

To: AISD Board of Trustees  
Mrs. Debby Sanders, Superintendent

From: Dr. Shannon Saylor, Principal

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Subject: Board Communication

### **English – Dooley**

#### English I – Rachel Bradford

This month in English I, we will be reading *The Odyssey*. We will be doing a Comic Book Odyssey project that helps that students to understand the language that they use in the story and put it into pictures. They will then present their section and teach the class about their topic. The plan is to finish *The Odyssey* by the end of the month and take the major test over it. The last thing we will be doing with *The Odyssey* is writing our own epic tale. They use their normal days as their journey and tell me a tale (with added of Greek inspiration) about their trials and tribulations.

#### English II- Rachel Judd

We started off the year getting to know one another and our procedures. The students created excellent social contracts that show their outstanding moral values. Additionally, the students have begun using their binders to keep organized. The students have been introduced to the English II vocabulary quiz procedures (worksheet on Monday, multimedia presentation on Wednesday, quiz on Friday, independent studying in between) and Daily Oral Language (correcting sentences) as bell work in preparation for grammar quizzes. We are beginning to move through the sequence of English II curriculum with short stories and becoming more familiar with literary terms. Students will read selected short stories and then write an autobiographical essay. We will then move into reading our first novel of the year, The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, in a few weeks.

#### Pre AP English II

The Pre AP students truly impressed me with their summer reading projects. We started the year learning procedures and discussing the novels that they read over the summer. Like English II students, Pre AP students will begin with short stories but move into reading their first in class novel, Tuesdays with Morrie. They will simultaneously be spending time with a personal mentor and compiling their notes into a memoir modeled after TWM. Additionally, the students have been introduced to the English II vocabulary quiz procedures (worksheet on Monday, multimedia presentation on Wednesday, quiz on Friday, independent studying in between) and Daily Oral Language (correcting sentences) as bell work in preparation for grammar quizzes

### English IV –Lisa Deaver

English IV students are currently reading The Alchemist. In this novel, a boy discovers his dream and has to fight through obstacles, mostly his own decisions, to determine to follow that dream. The reflective essays that the students have produced have been insightful. Teaching this group of students has already been both fun and rewarding.

### **Social Studies – Shon Ranton**

#### World Geography

We are making our way through Unit one. This is comparing, contrasting, and the identification of the Physical and Human Side of World Geography. Emphasis is on the world around us being such things as climate and landforms. This is also the time that we bring in the cultural or human side with comparisons and differences and how these change over time.

### **Theatre – Joseph Dassinger**

#### *Improv Troupe*

The Improv Troupe starts back up this month and students will be working on different improvisation games building improvisational skills.

#### *Theatre I*

Students are currently beginning introduction into acting and are currently working on establishing what is the purpose of Theatre, job of an actor, and how to implement those concepts into the rest of the school year.

#### *Theatre II/III*

Students are about start working on a Commedia dell'arte unit and monologues.

#### *Technical Theatre I*

Students are currently learning about the Types of Theatres.

#### *Technical Theatre II/III*

Students are learning about the difference and similarities about ancient Theaters and current Theaters.

### *Middle School Theatre*

Students are learning about non-verbal communication and how it relates to the basics of acting.

### *Fall Show*

The Fall Show, Dearly Departed, will be having auditions soon and the show dates as of now are set for November 1, 2, 7, and 8.

### **Science – Mrs. Wimbrough**

#### Physics: TL Rouk

Physics: Will be doing a series of labs to analyze the language of kinematics

Pap: Will do this and use motion detectors to create graphs representing actual student motion

#### Biology: Ana Harris

Biology- We will be starting the Ecology unit. Students will study ecological relationships and experiment with factors that affect the carrying capacity of an ecosystem. We will then move on to the Biochemistry unit.

#### Pre-AP Biology, AP Biology, Medical Microbiology: Penny Wimbrough

Pre-AP Biology: We are starting our Ecology Unit. During this time the students will look at what components make up an ecosystem and how they affect each other. They will be looking at the impact of competition by using a simulation of a deer population. They will also be designing a unique animal to live in a biome they have chosen.

AP Biology: They are working on one of the 4 big Ideas in AP Biology – Evolution. During this unit they will be doing a virtual lab provided on line By HHMI (Howard Hughes Medical Institute). During this lab they will be looking at material from scientists' research Stickle Back Fish and evaluating the research data.

Medical Microbiology: They have already cultured bacteria from various sites in the room and developed an experiment to test the effectiveness of various hand soaps. Next they will be looking at how bacteria can be controlled and testing various antiseptics and disinfectants to see how effective they are at controlling bacterial growth.

#### IPC & Environmental Systems - Michelle Desmond

IPC - right now we are talking about the nature of science, measurements and graphs. We will get into properties of matter, atoms and molecules.

ES- We are discussing overarching themes of Environmental science and what it means. We are going to study ecology next as that is the foundation for environmental science.

### **Ag – Tracy Yarbrough**

Mr. Yarbrough and Mrs. Gilbreath are hard at work yet again this year ready for another outstanding year. Mr. Yarbrough is hunting down the best show animals in the country, while Mrs. Gilbreath is organizing his every move! There are lots of events our students will be participating in in the upcoming month such as our back to school Ice Cream social on Sept 8<sup>th</sup>. Aubrey FFA plays host to the District FFA opening meeting on Sept 14<sup>th</sup> at AMS to approximately 100 FFA students from around Denton County. We will be hosting a new parent livestock meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> as well as a Senior Scholarship meeting the same night. Our FFA officers serve a meal to a Denton County Blue Ribbon support group mid-month as well as they will be serving food at the Aubrey's Bark in the Park on Sept 26<sup>th</sup>. In early October the FFA will be hosting their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Yard Sale on Oct 9-10 so if you have any items you want to get rid of please let Mrs. Gilbreath know....or just come out and shop!

School board members and their families are always welcome to come out to any of our events.

We want to let the school board know without your support over the last few years working on our barn facilities we couldn't have seen the growth that we have. With the growth last show season and the predicted numbers this year the Ag Department is working on purchasing a new aluminum trailer similar to the one currently in use. Our parents and community members are helping us find sponsors to help purchase the trailer. Hopefully we can have it bought by October for the spring show season.

### **Business/Technology & Key Club – Tom Montgomery**

#### **Departmental Goals and Objectives:**

- Create the best high school business program in the nation.***
- Our goals are three fold: to teach the curriculum, prepare them for their college and careers with practical knowledge and experiences, AND have 90% of my students attend college.
- Establish dual credit with NCTC for all coursework
  - o Contact made with NCTC regarding this and pending a face to face meeting with their decision makers

#### **Business Information Management:**

- Focused on leaning Microsoft Word
- Areas covered in August include:
  - o Creating and opening documents

- o Saving and sharing documents
- o Text basics
- o Formatting text
- o Page layout
- o Printing documents
- o Indents and tabs
- o Line and paragraph spacing
- o Lists
- o Hyperlinks
- o Breaks
- o Columns
- o Headers, footers, and page numbers
- Using the above knowledge, created a written college plan that incorporated admission requirements for top three selected colleges

**Programming 1:**

- Began Intro to JavaScript: Drawing & Animation
- Addressed key content areas including:
  - o Drawing basics
  - o Coloring
  - o Variables
  - o Animation basics
  - o Resizing with variables
- Completed several projects using the above programming techniques

**Programming 2:**

- Using Blue Pelican to prepare for UIL competition
- Completed two practice tests

**Accounting 1:**

- Focused on the World of Business and Accounting including the following key principles:
  - o The role of profit, risk-taking, and the entrepreneur in the U.S. economy
  - o Differences among service, merchandising, and manufacturing businesses
  - o Compared sole proprietorship, partnership, and corporate forms of business
  - o Explored the differences between managerial and financial accounting
  - o Learned key vocabulary, i.e., profit, loss, GAAP, etc.

**Accounting 2:**

- Submitted P.O. for QuickBooks so Accounting 2 students can learn a very practical application
- Focused on Uncollectable Accounts Receivable including:
  - o Differences between direct write-off and allowance methods

- o Calculating AR
- o Learned key vocabulary

**UIL Update:**

- I'll be coaching UIL in three events: Computer Applications, Computer Programming, and Accounting
- First UIL meeting, coordinated by Mr. Jackson, is 9/3/2015

**Key Club Update:**

- I am the Faculty Advisor for the Key Club.
- Held planning meeting with the Kiwanis's Advisors out of Denton.
- Created a three prong strategy for 2015-2016:
  - o Community Service: conduct one service project per month
  - o Citizenship: schedule and attend key meeting/events to become more aware of our community, i.e., City Council Meeting, School Board Meeting, etc.
  - o College Preparation: as no other Club or Organization focuses on this, we will

**Band – Ron Chapman**

The AHS Band is off to another great start in 2015. The band has been in training camp since late July and is preparing for another great marching season. This year we are featuring a show about space, the race to the moon and adventure. With musical selections of "A space oddity" by David Bowie, Moon Dance by Van Morrison, Apollo 13 and ending with "Enterprising Young Men" from Star Trek IX.

The band boost 115 band students performing this year, all being students in the HS. We have used some to many 8th graders in the past, but this is our first year to be a full HS Band. Our numbers look great and we are expecting even more next year.

Our students are also in preparation for our ATSSB All State and All State Jazz competitions as well to be held this fall.

We look forward to showing off that Aubrey Pride for you, and our community.

**UIL and AcaDec – Edgar Jackson**

UIL

The Aubrey UIL Academics team is excited about another winning year! We held our recruitment meeting on Thursday, 9/3, and had one of our biggest responses ever! There are so many new and returning faces who are excited about being part of our team.

We are currently preparing to send nearly 40 students to Tyler for the UIL Student Activities Conference on Saturday, 9/12, where we will learn about all of our events and get connected with one another. It's an exciting time to be a part of the Aubrey UIL Academics team, and we are ready make our dreams come true this year!

#### **AcaDec**

The Aubrey Academic Decathlon team is hard at work in preparation for this year's topic of India. We have a rigorous study schedule, and we are also preparing for our annual field trip. This year's trip will hopefully be to Washington DC, where we will be able to appreciate and explore all things India. Thank you for allowing us to raise money for this trip during the football games. The parking lot team hates missing the games, but the proceeds are definitely helpful.

The kids are currently hard at work preparing for competition. The trip and all of the work we are putting into the subjects this year should put us in the running for state contention. We are expecting great things from our team this year, and we hope to report state title news to you in February.

#### **UIL Journalism – Michelle Lee**

The UIL journalism teams are taking shape and are gearing up for a successful UIL season!

#### **Athletics – Keith Ivy**

### ***Athletics Board Communications-September***

#### **Volleyball**

Varsity Record: 15-7

NCTC Tournament, Challenger Bracket Champions, Hannah Schmitz named to All-Tournament Team

Whitesboro Tournament, Championship Bracket – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Micayla Porter named to All-Tournament Team

With two and a half weeks remaining before district play begins, the team is growing and improving each week. We have six seniors, four juniors, three sophomores, and one freshman. Of the 14 players, 6 are returning from last year's team. This is a great group of girls who get along well and put the team first. They work hard every day, both on the court and in the weight room. I'm proud of their effort, commitment, and determination.

The JV teams have just finished their first tournament in Argyle this past Saturday where both teams competed well. We will be hosting a tournament this next Saturday, Sept. 12.

The Middle School volleyball teams are competing very well. Many have played in leagues, and with summer training opportunities, open gyms, and the chance to play in a summer league we hosted in August, the girls are ahead of where our teams have been at this point in years past.

### **Boys CC**

The boys Cross Country competed in their first race of the year. We had 9 boys run. It was different from the normal 5K because they had obstacles to jump including a mud pit, logs, and hay bales. I was very proud of their effort. There were many larger schools there and the team finished 10th out of 20 teams. Logan Moore finished 21st out of 151 runners with a time of 18:46. Jordan Barnes was our next best runner at 31st place with a time of 19:30.

### **Girls CC**

The Lady Chaps Cross Country Team competed Thursday September 3 at Denton Ryan's Gingerbread Jamboree for their opening meet of the season. It was a 3 mile course with obstacles along the outskirts of Camp Copass. There were over 120 girls running varsity and more than 180 girls running JV. Alyx Gray and Kennadie Jobe finished in the top half of the Varsity division and our JV girls ran a solid race. Between the junior high and the high school, we have had over 24 young ladies running every day at practice. Many of the girls are putting in the time and effort and showing improvement. The hope is for all of these young ladies to reach a competitive level so that they can contribute at the meets as the season progresses. We also have a few athletes sharing their time between volleyball and cross country. Our next meet is on the 12<sup>th</sup> at Myers Park in Grand Prairie, which will host both high school and the junior high levels.

### **Football**

Varsity Record: 0-2

JV Red Record: 1-1

JV Blue Record: 0-2

Upcoming Games:

Varsity: 9/11 Pilot Point, 9/18 Van Alstyne, 9/25 Ranchview(Homecoming)

JV Red: 9/10 Pilot Point(combined JV's), 9/17 Van Alstyne, 9/24 Ranchview

JV Blue: 9/10 Pilot Point(combined JV's), 9/17 Van Alstyne, 9/24 Ranchview

MS Games begin on 9/10 with Pilot Point at home.

The high school and MS football players are working extremely hard each and every day. We are raising the bar and the expectations for our players and our coaches. We are very excited to work hard and look forward to improving every week. We must continue to improve on the fundamentals of the game and work towards correcting mistakes made each and every day. We put in many hours of hard work as a coaching staff to ensure that our players are successful when they step on the field. We must do a better job of securing the football offensively and preventing big plays defensively. We have implemented numerous drills in hopes of improving in these areas. We have 3 more weeks to improve before district begins against Bonham on the road.