



AHS Parent Newsletter: Friday, Jan. 13

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 92% 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 97% 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 rough data to implore us 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.

In addition, we are investigating why a few students with less than 3 days of absence still earned an F in one of their classes. What can we put into place to help these and all students to avoid academic failures in the future? It could be as simple as reminders, supports or interventions that we can put in place to assist them to achieve academic success going forward. As for the students who had 10 or more absences, we are imploring that families in this situation make an effort to get those students to school much more.

Athletic Boosters Hosting Restaurant Night

Next Wednesday, January 18, The Alameda High Athletic Boosters is hosting a restaurant night at Chipotle at South Shore Shopping Center. The fundraiser runs from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm. A portion of your purchase will come back to support the athletic program and teams here at Alameda High School. If ordering in person, please tell them you are ordering as part of the AHS Boosters Fundraiser – keep your receipt (just in case). If ordering online – use this code - 7W4J7JT. We need schoolwide participation so thanks for spreading the word! Get on down to Chipotle and bring your Hornet Hunger to support the kids.

Grad Nite

The PTSA is pleased to announce that Grad Nite 2023 is happening, and this year it's gonna be epic! **Friday June 9, 2023, from 9:30 PM to 2:30 AM. Tickets only \$20 (on sale starting in March).** In order to keep the ticket cost low, we need your support this year so we can "reboot" Grad Nite back home at AHS. Please support Grad Nite by making a generous donation.

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What is this year's Grad Nite, you might ask? Sneakerball: Grad Nite '23 will be one last chance for the senior class to make a few more memories together before heading off into the world. Come dressed for a party, but make sure to wear sneakers because this party is happening in Patton Gym. There will be something for everyone, and an amazing party vibe like you wouldn't imagine could happen at AHS! Come see Live Performances by JUNO NORTON & BULLFIGHT, DJ JACK BUSER will be spinning from a Senior Class curated playlist, we'll have a Live AHS Teacher-Trivia Gameshow, a Photobooth, Spikeball and Four Square Tournaments with prizes, Casino tables, Blackjack, Poker, Lots of Games, Pool Tables, Ping-Pong tables, Cornhole, Giant Connect Four, Giant Jenga, Mega-Twister, Wall-Ball, Yearbook signing & decorating, Senior Handprint "Mural", All-Night Senior Slideshow, Selfie Station with Props, Special Grad Night Keepsakes (t-shirt and tote bag for purchase separately), Sweet Treats, Salty Snacks, Unlimited Drinks, Chill-Out Lounge with phone chargers, and much, much more. It's gonna be off-the-hook! But we can't do it without your generous support.

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Jazz Ensemble – Yoshi's

The AHS Jazz Ensemble's will be performing at Yoshi's in Oakland at 8 PM on Monday Evening, January 30. We are so excited to showcase our talented AHS musicians at Yoshi's, Oakland's Premier Jazz Club and Sushi Restaurant!

This performance is a major fundraiser for our high school music program! Please get the word out to all your friends/family! See the flyer info on the school website. Thank you to Booster parents Kim Rankin (President) and Tina O'Grady (Chair) are helping with this event

Reminder

A quick reminder that there will be no school on Monday, January 16, 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.

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.

Robert Ithurnburn
Hornet Pride!

Alameda High School - Weekly Bulletin

Monday, January 16, 2023

All Day	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday	
12:00pm	Women's Basketball JV vs College Park	College Park HS
1:30pm	Women's Basketball Varsity vs College Park	College Park HS

Tuesday, January 17, 2023 Periods 0,1,2,5, Smart,6

4:30pm	Women's Soccer JV vs Bishop O'Dowd	TBD
6:30pm	Women's Soccer Varsity vs Bishop O'Dowd	TBD
7:00pm	PTSA meeting	Zoom

Wednesday, January 18, 2023 Periods 0,1,3,4,6

2:35-3:30pm	Collaboration Group	Various Locations
3:40-4:40pm	Principal's Cabinet	C208
4:00pm	Men's Basketball F/S vs Castro Valley	Castro Valley HS
4:30pm	Men's Soccer JV vs Piedmont	TBD
5:00pm	Women's Basketball JV vs Castro Valley	AHS New Gym
5:30pm	Men's Basketball JV vs Castro Valley	Castro Valley HS
5:30pm	School Site Council Meeting	Zoom
6:30pm	Women's Basketball Var vs Castro Valley	AHS New Gym
6:30pm	Men's Soccer Varsity vs Piedmont	TBD
7:00pm	Men's Basketball Var vs Castro Valley	Castro Valley HS

Thursday, January 19, 2023 Periods 0,2,3,4, SMART,5

4:00pm	Women's Soccer JV vs San Leandro	Burrell Field
5:00pm	Women's Soccer Varsity vs San Leandro	Burrell Field

Friday, January 20, 2023 Periods 0,1,2,3,4,5,6

4:00pm	Women's Basketball JV vs San Leandro	AHS New Gym
4:00pm	Men's Basketball F/S vs San Leandro	San Leandro HS
4:30pm	Men's Soccer JV vs Berkeley	BHS Jacket Stadium
5:30pm	Women's Basketball Var vs San Leandro	AHS New Gym
5:30pm	Men's Basketball JV vs San Leandro	San Leandro HS
6:30pm	Men's Soccer Varsity vs Berkeley	BHS Jacket Stadium
7:00pm	Men's Basketball Varsity vs San Leandro	AHS New Gym

Saturday, January 21, 2023

9:00 am	Virtual Mock ACT	Online access
TBD	Women's Basketball vs Granada	Carondelet HS
12:00pm	Men's Basketball F/S vs Encinal	Encinal HS
1:30pm	Men's Basketball JV vs Encinal	Encinal HS
3:00pm	Men's Basketball Varsity vs Encinal	Encinal HS