Principal’s Message

Dear Parents & Guardians:

The 2012 – 2013 school year is off to a fantastic start. From academics to athletics, Auburn High School students continue to excel. Our fall sports programs have proven themselves to be extremely successful. Athletes, band members, cheer teams, and coaches continue to raise the bar of excellence. We are very proud of their recent accomplishments.

As the AHS student population continues to rise, so does the sense of pride, respect and commitment to the total school program. The High School Proficiency Examination (HSPE) scores show that students in all areas, especially those students who qualify for free/reduced lunch, are showing improvement. I am confident that the work we have done coupled with our ongoing focus on standards-based teaching and learning will result in continuous improvement for all of our students.

In addition to the gains made on the HSPE, Auburn High School has also been continuing our efforts on increasing school safety. In just four short years, incidents that caused a disruption to the learning environment have been reduced. The number of lunch-time truant students has decreased to almost zero. The campus is quieter, cleaner, and more secure. This has resulted in an overall safer campus for students and staff.

Communication between school and home is vital if we want to do what is best for kids. Continuing this year, both students and guardians have their own personal login account for Skyward. This tool allows both students and parents/guardians the ability to access current classroom grades and attendance. While it is not meant to substitute for school contact, it is yet another way to keep in touch and up to date. I encourage you to take advantage of this useful tool.

While our students continue to attend school in an ever aging building that is in dire need of replacement, your Auburn High School staff continues to provide an education that is second to none.

If you are new to Auburn High School, I look forward to getting to know you in the weeks and years to come. And, of course, if there is anything we can do to help, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Richard Zimmerman, Principal

AHS Dress Code

Auburn High is a learning environment. Good habits developed here will enable students to be successful outside of school. Attitudes and behaviors are influenced by how much body is revealed and by printed statements and symbols. Clothing that interferes with productive behavior or attitudes will not be allowed.

- A shirt must conceal the torso, including midriff, chest, back and sides.
- Tank top straps must be 2” or wider and cover bra straps.
- Underwear must be concealed at all times, including bras, bra straps, boxers, thongs and waistbands.
- Shorts, skirts and dresses must be fingertip length.
- No hats or head-coverings are permitted on campus and will be confiscated, without warning. Bandanas will not be returned.
- The display or promotion on alcohol, drugs, tobacco, sex, nudity, violence, gang behavior is prohibited.
- Sunglasses may not be worn at school.

Thank you for supporting a positive educational climate.

Important Dates to Remember

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Hello from the AHS Career Center

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January-June, 2012-13 – College Testing (SAT & ACT) – Dates, Cost & Locations available online
January 11, 2013 – Paying for College Night – 7 p.m. – Auburn High School, PAC
February 7, 2013 – Beyond High School Night – 6:30-8:30 p.m. - Auburn High School

SAT and ACT Testing. All students planning to apply for admission to four-year colleges or universities must take one or both of these standardized tests, starting in the Spring of the Junior year. To view available test dates and deadlines, and to create an account and apply for a test, visit the following websites: (SAT) www.collegeboard.org, and/or (ACT) www.actstudent.org.

College Application Workshops. Fall is college application season for Seniors. Get help at Auburn High School and several other high schools in the area in November, 2012 (2:45-7pm). Visit the Career Center for details.

FAFSA Workshops. Several workshops on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will be held in January, 2013. The Auburn High School event will be held in the AHS Library on Saturday, January 12th from 10am-1pm. All attending students may register for a $1,000 scholarship.

District Paying for College Night in the Auburn High School Performing Arts Center (PAC) on January 17, 2013 at 7 p.m. Learn about the important Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and ways to pay for college at this event. This is an important event for Seniors in particular, but parents and students in grades 9-12 are invited to attend.

District Beyond High School Night will be held on February 7, 2013 at Auburn Mountainview High School from 6:30-8:30pm. Students in grades 7 through 12 and their parents are invited to learn more about opportunities beyond high school by attending this program. Information on 2- and 4-year colleges, community and technical colleges, college athletics and NCAA eligibility, scholarships and financial aid, apprenticeships, the Tech Prep program, financial aid, military opportunities, and much, much more will be available.

Tech Prep

Students who enroll in career and technical education classes can earn both high school and college credit by taking designated vocationally-oriented classes at Auburn High School. To qualify for Tech Prep credit, students must enroll in the high school career and technical education class, complete and submit an application to the South King County Tech Prep Consortium at http://www.skctechprep.org/ (the registration window is usually open in December), and earn a “B” (3.0) grade or higher in the course. For more information, contact Jon Morrow, AHS College/Career Counselor at 253-931-4929 or jmorrow@auburn.wednet.edu, or your students’ Tech Prep teacher. You can also find out more about Tech Prep by visiting the South King County Tech Prep Consortium website.

Cell Phones at School

In today’s fast-paced world we often feel like it is hard to keep connected with each other. While cell phones have become an ever important part of staying connected, there are still some common sense guidelines that go with owning one. While at school during the school day, students may use cell phones between classes and during lunch. All cell phones are to be off and out of sight during class. If a parent or guardian needs to get in contact with their student, please use the “old fashioned” way of contacting them – by calling the school. Students whose phones go off during class risk having their phones confiscated until the end of the day. Students who repeatedly fail to follow the cell phone guidelines also risk other disciplinary consequences. Thank you for your support!

Sign up for School Report.org

Did you know you can have emergency messages regarding changes in school schedules due to inclement weather sent directly to your email or cell phone? This agency reports school schedule changes to radio and television stations and you can have them report it directly to you, too!

To receive instant information regarding school schedule changes, log onto http://www.schoolreport.org/.

Should a severe weather day occur, or another emergency, we will also utilize our School Messenger system as a method to notify parents, but since these are recorded phone calls with messages, they will take a little longer than the text message or email received from SchoolReport.org. Sign up today!

Attendance Office Reminders

Please remember to excuse your student each time an absence occurs. Absences not excused within 24 hrs may be subject to consequences. You may reach to Attendance office voicemail 24 hrs/day at 253-931-4886.

Students leaving school must check out at the Attendance office. Failure to do so may result in consequences. Lunch detention and/or Thursday Night School may be assigned in either instance.