## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Afterschool Program

Attention Students: If you are interested in joining the afterschool program, please stop by the front office to pick up an application. All applications must be returned no later than Wednesday, August 7, 2019. Please return completed applications to the guidance office. See Mrs. Williams in I-6 if you have any questions about the afterschool program.

### Technology Student Association (TSA)

Attention Students: The Technology Student Association will have its first meeting on Wednesday, August 7, in room H-2 at 3:30 pm. The TSA consists of Vex, robotics, and traveling across Georgia for exciting competitions. For more information, please see Dr. Smith in room H-2.

### Cross Country

Attention Students: Anyone interested in running Cross Country this season please see Coach Branch in I-3 or Coach Graydon in F-2. There will be an interest meeting on Tuesday, August 6, at 8:00 am in the auditorium.

### Guidance Department

Attention Students: Please welcome new counselors to the AHS Guidance Department. This year’s counseling assignments are:
- Tracy Edwards – 9th Grade
- Meredith Quinn – 10th Grade
- Sonya Henderson – 11th Grade
- Glenda Hayes – 12th Grade and Lead Counselor

See below for information about AHS extracurricular and GSA activities.
Extracurricular Activities
2019-2020
Clubs and Organizations

Academic Quiz Team

The AHS Academic Quiz Team, sponsored by Matthew Talmage (room E-9), meets the first Monday of each month from 3:15-4:40 in E-9 to prepare for quiz bowl and tournament competitions. Students who are interested may interview with Mr. Talmage to be considered for placement on one of the teams. Students may join throughout the year and may join the team for practices on Mondays even if they can’t attend all practice sessions, but students who are interested in actively participating in competition teams should join early and should plan to attend all practice sessions. Team members are notified of updates by email or text. There are no fees for joining the team, but team members pay for their registration fees and transportation to tournaments.

Building Successful Women

The goal of the AHS Building Successful Women group, sponsored by Marandel Thomas (room I-9), and Ricardo Branch (A hall technology office), is to support female students by promoting positive interactions within the school and community, promoting self-confidence, and recognizing achievements in community service and involvement. Female students may join the group throughout the year. Members are to consider themselves representatives of the club, school, parents, and sponsors, and as such, are expected to meet and maintain exemplary academic and behavioral standards to continue club membership.

Meetings are generally on Wednesdays after school in the cafeteria or Media Center; Remind messages are sent to notify members of any changes in plans. To join the group, members are expected to pay a $30 entry fee, which includes the cost of a BSW t-shirt.

Close Up Club

The Close Up Club will be under the leadership of Clarence Harris. See Mr. Harris in Room J-1 for information.

Career & Technical Instruction

The CTI organization, sponsored by Chris Newsham, room H-4, has the goals of providing personal growth and leadership opportunities and helping students develop employability skills. CTI is open to any student with a disability who is enrolled in a CTAE (Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education) class. There are no formal club meetings; students are notified by letter and parents are notified by email about monthly activities. Attendance is not mandatory, but students are encouraged to attend every event. Students must be in good academic standing to attend the Fall and State Leadership Conferences. Remind groups may be set up for certain events. There is no cost to join, but students may have to pay minimal costs for events. The first event for the 2019-2020 school year will be “Emerging Leaders” training at the FFA camp on September 19th.

Chess and Strategy Team

The AHS Chess and Strategy Team, also sponsored by Matthew Talmage, room E-9, meets the second Monday of each month from 3:15-4:40 to practice for chess tournaments and to play chess and other strategy games. Students may join at any time and may visit and drop in/out of meetings to play a few matches, but serious competitors interested in participating in chess tournaments should play chess as much as possible. There are no fees to join the team, but team members pay for their registration and transportation to tournaments.
Debate Team

The AHS Debate Team, also sponsored by Matthew Talmage, room E-9, meets the third Monday of each month from 3:15-4:40. Students who are interested may interview with Mr. Talmage to be considered for placement on the team. Students may join throughout the year, but team members should plan to attend all meetings to be prepared for tournaments. Non-team members may be invited to watch team debates and listen to discussions. There is a $20 per person fee for students joining the team, plus team members must pay for registration and transportation to tournaments.

DECA

The AHS chapter of DECA, sponsored by Hazel Jay, room G-5/G-7, fulfills the DECA mission by providing co-curricular programs that integrate into classroom instruction, applying learning in the context of business, connecting to business and the community, and promoting competition. Student members leverage their DECA experience to become academically prepared, community oriented, professionally responsible, experienced leaders. Membership is open to any student interested in leadership and marketing, and students may join this year’s club anytime from August through February. Meetings are held every Tuesday from 3:30-5:30 in the Media Center conference room or in G-7. Member are expected to attend 10 or more meetings, act as role models for peers, participate in the DECA State Career Development Conference, the Emerging Leaders Academy, and the DECA Leadership Conference. Information is provided to team members through Remind and through a monthly newspaper. There is a $20 fee to join.

Drama Club and

INTERNATIONAL THESPIAN SOCIETY

HONORING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT IN THEATRE

AHS welcomes drama teacher Jenica Brittingham, room G-10, as the new sponsor for this year’s AHS Drama Club and International Thespian Society. Ms. Brittingham is in the process of gathering information to make plans for this year’s activities; more information will be forthcoming.

FBLA

The AHS chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America, sponsored by Chick-fil-A and by teachers Justin Hunter, room D-1, and Manny Fils, room C-1, has the goal of preparing students for real-world professional experiences. Membership is open to all students, and students may join this year’s club from August through October. The FBLA group meets once each week, usually on Thursdays, but other days if necessary; communication is done through Twitter (@AHSFBLA2017), Remind, and email. Members are required to attend scheduled meetings, fundraisers, and conferences. Membership fees vary according to the number of years of membership, and additional event fees may be required.

FFA

The AHS chapter of the National FFA Organization, sponsored by Michael Herrin, room G-3, and Kacie Priebe, room H-1, serves the FFA organizational mission by promoting premier leadership, personal growth, and career success. Students must be enrolled in an agriculture course to join and may

Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America, sponsored at AHS by Cindy Millard and Kelli Wesley, rooms G-1 and I-23, is a dynamic and effective national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work, and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences Education as determined by the state department of education. FCCLA has programs planned and run by its members. Membership is open to any student interested in competing in events and leadership competitions, and students may join at any time. Meetings are held weekly, after school on Thursdays. Members are expected to participate in competitions, which may involve travel and some additional costs. Membership fees are $12 (without a shirt) or $25 (with a shirt). Communication about events will occur through Remind and social media sites.
The goals of the Diplomats, sponsored by Chris Williams, room I-6, are to support Alcovy’s Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports expectations by setting the example for their peers as role models and ambassadors of the school. PBIS Diplomats generally meet once per month and as needed. The Diplomats are free. Joining the Junior Classical League requires a membership fee set by the Georgia Junior Classical League. Other costs may include registration fees and transportation to events.

The AHS chapter of the National Honor Society is sponsored by Karen Booth (room D-7) and Fiona Spence (room D-5). The purpose of the National Honor Society is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of secondary schools. Interested students must complete an application, due before the end of each school year for membership the next year; academic (GPA 3.0 or higher) and behavior requirements must be met. Meetings are held biweekly; the first meeting for the 2018-2019 school year will be August 8th in D-7. Students are expected to attend every meeting; no more than two excused absences will be accepted. Sponsors communicate to members through Remind. Annual dues are $35, due this year by August 29th.

The AHS Gifted Girls Group, sponsored by Amy Fraser (room E-4) and Meg Fils (E-5) is an academic- and service-based club. Membership is open to tenth- through twelfth-grade girls who are identified as gifted or who are enrolled in two or more advanced classes and who meet academic eligibility requirements. Club recruitment and activities begin in October. Additional details will be provided to interested candidates at that time.

The AHS Gaming Club, also sponsored by Matthew Talmage, room E-9, meets at random times throughout the year to play various games, mostly RPGs (role-playing games) such as Dungeons & Dragons. Membership is by invitation following an interview with Mr. Talmage and is limited to students enrolled in Mr. Talmage’s Classical Studies courses (Latin and Greek). Events are announced to members by email or text, and attendance is always optional. There is no fee for membership.

The Harmonic Tigers, sponsored by Jonathan Williams, room G-8, provides students with exposure to a cappella and barbershop/beauty shop styles of music. See Mr. Williams for audition dates and times. Regular attendance is required for participation in performances. Information is communicated through the Alcovy Chorus social media link, @SingAHSChorus. The cost of participation depends on the uniform chosen for the current school year.

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expected to represent AHS at various functions outside of school hours. Diplomats are expected to be present at all meetings and agreed-upon school and volunteer engagements. Interested students may apply in the spring. There are dues associated with membership for Diplomats; fundraising activities are available to help offset a portion of the dues. Diplomats also participate in a youth leadership program, and learn to be youth advocates through various trainings.

Reading Bowl Team

The AHS Reading Bowl Team, sponsored by Marneda Ivey (Media Center) and Adele May (room A-2), is open to students who like reading good books and who enjoy competition. Team members read selected books throughout first semester to prepare for a county-level competition held during spring semester. Events include submissions of artistic and literary representations of the books for competitive judging as well as a quiz-bowl style team-against-team competition based on knowledge of the books. Team points may be earned in each competitive event. Any interested students are welcome to participate in reading the books and submitting creations for the artistic and literary competitions. The quiz team will be selected based on students’ levels of participation in reading multiple books from the book list and on participation in team preparation for the event. See Ms. Ivey in the Media Center if you are interested in participating at any level.

Student Government Association

Elected members of the Student Government Association represent the student body to faculty and administration, as well as shape much of the student experience at Alcovy High School. This highly active and visible organization serves the entire student body by sponsoring and organizing activities that range from service projects to semi-formal dances. SGA works closely with other student clubs in support of a number of school spirit activities and resources. Contact SGA sponsors Tamara Gordon, Amy Fraser (E-4), or Natasha Henry for information.

Standing Together Respecting Individual Pride

because Everyone Shines

STRIPES, sponsored by Michele Nichols, room J-16, is intended to give students a safe forum where they can share their successes and discuss issues in a nonjudgmental environment. See Ms. Nichols for more details.

The Technology Student Association is open to students enrolled in or who have completed technology education courses. Interested students should contact Dr. Vanthony Smith.

The Tri-M Music Honor Society provides high-achieving music scholars the opportunity to uplift the school and community through music and service. The AHS chapter is sponsored by Jonathan Williams (room G-8) and Brian Coates (room G-9). Students may join during the fall semester, after the first nine weeks, by invitation following an application process. Meetings are generally held on the last Wednesday of each month, with officer meetings held the week prior to general meetings. Annual membership dues are $40 for new members, $25 for returning members.

Voices of Praise

The Voices of Praise Gospel Choir, under the direction of Jonathan Williams, room G-8, provides an alternative choir experience for those interested in Gospel-style praise music. See Mr. Williams for more details.
Sports and Other GHSA Activities

Band

Color Guard

Tiger-X Dance Team

The Alcovy Band is under the direction of Brian Coates, room G-9, with the Color Guard under the direction of Kin Scott. Band tryouts are held at the end of May and early June; Color Guard tryouts begin in January. The marching band season generally extends from July through December, with member expected to attend practices on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 3:30-6:00 pm, all football games, some weekend competitions, and parades throughout the year. Preseason activities include weeklong Rookie and Fundamentals camps held during the summer. Additional information may be found at the Band Boosters website, https://atbboostersinc.weebly.com. Costs include a $400 fee for new band members and a $300 fee for returning members, and members are generally expected to provide their own instruments.

Baseball

The AHS baseball team is under the leadership of Head Coach Jimmy Hughes, room B-4. Tryouts will take place starting Monday, January 14th, but attendance is expected at preseason conditioning, weight training sessions, and 4-on-1 training sessions with coaches. Interested students should meet with Coach Hughes to determine availability for preseason training sessions; attendance at conditioning and training sessions is expected for all interested students not participating in other sports. The baseball season extends from mid-January through the end of April/beginning of May. Practice take place every afternoon except when games are scheduled. Varsity games will likely take place on Tuesdays and Fridays, JV games on Mondays and Thursdays, and C-team games on Wednesdays. Saturdays will be utilized for light batting practices or make-up games. Varsity players should expect to have more Saturday involvement than other teams. Team activities may be followed on Twitter, @TheCoveBaseball; TeamApp access will be granted to players when applicable. There is no minimum experience requirement, but coaches expect the student-athletes to be hard-workers, both in the field and in the classroom. Student athletes should plan to provide their own gloves, bats, cleats, and practice pants. Contact the coaches for information about costs and fundraising opportunities.

Basketball (Girls)

The AHS girls’ basketball teams are under the leadership of Head Coach Justin Hunter (room D-1, extension 2174), Coach Miranda Lamb (Head JV/Varsity Assistant, room J-17), and Assistant Coaches Jimmy Bruno (Custodial Office, extension 2128) and Dorothy Callaway. Tryouts for basketball take place in October, and the season extends from October to February. Preseason commitments include attending team camp during the summer and participating in off-season conditioning, and during the season team members should expect to participate in either practice or games six out of seven days per week (Mondays through Saturdays). Team activities may be followed on Twitter, @AHSLadyTigerB1, and team members will be given information to access the team Remind messages. Coaches welcome girls who want to learn the team concept of basketball, regardless of previous experience. Academic eligibility requirements must be met. Players are expected to be willing to work collaboratively and have a cooperative frame of mind to participate. There are team fees.

Basketball (Boys)

The AHS boys’ basketball teams are under the leadership of Head Coach Mack Hardwick. See Coach Hardwick in room C-8 for information, and follow Twitter @AHSTigerHoops.

Cheerleading

The AHS cheerleading team is under the leadership of Head Coach Ashley Richardson, Coach Ashley Martin, and Coach Audenecia Gamble. Cheerleading tryouts are typically in April, and the cheerleading season is essentially year-round, extending through football and basketball seasons then starting preseason conditioning in March, leading to the April tryouts. Practices are usually held Mondays.
Cross Country

The AHS cross country team is under the leadership of Coach Ricardo Branch (room I-3), Coach Dwayne Graydon (room F-2), and Coach Marandel Thomas (room I-10). Tryouts started this year on August 2nd, and the season extends from August through November. Off-season, students are expected to work independently on running long distances. During the season, students practice Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and most meets are on Saturday mornings. Academic criteria, including a minimum 2.5 GPA, must be met for students to participate. Team fees are $175, and students are expected to provide their own running shoes.

Golf

The AHS golf teams are under the leadership of Head Coach Chris Newsham (room H-4) and Assistant Coach Manny Fils (room C-1). Tryouts for this year’s team will be the week of February 10th; players are encouraged to practice independently off-season. The season extends from February through April or May. Interested players should talk to the coaches before the tryout dates. During the season, practices take place Mondays through Thursdays from 3:45-5:45 pm at The Oaks Course; players are responsible for their own transportation to and from the course. Students participate in two or three matches per week, weather permitting, with home matches on Mondays. Team members are provided with a Remind code for players and parents to receive team messages. All levels of ability are welcome, even if students have never played. Eligibility requirements must be met. Coaches have extremely high expectations regarding attitude and behavior since team members are representing AHS off-campus for both practices and matches. Team fees are $250, which includes golf at the Oaks for three months, two shirts and a jacket that players get to keep, and a banquet at the end of the season.

Soccer (Boys)

The varsity boys’ soccer team is under the leadership of Coach Brian Johnson, room B-6, and the JV boys soccer team is led by Coach Michael Williams. Preseason conditioning begins November 1st and is held Mondays through Fridays from 3:45-5:00. Tryouts begin January 13th, 3:45-5:30 daily, and season practices begin January 21th, 3:45-5:30 daily except for game days. The season extends from January through April, with two games per week. Students interested in playing must be in good academic standing and must attend preseason conditioning, and team members must attend all practices and games. Team communications are sent through Remind messages (text 81010 with the code @alcovysoc). Coaches expect that team members will be passing all classes by the first game; students not meeting this standard don’t play. Team members are expected to be dedicated to the team by attending and putting forth full effort in helping the team succeed. The team fee is to be determined. Players are expected to provide their own soccer cleats and their own shin guards, with the (NOCSAE) symbol stamped or etched on the guards. All other equipment and uniforms will be provided. There will be an interest meeting in early October for players and parents.

Literary and One-Act Competition Teams

The Literary and One-Act competition teams are under the leadership of Jenica Brittingham (room G-10). The Literary Team prepares exceptional students for participation in Georgia High School Association regional music, drama, speech, and essay-writing competitions. Participation is typically by invitation, but interested students may inquire about guidelines for being considered for each event category. Meetings for the entire team are sporadic, and students do much of the preparation on their own, but weekly rehearsals may be required for certain competition groups. There are no costs associated with accepting invitations to participate. The One-Act team will be composed of an audition-based cast which will perform sometime in October (time and place to be announced).
**Softball**

The AHS softball team is under the leadership of Coach Miranda Lamb (room J-17) and Coach Jaz Tolen (room H-4). Tryouts for each year’s team are held in May of the previous school year, and preseason conditioning and workouts are expected during the summer. During the season, team members are expected to attend practice four days per week, except on game days. The season extends from August through October, with the Varsity team playing 25-30 games and the JV team playing 10-15 games. Team members will be provided with a Remind code for team messages. Coaches are looking for players who are driven young women with a desire to win, who are leaders on and off the field, and who have positive attitudes. Coaches emphasize that players are students before they are athletes and require that team members be passing all classes with a 75 or higher. Team fees for the 2018 season are $370. Athletes are expected to provide their own gloves, bat, cleats, and any other equipment specific to their position.

**Swimming and Diving**

The AHS swim team is under the leadership of Coach Michelle Kennedy, room C-4. Students may pick up information and forms from the bulletin board outside of C-4. Preseason workout information will be posted in early September.

**Tennis**

The AHS boys tennis team is under the leadership of Coach Matt Keuler. The season typically extends from January through mid-April. Interested students should talk to Coach Keuler early in full semester regarding off-season preparation and tryout dates. Leadership for the girls’ tennis team is being sought; students may check with Assistant Principal Thomas Lowe, our Athletic Director, for updates. Student athletes must meet eligibility requirements, which include academic requirements (typically passing at least 5 of 7 courses each term). Fees for team members are to be determined.

**Track**

The AHS track team is under the leadership of Head Coach Ricardo Branch. See Coach Branch in the A-hall technology office for more information.

**Volleyball**

The AHS volleyball team is under the leadership of Coach Kelli Wesley and Coach Vanessa Rolle. Tryouts for each year’s team are held in May of the previous school year. Preseason expectations include participation in summer conditioning plus a preseason clinic for rising 9th-graders and may include participation in other volleyball clinics and engagement in ongoing healthy physical activities. The season extends from August through October. During the season, students participate in practices on Mondays through Fridays, except for game days. There are typically two games per week, which includes some Saturday and tournament games. It is helpful if interested students have at least some volleyball experience and knowledge of the sport. Academic eligibility requirements follow Georgia High School Association Guidelines, and coaches expect passing grades in all courses prior to the season. Team fees are $300; players are expected to provide their own shoes and knee pads.

**Wrestling**

Updated information about the AHS wrestling team is pending.
WE ARE Respectful, Organized, Accountable, and Responsible!

TIGERS R.O.A.R!

MISSION
Provide educational excellence for all students.

VISION
All students are well-rounded and prepared for the future.

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