



Parent Prospector Press

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August 27 - September 1, 2018

Prospectors Update:

by **Principal Dr. Angela Chomokos**



AJHS would like to welcome and congratulate two new coaches to our Athletic Department. Mr. Sam Valencia and Mr. Cornelious Turner will be taking the helm of our Varsity Girls and Varsity Boys Basketball Programs respectively. Both gentlemen come to these positions with a plethora of coaching experience. We are fortunate to have them join our team.

Athletics is definitely not the only area we excel in at AJHS. Our academic clubs and organizations are a large area of focus for us. We are also proud to announce the following advisors for our academic organizations:

- Ms. Anderson, National Honors Society (NHS),
- Ms. Reynolds, Rho Kappa National Social Studies Honors Society
- TBD, Tri M Music Honors Society
- Ms. Anderson, Speech, and Debate
- TBD, Academic Decathlon

Along with these areas of focus, we also recognize our students through their academic performance. As outlined in the AJHS Student Handbook we offer the following Academic Letters:

This honor is awarded to students demonstrating academic excellence and a commitment to education throughout their high school career. Students meeting the following criteria will be awarded as follows:

<i>Freshman</i>	<i>4.01 cum. GPA Academic Letter</i>
<i>Sophomore</i>	<i>4.01 cum. GPA Academic Letter or Service Bar</i>
<i>Juniors</i>	<i>4.01 cum. GPA Academic Letter or Service Bar</i>
<i>Seniors</i>	<i>4.01 cum. GPA Academic Letter or Service Bar</i>

Students will be awarded their Academic Letter or Service Bar during the spring Academic Awards Ceremony.

The induction into our national honors groups, as well as the Academic Awards Ceremony, will be done in a formal setting where students will be honored for the scholarly achievements. More information to follow once the dates, times and locations have been solidified.

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, August 27

8:00 -10:00 am	Prospectors Adm Meeting	Dr. C's office
3:00 - 7:00 pm	Girls Golf vs.QCHS	Apache Creek Golf Course
6:00-7:00 pm	Meet & Greet Coach Cornelius Turner Head Boys Basketball Coach	AJHS 9/10 Building

Tuesday, August 28

8:30 am - 1:30 pm	StuCo Leadership Conference	@Mt.View HS
3:00 - 7:00 pm	Boys Golf vs. Poston Butte	Johnson Ranch Golf Club
4:00, 5:00, 6:00pm	F, JV, Varsity Volleyball vs. Deer Valley	AJHS

Wednesday, August 29

3:00 pm	Girls Golf vs.Saguaro & McClintock	Continental Golf Course
6:00 pm	Freshman Football vs. Canyon Del Oro	Davis Field
6:00-7:00 pm	Meet & Greet Coach Sam Valencia Head Girls Basketball Coach	AJHS 9/10 Building

Thursday, August 30

4:00, 5:00, 6:00pm	F, JV, Varsity Volleyball	@ Seton Catholic
4:00 pm	Swim vs Poston Butte & Maricopa	AJ Aquatic Center
6:00 pm	JV Football vs. CDO	@CDO
3:30 pm	Boys Golf @ South Mountain	@ South Mountain

Friday, August 31

7:00 - 9:00 pm	Varsity Football vs. CDO	Davis Field
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Saturday, September 1

Important Dates to Remember:

September 3 No School	September 28 Early Release
September 12 Early Release	Homecoming FB Game
September 14 Powder Puff FB game	October 1-12 Fall Break
September 17-21 Homecoming Spirit Week	October 18-19 Adv. Drama Performance
September 22 Homecoming Parade	October 24 Early Release
Homecoming Dance	November 12 No School
September 26 Choir & Orchestra Concert	November 14 Early Release
September 27 Early Release	November 21-23 No School

	Happy Thanksgiving	March 6	Choir Concert
December 12	Early Release	March 8	Drama Productions
December 17	Band Concert	March 11-22	Spring Break
December 19	Choir Concert	April 10	Early Release
December 20	Orchestra Concert	April 19	No School
December 21	End of Semester (Early Release)	April 24	Scholarship Night
December 24-January 6	No School	April 25-26	Drama Performance
	Winter Break	April 30 - May 1	AdvancEd Visit
	Happy Holidays	May 7	Band Concert
January 16	Early Release	May 8	Early Release
January 21	No School	May 9	Orchestra Concert
January 30-February 1	Musical	May 10	Beginning Drama Productions
February 13	Early Release	May 15	Choir Pops Concert
February 18	No School	May 23	Commencement (Graduation)

General Information:

Remember Lunch Applications are expiring September 5th.

Free and reduced lunch applications are due now. **IF** you haven't completed an application this year and received a confirmation letter of benefits you may pick up a paper application at your school office or complete one online at EZMealApp.com. Please re-apply by September 4th to avoid losing your benefits.

Student Council Update

by **Ms. Dawn Schwenckert**

Bragging Corner

Have Bragging News--please share!

Way to go Emalee Rogoff!

Mrs. Johnson in the front office had an elderly couple report an act of kindness by one of our Prospectors. Emalee Rogoff saw the couple broken down in our parking lot and asked if she could help. He responded that he called a tow truck to come to change his tire and they were just waiting. Much to their surprise and great appreciation Emalee saw an opportunity to do more. Emalee jumped into action, changed their tire and sent them on their way in a matter of minutes.

Now that's an awesome Prospector!.

Congratulations Golfers!

The Girls did a great job in their first varsity matches against Mesquite High School and Williams Field High School.

Freshmen Hayden Pride took 2nd place, Sophomore Tristen Greer took 4th, Junior Elexis Toro took 6th,

Sophomore Zoe Siegel took 7th and Freshmen Kashmir Baille took 9th. Way to go Prospectors!

9/10 Academic Update

by **Ms. Tanya Loftis**

Technology

Chromebook Insurance (\$25 Premium) is still available to purchase for 2018-19 school year, deadline is **Sept. 1st**. Insurance purchase can be completed in the Bookstore or online, via AJHS website Payment Center Tab. For detailed information in regards to Chromebook insurance, please refer to the Student Handbook (p.33).

11/12 Academic Update

by **Ms. Sue Campbell**

University of Arizona

Openings are still available for the University of Arizona presentation with Admissions Counselor Matt Wall on **Thursday, Aug. 30, during 3rd hour**. Interested students may sign up for the presentation at the College & Career Center in the Front Office.

Arizona State University

Arizona State University Student Recruitment Specialist Suzie Kwan will share information about ASU with interested seniors during the **3rd hour (9:25 to 10:18), Thursday, Sept. 6**. Interested students may sign up for this presentation in their American Government or Economics classes or at the College & Career Center in the Front Office. Ms. Kwan will also be distributing information about ASU during lunch outside the cafeteria.

Prospectors, we need your help.

Recently we have been experiencing some vandalism in our boys' restrooms. This vandalism includes such things as ripping the paper towel dispensers off the wall, stuffing the urinals with trash and soap dispensers being ripped off the wall. Although these appear to be minor, they can be very costly not only in replacing the items but in the labor required to fix the damage. We have also on occasion had to close some restrooms until such repairs could be made. The closing of these restrooms forces students to use other restrooms that may not be as conveniently located, causing students to miss valuable instruction time.

Students if you can help us by using the restrooms in a timely manner and then exiting them when you are finished. Please do not hang out or eat in restrooms during lunch or passing periods.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your help.

Counseling Corner

Sophomores and Juniors, we are excited to announce that the PSAT will be offered at AJHS on October 24th **during** the school day. 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.**

For students interested in the ACT, please see Mrs. Jenkins for a FREE study guide.

For all Seniors and Juniors [Please review your transcript online.](#)

Seniors make sure you have been meeting the graduation credit requirements of 4 English, 4 Math, 3 Science, 3 History, 1 CTE and 1 PE plus electives. These include earned credits and classes in progress.

Juniors make sure you have completed your freshman and sophomore required credits: 2 English, 2 Math, 2 Science, 1 History, 1 CTE and 1 PE. Active classes should include 1 English, 1 Math, 1 Science and 1 History with 2 elective courses.

Any questions, please see Ms. McFarlin in Counseling.

Representatives of five major U.S colleges and universities will present an information session for interested students and their parents at 7 p.m. on **Thursday evening, Aug. 30**, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Phoenix Tempe in Tempe. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet and talk with representatives of **Dartmouth College, Northwestern University, Princeton University, University of California, Berkeley, and Vanderbilt University.** The DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel is located at: [2100 South Priest Drive, Tempe, AZ 85282](#). To register, go to: www.coasttocoasttour.org.

Suggestions for College Essays and Letters of Recommendation

Phoenix-metro area seniors and parents will have the opportunity to get tips from three selective universities/scholarship programs about what makes up good (or not so good) essays and letters of recommendation. The program will be held Thursday, Sept. 6, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Desert Vista High School's auditorium, [16440 South 32nd Street Phoenix, AZ 85048](#). Presenters will be representatives of the Flinn Foundation, Texas Tech University and The University of Chicago. Click [here](#) to register.

Grand Canyon University will provide selected AJHS senior students with a tour of its Phoenix campus on **Monday, Sept. 10**. The GCU bus will leave AJHS at **7:30 a.m.** and return by **2 p.m.** Lunch will be provided. Participation will be limited to students with a **3.0 GPA** who are currently **passing all their courses**. Sign up sheets are available in Mrs. Anderson's and Mr. Hutzell's rooms (322 and 327) or in the College & Career Center (Front Office). For more information, email tmattaus@goaj.org.

EVIT Update

By **Mr. Tim Vanda**

Denise L. Kruckenberg, RRT, MS

My name is Denise L. Kruckenberg (RRT, MS), and I have a medical background in Respiratory Care working in trauma centers/NICUs in Chicagoland and was a tenured faculty and Director of Respiratory Care at the College of Dupage.

I am very excited to be part of the EVIT/AJ family as Health Director for the following programs: Programs I supervise MC 10, MA, NA, EMT, PTA, Dental Assisting, Pharmacy.

Director of Adult Education and Post Secondary programs: Welding, HVACR, PMT, Plumbing, Surgical Tech, Cosmo, Sterile Processing, and Aesthetics while also overseeing see the Adult Education GED/Basic Ed program.

If you have a student in Anatomy and Physiology or Medical Assisting please feel free to contact me on the main campus of EVIT at 480-461-4000 and I will be happy to answer any questions you might have.

Athletic Update

by *Ms. Dawn Schwenckert*

What's the Score?

Sport	Opponent	Freshmen	JV	Varsity
Football	Tempe HS			6-23 L
Girls Golf	Mesquite HS Williams Field HS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hayden Pride (Freshman) tied for 2nd with +13 • Tristen Greer (sophomore) came in 4th with + 16 • Elexis Toro (junior) came in 6th when she scored a + 20 • Zoe Siegel (junior) came in right behind in 7th place with a +31 • Kashmir Bailey (freshman) finished the 9-hole match with a +34 		
Boys Golf				
Girls Cross Country				
Boys Cross Country				
Girls Volleyball				
Girls Swim/Dive				
Boys Swim/Dive				



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