

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

From: Mrs. Shannon Saylor, Principal

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Subject: Board Communication

Family & Consumer Science and FCCLA – Ashley McIlravy

Courses:

Human Growth and Development – Students are currently learning about the physical, emotional, and intellectual growth of newborns through preschoolers.

Dollars and Sense – Students in this course are learning about the cost of credit, credit scores, credit reports, and specific types of credit.

Fashion Design – In this course, students attended a field trip to TWU in Denton to visit college Fashion Design courses. They are also learning about beginning sewing techniques and simple alterations.

Lifetime Nutrition and Wellness – Students in this course learned how to calculate their BMR, the different types of exercise, and how to manage weight.

Interior Design – Students in this course are learning about floor and appliance care and selection in homes.

FCCLA:

Region Meeting – 13 FCCLA members will be representing the Aubrey FCCLA chapter through STAR Events and as our Region officer completes her duties.

Youth Fair – We have 32 entries representing Aubrey FCCLA in the Food and Craft divisions of the Denton County Youth Fair which will be held March 25 – 27.

English – Dooley

English I

Over the next few weeks, we will be preparing for the End of Course Exam. We will be concentrating on reading strategies for analyzing the stories during the End of Course Exam. We will be writing at least 2 more expository essays and practicing prewriting to make sure all of our thoughts are organized. We will be practicing short answer questions in order to feel comfortable with the APER formula. The week after spring break we will go over everything one more time in order to refresh everyone memory. Students will get the chance to ask any questions and voice

any concerns that they might have before the test. I will attempt to make everyone feel as comfortable as possible about the impending EOC Exam.

English II

Deaver's English II students are completing The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, by Robert Louis Stevenson. In this unit, students have probed human nature and written an essay relating Dr. Jekyll's struggle with his "dark side" to their own struggles with choices. Also, they have written a persuasive essay in which they had to assume the role of the prosecution or the defense in a trial where Mr. Hyde has been charged with the murder of Sir Danvers Carew and present a closing argument to the jury and judge. Throughout the unit, we have continued to work on skills of inferencing, critical thinking, the entire writing process, focusing on addressing a prompt accurately with coherent, well-supported writing. After spring break, we will round out the year with Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream and George Orwell's Animal Farm.

Pre AP English II

The students are reading The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson. As they read, they are logging entries in dialectical journals, catching details about the context of the novel, theme, setting, characterization, and even poetic and rhetorical devices. Next, we will "pull the threads" of these notations that they have made in a project to help them see the patterns and development of strategic writing. They are doing a good job and impressing me with their insight. We are still working on refining our skills using context clues by taking weekly vocabulary quizzes and taking vocab. tests periodically.

English III

- Turn in political book report
- Poetry Project: study of terms and significant American poetry
- write poetry analysis essay
- SAT Vocabulary
- Begin reading *The Great Gatsby*

English IV

It is research paper time! The students have been in the computer lab researching over the last two weeks. They have completed 50 notecards from 5 sources, created outlines, practiced summarizing, paraphrasing, and quoting to avoid plagiarism, and discussed, viewed, and practiced effective introductions to get ready to type their rough drafts. Next week we will conference, one on one, to make final adjustments to the essays. They are really getting the idea that there are a lot of elements to writing an effective research paper. We are still working on refining our skills using context clues by taking weekly vocabulary quizzes and taking vocab. tests periodically.

AP Literature and Composition

- Turn in book report soundtrack over AP novel
- Poetry Wednesday: small group poetry discussion
- Finish *Much Ado about Nothing*
- AP Multiple Choice practice
- Practice AP Essays

Math – Marissa Cabrales

Mrs. Zatopek's classes:

Algebra 1

In Algebra 1 we will be learning how to solve quadratic equations for the next two weeks.

Mr. Lortz's classes:

Geometry

We are in the middle of our study of quadrilaterals. We are currently working with trapezoids and kites.

AP Calculus

We are currently studying the differentiation and integration of logarithmic, exponential, and other transcendental functions.

Mrs. Bass' classes:

Math Models: Quadratics

Algebra 2: Rational Exponents and Radicals

Algebra 3: Using Trigonometric Identities

Mrs. Cabrales' classes:

Algebra 2

Algebra 2 classes have just completed their unit on Polynomials and are starting the chapter on Rational Roots and Radical Expressions.

Pre-Calculus

Pre-calculus classes are continuing to work on trigonometric functions.

UIL and AcaDec– Edgar Jackson

UIL

There were a couple of big events for the Aubrey UIL academics team. The Aubrey speech and debate team did a great job at the National Speech and Debate Association national tournament qualifier.

After two long days of competition, the following students made it to the final round and finished with the following results:

Tarissa Ensminger-3rd alternate dramatic interp
Aspen Brock-2nd alternate dramatic interp
Monica Diaz-1st alternate international exempt
Monica Diaz and Becca Trissell-1st alternate policy debate
Becca Trissell-national qualifier for the LBJ district world schools debate team.

The team followed up this performance with a showing in the final rounds at the NTDA tournament of champions. Tarissa Ensminger placed 7th in prose, and Monica Diaz placed 6th in informative speaking.

The team is ready to dominate district, and the final stop before that comes this weekend at Callisburg.

AcaDec

The 2015-2016 topic has just been released!

The U.S. Academic Decathlon is excited to announce that the overall curricular theme for 2015–2016 will be **India**. Following is some general information on the topics in each of the subject areas.

- **SCIENCE:** The science topic will be an introduction to ecology and will include case studies and examples relevant to India.
- **LITERATURE:** The literature curriculum will include critical reading, one long work of literature, and selected shorter works. The long work of literature will be the novel *Nectar in a Sieve* by Kamala Markandaya.
- **ART:** The art curriculum will include a section on art fundamentals and will largely focus on the art and architecture of India.
- **MUSIC:** The music curriculum will include basic elements of music theory and will focus on the music of India.

- **SOCIAL SCIENCE:** The social science curriculum will cover the history of modern India.
- **ECONOMICS:** The economics curriculum will cover fundamental economic concepts, microeconomics, and macroeconomics and will also include a thematic section on the Indian economy.
- **MATHEMATICS:** The mathematics curriculum will cover permutations and combinations, algebra, and statistics.

The kids are excited to get started for next year, and we can't wait to bring home the title! Go Chaps!

Theatre – Joseph Dassinger

Improv Troupe

Students are about to start working on long form improv games/situations.

Theatre I

Students are currently working on their Un-armed Stage Combat Unit.

Theatre II/III

Students are currently editing the children's play and will begin rehearsing next week.

Technical Theatre I

Students are learning to convey moods through lighting in a theatrical setting.

Technical Theatre I/II

Students are designing sound designs for short plays.

Middle School Theatre

Students are beginning their short scene playwriting unit.

UIL High School One-Act Play

Students are currently rehearsing for the One-Act Play, Afterlife: A Ghost Story. The students are very excited and working hard. Our district contest is at Krum High School on March 28. We are currently getting ready for our one-act play clinics coming up.

UIL Jr. High School One-Act Play

Students performed this past Monday, February 24, at NCTC in Gainesville for their UIL Jr. High One-Act Play. The students did a great job and took home several acting awards. Students are looking forward to and getting excited about next year's one act season.

Science – Mrs. Wimbrough

Biology: they are currently working on their Bacteria/virus unit. They have isolated bacteria from different sites in the room.

Next they will be studying about protists and fungi. This unit will include isolating protists from soil and grass samples and growing and looking a bread mold in the classroom.

Pre-AP Biology:

They are just beginning their Bacteria/virus unit. This will include giving a power point presentation to the class about a bacteria or virus that they have been researching. They will begin dissection by dissecting a mushroom and seeing if they can collect the spores to examine them.

After the spring break we will be beginning our dissection unit by doing an "autopsy" on a *Picklus familiaris*

A&P

They are working on creating a poster of a kidney and then they will complete the Urinary System unit by dissecting a sheep kidney and doing a simulated urinalysis activity.

Physics

We are currently discussing the science between 3D movies, sunsets, rainbows, and blue skies. Next unit we will be learning about electric fields and static electricity. The Pre-AP's will be doing labs with a Van de Graaf generator.

Environmental Science: Learning about the agriculture and biotechnology that is integrated within our food system and its impact on the environment within the context of sustainability.

Pre-AP Chemistry: Investigating solutions and the solubility of different chemical compounds.

Band – Ron Chapman

Band is continuing to work hard preparing for UIL solo and ensemble as well as concert and sight reading contest. Results will be available in the band web site or in board notes next month.

Student Council & Spanish Club – Brandee Gallagher

Student Council

The AHS Student Council is preparing to head to the State Convention at the Arlington Convention Center April 10 and 11. All current Officers and Representatives are invited to attend.

We are also getting ready for our last “Pack the Park” style event to encourage student attendance at our Chaparral games. This last event will support both softball and baseball teams and will count for double Chaparral Cup points. Right now, the Senior class is in the lead, but only by 100 points. Can they hold the lead and capture the Chaparral Cup? We will have to wait and see!

Finally, we are also preparing for the Spring Blood Drive which will be held on Thursday, April 2. These blood drives have the power to save a lot of lives and we have had great success with these drives in the past. We are anticipating 90-100 volunteers at this drive!

Spanish Club

The AHS Spanish Club is currently working to revamp our “Top Salsa Chef” competition final round as the AHS Open House was canceled. However, it appears right now that our finalists will have the chance to serve their salsa dishes at the next PTO luncheon, which is coming up the week of March 8-13.

The finalists are:

Daisy Ibarra with her “Zucchini Salsa”
Alex Lloyd with her “Sweet and Spicy Salsa”
Kyle Long and Kyle Streng with their “Traditional Red Salsa”

We currently have prize donations from Fuzzy’s Tacos and Pedro’s Mexican Restaurant in Aubrey, and thank those businesses for their support of the AHS Spanish Club and our students!

BETA Club – Jeff Whitmire

The Aubrey Beta chapter helped welcome 8th grade visitors on their high school tour and will be sharing more about the club at Spotlight on AHS Monday night.

Plans are being made for spring induction and invitations will go out as soon as a date is confirmed.

Key Club – Rashadur Rahman

Key Club is a new service club established in Aubrey HS under the leadership of Mr. Muniz. Denton Kiwanis is sponsoring the club and has paid the deposit to the Kiwanis International to help us start the club. The club meets on Tuesday at 3:47 pm in Mr. Muniz's room or at 7:30 am in Mr. Rahman's room. The club has already elected its officers and has successfully completed its first service project of cleaning the highway on Feb 27, 2015. Several members including the sponsors took part in cleaning the highway for more than 2 hours. The members are getting ready for their service project for the month of March. The club already has more than 15 members which is the minimum number required to charter the club. The officers and the members will be inducted as soon as the club gets chartered.

Cheerleading – Sharon Clemmer

Tryout packets for the 2015-2016 cheerleading squads will be available on February 23rd. Required forms are due by Friday, March 6th. Mandatory Tryout Clinic is Monday, March 9th. Tryouts will be on Friday, March 13th.

The cheerleaders are having "Oh whata night" at Whataburger this Thursday evening from 5-8 where 20% of the proceeds will be donated to the cheerleaders.

Athletics – Keith Ivy

AUBREY ATHLETICS UPDATE-MARCH 2015

Boys Basketball

Ended the year with loss to Dallas Lincoln in the area round of the playoffs. Final Record was 23-11 with a District record of 8-2 and a Bi-District win. Very proud of the accomplishments of this team. The preseason picks for our district race had them picked 5th behind Argyle, Sanger, Celina, and Krum.

Girls Track

The Aubrey high school girls track team will compete in their first meet on March 5th in Sanger. Our meet in Pilot Point on Feb. 26th was canceled due to wintry weather. We currently have 50 girls doing the track workout every morning. The girls have been braving the chilly morning temperatures with a great attitude just to get on the track. We have approximately 20 girls on Varsity and 25 on JV. The others are either managers or have prior commitments on meet days.

We will be hosting our Aubrey Invitational Meet on March 12th at Chaparral Stadium. Please come out and support our athletes.

Boys Track

Due to weather we were unable to compete at the Pilot Point Meet on Feb 26th. We will compete on March 5th in Sanger. Our meet will be on March 12th. We are looking to compete in a meet during spring break if possible.

Powerlifting

We won the Runner-Up Trophy at Kennedale Meet.

	Place		Squat	Bench	Dead	Total
114	2	Lowery, Tyler Aubrey		185	100	220 505
123	4	Vasquez, Marc Aubrey		200	95	235 530
132	4	Scott, Kaleb Aubrey	300	170	315	785
132	5	Holmen, Ryan Aubrey		240	150	270 660
148	1	Williams, Tyler Aubrey		450	240	450 1140
165	3	Maraire, Shingi Aubrey		350	170	385 905
181	3	Perez, Enrique Aubrey		385	260	420 1065
198	2	Brumley, Brendan Aubrey	395	240	425	1060
275	4	Gray, David Aubrey	455	245	420	1120
275	5	Smith, Jonathan Aubrey	400	230	375	1005

Regional Qualifiers for this Saturday 3/7/15 in Chico:

Tyler Lowery, Marc Vasquez, Ryan Holmen, Tyler Williams, Enrique Perez, Ross Brumley, Kevin Williams

Alternates: Kaleb Scott and David Gray



Softball

Softball is into the second week of probably not being able to play. This week we are scheduled for the Van Alstyne Tournament for Thursday and Saturday which was moved due to weather last week. We have rescheduled one of our Missed games for March the 10th vs. Collinsville.

Baseball

The Varsity and JV baseball teams were both rained out of their tournaments the first week of games. The first home game for both teams Tuesday, March 3rd is also rained out. Next scheduled games for the Varsity team will be in the Gunter/Pilot Point tournament March 5th-7th. Game times are, Thursday at 10am and 7pm, Friday at 2:30pm and 4:45pm, and Saturday at 4:45pm and 7pm. The JV is scheduled to play in the Whitesboro tournament. Their game times are Saturday, March 7th at 10:45am and 12:30pm with a third game TBD.

Golf

Golf- 1 boys team (5 players) and 1 girl medalist

Tournaments: 3/6 Stone Creek
3/16 Gentle Creek
3/23 Robson Ranch
4/2 & 4/7 District at Tanglewood

MS TRACK

March 3 Sanger
March 10 Aubrey
March 24 Melissa
March 31 Pilot Point
April 7 District meet at Argyle

Girls Athletics – Deaver

As softball and track have gotten underway, these teams have battled the hurdles posed by the weather, especially with the cold, wet conditions nearly every morning. Coaches continue to make the most of the circumstances in trying to get our athletes competition ready. Girls Summer Conditioning has been scheduled (June 8 – 26 & July 6 – 24, from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.), and it will be publicized after spring break. Open gym times will be prior to conditioning so that skill development will not be hindered by fatigue. These will typically start at 8:00 a.m., and dates will be publicized with Summer Conditioning. All sports will work together on the schedule so that no conflicts will occur. The high girls have already met with the coaches regarding summer plans, and expectations have been communicated. We are in process of setting our summer sports camp dates for our younger kids, and hope to release those to the public after spring break.