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ROCKS

Respect
Ownership
Courage
Knowledge
Safety



Dear Students,

Congratulations! You made it through your first 6-week grading period of Distance Learning. Your teachers have been working really hard to make sure they provide you with a quality education while you, (and they) work from home. I am so proud of the hard work that you have put forth and it's paying off.

I want to congratulate all of this grade period's award winners. You have shown your teachers how much you care about your education and you should be commended for that.

I also want to thank those of you that took the time to fill out Mrs. Harryman's career survey. I have asked Mr. Diaz to follow up

with those of you that have yet to complete it. It's critical for the staff at AOS to know if, and what you are thinking about doing once you leave AOS.

It's our hope that every student leaves here with a diploma or GED first and foremost, but that you also have a plan for your future. That may be a particular trade school, community college, the military, or even going straight into the workforce.

It's our mission to get you not only to the finish line of high school, but to help you develop your plan for post-high school. So... please take the time to complete it if you haven't already, so we know how we can help you accomplish your goals. You can access the survey in your ROCKS modules or ask your ROCKS teacher.

Lastly, I want to really stress the importance of attending ROCKS now, and in the future. We are going to utilize that time as your opportunity to provide

us feedback regarding how you're doing.




This will also be the time that we will funnel important information regarding post-high school opportunities. Most importantly, this is time for you to connect with your ROCKS peers and with your advisor. We want to make sure we continue to provide you with the designated time each week to meet as a group and celebrate your efforts.

ROCKS is the advisory for all AOS students in all programs, and is weekly on Wednesdays from 9-9:30am. Contact Mrs. Harryman for your ROCKS teacher or if you have any questions.

I'm looking forward to meeting you all in person, and can't wait for the day that we can be on campus. Please continue the hard work you have put forth so far and don't hesitate to reach out if you need anything!

Take care,
Mr. Hannan

November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Savings Time Ends 	2 Dia de los Muertos 	3 Election Day Wide World of Welding: 2pm	4 ROCKS 9-9:30 Guest Speakers: LBCC: 10am & 2pm Army: 9:30am	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 NO SCHOOL: Veteran's Day	12 Guest Speaker: Paint and Auto body Career: 9am	13	14
15	16	17	18 ROCKS 9-9:30 Universal Technical Institute: 9:30am Thanksgiving boxes available 12-3	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 ROCKS 9-9:30 Guest Speaker: Albany Police Dept.: 9:30am	26 NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving	27 NO SCHOOL 	28
29	30	For the latest calendar updates, please visit our website calendar at aos.albany.k12.or.us . You can also view upcoming guest speakers and career/college opportunities on your Counseling Canvas course under the Careers page and College page. Email Mr. Diaz for more information at gabe.diaz@albany.k12.or.us .				

December 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 ROCKS 9-9:30 Guest Speaker: Phagan's Beauty College: 9:30am	3	4 LAST DAY OF THE TERM (Trimester 1, Grading Period 2)	5
6	7 NO SCHOOL: Grading Day Books/Schedules: 9am-3pm, Resources 11-2	8 First day of Trimester 2, Grading Period 1 (new classes)	9 ROCKS 9-9:30 Guest Speaker: Albany Fire Dept.: 9:30am	10 Hanukkah begins 	11	12
13	14	15	16 ROCKS 9-9:30	17	18 Hanukkah ends	19
20 	21 NO SCHOOL: Winter Break	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day 	26
27	28	29	30	31 	Jan 1 New Years Day	2

Important Information and Announcements

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

"Follow" us on Instagram at:

@AlbanyOptionsSchool

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SNACK PACKS:

AOS offers free snack packs every week to students upon request. If you would like to receive this free service, let Mrs. Harryman or Mrs. Fewless know!

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.

HAVE A JOB?

Students can earn Cooperative Work Experience elective credit for having a job. Email Mrs. Harryman if you have any questions at:

Anna.harryman@albany.k12.or.us

You could earn as much as 2.0 elective credits for work

Textbooks/Student Schedules/ School Supplies

On **December 7th**, swing by AOS between **9am and 3pm** to get a copy of your schedule for the next term and any textbooks, books, or supplies you will need for your new classes.

We will also have community partners there between **11am and 2pm** with free resources including food, clothing, hygiene, masks, and more!

Graduates

We would like to congratulate the following two students who completed the requirements for the high school diploma in October:

Cloey Marsh

Haley Brittain



Thanksgiving Meals

This year we are heartbroken that we are not able to have our annual Thanksgiving dinner with our AOS family, so instead we would like to bring Thanksgiving to you!

Stop by AOS on Wednesday, November 18th between 12-3pm and we will have Thanksgiving food boxes and meal vouchers. No sign-up or reserving required. We will hand them out as supplies last, so save the date and hurry over.



Thank You!



Thank you to our wonderful community and district partners who provided our students and families with incredible resources and supplies on Friday, October 23rd during our book and schedule pick-up. A special thank you to Jackson Street Youth Services, FACT, Welcome Center, and our district nurses department!

Student Guest Writer: Natalya Sajovic

When people think about alternative schools, the first thought might be something terrible, but Albany Options School truly is a diamond in the rough. As a student, I've struggled with school, and it has been quite a hassle at times within the house. I'm pleased to say that Albany Options School has had quite a positive impact on myself, and my home life.

As a person and a student, I'm intelligent, and I should be getting amazing grades, but before AOS I had been doing the exact opposite. I did have a few phenomenal teachers. However, I felt that at my previous schools many of my teachers were too busy with this and that.

Since I struggled with feeling accepted by my peers and connecting with my teachers, I fell into a rough spot

emotionally. This caused my grades to go from something to be happy and proud of, to straight F's. My struggles at school caused struggles at home, and my behavior became notoriously lazy and difficult.

Luckily, all of that turned right around once I started attending AOS. The teachers here are close and work very well together, and they care about their students so much. The teachers push you to be a better student, a better person, and are more than happy to help. My grades have gone back to what they should be, and the school related tension at home has been reduced to almost nothing.

At other schools, everything felt rushed, cramped, and dull; but here at AOS, it's easier to express yourself and your opinions, and the atmosphere has

actual life to it.

In a way, I was like that fairytale princess stuck in a tower, and AOS is the knight in shining armor who saved me from the great evil. I can wholeheartedly say that I enjoy attending AOS, and I even dread moving on. All in all, Albany Options School is a fantastic place, and I am so glad that I've had the honor to attend here.

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



Creative Writing Class Writes Children's Stories

Last six-week grading period, students in Mr. Wolfe's Creative Writing class wrote children's stories as their final culminating project.

The class joined Ms. Tope's third grade class from North Albany Elementary school to share their stories.

Madison Alderin shared her story about Muffin the cat and her adventures with Peep the Good Witch Cat, and Derp the sidekick rainbow cat, and their run-in with the mean cat named Cosmo Witch.

Madison took her project to the next level by drawing her characters by hand and superimposing them on scenic background pictures to create the illustrations for the story.

Afterwards, Madison shared that

her "favorite part about the whole children's story was watching the children's reactions on Zoom to me reading the story."

When asked about the class Madison also shared, "I honestly don't think I would've been able to complete the children's story without Mr. Wolfe's positive encouragement and feedback he gave me while I worked on the whole story. I honestly think all AOS students should take at least one of Mr. Wolfe's classes while they attend AOS!"

Mr. Wolfe shared that "Madison had the courage to read hers in front of 21 kids on Zoom, and she was brilliant. She is a natural storyteller. She was enthusiastic,

animated, evenly-paced and almost magical in her reading style. She represented AOS so well and you could see Ms. Tope smiling and enjoying Madison's story.

I too, obviously had a blast watching her read her own fiction and making a bunch of 3rd graders smile."



Academic Awards: Trimester 1, Grading Period 1

Congratulations to the following students who earned academic awards in the first six-week grading period:

Ms. Bellando:

Kameron Burford—American Lit
Isaac Pierce—American Literature
Joy Garcia—Contemporary Lit
Dalton Lucas—Contemporary Lit
Samantha McCormick—Film

Mr. Corliss:

Kyleigh Taylor—Algebra 1
Joy Garcia—Algebra 1
Natalya Sajovic—Prob & Stats
Gage Pearson—Prob & Stats
Dakota Hufeld—Digital Media
Braeden Hadlock—Digital Media

Mrs. Harryman:

Leslie Ibarra—Oregon History
Chyra Carillo—Oregon History

Mrs. Mitchell:

Kalea Guyette—US History
Natalya Sajovic—US History
Oliver Lee—Cultural Lit
Tiffany Farver—Cultural Lit

Ms. Fitzpatrick:

Hunter Allard—Health B
Michael Anderson—Health B
Cesar Franco-Mireles—Geometry
Isaac Middleton—Geometry
Sidnee Meier—GED
Aliyah Denley—GED

Mrs. Gillispie:

Preslie Keyser—Biology
Nollan Wogomon—Biology
Maddison Gregory-Names—Art
Isabella Rodarte—Art
Kamarie Buen—Observational Sci
Isabella Rodarte—Observational Sci
Garin Jochimsen—Observational Sci

Mrs. Glass:

Kaydence Coats—Choices
Cloey Marsh—Choices

Mrs. Roundy:

Noah Baske—World History
Isabella Rutland—World History
Madison Alderin—British Literature
Kyleigh Taylor—British Literature
Haley Brittain—Health Occupations

Mr. Wolfe:

Dakota Hufeld—Psychology
Kamarie Buen—Psychology
Madison Alderin—Creative Writing
Jyssame Ridders—Sociology
Ashleigh Carmona—Sociology

HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to the following students who earned Honor Roll:

4.0 GPA:

Kaydence Coats
Liliana Lorenzana
Gage Pearson
Jyssame Ridders
Isabella Rodarte
Hunter Allard
Dakota Hufeld

3.5-3.99 GPA:

Joy Garcia
Madison Alderin
Oliver Lee
Noah Baske
Kamarie Buen
Kalea Guyette
Braeden Hadlock

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 opened October 1st, so do not wait to complete it.

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

Undocumented Students: Contact Mr. Diaz for support getting financial aid by completing the ORSAA.

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RESOURCES

MENTAL HEALTH

MRS. HARRYMAN EMAIL (email to talk)
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NATIONAL SUICIDE HOTLINE:
1-800-273-8255

**LINEA DE AYUDA NACIONAL DE
PREVENCION DEL SUICIDIO:**
1-888-628-9454

LINN COUNTY CRISIS
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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