

To: AISD Board of Trustees  
Dr. James Monaco, Superintendent

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

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Subject: Board Communication

### **Band - Ron Chapman**

The AHS band program continues to thrive as the year rolls along. Since the last notes to the board, the band has competed at UIL Area contest in marching band. The band has worked extremely hard preparing for this every other year contest. The planning began in January of 2012 for the contest in November. Our music was specially selected and written for us. The band's drill was once again prepared by Mr. Chapman during May through August.

The band earned 8th place during the preliminary competition out of twenty four bands. This was good enough to make the top 10 and Finals. The evening of October 27th, the band returned and moved up one place to eventually place 7th.

Of the 10 judges that judged the band the scores for the day ranged from 2nd overall to 11th. In Finals, one judge had us 2nd overall. We are very close to being able to compete with the big boys. Four bands (Argyle, Wills Point, Princeton and Canton) have made the trip from Area to state every time in the last decade. We are doing very well in the face of the new 3A competition though, but will have to ask for more if we are going to have any chance of breaking in to state 2 years from now. The top 4 bands from our Area all were top 7 bands at the State Marching Contest. This is *always* the situation with bands from our Area competing at the State Contest.

I did an interesting survey on band budgets of the bands we were asked to compete against at Area. The annual Aubrey band budget is less than 1/3rd the average of the 24 bands competing at this year's Area contest. In comparing the band budgets of the 24 schools at Area, we were ranked last. Our band budget is 11,000K less than the 23rd ranked budget. The top four bands average budget exceeds \$180,000 on an annual basis -after taking budget cuts. Two bands yearly budget exceeds \$200,000 (Not Argyle!). A total report is available through Mr. Mulkey and Dr. Monaco.

Last Saturday the band took 17 students to All Region tryouts. The band placed 10 students in the All Region band and has 2 students that advance to Area with a strong chance of getting to state this year. We have also placed another 10 students in the middle school All Region Band.

The band MS Christmas concert will be Tuesday, December 11th at 6:30 in the MS cafeteria. The HS and 6th grade concert will be December 13th at 6:30pm in the HS Gym. We would invite all board members out to hear our kids play great Christmas music.

As always, the directors at AHS are extremely proud of the support we have in and outside of the classroom. We appreciate all the support that the board and administration shows on a day in, day out basis!

### **UIL – Edgar Jackson**

The UIL Academics team travelled to Center High School in November and came away victorious with 16 different awards.

To follow this great performance, we hosted a successful tournament at the end of the month with 19 schools and nearly 200 students competing in speaking, debating, and testing events.

The program looks forward to continuing its success this weekend in Gainesville. Go Chaps!

### **Cheerleaders – Sharon Clemmer**

The cheerleaders' annual canned food drive was held from October 19-25. We collected over 2400 items.

Basketball season is off to a great start and we are excited to cheer on our Chaps and Lady Chaps at our home games.

### **Theatre – Joseph Dassinger**

#### *Fall Show*

Our fall show, *Blithe Spirit*, opened on December 3, 2012. There will be a double feature this upcoming Sunday, December 9 and will be closing on the following night December 10.

#### *High School One-Act Play*

This year's UIL One-Act play will be *Gut Girls*. Auditions will be December 11 and callbacks will be December 12 and 13. One-Act Rehearsals will begin January 7, 2013.

### *UIL Middle School One-Act Play*

The Middle School UIL One-Act Play Competition will take place this Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup> at Princeton High School. We will be performing *Clara's on the Curtain*. There will be a public performance this Thursday, December 6, 2012 at 6:00 PM at the Middle School Theatre.

### *UIL Theatrical Design*

Students are continuing to work on their design projects for 2012-2013 Theatrical Design prompt, *The Hobbit*.

### *Drama Club*

Currently in Drama Club we are planning out our Spring schedule for next semester. Also the Drama Club's Improv Troupe is working towards having their first Improv show right after Christmas Break. Improv Troupe meets every Tuesday from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

### *Theatre I*

Students are currently working on Monologues.

### *Theatre II/III*

Theatre II students are currently working on short scenes that are being directed by the Theatre III students.

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### *Technical Theatre I/II*

Students are currently working on Costume Designs.

### *Middle School Theatre*

Students are finishing up their lesson on Monologues and then will end the Semester with their Semester Test.

## **Student Council - Brandee Gallagher**

Aubrey High School Student Council has continued to be busy this fall.

On October 22 we held our annual Carter Blood Care Blood Drive. We had over 100 students volunteer to donate, and over 75 units were collected. The disparity between the numbers results from students who, for some reason, were unable to donate; be it high cholesterol, low iron, or other reasons. We have scheduled a follow up drive, anticipating even more participation, for the spring.

In November we worked on creating "class boards" to post in the C Hall at school. Students often mention that they are not aware of certain announcements, deadlines or opportunities. Therefore, Student Council has created class specific announcement boards, which will be maintained by class officers, to help students keep abreast of class related happenings.

Additionally, class officers have adopted “Angels” this year. The child’s needs and wants were made into posters and were posted on the new class boards to have students sign up to help. We are glad to be able to help others in our community.

Another great happening, is that Freshmen Officers were elected. Monica Diaz was elected as Class President, with Tarissa Ensminger as Vice President, Aspen Brock as Secretary and Maleah Smith as Treasurer. These young ladies are excited to join Student Council and to serve as leaders at Aubrey High School.

Finally, to emphasize the importance of “service” as 2012 draws to an end, the Student Council has adopted a section of FM 428. The students will be meeting this coming Thursday, December 6, after school to do a quick cleanup of this area and to do our part to “Keep Aubrey Beautiful.”

### **English – Dawn Dooley**

English III Board Notes- 3<sup>rd</sup> six weeks:

- Identify parts of speech
- Revise and edit writing for correct grammar
- study grade-level vocabulary from literature
- Read *The Crucible* and study themes from American drama
- Cscope: Unit 3- reading information materials
- study film terms
- Media Book Report: write scene analysis and create poster comparing and contrasting the movie and the book that they have chosen to analyze in terms of plot and character.

English 1 third six weeks:

**Reading:** To Kill a Mockingbird (pre-ap Rebecca)

**Writing:** Research Paper: Hot button issues

**Vocabulary:** Words in literature: To Kill a Mockingbird

**Grammar:** Subjects and Predicates, Fragments, Types of Sentences, Direct and Indirect

