

A LETTER FROM MR. HARRINGTON

Hello AMS parents and students! I hope that each and every one of you had a restful and safe Thanksgiving. I hope you all had a chance to reflect on what you are thankful for, especially in these most difficult times. We are all disappointed in the news that our restart to in-person school has been delayed to later in January. We will continue our planning for the opening of AMS so when we have the go ahead, we will be ready. We will continue to give our families updates along the way, as we get closer to the day of opening. I appreciate all of your patience and support! I know everyone is doing their best to maintain a sense of normalcy for our students while they are at home. Stay strong and keep up the great work! Below are some updates for the month of December and January.

CHRISTMAS TO REMEMBER- Please connect with one of our counselors if you are able to donate to our annual Christmas to Remember program! This is a wonderful program and a great way to give back.

WINTER BREAK- December 21-January 1. We will return to Zooms on Monday, January 4.

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES- We are offering Art Club (beginning Dec 8th) on Tuesdays at 2:00, Yearbook Club on Wednesdays at 1:00, and Drama Club on Thursdays at 1:45. Please email Mrs. Rudge at arudge@asd103.org if you would like to join. This is a great way to stay involved!

ASB ELECTIONS- Our Associated Student Body elections took place during the week of November 16-23. I am so proud of all the students who ran for each of the positions. They did a great job of campaigning and delivering their speeches. **We have our ASB Cabinet for the year: Grace Johnston-President, Conner Thomas-Vice President, Secretary-Paige Kirby, and Treasurer-William Peterson. Congratulations to you all!**

ATTENDANCE- Attendance is crucial and required in all the scheduled Zoom meetings! Please parents, get your students to log into their zoom meetings! **Accumulated absences will trigger truancy calls.** Students need to be in their scheduled classes and engaged in their learning. We are required to follow OSPI guidelines, so if unexcused absences are beginning to reach the 5-7 days, we will be contacting each parent and student about the next steps in our attendance policies. Remember, if you are having difficulty with technology, have a doctor's appointment, or will be out of town, please communicate with our attendance secretary.

HAWKS NEST- We have created a time in our day to make some strong connections with our students through HAWKS NEST. **I want to make sure that students and families know that this time is not optional. We are required to take attendance each day, and HAWKS NEST is the only time we take attendance on Wednesdays.** Please make sure your students are logging into their Zoom meetings. We will be covering a number of items in our HAWKS NEST each Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Here are just a few of them:

- RULER
- I-READY Assessments(Math and Reading)
- Academics and Organizational Support
- Digital Citizenship
- Social Hour

AMS SPIRITWEAR- Spiritwear is now available for purchase! This is a great way to support our students through our PTSA. Visit our website for more information. www.ams.asd103.org

Thank you all for your patience as we continue to work through this remote environment. Again, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your teacher or myself. Go Hawks!!

Patrick Harrington- AMS Principal

PTSA NEWS

Want to show off your Anacortes Hawks pride?

We have a range of great (super comfy...perfect for distance learning!) spiritwear clothing and accessories for students and adults. They also make great gifts for under the tree! Check out our AMS spiritwear sale [here!](#)



Orders close on Dec 2nd to ensure delivery in time for the Holidays...so don't delay!

Questions? Please contact Spiritwear Coordinator, Ashley Depner at (425) 269-4593.



Please JOIN! Your membership matters now more than ever!

Membership is \$15/person or \$45/family. Your membership helps support many of the programs benefiting students at the Anacortes Middle School!

To get signed up today, visit:

<https://www.anacortespta.com/>

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NOVEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

These students were chosen by AMS staff
for their academic excellence or
performance in the classroom

NOVEMBER HAWK PRIDE AWARD

These students were nominated by AMS
staff for displaying some type of good
citizenship or behavior

- ★ Diego Zavala, Huggins
- ★ Madison Kelly, Cicotte

- ★ Dylan Willingham, Holboy
- ★ Kellen Harris, Cicotte

ANACORTES SERVICE CLUBS HONOR AMS STUDENTS

Soroptimists search for the positive character
traits of responsibility, justice, honesty,
courage, respect, love, loyalty, and hope.



**Soroptimist
Student of the Month**
Elizabeth Ozosky

CURBSIDE LIBRARY PICKUP



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AMS & AHS

Wednesdays 12:30 - 1:30 PM



- Students can reserve books through the Destiny library app
- Pick up and drop off books at school front entrance

- Log in to Classlink launchpad to access Destiny app
- Search for a print book
- Click Hold
- Student's hold must be placed by 12 Noon Wednesday to be included in that day's pickup
- Confirmation email will be sent from library staff
- Pick up and drop off books Wednesdays 12:30 - 1:30 PM Only



DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MR. HARRINGTON

Don't forget to check out the daily announcements from Mr. Harrington! This is a great way to stay in the know with what's going on at AMS! Check them out [here](#).

DA  **LY**
ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN THE COMMUNITY

THE ANACORTES SCHOOLS FOUNDATION
INVITES YOU TO

Register by
November 25th
for EXCLUSIVE
"Celebrate"
Extras!

Celebrate the Season

A LIVE VIRTUAL AUCTION & HOLIDAY EVENT
December 12, 2020
6:30-8pm

Benefitting
Anacortes Students
through:

- Covid Relief
- Mental Health
- STEM
- Visual & Performing Arts
- Ready to Learn Fair
- Pre-K scholarships
- Impact Summer Program
- AND MORE!

*Celebrate
the Season* \$12.00
HOUSEHOLD

*Celebrate
the Season*
Anacortes
Alumni \$6.00
HOUSEHOLD

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER IN DECEMBER/JANUARY:

- **DECEMBER 21ST-JANUARY 1ST:** NO SCHOOL FOR WINTER BREAK
- **JANUARY 18TH:** NO SCHOOL IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY



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