



Parent Prospector Press

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April 22, 2019 - April 27, 2019



Principal Update:

by **Principal Dr. Angela Chomokos**

Spring is definitely in the air at AJHS. The campus and surrounding area are blooming with foliage and excitement as the end of the year quickly approaches. Last week we celebrated as 125 of our students were recognized as Academic Scholars, this was just one of our many spring events as we commemorate a successful school year. This week and the next four weeks we continue the downward rollercoaster ride with a plethora of events~~mark your calendars!

This week~

April 24	Senior Interviews
April 25-26	The Lion King Jr.
April 26	Senior Assembly
April 27	Mr. Prospector

April 30 - May 1	AdvancEd Visit
May 2	Powder Puff Volleyball
May 6	42nd Annual Senior Scholarship Night
May 7	Band Concert
May 9	Orchestra Concert
May 10	Beginning Drama Productions
May 11	Prom
May 15	Choir Pops Concert
May 17	Senior BBQ
May 19	Baccalaureate (Seniors)
May 23	Commencement (Graduation)

This list does not include the athletic banquets and various awards ceremonies for our many clubs and activities. Please note that information regarding Commencement (Graduation) and all things Seniors will be forthcoming at the Senior Assembly on Friday, 4/26/19.

Spring is truly a joyous time of year on a high school 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 Schwenckert	<i>Athletic Director/Teacher StudCo Advisor</i>		

Prospector Weekly Calendar

Monday, April 22

8:00am	Annual Athletic Directors Mtg & Student Leadership	Xavier College
1:00-6:00pm	Pinal County Championship Track & Field	Santa Cruz Valley
3:45-6:45pm	V. Baseball vs. Saguaro	Home
6:00pm	AJHS Site Council	Room 295

Tuesday, April 23

12:08-1:08pm	Sophomore Ring Jewelry Presentation	PAC
2:10-2:45pm	Optional Faculty Meeting (Principal Search)	STEM Bldg
6:00pm	Governing Board Workstudy Session	District Office

Wednesday, April 24

ALL DAY	Skater Day	AJHS
6:30am	ELEOT Makeup Training -Staff	STEM Building
12:00-3:00pm	Lion King Jr. Elementary Performance	DVES
2:00-6:00pm	Track Last Chance Meet	Seton High
School		
8:00-11:15am	Senior Interviews	North Gym

Thursday, April 25

ALL DAY	80's Workout Day	AJHS
7:00-9:30pm	Lion King Jr.	PAC

Friday, April 26

ALL DAY	Hippie Day	AJHS
7:15am	Senior Meeting	PAC
9:50am	Assembly	North Gym
7:00-9:30pm	Lion King Jr.	PAC

Saturday, April 27

7:00 - 9:00 pm	Mr. Prospector	PAC
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Important Dates to Remember:

April 23	Josten's Ring Presentation (10th)	May 8	Early Release
April 24	Senior Interviews	May 9	Orchestra Concert
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April 27	Mr. Prospector	May 11	Prom
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May 6 - 8	IE Biology Posttest	May 19	Baccalaureate
May 6	42nd Annual Senior Scholarship Night	May 23	Commencement (Graduation)
May 7	Band Concert		

Field Trips

4/22	Annual Athletic Directors Mtg & Student Leadership Summit	Athletics
4/24	Lion King Jr. DVES Performance	Drama

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

General Information:

1st Pinal County Transition Fair: Planning for Life After High School

Who should attend?

Pinal County students with disabilities and their families and caregivers.

What is a Transition Fair?

Over 30 vendors with resources to help families with their child's transition from school life to adult life. Vendors include various local agencies that specialize in the areas of employment and vocational training. Food trucks will be available in the area surrounding the library parking.

Where?

Florence Public Library
778 N. Main St.
Florence, AZ 85132

When?

Wednesday, April 24th 5pm-7pm

Questions?

Contact: SSMITH@FUSDAZ.ORG

Donate jars of PB & J to help AJ kids and families beat hunger! The McKinney Vento program collects PB&J in the Spring to help out families during times when school is not in session. If you'd like to help you can drop off your donation at the front office.

Doing Spring cleaning? 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.

Student Council Update

by **Ms. Dawn Schwenckert**

Mr. Prospector is right around the corner on Saturday, April 27th. The cost is \$5 for the event and a pre-dinner cookout. The BBQ starts at 5:30 and doors will open for the show at 6:30. Come see the crazy acts your Mr. Prospectors put together for you.

Prom Dresses - A big thank you to Roxanne's Couture for the donation of 27 dresses for Prom. Thank you to Jenna Zagar and Calista Smith for coordinating the generous gift. If you are interested in having one for yourself, please email Mrs. Schwenckert to arrange a time to come pick a dress. In order to be eligible for a dress you must show proof of purchase of a prom ticket and be willing to send Ms. Schwenckert a picture of yourself in the dress on Prom Night.

Powder Puff Volleyball will be Thursday May 2 at 7 p.m. in the North Gym. Tickets will be \$3 at the door. If you are still interested in playing in the tournament, please pick up an application at the bookstore or in the Athletics Office in the 9/10 building. The first practice will be this Thursday 4/25 at 7 p.m. for all registered teams.

Prom tickets went on sale last week. Please visit the bookstore to pick one up. It is \$40 for individuals and \$75 for couples. Come enjoy a "Night Under the Stars" at Schnepf's Farm from 8p - Midnight on May 11.

Bragging Corner

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**

Student Accounts

Apache Junction High School is currently working on reconciling student accounts. Students will be notified of outstanding balances in regards to course fees, library fees, Chromebook fees and Pay to Participate (extra curricular activities). **Thank you for addressing all payments prior to May 20th 2019.**

To make a payment or review account balances please contact Karri Romney in the AJHS bookstore (480) 982-1110 x 2301 or walk-in payments can be taken daily 6:30am - 2:30pm. In addition online payment can be completed via the AJHS website "payment center" [Payment Center- Athletic Fees](#).

Sophomore Ring Presentation

Josten's will be on campus next Tuesday, 4/23 during 6th hour for their annual class ring/jewelry presentation. They will be bringing home packets for you to look at that will provide all the information you will need to know if you are interested in purchasing any class jewelry.

11/12 Academic Update

by **Ms. Sue Campbell**

What an exciting time of the year, as Seniors picked up their caps and gowns last Wednesday. Any senior who was unable to pick up their cap and gown can now do so in the bookstore.

Honor Cords

This year's honors cords will be as follows:

Old Gold - Congratulations Seniors - all seniors will receive

Navy Blue - This will be given to any Senior with a weighted GPA of a 4.0 or above

NHS - NHS members will have the opportunity to purchase a stole. This will be done through Ms. Anderson and NHS

Student Council - Student Council members will receive a student council sash. This will be done through student council and Ms. Schwenckert.

First in Family - Any senior who is the first member of their family to graduate from high school. Please see Ms. Campbell if you feel you meet these requirements.

No other honor cords or adornments will be allowed to be worn at graduation.

Counseling Corner

SENIORS:

All Senior Graduation Meeting in PAC on April 26th at 7:15 am. Please bring charged chromebook.

ACADEMIC LETTER AWARDS: Students, if you were unable to attend the ceremony on Monday evening, please pick up your certificate and letter/bar in the main office. Please see Mrs. Johnson or Mrs. Allyn.

PSAT Score Reports: Students, we still have score reports that haven't been picked up. If you haven't gotten yours, please see Mrs. Jenkins.

Want a **FUN** part- time summer job? Then we want **YOU** to join our **Aquatics Team!**

We are looking for fun, energetic people to teach swim lessons this summer at Superstition Shadows Aquatic Center. A Water Safety Instructor certification is required. We'll be holding a certification class April 20th, 22nd, 23rd, 29th, 30th and May 2nd. Click here for more details and to register.

http://apm.activecommunities.com/apachejunction/Activity_Search/5896

Submit your job application even before you finish the certification class. Under the "Training" section, type in that you are "enrolled in the AJ WSI class". www.ajcity.net/jobs

EVIT Update

By Mr. Tim Vanda

EVIT Education Foundation

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About EVITEF

The EVIT Foundation has always believed that all people, regardless of social or economic condition, have the capacity to take charge of their lives and should be enabled and empowered to make critical decisions for their future.

We are focused on providing this vision to the students of EVIT because we value the range of human diversity and seek to give them the means to attain their goals, resulting in competent, productive and responsible citizens.

We recognize that we have the responsibility and opportunity to contribute to the communities in which we live, by providing the tools in which our students can become a stronger and more desirable, trained workforce.

Your contributions and donations to the EVIT Foundation will be used to provide the means to help our eligible students pay for the supplies needed to complete their program training and to pay for their certification testing, 3rd party credentials and in some cases, licensing.

We are committed to the efficient use of our resources and will always make it a priority to be responsible stewards of the funds that have been entrusted to us.

Athletic Update

by **Ms. Dawn Schwenckert**

Congratulations to the AJHS Softball team for making it to the state playoffs. It will be an exciting time watching our Prospectors swing their bats for the fences.

Friday, May 2nd begins the State Track Meet at MCC. Our athletes have one more event on Tuesday, April 23rd to try to qualify. Here is a current list of state qualifiers:

Chris Lohman, Javelin

Joey Soh, Javelin

Ethan Wright, Shot put

Emily Rutkowski, 4x1, 100 hurdles and 300 hurdles

Jaden Miner, 4x1

Faith Rutkowski, 4x1

SeAnna Brennan, 4x1



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