Arlington High School
School Climate
Newsletter
September – November Edition

Welcome Back!!!

I would like to take this time to welcome each of our new incoming Freshman and families to the High School. Please make sure you join our PTSA who does so much for our school community.

Assembly Day is right around the corner. We have 4 fantastic speakers coming. Each student in each house will see a dynamic speaker that discusses an important aspect of life that has the students think more about how this topic affects them.

Homecoming and spirit week are in full swing here at the HS. Students have many opportunities to show their school spirit everyday and many sporting events planned all weekend.

Open House is just around the corner and we have two sessions to accommodate all families. Open House will be on October 3rd with session one from 12-2 and session two from 6:30-8:20pm. Teachers are looking forward to this evening to share their course material and plans for the year.

There will be a Club fair after school for all students. College nights are planned over the next week make sure you are coming with your child.

UPCOMING HS EVENTS
- School Pictures 9/11-9/12
- Teen Driving Night 9/18
- Assembly Day 9/26
- Athletic Hall of Fame 9/27
- Homecoming weekend 9/27-29
- Open House 10/3
- Blindspot Parent Program 10/16
RELATIONSHIP BUILDING WITH GOT ID

All students and staff must wear their photo ID cards at all times while on school property. ID CARDS MUST BE WORN AROUND YOUR NECK AND MUST BE VISIBLE. Students will be required to scan their ID cards to check-in at all offices, including attendance, library, and to purchase food from the cafeteria. Students who have lost their ID badge, lanyard or both are to visit their house office to purchase a replacement.

ID cards-$5,
lanyards-$2

“We empower our community of learners to help make a difference and change the world”

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. 1st NYU CSEE Meeting: 10/11/19
2. After School SCEE meeting 10/16/19
3. Multicultural Conference 11/8
4. Decolonization Conference Spring 2020

EQUITY COMMITTEES

Arlington Central School District is committed to ongoing work surrounding equity and, in this area, the Arlington High School Student Council on Equity and Excellence will continue to convene throughout the 2019-2020 school year. In collaboration with NYU’s Metro Center, student members will participate in quarterly in-school and monthly after school meetings that include interactive, engaging, courageous conversations, action plans, and equity initiatives, brought about by the students themselves. In addition, some of the AHS Student Council on Equity and Excellence members will attend county and state-wide conferences in which they will work with students from other districts engaged in these initiatives. An invitation to join this council is open to all interested students. For more information, please contact the council’s co-facilitators Juan Zucchero (jzucchero@acsdny.org), Assistant Principal, East House of 2022 or Lindsay Ellis (lellis@acsdny.org), School Social Worker, East House of 2022. Mr. Zucchero and Ms. Ellis will be available in the East House during Open House on October 3rd to answer any questions that you may have.
ENGAGEMENT AND GRADING

In preparation for the grading conversations that will be happening across the district this year, a hashtag was set up on Twitter over the summer for the purpose of collecting resources on the topic of grading practices. By using #ACSDgrading in their Twitter posts, educators and administrators have been able to create a collection of items that have already proved useful as we begin our grading conversation journey. Anyone can post to the hashtag via Twitter or can email Kathy Bellino at kbellino@acsdny.org. To view the resources on the hashtag without a Twitter account, simply type #ACSDgrading into a web browser.

How To Save The Resources Sheet To Your Google Drive

1. Click on link and open Resource Sheet.

2. At the top of the sheet near the title click on the triangle with a plus sign on the bottom.

3. You can either add it to your general Google Drive or organize the sheet into a specific folder.

How to Post Resources To #ACSDgrading From Twitter

1. From the original article/resource, click on the tweet button.

2. Before tweeting the article/resource from your account, add #acsdgrading after the link.

3. If simply retweeting a post/article/resource, click on "Retweet with Comment" and add #acsdgrading as your comment.

GOALS/FOCUS

Link to Grading Practices Resources:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tbpQswpRZhaOLB-Sn6oWY6j2MiOvH85QXqGpzUsMBUo/edit?usp=sharing
STUDENT GOVERNMENT NEWS

This year Student Government has been working around the clock preparing for Homecoming festivities. This last week was one of the most successful spirit week yet!!! On Friday, September 27, Senior class held their annual Senior Breakfast, organized by Senior Class Government, which was tremendously successful. For Pep Rally we will be showing our school spirit while cheering on our JV and Varsity sports teams and playing some competitive activities with students and teachers. HOCO Fest is set and the Bonfire are set and ready for after the Varsity Football game. This will be a great night with music, food and much, much more!!!

WELLNESS COMMITTEE NEWS

The Arlington Central School District has been working to develop a strong Wellness Committee over the past few years. Our Committee consists of administration, teachers, parents, students and community health providers. The Arlington Wellness Committee is dedicated to creating an environment where wellness, nutrition and physical activity are values within the district and support the mission to empower all students to be self-directed, lifelong learners, who willingly contribute to their community, and lead passionate, purposeful lives. Our monthly meetings consist of valuable conversations to improve each school’s health and wellness practices. We provide resources for in class physical activity, improved nutrition in school, and free events going on in our community. In the school year 2018-2019 we had our first annual health and wellness night at the high school. New members are always welcome! Please contact dgatta@acsdny.org if interested.
STUDENT ATHLETIC COUNCIL

The Student Athletic Council was put into place to help organize fundraising events that would help students participate and become involved in sports. Some events we are working on for this year are the friends of Jaclyn (FOJ) games, recycled gently used sneakers for athletes, the holiday giving tree and many more. Each student that sits on our councils is a representative of a sports team or club sport we have here in the High School. We look forward to creating many more events to get our younger athletic community involved.

“Every Student can LEARN Just not on the same day or I the same way.”

PTSA NEWS

We’re off to a great start at the AHS PTSA. Thank you to all the parents, students, teachers and community members who have joined. We always welcome new members and interested volunteers: please visit our website (https://www.arlingtonschools.org/domain/150) for the schedule of meetings and to print the membership form or sign up online. If you didn’t have a chance to stop by the Arlington SpiritWear table at Open House, the holiday SpiritWear sale will be December 9-13. (A flyer showing available SpiritWear items is available on our website.) Please support the AHS PTA by signing up for Stop & Shop A School Rewards, which rewards us every time you make a purchase. Details are on our website. Finally, we are excited to invite parents and guardians of students at AHS, LMS and UVMS to join us on October 16th at 7pm in the LGI Room at AHS for BlindSpots – a program designed to help parents identify signs of teenage drug or alcohol use. This program is provided by CAPE (Council on Addiction Prevention & Education) of Dutchess County. To learn more about this program, visit http://capedc.org/programs/
AWARENESS AND RECOGNITION

Community Awareness Months

September:
- National Hispanic Heritage Month
- Rosh Hashanah
- Ganesh Chaturthi Celebrate
- National Native American Day

October:
- Global Diversity Awareness
- National Italian Heritage Month
- National Filipino-American Month
- German Heritage Month
- Polish American Month
- Diwali
- LGBTQ Month

November:
- International Day of Tolerance
- Transgender Day of Remembrance
- World Freedom Day

School Appreciation
- Custodian Appreciation Day—10/2
- Boss Appreciation Day—10/16
- National Principals Month—October
- Bus Driver Appreciation Week—October 21-25