

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

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

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Subject: Board Communication

### **UIL – Chris Shoemake**

Aubrey UIL recently competed in the District 9AAA Academic district meet. The kids did a great job and we finished in 2nd place. The following students placed in their event and qualified for Region.

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- Accounting
- Hagen Hart 2nd place
- Kaitlin Karnes 6th place
- Team 2nd place (regional wildcard qualifier) Hagen Hart, Kaitlin Karnes, Merisa Davis, Sam Smithers
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- Computer Applications
- Hagen Hart- 2nd place
- Ty Holt- 5th place
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- Computer Science
- Ty Holt 6th place
- 3rd place team- Ty Holt, Hagen Hart, Merideth Hamiter
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- Current Events
- Dallas Flick- 3rd place
- 2nd place team- Dallas Flick, Mason Blaylock, Trey Petty, Taylor Wilcox
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- Editorial Writing
- Mahally Millican- 3rd place
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- Feature Writing
- Mahally Millican- 3rd place
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- Ready Writing
- 4th place- Sahara Price
- 5th Place Kaitlyn Karnes
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- Science (Region Wildcard Qualifier)
- 2nd place team- Carely Ibarra, Ryan Priest, Matthew Robbins, Hunter Testerman,

- Danielle Turner, LaNay Wilson
- Math
- 5th place- Ryan Priest
- 2nd place team
- Number Sense
- 2nd place team
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## Aubrey High School Speech & Debate won the District 9AAA Speech Championship!

Informative extemporaneous speaking

- Kirin Kromer- 2nd place
- Hayley Ford- 6th place
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- Persuasive extemporaneous speaking
- Dallas Flick- 1st place
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- Prose Interpretation
- Krissie Reding 1st place
- Jacob Wofford 2nd place
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- Poetry Interpretation
- Maggie McCullough 2nd place
- Baylee Friday 3rd place
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- Lincoln Douglas Debate
- Kirin Kromer 1st place
- Hayley Ford 2nd place
- Joseph DeRusha 3rd place
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## · One Act Play District and Area Champions!

Aubrey High School's production of *The Pillowman* placed 1<sup>st</sup> at the District 9-AAA one act play competition.

- Best Actor- James Janeski
- All Star Cast- Zach Friday, Dallas Flick
- Honorable Mention All Star Cast- Josh Foster

Aubrey High School's production of *The Pillowman* placed 1<sup>st</sup> at the Region II Area I one act play competition.

- Best Actor- James Janeski
- All Star Cast- Dallas Flick
- Honorable Mention All Star Cast- Zach Friday, Josh Foster

We will perform this Friday April 15<sup>th</sup> at Texas A&M Commerce University in the AAA Region II competition. The next step is the state competition in Austin.

We are in the Middle of what has been a very successful year.

· Thank you for all of your support. We are looking forward to a great showing at Region and State.

### **Science – Penny Wimbrough**

Physics- we just finished up Circuits. The students built and analyzed series and parallel circuits to learn how current, resistance, and voltages behave. We are presently beginning TAKS review for the next two weeks.

Environmental- Fukushima Nuclear reactor has prompted several questions from the students. We reviewed different types of radiation and half life's. We watched a documentary on Chernobyl and are looking at radiation pollution/radiation dosages and their effects. We will be comparing and contrasting Chernobyl and Fukushima.

Chemistry - finished up our unit of energy in chemical reactions by looking at various endothermic and exothermic reactions. Reviewing biology and IPC to prepare for the TAKS test.  
PreAP chemistry - recently completed a lab to determine the amount of calories in a potato chip and then compared their results to the label.  
AP chemistry - Beginning units on nuclear and organic chemistry and beginning to prepare for the AP exam in May.

Biology - We have just completed the plant growth lab. During this lab the students grew and measured plants. We are just beginning our unit on animals and are currently looking at the characteristics of invertebrates.

Pre-AP Biology - Have just be completed their autopsy of a *Picklus domesticus* and there were indeed some interesting conclusions drawn as to cause and manner of death. All of their conclusions were clearly supported with evidence from the autopsy results. They are now beginning their comparative animal dissection where they will be dissecting and comparing the body systems in a worm, a frog and a fetal pig.

Anatomy and Physiology - The class took a field trip to UT southwestern medical center. They heard about career opportunities in the health care field and visited the physical therapy unit at Parkland Hospital. This week they will begin their dissection of the mink. This will give them a chance to see firsthand some of the organ systems and organs that we have been studying. They will complete the year by giving presentation on careers that involve knowledge of anatomy and physiology.

### **Social Studies – Shaon Ranton**

10th grade World Geography: We are in LOCKDOWN!!!!!! Preparing for the little thing we call TAKS.

### **English – John Vice**

English 1: We are beginning Inherit the wind. During this unit we will continue to look at character, plot development, purpose, audience, etc...but we will focus much of the unit on

media literacy. We will analyze non-fiction reports on the Scopes Trial as well as political cartoons of the period. This will cover TEKS 12 especially comparing and contrasting how events are presented through a variety of media.

We will also continue to prepare for TAKS through practicing open-ended questions based on the play.

Pre-AP: We are beginning To Kill A Mockingbird and will be focusing most of the unit on understanding the novel genre. As always we will look closely at style, theme, tone, mood, figurative language, plot, irony, etc. In addition, we will introduce media literacy through a non-fiction study of the depression era, Jim Crow Laws, etc. We will compare the novel with the film and focus on director's decision throughout the film to enhance theme, character, etc... Of course we will have another essay based on a close analysis of the novel...and we will continue to work on open-ended as we study the novel

### **Math – Marissa Cabrales**

#### **MATH DEPT- AHS**

All of the math classes are focusing on TAKS. We are two weeks away from the TAKS, so we are targeting objectives that the students struggle with the most. Aside from addressing the TAKS objectives during class, we also have tutorials before and after school for some students that need more individual help.

Mrs. Cabrales' student teacher, Ms. Carmichael has really had some fun educational activities for the Algebra 1 students. This week they were working on probability and statistic objectives..... it involved finding the different colors of M&M's in a bag.

### **Ag & FFA – Tracy Yarbrough**

We had a large turnout for our annual Burger burn kick-off party.

The animal facility has been remodeled this summer and is almost complete and full of animals.

It is really looking good and we have had a lot of complements from parents and quest.

State fair News.

We had an 8th, tenth and eleventh place with our market lambs.

We won 2nd in our class with a bench in the Ag mech show in the largest class of the show.

Ethan Saye had Three 2nd place and one 7th place with his heifers as well as 2nd in division.

We had a great state fair showing.

Coming up we have our National Convention trip to Indianapolis where some of our students will spend learning with students all over the nation.  
We are looking forward to a great year!