



**Albany Options
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AOS Newsletter

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A Word from the Principal

This month we wrap up the second trimester and head into the third and final trimester of the school year. I am blown away by how quickly the school year has been flying by.

Hard to imagine that during the next twelve weeks we will watch the weather shift, celebrate all of our Spring festivities like Spirit Week, AOS Day of Service, and Senior BBQ, and watch our seniors cross the stage and receive their diplomas.

In preparing for the final term I would like to urge every student to work their hardest to bring up their grades, do well on finals, and pass their classes so they get their credits.

For many of our seniors this is crunch time. Many are right on the edge of being able to graduate. Make sure you are reading your transcript closely to make sure you are in the right classes, pass everything, and check with Mrs.

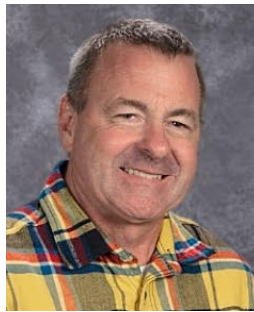
Harryman to make sure you are doing everything else you need to be on track. Many of you have been coming to her for packets to earn those last few credits standing between you and graduation.

Parents, now, more than ever, is when we need your help to make sure your student is coming to school, getting their work done, and passing their classes. If a student isn't at school we can't do anything to help them, so please encourage your student to come every day and be here on time. We always encourage parents to contact us with any questions or concerns.

This past month we have had some major accomplishments and celebrations at AOS, which you will read about more in the newsletter, but I especially wanted to congratulate the students who attended the Linn-Benton Community College CTE Signing Day





event. AOS had the greatest number of students represented, which shows me how serious you are about your futures and going on to bigger and better. Please make sure you are checking in with Mrs. Harryman to make sure you have all of your paperwork done, applications turned in, and deadlines met.

As always, I would like to encourage parents to contact me or the counselor at any time if you have any questions or concerns about how your student is doing in their classes or where they are in relationship to graduation.



Mr. Hunter pictured with Mrs. Fewless for the Mardi Gras celebration at AOS, Tuesday, February 13th.

March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Coffee with the Counselor 8-9am 	2 <i>Cesar Chavez Leadership Conference</i>	3
4	5	6 <i>Optimist Youth Appreciation awards, LBCC, 6pm</i>	7 Early Release	8	9 End of Grading Period FINALS	10
11 Daylight Savings Time Starts 	12 NO SCHOOL Grading Day	13 Start of new Trimester	14 Early Release Teen Parenting Class 2:30-4pm	15 Wellness Survey	16 Deadline to order graduation cap and gown	17 iRun 5K 
18	19	20 <i>First Day of Spring!</i> 	21 Early Release Teen Parenting Class 2:30-4pm	22	23	24 SOLV Beach Clean-up
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
No School: Spring Break						

April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Easter Sunday</i> 	2	3	4 Early Release Teen Parenting Class 2:30-4pm	5	6 NO SCHOOL Professional Development	7
8	9	10	11 Early Release Teen Parenting Class 2:30-4pm	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Early Release Teen Parenting Class 2:30-4pm	19	20	21
22	23 	24 Construction Career Day	25 Early Release Girls Circle 2:30-3:30 Teen Parenting Class	26 Kiwanis Honors Dessert, 7pm, Albany Senior Center	27 FINALS: End of Grading Period	28
29	30 NO SCHOOL Grading Day	May 1 Start of new grading period	2 Early Release Girls Circle 2:30-3:30	3	4	5

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

After school classes...

Albany Options School is once again hosting the teen parenting class, starting Wednesday, March 14th and running every week through April 25th. There will not be class during Spring Break. Students will earn elective credit. If you are a teen parent and interested, please see Mrs. Harryman or Rhonda in FACT for more information.

AOS will be offering a Girls Circle group for girls who have been victims of abuse starting Wednesday, April 25th and running every Wednesday through June 6th. Students who participate will earn credit. See Mrs. Harryman for more information or to sign up.

Have a Job?

If you have a job see the counselor, Mrs. Harryman, to find out how you can earn up to 2.0 Elective credits for the work you are doing.

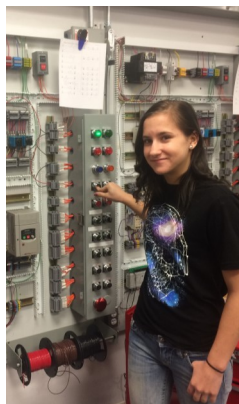
Want to Earn More Credits?

Mrs. Harryman also has some packets or can set you up with Odyssey if you are interested in earning additional credits this year on top of your classes.

GED Program Explores Careers

During the past month, students in the GED program have been spending more time exploring their options after they get their GED.

Students visited and took a tour of LBCC, as well as the Central Electric Training Center in Tangent. In addition, guest speakers have been visiting the



class including the CNA program with Regency of Albany, and the LBCC Radiology program.

Students in the GED program are getting assistance completing their GED and getting into post-secondary schools and programs.

The GED teacher, Christy Fitzpatrick, is in grad-

uate school at Western Oregon University,

where she is completing a research project

on post-secondary planning in the GED program. She hopes to provide successful and meaningful opportunities for the students who choose to receive their GED.



GED Completers

Congratulations to the following students to completed their GED during the month of February:

Chloe LeFever
Steven Birtwell
Healther Gallentine
Gage Conklin
Lance Wallace

Thank you, APSF

A special thank you to the Albany Public School Foundation, which sponsored new running gear for the AOS Running class.

The students were fitted with new shorts, running tanks, and sweat-shirts to wear in



class and when the group participates in 5k races.

Thank you, APSF for your continued support of AOS and our students! Look for us in the iRun for Kids 5k later this month.

Students Attend National CTE Signing Day at LBCC

On Thursday, February 15th, eleven AOS students attended the LBCC National CTE Signing Day to sign their letters of intent and reserve their places in programs at LBCC.

This is an event that takes place across the country.

AOS had the largest number of students from any school represented.

Congratulations to the students who have signed up to attend LBCC in the following programs:

- Gerardo Cortez Ortiz, Accounting Technology
- Rosa Mendoza, Medical Assistant
- Anais Ortiz, Medical Assistant
- Madeline Crocker, Computer Aided Design and Drafting Technology
- Jennifer Orozco Sanabria, Medical Assistant



- Eric Martinez-Contreras, Automotive Technology
- Stefany Sanchez, Medical Assistant
- Talton Dunshee, Welding and Fabrication Technology
- Israel Moreno, Automotive Technology
- Jose Mendoza-Ramirez, Mechatronics and Industrial Automation Technology
- Gilbert Howell, Welding and Fabrication Technology



Student Accepted to WOU

Congratulations to Makenzie Vineyard, who was accepted to Western Oregon University.

Kenzie came to AOS as a freshman and worked hard, setting her up to graduate early as a Junior!

She plans to attend WOU's Psychology program next Fall.

Kenzie is the fifth AOS student to be accepted into a 4-year college, and the third to be accepted to Western, join-



Western Oregon University is one of the public State universities, located in Monmouth. Congratulations!

ing Hailey Cotton and Adriana Hernandez who are both going into pre-professional nursing program.

Kesha Collett and Juan Ortiz were also accepted into Pacific Northwest College of Art in Portland.

Rotary Student



Congratulations to Leslie Lazcano Uriostegui, who was recognized with the "Service Above Self" award from the Rotary Club of Albany on Tuesday, February 13th.

Leslie was selected for her commitment to serving her community and standing up for what is right. Congratulations, Leslie!

Mardi Gras and Valentine's Day Celebrations



Update from the Counselor...

It is that time of year for our seniors to really be finalizing their plans after graduation. Many have been accepted into colleges or programs, but have much more yet to do.

Please check out the following list of things you should be doing. If there is something you need assistance with, please do not hesitate to contact me:

- Completed the FAFSA (fafsa.gov) if you plan on attending any college next year. You cannot get any financial aid without completing the FAFSA
- If you do not qualify for the FAFSA, you should apply for the ORSAA (oregonstudentaid.gov)
- If you plan to attend community college or WOU, complete the Oregon Promise (oregonstudentaid.gov/Oregon-promise.aspx)
- Apply to LBCC (linnbenton.edu)
- Meet with Harryman to share your plans and discuss possible scholarships
- Apply for scholarships

Financial aid is awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis, so it is important that you complete the FAFSA, ORSAA, and Oregon Promise as soon as possible. It doesn't cost anything to apply, so even if unsure of your plans, please take the time to apply. Please see me with any questions.

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AOS encourages students and families to take advantage of the many resources our community has to offer. Below is a list of services and organizations available throughout Linn County that are available to the public.

- **Family Connections:** The people to call for child care, parenting information, family activities and more.....(541)917-4899 or 1-800-845-1363
- **Comcast Internet Essentials:** Affordable internet may be available for families with a child receiving free school lunches.....1-855-846-8376
- **Oregon Health Plan (OHP):** Provides health insurance to qualified citizens, includes dental services.....1-800-359-9517
- **Families and Agencies Coming Together (FACT):** Community resources for families with children in the Albany School District541-924-3720
- **Jackson Street Youth Shelter, Cornerstone Youth Outreach Center:** Overnight and drop-in resources for youth in Albany, Corvallis.....541-207-2958
- **FISH Clothes Closet:** Free clothing available; must bring name with current address. 1880 Hill St. SE. Albany.....928-4460
- Call **211** for free and confidential information regarding help with food, housing, employment, health care, counseling and more.

****For more community resources please visit the Albany Option School webpage:**
www.albany.k12.or.us/AOS/

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