



AOS Newsletter

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ROCKS

Respect

Ownership

Courage

Knowledge

Safety

A Word from the Principal



Dear Students:

Welcome back!! I realize we are beginning the year in a way that you've never experienced before and I appreciate your patience. The AOS staff have been working really hard to make this year the best that we can under the circumstances. We hope to be

back on campus in some capacity very soon.

A couple of things that I want to encourage you to do while we are in Distance Learning. Please attend class every day and every period, including Wednesday ROCKS. Because classes are in a block format, missing a class is the equivalent of missing two classes. You can get behind very quickly, so it's critical that you attend.

Additionally, in the case that you do have to be absent, please communicate with your teacher or the school. Your teacher can then plan for you to be gone

and work with you to make up what you missed.

If you experience technical difficulties or have questions regarding accessing class, please let your teacher know as soon as possible. We will then be able to problem-solve in a timely manner.

Lastly, I'm excited to meet all of you in person and hope that is very soon. Again, I know this experience has been stressful at times, but we will get through this together and we'll all be stronger for it.

Take care,

Mr. Hannan

Snack Packs

The district continues their partnership with Fish of Albany to provide free snack packs to students on Fridays.

The snack packs provide a variety of snacks and non-perishable food items to our families to help support them through the weekend.

If you are interested in participating in the program to receive snack packs, or if you would like to learn more information about it, please complete the Google Form at:



<https://forms.gle/FeihbESAkvhT5TA7A>

or call our front desk at




(541) 967-4563 and ask to speak to Debra Fewless or Anna Harryman.

Snack packs are available for pick up on Fridays between 8am-3pm. If you are unable to pick them up during that window, please contact us and we'll arrange an alternative.

October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Asynchronous Day ROCKS 9-9:30	8	9 NO SCHOOL: Staff Development	10
11	12 Columbus Day/ Indigenous Peoples' Day (School in session)	13	14 Asynchronous Day ROCKS 9-9:30	15	16 Boss Appreciation Day	17
18	19	20	21 Asynchronous Day ROCKS 9-9:30	22 FINALS: End of Trimester 1, Grading Period 1	23 NO SCHOOL: Grading Day	24
25	26 First day of Trimester 1, Grading Period 2 (new class schedule)	27	28 Asynchronous Day ROCKS 9-9:30	29	30	31 Halloween 

November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Saving Time Ends 	2 Día de los Muertos 	3 <i>Election Day</i>	4 Asynchronous Day ROCKS 9-9:30	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 NO SCHOOL: Veteran's Day	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Asynchronous Day ROCKS 9-9:30	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Asynchronous Day ROCKS 9-9:30	26 NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving 	27 NO SCHOOL	28
29	30	December 1	2 Asynchronous Day ROCKS 9-9:30	3	4 FINALS: End of Trimester 1, Grading Period 2	5

Important Information

COUNSELING SERVICES

Every AOS student has been invited to join Mrs. Harryman's Counseling Canvas page, where there are a variety of resources including mental health, college and career information, virtual guest speakers for college and career, family resources, academic and technology support, and more! Be sure to check it out.

If you need anything, please do not hesitate to ask:

Anna.harryman@albany.k12.or.us

SOCIAL MEDIA:

"Like" us on Facebook at:

www.facebook.com/albanyoptions

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HAVE A JOB?

Students can earn Work Experience elective credits for having a job. Email Mrs. Harryman if you have questions. You could earn as much as 2.0 elective credits for work you're doing!

GRADES

Parents and Guardians,

You are able to check your student's grades on Pinnacle, just like in the past.

You can access the Gradebook at: <https://aos.albany.k12.or.us/students-parents/pinnacle/>

and use your assigned **DBN number** to log in.

Need your number? Just call the school.

Staff Gives Back During Fires



During the tragic fires that affected our greater communities, several staff and students gave back and volunteered.

Here are pictures of Mr. Diaz, Mrs. Mitchell, and Ms. Fitzpatrick volunteering!

Thank you for your support.

Seniors: FAFSA and Oregon Promise

Seniors and GED students, it is time to begin working on your plans for after you complete your education.

If you plan on attending any kind of post-high school education, please complete the FAFSA.

FAFSA stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid, and is the form you complete in order to apply for financial aid for college and career school.

You can access it at fafsa.gov.

A letter has been sent home to all of our families of seniors and GED students with detailed information about funding for college. If you did not receive a copy, please let Mrs. Harryman know right away.

The FAFSA opens October 1st, so do not wait to complete it.

If you need assistance completing the FAFSA, please reach out to Mrs. Harry-

man. If you need assistance in Spanish, please contact Mr. Diaz.

The Oregon Promise is another funding opportunity for students planning on attending community college and can be completed online at: <https://oregonstudentaid.gov/oregon-promise.aspx>.

GED students: deadlines vary depending on when you receive your GED, so check it out right away.

Student Guest Writer—Natalya Sajovic

The Woodland Night

By: Natalya Sajovic

The night changed the sky,
I wanted to run.
Momma told me "Don't you go,
you'll get lost in those woods."

Papa said,
"If you leave,
the bears will get you."
I looked at Momma,
and I looked at Papa,
and I smiled as I ran out that door.

Deep in the woods
my feet became sore,
my limbs full of scrapes and scratches,
and my clothes covered in dirt.

Soon I found a bear,
or rather,
the bear found me.
It looked at me,
and I looked at it,
and I knew what I had to do.

I followed it deeper into the woods,
where it showed me a fire.
Other bears danced around it,
and wolves and cats and owls, too.

They danced a dance that they all
knew,
and somehow,
I knew it, too.
I ran and lept and howled at the moon.
I twirled and cooed and sang like those
who flew.

I jumped and bumped and thumped,
and I sat on an old stump.

A blanket was given to me,
a tapestry of this night that I never
wanted to end.

Then, by the morn's light I left,
sad and almost alone,
but at least I'll know,
of that night that'll always glow.

Natalya is a senior at AOS and came to us her Junior year. She enjoys writing and is interested in a career working in a plant nursery.

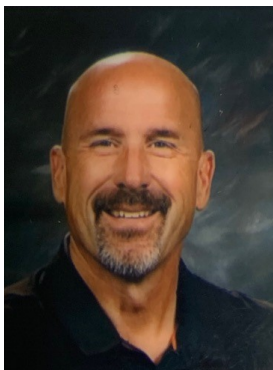


Welcome Mr. Hannan

Mark Hannan will be joining us as the new principal for Albany Options School! Mark brings over 31 years of experience in education into his new role with GAPS.

"I am extremely excited for this new adventure" Hannan said. "My alternative ed teaching early in my career had a profound impact on me as it led me into counseling and later into administration. This position combines my skill set with my passion, which is awesome!"

Mark has worked in the Silver Falls School District since 2001, most recently serving as District Administrator of Special Programs as well as principal at Silver Crest Elementary since 2016. In that role, he was the district administrator in charge of migrant, homeless, foster, ELD, nursing, mentor program, and counseling and was the administrator in charge



of 146 student K-8 rural elementary school students.

Before that, Hannan was principal of Silverton High School for seven years, overseeing new high school design and construction while leading a 1,300 member student body and three-person administrative team. Hannan was the curriculum assistant principal and assistant principal in charge of the 9th grade campus of Silverton High School from 2001 until assuming the principal role in 2009.

Hannan began his professional career with the Silver Falls School District, working at Victor Point Elementary from 1989-94 and as an alternative education teacher at Silverton High School from 1994-97. He left the district to work at Faulconer Grade School in Sheridan and Santiam High School in Mill City before returning to Silver Falls in 2001.

"My counseling skills have served me well throughout my administrative career, especially when working with students that struggle in the mainstream systems." Hannan said. "I've found that building meaningful relationships with students is the key to encouraging their very best efforts."

Hannan has worked on several committees and has been heavily involved in the community throughout his career, including serving as an OSAA Board Member for two terms (President, 2017-18) and as Mid-Willamette Education Consortium Vice-Chair.

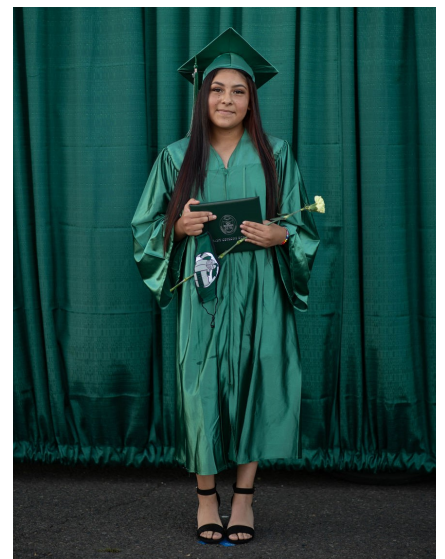
Hannan is a two-time graduate of Oregon State, earning his bachelor's degree in Integrated Science Education in 1988 and a master's degree in Counseling in 2001. He also completed the L2000+ Licensure Program at Portland State in 2001 (Initial Administrator License) and 2007 (Continuing Administrator/Initial Superintendent License).

AOS Honors Class of 2020 in August Graduation

On August 26th, Albany Options School honored the graduates of the Class of 2020 in a commencement ceremony held at the Linn County Fairgrounds.

63 students earned their high school diploma last year despite the challenges facing them with school closure.

Mr. Hunter presided over his final AOS graduation ceremony, and McKayla Keuter was the class speaker addressing her fellow graduates.



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MENTAL HEALTH

RESOURCES:

MRS. HARRYMAN EMAIL: (schedule to talk)
anna.harryman@albany.k12.or.us

NATIONAL SUICIDE HOTLINE:
1-800-273-8255

NACIONAL DE PREVENCIÓN DEL SUICIDIO:
1-888-628-9454

LINN COUNTY CRISIS SERVICES:
1-800-304-7468

OREGONYOUTHLINE.ORG
1-877-968-8491
Text "TEEN2TEEN" to 839863

JACKSON STREET YOUTH SERVICES
Mental Health and Outreach
541-220-2955

CALL: 211 - INFORMATION HELPLINE
Connect to health and human services

EMERGENCY - 911

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