



AHS Parent Newsletter: Friday, Dec. 16

Principal's Message

Only three more days of classes left in 2022 before students and staff head off on a much-deserved Winter Break. Let's finish 2022 strong before we kick it to the curb.

Finals

Next week's schedule is altered for the purpose of semester finals. Zero period meets on Monday and Tuesday morning at their regularly scheduled time. All other students will also start at the regular 8:30 am start time. Students will then have two two-hour periods for the purpose of taking finals with a 15-minute break between the two two-hour classes. All students will only have their first and second period classes on Monday, third and fourth period classes on Tuesday, and fifth and sixth period classes on Wednesday. School releases each day at 12:45 in the hopes that students will be able to rest and prepare for their other finals. ([You can find a copy of this schedule on our school website here.](#)) One ask that I have is that you share the expectation with your child that they will not go to any other campus during the early release time. Our middle schools and elementary schools do not have an early release. I'll try to make an announcement at the end of each day reminding students of this expectation.

Transcript grades – reminder

In multiple prior newsletters, I have explained that the grades earned at the semester are the grades that exist on a student's transcript. These transcripts are what are sent to colleges, the military, some employers as evidence of a student's success in high school. Next week's finals, along with students' present grades, are what will be reflected on the transcripts. We are presently seeing a spike in absences due to the current flu and COVID. Students missing finals for that reason or other reasons will receive an "I" (incomplete) on grades and then can have up to 6 weeks once they return to campus in January to make that up. We will be holding make-up finals the week we return. If the grade is not completed after the 6 weeks, then the grade on the transcript will be the grade the student would have earned if all that missed work was never turned in. Grades are due from teachers on the Wednesday we return from break and should be posted by Friday, January 13.

Senior pictures – Yearbook deadline – December 18

Senior baby pictures are due to the yearbook by this Sunday (yes, there was another extension). Please submit one picture through the Google Form. You can find all the information seniors need for yearbook, including the names of already submitted baby pics, on the senior page of the yearbook website:

<https://sites.google.com/view/ahsyearbook/seniors>

Senior Portraits

For the AHS Class of 2023 – Studio One Photography is our official senior portrait photographer. They will be on the AHS campus January 23 – 25, 2023 for senior portraits. Don't miss out on the best appointment times, so schedule your appointment ASAP. Check your email for your personal schedule link to schedule online, or email customerservice@studio1experience.com. On campus appointments are for yearbook attire only. Studio One will provide the tux, drape and cap and gown.

Alameda Fire Department Hosts Sports Medicine Career Tech Education (CTE) Classes

Sports Medicine CTE teacher, Anderson Zhang, arranged walking field trips to Alameda Fire Department's Station 1 for his Sports Med 2 classes last week. AFD personnel gave students demonstrations on the emergency equipment that they carry whenever they respond to 911 calls. Students got to tour the ambulance and were given a detailed breakdown of all the equipment that is on a fire truck. AFD personnel gave everyone a tour of Station #1's "house," including the kitchen, workout room, and emergency control room. Several Sports Med students expressed an interest in firefighting or paramedic careers. During the station visit, senior Luis Licea shared the fact that his father is a firefighter in Oakland and his stepmother is a nurse. Luis said that he is seriously thinking about taking a similar career path. He also is interested in scuba diving, so he is keeping his options open. Luis and his fellow classmates got a chance to try on one of the AFD helmets. Mr. Zhang and AUSD's CTE coordinator, Felicia Vargas, are working with AFD to arrange for Sports Med students to have the opportunity to apply to participate in ride-alongs with AFD in the spring.

Email from APD

Recently, I shared with you troubling behaviors on the part of AHS students in terms of hate speech taggings on campus. In some cases, we were able to determine the student based on video and writing samples. In one other, there was not sufficient evidence to determine any one individual. That is not what this paragraph is about, however. Earlier this week I received an email from Adam DiGiusto from the Alameda Police Department sharing information about an incident in the community where AHS students were responsible and ideal citizens in our community. Below is that email.

Greetings Principal Ithurnburn,

I wanted to share a recent event where a group of Alameda High school students acted exemplary while faced with an unexpected critical incident.

On 12/07/22, Alameda High school students were off campus during their lunch break. Several students elected to head over to CVS on Santa Clara Ave to grab some snacks and check out some of the store's other merchandise. While there, an adult male threw a Molotov cocktail onto a display shelf which caught on fire. AHS students quickly identified the hazard. They ran to notify a store employee, grabbed a fire extinguisher, and doused the fire before it got out of hand. Further, one of the students took a video of the suspect as he fled.

As a result of the fire, CVS was shut down for about an hour to allow time for the smoke to dissipate.

Their quick thinking not only thwarted an incredibly hazardous situation, but also provided police with evidence of the crime. Had they not been in the store at that time, who knows what could have transpired.

The quick thinking/acting students were as follows:

Giovanni Balboni, Kaleb Lum, Michael Oreshkov, Elliott Cevallos, and Ryan Baker

I felt this incident was worth mentioning to AHS staff as these students' actions should be commended. Contact me if you would like any further information.

Best,

Officer Adam DiGiusto, Alameda Police Department

If you have any questions or concerns, you may email me at rithurnburn@alamedaunified.org or you can call the school at 337 – 7022 and I will try to address them.

Robert Ithurnburn

Hornet Pride!!



ALAMEDA HIGH SCHOOL

Weekly Bulletin

Monday, December 19, 2022

Periods 0, 1 & 2

7:30-8:25	Period 0 Finals
8:30-10:30	Period 1 Finals
10:45-12:45	Period 2 Finals

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

Periods 0, 3 & 4

7:30-8:25	Period 0 Finals
8:30-10:30	Period 3 Finals
10:45-12:45	Period 4 Finals

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Periods 5 & 6

8:30-10:30	Period 5 Finals	
10:45-12:45	Period 6 Finals	
1:15pm	8 th Grade Tours	Media Center Pit
4:00pm	Men's Basketball F/S vs Acalanes	Acalanes HS
4:30pm	Men's Soccer JV vs Encinal	Estuary Park
5:30pm	Men's Basketball JV vs Acalanes	Acalanes HS
6:30pm	Men's Soccer Varsity vs Encinal	Estuary Park
7:00pm	Men's Basketball Varsity vs Acalanes	Acalanes HS

Thursday, December 22, 2022

No Classes

4:00pm	Women's Soccer JV vs Piedmont	Piedmont HS
4:00pm	Men's Basketball F/S vs Oakland Tech	AHS New Gym
5:30pm	Men's Basketball JV vs Oakland Tech	AHS New Gym
6:00pm	Women's Soccer Varsity vs Piedmont	Piedmont HS
7:00pm	Men's Basketball Varsity vs Oakland Tech	AHS New Gym

Winter Break December 22, 2022 to January 6, 2023

Classes Resume January 9, 2023

