



Parent Prospector Press

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On Top of the World and Reaching for the Future

January 14, 2019 - January 19, 2019

Principal Update:

by **Principal Dr. Angela Chomokos**



The school registration season is now upon us. As in previous years, AJHS continues to have a strong link to the community and local organizations. It is due to this connection that our students receive an education based on a team approach including the student, teachers, counselors, administrators, community and family members. The campus is a central point for the town of Apache Junction, as the facilities are used for many community events. The views of the Superstition Mountains lend a true Arizona setting for the Prospectors.

During the 2019-2020 school year, we will be offering a variety of new and improved course options for our Prospectors. Challenging and fun courses that support deep learning, inquiry-based activities and critical thinking skills, while still hosting the one-to-one use of technology. Our focus continues to be on raising the level of student achievement as we prepare our students for the challenges of the 21st-century global world.

Our school counselors, teachers, instructional coach, and administrators worked closely to establish programs of study that support the many interests of our students. Offering such courses as NJROTC, AVID, LINK Crew, Strategic Reading, Introduction to Engineering, Earth and Space Science, Advanced Physical Education, Health and Wellness, Honors Spanish, Welding, Culinary, Construction and Early Childhood Education to name a few.

Our student activities and athletic programs continue to be award winning while supporting a healthy and active involvement in school. Through these activities, our students learn the importance of being a part of an organization as well as collaboration, leadership, and teamwork. At AJHS learning occurs both in and out of the classroom including field trips, concerts, competitions and events that support various displays of knowledge.

At AJHS we are dedicated to supporting our teachers to ensure they are prepared to meet the needs of all our learners. Therefore, we regularly offer professional development and instructional coaching to our educators. Our ultimate goal is to maintain a safe learning environment that supports the academic and social/emotional education for our all of our students as we prepare them for their future

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 14

8:00 am	Admin Meeting	Dr. Chomokos Office
5:30 pm	Girls Basketball	North Gym

Tuesday, January 15

4:00 pm	Girls Soccer	Davis Field
4:00 pm	Boys Basketball	North Gym
4:00 pm	Girls Basketball	Cortez High School
6:00 pm	Boys Soccer	Mesquite High School

Wednesday, January 16

Early Release~~11:40 am

8:00 am	NJROTC Annual Military Inspection	Davis Field
4:00 pm	JV & VR Wrestling	Combs High School

Thursday, January 17

4:00 pm	Girls Soccer	Poston Butte High School
5:30 pm	Boys Basketball	North Gym
5:30 pm	Girls Basketball	Combs High School
6:00 pm	Boys Soccer	Davis Field

Friday, January 18

9:30 am	Wrestling - Firebird Invitational	Chaparral High School
9:50 am	Winter Pep Assembly	North Gym
5:30 pm	Boys Basketball	Tempe High School

Saturday, January 19

8:00a	Wrestling - Firebird Invitational	Chaparral High School
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Important Dates to Remember

January 14	Athletic Pictures	January 28	Raising Senior SY 19_20 registration
January 14	EVIT Tour	January 28	Site Council Meeting
January 16	Early Release	January 28	Athletics Information Meeting
January 17	ASVAB Testing	January 29	Assembly (Attorney General Office)
January 18	Winter Pep Assembly		Anti-Bullying Presentation
January 21	No School	January 30	Rising Junior registration
January 23	Prospectors Rush~~Rising 9th graders from CCJH come to AJHS for the day	February 1	Rising Sophomore SY 19_20 registration
January 23	Club Rush at Lunch	February 4-6	Writing Benchmark #2
January 24	AJHS Counselors to CCJH~~rising 9th grade students SY 19_20 registration	February 8	Choir to NAU
January 24, 25, 31, & February 1	Wizard of Oz	February 9	ACT
		February 13	Early Release
		February 18	No School

February 21	Bus Evacuation	April 25-26	The Lion King Jr.
February 25	Site Council Meeting	April 30 - May 1	AdvancEd Visit
February 25-March 1	IE Benchmark Posttest	May 4	Prom
March 2	NJROTC Car Show	May 6 - 8	IE Biology Posttest
March 6	Choir Concert	May 6	42nd Annual Senior Scholarship Night
March 9	SAT	May 7	Band Concert
March 11-22	Spring Break	May 8	Early Release
March 25-April 19	AIMS Science Testing	May 9	Orchestra Concert
April 1-26	Spring AzMerit	May 10	Beginning Drama Productions
April 10	Early Release	May 15	Choir Pops Concert
April 15	Academic Awards Night	May 23	Commencement (Graduation)
April 19	No School		
April 24	Scholarship Night		

General Information:

Information from CAC regarding the Promise to the Future scholarships

Promise to the Future Guidelines:

- The documents regarding the Promise guidelines which are on the Promise Foundation webpage on CAC's website. (<https://centralaz.edu/community/foundation/promise-for-the-future/>)
- The phone number for the foundation is: 520-494-5216
- The email address to return the volunteer hours to is: promise@centralaz.edu
- This guideline is to become effective with Promise award recipients enrolling for classes in the fall semester of 2017.
- Community service criteria began with students signing the Contract of Commitment in spring 2014 and enrolling in the fall 2014.

Student Council Update

by **Ms. Dawn Schwenckert**

Student Council is busy working on Prospector Rush. We will be having Club Rush, a Pep Assembly, and other exciting activities to get incoming Freshman excited for next year.

This Friday we will be having our Winter Pep Assembly. Let's kick off 2nd semester with a bang!

Bragging Corner

Congratulations to Cori Haro for signing to Park University! Cori will be playing softball for the Pirates next year.

Congratulations to our Students of the Month! They were selected for their contributions to AJHS as students who represent high quality of character, respect, trustworthiness, responsibility, caring, and citizenship. Here's a recap of our Students of the Month so far this school year.

September 2018

Joseph Goodwin
Hailli Wilson

October 2018

Zachary Langenbach
Madyson Uehling

November 2018

Santiago Gonzales
Mylee Williams

December 2018

Dayton Baldwin
Katriel Hamilton

January 2019

Jaleth Covey
Gabriel Morris

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**

Schedule Changes

Schedule changes are wrapping up and information on submitted changes will be communicated to students via goaj.org email address. Please be checking your email on a daily basis for important information.

Final Exam Make-up

Students that did NOT complete final exams due to an excused absence (see attendance policy), have until 1/18/2019 to complete their final exam. It is the student's responsibility to communicate and make arrangements with teachers to schedule final exams. If you need assistance please contact the appropriate grade level counselor.

Prospector RUSH class of 2023

Apache Junction High School will be hosting *Prospector RUSH class of 2023 on Wednesday, January 23rd*. We will be inviting CCJHs current 8th grade students to a fun and informative day which will include: course selection and registration process, graduation requirements, AJHS clubs/athletics/activities information, campus tour, and PEP assembly for the class of 2023.

We invite parents to join us for *Prospector RUSH class of 2023 (Parent Version) Wednesday, January 23rd at 6:00pm* in the PAC. Important information will be shared about course selection and registration process. Eighth grade students will be participating in this process on Friday, January 25th at CCJH with high school guidance counselors. Please watch for paperwork that must be signed and return with your 8th grade student.

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. Prices for the panoramic picture range from \$25 - \$45. Students will be receiving flyers with all the information needed in their Government and Economics classes. Seniors also tune into the announcements for more information.

Counseling Corner

During the month of January and February, counselors will be coming into classrooms to start the course selection process for the 2019-2020 school year. It is very important when you get the registration packets and course selection form that they are completed and returned to school.

Students, are you interested in becoming a teacher?

Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College at ASU is inviting high school students to visit campus. Each event will give students the opportunity to tour campus, meet current students, learn about earning a degree in Education, and experience what college is all about.

Tempe Campus

February 18th March 8th March 15th March 18th March 22nd April 1st April 5th April 19th

Polytechnic Campus

March 15th April 1st

To schedule a tour or learn more about the program, please contact Jennifer McCann at 480-727-1450 | M: 520-306-7093 or email jennifer.l.mccann@asu.edu

EVIT Update

By **Mr. Tim Vanda**

The East Valley Institute of Technology will host its annual EVIT Expo from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 26 at the Dr. A. Keith Crandell (Main) Campus, 1601 W. Main St., Mesa.

EVIT Expo is the perfect time for East Valley families to see career training options that are available for high school students and adults, and for current EVIT parents to see what their students have been working on during the fall semester. While the Expo is held at the Main Campus, EVIT's East Campus will also be showcased at the Expo through exhibits and activities. EVIT East instructors, as well as EVIT Main Campus instructors, will be on-hand to answer questions about their programs.

EVIT, a Joint Technical Education District (JTED) serving high school students and adults who reside in 10 East Valley school districts, provides advanced career and technical education (CTE) at two central campuses in Mesa – the Main and East campuses – and at Apache Junction High School. Starting next August, EVIT will also be operating a central campus in Fountain Hills.

The EVIT JTED also provides funding to its 10 founding member districts so they can offer CTE at their high schools too. But unlike those programs, EVIT Main, a 65-acre campus in west Mesa, and EVIT East, an 11-acre campus at 6625 S. Power Road, are all CTE, all the time. EVIT Main and East students spend a half-day at their high schools in academic classes and a half-day at an EVIT central campus in advanced career training.

During the Expo, guests can tour the Main Campus by taking a trolley tour operated by Tempe's Ollie the Trolley. Two trolleys will be running, so visitors can get on and off all over the campus to go inside buildings, see programs and meet instructors.

Returning to Expo this year, AZ Bounce Pro will provide inflatable games, activities and rides. Food trucks will also be on hand. EVIT's radio station, 88.7FM The Pulse, will provide music.

Admission to EVIT Expo is free.

“We hope parents of our current EVIT students will stop by the Expo to see their student’s program and enjoy some family fun,” said Superintendent Dr. Sally Downey. “We also hope East Valley families who have never visited our campus will attend EVIT Expo to see the many tuition-free career training options we can provide their students. You really have to see EVIT for yourself to understand how we can help your child find their career passion – and turn that passion into a paycheck.”

EVIT offers over 40 tuition-free programs for high school students who reside in Mesa, Scottsdale, Chandler, Gilbert, Higley, Tempe, Fountain Hills, J.O. Combs, Queen Creek and Apache Junction districts. Tuition-based programs for adults are also offered, with financial aid available to those who qualify.

Athletic Update

by **Ms. Dawn Schwenkert**

AJHS will be holding a quarterly Athletic Meeting for all interested parties on Monday, January 28 from 5:00p - 5:45p in the 9/10 building. We will discuss individual teams and upcoming changes. Hope to see you there.

What's the Score?

Sport	Opponent	JV	Varsity
Boys Basketball	Dysart	Loss	Loss
	Glendale	Loss	Win
Girls Basketball	Dysart	Loss	Loss
	Glendale	Loss	Win
Boys Soccer	Casa Grande		Loss
	Thunderbird		Loss
Girls Soccer	Thunderbird	Loss	Loss
	Casa Grande	Win	Win
Wrestling	Prospector Invitational		1st, 3rd, 3rd, 3rd



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