



Prospector Press

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On Top of the World and Reaching for the Future

August 6 - August 11, 2018

Prospectors Update:

by **Principal Dr. Angela Chomokos**



As our students grow and mature academically the goal is for them to become more independent in their learning, and to believe they can succeed in their task at hand. This is often referred to as self-efficacy or one's belief in one's ability to achieve in specific situations or accomplish a task. One's belief that they can succeed indeed plays a significant role in how they approach goals, responsibilities, and challenges. This holds true for the classroom as well as the athletic field, a job, ROTC, clubs, family life, etc. As parents and educators, supporting and guiding these young adults through their academic and social growth and maturity is of the utmost importance in assisting them to a successful life.

As a school, AJHS is continuing our efforts to help improve our students' academic performance by working as a team to collect and review information regarding our students' learning data. The teachers, guidance counselors, administrators, coaches and support staff are all part of assisting our students. Since school began, our teachers have been assessing the skill and knowledge levels of our students in all of their classes. This has been done both formally and informally depending on the particular course.

During the week of August 6-August 10, our English and Mathematics classes will be administering the first of our Benchmark Testing through Galileo. Galileo is an online comprehensive assessment system that is designed to help inform the many types of educational decisions that impact our student learning and success. The assessments are aligned to the State exams and will be used to guide our teachers as they identify areas of strengths and weaknesses with students. This will allow the teachers to develop interventions as well as enhancements within their curriculum. These special assessments are not driven by content already taught, but instead by content aligned to the AzMERIT exams as if they were given today. This information is essential to the alignment of curriculum and instruction, as well as, the predictor of areas of intervention.

It is always important for our students to get their year off to a great start, which according to our teachers this has happened! Now that the routine of school is well underway, we want to continue down this path of success. Therefore, we ask that you continue to assist your son/daughter by encouraging them to get adequate sleep, eat healthy, stay active, and always work toward doing their best. High School is a challenging yet exciting time in life. Staying informed and always asking questions keeps the lines of communication open. Let's continue to work together, as a team we can assist our students to get the best of their academics and social life on campus.

Best Regards,

Dr. Angela Chomokos

Our Administrators & Counselors

Dr. Angela Chomokos	<i>Principal</i>	Bria Jenkins	Counselor Grades 9/10
Ms. Tanya Loftis	<i>Assistant Principal</i>	Valerie McFarlin	Counselor Grades 11/12
Ms. Sue Campbell	<i>Assistant Principal</i>	Jillian Conway	Psychologist
Mr. Tim Vanda	<i>Special Services/EVIT</i>		
Ms. Dawn Schwenkert	<i>Athletic Director/Teacher StudCo Advisor</i>		

Prospector Weekly Calendar

Monday, August 6

Students need to pay class fees	
8:00-10:00 am	Facilities Prospectors Adm Dr. C office
2:30-4:30 pm	Volleyball Tryouts North Gym
2:30-4:30 pm	Swim Practice Superstition Shadows Aquatic Center
2:30-5:00 pm	Football Practice Davis Field

Tuesday, August 7

Students need to pay class fees	
10:20 - 11:00 am	Club Rush Cafeteria
2:30-4:30 pm	Volleyball Tryouts North Gym
2:30-4:30 pm	Swim Practice Superstition Shadows Aquatic Center
2:30-5:00 pm	Football Practice Davis Field
5:00-6:30 pm	Basketball Open Gym North Gym
7:00-8:00 pm	Booster Club Meeting 11/12 Building

Wednesday, August 8

Early Release - School Day Ends at 11:40am	
7:15-11:40 am	Senior Pictures <i>(see schedule below)</i> North Gym
11:40-2:30pm	Staff Pictures North Gym
2:00pm	All AJHS Faculty & Staff Pictures North Gym
2:30-4:30 pm	Volleyball Tryouts North Gym
2:30-5:00 pm	Football Practice Davis Field
	Teacher Inventory Survey

Thursday, August 9

Students need to pay class fees	
2:30-4:30 pm	Swim Practice Superstition Shadows Aquatic Center
2:30-4:30 pm	Volleyball Tryouts North Gym
2:30-5:00 pm	Football Practice Davis Field
5:00-6:00 pm	Volleyball Parent Meeting North Gym Lobby
5:00-6:30 pm	Basketball Open Gym North Gym
6:00-8:00 pm	Football Scrimmage Desert Mountain High School

Friday, August 10

All Class fees are DUE today	
	AJHS Faculty and Staff Handbook sign-off forms due
6:30 am - 7:10 am	Faculty Meeting 9/10 Bldg
7:50 am - 12:00 pm	Underclassmen Pictures <i>(see schedule below)</i> North Gym
2:30-4:30 pm	Swim Practice Superstition Shadows Aquatic Center
2:30-4:30 pm	Volleyball Practice North Gym
2:30-5:00 pm	Football Practice Davis Field

Saturday, August 11

Important Dates to Remember:

August 6	Fall Sports Season Begins		Happy Holidays
August 8	Early Release	January 16	Early Release
August 6-10	Benchmark Testing (English & Math)	January 21	No School
September 3	No School	January 30-February 1	Musical
September 12	Early Release	February 13	Early Release
September 26	Choir & Orchestra Concert	February 18	No School
October 1-12	Fall Break	March 6	Choir Concert
October 18-19	Adv. Drama Performance	March 8	Drama Productions
October 24	Early Release	March 11-22	Spring Break
November 12	No School	April 10	Early Release
November 14	Early Release	April 19	No School
November 21-23	No School	April 24	Scholarship Night
	Happy Thanksgiving	April 25-26	Drama Performance
December 12	Early Release	April 30 - May 1	AdvancEd Visit
December 17	Band Concert	May 7	Band Concert
December 19	Choir Concert	May 8	Early Release
December 20	Orchestra Concert	May 9	Orchestra Concert
December 21	End of Semester (Early Release)	May 10	Beginning Drama Productions
December 24-January 6	Winter Break	May 15	Choir Pops Concert
		May 23	Commencement (Graduation)

General Information:

Senior Pictures

<i>Period</i>	<i>Class/Teacher</i>	<i>Time</i>
<i>1st hour</i>	Mr. Hutzell	7:20 AM
	Ms. Anderson	7:20 AM
<i>2nd hour</i>	Mr. Hutzell	8:00 AM
	Ms. Anderson	8:00 AM
<i>3rd hour</i>	Mr. Hutzell	8:35 AM
	Ms. Anderson	8:35 AM
<i>Lunch</i>		9:04AM - 9:49AM
<i>5th hour</i>	Mr. Hutzell	10:00 AM
	Ms. Anderson	10:00 AM
<i>6th hour</i>	Last Call	

Underclassmen (9-11) - Friday, August 10, 2018

<i>Period</i>	<i>Class/Teacher</i>	<i>Time</i>
<i>0 Hour</i>	Ms Reynolds	6:40 AM

1st hour	Mr. Downey	7:25 AM
	Chef Diana	7:25 AM
	Mr. Matlosz	7:25 AM
	Mr. Glon	7:50 AM
	Mr. Stapley	7:50 AM
	Ms. Hinkel	7:50 AM
2nd hour	Mr. Downey	8:30 AM
	Ms. Abell	8:30 AM
	Mr. Matlosz	8:30 AM
	Mr. Glon	8:30 AM
	Mr. Stapley	8:55 AM
	Ms. Hinkel	8:55 AM
	Ms. Reynolds	8:55 AM
3rd hour	Mr. Diana	9:30 AM
	Ms. Abell	9:30 AM
	Mr. Matlosz	9:30 AM
	Mr. Zupin	9:30AM
	Mr. Glon	9:30 AM
	Mr. Stapley	9:55 AM
	Ms. Hinkel	9:55 AM
	Ms. Reynolds	9:55 AM
Lunch		10:18 am - 11:03am
5th hour	Mr. Downey	11:15 AM
	Mr. Matlosz	11:15 AM
	Mr. Zupin	11:15 AM
	Chef Diana	11:40 AM
	Ms. Hinkel	11:40 AM
	Ms. Reynolds	11:40 AM
6th hour	Mr. Downey	12:13 PM
	Mr. Matlosz	12:13 PM
	Mr. Zupin	12:13 PM
	Chef Diana	12:28 PM
	Mr. Stapley	12:28 PM

	Ms. Reynolds	12:28 PM
7th hour	Ms. Abell	1:12 PM
	Ms. Hinkel	1:12 PM
	Chef Diana	1:30 PM
	Mr. Zupin	1:30 PM

Student Council Update

by **Ms. Dawn Schwenkert**

- Club Rush will be Tuesday, August 7th at lunch. Clubs will be in the cafeteria to share information on how to become involved. If students want to create a new club, please see Ms. S for more information!
- Our Welcome Back Assembly will be Friday, August 24th. All classes will be wearing their class colors. Freshman can purchase their class shirts in the bookstore for \$10.
- All fundraising events are monitored and approved by the Student Council. A Fundraising Request Form must be filled out and turned into Ms. S. Student Council will review Fundraising Requests every Friday.

Bragging Corner

Security Guard Sam Valencia

Thank you to our Security Guard Sam Valencia for your assistance with Chromebook shuttling.

KUDOS Commander Lock!

We recently received a few glowing letters from Commander Lock's previous NJROTC Corps in praise of his contributions. One letter said, "The rigorous training you provided to the participating cadets left them with a tremendous sense of accomplishment and increased confidence, as well as positive memories of their experience that will last a lifetime." Good job Commander, glad to have you on the Prospector Team!

Congratulations to our AJHS Girls Softball Team for an 11-1 summer season! They were victorious in securing the CHAMPIONSHIP title at the end of season tournament, defeating Mesa Mt. View in Semi Finals 8-6 and defeated Scottsdale Saguaro 9-8 in the Championship game!!

9/10 Academic Update

by **Ms. Tanya Loftis**

Technology:

The majority of student Chromebooks have been disbursed to students. Please remind your student to charge their Chromebook every evening and carry their machine in its protective case. In addition, please consider [Purchasing Chromebook Insurance](#).

Day-to-Day:

Please help your student develop good study habits and have time set aside every evening to complete homework or study for assessments. Don't allow the "curse of ZERO" to appear in the grade-book. If you need assistance with your student being successful within a class please reach out to the teacher for helpful hints.

11/12 Academic Update

by **Ms. Sue Campbell**

Classes are well underway. Please talk to your student about their homework and grades. You can also monitor your student's progress by setting up and checking **ParentVue**. If you have not already set up ParentVue, contact the front office at 480-982-1110 ext. 2300 for instructions.

Picture day is next week. Students should have received a flyer this week in their history class.

Wednesday, August 8th will be Senior Picture day and Friday, August 10th is for underclassmen, 9-11.

Seniors if you haven't had an opportunity yet to go down to the Duke studios and sit for your Senior picture you still have time, please call to set an appointment 480-838-3660. You are not obligated to purchase any pictures, but these will be used in this year's yearbook. We can not accept outside photography for the Yearbook. If you choose not to have your picture taken at Duke, we will use the picture taken on Wednesday as your yearbook photo. Seniors you should dress to impress. Please no t-shirts or shirts with lettering. Boys should wear collared shirts and girls should wear nice blouses/shirts.

Parking Permits: All students should now have a parking permit. Starting Monday, August 6th, students will not be allowed to park on campus without a valid permit. Permits can be purchased anytime in the bookstore.

Counseling Corner

Guidance counselors are located in the main office. We will also be visiting classrooms.

Students if you need to see a counselor, please come to the office and check-in at the bookstore counter. Counselors will not see students during core classes. Please come in before/after school, during lunch or during an elective (with teacher permission). You may also contact your counselor by email.

Parents if you would like to schedule an appointment with a counselor please call or email us.

9/10 Guidance Counselor

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11/12 Guidance Counselor

Ms. Valerie McFarlin

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EVIT Update

By **Mr. Tim Vanda**

EVIT is excited to begin another successful year with our Prospector students and families. EVIT is committed to providing quality career and technical education opportunities that lead to industry certifications or licenses. We are a proud partner of Apache Junction High School and look forward to training your students in culinary arts, welding technologies, health careers, digital photography/graphic design and construction technologies. We are committed to making the 2018 - 2019 school year a quality and fulfilling year. EVIT Main and EVIT East will begin classes August 6th with transportation ready for all students attending. Welcome back and go, Prospectors! Please feel free to contact Tim Vanda At 480-982-1110 x5287 for more information or questions.

Athletic Update

by **Ms. Dawn Schwenckert**

- The first day of Fall Sports is Monday, August 6th. Students must turn in a completed Athletic Participation Packet to Ms. B prior to any practice or tryouts. Good luck Prospectors!
- Study Table has been implemented again this year. Any athlete not earning a C or better must attend Study Table after school. Study Table cannot take place during lunch. **August Grade checks will be 8/17 & 8/31.**
- **Fall Sports Contact Information:**

Football Head Coach	Vance Miller	vmiller@goaj.org
Volleyball Head Coach	Regan Roach	rroach@goaj.org
Swimming Head Coach	Terry Hendron	thendron@goaj.org
Girls Golf Head Coach	Candyce Matlosz	cmatlosz@goaj.org
Boys Golf Head Coach	Ed Matlosz	ematlosz@goaj.org
Cheer Head Coach	Kim Greer	kgreer@goaj.org
Cross Country Head Coach	Micah Adams	dschwenc@goaj.org



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