



Prospector Press

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August 13 - August 18 , 2018

Prospectors Update:



by **Principal Dr. Angela Chomokos**

With the first three weeks of school underway, it is a perfect time to reflect over the beginning of the school year. We have been very busy welcoming a new class of freshmen students, and establishing classroom and school rules and expectations. The students and teachers have fallen into a routine supporting a safe and caring environment; all the while creating high expectations of learning. During lunch our students can be seen interacting in a positive manner playing catch, playing card and board games in the library, and sharing knowledge. The Prospector community is growing strong!

Last year our students along with students across the nation came together and decided to take a stand and force purposeful change. Change that supports schools to be safer, even asking adults to review gun control issues. To help these movements, rules and regulations are needed to maintain order and respect. Part of these expectations is to have our students “dress for success” wearing appropriate attire for a school. The AJUSD dress policy JICA-R includes the following verbiage:

The District encourages students to take pride in their attire as it relates to the school setting. Students should dress in a manner that, in addition to the following guidelines, takes into consideration the educational environment, safety, health, and welfare of self and others.

- A. Only tailored shorts and skirts that are hemmed may be worn in grades kindergarten (K) through twelve (12).
- B. Bare midriffs, halter tops, and spaghetti straps are not acceptable past the third grade.
- C. Bare feet are never acceptable. In the interests of student safety, shoes must be worn at all times. Closed shoes are to be worn for any type of physical activity, such as physical education, et cetera.
- D. Jewelry shall not be worn if it presents a safety hazard to self and/or others.
- E. Profane or defamatory writing on clothing or jewelry is not acceptable.
- F. No bandannas of any color, size, or shape may be carried or displayed in any classroom or at any school activity. This also includes simulations of anything representing "colors."
- G. No hats may be worn in a classroom, except for adequately approved occupational safety headgear required for special classes.
- H. Gang-related personalization is not permitted on hats, on items of clothing, or on one's person.
- I. Obscene language or symbols, or symbols of drugs, sex, or alcohol on clothing are expressly prohibited.
- J. Exceptions for special activities or health considerations may be pre-approved by the administrator.

Students who volunteer for extracurricular activities, such as athletics, band, chorus, et cetera, are subject to the standards of dress as defined by the sponsors of such activities.

Now to address a concern, it has been brought to our attention that a message has been sent via social media requesting our student to violate the dress code and wear bandanas to school tomorrow. We are asking that you reinforce with our students the importance of staying focused on their coursework and make a choice to follow all school rules. Those students who come to school with bandanas will not be allowed to wear them while on campus

and will be required to remove them before entering the gates. As partners in education, it is essential that we all assist our students with staying focused on appropriate behaviors and advancing academically while at AJHS.

Professionally,

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, August 13

8:00-10:00 am	Prospectors Adm	Dr. C office
2:30-4:30 pm	Cheer Practice	Cheer Loft
2:30-3:30 pm	Cross Country Practice	begin @ North Gym
2:30-5:00 pm	Football Practice	Davis Field
2:30-5:00 pm	Golf Practice	Apache Creek Golf Course
2:30-4:30 pm	Swim Practice	Superstition Shadows Aquatic Center
2:30-4:30 pm	Volleyball Practice	North Gym

Tuesday, August 14

2:30-4:30 pm	Cheer Practice	Cheer Loft
2:30-3:30 pm	Cross Country Practice	begin @ North Gym
2:30-5:00 pm	Football Practice	Davis Field
2:30-5:00 pm	Golf Practice	Apache Creek Golf Course
2:30-4:30 pm	Swim Practice	Superstition Shadows Aquatic Center
2:30-4:30 pm	Volleyball Practice	North Gym

Wednesday, August 15

2:30-4:30 pm	Cheer Practice	Cheer Loft
2:30-3:30 pm	Cross Country Practice	begin @ North Gym
2:30-5:00 pm	Football Practice	Davis Field
2:30-5:00 pm	Golf Practice	Apache Creek Golf Course
2:30-4:30 pm	Swim Practice	Superstition Shadows Aquatic Center
2:30-4:30 pm	Volleyball Practice	North Gym

Thursday, August 16

2:30-4:30 pm	Cheer Practice	Cheer Loft
2:30-3:30 pm	Cross Country Practice	begin @ North Gym
2:30-5:00 pm	Football Practice	Davis Field
3:00 pm	Boys Golf vs. Desert Ridge	Apache Creek Golf Course

2:30-4:30 pm	Swim Practice	Superstition Shadows Aquatic Center
2:30-4:30 pm	Volleyball Practice	North Gym

Friday, August 17

2:30-4:30 pm	Cheer Practice	Cheer Loft
2:30-3:30 pm	Cross Country Practice	begin @ North Gym
2:30-5:00 pm	Football Practice	Davis Field
7:00 pm	Varsity Football vs. Royal (CA)	Simi Valley, California
2:30-5:00 pm	Golf Practice	Apache Creek Golf Course
2:30-4:30 pm	Swim Practice	Superstition Shadows Aquatic Center
2:30-4:30 pm	Volleyball Practice	North Gym

Saturday, August 18

6:00-7:00 am	Cross Country Practice	Prospector Park
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Important Dates to Remember:

September 3	No School	December 24-January 6	No School
September 12	Early Release		Winter Break
September 14	Powder Puff FB game		Happy Holidays
September 17-21	Homecoming Spirit Week	January 16	Early Release
September 22	Homecoming Parade	January 21	No School
	Homecoming Dance	January 30-February 1	Musical
September 26	Choir & Orchestra Concert	February 13	Early Release
September 27	Early Release	February 18	No School
September 28	Early Release	March 6	Choir Concert
	Homecoming FB Game	March 8	Drama Productions
October 1-12	Fall Break	March 11-22	Spring Break
October 18-19	Adv. Drama Performance	April 10	Early Release
October 24	Early Release	April 19	No School
November 12	No School	April 24	Scholarship Night
November 14	Early Release	April 25-26	Drama Performance
November 21-23	No School	April 30 - May 1	AdvancEd Visit
	Happy Thanksgiving	May 7	Band Concert
December 12	Early Release	May 8	Early Release
December 17	Band Concert	May 9	Orchestra Concert
December 19	Choir Concert	May 10	Beginning Drama Productions
December 20	Orchestra Concert	May 15	Choir Pops Concert
December 21	End of Semester (Early Release)	May 23	Commencement (Graduation)

General Information: Later this week we will be reviewing over the student handbook and the AJUSD Student Code of Conduct.

Student Council Update

by **Ms. Dawn Schwenkert**

Homecoming activities will extend over a two week period this year, beginning on September 14, with the Powder Puff Football game and ending on September 28 with our AJHS Football team taking on Washington High School. We are planning 2 weeks of fun~games~spirit wear~pep assembly~parade~dance and Football. Go Prospectors!

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 ID

Remember to carry your student ID's at all times, especially when attending school events. In addition, it is a great way to get "student discount" at movies and other community businesses. If you missed "Picture Day" and getting your student ID card; please listen to school announcements for "Picture Retake" day.

11/12 Academic Update

by **Ms. Sue Campbell**

SAT/ACT

If you haven't already done so, it's time to start thinking about scheduling a time to take the SAT or the ACT. These two tests are generally taken the spring of a student's junior year and can be taken multiple times. Universities will ask and require a minimum score on one of these tests for admittance. For more information on which test to take and why visit <https://blog.prepscholar.com>. Both tests have registration deadlines. Visit the following websites for more information on testing dates, fees and testing sites.

SAT - www.collegeboard.org

ACT - www.act.org

There are many different resources for preparing for both tests. Both the SAT and ACT websites have a variety of different resources that will help your student prepare for whichever test they choose. You can also have your student download the SAT or ACT question of the day from the app store on their phones. Every day these apps present a new question with a detailed explanation of the correct answer.

Counseling Corner

08/09/2018 Counseling News You Can Use!

Seniors, now is a good time to review your transcript online in the Student Portal. If you are missing a core class or short an elective please come into the Counseling Office and meet with Ms.McFarlin. It is crucial you have the correct number of credits to graduate, on time, in May, of

2019. All hopeful graduates will need 22 credits total, with 14 credits being core classes and 8 being elective credits. One of the 8 credits needs to be a CTE credit.

For all AJ students, our Career Center is open and staffed by Mr. Mattausch, located in the main office building. He has a wealth of information related to colleges, careers, ACT and SAT information for all students to explore. Please check the school's Counseling web page for college's that are coming on campus to meet and share their information with students. If you wish to participate in a group meeting with a school representative coming on campus please sign up with Mr. Mattausch in the Career Center.

EVIT Update

By **Mr. Tim Vanda**

AJHS and EVIT are partners in education that give our students an advantage of enrolling in Career and Technical Education (CTE) classes on our campus. This means that your student may be in one of the six daily CTE courses studying either Foundations of Graphic Design, Foundations of Health Careers, Foundations of Culinary Arts, Construction Technologies, Welding Technologies and Anatomy and Physiology.

The attendance for these classes is reported by the EVIT teacher through the EVIT system. Therefore, if your child is absent, you will receive a call from the EVIT automated attendance system to notify you. If you need to excuse your child for an absence, please call the EVIT East Campus Attendance line at (480) 308-4600.

Student's grades, attendance and school related information for all CTE class are available on the EVIT Grades Online portal. Parents can create a Grades Online account by contacting the EVIT East Campus front desk at (480) 308-4600. You will then visit www.evit.com and click "Menu" on the homepage, then "Parents". On the "Parents" page click on the "Grades-Online" link and enter the provided user name and password to set up your account. Semester grades in the EVIT course are also reported to AJHS and will appear on the student semester grade reports and transcripts. Please call the EVIT information line at (480) 308-4600 if you have any questions. Thank you for enrolling your child at AJHS and EVIT.

Athletic Update

by **Ms. Dawn Schwenckert**

What's the Score?

Sport	Opponent	Freshmen	JV	Varsity
Football	Desert Mountain Scrimmage			Great Matchup! Scrimmage No official score
Girls Golf				

Boys Golf				
Girls Cross Country				
Boys Cross Country				
Girls Volleyball				
Girls Swim/Dive				
Boys Swim/Dive				



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