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A Word from the Principal

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ROCKS

Respect
Ownership
Courage
Knowledge
Safety

Dear Students:

I write to you as we wind down a year that we will never forget. In 50 years, students will be reading in their history books what you lived through this past year and a half. You all deserve a virtual high five for staying the course and working diligently toward your Diploma or GED. Each of you continue to show resilience through difficult circumstances and someday you will be able to look back at this experience and know you are better off for going through it.

Graduation:

I wished I could give you definitive information regarding the graduation ceremony, however there is nothing new to share at this point. We will almost assuredly be holding the ceremony outdoors. The venue has yet to be determined however. What I can assure you is that if you graduate this year, we will have a ceremony that you can be proud of. As soon as I have more information, I will share it with you.

Summer School:

For those students that need additional credits to graduate this year or for students wishing to earn additional credits for next year, we will be holding summer school. The format will be 2 one-week sessions. You may attend one or both sessions. You will meet Monday-Friday from 8:00-12:00 in person and 1:00-3:00 asynchronously. You will earn .50 credit at the end of each week for a total of up to one full credit. The dates are June 21st-25th and June 28th-July 2nd. The particular courses we will offer is not yet determined, but see Mrs. Harryman if you have questions about your grad plan and what subject area to take.

Teacher Appreciation Week:


This past week has been teacher appreciation week. If you haven't already, you need to reach out to each of your teachers and thank them for their hard work over the past year. The Covid pandemic impacted their work world significantly, and many of them were forced into teaching in a way that was unfamiliar and uncomfortable. Teachers go into education to work with young people face-to-face and to spend most of the school year staring at black boxes on a computer screen is not what they signed up for. So...tell them thank you and you appreciate everything they've done for you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Hannan



May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3 <i>School Board All-Star Recognition</i>	4	5 ROCKS 9:30-10 <i>Cinco de Mayo</i>	6 FINALS: End of Grading Period	7 NO SCHOOL: Grading Day	8
9 Mother's Day 	10 First day of Trimester 3, Grading Period 2	11	12 ROCKS 9:30-10 for all students	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 ROCKS 9:30-10 for all students	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 ROCKS 9:30-10 for all students	27	28	29
30	31 NO SCHOOL: Memorial Day					

June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 ROCKS 9:30-10 for all students	3	4	5
6 	7	8	9 ROCKS 9:30-10 for all students	10 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR GRADUATING SENIORS	11	12
13 	14 Mandatory Grad Rehearsal, 11am Graduation, 7pm at WAHS	15 FINALS/ Last day of classes	16 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR ALL STUDENTS	17 NO SCHOOL: Grading Day	18 NO SCHOOL: Summer Break	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Summer School: Session 1						
27	28	29	30	July 1	2	3
Summer School: Session 2						

Important Information

INCOMPLETES

If a student did not earn a passing grade in the last six-week grading period, they received an Incomplete as their grade on their transcript.

Students are able to make up their grade and bring it up to passing at any point during the following six-week grading period. Students just need to contact their teacher to create a plan to complete their work and bring up their grade.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Harryman.

Checking Grades

Parents and guardians,

You are able to check your student's grades on Pinnacle.

You can access the gradebook at:

<https://aos.albany.k12.or.us/students-parents/pinnacle/>

Use your assigned DBN number to log in. Call the school if you need your number.



ADVISORY: ROCKS

Every Wednesday students have Advisory Period called "ROCKS" from 9:30-10:00 am.

Classes meet virtually on Zoom and can be accessed through Canvas.

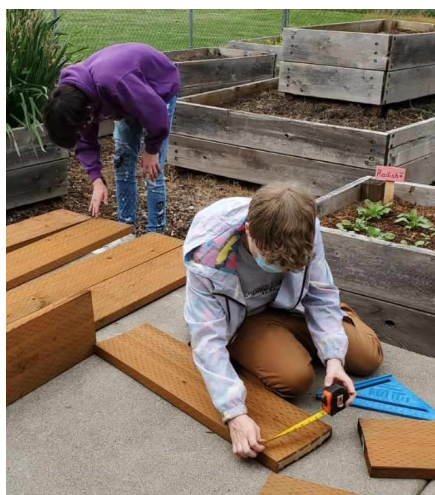
During this time we do important announcements and information, class meetings, forecasting, and Career Education.

Career Ed is a mandatory graduation requirement that is earned during ROCKS.

Construction Math by Mr. Corliss

Now that Spring Term is here and we're starting to have students back in building, our Construction Math class is able to exist again! Students are learning about several of the foundational skills needed to design and build things, from small home projects, to career-level work.

Last year, AOS was awarded a classroom grant from the Albany Public Schools Foundation to purchase some new equipment. When schools closed down, we were-



n't able to use it all as quickly as we had hoped, but now we have a much better setup than in past years. Students will be getting a much better hands-on experience when we get to the project portion of the class.

One of the projects the students have been working on

this term is building new raised beds for Horticulture, which were last built in 2011. The students had to do all of the calculating for materials, measuring, and ultimately build the beds.



Materials were donated in part by Parr Lumber. They have been great to our school over and over, and this was no exception,

especially given how businesses have struggled this last year. On behalf of all of us at Albany Options School, thank you so much. We are so grateful!

It has been fun watching them apply



their math knowledge in a hands-on way this term, giving them skills they will take with them into life beyond school. I am grateful we are able to learn together in-person again and have these hands-on experiences.

Horticulture Revamps Program

Last Spring AOS went into closure due to COVID only 3 days into the trimester, leaving the Horticulture program gardening spaces unattended and neglected for almost two years by the time the Spring term began in-person at the end of this past March.

The students in Horticulture worked incredibly hard this past six-week grading period to get the space back

up and running with countless hours of weeding, reorganizing, and cleaning.

They didn't do it alone! Construction Math, taught by Mr. Corliss built new raised beds (see article on page 3), the local Army recruiters assembled a new green-



house, and the Bark Place donated wood chips and compost for the garden. Thank you to all of our partners!

In addition, the students have been busy planting vegetable and flower starts. We're excited to see it all come together this final six-week grading period and during summer school!

School Board Honors AOS All-Stars

Congratulations to Braeden Hadlock and Madison Alderin, who were recognized on Monday, May 3rd at the special School Board meeting as the AOS All-Stars. Mr. Hannan shared the following about each student:

"Braeden is a senior who came to AOS last winter because he was behind on credits. Since starting with us, he has earned Honor Roll every trimester,



often earning a 4.0 GPA! In addition he has earned countless academic awards for his leadership in class, positive attitude, hard work, exceptional work, and commitment to his education. Braeden graduates this week and plans to go to LBCC where he is interested in exploring careers in the financial field."

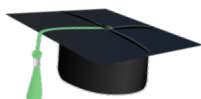
"Madison came to AOS last winter and proved how bright and driven she

is by regularly earning Honor Roll with multiple 4.0 grading periods. Madison is known for her hard work and positivity, but also for how she cares for her classmates and those around her. Madison volunteered earlier this year by sharing a children's story with 3rd graders at North Albany Elementary School, which is just one example of the many times she has given back or supported those around her. Madison plans to go to LBCC to study Horticulture."

Graduates

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

Ben Prouty
Michael Andersen
Kalea Guyette
Leslie Ibarra
Kyleigh Taylor
Luis Reyes
Bailey Perkins
Trenton Arriola
Kameron Burford
Alexandria Herrera



Logan Keyser
Ryan Gaffke
Braeden Hadlock
Kamarie Buen
Chyra Carrillo
Natalya Sajovic
Derek Brenneman
Kylie Durham
Noah Baske
Preslie Keyser



GED Completers

Congratulations to the following students who earned their GED:

Christopher Woehlert
Abigail Gillispie
Cordel Adam
Douglas Faoa
Tabitha Buren
Keagen Maxfield
Kassidy Leydens
Rodrigo Ortiz-Alvarado
Kiali Scott

Academic Awards for Trimester 2, Grading Period 2

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

Ms. Bellando:

Isaac Middleton—American Literature
Kamarie Buen—American Literature
Kylie Durham—American Literature
Noah Baske—American Literature
Dalton Lucas—Film Appreciation
Heidi Cortez-Gonzalez—Film App.

Mr. Corliss:

Mariah Hunt—Geometry B
Jyssame Ridders—Probability & Stats
Justinnia Ruiz—Construction Math

Mrs. Harryman:

Tori Teem—Horticulture
Mayah Lesser—Horticulture

Mrs. Gillispie:

Braeden Hadlock—Forensics
Madison Alderin—Forensics
Mayah Lesser—Oregon Wildlife
Emma Hernandez—Oregon Wildlife

Ms. Fitzpatrick:

Garin Jochimsen—Physical Education
Dyllen Burkhart—Physical Education
Grace Friesen—Geometry A
Liliana Lorenzana—Geometry A
Aliyah Denley—GED
Roman Casillas—GED

Mrs. Mitchell:

Emma Hernandez—Sign Language
Elena Vandenberg—Sign Language
Dyllen Burkhart—Cultural Literature
Madison Alderin—Cultural Literature
Ashleigh Carmona—Cultural Literature

Mrs. Roundy:

Natalya Sajovic—World History
Brisa Tecpile—World History
Gage Pearson—British Literature
Mary Ann McCann—British Literature
Abigail Fournier—Mythology

Mr. Wolfe:

Justinnia Ruiz—Psychology III
Jyssame Ridders—Psychology III
Kylie Durham—Psychology III

HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to the following students who earned Honor Roll:

4.0 GPA:

Madison Alderin
Kylie Durham
Emma Hernandez

3.5-3.99 GPA:

Ashleigh Carmona
Heidi Cortez-Gonzalez
Mariah Hunt
Mayah Lesser
Liliana Lorenzana
Hunter Webster
Abigail Fournier
Elena Vandenberg



Staff Honored for Service

Last month, three AOS staff received certificates from the school district honoring their service to the district.

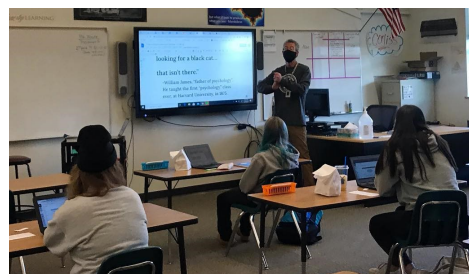
Ms. Fitzpatrick (far left) teaches Math, Physical Education, Health, and the GED program, and was recognized for her five years of service to the district.

Mrs. Gillispie (middle) teaches Science and Art, and Mrs. Barker (far right) who is the AOS Office Manager and Registrar,

were recognized for their ten years of service to the district. Thank you!



Pic of the Month



Good to be back: Mr. Wolfe teaching about mental health to his students in Psychology 3.

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PREVENCIÓN DEL SUICIDIO:**
1-888-628-9454

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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

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Connect to health and human services

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