

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:

Principles of Education – Students are working on developing job skills including communication skills, personality analysis, team work, and good work ethic. These skills will help students to be successful in the career world.

Dollars and Sense – Students in this course have learned about the why's of taxes including federal, state, and local taxes. They have also learned how the impact of their career choice on their earning potential. We studied the cost of education and training for specific careers and how it relates to overall earning.

Fashion Design – In this course, students have learned about safe working conditions in the fashion industry. They studied sweatshops, how safety conditions were founded, and how to prevent accidents on the job site. They have also set goals for themselves and researched fashion design schools to find out more about what is required for admission and to receive a degree.

Lifetime Nutrition and Wellness – Students in this course have learned more in depth about the six classifications of nutrients and what each nutrient does for their body. They have also participated in several food labs including mini-monkey bread muffins, biscuit pizzas, and muffins.

Interior Design – Students have learned about energy conservation in the home. They are now working on their comprehensive final design for the first semester.

FCCLA:

Projects - We hosted a Veteran's Day program where teachers brought their students to hear from Veterans about their experiences and what it is like to be in the military. After the program, we provided lunch for the speakers.

Members also met to celebrate Thanksgiving and make cards for a student in need.

STAR Events – We entered 9 teams in STAR Events. They will go to competition in March.

BETA – Jeff Whitmire

New by-laws and qualification standards are being written for the AHS Beta chapter to be more in line with AMS and to account for our weighted GPA scale.

Invitations for students who qualify based on first semester grades will be distributed by January 16.

English – Dooley

English I

We will be finishing *Romeo and Juliet* at the end of this week and taking a Unit Test over Drama. Next week we will be reviewing for a cumulative final exam that will be taken according to the AHS schedule. When we come back from the holiday break, we will be starting with the basics of writing and informative writing.

English II

English II is finishing a unit on Drama with the completion of Julius Caesar last week. We will be taking the TEKS Resource unit test and watching student project presentations too. As we wrap up this semester, we will be analyzing the data from the benchmark testing and begin forming tutoring groups to prepare for the EOC in the spring. Mrs. Alison Weaver just completed her student teaching assignment with my classes, and she did an excellent job.

Pre AP English II finished reading Tuesdays with Morrie and completed their own memoirs based on inspirational people in their own lives. Some of the videos of their interviews with their mentors brought me to tears. We then moved on to our drama unit reading Antigone and discussed how perception influences our decisions. Now, we are exploring rhetoric in Shakespeare's The Tragedy of Julius Caesar. The students are still taking weekly vocab. quizzes, monthly vocab. tests, and periodical grammar studies.

English III-

- finish *The Crucible*
- notes over film terms
- how to write a scene analysis for book report
- turn in Media Book Report
- review for final

AP English-

- Begin *The Joy Luck Club*: continue reading over holiday break
- notes over writing the AP poetry essay
- review for final

English IV

English IV just finished their study of Shakespeare's Macbeth. They took Cornell notes and analyzed the literary devices and language of Shakespeare. We moved in to studying the literary elements of contradiction, irony, and satire. We read "A Modest Proposal" which, as the Seniors quickly picked up on, is anything but "modest". The students are finishing up a multimedia project in which they are choosing their own targets in the media today to satirize and present to the class. I am looking forward to their presentations! As always, we are continuing with weekly vocab. quizzes, monthly vocab. tests, and periodical grammar studies.

Math – Marissa Cabrales

Next week in Algebra we will be finishing up our unit on Graphing Linear Inequalities. Each student will present a problem to the class on Monday to help them prepare for the test. We will begin reviewing for the semester exam on Friday.

Tracie Zatopek

In calculus we are beginning our section on optimization. We will be completing our study of basic differential calculus before the break. We will commence with integral calculus at the beginning of the next semester.

In geometry we are nearing the end of the unit on relationships in triangles and will be commencing with similarity at the beginning of the next semester.

Greg Lortz

Algebra 2: Solving Square Root Functions

Algebra 3: Fundamental Theorem of Algebra

Math Models: Measurement of 2 dimensional and 3 dimensional figures

Tasha Bass

Algebra 2 Classes are finishing up the last unit for the fall semester. The students are learning about quadratic functions.

Pre-Calculus started the unit on trigonometry and are learning the unit circle in degrees and radians.

Marissa Cabrales

Band – Ron Chapman

AHS Band is off the marching field and on to all the other things that we do in a year.!!

The HS Jazz band has started up and we have played in support of the community at the Tree Lighting Ceremony last week. We are planning performing at the Christmas concerts at both the MS and HS the 14th and 15th. We are also looking for other performance opportunities with our Christmas program. We enjoyed playing at the faculty party last year, and would be open to that again, if invited.

Christmas band concerts will be at the HS on the 15th, starting at 6:30pm. We will feature the 6th grade band, HS concert Band, HS Symphonic band and the Jazz Band. The 16th we will hold our MS concert at the MS with three MS bands and the HS Jazz band as well.

In addition, we had 11 students earn HS All Region this past week. Two of our students qualified for Area, with a nice chance to advance to State in early January.

February and March are very full months for us with Solo and Ensemble and UIL Concert and Sight Reading contest all before March 5th.

UIL and AcaDec – Edgar Jackson

Academic Decathlon

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Aubrey AcaDec! The team had an amazing time immersing themselves in nature and energy in Hot Springs and Branson. They are now in the final month of preparation before the regional competition in January to be held at John Paul II High School in Plano.

UIL Academics

The UIL Academics team had a busy month as they learned, competed, and hosted a tournament.

Last month's Student Activities conference at the University of Texas in Arlington was filled with over 50 workshops on different UIL events. Our new students were able to see and hear from the experts on each of the 24 UIL high school events, and they are now educated and excited about these events.

At the Wylie Invitational, the speech and debate team had a victorious day. Becca Trissell and Kedrek Holland placed 6th in varsity CX debate. Jairad Cox placed 6th in prose, and Monica Diaz ended the tournament with a 1st place finish in informative speaking.

Last weekend, Aubrey High School hosted its annual Aubrey America Cup Invitational to 28 schools and over 650 students, and it was a huge success! The organization and effort involved shows why our team will have a victorious year.

Theatre – Joseph Dassinger

Improv Troupe

In improv we are currently working on character building and object work.

Theatre I

Students are currently working on monologues and the end of semester exam. Students will learn how to analyze, create a playable objective, reaction, timing, and how to perform a monologue for an audition.

Theatre II/III

Students are starting their playwriting unit in which they will write a children's play. The students in Theatre III will each direct a scene and the students in Theatre II will be the actors.

Technical Theatre I

Students are starting their end of semester exam project.

Technical Theatre I/II

Students are currently working on their end of the semester exam project.

Middle School Theatre

Students are starting introduction to monologues. Students will learn how to memorize, analyze, and perform a monologue.

UIL High School One-Act Play

Students are currently auditioning for the One-Act Play this week and will start rehearsing as soon as we get back from Christmas break. The students are very excited and ready to begin.

UIL Jr. High School One-Act Play

Students are also currently auditioning for the One-Act Play this week and will start rehearsing as soon as we get back from Christmas break. The students are also very excited and ready to begin.

Science – Mrs. Wimbrough

Physics

In physics we have been studying the relationship between work and energy. To show mastery of this AND to begin to review for the midterm, the students will be creating cars that convert elastic potential energy of a mousetrap spring into as much kinetic energy as possible.

Biology

We are currently completing our unit on DNA and RNA. During this unit we looked at the structure of DNA and RNA and how they are used to build proteins.

Pre-AP

We are completing a unit on DNA and they are designing and building their own DNA models in class.

Anatomy & Physiology

We have just completed a unit on blood. They learned to identify the formed elements in blood and the bases for blood

Art – Cindy Dale

Happy holidays from the AHS art room! Students are noticeably excited for the upcoming winter break, as Art 1 students are completing their paper mache' creatures. Added creature details such as whiskers, feathers, hand- sculpted teeth and tongues have given each of these sculptures their own unique personality! Students are writing about their creatures and have determined the creatures' habitats, food sources, and their new species name.

Art 2 & 3 students are busy completing their mixed media paintings, and some are working on a small holiday display for the school, including handmade pine trees and a snowman! As we wrap up our projects for the semester, we are talking about forming an Art Club to begin our new year. Leaders have emerged as the semester has progressed, and these students will be brainstorming ideas for our new club's mission statement and operating procedures. Next semester will be exciting as students "officially" gather together to share their love of creating art!

Social Studies – Shon Ranton

World Geography classes will be completing the unit on Latin America this week. Review and semester test next week.

Student Council & Spanish Club – Brandee Gallagher

November and December have been great months for the Aubrey High School Student Council! In November, the Council met and each grade level adopted an angel for the Angel Tree Program. All grade levels fulfilled those wishes and needs and helped provide children in our community with a great Christmas.

In December, the Student Council contacted the Denton Salvation Army to see about possible community service opportunities, and consequently we adopted two days, Sunday December 7 and Saturday, December 20 to help with the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign. However, as news of this opportunity got around, numerous Aubrey High School students expressed their interest in helping with this service opportunity, and so we allowed any AHS student to take part in this event. We had a total of 40 students sign up to help and an additional 18 of Mrs. Gallagher's students signed up to sing bilingual Christmas Carols from 4:00-6:00pm the evening of Saturday, December 20.

The Spanish Club met on Tuesday December 2 and agreed to run the Christmas Carol practices beginning Thursday, December 11 after school. They selected a variety of Christmas carols and will teach those songs to the volunteers.

As the Student Council advisor and a teacher at Aubrey High School, I was incredibly impressed with how many students signed up to help with this event and with the pride these students showed to be from Aubrey High School. We truly have outstanding students at Aubrey ISD!

Cheerleading – Sharon Clemmer

Basketball season is in full swing and the cheerleaders are cheering at all regular home games.

Athletics – Keith Ivy

Boys Basketball

Our Varsity is 4-3 at this point. We played in a tough tournament at Sanger this past weekend. Beat a good Melissa team, then lost to 3 very good teams, Liberty Christian, Saginaw Chisholm Trail (5A School) by 10 and by 6 to the Whitesboro team that has already beaten Sanger this year twice. Team competed very well and I think if we stay healthy we could be an exciting team to watch this year. Our JV Red is 4-1 with only loss coming to Denton High. They beat a good Sherman team in the Sanger Tournament by a score of 68-60. Our JV blue which is our Freshman team is 1-4 getting their first win at the Sanger Tournament against Denton High. The Middle School has already started their district play. Both B teams are 2-1

with wins over Sanger and Gainesville and loss to Argyle. Both A teams are 1-2 with losses to Argyle and Gainesville and win over Sanger. The MS plays Krum tonight

HS Girls Basketball

Varsity girls are 4-3. We have a home game on Tuesday, Dec. 9, and we are in a the Era Tournament Dec. 11-13

MS Girls Basketball

7A: 2-1

7B: 0-2-1

8A: 2-1

8B: 1-2

12/8 Game at home vs Krum

12/15 Game at Celina-Finishes first round of district

12/11-13 A team tournament at Pilot Point

12/11 7th grade @ 4:30 8th grade @ 5:40

12/13 7th grade @ 9:00 and 11:20

8th grade @ 10:10 and 12:30

MS Boys Basketball

7th A 1-2

7th B 2-1

8th A 1-2

8th B 2-1

BOYS OFFSEASON

We are currently doing our boot camp during the period, weights at 6:00am in the mornings and powerlifting after school. We will be handing out a packet this week for the kids to fill out and look over with their parents. It explains the overall offseason philosophy, goal setting and a rating system for kids to fill out and go over with the coaches at a later date. We want to give the athletes as much feedback as possible in order for them to improve their overall performance for upcoming sports and seasons. We will begin our annual home visits after the Christmas break with varsity players first. We are also giving them information on ACT/SAT testing and recruitment so they can begin focusing on education after High School at Aubrey HS. We are looking for ways to get involved in the community by volunteering our time at an upcoming Special Olympics in Denton or Sanger. We want to give back to the community as much as possible. Our athletes are doing a terrific job in offseason and we are proud of their efforts thus

far. The kids are excited and want to become more successful in everything that they participate in here at Aubrey MS/HS.