

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

From: Mrs. Shannon Saylor, Principal

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Subject: Board Communication

English – Dooley

English I

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English II

English II students have recently taken the English II End of Course exam with many of the acknowledging the difficulty while also feeling prepared and confident. I'm proud of their efforts in class, and in tutoring, to prepare for this assessment.

We have now moved into a unit over Animal Farm. Students are asked to think on a deep and complex level in analyzing concepts and relating those to life. This is a fun unit because of the interactive nature of the activities and the challenges of supporting their ideas and opinions on a variety of issues.

English III

- Reading *The Great Gatsby*
- exploring the 1920's and the life of F. Scott Fitzgerald
- writing journals about Fitzgerald's literary techniques and personal connections to the literature
- Vocabulary activities from *Gatsby*
- Characterization and color: final *Gatsby* essay

AP Literature and Composition

- The Satire Unit
- read and analyze various satirical writings
- the Satire Video Project
- go over each AP style essay to prepare for AP exam in May

Math – Marissa Cabrales

We will be continuing with our review for the Algebra 1 EOC on Wednesdays until the May administration.

Tracie Zatopek

This week in Algebra 1 we will finish covering our 2nd unit on quadratic functions. After this week we will begin reviewing for the Algebra 1 STAAR EOC.

Gregg Lortz

Geometry: We are approaching the end of our study of the properties of circles which will be complete this week. We will then commence our study of surface area of three dimensional solids.

AP Calculus: We are nearing the end of our study of the use of integration techniques involving inverse trigonometric functions. We will then begin our study of differential equations.

Tasha Bass

Algebra 2 PAP: Exponential and logarithmic functions

Algebra 3: Solving systems of Equations

Math Models: Conics

Marissa Cabrales

The Algebra 2 classes have been studying Exponential Growth and Decay and other exponential functions. They have been using it to apply to real world problems dealing with money invested or deposits. We have talked about depreciation values, population increases, and half-life.

Pre-Calculus is studying Vectors which deal with forces, setting courses using direction with bearings. Many of the word problems are similar to the ones they have seen in Physics.

Theatre – Joseph Dassinger

This has been a great year for the Theatre Department in regards to student's accomplishments and Fall Show and UIL One-Act Play/Jr. High One-Act Play Performances, and Drama Club. This year our Fall Show was The House of Dracula, and this was a show with more than 40 students involved in on both the acting and technical side of Theatre. The students worked together and created an amazing show that the audiences enjoyed. Technical students got to build the inside and outside of a castle, and create lighting/sound to aide in communicating the play to the audience. The actors got to incorporate traditional acting and improvisational theatre in the same setting to create wonderful characters and an amazing production. The students really enjoyed this show and it showed in their performances. Then we move onto this year's Jr. High One-Act Play, which was put on by a group of dedicated students that took pride in their work and it showed. This year's Jr. High UIL One-Act Play was The Ash Girl, based on the Cinderella Story, and is about how people in general, are in a constant struggle of making good and bad decisions and in this interpretation the motivators of these decisions are the 7 Deadly Sins in animal form and on the opposite side of the spectrum are animals that represent good. These animals are characters in the play and add the magical element to the play. The students did a great job on the technical side and acting side in communicating the message and they all grew as actors, technicians, and as an ensemble. These students had an amazing performance and came away with All-Star Cast: Mallory Boyer and Honorable Mention All-Star Cast: Taylor Freeman. I was very excited to work with this group of students and very proud of them all. Next was the High School UIL One-Act Play. This year One-Act Play was, Afterlife: A Ghost Story. This from the beginning had been one of the more difficult productions that these students have done. This play deals with a grief stricken family that has lost a child and how they cope with it in the present and in the Afterlife. I was happy to see such dedicated students jump on board with this emotional rollercoaster of a play. The students took the material seriously and made it their own. They were dedicated, driven, and a family throughout the entirety of this show. With this type of show it is very difficult for students to sometimes connect, relate, and communicate the message of this play to the audience, and these students did just that. They had an amazing performance that brought the audience to tears. You know a performance has gone well, when the students involved are proud of their work. The students made Alternate at District and took home many Acting Awards. These acting awards included: All-Star Cast: Tarissa Ensminger as DANIELLE, Brennan Davis as BLACK BIRD, Honorable Mention All-Star Cast: Joseph Bettis as CONNOR, David Borella as YOUNG MAN, Caitlyn Denning as SEAMSTRESS All-Star

Crew: Luke Hartman for STAGEHAND. These students did a great job and I could not have asked for a better performance from them. They are dedicated to their craft and it shows. Also this year the Drama Club has been continuing to grow and students are finding new outlets for theatre and come together for interests alike, including: Play Writing, Play Reading, Designing and many more. Also the Improv Troupe has been working very hard this year creating well-established characters and working long-form improvisation scenes. This has been a fantastic year over all and I am very proud of all of them and their accomplishments as a whole and individually. This year we also will have our Advanced Theatre class's Children Play, in which they write their own play this year and it will be performed towards the end of the year at both elementaries. They have worked very hard on this project and it is great to see a group of dedicated students come together and create a great piece of Theatre from start to finish on their own. This has been a great year over-all and we look forward to next year.

Science – Mrs. Wimbrough

Pre-AP Biology: They are currently doing and autopsy on a Picklus domesticus (pickle) to determine the cause and manner of death. This is their introductory to the animal unit. During this unit they will perform comparative dissection on a worm, bull frog and fetal pig. At the end they will prepare a dissection booklet that compares and contrasts the systems in the three animals.

Biology: They are currently working on the plant unit. They are performing an experiment where they compare the effects of different levels of light on the growth of three plants.

A&P: They are finishing the unit on the immune system and beginning the Respiratory system unit. They will finish the unit with a dissection of a mink. During this dissection they will review all of the body systems that they have covered so far this year.

Rouk

Physics:

The physics classes are currently studying electricity and will be assembling an 'electric house' and then calculating the current, voltage and resistance in them.

Hulsey

Biology: Studying plant structure and function while experimenting the effect of light as a variable for plant growth.

Pre-AP Chemistry: Studying pH and pOH to understand the components of bases and acids to experiment with neutralization reactions in the laboratory.

Environmental Science: Learning about water as an environmental and human health resource and how to approach the water crisis with sustainability and quality as a priority.

Band – Ron Chapman

The Aubrey HS band has had one of the finest springs for UIL competition in the history of the band program. Below is a list of the accomplishments of the students in all the activities we have competed in this spring.

Color Guard: Competed in Winter Guard and earned a 5th place finish in our class, and round. The guard was moved up from Novice class to Regional A three weeks before the championships!! Being promoted is very good, but tough to compete when you get promoted just before Championships.

Percussion: The percussion placed 5th in their Championship round as well. They had an amazing show and worked very hard to compete in a new activity. This was part of the North Texas Colorguard Association.

UIL Solo and Ensemble. We had the best results AHS has ever have ever had for a spring semester!! The band has certified 64 students to the State Solo and Ensemble Contest in Austin, in May. We had another 20 students that earned First Division medals but did not qualify to the State contest due to the level of music they performed. We have come a long way over the past 8 years. I am so proud of our kids and the efforts they put forth every day.

Concert and Sightreading / UIL. For the 7th time the AHS band has earned the UIL Sweepstakes award for Band. This award is given to bands that earn First Division Ratings in all contest (marching, concert and sight-reading). There are very few schools in our area that can boost such a record (Argyle, Princeton, Aubrey... Paris)

Next up, the AHS Jazz band will perform at the Denton Jazz fest on the 4th of April. We will be on the celebration stage at 7:30pm.

We will also have our end of year concert back at UNT on the 11th and 12th of May.

Student Council & Spanish Club – Brandee Gallagher

Student Council

GREAT things are happening with the Aubrey High School Student Council! We have had a busy month, have learned a lot and are looking forward already to 2015-2016!

On March 28, Mrs. Gallagher and eight of our Student Council Officers attended the Student Council District 3 Spring Conference at Wakeland High School in Frisco. This was a great experience! 600 Stu Co Officers and Representatives from around the Metroplex attended this conference, participating in team building activities, discussing successes and goals and sharing activities to take back to our own schools.

This conference has inspired us to make some significant changes for the 2015-2016 school year, expanding our activities to the District and even State level.

We also held our last Chaparral Cup “Pack the Park” event to encourage student attendance at our Chaparral softball and baseball games. After a total of 19 events, the Senior Class captured the Chaparral Cup, beating out the sophomores by only 50 points! The class will be presented the Chaparral Cup at their May 8 class meeting, and their prize will be the opportunity to attend a Frisco Rough Riders baseball game.

Just yesterday, the Student Council held the Carter Blood Care spring blood drive. Typically, we are able to collect in the vicinity of 80 units of blood. However, we exceeded our projected goals at this drive by collecting 92 units! We are thrilled with the turn out for this event and are so proud of our Chaparrals for contributing! With the units collected, we can save 276 lives!

It’s hard to believe the year is starting to wind down, and it is time to think about next year’s Council. However, we are getting ready for those new Officers now. On April 15, we will have an informational meeting for those interested in serving as a 2015-2016 Class Officer, and elections will be held on May 8!

Spanish Club

The AHS Spanish Club has had a great spring so far! Our first annual “Top Salsa Chef” competition was a great success.

Our finalists were:

Daisy Ibarra with her “Zucchini Salsa”

Alex Lloyd with her “Sweet and Spicy Salsa”

Kyle Long and Kyle Streng with their “Traditional Red Salsa”

The top three salsa recipes were voted on by staff at our PTO luncheon and all finalists received prizes from Fuzzy’s Tacos. Alex Lloyd won the Top Salsa Chef Title, gift cards to Fuzzy’s Tacos and a gift pack from the Aubrey Chap Shop! Thank you to those sponsors and congratulations to our finalists!

We also held our March meeting with some games and a variety of quesos for kids to try. We called it our “Queso FUNdido” party, and we had 12 students in attendance.

Daisy Granados and Jobana Torres are the students who organize all activities for the Spanish Club. They are currently talking with Mrs. Saylor to organize a field trip on Saturday, May 2, to take the Spanish Club to see the Cinco de Mayo parade in Denton.

Daisy Granados, who has been a member of the Spanish Club for three years and is graduating in May, gifted the Spanish Club with a beautifully decorated binder for us to use for the 2015-2016 school year. We are very pleased with the direction in which the Spanish Club is moving and we look forward to growing and improving in this upcoming school year!

Social Studies – Shon Ranton

World Geography is currently in our unit over South Asia.

Art – Cindy Dale

Spring is finally here, which wraps up our competition season in the art department with positive results! In our regional VASE (Visual Art Scholastic Event) competition, three art students earned *Superior* ratings on their artwork (the highest rating they could get), and one student came home with an *Excellent* rating. These students worked diligently on their art and enjoyed the event.

This year our art department took 15 original art pieces to the NCTC (North Central Texas College) art competition sponsored by the NCTC Visual Art Department. We attended the gallery opening and awards ceremony on Friday, April 3rd, and enjoyed fantastic refreshments and fun comradery. The students were excited to see their work displayed in an art gallery, and learned about artist etiquette when attending an art gallery opening. The students came home with 7 awards in the sculpture and mixed media categories!

Overall, three art students earned their letterman jackets this year by earning the highest rating they could get at regional VASE, along with awards at the NCTC art competition. All of the students are excited about their accomplishments, and they have helped to make the art department shine!

BETA Club – Jeff Whitmire

The Aubrey High School chapter of the National Beta Club will recognize more than 30 new members at the April 27 spring induction ceremony.

Cheerleading – Sharon Clemmer

Cheerleading tryouts for our 2014-2015 squads were held on Friday, March 13th.

Varsity Squad:

Bryten Renfro

Charity Northcutt

Courtney Reed-captain

Elizabeth Meza

Haley Pollard

Jordan Dye
Justice Thompson
Kyleigh Mullens
Maritza Mack-co-captain
Morgan Griffin
Morgan Miller
Taylor Martin
Tierra Hopkins
Tya Givens

Junior Varsity Squad:

Alex Schmitz
Avery Simmons
Cheyenne Ketron
Jennaca Payne
Kenadie Vaglica
Lexi Newton-co-captain
Madelyn Anderson
Tahlor Baker-captain

Our new squads just completed the annual cookie dough/candle fundraiser.
Varsity and JV will be attending UCA Summer Cheer Camp June 23-26 at the Great Wolf Lodge in Grapevine.

Athletics – Keith Ivy

AUBREY ATHLETICS UPDATE-APRIL 2015

Girls Track

Middle School

Melissa Track meet-

- 7th grade girls got 2nd place
- 8th grade girls got 2nd place
- Madison Kriger won 1st place in the 2400m
- Mckenzi Spaulding won the 7th grade 100M hurdles
- Gabi Grisso second in the 7th grade 100M hurdles
- Lauren Knapp won the 8th grade 100M hurdles
- Kathimae Dow placed 2nd in the 7th grade 800m run
- Both teams finished 2nd in both the 4 x 200m relay and the Mile Relay
- Jada Davis 2nd in 8th grade in shot put
- Wylie Dyer 2nd in 8th grade high jump
- Kaia Saylor 1st place in 7th grade high jump

- Kaylee Van Hook 2nd in 8th grade pole vault

Pilot Point Track meet-

- 7th grade girls won 1st place
- 8th grade girls 2nd place
- Multiple records were broken at this meet
 - 8th grade
 - Kaylee Van Hook tied the pole vault record with 7'6"
 - Lauren Knapp broke the 100m hurdle record with a time of 17.28
 - 7th grade
 - 4 x 200 broke a record that was 10 years old (McKenzi Spaulding, Kaia Saylor, Kathimae Dow, Breelyn Elmore) by .30 seconds
 - McKenzie Spaulding broke the 100m hurdles record with a time of 17.02
- 7th grade girls won all 3 relays
 - 4 x 100- Amber Trammell, Kaia Saylor, Hope Royal, Breelyn Elmore
 - 4 x 200- McKenzie Spaulding, Kaia Saylor, Kathimae Dow, Breelyn Elmore
 - Mile relay-Breelyn Elmore, Gabi Grisso, Amber Trammell, Kathimae Dow
- 8th grade placed 1st in 4 x 200m and mile relay and 2nd in 4 x 100m relay
- McKenzie Spaulding placed 1st in 7th grade 100m and 300m hurdles
- Gabi Grisso placed 2nd in 7th grade 100m hurdles
- Morgan Place won the 7th grade 100m dash
- Lauren Knapp placed 1st in 8th grade 100m hurdles and 2nd in high jump
- Madison Kriger placed 1st in 2400m
- Kathimae Dow placed 2nd in the 7th grade 800m run, and 3rd in pole vault
- Lauren Strittmatter placed 2nd in 400m
- Kaia Saylor won the 7th grade 200m dash
- Kaia Saylor won the 7th grade triple jump. Her jump was 31' 10.5"
- Kaylee Van Hook won the 8th grade pole vault with 7' 6"
- Jada Davis won the 8th grade shot put with a throw of 32' 5", placed 2nd in 100m dash

High School

The Aubrey high school girls track teams have competed in 4 invitational meets this year (Sanger, Aubrey, Melissa, and Pilot Point). All the girls have been competing hard and have been improving on their times, distances, and heights at each meet. The JV girls have won 2 meets, Aubrey and Pilot Point. We have had a few Varsity athletes set or tie school records. Hannah Schmitz tied the High Jump record at 5' 2" and Charity Northcutt broke the 300 Hurdle record with a time of 49.47 seconds. We will be competing in our District meet on April 6th with prelims and the finals on April 9th. Our district meet will be held here at Chaparral Stadium. The running finals will begin at 5:00pm on Thursday, April 9th. Please come out and support our athletes.

Boys Track

3200

Place	Name	School	Time
1	Butts	Whitesboro	10:09.5
2	Franco	Pilot Point	11:13.1
3	Giron	PP	11:29.1
4	Hunsaker	Gunter	11:31.1
5	Gonzalez	Gunter	32:00.0
6	Pulley	Whitesboro	

4x100 Relay

Place	Name	School	Time
1	Pottsboro		44.23
2	PP		44.27
3	Aubrey		44.52
4	Gunter		44.87
5	Ponder		44.92
6	Whitesboro		45.55

800

Place	Name	School	Time
1	White	Whitesboro	2:05.41
2	Williams	PP	2:07
3	Boyett	Aubrey	2:10
4	Fryar	Pottsboro	2:11
5	Even	Aubrey	2:12
6	Wideman	Pottsboro	2:13

100 Hurdles

Place	Name	School	Time
T1	Maher	S&S	14.89
T1	Copeland	Gainesville	14.89
3	Grisso	Aubrey	15.10
4	Martinez	Pottsboro	15.72
5	Chaney	Whitesboro	15.84
6	Grisso, Gat	Aubrey	16.28

100

Place	Name	School	Time
1	Mitchusson	Pottsboro	10.81

400

Place	Name	School	Time
1	Dye	Aubrey	52.96
2	Dick	Aubrey	53.06
3	Fryar	Pottsboro	53.85
4	Hunter	Gunter	54.84
5	Morris	PP	54.88
6	Orr	S&S	55.18

300 Hurdles

Place	Name	School	Time
1	Mercer	S&S Whitesboro	40.65
2	Chaney	o	41.18
3	Delbosque	Aubrey	41.41
4	Maher	S&S	41.75
5	Grisso,Gr Grisso, Gat	Aubrey	43.00
6		Aubrey	43.41

200

Place	Name	School	Time
1	Bailey	PP	22.68
2	Moore	Aubrey	23.09
3	Waldo	Ponder	23.18
4	Freeman	Ponder	23.99
5	Teryaw	Pottsboro	24.06
6	Griffin	S&S	24.4

1600

Place	Name	School	Time
1	Butts	Whitesboro Whitesboro	4:38
2	Pulley	o	5:01
3	Wideman	Pottsboro	5:03
4	Coley	Pottsboro	5:03.69
5	Moore	Aubrey	5:03.84
6	Hunsacker	Gunter	5:05

4x400 Relay

Place	Name	School	Time
1	Pottsboro		3:27

2	Prewitt	S&S	10.93
3	Vera	Aubrey	11.02
4	Groff	PP	11.11
5	Williams	Aubrey	11.37
6	Gittens	Gunter	11.40

4x200 Relay

Place	Name	School	Time
1	Gunter		1:33.65
2	Pottsboro		1:34.37
3	Ponder		1:35.15
4	Aubrey		1:35.59
5	PP		1:36.24
6	S&S		1:37.52

2	Aubrey	3:31
3	Whitesboro	3:41
4	PP	3:41.38
5	Gunter	3:48
6		

Total Points Varsity Boys

Place	Team	Points
1st	Pilot Point	132
2nd	Aubrey Whitesbor	100
3rd	o	97
4th	Pottsboro	93
5th	Ponder	65
6th	Gunter	62
7th	Gainesville	50
8th	S&S	39

Discus

Place	Name	School	Distance
1	Long	Gainesville	150'10
2	Simpson Rodrigue	Ponder	136'6
3	z	Gainesville	129'3
4	Giron	PP	125'4
5	Hardin	Gainesville Whitesbor	122'4
6	Carey	o	117'1

High Jump

Place	Name	School	Height
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			

Long Jump

Place	Name	School	Distance
1	Patton	PP	19' 6.5
2	Hellman	PP	19'6
3	Waldo	Ponder	19' 1.75
4	Freeman	Ponder Whitesbor	19'
5	Pacheco	o	18'9

6	Grisso	Aubrey	18'7
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Shot Put

Place	Name	School	Distance
T1	Dyer	Whitesboro	46'
T1	DeLeon Rodriguez	Gainesville	46'
3	z	Gainesville	45'9
4	Hearn	Gunter	44'7
5	Perry	Ponder	44'
6	Simpson	Ponder	41' 2.5

Triple Jump

Place	Name	School	Distance
1	Waldo	Ponder	41' 1
2	Copeland	Gainesville	40' 11.5
3	Hellman	PP Whitesboro	40' 2.5
4	Slinkard	o	38'5
5	Anderson	PP	38'4.5
6	Grisso	Aubrey	38'1

Pole Vault

Place	Name	School	Height
1	Yonkers	PP	11'6
2	Fuentes	Gunter	11'6
3	Gann, T	PP	11'0
4			
5			
6			

Softball

Softball is 0-4 in district and 3-12 overall. We are very young and lack experience that we are gaining each time out. We play Tuesday at Celina which will conclude the first half of district.

Baseball

Aubrey varsity baseball team currently has a (5-5) record and (1-3) record in district. We have played close to district opponents but still searching for how to finish games off. Our district win came against Gainesville on Monday, March 30th with a score of 14-4. This week's schedule we are at Celina on Tuesday the 7th and Friday the 10th at home vs. Argyle.

Golf

March 12, Turtle Hill Golf Course 1st place team.. Cole Cannon 1st overall Jason Westmoreland 2nd Overall March 23, Robson Ranch....tied for 3rd place team.. cole Cannon tied for 3rd overall

Currently in the middle of district play

Golf Roster
Cole Cannon
Jason Westmoreland
Jordan Redfearn
Taylor Swarbrick
Kylan Doucet

MS TRACK

We have been in track season the past couples months. Both of our teams, 7th and 8th, have had great showings and growth throughout this season. Our 8th grade has won 1st in 3 track meets and 2nd in one. The most impressive thing is our Mile Relay squad (Sciba, Bufford, Spencer, Greenwood) they are undefeated this year and for the past 2 years combined. 7th grade has been in constant flux due to injuries but have won 1 meet and took 2nd in 2 other meets. We are proud how these boys have represented Aubrey and continue to strive to get better.

Girls Athletics – Deaver

As our competitive season winds down, we can look back and see growth in many areas. As we look forward, we are preparing now for continued growth over the summer, including both conditioning and skill. As soon as softball has completed the season, we will administer the Fitness Gram. Next we will move into a new phase of conditioning with some sport specific off season. This time will be structured to encourage participation in multiple sports.