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May 20, 2019 - May 23, 2019



Principal Update:

by **Principal Dr. Angela Chomokos**

The end of the 2018-2019 school year is now upon us and the challenges of the past year will become but a memory. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and to thank the members of the student body who have remained focused throughout the year and have continued to take care of their academic and behavioral commitments to themselves, their parents and to AJHS. I would also like to congratulate our seniors as they complete this phase of their education and begin a future filled with promise. It is estimated that of our 190 students graduating this year, they have earned approximately \$1.5 million in scholarships. They have indicated that they will be attending a variety of colleges and trade schools. We are proud of our Prospectors. The Class of 2019 is leaving behind a legacy that instills in their hearts and minds that "Once a Prospector, Always a Prospector".

As we say goodbye and wish the Class of 2019 good luck, we welcome the Class of 2020 into their leadership role at Apache Junction High School. We know they have great contributions to share and are ready to make their mark as well. It will be exciting to see what legacy they too will leave behind.

When looking into the planning for the next school year, it is my hope that AJHS will continue to stay the course of school improvement and remember the purpose of high school. The AdvancEd Accreditation Team sent us the following email regarding the Accreditation Visit performed this spring. *"You have really done an incredible job of restructuring the school in a framework for future success. ...the high school's score is a positive sign that the school is headed in the right direction. We should be receiving the final report within 30 days, at which time we will share with the Prospector nation. As high school is an amazing time for youthful memories, we can never lose sight of the important work that is needed to maintain the business of educating our youth at a high level, all the while keeping them engaged in their academics and school community. Raising the achievement bar is done with the collaborative work of a village. Once the culture of excellence is established, the peripheral pieces of high school will follow i.e. athletics, student clubs, fine arts, etc.*

As we look forward to the school year 2019-2020, we bid farewell to some of our employees who are retiring, moving or leaving for other opportunities. As we begin the process of soliciting a group of strong candidates as new hires, the process does leave us feeling melancholy to see colleagues leave; yet excited to be able to share ideas and teaching strategies with the new incoming colleagues.

Once again, the teachers, staff, and administrators are extremely proud of the successful accomplishments of the senior class. They have been involved Prospectors, all the while preparing for their college and career life after high school.

Congratulations to the Class of 2019!

Best Regards,

Dr. Angela Chomokos

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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</i>		
	<i>StudCo Advisor</i>		

Prospector Weekly Calendar

Monday, May 20

2:30 - 4:00 pm	Girls Basketball Practice	North Gym
4:00 - 6:30 pm	Boys Basketball Practice	North Gym
6:30 - 8:00 pm	Volleyball Practice	North Gym

Tuesday, May 21

2:30 - 4:00 pm	Girls Basketball Practice	North Gym
4:00 - 6:30 pm	Boys Basketball Practice	North Gym

Wednesday, May 22

2:30 - 4:00 pm	Girls Basketball Practice	North Gym
4:00 - 6:30 pm	Boys Basketball Practice	North Gym
6:30 - 8:00 pm	Volleyball Practice	North Gym

Thursday, May 23

7:30 am	<i>Last Day of School - Early Release 11:40am</i>	PAC
	2019 Graduation Rehearsal	
2:30 - 4:00 pm	Girls Basketball Practice	North Gym
4:00 - 6:30 pm	Boys Basketball Practice	North Gym
5:30 pm	Stadium Gates Opened	Davis Field
7:00 pm	2019 Graduation Ceremony	Davis Field

Friday, May 24 Release 11:40a

8:30 am	Faculty Meeting	STEM Bldg
10:30 am	Teacher Check-out begins	

Important Dates to Remember:

May 23 Commencement (Graduation)

Field Trips (Summer)

5/28/19	Leadership Academy (tentative)	NJROTC
6/3/19	Leadership Training (tentative)	NJROTC
6/9/19	Student Council Executive Board	STUCO
6/18/19	Sail Academy (tentative)	NJROTC

7/9/19
7/17/19

Drill Camp (tentative)
Leadership Planning - Tuthill (tentative)

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

General Information:

Cleaning out your closets this summer? Don't forget we're looking for new or like new professional clothing. 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**

Student Council would like to take a moment to thank all students, parents, and staff that have contributed to a fun year. We worked hard to provide memorable moments throughout the year and hopefully, you took advantage of the different events.

Good luck to the new Executive Board next year and Miss Claire Williamson who will be the new student council advisor.

Student Body President: Madi Arthur

Student Body Vice President: Lauren Powell

Student Body Secretary: Hector Bailon

Student Body Treasurer: Brooke Gordon

The Senior Class of 2020 is still in need of a Senior Class President. If you are interested, please see Miss Williamson for information.

Bragging Corner

Class of 2019 Scholarship Recipients

Total Scholarship Amount: Approximately \$1.5 million

Myka Adams	Robert Adams	Aliyah Aguirre	Dayton Baldwin
Kennedy Bishop	Elizabeth Brusacoram	Nathaniel Candelas	Dominique Capps
Leonardo Cerrito Ramirez	Dylan Condra	Jessica Cruz	Nolan Dalton
Riyanh Gayle De Guzman	Angel Detlefsen	Emmie Dietz	Jessica Dupree
Kyra Ehrlich	Natalie Erb	Roxanna Escorcía Rivera	Dillan Evans
Kade Evenson	Andreyá Farrar	Morgan Farsolas	Alicia Frank
Gabrielle Frierson	Gustavo Garcia	Marissa Gregory	Samantha Groneberg
Corinna Haro	Timothy Jaramillo	Benjamin Jones	Lucia Ann Kimble
Tyler Knotts	Cameron Krueger	Sierra Lewis	Erik Lundquest
Eliseo Martinez De Santiago	Christopher Mayes	Wesley McJunkin	Gabriel Morris
Jacob Natividad	Kyle Oplinger	Wendie Orozco	Emalee Rogoff-
Emily Rutkowski	Faith Rutkowski	Erik Salas	Austin Sample
Shayne Scoffin	Marissa Shone	Calista Smith	Maegan Smith
Asadawut (Joey) Soh	Matthew Swigert	Amanda Sykes	Frank Talbott
Hailey Weese	Madyson Uehling	Hailey Weese	Clarissa Wilson
Haili Wilson	Kaylea Wilsoncroft	Shealyn Wolfe	Melanie Yakel

9/10 Academic Update

by **Ms. Tanya Loftis**

Please stay connected over the summer months. Be mindful and check your goaj.org email account to stay informed on upcoming events, deadlines, and back to school information.

In addition please continue to communicate questions and concerns to your grade level administrator and/or counselor. We are around "On & Off" throughout the summer break.

9/10

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11/12

Counselor
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Ms. Sue Campbell

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11/12 Academic Update

by **Ms. Sue Campbell**

Thursday, May 23, 2019 -- Graduation Rehearsal - 7:30 am in the PAC

All seniors are required to attend. Tickets for handicapped seating will be handed out during rehearsal to all students/families who have made a request.

All seniors planning on participating in the graduation ceremony **must be present** at rehearsal or they will not be eligible to participate.

Thursday, May 23, 2019 -- Graduation - 7:00 pm

Students report to their assigned classroom (given at rehearsal) at 6:15 pm.

Please remember:

- All students are required to wear a black graduation gown which may **not** be decorated or have any markings.
- Decoration of mortarboards may **not** contain any inappropriate words or designs.
- Graduation is a formal ceremony. You are required to dress appropriately for the ceremony. All students must wear the AJHS standard graduation cap, gown, and tassel. Under the gown, appropriate dress and footwear must be worn (flip-flops are not allowed). Ladies must wear dresses or dress pants and blouses. Gentlemen must wear dress slacks and a collared shirt. We do have Kathy's Kloset available for anyone who needs help with this requirement. Please see Mrs. Allyn in the front office. Appropriate dress will be checked by the line leaders when students check in to their assigned rooms. If a student is not appropriately dressed, he/she will not be permitted to participate in the ceremony.
- All personal items, for example, purses, cell phones, electronic devices, graduation gifts, backpacks....should be left behind in your vehicle, with a family member, or at home.

As students will not be allowed to have their cell phones on them during the ceremony, we suggest that you arrange a meeting place with your graduate for after the ceremony.

Counseling Corner

Central Arizona College English Boot Camps

This summer the English department at Central Arizona College is offering ENG Boot Camps. The class is 1.5 credits. The goals of the boot camps are to aid student writing skills by assisting in sentence clarity, paragraph and essay

organization and development, and placement test-taking skills. Improved scores on the Accuplacer exam mean the students will spend less time in developmental English classes, saving students both time and money.

The ENG Boot Camps will be offered at the following campuses. Each camp is 4 days over the span of 2 weeks and meets from 10a – 3p with 1-hour for lunch. The dates for the camps are:

Signal Peak Campus - July 29th, 31th, Aug. 5th, 7th

San Tan Campus - July 30th, Aug. 1st, 6th, 8th

Students can register for the boot camps online through student registration. The English boot camp is listed as ENG100 BC. Please contact Mark Silvia Mark.silvia@centralaz.edu, the faculty member teaching the camps, with additional questions.

We are looking for Scholarship applicants!

The Zack Zolin Scholarship Foundation is a local, non-profit 501C3 in honor and remembrance of Zack Zolin who loved football and overcame life's obstacles to play the game. The foundation's mission is to provide yearly scholarship(s) to student-athletes wanting to play sports (not just football) at the Junior college or university level. We target student-athletes that are not given opportunities at the higher collegiate level but are committed and passionate to sports! For more information, please visit: <https://www.zzscharship.com/>

Grand Canyon University Summer Institute: \$75 per student for 2019 sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Price includes housing, meals, and more for 3 day/2 night sessions. Student benefits include programming taught by GCU professors, hands-on activities in the area of interest, real-world insight from local businesses, evening socials with other students, and dining at favorite GCU eateries.

Visit gcu.edu/summerinstitute to learn more.

EVIT Update

By Mr. Tim Vanda

EVIT Completion Ceremony

Date & Time: May 20, 2019 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Tempe Diablo Stadium

2200 W. Alameda Dr. Tempe AZ 85282

Description: EVIT Completion Ceremony

Athletic Update

by **Ms. Dawn Schwenkert**

Athletes - Please make sure to complete your registration for Fall Sports online. AJHS is now using Register My Athlete to take care of all registrations. Keep in mind that you will need to get a physical dated after April 1, 2019, prior to practicing on any team you may be a part of.

Congratulations to Assistant Principal, Ms. Tayna Loftis, as she will be serving as the new Athletic Director for the 2019 - 2020 school year!



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