



Parent Prospector Press

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January 7 - 12, 2019

Principal Update:



by **Principal Dr. Angela Chomokos**

Happy New Year to our Prospector community!

The first semester flew by like a whirlwind, it is hard to believe we have rounded the corner to 2019 and are actively preparing for registration for the 2019-2020 school year. As I reflect on the challenges and celebration of the year thus far, it is apparent that the Prospectors have been busy.

A semester in review~

The following is a list of a few of our many accomplishments and celebrations from the first semester.

- 7-12 Mathematics teachers began their professional development training ~~while working together on vertical curriculum articulation
- Regular faculty meetings, department meetings, and professional learning community meetings have been established and implemented
- The AJHS Site Council was formed and began monthly meetings
- The AJHS Chess team has successfully practiced and competed through the fall season
- The 2019-2020 Course Guide has been completed
 - with the addition of numerous exciting new courses for next year
- The Fine Arts department entertained us with concerts, performances, and competition. Winning various awards and accolades
- Gabe Morris took first place in the District Voice of Democracy speech contest. He will now advance to the state competition.
- NHS invitations and applications were reviewed by the faculty council; the new inductees will participate in the NHS Induction Ceremony on January 9.
- Prior Athletic budget evaluated & articulation with coaches; the collaborative creation of the current year budget has begun
- Football played in the State Tournament
- Cross Country team competed in the State Tournament
- Swim & Dive teams competed in the State Tournament
- Gabe Morris and friends completed a campus beautification project
- Student Council has supported spirit weeks, homecoming activities, assemblies, and student governance

The AJHS second semester calendar is full of academics, testing, assemblies, ceremonies, athletic competitions, concerts, plays, and celebrations. We look forward to an active and productive second semester. As always, thank you for entrusting us with the education of your students.

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, January 7

7:30 am	Prospector Adm. Meeting	Front Conference Rm
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Tuesday, January 8

4:00 pm	Girls Soccer	Davis Field
5:30, 7:00 pm	Boys Basketball	North Gym
5:30, 7:00 pm	Girls Basketball	Dysart High School
6:00 pm	Boys Soccer	Casa Grande High School
6:00 pm	Governing Board Meeting	District Office

Wednesday, January 9

3:00 pm	Wrestling	Moon Valley High School
7:00 pm	NHS Induction Ceremony	Performing Arts Center
7:00 pm	AJHS Booster Club Meeting	11/12 Building

Thursday, January 10

4:00, 6:00 pm	Girls Soccer	Thunderbird High School
4:00, 5:30 pm	Boys Basketball	Glendale High School
4:00, 5:30 pm	Girls Basketball	North Gym
6:00 pm	Boys Soccer	Davis Field

Friday, January 11

10:00 am	Prospector Wrestling Tournament	North Gym
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Saturday, January 12

8:30 am	Prospector Wrestling Tournament	North Gym
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Important Dates to Remember

January 14	Athletic Pictures	February 21	Bus Evacuation
January 14	EVIT Tour	February 25	Site Council Meeting
January 16	Early Release	February 25-March 1	IE Benchmark Posttest
January 17	ASVAB Testing	March 2	NJROTC Car Show
January 21	No School	March 6	Choir Concert
January 23	Prospectors Rush~~Raising 9th graders from CCJH come to AJHS for the day	March 9	SAT
January 24	AJHS Counselors to CCJH~~raising 9th grade students SY 19_20 registration	March 11-22	Spring Break
January 24, 25, 31, & February 1	Wizard of Oz	March 25-April 19	AIMS Science Testing
January 28	Raising Senior SY 19_20 registration	April 1-26	Spring AzMerit
January 28	Site Council Meeting	April 10	Early Release
January 28	Athletics Information Meeting	April 15	Academic Awards Night
January 29	Assembly (Attorney General Office) Anti-Bullying Presentation	April 19	No School
January 30	Raising Junior registration	April 24	Scholarship Night
February 1	Raising Sophomore SY 19_20 registration	April 25-26	The Lion King Jr.
February 4-6	Writing Benchmark #2	April 30 - May 1	AdvancEd Visit
February 8	Choir at NAU	May 6 - 8	IE Biology Posttest
February 9	ACT	May 6	42nd Annual Senior Scholarship Night
February 13	Early Release	May 7	Band Concert
February 18	No School	May 8	Early Release
		May 9	Orchestra Concert
		May 10	Beginning Drama Productions
		May 15	Choir Pops Concert
		May 23	Commencement (Graduation)

Field Trips

If your field trip is not listed here contact Kathy Allyn at kallyn@goaj.org

General Information:

Be sure to mark your calendars for our 21st Annual NJROTC Benefit Car and Motorcycle Show. The event will be Saturday, March 2, 2019 from 10:00a - 3:00p. Anyone interested in entering a vehicle or making a prize donation can contact Lisa Schroeder at 928-460-0331 or Daniele Darnell at 602-418-6633.

Student Council Update

by **Ms. Dawn Schwenkert**

Congratulations to Ms. Anderson's class for bringing in the most cans. Mrs. Reynolds and Mrs. McDavid followed closely behind! Ms. Anderson's class will enjoy a pizza party! Thank you all who donated. We were able to gather 318 nonperishable food items.

Bragging Corner

HUGE Kudos and thanks to all the teachers and staff that participated in spirit week! Special recognition to Mr. and Mrs. McDavid and Mrs. Knill - These teachers hit it out of the park with their school spirit.

Parent email regarding Mr. Hendron:

Thank you so much!! Lauren was just telling me that she and Haley have been coming in some during lunch to get some extra help! I appreciate the time and effort you put into the kids learning here at ajhs! It has made a great impact on Lauren and as parents we appreciate you! **Bravo Mr. Hendron great work!**

Have Bragging News--please share!

This will allow us to recognize the many accomplishments of the Prospectors family. Send information to achomoko@goaj.org

9/10 Academic Update

by **Ms. Tanya Loftis**

Spring 2019 Schedule Change Request will be open until 1/11/19. Please access via the AJHS website or the link below.
[2019 Spring Schedule Change Request](#)

Acceptable reasons for schedule change request:

- * Successful completed course during summer.
- * Missing a course required for graduation.
- * Missing a class period in schedule (hole).
- * Teacher changed for the same course from Fall to Spring.
- * Failure in a course.
- * Medical reason (doctor/medical documentation required).

Please allow counselors 48 hours to address your schedule change needs. Status of your Course Request Change will be emailed to your goaj.org account.

11/12 Academic Update

by **Ms. Sue Campbell**

Celebrate your year with the purchase of a yearbook

To order your yearbook click the link below:

https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1001689/Apache-Junction-High-School/2019-Yearbook/2018070704194395070/CATALOG_SHOP/?utm_content=TOP-CTA-BUTTON&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=YBK_MER1469_YBA_HOLIDYGFT&utm_source=exacttarget&utm_term=Trigger%20Overflow&campaign=193015

AJHS has a proud tradition of offering a high quality yearbook for students to celebrate their high school years. Producing this type of quality yearbook is an expensive endeavor. We would like to always be able to offer this type of yearbook to our students. Selling copies of the **yearbook** is the most important source of the program's income.

Celebrate your Senior with a Senior Ad in the Yearbook

Did you know you could celebrate your senior and their high school accomplishments by placing a senior ad in the yearbook. Yearbook ads are a great way to celebrate student success and milestones and reflect on the person your student has become. Show your pride and support your school at the same time.

There are a variety of options and prices for you to choose from:

- \$125.00 - Full Page
- \$80.00 - 1/2 Page
- \$50.00 -1/4 Page

The deadline to place your ad in the yearbook is January 31, 2019.

Visit the Josten's website to design and place your ad today.

<http://jostensadservice.com?REF=A00218800><<http://jostensadservice.com/?REF=A00218800>>

ASVAB Testing - Thursday, January 17, 2019

AJHS is proud to once again offer all juniors the opportunity to take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB). The ASVAB is given to all juniors and helps them determine where their strengths and aptitudes lie. It can help students determine what areas they may want to pursue in the post high school education. Students do not have to be interested in joining the military to take the test. Armed Services **will not** contact students who take this test for recruitment purposes.

Senior Panoramic - Tuesday, January 22, 2019

The Senior Panoramic picture will be Tuesday, January 22nd. Seniors will take their picture on the 22nd and then will have the opportunity to purchase the panoramic picture on Wednesday, January 23rd during lunch. Look for more information after the winter break.

Counseling Corner

Do you know what the top 25 highest paying careers are? According to www.collegechoice.net there are **14 different types of ENGINEERS on the top 25 list**. Did you know there were so many types of engineers? Here is the list in order of highest salary range: petroleum engineer, nuclear engineer, chemical engineer, electronics and computer engineer, computer science engineer, aerospace engineer, electrical engineer, materials science engineer, mechanical engineer, software engineer, industrial engineer, civil engineer, biomedical engineer, and architectural engineer. If you are interested in more information, the website gives detailed descriptions and salary ranges.

LendEDU is a new resource that breaks down specific college financial aid options for Arizona students. The guide covers grants, scholarships, and student loans that are only offered to students from Arizona or who plan to attend a college or university in Arizona.

You can review the page here: <https://lendedu.com/blog/arizona-student-loans-scholarships-and-grants/>

EVIT Update

By **Mr. Tim Vanda**

Thank you to Molly from EVIT for the inspiring presentation to our sophomore students last month. Molly did a fantastic job encouraging students to take action and make plans for their future. As a result, many students have met with counselors to talk about the exciting program options.

Sophomore students, if you are interested in signing up to go on a tour of the EVIT main campus, please sign up at the bookstore desk. You will need parent and teacher permission to attend. The tour is Monday January 14th from 8:30 am to 11:30 am and you will need to bring a lunch.

The deadline to sign-up is January 9th.

Parents, if you would like to learn more about EVIT you are invited to attend the EXPO at main campus on January 26th from 9 am to 1 pm.

Athletic Update

by **Ms. Dawn Schwenkert**

Congratulations to the Girls Soccer Team for taking 4th in the Chandler Prep Winter Classic Soccer Tournament and 2nd in last weekend's Prospector Cup. Next game is tonight at home (1/8/19) versus Casa Grande.

Good job to the Boys Basketball Team as they went 2 - 2 in the **2nd Annual Central Arizona Holiday Classic**. The team is really beginning to gel and doing a great job. They face some of their biggest competition tonight at home versus Dysart (1/8/19).

Great job to the Girls Basketball Team as they went 2 - 2 in the **New Year's Classic Invitational**. The girls played a solid game and are improving every game. They travel to Dysart tonight (1/8/19). Good luck!

Did you know you can register for sports online? AJHS has teamed up with Register My Athlete to help simplify this process. Visit <https://ajhsprospectors.org/> and click on the Register My Athlete button in the top right hand corner. All spring sport athletes will be encouraged to submit paperwork through this portal. Please note all athletic registration for the 2019 - 2020 school year will be processed through Register My Athlete.

The Athletic Department will be holding a Parent Informational Meeting on Monday January 28th from 5:00 - 5:45 p.m. in the 9/10 building. We will provide updated information on how the seasons are going. If there is a specific question or topic you would like covered, please email Dawn Schwenckert at dschwenc@goaj.org. AJHS will also be starting regularly scheduled coach's meetings to keep coaches apprised of important information and the chance to meet as a cohesive group. We will continue to work on open communication and supporting all of our athletes and coaches as we move through the school year.



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