



Parent Prospector Press

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March 25, 2019 - March 31, 2019



Principal Update:

by **Principal Dr. Angela Chomokos**

As March has come and almost gone, it's hard to believe we are rolling into the last quarter of the school year. I hope that everyone had a wonderful and restful Spring Break. Now it's time to think about the upcoming Spring events such as the end of the year concerts, plays, award nights and ultimately Graduation. See the upcoming events of the Prospector Press for more specifics.

Just a reminder that AIMS Science testing is on Wednesday, March 27 for all of our students currently in a Biology course. Then the following week, the AzMerit Writing and Reading assessments will be administered on Tuesday, April 2 and Wednesday, April 3 respectively. With the AzMerit Mathematics assessment conducted on Tuesday, April 16. Make-up exams will be completed before the end of the testing window on April 26. Please avoid scheduling any medical or dental appointments for your student during the testing days. To ensure a fair and uninterrupted testing experience for all students, the Front Office will not call into classrooms that are in the middle of a testing period, so please plan accordingly.

Students who successfully pass their AzMerit assessments will be receiving a Final Exam coupon for next year to be exempt from the final exam of their choice. For those who pass all three assessments, they will receive three coupons with the possibility of a fourth one if they pass the AIMS Science assessment. If they can display their knowledge, they will be rewarded!

Moving forward, an emphasis on regular attendance and completing all course work is paramount to your students end of semester grades. Let's work together to keep them focused and continue doing purposeful work. This time of year can be very stressful, so please encourage these active teenagers to get plenty of sleep and to eat hearty, healthy meals.

Best Regards,

Dr. Angela Chomokos

Our Administrators & Counselors

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Prospector Weekly Calendar

Monday, March 25

8:00a	Prospector Admin Mtg	Dr. C Office
3:45 pm	Varsity Softball @ Dysart	Dysart H.S.

Tuesday, March 26

2:30 pm	Boys & Girls Tennis @ Casteel	Casteel H.S.
3:45 pm	JV Baseball @ Dysart	Dysart H.S.
3:45 pm	Varsity Baseball & JV Softball vs. Dysart	AJHS
6:00 pm	AJUSD Governing Board Meeting	District Office

Wednesday, March 27

3:45 pm	Varsity Softball vs. Arcadia	AJHS
4:00 pm	JV Softball @ Arcadia	Arcadia H.S.
4:00 pm	Track @ Millinnium	Millinnium H.S.
6:00 pm	Incoming Freshmen Football Meeting	CCJH Cafeteria

Thursday, March 28

Early Release 11:40a

3:30 pm	Boys & Girls Tennis @ Casa Grande	Casa Grande Union H.S.
3:45 pm	Varsity Baseball & JV Softball @ Dysart	Dysart H.S.
3:45 pm	Varsity Softball & JV Baseball vs. Dysart	AJHS

Friday, March 29

Early Release 11:40a

10:00 am	Winter Guard/Drumline @ WGAZ Championships	Wells Fargo Arena
3:45 pm	Varsity Softball & JV Baseball @ Mesquite	Mesquite H.S.
3:45 pm	Varsity Baseball & JV Softball vs. Mesquite	AJHS

Saturday, March 30

9:00 am	Track & Field team @ Copper Classic Invite	Copper Canyon H.S.
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Important Dates to Remember:

March 27	AIMS Science (Biology Students only)	April 17	Performing Arts Coffee House
March 29	StuCo Lock-in	April 19	No School
April 2	AzMerit - Writing	April 24	Senior Interviews
April 3	AzMerit - Reading	April 24	Scholarship Night
April 5	Color Run	April 25-26	The Lion King Jr.
April 9	SAT	April 30 - May 1	AdvancEd Visit (pending)
April 10	Early Release	May 2	Powder Puff Volleyball
April 10	Senior Cap and Gown Pickup	May 6 - 8	IE Biology Posttest
April 12	Mr. Prospector	May 6	42nd Annual Senior Scholarship Night
April 15	CAC Sophomore Presentation	May 7	Band Concert
April 15	Academic Awards Night	May 8	Early Release
April 16	AzMerit - Mathematics	May 9	Orchestra Concert

May 10 Beginning Drama Productions
May 10 Yearbook Signing Party
May 11 Prom

May 15 Choir Pops Concert
May 17 Senior BBQ
May 23 Commencement (Graduation)

Field Trips

3/18/19

CAC Rally Day

Juniors & Seniors

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

General Information:

Do you have new or like new professional clothing that you no longer wear or want? We are looking for donations to start a Professional Closet for our students. The purpose of the closet will be to give students the opportunity to have professional attire for scholarship and job interviews. If you have a donation please contact Kathy Allyn at kallyn@goaj.org or (480) 982-1110 x 2303.

Mark your calendars AJHS 12th grade graduation will be here soon! This year's ceremony will take place on Thursday, May 23rd at 7:00 pm at Davis Field.

Bragging Corner

Our talented Band students competed on Saturday (3/23/19) at Millennium High School and are now headed to the state championships on Friday at ASU. Congratulations to these students, Ms. Chappel, coaches Karl Hermann, Haley Hoffman, and staff on an outstanding season!

Congratulations Matthew Swigert! He was awarded a \$1000 scholarship from Rhythm in Blues Community Choir at Roadhaven Resort. Way to go Matthew!

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**

As the weather warms up we'd like to remind everyone of our Dress Code, please make every effort to dress appropriately for an educational setting.

Frequent **violations** due to current fashion trends include:

- Bare midriff -**keep belly button fully covered at all times.**
- Short short short... shorts, skirts, & dresses -**buttocks will be fully covered at all times...standing, sitting, bending.**
- Profane language and/or symbols-**may not appear on clothing, bags, or pins.**

Thank you for making every effort to follow the dress code policy !!! :)

AJHS DRESS CODE POLICY (JICA-R)

The Board recognizes that each student's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of personal style and individual preference. The Board will not interfere with the right of students and their parents to make decisions regarding their appearance except when their choices affect the educational program of the schools or the health and safety of others. The District encourages students to take pride in their attire as it relates to the school setting. Students should dress in a manner that, in addition to the following guidelines, takes into consideration the educational environment, safety, health, and welfare of self and others.

- A. Only tailored shorts and skirts that are hemmed may be worn in grades kindergarten (K) through twelve (12).
- B. Bare midriffs, halter tops, and spaghetti straps are not acceptable past the third grade.
- C. Bare feet are never acceptable. In the interests of student safety, shoes must be worn at all times. Closed shoes are to be worn for any type of physical activity, such as physical education, et cetera.
- D. Jewelry shall not be worn if it presents a safety hazard to self and/or others.
- E. Profane or defamatory writing on clothing or jewelry is not acceptable.
- F. No bandannas of any color, size, or shape may be carried or displayed in any classroom or at any school activity. This also includes simulations of anything representing "colors."
- G. No hats may be worn in a classroom, except for properly approved occupational safety headgear required for special classes.
- H. Gang-related personalization is not permitted on hats, on items of clothing, or on one's person.
- I. Obscene language or symbols, or symbols of drugs, sex, or alcohol on clothing are expressly prohibited. *Exceptions for special activities or health considerations may be pre-approved by the administrator.*

11/12 Academic Update

by **Ms. Sue Campbell**

AIMS Science Testing - Wednesday, March 27, 2019

AIMS science testing will be held on Wednesday, March 27th. All 10th graders and any 9th grader enrolled in Biology will be required to test. Students will test the first two hours of the day in the 9/10 (STEM) building. Biology teachers will let their students know what room they will be in for testing. 1

10th graders not enrolled in Biology will also be required to test. These students will receive a pass informing them of what classroom they will be testing in.

Testing will occur during the first two hours of the day. Student's not testing will remain on a normal class and bell schedule.

AZ Merit Schedule - Spring 2019

AZ Merit testing is rapidly approaching. AzMERIT is an annual statewide test that measures how students are performing in English and mathematics. Assessments can be effective tools to support your child's learning, by providing information to help teachers drive their instruction. Students enrolled in English 9, 10 and 11 and students enrolled in Algebra I, Algebra II and Geometry are required to test no matter what their grade level is.

Writing - Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Reading - Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Math Part 1 & 2 -Tuesday, April 16, 2019

*EVIT students will check into their 3rd hour and leave for buses at 11:10 am.

Sack lunch will be provided upon request

Seniors not testing will report to school at 9:35am or
if riding the bus to school they will report to the library at 7:15am

Testing	7:15am	9:35am
Break	9:35am	9:45am
1st hour	9:45am	10:16am
2nd hour	10:22am	10:53am
3rd hour	10:59am	11:30am
4th hour - Lunch	11:30am	12:10pm
5th hour	12:16pm	12:47pm
6th hour	12:53pm	1:24pm
7th hour	1:30pm	2:00pm

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.

Counseling Corner

Attention GIRLS: Soroptimist International of East Valley is looking for girls age 14-18 who are ready to dream! They are hosting a FREE event on Saturday, March 30th from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm at Combs High School. The event will include: discovering your dreams, exploring careers, creating goals, rising above obstacles, and putting dreams into action. **Lunch will be included and there will be raffle prizes.**

Register online at SIEastValley.com

EVIT Update

By **Mr. Tim Vanda**

EVIT Tour information:

Each year, thousands of people tour the East Valley Institute of Technology's Dr. A. Keith Crandell (Main) Campus. Built on what was once the University of Arizona's experimental research farm, the 65- acre campus is located on the METRO light rail line and features more than 17 buildings, the EVIT Fire Science Academy fire tower, 88.7FM The Pulse radio station, restaurant - Bistro 13 -, the nationally accredited EVIT Culinary Arts & Commercial Baking programs, millions of dollars in state-of-the-art equipment and technology, and a staff of teachers recruited from Valley business and industry. In 2016, Landings Credit Union opened a branch at the Main Campus, where Banking students learn about the finance industry while serving the public. The Main Campus attracts visitors, especially educators from all over the nation, who want to create their own version of EVIT. Public tours are given on Tuesdays; call (480) 461-4000 for more information.



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