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A Word from the Principal

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ROCKS

Respect
Ownership
Courage
Knowledge
Safety



In January, we finished up our third grading period, officially marking the half-way 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. We already have over 20 students who have graduated this year, and I am excited to watch that number continue to grow.

Graduation:
Monday, June 8th
at Linn-Benton
Community College

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 cold weather, it will sneak up and be here in no time.

You may have seen in the newspaper that graduation rates are up in the region, and AOS is no exception.

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. There is 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. My favorite part of my birthday was enjoying the taco lunch prepared by the Latinos Unidos Latino Club students!

Thank you so much.



Mr. Hunter pictured with Officers Fandrem and Mitchell on Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, January 9th.

February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Mr. Hunter's Birthday
2	3 Counselor Appreciation Week!	4 Miner's Graduation here at lunch (caps, gowns, invites, memorabilia)	5 Early Release	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Early Release	13	14 <i>valentine's Day</i> 	15
16	17 NO SCHOOL: President's Day	18	19 Early Release	20	21	22
23	24	25 Junior ACT Testing: 9:30am	26 Early Release	27	28	29

March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Early Release	5 FINALS	6 NO SCHOOL: Grading Day	7
8 Daylight Saving Time starts	9 Start of Spring Trimester (Trimester 3, Grading Period 1)	10	11 Early Release	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Early Release	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
NO SCHOOL: SPRING BREAK						
29	30	31	April 1 Early Release	2	3	4

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

Pic of the Month



Students in Sociology class doing a hands-on activity about social stratification and parenting.

GRADUATES

Congratulations to the following students who met the requirements for the high school diploma:

Mackenzie Gruenhagen

Rayven Wilson

Tyler Nelson

Journey Leach

Eriauna True

Bowen Wheeler

Carter Kachel

MaryKay Wilson

Riley McClearn

Miley Parmele
Phebe Kihlstadius
Ariel Moore
Austin Smith



Latino Club Hosts School Taco Lunch

On Friday, January 31st, the students in the Latinos Unidos Latino Club hosted a taco buffet, which they opened up to the whole school and staff.

The food was cooked and prepared by the students in the club. The students in the



club host taco luncheons a few times throughout the school year as an opportunity for them to share their culture and to enjoy the fellowship.

The taco lunch coincided with the celebration for Mr. Hunter's birthday, making it an especially special occasion.



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 very soon!

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 8, 2020. Miners Graduate Services is our providers. See the insert for deadlines!

CAPS AND GOWNS

Seniors, the deadline to have ordered your caps and gowns is March 20th, 2020, 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 plus shipping and handling. If that might be an issue for you, please let Gwen Barker, our office manager and registrar, know right away.

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 5, 2020, 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 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.

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, someone 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!



Sewing Class Service Learning for Australia

With the enormous fires devastating Australia, the Sewing Class saw an opportunity to put their skills to use and help.

Mrs. Mitchell, who teaches the Sewing Class, saw the opportunity on Facebook. The Animal Rescue Craft Guild was asking for sewers to make rescue pouches and other materials for animals left orphaned or injured by the fires.

The students who had only recently begun learning how to sew in the class, were excited at the opportunity

to help and jumped right in on sewing pouches for kangaroos and wallabies.

The Albany Democrat-Herald came and wrote a story during the first week of the project. The response was overwhelming. Members of the community were generous in their dona-



Photo by Andy Cripe from the Democrat-Herald article published 1/16/20

tions of funds and supplies to help the class meet their project goals.

The class was able to make over 40 items to be shipped to Australia. We are extremely grateful to the community for the outpouring of support and generosity.

You can read the whole Democrat-Herald article online at:

aos.albany.k12.or.us

Academic Awards for Trimester 2, Grading Period 1

Congratulations to the following students who earned academic and attendance awards during the first grading period of Trimester 2:

Ms. Bellando:

Film —Miley Parmele
American Lit—Georgia Vatskaskay
American Lit—Maria Ledezma-Diaz
Journalism—Lili Sanders
Modes of Writing—Hannah George
Modes of Writing—Oliver Lee

Mrs. Mitchell:

Sewing—James Brewer
US History—Braeden Hadlock
Writing Work—Josie-Beau DeVaney
Writing Workshop—Kollin Hutsell

Mr. Wolfe:

Weight Training—Mason Nealy
Sociology—Ann Corrick
Street Law—Miley Parmele
Psychology—Lili Childress

Mrs. Roundy:

Mythology—Emily Campbell
World History—Isaac Herrera
World History—Oliver Lee
Legends of Europe—Kaydence Coats
Health Occupations—Lili Childress

Ms. Fitzpatrick:

Geometry—Abel Sanchez-Anaya
Geometry—Ann Corrick
Math Proficiency—Phebe Kihlstedt
CrossFit—George Llamas-Meza

Mr. Corliss:

Geometry—Kenya Gosnell
Geometry—Alejandro Lita-Torres
Prob & Stats—Georgia Vatskaskay
Algebra I—Natalya Sajovic
Algebra II—Braeden Hadlock
Computer Programming—Peter H

Mrs. Gillispie:

Art—Vivian Nordman
Physics—Aaliyah Halliwell
Earth Science—Charles Clay
Earth Science—Lili Childress
Oregon Wildlife—Emily Campbell
Oregon Wildlife—Oliver Lee

Perfect Attendance Award:

Miley Parmele (100% all year!)
Emily Campbell
Larry Genaro
Travis Longo
Elijah Maffel
Mason Nealy
Lili Sanders

Honor Role Award:

4.0 GPA

Lili Childress
Michaela Grant
Lucy Johnson
Oliver Lee

3.5-3.99 GPA

Josie-Beau DeVaney
Natalya Sajovic
Ann Corrick
Georgia Vatskaskay
Jazmyn Hill
Gemini Soules
Emily Campbell
Hannah George
Miley Parmele
Lili Sanders



Restorative Justice

This year our staff has really prioritized developing their teaching skills through QTEL (Quality Teaching for English Learners), which you have read about in the newspaper and in previous newsletters.

In addition, the staff has begun to explore the topic of Restorative Justice. We are always looking for new ways to be better at what we



do, so the staff has been reflecting on our own practices surrounding behaviors and relationships. We are looking at how we can improve so that our students are experiencing equity, kindness, and accountability, while also learning empathy.

This will be one of our school's areas for growth for this year and moving forward, and we're really excited about the work already being done.

Save the Date

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AOS will be hosting prom on
Friday, April 24th!!

Tickets will be free to all students.



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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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