



Albany Options School
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AOS Newsletter

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A Word from the Principal



In January we finished up our third grading period, officially marking the halfway point of the

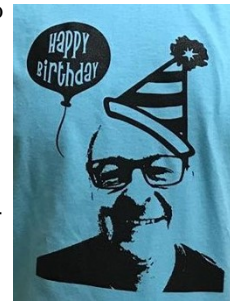
school year. It is hard to believe we are already this far into the year and so close to graduation!

With that comes the reminder as to why we are here, graduation! I would like to urge every student to work hard, pass classes, earn credits, and check with the counselor to make sure you are doing everything you should to graduate.

The second half of the school year is going to be full of many exciting things. Before we know it we will be at Spring Break, Spirit Week, CTE Signing Day, our annual Luau celebration, Senior BBQ, Senior Class Awards, and then, of course, graduation! While all of

that seems so far away from us, especially with our recent snowy and cold weather, it will sneak up and be here in no time.

Data was recently released by the State, which showed AOS continuing to grow with higher graduation and completer rates. This is a testament to the incredible work of our wonderful staff and the hard work of our students.



I just celebrated my birthday on February 1st, and I was overwhelmed by all of the love and well-wishes I



received. No better way to celebrate your birthday than by being surrounded by the people you love doing the things you love. I truly love my job and each and every person I get to work with. Thank you to everyone who helped make me feel so special on my birthday. I was even surprised with my very own birthday shirt!



February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Mr. Hunter's birthday 	2
3	4	5	6 Early Release	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Early Release	14 Valentine's Day 	15	16
17 	18 NO SCHOOL: President's Day	19	20 Early Release ACT: ALL JUNIORS 9:30-2:30pm	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Early Release	28		

March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Cesar Chavez Conference GED field trip to LBCC	2
3	4	5	6 Early Release FINALS	7 FINALS	8 NO SCHOOL: Grading Day	9
10 Daylight Savings 	11 Start of Spring Trimester (Trimester 3, Grading Period 1)	12 Youth Appreciation Awards—LBCC, 6pm	13 Early Release	14	15	16
17 St. Patrick's Day 	18	19	20 Early Release	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Spring Break

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

SNOW DAYS

In case of inclement weather such as snow or ice, check the district website to see if there will be school. You can also sign up for text notifications from the website.

Information will also be posted to the AOS Facebook page and Instagram accounts at:

www.facebook.com/albanyoptions

@AlbanyOptionsSchool

aos.albany.k12.or.us



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 Completers

Congratulations to the following students who passed all of their test and earned their GED:

Nathan Smith
Patrick Koker
Addison Walch
Angel Trentacosti
Mike Bentley
Jason Gonzalez
Jakob Woods
Samuel Keith

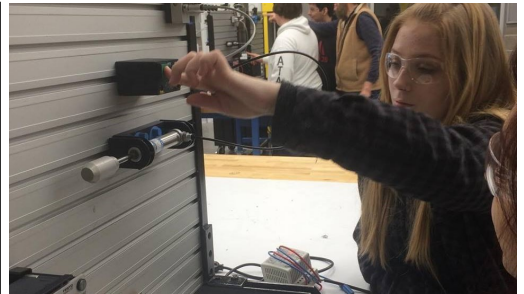
Graduates

Congratulations to the students who completed the requirements for the high school diploma:

Hunter Treglown
Lyndsey Frank
Christian Chilcote
Dustyn Lowry



Pic of the Month



AOS students have been attending the trades career days provided by LBCC and the Pipelines program, including the Women in Manufacturing and the Welding career exploration days.

Two Teachers Recognized for Service

Two staff members at AOS received certificates honoring them for their service to education from the school district.

Mark Wolfe, who primarily teaches Social Studies was recognized for completing ten years with our school district. Mr. Wolfe is known for classes such as Mock Trial, Psychology, and Sociology, but also teaches English and PE at AOS.



He started the running program at AOS and currently teaches Weight Training.

Before teaching in the high school, Mr. Wolfe was our GED program teacher for several years.

Danny Corliss received a certificate honoring his five years

with the district. Mr. Corliss teaches math throughout the day, and often students comment on how it is thanks to him that they no longer hate math.

In addition to teaching math, Mr. Corliss also teaches Computer Programming, Leadership, Game Theory and Strategies, Computer Hardware, and has run the AOS Chess Club.

Thank you to both for your service to our school and the district.

Senior To-Do List from Mrs. Harryman



Dear graduating seniors, it may seem like graduation is far off in the future, but it will be here before you know it. We are in the second half of your senior year and will be

wrapping up your high school career before you know it.

1. Track your credits! You are given a copy of your transcript every six-week grading period. Know what it means to be on track. If unsure or lost your transcript, come see me right away. If you are not on track, make sure you have a plan for how you are going to get back on track to graduate this year.

2. Order your cap and gown for the graduation ceremony, June 10, 2019. Miners Graduate Services is our providers. See the insert for deadlines!

3. Return all books – Here at AOS,

and at your referring school.

4. You must have all of your work completed for your classes and all fines paid by June 7, 2019, by 3:30pm.

5. Complete the FAFSA and “Oregon Promise” application. Check in with me if you would like to set up an appointment to get your applications done with her help. When completed, make sure you show me so that you can

be put on her scholarship recipient list.

6. Get at least one letter of recommendation from an adult who knows you (but not your parent). Don't wait until the last minute for a letter, and don't wait until next year when the teachers may not remember

as much about you.

7. Make sure you have a current copy

of your resume, which includes a list of activities you participated in while at AOS.

GRADUATION

Graduation is June 10th at 7pm in the Russell Tripp Theater at LBCC.

Last day for seniors is Friday, June 7th. Senior Awards and Senior BBQ will be that day as well.

8. Meet with me to discuss your post-secondary plans. Make sure you leave AOS with a plan in place!

9. Turn in a copy of a picture of you as a baby and turn it in to me for the graduation slideshow. The larger the picture the better. If you bring it in to the school, one of the ladies at the front desk can scan it in and send

it to me. You can also email a digital copy of the photo me at:

anna.harryman@albany.k12.or.us.

If you have any questions be sure to see me. Keep an eye on mail from the school, as it may include additional graduation information and news you do not want to miss!



CAPS AND GOWNS

Seniors, the deadline to have ordered your caps and gowns is March 15th, 2019, if you plan on walking in graduation. The minimum purchase required is just the cap and gown, which includes the tassel. The cost is \$26. If that might be an issue for you, please let Gwen Barker, our office manager and registrar, know right away.

AOS Gets 3D Printer

Recently, the school received a 3D printer thanks to additional funding through Measure 98, which allots money to schools to be spent on career and technical education.

Classes using the 3D printer include Digital Media, Construction Math, and Art.

Currently, the Digital Media class is learning to use Tinkercad to design and



produce keychains.

Students will be able to print objects they design to an accuracy of a tenth of a millimeter.

In the spring term, Construction Math will start using the 3D printer to generate small-scale models of larger projects so that the students can see the end result before the project is even started.

Save the Date!

AOS will be hosting a prom again this year. Save the date for Friday, May 3rd. Tickets will be free to all students. More info coming soon...

SAVE THE DATE:

Prom will be
Friday, May 3rd

Academic Awards, Trimester 2, Grading Period 1

Congratulations to the following students who earned academic and attendance awards during the last six-week grading period:

Mrs. Gillispie:

Champayne Perry—Biology
Annaliese Papesh Schmidt—Biology
Alejandro Padilla—Physics
Anna Hiner—Physics
Cole Bussell—Physics
Liliana Sanders—Earth Science
Brianna Graunitz—Art

Mrs. Roundy:

Israel Martinez—World History
Lyndsey Frank—Mythology
Annaliese Papesh Schmidt—Brit Lit
Riley McLearn—British Literature

Ms. Fitzpatrick:

Gemini Soules—Fitness
Jose Mendoza—Geometry
Leo Brown—Math Proficiency
Ally Backer—Math Proficiency

Mrs. Mitchell:

CJ Womack—Theater
Israel Martinez—World History
Jose Mendoza—Cultural Literature

Mr. Wolfe:

Gemini Soules—Sociology
Lyndsey Frank—Economics
Cimantha Hormel—Psychology
Gabe Mena—Weights

Mr. Corliss:

Josie-Beau DeVaney—Geometry
CJ Womack—Geometry
Anisa Hoffman—Prob and Stats
Elvia Orozco-Valencia—Algebra I
Elise Hart—Computer Programming
Elias Utt—Algebra II

Ms. Jansen:

Angel Padilla—Contemporary Fiction
Gemini Soules—Contemp. Fiction
Cole Bussell—Speculative Literature
Josie-Beau DeVaney—Speculative Lit

100% Attendance:

Gabe Mena
Elias Utt
Alex Sandoval
Alejandro Padilla

100% Attendance for whole year:

Alejandro Padilla
Alex Sandoval

No Tardies:

Alejandro Padilla
Elise Hart
Liliana Sanders
Caleb Mitchell
Cole Bussell

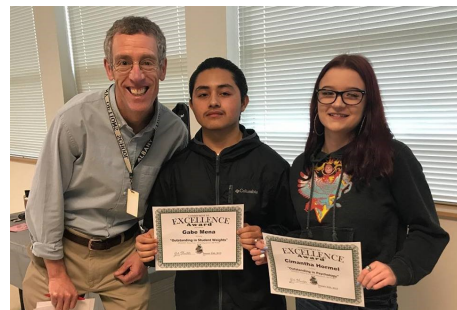
Congratulations to the students who earned a place on the Honor Roll during the first six-week grading period:

4.0 GPA:

Cimantha Hormel
Anna Hiner

3.5-3.99 GPA:

Champayne Perry
Ernie Berridge
Liliana Sanders
Gemini Sules
Elise Hart
Gavin Maloney



AOS Welcomes New Custodian

AOS is extremely excited to be able to welcome James Weber to our family. James is joining our staff as our new custodian after Alex Dixon left us earlier this year for a new position.

James is a West Albany High School graduate and Albany native.



Before coming to AOS, James was on the custodial team at West Albany High School, and also worked as a custodian at Oregon State University.

He currently takes care of AOS and Periwinkle Elementary School.

James is excited to be at AOS, where he said he loves the smaller environ-

ment, the great personalities, and the incredible teachers.

James has already really impressed us with his hard work and positive attitude. We are so grateful to have him here as one of our staff.

Welcome, James!



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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:** Over-night 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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