

Hello Eagle Families,

Please be sure to bookmark our website and like us on Facebook for the most current and up to date school information. You can find the AHS Website at ahs.asd.wednet.edu and the AHS Facebook at www.Facebook.com/ArlingtonHighSchool.Eagles. A log of this communication and other Eagle Family Communication can be found on our website under the AHS Information>Eagle Family Communication tab.

New Features in Family Access

Due to recent Washington State Legislation, school districts are required to make reasonable efforts to inform and then obtain a parent signature regarding Attendance Policies and the benefit of Regular School Attendance. Please login to Family Access to view "Required Family Acknowledgment" and go through the three step survey after selecting your student's name.

Amped & Construction Geometry

Math/CTE have blocked their classes to help give additional time in the shop, generally rotating each day between Math and CTE. Classes are designed to use the CTE curriculum to reinforce the math principles and their use in the real world. On the construction side, instruction will show both "trade tricks" and mathematical principles and will allow the students to use either type (unless assessing a specific standard).

By using a standards-based model of grading, the kids need to demonstrate their knowledge of the standard rather than quantity of work completed. Students are not graded on homework - but we feel that it is extremely important, and they will not be able to take a test re-take until all homework is completed. In math, homework is assigned every other day, giving students a day to get help before it is due. We do not discredit for late work once it is completed to standard.

Mr. Striegel or Mr. Gudgeon are available before and after school Monday-Wednesday for additional help. Thursdays after school we offer Construction Club time for students to makeup and improve their CTE grade. Contact Mr. Gudgeon or Mr. Streigel with questions.

Winter Break

Winter break is December 19th - January 2nd. All offices will be closed throughout the break and messages will not be returned until Tuesday, January 3rd.

Holiday Decor

Arlington FFA will be making and selling fresh noble fir holiday wreaths and table arrangements in December. Please stop by Mrs. Nemnich's room, D117, to see what is available and to purchase yours! Order forms are available on the main page of our AHS Website.

Flight

Flight presents: It's A Wonderful Arlington Christmas Show! A holiday event for the

entire family to enjoy.

Friday, December 2nd at 7 p.m.

Saturday, December 3rd at 7 p.m.

Friday, December 9th at 7 p.m.

Saturday, December 10th at 3 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Performances are in the Byrnes Performing Arts Center. Ticket cost is \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors. Buy tickets at the door or online at

<http://byrnesperformingarts.org/events/>.

A Note from Our Counseling Office

As a counseling staff, we'd like to remind you that as stress sometimes increases for adults during the holidays, it also increases for our students. Some tips to help your child during this season:

- Make time to simply listen to your child without trying to "fix" problems.
- Encourage your child to periodically "unplug" from electronics and engage in face-to-face conversations as well as physical activity.
- Try to avoid conversations that may increase worry and stress (e.g. financial problems, where family time will be spent, etc.).
- If your child has another parent to visit during vacation, speak as positively as possible about that person and the time your child will spend with them.
- Doing something together as a family to help others in need can be a very meaningful and uplifting activity; a family activity doesn't need to cost anything but time.

Remember that it's okay to keep it simple when it comes to the holidays. Sometimes less is more.

Financial Aid (FAFSA), Scholarships

FAFSA for 2017-18 now open! www.fafsa.gov. Seniors planning to attend college next fall can now file the FAFSA. It opened on October 1st this year and is based on financial information from the 2015 tax year.

FAFSA stands for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. There is no cost to file the application. It is the #1 tool used to determine a student's financial need and eligibility for student loans, grants, work-study programs, and need-based scholarships.

In general, grants (that don't require repayment) are awarded to students with family income of \$50,000 or less. However, factors, such as family size and the number of students in college, have a significant impact on the calculation. It is possible for students with family incomes of \$75,000 or more to qualify for some aid.

Many schools have financial aid deadlines at the end of January. We recommend you complete and submit the FAFSA before then!

College Entrance Tests

Most four-year universities require students to submit a SAT or ACT test score as part of their application. "There is absolutely no advantage in submitting one test over the other," according to the UW website.

- SAT: Register online at www.CollegeBoard.org. Remaining test dates for this school year are: December 3rd, January 21st, March 11th, May 6th, and June 3rd.
- ACT: Register online at www.act.org. Remaining test dates are December 10th, February 11th, April 8th, and June 10th.

Along with the SAT and ACT websites, free practice tests are available at www.KhanAcademy.org. Fee waivers are available for both tests for students eligible for the free/reduced lunch program.

Scholarships

Scholarship season is fast approaching. There are thousands of scholarships out there for those willing to do the research and apply.

We highly recommend creating a profile and accessing scholarships on Arlington Dollars for Scholars www.arlingtonwa.dollarsforscholars.org and theWashBoard.org for more local/regional scholarships as well as reviewing scholarship opportunities at colleges and universities being considered.

Also, the AHS Career Center maintains a scholarship page on the AHS website (including a Google spreadsheet that regularly gets updated with available scholarships): http://ahs.asd.wednet.edu/for_students/career_center/scholarships.

Career Center

The career center provides scholarship announcements and deadlines, admissions rep visits, events, and upcoming dates via text, email and Twitter.

Sign up for text alerts: text @ahsccr to 81010

Twitter follow: @careers_ahs

Website: http://ahs.asd.wednet.edu/for_students/career_center/

Drivers Ed

3rd Quarter Driver's Education starts February, 2017. There are two classes to choose from: Monday & Wednesday or Tuesday & Thursday

The cost is \$455 and payment plans are available. Please see Mrs. Vezzani in the Attendance Office for payment plan information. Applications are available in the Attendance Office or on the AHS Website. Contact Mr. Brooke at 360-618-6300 ext. 3269 or email: jbrooke@asd.wednet.edu with questions.

Additional Links

[Booster Club Website](#)

[Student Handbook](#)

[The AHS Eagle \(student news\)](#)

Thank you Eagle Families for reading this email and staying informed!

Charity Conley

Arlington Public Schools provides equal educational opportunity and treatment for all students in all aspects of the academic and activities program without discrimination based on race, religion, creed, color, national origin, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, marital status, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability. The District will provide equal access to school facilities to the Boy Scouts of America and all other designated youth groups listed in Title 36 of the United States Code as a patriotic society. District programs will be free from sexual harassment. Auxiliary aids and services will be provided upon request to individuals with hearing, vision, or speech disabilities.

The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:

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