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- * Ownership
- * Courage
- * Knowledge
- * Safety



AOS Newsletter

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A Word from the Principal

The rain is upon us, the weather has turned cold, the holidays are here, we completed the first trimester, and now it is winter break!

I would like to congratulate all of the students on the completion of a successful first trimester and a strong start to the second trimester.

The week before break our seniors all loaded on to a school bus dressed in their best professional clothes and went to Linn-Benton Community College where they learned about local career opportunities, listened to a panel of profes-

sionals share insight into how to be successful in their career, learned about financial planning, and practiced job interviews.

As always, the AOS students presented themselves professionally and were some of the best dressed, behaved, and prepared at the event.

On a sad note, it is with a heavy heart that I am announcing the departure of our office manager and registrar, Suzanne Collette. Suzanne has been with AOS for over

thirteen years. It is impossible to express how much she will be missed or how irreplaceable she is. Suzanne has done more for the functioning of our school than anyone else.

We wish her success and joy as she moves on to her next professional endeavor. Thank you, Suzanne, for always working hard, going above and beyond, and for putting up with principal after principal, year after year.

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday break and returns well-rested, relaxed, and ready to continue learning.



Seniors Impress at Youth Job Fair

Every year high school seniors from Linn County attend the local Youth Job Fair hosted by Linn-Benton Community College and the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce as part of their career requirements for graduation.

This year

AOS sent 39 seniors to the event. The students participating in mock interviews with professionals in our community.



All of our students returned with great feedback and comments on their

evaluations. The students also listened to a guest speaker


panel, learned about financial planning, and met with employers in the community to learn about opportunities and employment in their field.



January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL	30 NO SCHOOL	31 NO SCHOOL	1 NO SCHOOL HAPPY NEW YEAR!	2
Winter Break 						
3	4	5	6 Early Release	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Early Release	14	15	16
17	18 NO SCHOOL MLK DAY 	19	20 Early Release	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Early Release	28	29 FINALS End of Grading Period	30

February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1 NO SCHOOL Grading Days	2 Start of new grading period	3 Early Release	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Early Release	11	12 GPA Awards	13
14 valentine's Day	15 NO SCHOOL President's Day 	16	17 Early Release	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Early Release	25	26	27
28						

Important Information

CALL 2-1-1

Looking for local health and social services?

Dial 2-1-1 and someone will answer to help you find local health and social services in the area that meet your needs.

The number is toll free and anonymous.

You can also text your zip code to 898211 or email them at help@211info.org

Harvard Astrobiology Online Course

Congratulations to the students who completed the Harvard Astrobiology Online Course independently last term in an effort to earn additional credits with Mrs. Gillispie:



Jasmine Ramirez

Carlos Orozco

Lizet Martinez



Interested in earning additional science credit through this opportunity? See Mrs. Gillispie

SENIOR PARENT NIGHT

There will be a senior parent night on **Tuesday, January 12th from 6-8:00pm.**

It will be an opportunity to discuss graduation, FAFSA, caps and gowns, and more.

There will also be a soup dinner provided that evening.

We hope to see you there!

Digital Media Class Learns Web Skills

Learning how to use computers and technology effectively is a key part of education in the 21st century. In Digital Media, students develop the skills necessary to create content for a modern audience. This trimester, the class is focusing on website design, with the goal of establishing a digital yearbook for AOS students.

As the course moves forward, stu-

dents will learn how to use common web design platforms, which will enable them to add valuable skills to their resumes. It will also allow them to create an artifact of their learning via the design and maintenance of their website. There are other skills that go into good web design, such as quality photography, good writing, and creative content.

Digital Media also covers what it means to be a good digital citizen. The course is centered around the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE)



student standards, which emphasize creativity and innovation, critical thinking, information processing, collaboration, digital citizenship, and demonstrating the ability to use a variety of

technological platforms.

Overall, the course shows students that there is more to the technological world than the smartphone in their hands; from film to photography, from web design to sound design, there is a lot to be learned in the digital world.



Leadership Adopts a Family for the Holidays

Mrs. Mitchell's Leadership class spent the last term fundraising to provide Christmas gifts to local families in need.

Through the Haunted House Fundraiser and a school-wide coin drive, the Leadership class raised over \$400. Last week, they were able to use that money to pick out gifts for ten children, ranging in age from 1

to 14 years old.

The Leadership students thoroughly enjoyed choosing gifts. Even though the fundraising took many hours of hard work outside of class time, the Leadership class is in agreement that there



could have been no better reason for their dedication. They are already looking forward to outdoing themselves next year, and hope to be able to increase the amount of children that they will be able to give to.

Computer Hardware Class Bringing Relevant Skills

AOS has added a computer hardware class to the elective options this term.

The class focuses on the individual parts within a computer and what each of them does, as well as the specifications that make those parts good to use.

The students have taken a close look at hard drives and CPUs. By the end of the term, students will have looked through each element of the computer and have an idea of what specific things to look for when

buying, or building, their own.

As a part of the learning experience, the school received ten outdated computers that the students are going to take all the way apart, discuss each piece, and then piece back together.

As they look through the parts, the students are looking to improve the performance of each through small upgrades from the other machines.

Students are trading parts between computers to try and make their machine the best

one. After the computers are put back together, the students will run benchmark tests on them and see who improved their computer the most.

Most of the students are engaged in the class to learn how to build a better gaming computer, but in the process they are learning valuable career skills.

Jobs in every field are needing better and better understanding of computers from their employees. Students will leave this class with a knowledge and interest in computers that could serve them for a lifetime.



GRADUATES

Congratulations to the students who completed the requirements for the high school diploma at the end of the first six-week grading period.

Ashlee Holcomb

Gage Hoover

Cole VanHoosen

Janel Labell

Alexis Rojas

Mariah Downer

GED COMPLETERS

Congratulations the following students for passing and completing all of the tests for the GED.

Dylan Weber

Sashianna Ballard

Austin Nichens

Amos Guerro

Cassandra Johnson

Amanda Enyart

Pic of the Month



From left: Recent graduates Ashlee Holcomb, Gage Hoover, Alexis Rojas, and Janel LaBell.

Congratulations, graduates!!

Gift from Central Willamette Community Credit Union

Central Willamette Community Credit Union (CWCCU) granted Mrs. Harryman's Family and Consumer Sciences class with \$300 to use this term for supplies.

Central Willamette Community Credit Union (CWCCU) has long been a supporter of the teachers and students at Albany Options School.



In the last few years they have supported the Foods class, field trips, the horticulture program, and even helped sponsor the new greenhouse for the school.

The funds were applied for through their mini grant program for teachers.

The funds will be used to cover the material costs for the Family and Consumer Sciences

class, where the students have been learning how to sew.

With the funds the students will be making blankets, which they will donate to a local non-profit.

The last two weeks they have learned some basic sewing skills, and have made felt ornaments and stockings.



Academic Awards for the Second Grading Period

Congratulations to the students who earned outstanding academic awards from the following teachers in their classes:

Mr. Corliss

Ashlea Holcomb—Geoetry
Monet Jackson—Algebra 1
Carlos Orozco—Financial Algebra
Mason Wooldridge—Geometry
Jasmine Ramirez—Algebra 2
Connor Seunninga—Computer Prog.

Mrs. Gillispie

Kylee Adams—Art
Megan Scalise-Harvey—Biology
Mariah Campbell—Chemistry
Jaushua Jung—Biology
Connor Suenninga—Earth Science
Jessica deMontigny—Earth Science

Mr. Wolfe

Jaushia Jung—Mock Trial
Mariah Campbell—Psychology
Mariah Campbell—American Gov
Ashlea Davenport—Current World
Jaushua Jung—Running

Ms. Fitzpatrick

Shyanne Hoggins—Heath
Michael Robb—Geometry
Michael Malott—Adventure Survival

Mrs. Mitchell

Lupita Rojas—Leadership
Mariah Downer—Graphic Lit
Imelee Perez—Geography
Shania Sims—American Lit

Mrs. Harryman

Ashlea Davenport—Oregon History
Kyra Dickson—Mythology
Anthony Cournyer—Horticulture
Jasmine Ramirez—World Religions
Jaushua Jung—World Religions Lit
Zackary Null—World Religions Lit
Jonas Zarr—Foods Class

Ms. Jansen

Stephen Hackney—Digital Media
Jessica deMontigny—Journalism
Jasmine Barrientos—Legends Lit
Luis DeSantiago—Legends Lit
Lizet Martinez-Sanchez—Science Fi
Kylee Adams—Science Fiction Lit

Ms. Kozak

Crystal Juarez—Choices
Cassandra Vazquez—Choices

Congratulations to the honor role students from the first six-week grading period!

4.0 GPA:

Michael Malott
Kylee Adams

4.0 GPA cont...

Austin Fox
Jaushua Jung
Jasmine Ramirez
Connor Seunninga
Ashlea Davenport
Janel LaBell
Lizet Martinez-Sanchez



3.5-3.99 GPA:

Jessica deMontigny
Mariah Campbell
Anthony Cournyer
Hannah Gann
Zackary Null
Cole VanHoosen
Kyra Dickson
Ashlee Holcomb
Angeline Navarro-Herrera
Imelee Perez

Congratulations to the students who earned the 100% Perfect Attendance Award:*

Luis DeSantiago
Ashlea Davenport
Jessica deMontigny
Stephen Hackney
Hannah Hagan-Morin
Jaushua Jung
Victoria Kinzer
Lupita Rojas
Dakota Sanders
Connor Seunninga
Shania Sims



Mock Trial Goes to Linn County Courthouse

Mr. Wolfe's Mock Trial students went to the Linn County Courthouse on Thursday morning, December 3rd, and argued the case of U.S. v. Michael Davis.

The criminal case involved an alleged date rape. The prosecution team of Janel Labell, Connor Seunninga, and Tony Bergener did an admirable job trying to demonstrate guilt of Sexual Assault in the 1st Degree to the jury. However, the jury was still left with reasonable doubt and returned a "Not

Guilty" verdict for the defendant Michael Davis (played by Jaushua Jung). The defense team had several outstanding performances including Taylor McGarvey's cross examination of the alleged victim.

Mr. Wolfe was extremely impressed by his students' efforts. "The kids were so into it that we actually ran out of time! I think

they could have spent the entire day in court arguing and trying to win their case. It proved to me how much they cared about the case." The jurors, who were various members of the Albany community, also commented on the excellent performances of the students. One juror described the students as, "Serious and passionate."



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