

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

From: Mr. Jeff Mulkey, Principal, Aubrey High School

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Subject: Board Communication

FCCLA – Ashley McIlravy

FCCLA will be kicking off a Friends Against Bullying (FAB) Campaign starting next month at Brockett Elementary. Kendyl Wright, Shelby Saxon, and Gracie Chauncey along with other FCCLA members will be going in to Elementary classrooms to teach about bullying and how to prevent it. They will have a total of three lessons split throughout the school year.

Cheer – Sharon Clemmer

The cheerleaders are excited that football season has begun!

The Aubrey community Homecoming Pep Rally will be held on Monday, September 30th at 7:00 pm at Chaparral Stadium.

We are working hard and looking forward to a great year cheering on our Chaparrals!

Student Council – Brandee Gallagher

AHS Student Council has been anxiously anticipating the beginning of this new school year. We got together twice over the summer for planning meetings. At these meetings we worked to organize Homecoming Week games, dress up days and the Homecoming Float themes for each class.

We are making some changes to Homecoming Week at AHS this year. We decided to hold lunch time games throughout the week, pitting classes against one another in a run for class points and daily prizes. We also determined that “decade day” and “spirit day” are the most important dress up days, and thus decided to only do those specific days for dressing up.

We are also re-implementing the “Chaparral Cup” of the past. During Homecoming Week and different events throughout the school year, classes will earn points based on participation, and at the year-end softball game, the winning class will be announced and will be awarded the “Chaparral Cup.”

Recognizing the importance of “team” and wanting to emphasize traits like supporting one another, having good communication and the importance of following through, I took the Class Officers to Group Dynamix for some team building in August. This training really worked on communication, effective listening, looking at things from a variety of perspectives, and encouraging one another to do their best. It was a great event and something I would like to have Student Council do every summer.

We are currently preparing for Homecoming. This year’s dance will be held on Saturday, September 28 from 8:00-11:00pm. The theme is “A Classic Evening” with decorations centering around the classics of black and white with some silver accents. We have secured the DJ, will be selling tickets at the door for the price is \$8.00 each or \$15.00 per couple.

Nominations for Homecoming Royalty will take place this coming Friday, September 13 and Princes and Princesses for grades 9-11 will be announced at the Homecoming Dance. Homecoming King and Queen will be announced at the Homecoming game on Friday, Oct. 4.

Each class this year will be creating floats, all with a movie theme assigned per grade. Freshmen will be designing a float based on Disney/Pixar movies, Sophomores will be doing a “western” themed float. The Junior float will be a Super Hero themed float and the Seniors selected a float based on the “Classics.” Each class’ royalty will ride on the float for the Homecoming (Peanut Festival) parade on Saturday, October 5.

Other activities coming up this fall include the Carter Blood Care Blood Drive, a coat or toy drive and the Angel Tree program. Information regarding these activities will come after we get through Homecoming 😊

English – Dawn Dooley

English I

Vocabulary: Words from The Odyssey and Short Stories

Grammar: Verbs, Nouns, Pronouns

Writing: Personal Narrative and Odyssey Project

Reading: *The Odyssey* and various short stories (*Scarlet Ibis*, *The Necklace*, *Gift of the Maji*)

Sophomores

Vocabulary: Words from Caesar and Short Stories

Grammar: Verbs, Nouns, Pronouns

Writing: Personal Narratives, Summer Assignment, Timed writes

Reading: *Julius Caesar* and various short stories (*Masque of Red Death, M'orte d'Arthur, The Once and Future King*)

Eng. II/Pre-AP

In English II, we are completing Unit 1 – Short Stories. We have read several stories and examined the literary elements. Additionally, students have written an expository essay, practiced grammatical skills and concepts on a daily basis, and written in response to journal prompts four days per week. Next Tuesday, students will complete a Unit Test which will include two more essays. Upon completion of the short story unit, students will move into a study of poetry and begin a major expository paper.

English III

Studying short story and poetic elements

Reading American short stories and poetry of the different literary time periods in American literature

Writing literary analysis essay

Writing poetry and creative fiction

Creating a fiction book report presentation

Upper-level vocabulary derived from the reading

Editing skills

Sentence Structures: active vs. passive voice

AP Language and Composition-

Reading *The Scarlet Letter*

Analyzing rhetorical devices and their effects

Writing the rhetorical analysis essay

AP Multiple Choice skills and strategies practice

Classic Novel Fiction book report

Theatre Arts – Joseph Dassinger

High School Fall Show

This year for our Fall Show we are doing a show called Commedia Dell' Shakespeare. We just finished up casting the show yesterday, and will be starting rehearsal this upcoming Monday. We have a great cast and we are looking forward to having a great show.

Here are the dates of the performances for the fall show as of now:

Thursday November 7 at 7:30 pm
Saturday November 9 at 7:30 pm
Saturday November 16 at 7:30 pm
Sunday November 17 (Last Show) at 7:30 pm

Drama Club

We are having our first meeting in the next week and we will begin getting ready for our Fall production.

Theatre I

Students are learning stage directions, positions, and what actors lead with.

Theatre II/III/IV

Theatre II/III/IV students are currently working Monologues using acting advanced approaches and techniques.

Technical Theatre I/II

Students are currently learning the parts of different types of Theaters from Greek to current.

Middle School Theatre

Students are currently working learning stage directions and movements.

UIL Jr. High One-Act Play

We will be having auditions held in the next couple weeks for our Jr. High One-Act Play Competition.

Yearbook – Rashadur Rahman

Yearbook students for the first time after a very long time went out to sell Business ads for the Yearbook on September 5, 2013. The students were divided into three groups and they covered businesses in Denton, Krum, Sanger, Pilot Point and Aubrey. The groups that covered Denton, Krum and Sanger were successful in getting several businesses to buy ad space to support Aubrey High School Yearbook. We are still seeking businesses who are willing to buy an ad space in our Yearbook. We want everyone to be able to afford a Yearbook this year so we have reduce the price from \$75 to \$60. The revenue that we bring in from selling business ads help us to cover the cost.

The Yearbook are on sale now and to make it easier we have three different payment plans option. Please see a Yearbook staff or Mr. Rahman for details. This will be the first time in Aubrey's Yearbook history that we will provide a free digital Yearbook to those who buy their Yearbooks which will cover the events in Spring including GRADUATION!!! We are very excited about our Yearbook for this year and we look forward creating an amazing book.

