three "Attendance Periods"-Fall, Winter and Spring:

- In order to be eligible for extracurricular activities, including sports teams, plays, and all dances, including Junior/Senior Prom, Senior Banquet and Senior Picnic, a student must not exceed 24 tardies during the Fall, Winter or Spring season.

**For students who play sports on our Extracurricular Athletic Teams: Please be aware that excessive period absences may result in a loss of privileges for the season as well as tardies.

FALL Attendance Period-August 11, 2025-November 2, 2025 (12 weeks):
No Student Can Exceed 24 Tardies between 08/11/2025 - 11/2/2025.

- If a student has been tardy 10% or has 24 or more tardies in this time-period, they may not be eligible for: Fall sports or the Senior Banquet on November 15, 2025.
- Once a student has 12 tardies, they will be assigned a lunch detention, and parents or guardians may be notified. Parents will be notified again once a student reaches 24 tardies during an Attendance Period.
- If a student has excessive unexcused period absences in any class, between 8/11/25-11/2/25, they will not be eligible to participate in any school related events.

*If a student accrues or misses more than the allowable number of tardies or absences in the current Attendance Period, they will be out of their team, cast, or event for the remainder of the season.

WINTER Attendance Period-November 3, 2025 - February 8, 2026 (11 week):
No Student Can Exceed 24 Tardies between 11/3/2025 - 2/8/2026.

- If a student has been tardy 10% or has 24 or more tardies in this time-period, they may not be eligible for: Winter sports the Fall Play.
- Once a student has 12 tardies, they will be assigned a lunch detention, and parents or guardians may be notified. Parents will be notified again once a student reaches 24 tardies during an Attendance Period.
- If a student has excessive unexcused period absences, between 11/3/2025-2/8/2026, they will not be eligible to participate in any school related events.
*If a student misses more than the allowable number of tardies or absences in the current Attendance Period, they will be removed from their team, cast or event for the remainder of the season.

SPRING Attendance Period-February 9, 2026 - May 16, 2026 (12 weeks):
No Student Can Exceed Thirteen Tardies between 2/9/2026 - 5/16/2026.

- If a student has been tardy 10% or has 24 or more tardies in this time-period, they may not be eligible for: the Spring Play, Spring Sports or the Junior/Senior Prom on May 16, 2026.
- Once a student has 12 tardies, they will be assigned a lunch detention, and parents or guardians may be notified. Parents will be notified again once a student reaches 24 tardies during an Attendance Period.
- If a student has excessive unexcused period absences, between 2/9/2026-5/16/2026,they will not be eligible to participate in any school related events.

  *If a student misses more than the allowable number of tardies or absences in the current Attendance Period, they will be removed from their team, cast or event for the remainder of the season.

  A student is officially tardy if they enter the classroom after the tardy bell has finished ringing to begin the class period. *If a student drops off their belongings but leaves the classroom and returns after the tardy bell, they will be considered tardy.*

  Tuesday/Thursday Lunch Detentions:
  If a student receives a detention, for behavior or tardiness, the office will send written notification that they must attend detention in the cafeteria on a Tuesday or Thursday, during the lunch hour. Lunch will be available for students from the cafeteria, and free lunch is available to all students. A campus supervisor or school administrator will monitor detention.
- For all detentions, students must arrive within 5 minutes after the start of the lunch bell rings.

  Tardy Detentions:
  Students will be assigned lunchtime detention for tardiness once they have accrued 12 tardies as well as at 24 tardies, in the current Attendance Period. The attendance office will run a list of students with unexcused tardies, and all students with 12 tardies, as well as 24 tardies, will serve a Tuesday or Thursday detention. If a student is on this list, the office will send written notification that they must attend detention in the cafeteria that same day during the lunch hour. Lunch will be available for students from the cafeteria, and free lunch is available to all students. A campus supervisor or school administrator will monitor detention.

  Reminders About Tardies and Detentions:
- Teachers may have individual tardy policies and may hold their own detentions and consequences for tardiness to their classes, which can include classroom cleanup duties. Students who are excessively tardy, may be assigned a detention by their teacher or be referred to the office for further discipline at the discretion of the Administration.
- Students exceeding the allotted number of tardies in any of the three Attendance Periods, across their schedule, will be ineligible for extracurricular activities including athletics, school plays, dances and Junior/Senior events.
- Persistent tardiness may result in the student being put on the exclusion list and lose the privilege of participating in the following school sponsored extra-curricular activities, including but not limited to Athletic Teams, Drama, Band, Choir, Leadership (e.g., student body officers and representatives), School Assemblies,

Sports Games and Dances (including Winter Ball, Junior Prom, and Senior Ball) for that Season.

The Exclusion List:
The Exclusion List will follow the three " Fall, Winter and Spring Attendance Periods." Should a student have unserved detentions in any of the three Attendance Periods, they will be ineligible for all extracurricular activities including athletics, school plays, dances and Junior/Senior events for that season until they are off the Exclusion List.

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Visitors:
All visitors must report to the welcome office before going to any other location on the campus. We do not authorize student visitors on campus. Any and all non-students with no apparent business to be on campus will be asked to leave campus immediately. All non-students without official business are notified that they are trespassing on school grounds. Returning to campus will result in Alameda Police being contacted for removal from campus.

- **PTSA**

Are you a member of the PTSA? Joining the PTSA (Parent, Teacher, Student Association) is a powerful way for parents and staff to work together in supporting students' success. When families and educators collaborate, it builds a stronger sense of community and ensures that every child's needs are better understood and met. PTSA membership gives parents and staff a voice in school decisions, access to important resources, and opportunities to plan events, fundraisers, and programs that directly benefit students. By joining, you're showing your commitment to making our school a welcoming, engaging, and thriving environment for all. ***If you would like to join the AHS PTSA, please click here!***

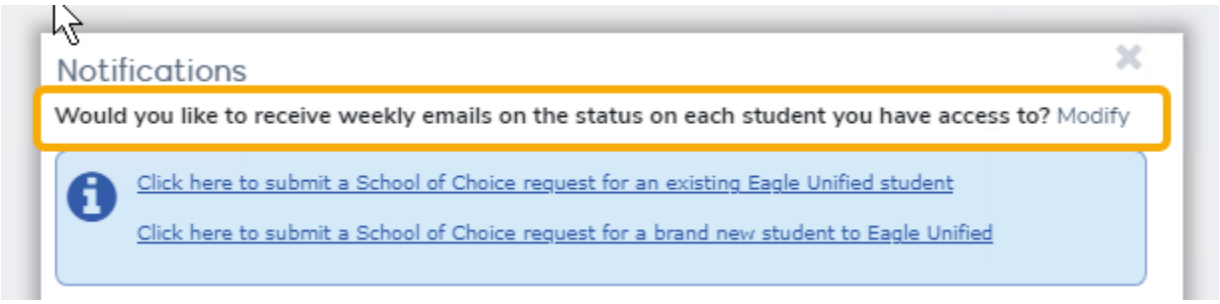
- **Weekly Progress Report (Sign Up Today)**

Hello Families,
There is a new feature of Aeries available to you - a Weekly Progress Report. In an effort to enhance communication around attendance and grades, there are 2 changes we have implemented: (1) Daily Tardy Notification - you are now notified daily if your student(s) are tardy/late to class, and (2) Weekly Progress Report.

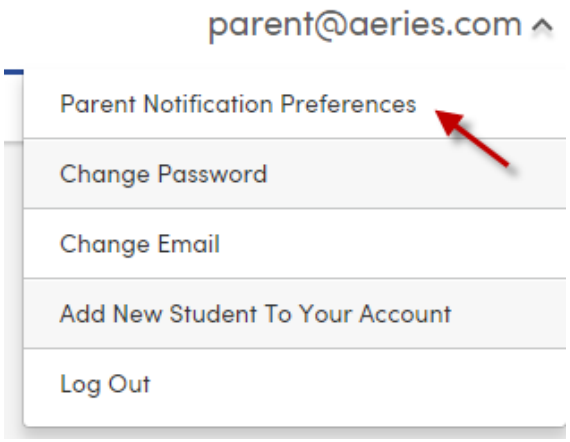
You may have to opt into this notification - please see below for more information and we hope you have a wonderful day!

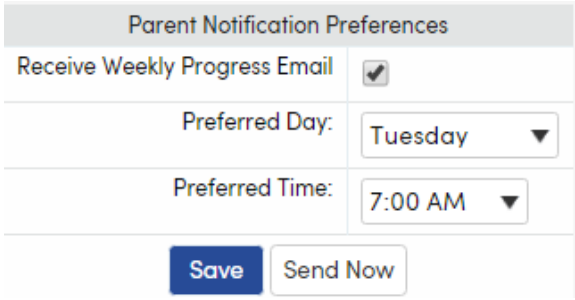
Portal Users ↑

When Parents log into the Portal a Notification prompting them to sign up for Weekly Progress emails appears in the **Notifications** , if they have not already done so.

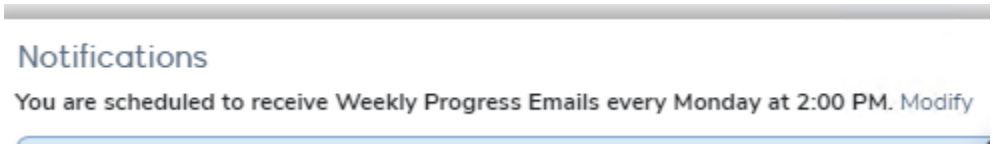


An option labeled **Parent Notification Preferences** also displays in the drop-down menu when Parents click on their username in the upper right-hand corner. This allows them to sign up for Weekly Progress Report emails for a preferred day and time and adjust their notification preferences at any time.

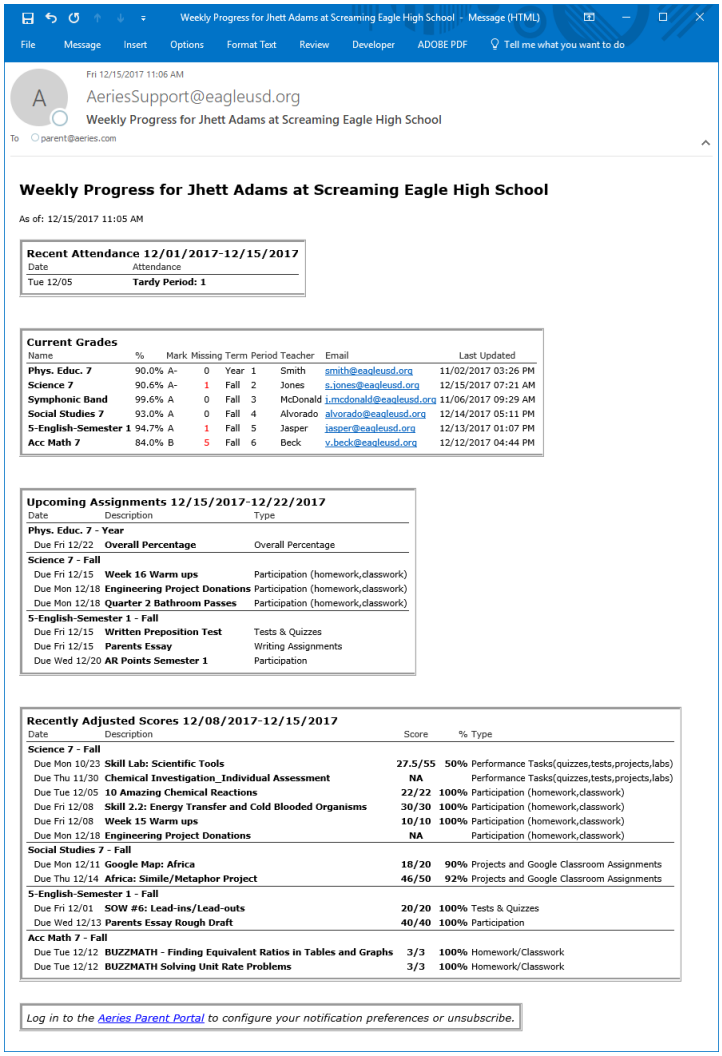




Each time the User logs into the Portal, there is a reminder of the Date and Time they are set to receive the emails.



This is a sample Weekly Progress email:



Weekly Progress for Jhett Adams at Screaming Eagle High School - Message (HTML)

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Fri 12/15/2017 11:06 AM

AeriesSupport@eagleusd.org

Weekly Progress for Jhett Adams at Screaming Eagle High School

To parent@aeries.com

Weekly Progress for Jhett Adams at Screaming Eagle High School

As of: 12/15/2017 11:05 AM

Recent Attendance 12/01/2017-12/15/2017

Date	Attendance
Tue 12/05	**Tardy Period: 1**

Current Grades

Name	%	Mark	Missing	Term	Period	Teacher	Email	Last Updated
Phys. Educ. 7	90.0%	A-	0	Year	1	Smith	smith@eagleusd.org	11/02/2017 03:26 PM
Science 7	90.6%	A-	1	Fall	2	Jones	s.jones@eagleusd.org	12/15/2017 07:21 AM
Symphonic Band	99.6%	A	0	Fall	3	McDonald	j.mcdonald@eagleusd.org	11/06/2017 09:29 AM
Social Studies 7	93.0%	A	0	Fall	4	Alvorado	alvorado@eagleusd.org	12/14/2017 05:11 PM
5-English-Semester 1	94.7%	A	1	Fall	5	Jasper	jasper@eagleusd.org	12/13/2017 01:07 PM
Acc Math 7	84.0%	B	5	Fall	6	Beck	v.beck@eagleusd.org	12/12/2017 04:44 PM

Upcoming Assignments 12/15/2017-12/22/2017

Date	Description	Type
Phys. Educ. 7 - Year		
Due Fri 12/22	**Overall Percentage**	Overall Percentage
Science 7 - Fall		
Due Fri 12/15	**Week 16 Warm ups**	Participation (homework,classwork)
Due Mon 12/18	**Engineering Project Donations**	Participation (homework,classwork)
Due Mon 12/18	**Quarter 2 Bathroom Passes**	Participation (homework,classwork)
5-English-Semester 1 - Fall		
Due Fri 12/15	**Written Preposition Test**	Tests & Quizzes
Due Fri 12/15	**Parents Essay**	Writing Assignments
Due Wed 12/20	**AR Points Semester 1**	Participation

Recently Adjusted Scores 12/08/2017-12/15/2017

Date	Description	Score	%	Type
Science 7 - Fall				
Due Mon 10/23	**Skill Lab: Scientific Tools**	**27.5/55**	**50%**	Performance Tasks(quizzes,tests,projects,labs)
Due Thu 11/30	**Chemical Investigation_Individual Assessment**	**NA**		Performance Tasks(quizzes,tests,projects,labs)
Due Tue 12/05	**10 Amazing Chemical Reactions**	**22/22**	**100%**	Participation (homework,classwork)
Due Fri 12/08	**Skill 2.2: Energy Transfer and Cold Blooded Organisms**	**30/30**	**100%**	Participation (homework,classwork)
Due Fri 12/08	**Week 15 Warm ups**	**10/10**	**100%**	Participation (homework,classwork)
Due Mon 12/18	**Engineering Project Donations**	**NA**		Participation (homework,classwork)
Social Studies 7 - Fall				
Due Mon 12/11	**Google Map: Africa**	**18/20**	**90%**	Projects and Google Classroom Assignments
Due Thu 12/14	**Africa: Simile/Metaphor Project**	**46/50**	**92%**	Projects and Google Classroom Assignments
5-English-Semester 1 - Fall				
Due Fri 12/01	**SOW #6: Lead-ins/Lead-outs**	**20/20**	**100%**	Tests & Quizzes
Due Wed 12/13	**Parents Essay Rough Draft**	**40/40**	**100%**	Participation
Acc Math 7 - Fall				
Due Tue 12/12	**BUZZMATH - Finding Equivalent Ratios in Tables and Graphs**	**3/3**	**100%**	Homework/Classwork
Due Tue 12/12	**BUZZMATH Solving Unit Rate Problems**	**3/3**	**100%**	Homework/Classwork

Log in to the Aeries Parent Portal to configure your notification preferences or unsubscribe.

The email also includes a link to the Aeries Parent Portal.