



Parent Prospector Press

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November 26, 2018 - December 1, 2018

Principal's Update:

by **Principal Dr. Angela Chomokos**



Last week we shared with you our 2017-2018 Academic Letter Recipients. After sending the list, we discovered that Synergy had a glitch and a few of our students were not recognized. Therefore, we would also like to congratulate the following additional Academic Letter Recipients. We are very proud of you!

9th	Jessica Bautista Jose	9th	Justis Marciano	9th	Chloe Collins
9th	Drake Kelley	9th	Chloe Krueger	10th	Colin Grider
10th	Kylee VanWormer	12th	Dylan Condra		

School safety and security is always at the top of our priority list. As you know through a prior communication, we had an incident on campus where a student brought an airsoft gun to school. The student had no intent of harm, however, for many years now this has been a part of the Student Code of Conduct. As a reminder to all of our students and families regarding *Weapons and Dangerous Items*: Dangerous items are defined as--Airsoft Gun, BB Gun, Pellet Gun, Knife with blade 2.5 inches or Less, Laser Pointer, Mace, Stun Gun, Simulated Knife, Box Cutter. These items are viewed in a very serious manner by both law-enforcement and school officials.

When an incident such as this occurs, we have a wonderful opportunity to discuss with our students all of the components of the Code of Conduct. As a reminder, this information is available in the Student Handbook on the Apache Junction High School website: <http://www.ajusd.org/Page/5442>

Building a culture of safety is paramount to our students. They need to know who they can speak to about concerns and know they can report these concerns safely and confidentially. This requires a close partnership between the school and the community we serve. A strength of the Apache Junction community has always been it's strong ties to community-based involvement, I encourage us to continue to work together to educate our students on the importance of making good choices and to "See Something-Say Something," as was done in this case.

Our Student Council has embarked on a BKind campaign to reinforce the importance of kindness to our fellow human-beings. This positive recognition of students working together to develop a culture of kind-hearted actions directly impacts how students behave and ultimately on school safety. We have witnessed students across the nation implementing a variety of kindness movements, students are actively wanting to become part of the solution to school violence and disruptions. Let's continue to have AJHS be a part of the positive movement and build traditions that encourage random acts of kindness.

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 StudCo Advisor</i>		

Prospector Weekly Calendar

Monday, November 26

7:30 am	Facilities Meeting	CCC Conference Room
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Tuesday, November 27

5:30 & 7:00 pm	Boys Basketball vs. Poston Butte	North Gym, AJHS
5:30 & 7:00 pm	Girls Basketball @ Poston Butte	Poston Butte HS
6:00 pm	Boys Soccer vs. Seton Catholic	Davis Field, AJHS
6:00 pm	Girls Soccer @ Seton Catholic	Seton Catholic Preparatory HS

Wednesday, November 28

3:00 pm	Wrestling @ Thunderbird with Greenway	Thunderbird HS
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Thursday, November 29

Friday, November 30

9:00 am	Wrestling @ Jerry Benson Invitational	Buckeye Union HS
5:30 & 7:00 pm	Boys Basketball @ Arcadia	Arcadia HS
5:30 & 7:00 pm	Girls Basketball vs. Arcadia	North Gym, AJHS
7:00 pm	Talent Show	Performing Arts Center

Saturday, December 1

6:30 am	Frosh & JV Wrestling @ Millennium Invitational	Millennium HS
7:30 am	Varsity Wrestling @ Jerry Benson Invitational	Buckeye Union HS

Important Dates to Remember

November 5-30 Fall AzMerit	December 19-21 Final Exams
November 26-30 Benchmark #2 Testing	December 20 Orchestra Concert
November 30 Talent Show	December 21 End of Semester (Early Release)
December 2 SAT	December 24-January 6 No School
December 8 ACT	Winter Break
December 11 Broadway Bound-Drama Showcase	Happy Holidays
December 12 Early Release	January 9 NHS Induction
December 17 Band Concert	January 16 Early Release
December 19 Choir Concert	January 17 ASVAB Testing

January 21	No School	April 15	Academic Awards Night
January 24, 25, 31, & February 1	Wizard of Oz	April 19	No School
February 4-6	Writing Benchmark #2	April 24	Scholarship Night
February 9	ACT	April 25-26	The Lion King Jr.
February 13	Early Release	April 30 - May 1	AdvancEd Visit
February 18	No School	May 6 - 8	IE Biology Posttest
February 21	Bus Evacuation	May 6	42nd Annual Senior Scholarship Night
February 25-March 1	IE Benchmark Posttest	May 7	Band Concert
March 6	Choir Concert	May 8	Early Release
March 9	SAT	May 9	Orchestra Concert
March 11-22	Spring Break	May 10	Beginning Drama Productions
March 25-April 19	AIMS Science Testing	May 15	Choir Pops Concert
April 1-26	Spring AzMerit	May 23	Commencement (Graduation)
April 10	Early Release		

Field Trips

12/1/18	Blitz Chess Tournament	Mountain Pointe High School
12/1/18	NJROTC Regional Qualifier Field Meet	Moon Valley High School

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

Fundraisers

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

Student Council Update

by **Ms. Dawn Schwenckert**

- Student Council is organizing a food drive from November 19 - December 14. Students should donate non-perishable food items to their 5th hour class. The class with the most items will win a pizza party!
- Applications for Student Council members at large are now available. Completed applications will be due no later than Wednesday, December 5. We are looking for a few fun and dedicated students to join for 2nd semester.
- The Talent Show is right around the corner; there's no better place to be this Friday, November 30, than at the PAC to experience 11 talented acts of your very own Prospectors. The show begins at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for students and \$5 for adults.

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**

We are closing in on the first semester, please make sure you are reviewing your grades and taking care of both current and eligible make-up assignments, projects, tests/quizzes. Do **NOT** wait until the last minute to address your concerns with teachers.

- Continue to dedicate 10-20 minutes a night to study or complete homework.
- Utilize “Lunchtime Tutoring”

Monday & Wednesday:	English & Social Studies	*arrange with your teacher
Tuesday & Thursday:	Mathematics & Science	*arrange with your teacher

Taking action NOW may make a big difference at the end of the semester...**December 21st.**

11/12 Academic Update

by **Ms. Sue Campbell**

Celebrate your Senior with a Senior Ad in the Yearbook

Did you know you could celebrate your senior and their high school accomplishments by placing a senior ad in the yearbook? Yearbook ads are a great way to celebrate student success and milestones and reflect on the person your student has become. Show your pride and support your school at the same time.

There are a variety of options and prices for you to choose from:

\$125.00 - Full Page

\$80.00 - 1/2 Page

\$50.00 -1/4 Page

The deadline to place your ad in the yearbook is January 31, 2019.

Visit the Josten’s website to design and place your ad today.

<http://jostensadservice.com?REF=A00218800><<http://jostensadservice.com/?REF=A00218800>>

Don’t miss out! Purchase your yearbook today!

If you have not already done so you can still purchase a yearbook. Save yourself a trip to the bookstore and purchase your yearbook online at <http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A00218800>

Counseling Corner

10 Best Sites to Search for Scholarships

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/college/2016/01/06/the-10-best-sites-to-search-for-scholarships/37410585>

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Weekly Career Focus: Marketing Specialists Research market conditions in local, regional, or national areas, or gather information to determine potential sales of a product or service, or create a marketing campaign. May gather information on competitors, prices, sales, and methods of marketing and distribution. Requires a Bachelor’s degree. Median income is \$63,000 and the future for this career path is very bright! www.careeronestop.org

National Apprenticeship Week: The Time to Rethink Apprenticeships is Now—November 12 to the 18

In June of 2017, President Donald Trump signed an Executive Order titled, “[Expanding Apprenticeships in America.](#)” The centerpiece of the proposal is to build on the traditional registered apprenticeship concept by creating a pathway to new, industry-recognized apprenticeships in more than 2300 programs. Employers are recognizing the value added by apprentices, with 42 percent more apprentices now than five years ago. These are students obtaining the skills they need to succeed while earning the wages needed to build financial security and families who are choosing not to add to the [\\$1.5 trillion in outstanding federal student debt](#). It is estimated there will be 3.4

million vacancies in the manufacturing industry between 2015 and 2015 and 60 percent of these jobs – 2 million jobs – will go unfilled due to the skills gap. Among the gaps the emphasized were the lack of workers with specialized skills needed to fill many trade positions, such as advanced welders, energy service technicians, mechanics, electricians and tool and die makers. You can attend a National Apprenticeship Week Event and learn more about opportunities in Phoenix by visiting the website: <https://www.dol.gov/apprenticeship/naw/>

[Arizona Scholarships and Grants](https://www.collegegrant.net/arizona/). If you are a high school student in Arizona thinking about how to pay for college, or if you are already enrolled in an Arizona community college or university, there are a wide variety of scholarships available just for you. Here is the website for you to explore possible opportunities:

<https://www.collegegrant.net/arizona/>

Seniors please apply to the scholarships listed on the high school website under COUNSELING. The cut-off for applications is Friday December 14. All scholarship applications must be complete with all materials stapled together and turned in to Mrs. McFarlin in the Counseling Office. If you are having problems with an application please visit the Counseling Office.

Calling all juniors with a creative flair who demonstrate academic rigor, maturity, curiosity and leadership! The Bezoz Scholars Program (Amazon.com) is accepting applications for the 2019 Aspen Ideas Festival, June 22-28. It will be an all-expenses paid trip where your thoughtful creative ideas are used to positively impact your local community by building connections with fellow scholars, providing access to and learning from inspiring global leaders, and fueling hands-on learning opportunities through the launch of a community change project. You must apply online by February 8, 2019. For more information stop by Counseling and see Mrs. McFarlin.

EVIT Update

By **Mr. Tim Vanda**

Athletic Update

by **Ms. Dawn Schwenkert**

- The winter season is in full swing. Good luck to all of our athletes in Basketball, Soccer, and Wrestling. Come out and support your Prospectors!

What's the Score?

Sport	Opponent	Freshmen	JV	Varsity
Girls Basketball - Lady Black Hawk Invitational	Mesa High			LOSS
Girls Basketball - Lady Black Hawk Invitational	McClintock			WIN
Girls Basketball - Lady Black Hawk Invitational	Ben Franklin			LOSS



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