



Parent Prospector Press

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January 21, 2019 - January 26, 2019

Principal Update:

by **Principal Dr. Angela Chomokos**



It is very exciting that we announce the upcoming Prospector RUSH Parent Night for incoming students and parents scheduled for the evening of January 23, 2019, at 6:00 pm in the PAC. Interested parents and family members are invited to attend this informational meeting highlighting the many programs and offerings at AJHS.

We will also be hosting our annual **Prospector RUSH** day for our current 8th grade students. The RUSH will provide the opportunity for current 8th grade students to visit the AJHS campus and learn about everything the school has to offer. **CCJH** students will visit AJHS on **Wednesday, January 23**. Students will interact with current student leaders, explore the campus, experience AJHS classes, and receive pertinent information about high school course selection from our counseling department. Students are to use their CCJH lunch card for the high school cafeteria or bring a bag lunch. It will be a day full of excitement, fun, and information. Here is the schedule for **Prospector RUSH**:

- 7:45-8:00** students walk from CCJHS escorted by teachers and met by AJHS Band and Cheer Squad
- 8:00** students meet STUCO members in the cafeteria and are divided into groups
- 8:10-10:10** students tour classrooms with teachers and STUCO members and participate in Club Rush
- 10:15-10:55** students meet in the PAC for ROTC, Choir, and Drama performances and registration information
- 11:00-11:25** students eat lunch in the cafeteria
- 11:30-12:00** students attend pep assembly in the gym and travel back to CCJHS for 5th hour

The administration, counselors, faculty, and staff of Apache Junction High School welcome our rising 9th grade students to the Prospector Family! We are excited to have them join our school community as they attend a high school with a true hometown feel and community. One that strives for high achievement in sports, activities and academics.

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 21

Martin Luther King Day - No School

Tuesday, January 22

4:00 & 6:00 pm	Girls Soccer @ Washington	Washington H.S.
5:30 & 7:00 pm	Boys Basketball vs. Washington	North Gym, AJHS
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6:00 pm	Boys Soccer vs. Washington	Davis Field, AJHS

Wednesday, January 23

8:00 am ~ 12:15 pm	Prospector RUSH class of 2023 (current 8th grade)	PAC
4:00 pm	Senior Night Wrestling vs. Thunderbird, ALA-QC & Glendale	North Gym, AJHS
6:00 pm	Parent Prospector RUSH	PAC

Thursday, January 24

4:00 & 5:30 pm	Boys Basketball @ Dysart	Dysart H.S.
4:00 & 6:00 pm	Girls Soccer vs. Dysart	Davis Field, AJHS
5:00 pm	Boys Soccer @ Dysart	Dysart H.S.
5:30 & 7:00 pm	Girls Basketball vs. Dysart	North Gym, AJHS
7:00 pm	Wizard of OZ	PAC

Friday, January 25

5:30 & 7:00 pm	Girls Basketball vs. Cactus	North Gym, AJHS
7:00 pm	Wizard of OZ	PAC

Saturday, January 26

7:00 am	FR/JV Wrestling @ Pinnacle Invite	Pinnacle H.S.
9:00 am	EVIT Expo	EVIT Main Campus

Important Dates to Remember

January 21	No School	February 1	Rising Sophomore SY 19_20 registration
January 23	Prospectors Rush~~Rising 9th graders from CCJH come to AJHS for the day	February 4-6	Writing Benchmark #2
January 23	Parent Prospectors Rush	February 8	Choir to NAU
January 23	Club Rush at Lunch	February 9	ACT
January 24	AJHS Counselors to CCJH~~rising 9th grade students SY 19_20 registration	February 13	Early Release
January 24, 25, 31, & February 1	Wizard of Oz	February 18	No School
January 28	Rising Senior SY 19_20 registration	February 21	Bus Evacuation
January 28	Site Council Meeting	February 25	Site Council Meeting
January 28	Athletics Information Meeting	February 25-March 1	IE Benchmark Posttest
January 29	Assembly (Attorney General Office)	March 2	NJROTC Car Show
	Anti-Bullying Presentation	March 6	Choir Concert
January 30	Rising Junior registration	March 9	SAT
		March 11-22	Spring Break
		March 25-April 19	AIMS Science Testing
		April 1-26	Spring AzMerit

April 10	Early Release	May 6	42nd Annual Senior Scholarship Night
April 15	Academic Awards Night	May 7	Band Concert
April 19	No School	May 8	Early Release
April 24	Scholarship Night	May 9	Orchestra Concert
April 25-26	The Lion King Jr.	May 10	Beginning Drama Productions
April 30 - May 1	AdvancEd Visit	May 15	Choir Pops Concert
May 4	Prom	May 23	Commencement (Graduation)
May 6 - 8	IE Biology Posttest		

Field Trips

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

Fundraisers

Student Council is selling Senior Shirts for \$10. A mass email went out to all seniors, but please see any STUCO member, Mrs. Schwenckert, or the bookstore for more information. We are pre-selling the shirts and will only be purchasing a handful of extras. Don't wait because the cost will go up to \$15 upon arrival.

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

General Information:

Students, are you looking to get your Food Handlers certification? Here's a chance to take the class for free! The class will be at Cactus Canyon Junior High, Saturday, January 26th at 10:00a. RSVP to ghayward@goaj.org or text 480-818-3574.

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 Schwenckert**

Student Council held their winter assembly on Friday. The theme was Black Out with neon colors everywhere.

Club Rush will be held Wednesday the 23rd at lunch. Come out and find a way to get more involved.

9/10 Academic Update

by **Ms. Tanya Loftis**

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 returned with your 8th grade student.

11/12 Academic Update

by **Ms. Sue Campbell**

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 received flyers with all the information needed in their Government and Economics classes. Seniors also tune into the announcements for more information.

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>>

Counseling Corner

Students, if you are interested in applying to the **Cosmetology Program at EVIT**, please pick up an application from Mrs. Jenkins and speak with her regarding program requirements. Packets may be submitted **now through March 1st** and must be delivered to EVIT in person. This is a very popular program, so apply early to get your first pick for campus and schedule.

Sparkling Ice® is awarding FIVE \$5,000 scholarships to eligible high school seniors. General Requirements:

Visit sparklingice.com/scholarship for full list of requirements.

- Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent legal resident of the United States.
- Must be a high school senior graduating between August 1, 2018 and July 31, 2019.
- Must have a cumulative high school grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.5 on a 4-point scale (high school/home school seniors).

The deadline is approaching soon! Applications are due by February 15, 2019.

Career Focus: Dental assistants do exactly what you might think—they assist dentists in keeping mouths clean, as well as educate patients on proper oral hygiene. They may also assist dentists with procedures and do administrative work such as maintaining dentistry supplies and medical records. Average salary is \$36,940 per year, and the field is expected to grow 19% from 2016 to 2026 according to BLS. A dental assistant program typically lasts about 10 months and prepares dental assistants to achieve both state and national certification.

Special Services Update

AJHS is pleased to introduce two new instructors to the Life Skills program, Ms. Carrieres and Mr. Darling. A note from Ms. Carrieres and Mr. Darling:

Prospector Family,

We are so excited to be teaching at AJHS and look forward to working with our colleagues to create a great learning environment for our students. We are both new teachers and are ready to apply what we have learned throughout our schooling to implement robust curriculum in this awesome program.

Mr. Darling is a graduate from AJUSD attending Kindergarten through 12th grade and graduating from AJHS in 2014. He went on to attend college and play football at Friends University in Wichita, Kansas. Mr. Darling is also the football coach for AJHS and was a paraprofessional in the classroom last semester.

Ms. Carrieres graduated from Northern Arizona University and completed her student teaching at Williams Field High School in the Life Skills Program. While living in Flagstaff, Ms. Carrieres was a paraprofessional with experience in grades K-12, and is eager to get to know each student, and is passionate about their success.

We look forward to providing open communication with parents and encourage parents to reach out to either of us.

Mr. Darling and Ms. Carrieres

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.

EVIT students have a 98 percent high school graduation rate, 2 out of 3 go on to college, and 92 percent are in jobs, college or the military within one year of completing their training.

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	Cortez	Loss	Win
	Combs	Loss	Win
	Tempe	Loss	
Girls Basketball	Tempe	Loss	Win
	Cortez	Loss	Win
	Combs	Loss	Loss
Boys Soccer	Mesquite		Loss
	Poston Butte		Win
Girls Soccer	Mesquite	Win	Win
	Poston Butte		Loss

Wrestling	Combs, Poston Butte, & Greenway		3rd
	Firebird Invitational		5th



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