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Maroon Family,

This has been a challenging week for all of us dealing with the winter storm and power outages that have plagued our city. I recognize that we all had significant challenges to address but we have pulled together as a community to persevere through these challenges. Classes will resume Monday as scheduled but I will send notification via messenger if changes occur. You can also follow @AustinISD for updates as well.

AHS Lady Maroons Basketball

Congratulations to our Lady Maroons for clinching their 3rd straight District 26-6A championship! The Lady Maroons are 27-3, 14-0 with 2 games left. Our Lady Maroons had a dominant win over Lake Travis on Friday. Thank you Coach Amen for leading our team.

AHS Debate

This weekend the AHS Debate Team competed at the Westlake-LASA Swing Debate Tournament. We had a very strong showing with a total of 28 round wins! Please congratulate the following students for their wins!

- Holland Beard WON the LASA side for Novice LD, and got Third Speaker.

- Victoria Strama and Phoenix Muniz WON the LASA side for Novice PF. They were Semi-Finalists on the Westlake side and Victoria got Second Speaker.

- Annika Singh and Zoe Moreno got 2nd place for the Westlake side of Novice PF and Annika got First Speaker.

- Sofia Trejo was Semi-Finalist on both sides of the tournament for Novice LD, getting Third Speaker on the Westlake side.

- Sam Cotera was a Semi-Finalist for both sides of the tournament's Prose competition

- Lola Shmeis was Semi-Finalist for International Extemp on the LASA side

- Jacqui D'Alfonso was Semi-Finalist for Novice Extemp on the LASA side
Boone Goodgame got Second Speaker for LASA Novice PF

- Gwen Graham, Camille Kilday, Wyatt Parker, and Jake Gibbons helped the AHS Team present a strong showing as well!

Instructional Highlights

- AP Exam registration for spring semester courses is open and late registration for fall and year-long courses is open until March 3.
- In-School SAT for all juniors on March 1.
- All Emergent Bilinguals will complete TELPAS Testing which includes a Reading & Writing test and a Listening & Speaking test which starts in February.
- STAAR-tested PLCs are conducting Data Meetings for SCA 2 results.
- Course selections through Self-Serve for next year's student schedules begin soon: 11th graders on February 6 and 7; 10th graders on February 8 and 9; 9th graders on February 13 and 14.

Academies

ADT 10th: Introduces on fertilizer - Prototypes

ADT 9th: New Overnight experience Experience "Design Olympics"

Currently working on Genius Hour

ASI 9 Researching mankind's work on the environment

AGS 10 Costa Rica latin novel Service learning

ACS 10 Project looking at nature and art will connect to the Marpha trip in the spring.

Fentanyl Awareness

Fentanyl continues to be a serious concern in our and surrounding communities... [Here is a link](#) to resources and webinars for educators, administrators, and parents.

Friendly Student Reminders

- All faculty, staff, and students should have visible badges at all times. Students should not be allowed a bathroom pass without their ID.
- No passes out of class during the first and last 15 minutes of the block.
- Only Seniors are allowed to leave campus for lunch.

Promoting Electives for 23-24 SY

Our amazing counseling team will start visiting classes next week. Teachers will begin promoting elective classes available to students. This will be posted on our website for families to reference when selecting classes for next year and teachers can encourage students to take a look.

STAFFING UPDATE:

- Geometry (Recommended)
- 504 Coordinator (In Progress)
- Biomedical (Recommended)

**Hired-New teacher has been hired and given a start date*

**Recommended-A candidate has been recommended to HR*

**In-Progress-Applications are being screened*

NEW OFFICE LOCATION:

The Main Entrance is now located on the west side of campus. The Main Office and Attendance Office are located directly in front of the new west side Main Entrance (Room 148). **The Health Office was moved back to the 2nd floor next to the Admin. Office.** Please call the main line at 512-414-2505 if you have any questions or concerns.

First Floor Main Office

- Visitors Check-in & Check-out
- Student Attendance Sign-in & Sign-out
- Pick up students
- Attendance Specialist Office

Second Floor Administrative Office

- Principal's Office
- Admin. & Management Assistant's Office
- Bookkeeper's Office
- Registrar's Office
- VOE Request & Pick-up
- Substitute Office
- Health Office