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A Word from the Principal

Dear Students,

Conferences:

I want to take this opportunity to encourage every student to participate in conferences this year. Your teachers are looking forward to bragging about how well you've been doing! We will have two opportunities for students and parents to meet with teachers. On Wednesday, November 10th from 3:30-8:30, students and parents will be able to drop by for an in-person conference. As always, masks will be required for all in-person meetings. We will also have a second option on Friday, November 12th from 7:30-4:30, for students and parents preferring to meet with teachers in a virtual setting. For those families wishing to participate virtually, we ask that you let the school know and what time works best for you. Any questions, please don't hesitate to ask or have your parents call.

Parent-Teacher Conferences:

In-person conferences (drop-in):

Wednesday, November 10th
3:30-5:00, 5:30-8:30

Virtual conferences (call to schedule):

Friday, November 12th
7:30-12:00, 12:30-4:30

Attendance (again):

I'd like to take this opportunity again to remind every student of the importance of attending school every day along with showing up to class on time. The AOS staff have made it their mission to serve you and there is no way we can help you reach your goal of graduating or earning a GED if you are not here. We will continue to prioritize the importance of your attendance moving forward, but we need your commitment!

Grading period:

I would like to recognize all of the students that worked so hard over the first six week grading period. I know it has been an adjustment coming back to in-person class and having to deal with the COVID restrictions. I have appreciated your cooperation and can't wait for the day that we can all take our masks off and eat lunch with whoever we choose! With that being said, I'd like to recognize the Sophomore students in the Options Academy. This new program was implemented to help get students back on track and return to either South Albany or West Albany respectively. The grades were absolutely amazing, and 96% of the students participating passed every class with many of those earning additional credits through OdysseyWare. Also, as of today, we have 17 students that have completed their GED and 5 students that have graduated from high school. We are so proud of all of these students and can't wait to add to the growing list of students completing their high school education.

Sincerely,




Mr. Hannan



November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Oct. 31  Halloween	1 Día de los Muertos 	2 Día de los Muertos	3 Early Release	4	5	6
7 Daylight Saving Time Ends 	8	9	10 Early Release Conferences 3:30-8:30	11 NO SCHOOL: Veteran's Day	12 NO SCHOOL: Conferences 7:30-4:00	13
14	15	16	17 Early Release	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 NO SCHOOL	25 NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving 	26 NO SCHOOL	27
28 Hanukkah begins 	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 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Dec. 1 Early Release	2 FINALS: End of Trimester 1	3 NO SCHOOL: Grading Day	4
5	6 Start of Trimester 2, Grading Period 1 Hanukkah ends	7	8 Early Release	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Early Release	16	17	18
19 	20 NO SCHOOL: Winter Break 20th—31st	21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day 
26	27	28	29	30	31 HAPPY NEW YEAR 	January 1 New Year's Day

Important Information

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/>

and use your assigned DBN number to log in.

Need your number? Just call the school at (541) 967-4563 or email Debra Fewless at
debra.fewless@albany.k12.or.us

SOCIAL MEDIA:



"Like" us on Facebook at:

www.facebook.com/albanyoptions

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#AlbanyOptionsSchool

SENIORS: FAFSA and Oregon Promise

If you still need help completing the FAFSA and Oregon Promise, please email Mrs. Harryman right away to get help! Mr. Diaz is also available to assist with financial aid application for families needing assistance in Spanish. Financial aid is first come, first served, so please do not wait to get it done!

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!

Graduates

Congratulations to the following student who completed their high school diploma in October:

Kevin Bumgardner

Justinnia Ruiz

Coltin Turner

Kristina Ehly



GED Completers

Congratulations to the following students who earned their GED in October:

Aiden Choat

Ann Corrick

Zyriah Pinner

Kevin Bumgardner

Warrick Dunson

Anthony Tompkins

Abigail Fournier

Zane Rusen

David Free

Elijah Powell

Daniel Rodriguez

Connor Jordan

Pic of the Month



Friday, October 29th, we celebrated Halloween a few days early. Visit our Facebook or Instagram pages for more photos from our celebration!

Journalism Class: Student Perspectives on AOS

When people think of AOS, they think of the alternative school for "bad kids." The students that go to AOS and the staff know that it is not. AOS has a wide variety of students with different strengths and weaknesses, but one thing that is common here is all the staff at AOS sees the potential in every student. Every staff member has faith in kids and helps them succeed.

Before I attended Albany Options, I

was very pessimistic about my future after high school. I come from a low income household that can't pay for college, but AOS has many opportunities to help students get to college. AOS has helped me realize that I am capable of much more than I think.

Going to AOS is a clean slate; teachers at AOS don't let your past determine who you are as a person. I was actually expelled from my old school for being in

a fight, even though it was my first time getting in trouble. I was told I was "a danger at my school and to society." I know that the one mistake I made did not determine who I was as a person. When I first came to AOS they were very welcoming and let me decide who I am and want to be.

Tori Teem is a Senior



Cont. Journalism Class: Student Perspectives on AOS

Albany Options School is not one of your standard public schools. People have always stereotyped AOS as a school for “bad kids” or “delinquents.” Yes, there are kids who have been expelled that come to the school, but rather than it being a punishment, it's a new step forward in the right direction, and to start a successful future.

At my old school I had a bad experience with my teachers. They only tried to help the kids who were well known or did sports. After trying to put in effort and getting none back, I got to the point where I didn't see or care about my future, I had no friends, and I didn't trust a single teacher.

Now that I'm at AOS I have improved drastically. I left my old school with a GPA no higher than a 2.0. Now that I've been at AOS working hard everyday, my GPA is a 3.83. Since the first day I was here I've always been accepted and understood for any emotions or frustrations I deal with in everyday life. Teachers and staff here at AOS are very flexible with different ways of learning and teaching.

If I didn't get the chance to come to AOS, I would still have under a 2.0 GPA and not be succeeding, but now I'm graduating a year early with a 3.83 GPA. Now I'm looking forward to three years completely paid for from scholarships and being able to put in the effort to graduate early. I appreciate this school everyday for us all being a family and helping each other out.

Isabella Rutland is a Junior



Before coming to AOS, my high school experience was very bad. It was bad because I dropped out the first week of my freshman year. I actually

got zero credits and had no motivation to stay on track, go to school, or even graduate. In addition, my anxiety was a big factor in me dropping out. My old school was absolutely no help with that. After dropping out, I gave up on myself and had no hope. Then I came across the opportunity to come to AOS, not only because of the fact that I had no credits, but also because honestly it was a life changing decision for myself and my future. AOS has changed my life extremely, the way I look at myself, my grades, my outlook on my future, my motivation.

Before AOS, I was really depressed and would not come out of my room. I didn't want to see anyone or talk to anyone because I knew I had let my parents down and didn't know how to change that feeling. Then when I got accepted into AOS I was so excited to finally be back in school and have my parents look at me with hope again. Now, with help and support from friends and teachers, I am doing way better and on track to graduate.

If it wasn't for AOS, I would not be where I am right now. I can't thank the teachers and staff here at AOS enough for their time, support, and devotion to the students at this school.

Corina Spence is a Junior



My high school experience before I came to AOS wasn't exactly positive. I truly hated waking up everyday and going to school. I would always get behind in piles upon piles of unfinished work. I felt as if no teacher truly cared, and when I tried asking for help, I was either laughed off or not acknowledged at all. Because of this, I completely lost interest in school. I went through a point in my life where

I just didn't care. If no one was going to help me or acknowledge that I was struggling, why should I put in the effort?

That point in time where I refused to do any work, feeling awful about myself, and flat out not attending class was definitely a low point in my life. I failed almost every class during the time of online school, I was severely behind in credits. And after realizing that, I promised to better myself and that first step was attending AOS.

My first impressions at this new school were nothing like any other. Every teacher and student around me was super friendly and inclusive. I finally felt like I had a voice in my education. No teacher left me in the dust, they all appreciate my participation and always offer to help on anything I get stuck on. Gone are the days of loathing the feeling of waking up and going to school. At AOS, every student gets that second chance they deserve at education.

I used to hardly raise my hand and speak my freshman year, and my sophomore year was even worse. I never talked in class unless I absolutely had to. Now at AOS, I participate in every class, Trying to be the first one to always raise my hand. And my attitude towards school has never been better.

This school has given me, and every other student a chance at redemption for education. This school is truly a blessing for everyone attending. No student is left out, Left behind, or forgotten here at AOS and I am truly grateful and forever in favor of the wonderful staff here.

Avery Reynolds is a Junior



Academic Awards for Trimester 1, Grading Period 1

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

Mr. Aitken

Greyson Lunceford—OdysseyWare
Camren Black—Math Proficiency
John Llamas—Math Proficiency
Molly Ramseyer—Biology
Ryker Pittman—Biology
Izabella Gutierrez—Photography

Ms. Bellando:

Aunika Butler—Art
Nollan Wogomon—World Literature
Emylie Ridders—World Literature
Kaitlyn Hayner—Journalism
Mariah Hunt—Mythology
Brisa Tecpile—Mythology

Mrs. Mitchell:

Ray McCall—Sewing
Emma Hernandez—US History
Justinnia Ruiz—Graphic Literature
Gage Pearson—Graphic Literature

Ms. Fitzpatrick:

Travis Ridders—Geometry B
Aunika Butler—Geometry B
Dyllen Burkhart—Health B
Livvy Leeder—Health B
Ryker Pittman—Fitness & Condition.
Greyson Lunceford—Fitness & Cond.

Ms. Lawrie:

Roan Smith—World History
Ali Sain—World History
Ollie Smith—World History
Isabella Rutland—Poetry
Avery Reynolds—Poetry
Ahna Eastman—Painting

Mr. Wolfe:

Emma Hernandez—Creative Writing
Justinnia Ruiz—Creative Writing
Oliver Madsen—Sociology
Tuesday Mentzer—Sociology
Emma Hernandez—Current World
Cesar Franco-Mireles—Current World

Mr. Corliss:

Corina Spence—Geometry A
Roan Smith—Algebra II
Dyllen Burkhart—Financial Algebra
Karyssa Negrete—Financial Algebra
Cecilia Leal—Algebra I
Kylie Layman—Algebra I
Raymond Dickman—Digital Media

Mrs. Hekman:

John Llamas—OdysseyWare Lab
Izabella Gutierrez—Young Adult Lit.
Justin Leydens—Young Adult Lit.
Jaydon Randall—Technical Writing
Molly Ramseyer—Technical Writing
Ollie Smith—Pilates

Mr. Looney:

Nollan Wogomon—Film Appreciation
Tyra Kawaihalau—Biology
Emma Hernandez—Biology
Ashleigh Carmona—Microbiology
Kaitlyn Hayner—Oregon Wildlife
Justinnia Ruiz—Oregon Wildlife



Mr. Diaz:

Gage Pearson—CTE Construction
Tyra Kawaihalau—CTE Construc.
Ulysses Mendez—CTE Construction
Gajen Wunningham—CTE Construc.
Jaydon Randall—CTE Construction
Molly Ramseyer—CTE Construction
Greyson Lunceford—CTE Construc.
Travis Ridders—CTE Construction

4.0 GPA:

Aunika Butler
Kaitlyn Hayner
Emma Hernandez
Tyra Kawaihalau
Karyssa Negrete
Gage Pearson
Hunter Webster



3.5-3.99 GPA:

Johnny Evans
Cecilia Leal
Isabella Rutland
Sophia Martinez
Tori Teem
Roan Smith
Mariah Hunt
Justinnia Ruiz
Oliver Madsen
Tuesday Mentzer
Molly Ramseyer
Dyllen Burkhart
Mary Ann McCann

100% Attendance:

Aunika Butler
Raymond Dickman
Kaitlyn Hayner
Emylie Ridders
Dylan Pritchard
Ollie Smith

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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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