



# Parent Prospector Press

*To focus instruction for increased student achievement.*

*On Top of the World and Reaching for the Future*

**August 20 - August 25, 2018**

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## Prospectors Update:



by **Principal Dr. Angela Chomokos**

Our first progress report is upon us. Athletic eligibility and student academic progress will be reviewed this week as we move forward with celebrating successes and identifying areas of improvement. If you are not satisfied with the progress indicated, there is still approximately five weeks before the end of the first quarter, and of course plenty of time prior to the end of the semester. This is a wonderful time to review study habits and establish a routine for completing homework, classwork, tutoring and extra studying. We have plenty of time to realign academic efforts and performance but don't wait too long as time is passing quickly.

In the next couple of weeks, we will begin our AJHS Site Council meetings. The primary purpose of the Site Council is to provide stakeholders involvement in a governance system and ensure student learning and achievement through quality teaching and learning. The object is to monitor the implementation of the School Improvement Plan goals and to advise the Principal in the following areas as they align to the plan: Assessing strengths and needs, Developing and reviewing the annual School Improvement Plan, Review school-wide data, and progress, Reporting annually to the school community on achievements met in the School Improvement Plan, and Other duties as needed.

Members of the AJHS Site Council shall represent the community, the school, and the students.

- Chairperson~~The Principal
- One (1) Other Campus Leader
- Four (4) Teachers
- One (1) Counselor
- One (1) Employee-at-large
- Three (3) Parents
- One (1) Non-Certified Employee
- One (1) Community Member
- Five (5) Students consisting of one (1) Student Council student from each grade-level and one (1) student-at-large.

There will be a minimum of five (5) meetings held during the school calendar year. The meeting agendas and minutes will be posted on the website. Watch for further information as the school year progresses.

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, August 20

Spirit Day 7:30-10:00 am	Blackout Monday Prospectors Facilities Adm	Campus Adm Conf. Rm
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### Tuesday, August 21

Spirit Day 6:30 -7:00 am	Tye Dye Tuesday Club Advisor Meeting	Campus Room 186
2:15 - 2:45 pm	Club Advisor Meeting	Room 186
3:00 - 7:00 pm	Boys Varsity Golf	Apache Creek Golf Course

### Wednesday, August 22

Spirit Day	Wacky Wednesday	Campus
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### Thursday, August 23

Spirit Day 8:00 am - noon	Sports Day Thursday Blood Drive	Campus South Gym
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### Friday, August 24

Spirit Day 6:30 - 7:10 am	Class Colors Friday Department Meetings	Campus
<b>8:05 - 9:42 am</b>	<b>Welcome Back Assembly</b>	<b>North Gym</b>
7:00 - 9:00 pm	Varsity Football	Davis Field

### *Important Dates to Remember:*

September 3	No School	October 18-19	Adv. Drama Performance
September 12	Early Release	October 24	Early Release
September 14	Powder Puff FB game	November 12	No School
September 17-21	Homecoming Spirit Week	November 14	Early Release
September 22	Homecoming Parade	November 21-23	No School
	Homecoming Dance		Happy Thanksgiving
September 26	Choir & Orchestra Concert	December 12	Early Release
	Picture Re-Take	December 17	Band Concert
September 27	Early Release	December 19	Choir Concert
September 28	Early Release	December 20	Orchestra Concert
	Homecoming FB Game	December 21	End of Semester (Early Release)
October 1-12	Fall Break	December 24-January 6	No School

	Winter Break	April 19	No School
	Happy Holidays	April 24	Scholarship Night
January 16	Early Release	April 25-26	Drama Performance
January 21	No School	April 30 - May 1	AdvancEd Visit
January 30-February 1	Musical	May 7	Band Concert
February 13	Early Release	May 8	Early Release
February 18	No School	May 9	Orchestra Concert
March 6	Choir Concert	May 10	Beginning Drama Productions
March 8	Drama Productions	May 15	Choir Pops Concert
March 11-22	Spring Break	May 23	Commencement (Graduation)
April 10	Early Release		

## General Information:

The Greater Phoenix National College Fair will take place Sunday, Oct. 21, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Phoenix Convention Center. Sponsored by the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC), the Greater Phoenix event -- which is free and open to the public -- offers prospective students the opportunity to connect with hundreds of colleges and universities in one location. The Phoenix Convention Center is located at [100 N. 3rd St., Phoenix, AZ 85004](http://100.N.3rd.St.Phoenix.AZ.85004).

Participants are encouraged to register for the Fair at [GOTOMYNCF.COM](http://GOTOMYNCF.COM) in order to receive fair details, avoid lines onsite, and to share contact information with selected schools. Registration is free. Additional information is available online at [www.nacacfairs.org/greater-phoenix](http://www.nacacfairs.org/greater-phoenix), by emailing [collegefairs@nacacnet.org](mailto:collegefairs@nacacnet.org), or by calling 703.836.2222 ext. 14.

## Student Council Update

by **Ms. Dawn Schwenckert**

- Powder Puff Packets will be available from student council members, in the bookstore, and in the library starting Monday, August 20. The deadline for completed applications is Friday, August 24. There is a limited number of individuals that can play and applications will be processed on a first come, first serve basis.
- Our first spirit week is upon us. Blackout Monday, Tye Dye Tuesday, Wacky Wednesday, Sports Day Thursday, and Class Colors Friday. Join in the fun and participate all week long.
- Freshman class shirts are available in the bookstore for \$10. Come by, pick one up, and wear it on Friday!
- Student Council will be holding the first blood drive of the year, this Thursday. Students must be 16 years of age to donate. THANK YOU to all that have signed up already. Please don't forget to turn in your parent/guardian permission slip if you are under the age of 18. Appointment slips will be delivered to 5th-hour teachers on Wednesday.
- The Welcome Back Assembly will be on Friday. We will be celebrating the great start to the school year. Games, giveaways, and getting pumped for the year to come is on the horizon.

## 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](mailto:achomoko@goaj.org)*

- Congratulations to Hailli Wilson and Joseph Goodwin as Students of the Month!
- Congrats! BIG win for their season opener! The Prospector Varsity Football team traveled to California and defeated Royal High School 28-7!

- Boys Golf started the season with a bang~~Harrison Talbott and Jake Washburn took 3rd and 5th place respectively against Desert Ridge High School. These young men out-performed two of Desert Ridge's premier players~~Great Job Boys Golf Team!
- Celebrate A true community member: Mastin Fletcher went above and beyond this past summer. With the help of his mother, he secured over a dozen fairly new backpacks and many donated items. Some of these items were flashlights, first aid supplies, food items, personal supplies, batteries, water bottles, pet supplies and much more. He meticulously put the backpacks together, even putting pink ribbons on the ones for females, and donated them to the Genesis Project in Apache Junction for distribution to the homeless and those in need in our community. Selfless acts such as these make the Prospectors family proud!

## 9/10 Academic Update

by **Ms. Tanya Loftis**

### Grade Check Tip:

Check your grades at least every two weeks...

This can be done very easily on your Chromebook. You can access StudentVUE log-in page via the AJUSD website. Go to "For Student", then "Student Technology resources", scroll down the list to find "StudentVUE log-in. The same username and password that you use to log into your Chromebook will allow to you to log into your StudentVUE account. Once logged in you will need to click on Gradebook to see your current class grades. When you click on the class title, it will open up the gradebook so that you can see your scores, specific assignments, tests, and quizzes.

This quick link should send you straight to the log-in page. Just remove my info... :-)

[Gradebook quick link](#)

Stay informed on your progress in your classes and remember grading turnaround time is **not** immediate. Teachers are asked to have grades up to date on the 1st and 15th of the month. ~Be Patient~

## 11/12 Academic Update

by **Ms. Sue Campbell**

ACT/SAT Follow up:

Here are the dates, registration deadlines and fees for this year's testing.

ACT 2018-19 Test Dates		
Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
September 8, 2018	August 10, 2018	August 11-16, 2018
October 27, 2018	September 28, 2018	September 29 - October 14, 2018
December 8, 2018	November 2, 2018	November 3-19, 2018
February 9, 2019	January 11, 2019	January 12-18, 2019
April 13, 2019	March 8, 2019	March 9-25, 2019
June 8, 2019	May 3, 2019	May 4-20, 2019
July 13, 2019	June 14, 2019	June 15-24, 2019

- ACT \$50.50
- ACT with Writing \$67.50

- Late fee \$30
- Register at [actstudent.org](http://actstudent.org)

SAT 2017-18 Test Dates		
Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
August 25, 2018	July 27, 2018	August 15, 2018
October 6, 2018	September 7, 2018	September 26, 2018
November 3, 2018	October 5, 2018	October 24, 2018
December 2, 2018	November 2, 2018	November 20, 2018
March 9, 2019	February 8, 2019	February 27, 2019
May 4, 2019	April 5, 2019	April 24, 2019
June 1, 2019	May 3, 2019	May 22, 2019

- -SAT \$47.50
- -SAT with Essay \$64.50
- -Late fee \$29
- Register at [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org)

What is considered a good score? Visit this site for more information  
<http://www.princetonreview.com/college/good-sat-score-act-score.aspx>

## Counseling Corner

### Sophomores and Juniors,

We are excited to announce that the PSAT will be offered at AJHS on October 24th. The Preliminary SAT (**PSAT**) is a test designed to help students practice for the SAT. It is also used to determine eligibility for scholarships awarded by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

To register, please pick up a blue registration form at the Bookstore desk in the main office. The cost for the test is **\$25**. Once you have paid for your test, you will receive a study guide. **The registration deadline is September 10th.**

Please contact Mrs. Jenkins or Ms. McFarlin with any questions.

## EVIT Update

By **Mr. Tim Vanda**

*Hello, my name is John Corsaro and I am an Assistant Principal at the East Valley Institute of Technology. This year will be my 19th year in the education field and the fourth year at EVIT. I oversee the Culinary, Cosmetology, Barbering, Banking and Early Childhood programs. I am excited that this year my responsibilities include the Apache Junction High School Culinary Program. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at [jcorsaro@evit.com](mailto:jcorsaro@evit.com) or 480-461-4015.*

# Athletic Update

by **Ms. Dawn Schwenkert**

There are still some athletes that have not been cleared to participate in practice nor competitions. Please see Ms. Buhrig with all completed paperwork.

Academics are a top priority for all students. This includes all of our athletes. Grade checks are done every two weeks for all athletes in season. If a student is earning a D or F in any of his/her classes, they must attend Study Hall. Study Table is an after school, mandatory time, for all athletes to work on getting their grades to a C or better. Study Table will take place from 2:15 - 2:45 in Ms. Hays' room (323) Monday - Thursday. If you have further questions on Study Table, please talk to your individual coach or email Ms. Schwenkert. ([dschwenc@goaj.org](mailto:dschwenc@goaj.org))

GOOD LUCK in the coming weeks. Go Prospectors!

## **What's the Score?**

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Freshmen</b>	<b>JV</b>	<b>Varsity</b>
<b>Football</b>	Royal High School (CA)	-----	-----	28-7 W
<b>Boys Golf</b>	Desert Ridge			3rd, 5th, 8th, 9th, 10th



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