Principal’s Message

Trojan Families:

Now that we have one full quarter of distance learning under our belt this seems like a good time to express my gratitude and appreciation for all that our families are doing to make distance learning a priority for our students. Despite a world-wide pandemic, quarantining, no extra-curriculars, and no face-to-face learning, I am so impressed with the attitudes and perseverance of our staff and our students this year.

No longer are we in crisis learning like we were in the spring. Our students are achieving and striving to be successful each day. Our teachers are learning more than they’d ever dreamt they would need to know and are finding so much more success this time around. Overall, I believe we’ve answered the demands and although we aren’t perfect, we are getting better and at times pretty darn awesome.

Each day stories are shared about how our learners and their instructors work to make this all better for their students. We’re seeing more student cameras come on during class and we are also experiencing more student-to-student interactions as they engage in the learning. Why is this so important? It’s important because the more we can have the human element play a role in virtual classrooms; the more learning will take place in our student’s brains. And the more often this happens the more we can support our mental mindsets in healthy ways. We are strong believers in relationship building and that has proven to be even more important in distance learning.

On the flip side of this, if your student is having more than a manageable amount of difficulty in coping with distance learning, always feel free to reach out. Reach out to their teachers, to their counselor, or to school administrators. Part of this experience is for your student to learn how or to figure out how to navigate their high school experience and our virtual model is part of that.

At Auburn High School, we believe in teaching and empowering our students with life skills as well as the academics. Of course, the empowerment part still takes adult support sometimes and we hope you’ll continue to keep an eye on how things are going for your student(s). Thank you for this amazing opportunity to partner with you.

Respectfully,

Jeff Gardner
Principal - Auburn High School
"It’s a Great Time to be a Trojan!"

TROJAN PICTURE AND PICK-UP DAYS – QTR 2
November 17 & 19, 3pm-8pm  Park in the North Lot by the PAC and Pool
STUDENTS ONLY will enter through the gym doors

School pictures and Qtr. 2 textbook/supply distribution is coming soon!
Dorian will be here to take school photos (that will appear in the yearbook) and create AHS ID cards. Picture packets will be mailed home the first week of November (extra packets are available in the main office) or pictures can be purchased online now by school name at this website: https://www.dorianstudio.com/.
Students are also able to pick up textbooks and supplies for Qtr.2 classes, and return Qtr.1 books/supplies. Freshman can also pick up new chromebooks if they haven’t done so.

What you need to know...
Please do your best to follow the alpha schedule below as it ensures students can move efficiently through the process and maintain social distancing guidelines.

**Nov. 17—3-4pm [A-BO] 4-5pm [Br-Co] 5-6pm [Cr-Fr] 6-7pm [Ga-HI] 7-8pm [Ho-Lo]**

**Nov. 19—3-4pm [Le-Mi] 4-5pm [Mo-Pi] 5-6pm [Po-Sb] 6-7pm [Sc-U] 7-8pm [V-Z]**

**Families, please remember...**
Students only are allowed in the building, all families are asked to stay in their cars to ensure safety. Students are required to wear a mask or face covering, and follow social distancing markers. If you are experiencing COVID symptoms, please do not attend. Call 253-9321-4880 for alternative plans.

We are also collecting non-perishable food items for the Auburn Food Bank as we approach the holiday season! Look for collection boxes outside the gym doors.
Health News from Laurie.... AHS Nurse

Does this pandemic get you down? There are three things we can all do to help suppress the virus and get us back to work and school sooner.

Wash Your Hands
Wear a Mask
Stay Six Feet Apart, Even with Your Friends

The coronavirus that causes Covid-19 can spread even when you don’t have symptoms.

*If you have questions for the nurse call Auburn High at 253-931-4880.

Textbooks, Supplies and Teacher Handouts, Payments, Enrollment

For services that cannot be addressed online, through email or on the phone, school offices are staffed and ready to assist. Please understand these are “walk-up” services as our building is closed due to COVID restrictions. Call the number posted on the front door and we will be happy to assist you! Please call ahead for the bookkeeper’s in-building days. Handouts are also available during lunch in the West Courtyard, 11:10-12:40. Check with the teacher for which location to pick up handouts.

Parents/Guardians of Seniors
Scholarships Available!

The Auburn community donates over $150,000 each year to seniors graduating from Auburn highschools! Seniors complete one application and submit two letters of recommendation to be considered for over 220 scholarships ranging from $200-$2500!

Community donors review applications that meet their scholarship criteria and select the recipients. The application is posted on the AHS website with a link on the homepage. Seniors, click on the link and complete the application.

At least one letter must be written by a teacher, the second letter can be from an employer, family friend or other adult who can speak to your character, skills, leadership special circumstances, financial need, etc.

Completed application packets are due on Friday, March 26, 2021. Applications must be printed out, attached to two letters of recommendation, and turned in (or mailed in) to the Counseling office. If you or your senior has questions, please contact Judy Lutton at jlutton@auburn.wednet.edu or 253-931-4893.

Helpful Counseling Resources

With all that’s going on in today’s world, stress and anxiety levels are higher than ever. Asking for help is a sign of strength, not weakness. Here are links for counseling resources that may be helpful:

(C)ounseling/Crisis Resources
AHS Counseling Website

AHS Counselors
A-D Michaela Herrera mherrera@auburn.wednet.edu
Dn-K Judy Lutton jlutton@auburn.wednet.edu
L-Ra Boone Borden bborden@auburn.wednet.edu
Rb-Z Jackie Krezelak jkrezelak@auburn.wednet.edu

Senior Portrait Submission &
Yearbook Senior Memory Pages

Senior Portraits are due Jan. 31. Find Senior Portrait upload instructions are here.

Senior Yearbook Pages are for sale now! Submissions must be in a jpeg format. Contact Tom Kaup, Yearbook Advisor, for specifications and more information. 253-931-4880. Full page, $100; Half page, $75; quarter page, $50. Pay for your senior yearbook page using Touch Base here.

2021 AHS YEARBOOKS ON SALE! $40
Buy your 2021 AHS Yearbook on Nov. 17 and 19 at Qtr.2 Picture/Pick-Up Days.

Pay with cash, check or credit card at the cashier station. You can also pay online using Touch Base here on those same dates.
Looking for 11th Grade AHS Students!
College Success Foundation is at Auburn High!

What do we offer?
The Achievers Programs offers a series of support systems to help students on their college journey. This 2-Year program helps students with the following during their 11th & 12th Grade Year:

- **College Planning** – Figure out what school you want to apply to and major of study
- **College Applications** – They ask for a lot of information, we can help!
- **Personal Statements** – We will support students in writing a strong essay
- **Scholarship Searches** – Money is out there for college and we’ll help you find it
- **Financial Aid Applications** – FAFSA and WASFA experts are here to help
- **SAT/ACT Prep and Waivers** – Study sessions to help you do well on these tests
- **College Visits and Field Trips** – Throughout the school year and summer
- **Summer Programming** – To get students fully prepared for the work they’ll do senior year
- **Bi-weekly Meetings**: Interactive and engaging activities to help you with the college planning process
- **Cohort Model** – Build community with a group of 50 students who have similar college aspiring goals
- **Family Engagement** – Develop relationship with parents to help foster student success
- **Mentoring** – Professional relationship from on-going staff who are experts in the field

Deadline is December 15!  Apply now!!

Informational Video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PDNpZN3jiI0&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PDNpZN3jiI0&feature=youtu.be)

ONLINE APPLICATION: [https://formstack.io/9DBF1?Applicant_c.Application_Type_c=Achiever](https://formstack.io/9DBF1?Applicant_c.Application_Type_c=Achiever)

For more information, email tfrazier@auburn.wednet.edu or tfrazier@collegesuccessfoundation.org

Chromebook Repair/Connection Issues

Help is available daily M-F, 9-2 or by appointment.
Email Ms. Lori Lippert at llippert@auburn.wednet.edu for an appointment or assistance, or by phone at 253-931-4880 or

For immediate assistance with connection issues, call 253-931-4880 or the district help desk at 253-931-4940.
You can access the district tech website [here](https://www.auburn.wednet.edu/tech.html). Students should email the teacher if they need help with entering a google classroom.

Securly for Parents

Securly is ASDs cloud-based web filter for schools. It not only provides an internet filter but also student online activity monitoring for bullying and self-harm, teacher device monitoring and a parent portal for filtering at home. [Click here](https://www.securly.com/) for more information about Securly.

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