CAMPUS NEWS

• STATE Champs AGAIN!!
  o For the 3rd time in 4 years our Cheerleaders come away as 5A STATE Champs!!!!

• Reminder: No school tomorrow - MLK holiday.
  o Student Council and Young Democrats are taking a bus to the MLK march at 8:30/8:45 am on Monday. Anyone welcome. Meet at the Mule.

• HS Ahead – Please save the date of Wednesday, January 23rd at 6pm. All incoming 9th graders and all returning 9th-11th graders are invited to attend to find out about all the course offerings we have for the 2019-20 school year (Please see attached flyer).

• January 23rd - Family Night/No Homework

• Planning for 2019-2020
This spring we will be working with staff, students and parents to look at the best scheduling options for the next 2 years (and beyond) as we have to consider construction challenges, how to best use our new Commons eating facility (ready August 2019), and ensure quality instructional/learning time.

We will be trying out two scheduling options before Spring Break as pilots. We will then survey students and staff to get their input.

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➔ FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/AHISD
➔ Read MONDAY MAIL every week
➔ Follow us on TWITTER: @AHHSmules
➔ Visit PTSO website: www.ahhsptso.org
➔ Visit AHISD website: www.ahisd.net

ACADEMICS

- Counselors are meeting with Juniors and their parents to build schedules for next year.
- Students - plan ahead. Look at your upcoming week. When do you have projects/tests? What can you do today, so you are best prepared for busy days coming up? TIP - Doing a little each day is more effective in the long run than doing a lot on one day. Retention of information is better in your long-term brain storage when you “chunk” learning into smaller pieces.

ATHLETICS

Get Updates, Scores and Information via RankOne:
https://alamoheightssports.rankonesport.com/AthleticPortal/Main/Default.aspx

★ Girls Basketball
- Lost to Lanier 84-47
- Defeated Fox Tech
  - Sophomores Jenna Drawert with a career high 25 points and Lila Kelley ties program record for most steals in a game with 8!

★ Boys Basketball
- Defeated Lanier 36-34
  - The Mules survive a scare vs the Lanier Voks, 36-34. Quinton Uribe hit the go ahead 3-pointer with :45 left and two free throws to ice the game down the stretch. Sophomore Jeb Brysacz led the Mules in scoring with 10 points.
- Defeated Fox Tech 70-26
  - The Mules (19-7, 9-1) get a road win over Fox Tech, 70-26. juniors Charlie Dewitt and Donovan Phillips and sophomore Jeb Brysacz all score in double figures for Heights.

★ Volleyball
- Peyton Puhl received 1st Team All-State recognition from the Texas Volleyball Coaches Association.

★ Girls Soccer
- Lost to New Braunfels Canyon 4-0
  - The girls lost 4-0 against New Braunfels Canyon. The Mules put in a solid effort led by captains Katie Detmer and Sophia Connelly. The Mules had several chances to get on the scoreboard but were turned away by the Cougars’ defense. The Mules play away against Boerne Champion next Tuesday at 7pm.
Boys Soccer

- Tied New Braunfels Canyon 1-1
  - Hard fought game against a tough Canyon squad. Canyon took a 1-0 lead in the 60th minute but your Mules showed great resolve and patience and were able to get the equalizer. The final 12 minutes was wide open, end to end attacking as both sides had there chances.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

- Cheer - Our cheerleaders took 1st at the STATE UIL competition!!! Next up . . . Nationals later this spring.
- Fiddler on the Roof - AHHS Theatre Booster Club is looking for sponsorships and advertisers for the upcoming production of Fiddler on the Roof. If you or your company is interested, please contact Mr. Stanton for more details at bstanton@ahisd.net.
- Fiddler on the Roof - AHHS Interrelated Arts Department is proud to present “Fiddler on the Roof” January 31st through February 3rd. Tickets are on sale now at www.alamoheightstheatre.com. Tickets range from $10-$12.
- JROTC - All six of the CyberPatriot teams performed in an outstanding manner during Round 2; they will compete at the State level on January 12th. The Golden Mules drill team swept the Unarmed Category at the East Central Drill Meet by earning 1st Place in Inspection, Regulation, and Exhibition. Also, our Female and Male Color Guards placed second and third, respectively.

INFO FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS

- Pep Rally this Friday: (Adjusted Schedule)
  - 1st Period: 8:45–9:30 (45 min)
  - 2nd Period: 9:36–10:25 (45 min+4 min for MT)
  - 3rd Period: 10:31–11:16 (45 min)
  - 4th Period: 11:22–12:07 (45 min)
  - 5th Period: 12:13–12:58 (45 min)
  - Lunch: 12:58–1:48 (50 min)
  - 6th Period: 1:48–2:33 (45 min)
  - Pep Rally: 2:39–3:09 (30 min)
  - 7th Period: 3:15–4:00 (45 min)
- Make-Up Hours
  - Best strategy - Don’t miss so much school, and then you don’t have to do make-up hours.
  - Last Saturday School - May 11th from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
  - Last day to submit Make-Up hour documentation - May 13th at 8:45 am in the main office.
- JANUARY Advisory Topics: Healthy Sense of Self - Strengths & Challenges
  - January 21 - Student Holiday/No Advisory
  - January 28 - Safety Drill
- New Counseling Website - Please visit the updated AHHS Counseling website at https://sites.google.com/k12ahisd.net/ahhs-counseling/home. Your new one-stop place for tools and resources ranging from SAT or Dual Credit questions to mental health support.
Dual Credit (9th-11th graders) - Alamo Heights High School will be offering the following Dual Credit courses for the 2019-2020 school year: English III, English IV, and Spanish IV. Dual Credit allows a high school student to take college level high school courses and also earn college credit concurrently from St. Philip’s College. The Dual Credit Packet is now available in the counseling office or you may visit our AHHS Counseling and Guidance page for online access. It will guide you through the entire Dual Credit application process. For more information about all things related to dual credit, please visit our Dual Credit Resource Hub: [https://www.smore.com/mgxh0](https://www.smore.com/mgxh0).

Student Council is hosting a blood drive with the South Texas Blood and Tissue Center on January 31st. Sixteen year-olds can give blood with parent form. For more information on signing up for a time slot, listen for announcements on Mule Tube or ask Mrs. Rangel in 134C.

ASVAB Career Exploration Program - Registration begins this week! Alamo Heights High School will be administering the ASVAB on Wednesday, January 30th. Students in grade 10th-12th may voluntarily register for this assessment. The ASVAB Career Exploration Program (ASVAB CEP) is a free program offered by the Department of Defense that consists of:
- The ASVAB multiple aptitude test
- Interest Self-Assessment
- Career Exploration Tools

Registration information will be available outside the counseling office from Wednesday, January 23 - Friday, January 25, 2019, during the student lunch period. Please have your student stop by if he/she is interested in registering for the assessment.

PSAT UPDATE (9th-11th graders) - Test booklets will be returned to students the week of January 21st. PSAT Score Reports are available online through the College Board website ([https://studentscores.collegeboard.org/home](https://studentscores.collegeboard.org/home)). Students can set up a free College Board account at any time if they have not already done so. If students have forgotten their username/password, please utilize the forgot username/password tool through the College Board website. Please visit the PSAT Resource Stop at [https://www.smore.com/6hnk1](https://www.smore.com/6hnk1) for more information regarding PSAT score reports and next steps.

HOOF PRINT - Have you purchased a subscription to the high school newspaper? Hoof Print subscriptions are on sale for $35. The staff prints nine issues during the year. See the order form on the high school web page or call 210-832-5729 for more info. Hoof Print now has online articles! Click on the following link for articles: [http://alamohs.ss9.sharpschool.com/cms/one.aspx?portalid=8287&pageid=44917](http://alamohs.ss9.sharpschool.com/cms/one.aspx?portalid=8287&pageid=44917)

YEARBOOK - The 2019 yearbook is now on sale. Go to [www.balfour.com](http://www.balfour.com) to order yours today! Questions? Email kcade@ahisd.net for more information or call 210-832-5729. Follow us on Twitter at @journalismAh.

Students remember to check your K12 email daily. Students and parents should also check HAC and TAC daily as errors need to be corrected within five days.

Accepting Emails for Excused Absences – Parents may send the Attendance Office emails to excuse their child’s absence to HSATTENDANCE@AHISD.NET. Please remember that all parent excuses must be received within 5 days of the absence and after 5 days, it can only be excused with a doctor’s note.

Student Lunches - All deliveries need to be delivered by the Mule in the front of the High school. Just a reminder we don’t accept lunches for students.

STUDENT HEALTH 101 - A great resource for parents and students to have healthy discussions at home. [http://ahhs.getsh101.com](http://ahhs.getsh101.com)

Summer 2019 Europe Trip - Interested in going to Europe this summer? Mrs. Rangel and Mr. Walton are hosting a trip in July 2019 to Spain, France, and Italy with the American Council for International Studies (ACIS)! Email Emily Rangel (erangel@ahisd.net) for the info.
- **Grad Announcement / Cap & Gown** order forms distributed Thursday, January 10, 2019 during the lunch period in the Main Hallway. They are due to Balfour on the following Thursday and Friday, January 17th and 18th also in the Main Hallway.
  - This deadline has now passed. All information must now be done on-line or via the Balfour physical location.

- **Senior Scholarship Opportunities:**
  - Check specific deadlines; however most are due on Friday, March 22nd at 4:30 pm.
  - Pls check this site often for updates: [http://alamohs.ss9.sharpschool.com/departments/college_center__naviance/local_memorial_scholarships](http://alamohs.ss9.sharpschool.com/departments/college_center__naviance/local_memorial_scholarships)

- **Graduation Slideshow Pictures** deadline is Monday, April 15th at 4:00 pm. Email up to (5) pictures to [ahhsgraduation@gmail.com](mailto:ahhsgraduation@gmail.com)
  - We are looking for "fun" pictures from any age - they can be current photos or from the past. Your child should be recognizable in the photo.
  - Group photos are great as long as everyone in the picture can be identified, no large groups please.
  - The file size of the photos need to be large enough to fit clearly on a PowerPoint slide.
  - No selfies or photos with filters.
  - No copyrighted images

- **Senior Class Panoramic Picture** will take place in the front of the high school on Tuesday, April 30th at 8:15am. Students should arrive promptly at 8:00am to participate.

- **Senior Award Ceremony** is scheduled for Wednesday, May 16th at 6:00pm in the AHHS Auditorium.

- **Senior Final Exams**
  - Wednesday, May 15 - Review Day
  - Thursday, May 16 - 7th period exam
  - Friday, May 17 - 1st, 3rd, and 4th period exams
  - Monday, May 20 - 2nd, 6th and 5th period exams

- **Baccalaureate** – Tuesday, May 21st at AHUMC.

- **Graduation Rehearsal** – Wednesday, May 22nd at Trinity University in the Laurie Auditorium. Students should arrive early as they are expected to be seated at 8:45am. All graduates must be present to attend the ceremony later that evening.

- **Graduation Ceremony** – Wednesday, May 22nd at 7:00pm at Trinity University in the Laurie Auditorium. Graduates must be in the staging area by 6:30pm. Students received **6 tickets** for graduation to disperse to family members. Parents should dress comfortably as the AC is often an issue in Laurie Auditorium.

- **Project Graduation** – Info coming soon!

- **Senior Class Trip to Fiesta Texas** – Info coming soon!

- **Senior Send-Off** – Info coming soon!

- **Reminder for Seniors** – If you owe any fines/textbooks, etc. – you must resolve this before you can get your graduation tickets in May. Please come by the office if you have questions.
**PTSO**

- **“Did you join PTSO?”** If so, THANK YOU!! If not, WHAT are you waiting for?? Membership has its benefits...and one of them is access to the Membership Toolkit app. Download (for iOS or Android), login, and you’ll have the PTSO calendar and online directory at your fingertips. If you have kiddos at different campuses, that info will show up as well. Join at [www.AHHSPTSO.org](http://www.AHHSPTSO.org).

- **Thank You!** to our district Food Service who updated us on changes coming next year to AHHS and offered us some delicious samples! To see the exciting presentation, find the link at [http://www.ahisd.net/departments/nutrition_services/resources](http://www.ahisd.net/departments/nutrition_services/resources) There is a survey after the presentation on the same page!

- **Next PTSO meeting will be Feb. 14th at 12:30pm (lunch served 12:15pm). More to come!**

- **PTSO Google Calendar** – Be in the know about all things PTSO...Calendar Link: [https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=alamoheightsptso%40gmail.com&ctz=America/Chicago](https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=alamoheightsptso%40gmail.com&ctz=America/Chicago)


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- **· HEB Gift Cards** - Sign up today for your monthly HEB gift card order. Don’t miss out on this super easy way to support our school. The cards are even delivered to your home or office. Contact Mary Ran, [maryran210@gmail.com](mailto:maryran210@gmail.com) to set up your monthly order!

**COLLEGE CENTER NEWS**

Acceptance letters have already been rolling in from many schools! Tag us in your posts on Social Media @Mules2College! Please bring in copies of your acceptance letters to Susan Christian in our Guidance Office.

Please also update all of your decision outcomes in Naviance (acceptances, denials, wait list, etc.).

**Parents of Freshmen and Sophomores**

Right now, we are in the midst of our JUNIOR CONFERENCES, where we discuss the college application process, Naviance, and what services we provide in the College Center. A common comment from parents (and students too!) is, *“WOW! This is awesome! I wish we would have known some of these things sooner!”* Why not open these up to our freshmen and sophomores too? Parents, if you’d like to sit-in on one of our Junior Conferences to preview what’s ahead, we have available times to join one of these 30-minute sessions (Jan 14th–Feb 5th).

Kindly email Susan Christian (schrisitan@ahisd.net) SUBJECT: JUNIOR CONFERENCE PREVIEW so that we can coordinate a date/time that works best to filter an extra 1-2 parents in. Note that this opportunity is only for parents as we are unable to have students miss classes at this time. Freshman and Sophomore students will have an opportunity to attend a session during lunch later this spring.

**COLLEGE VISITS**

Week of January 21st: Southwest School of Art, Full Sail University, UTSA

Freshmen and Sophomores, since you don’t have off-campus lunch privileges, we should be seeing more of you in these recruiting visits! These visits are open to ALL grade levels (parents too!). See Naviance for dates, times, locations, and to RSVP.

*COLLEGE SPOTLIGHT*
Southwest School of Art (https://www.swschool.org/)
Did you know that San Antonio is home to Texas’ only independent college of art in Texas? It’s true! In addition to their BFA degree program, SSA also offers studio programs that serve more than 4,000 adults, children, and teens each year. Learn more about this fantastic school when SSA visits on Thursday, January 24th at lunch.

Table Talks!
AHHS Families, regarding college admissions:
• Do you feel like you are behind, and not doing what other parents are doing?
• Is your student going to be the first child to embark on the college admissions process?
• Feeling like you need to hire a private college counselor because it’s too overwhelming?

If you’re feeling anxious about any of these things, assemble a group of friends, invite our College Counselor to your gathering (dinner, coffee, dessert, BBQ, picnic, Shabbat, “book club,” mixer, etc.) and let’s chat! We really want our AHISD families to feel more comfortable with the college admissions process. This should be a fun and exciting time, not a stressful one! For more information, and to schedule a College Admissions Table Talk, contact: pharris@ahisd.net Subject: Table Talks

Login >> Colleges >> Colleges I’m Applying To >> Request Transcripts >> Mid-Year
Note: While you may now make this request, mid-year transcripts cannot go out until all senior grades are entered/verified by our Registrar. Mid-year transcripts are usually sent in mid-late January (this is still well-ahead of many other high schools in the country who start later than we do).

Field Trips:
We will be taking students to UTSA, UIW, San Antonio College (additional schools may be added later). Please ensure you have updated your “Colleges I’m Thinking About” list in Naviance to learn about these trips first.

DISTRICT NEWS

A COPY OF ALL FLYERS CAN BE FOUND HERE: http://www.ahisd.net/students___parents/student_flyers

BREAKING THE SILENCE - MANAGING MEDIA AND CREATING CHARACTER: Kelly Newcom is the founder of Brave Parenting, an organization to empower and equip parents to do the brave work of raising kids of character amidst a culture of instant and limitless gratification. Parents will learn how to set standards for screen and internet use in order to develop character and maintain safety. The goal of this presentation is to use technology purposefully and with character, not for technology to use us. This presentation will take place on Wednesday, January 30, 2019 at 6:30 PM at the Alamo Heights Junior School Auditorium. For more information, contact Catherine Widder, LCSW at cwidder@ahisd.net or 210-832-5956. Thank you to the Alamo Heights School Foundation for its continued funding and support of the Wellness Program and Breaking the Silence series. See the flyer for additional information: http://www.ahisd.net/students___parents/student_flyers.

NEW SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO) AT AHHS -- To augment all our other safety and security measures currently implemented in the district, AHISD has partnered with the City of Alamo Heights and the Alamo Heights Police Department to add a School Resource Officer (SRO) at AHHS. Officer Brian McManis joins us with over five years of experience as an SRO in Northside ISD, serving with distinction at O’Connor High School. Officer McManis began work at AHHS on January 7th, and he has already started to build positive, strong relationships with students and staff. See the flyer for additional information: http://www.ahisd.net/students___parents/student_flyers.

SCHOOL MESSENGER - TEXT MESSAGING SERVICE -- Parents: AHISD will add a text message feature to School Messenger to send you important information via text message when needed, such as safety alerts, school closings, etc. If you had not already opted in, we sent you a text on January 15th to opt in. If you have not opted in yet, you can still do so by sending a text message of “Y” or “Yes” to our district’s short code number, 67587. If you have children at multiple campuses, you will only need to opt in once. After a few weeks of getting families to opt into this service, we will send out test messages via text in late January or early February 2019. Please opt in today! See the flyer for additional information: http://www.ahisd.net/students___parents/student_flyers.

FEEDBACK FEBRUARY -- Feedback February begins Monday February 4th. During February, we collect feedback through parent, student, and teacher surveys. The surveys will be distributed through the email addresses that families have on file. Last year 1659 parents responded to the survey, and we used this information for our safety presentations, campus goals, and instructional planning. This year our goal is 2000 parent responses!
CRISIS PHONE NUMBERS - We often keep important phone numbers on the refrigerator or a central place in our homes in case of emergencies. We have compiled this list of phone numbers onto a single page to use during various crises for you to print out and post somewhere in your homes. See the flyer for additional information: http://www.ahisd.net/students___parents/student_flyers.

ADULT ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE -- English as a Second Language English (ESL) classes for adults will be offered at Alamo Heights Junior School in the spring. To enroll, you must attend BOTH Tuesday, January 22nd and Wednesday, January 23rd at 5:30 pm, for registration and language proficiency assessment. Those who do not attend these two dates will not be able to take classes this semester. As space is limited, you will be enrolled based on the space available on a first come, first serve basis. Please arrive a little early if possible to help secure your registration. Class dates and times will be provided at the mandatory dates listed above. See the flyer for additional information: http://www.ahisd.net/students___parents/student_flyers.

LANGUAGE PROGRAM SIBLING LETTERS -- Letters regarding sibling enrollment of current Dual Language and Spanish Immersion students will be mailed the week of January 28th. If you are a recipient of this letter, please take a moment upon receipt to read all details including the application deadline. If you have any questions, please email Lori Garcia at lgarcia@ahisd.net or call (210) 832-5954.

Remind Messaging App is Discontinuing Text Messages to Verizon Customers
Starting on Monday, January 28, text notifications will be ending for Verizon Wireless customers who use the free Remind service. If you communicate with your class on Remind: People who normally get your Remind messages as texts may no longer receive them. If you have Verizon Wireless as your phone carrier: You’ll no longer receive Remind text notifications. To get messages, you'll need to turn on smartphone or email notifications instead. See details here: https://www.remind.com/resources/verizon-fee

Alamo Heights Lacrosse registration for the Spring season is open for all grades(1-12) at www.ahlacrosse.com Please go to the website to register and get more information on the upcoming season!

AHFSH YOUTH SOCCER-FIRE SOCCER CLUB - Register now for ages 4-18. For more information a copy of the flyer can be found on our website at http://www.ahisd.net/students___parents/student_flyers.

DAVID’S LEGACY FOUNDATION has been selected to participate in a charity competition with Tiff’s Treats to celebrate their 20th Anniversary. Help us win by sharing our charity code DAVID2019 and by placing an order with Tiff’s Treats. Make sure you enter this code at checkout in the charity promotion code box each time you order! The code will deduct a penny off each order and that’s your indication that this sale has been recorded. Ten percent of our sales using charity code DAVID2019 throughout the entire month of January will go to David’s Legacy Foundation. The organization with the most sales at the end of January will win $20,000! OUR CODE: DAVID2019 Valid 1/3-1/31 only

AHHS CALENDAR

Below are links to the high school calendar and another one for Rank One.

Campus Calendar:
http://ahhs.ahisd.net/calendars_HS

Athletics:
https://alamoheightssports.rankonesport.com/AthleticPortal/Main/Default.aspx