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AOS Newsletter

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A Word from the Principal



It's the final six-week grading period of the year, which is one of the most excit-

ing and fun times of the year, but also one of the most stressful. For many of our seniors, this is the make or break point as we get closer and closer to graduation.

On our Instagram and Facebook pages we are seeing the countdown to graduation photos

every morning as a daily reminder that it's time to work extra hard, pass every class, pass any remaining Essentials, come to school every day, and complete any additional work.

For all, the weather is getting more and more beautiful, which makes it hard to focus on school. I urge you to make that extra push to come to school and get

your work done. Without coming to school it's hard to pass your classes, and it's hard to earn credits if you aren't passing your classes.

Parents and guardians, please support your student and their education by getting them to school and making sure that it is their number one responsibility. They will be rewarded with summer in just a matter of weeks.

Graduation is at LBCC in the Russell Tripp Theater at 7pm on Monday, June 11th.

Guests will be required to have a ticket in order to enter.

Rehearsal is mandatory. Graduates must be at the theater by 11am on June 11th in order to participate in graduation.

This happens about every 5 years and involves an outside organization evaluating almost every aspect of our school. I know this was a stressful time for many of the staff and students, but I was so pleased with how well the students represented themselves and our school. Needless to say, AOS did very well and received great scores from the accreditation review.

Earlier this month we held our first ever prom! It was an incredible evening and so much fun. I would like to express my gratitude to Mrs. Harryman and Mrs. Barker for putting together such a beautiful and fun prom, to Mrs. Gillispie for being our photographer that evening, to the staff and their significant others who came and chaperoned the evening, and to all of our community partners who so generously donated and contributed to the event. It was a huge success!

We have a lot of fun things coming up between now and the end of the year including our Spirit Week, AOS Day of Service, and our Senior Awards Assembly and Senior BBQ. Keep an eye on our calendars and social media so you don't miss anything.





AOS Facebook:

facebook.com/albanyoptions



AOS Instagram:

@AlbanyOptionsSchool
#AlbanyOptionsSchool
#AOSrocks #AOSknights

May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Start of new grading period	2 Early Release Girls Circle 2:30-3:30	3	4 PROM: A Knight to Remember 7pm	5
6	7 4:30-pm— Peacemaker Awards 7:00pm— School All-Star Awards	8	9 Early Release Girls Circle 2:30-3:30	10 Southpaw's Pizza Challenge, 1pm	11 SCHOOL ZOO TRIP 	12
13 	14	15	16 Early Release Girls Circle 2:30-3:30	17	18 Senior Portraits and Senior Shirt tie dye 12:45-3pm	19
20	21 Spirit Week: PJ Day 	22 Spirit Week: Twin Day	23 Early Release Spirit Week: Wacky Weds Girls Circle	24 Spirit Week: 90's Day <i>Knight of Nights 5pm at AOS</i>	25 Spirit Week: LUAU 	26
27	28 NO SCHOOL: Memorial Day	29	30 Early Release Girls Circle 2:30-3:30	31		

June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6 Early Release Girls Circle 2:30-3:30	7 FINALS Senior Awards: 12:40pm, Senior BBQ: 1:30pm	8 Start of Mini Sessions Term	9
10 	11 Grad rehearsal at 11am, LBCC Graduation at 7pm, LBCC	12	13 NO EARLY RELEASE	14 End of Mini Sessions. Last day of school!	15 NO SCHOOL Grading Day	16 
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Important Information

Important 2018-2019

Registration Information

Additional information about Online Registration for the 2018-19 school year was recently sent home or e-mailed.

If you did not receive this information flyer, please contact the school office or go to

<http://albany.k12.or.us/parents/online-registration>

to download the flyer.

Importante información de la Inscripción 2018-2019

Información adicional sobre la Inscripción en el Internet para el año escolar 2018-2019, fue recientemente enviada a la casa o por correo electrónico.

Si usted no ha recibido este volante informativo, por favor contacte la oficina de la escuela o vaya a:

<http://albany.k12.or.us/parents/online-registration>

para descargar el volante.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

The last day of school for graduating seniors:

Thursday, June 7th (all work is due by 3:30pm if you plan to walk at graduation!!)

Last day of school for the rest of the school is **Thursday, June 14th**

June 8-14th is mini sessions for all students.

No early release June 13th, 14th is a half day.

To-Dos and Checklist for Graduates

I NEED TO...

- ⇒ Bring in my baby photo
- ⇒ Take countdown to grad photo
- ⇒ Take the Senior Exit Survey
- ⇒ Tie-Dye my senior shirt
- ⇒ Pay for my cap and gown (\$25) **DUE MONDAY, MAY 7th**
- ⇒ Attend the Senior BBQ
- ⇒ Attend graduation rehearsal
- ⇒ Take my senior headshot
- ⇒ Pass my Essentials
- ⇒ Complete any additional packets/classes to graduate
- ⇒ Get graduation tickets (not available yet)

THE DATES I NEED ARE...

- ⇒ Tie-Dye Shirts, Friday, May 18th
- ⇒ Senior headshots, May 18th, 1pm
- ⇒ Senior Awards Assembly, Thursday, June 7th, 12:30pm
- ⇒ Senior BBQ (last day of school!), Thursday, June 7th, 1:25-2:25pm
- ⇒ Graduation Rehearsal (MANDATORY!), Monday, June 11th, 11am, LBCC Russell Tripp Theater
- ⇒ GRADUATION! – Monday, June 11th, 7pm, LBCCC, Russell Tripp

Graduates must be at LBCC by 6pm in cap and gown for class photos

IMPORTANT REMINDERS ARE...

- ⇒ You cannot walk in graduation if you do not attend rehearsal
- ⇒ You cannot have a cap and gown unless you pay for it. See Mrs. Barker if there is an issue or you have not paid for it yet
- ⇒ You cannot walk in graduation without a cap and gown
- ⇒ All assignments are due by 3:30pm on Thursday, June 7th

If you have a question or concern about any of the above items, please see Mrs. Harryman

GED Completers

Congratulations to the following students who completed their GED during the months of March and April:

March:

Megan Carter
Sophia Gonzalez-Bolen
Whitney Rogers

April:

Shyann Harris
Ashleigh Quinlan
Ashton Richmond
Cecilio Romero
Dominic Walters
Tanner Mills
Eric Whitney

AOS Wins iRun

For the second year in a row, AOS won as the school with the largest percentage of participants in the iRun hosted by the Albany Public Schools Foundation. In recognition of this, AOS received a check for \$500 from the foundation and from Paventy and Brown Orthodontics. Thank you!



Students Volunteer Their Time

Recently students at AOS have been spending a lot of their time volunteering in a variety of capacities.

Students in the Latino Club volunteered an evening at SAHS



for an event to benefit the Latino families in our district.

Students in the Leadership Class have been volunteering every week at both the Boys and Girls Club and at Fish of Albany.

In addition, students



have been going over to Sunrise Elementary School every Wednesday and working as classroom helpers in the kindergarten and

first grade classrooms. They have been helping the students with their reading and math.

AOS Hosts First Prom



On Friday, May 4th, AOS hosted their very first prom! The theme was, "A Knight to Remember, and over sixty students were in attendance.



Students Receive Recognition

On Monday, May 7th, four AOS students were recognized by the Albany Peace Seekers organization with the Peacemaker Award. Laurel Elliott, Hailey Cotton, Stefany Sanchez, and Breanna Volkers were all nominated by staff and students for the honor.

All four students are planning on graduating this year, so they all interviewed for the \$500 scholarship award through the organization. The winner will



be announced at the Senior Awards Assembly.

Mr. Corliss, who teaches Math, Computer Pro-

gramming, and Leadership, was also recognized with the Peacemaker Award.

The same evening of May 7th, Laurel Elliott and Juan Ortiz Cortez were recognized at the School Board special meeting with the Student All-Stars award.



Recipients of this award were nominated by Mr. Hunter for being outstanding in citizenship or community service within the school or broader community.

Juan Ortiz Cortez

and Makenzie Vineyard were also recognized by the Kiwanis Club for their excellence in academics, leadership, and community service on April 27th.



Academic Awards for Trimester 3, Grading Period 1

Congratulations to the following students who earned academic awards during the first grading period of Trimester 3:

Mr. Corliss:

Melyssa Montano—Algebra I
Tyler Fournier—Construction Math
Hunter Colwell—Financial Algebra
Yuritzi Rivas Romero—Leadership
Breanna Volkers—Leadership

Ms. Fitzpatrick:

Sierra Tagen—Math Proficiency
Yuritzi Rivas Romero—Geometry
Ernie Berridge—Geometry
Abigail Ross—Recreational Sport

Ms. Jansen:

Ernie Berridge—Legends Lit
Sierra Tagen—Sci Fi Lit
Laurel Elliott—Sci Fi Lit
Matthew Strom—Legends Lit

Mrs. Mitchell:

Hailey Cotton—Sign Language
Breanna Volkers—Graphic Literature
Israel Moreno—US History
Abigail Ross—Economics

Mrs. Gillispie:

Breanna Volkers—Art
Hunter Colwell—Biology
Gabe Mena—Biology
Abigail Ross—Chemistry
Anais Ortiz—Chemistry
Kesha Collett—Health
Colby Jackson Waters—Forensics
Javier Perez—Biology & Health

Mrs. Roundy:

Sarah Watts—World History
Juan Ortiz Cortez—World History
Ernie Berridge—Historical Fiction Lit
Anais Ortiz—Historical Fiction Lit
Breanna Volkers—Historical Fiction
Stefany Sanchez—Mythology

Mr. Wolfe:

Madeline Crocker—Street Law
Hailey Cotton—Creative Writing
Karla Franco Mireles—World Topics
C.J. Preston—Running

Congratulations to the students who earned Honor Roll during the last six-week grading period:

4.0 GPA:

Laurel Elliott
Gavin Maloney
Breanna Volkers

3.5-3.99:

Kesha Collett
Sierra Tagen
Annaliese Papesch-Schmidt
Ethan Sjolander
Ernie Berridge
Abigail Ross
Deanna Smith
Yuritzi Rivas Romero
Hailey Cotton
Matthew Strom

100% Attendance:

Hunter Colwell
Elias Utt
Alex Sandoval
Israel Moreno
Gabe Mena



Mini Sessions: Course Offerings

The last week of the year we will offer four mini sessions again. Students will be placed in one class for the week and will earn .25 credits.

Fanfiction for Literacy (English)

Ms. Jansen will introduce students to writing fanfiction (fan-created works about existing movies, television shows, novels, anime, etc.). The class will read comics and manga. Students will go on field trips, which may include visits to OSU, the movie theater, and a comic book shop.

Mock Trial (Social Studies)

With Mr. Wolfe and Ms. Roundy, stu-

dents will prepare and perform a criminal case. Students will play the roles of lawyers and witnesses and the trial will take place at the Linn County Courthouse. Students will also take a field trip to the courthouse where they will sit in on a real trial and possibly speak to a judge and deputy district attorney.

Introduction to Backpacking (PE)

Students will have the opportunity to explore the many trails near Albany and the Willamette Valley. Students will engage in daily hiking adventures while also learning about personal safety on the trails, hiking gear, na-

tive plants, map reading and so much more. We are excited to show students all the beauty that surrounds them!

LEGO Robotics (Science)

This is a beginners approach to robotics where students will get hands on learning with Lego Mindstorms. First of all students will get to build their own robot that will conquer a challenge course. Then they will learn how to program a robot, understand the electrical components and last of all challenge their fellow classmates in a final course that they have programmed their robots to defeat.

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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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