Class of 2020

Senior Parent Presentation
Our Counseling Team is Here To Support Your Students!

Joyce Wells (A-F)

Maggie Lahey (G-M)

Ashlee Poggie (N-Z)

Melanie Engman (Social Worker)
Administrative Assistants

Christy Blouin
- Counselor appointments and General Information

Diele Harrold
- Advisory tracking

Monique Malamma
- Graduation Products (ex: Announcements)
- Commencement Organization
Our Wonderful Team - Continued

Jamie Woodards - Testing & Special Projects Coordinator
- Financial Aid
- State Assessments
- SAT & ACT information
- AP Testing
- Sr. Culminating Presentations
- Scholarships

Carol Kirkpatrick - Registrar
- Transcripts - Request and Pick-up
- Class Rank and GPA Information
- Student Records Information
Our Administrators

Jon Ronngren, Principal

Kecia Fox, Assistant Principal

Mike Baribault - Dean of Students

Erik Titus, Athletic Director

Travis Dotzauer - School Resource Officer
Student Success - Part I

- Encourage your student to model kindness, compassion, and gratefulness
  - Our AHS focus this year
  - Seniors will be called upon to set an example for our younger students

- Encourage your student to openly communicate
  - With parents, teachers/staff, counselors, & each other
Student Success - Part II

Shift *from* Parent Ownership *to* Student Ownership by encouraging your student to:

○ Stay on top of assignments and deadlines
○ Seek help when needed via direct contact with teacher or email
○ Not make excuses, except when truly valid
○ Doing their own work and taking care of self

● Ex: No one will do student’s laundry in college, in the military, or when they live on their own 😊
Parent Success

- Open communication
  - With your student, teachers/staff, counselors
- Model respectful communication with all AHS staff
- Have reasonable expectations of your student and the high school
  - Grades, managing multiple activities, etc.
- Shifting responsibilities of student *to the student*
  - Calls, questions, deadlines, etc.
  - Appropriate Support vs Micro-Managing – It’s a Challenge!
- College Applications and Scholarships
  - *What has been reported as a major concern by College Admission Teams?*
Graduation Requirements

• 26 Course Credits
  • Tracked closely by students and Counselors
  • Can be viewed in Parent/Student Access (Skyward)

• State Assessments
  • English & Math Assessments
  • HB 1599-Multiple Pathways to meet state assessment requirements
    - Examples include: SAT, ACT, and ASVAB scores
    - *State is still fully defining these pathways*

• Counselors will closely monitor and meet with students that have not met any graduation requirements
Additional Graduation Requirements

- **Advisory Portfolio**
  - Specific requirements will be discussed during Advisory

- **Senior Experience** (formerly known as the Job Shadow)
  - Many options now accepted:
    - Job Shadow
    - Career Project
    - College Tour(s) or Virtual Tours, Fall Preview Days
    - “Try a Trade Day” or other full day college/career workshops
    - Other pre-approved proposals pertaining to career or college interest

- Senior Experience Proposal due - **Dec. 4**
- Senior Experience Completion due - **Jan. 22**
Senior Culminating Presentation

• Required Practice Presentations – April 16
• Required Final Presentation - April 24
• Presentation information will be provided during Senior Class Meetings and Advisory

  • Who am I? (Personal/Social)
  • Where am I going? (College/Career)
  • How am I going to get there? (Academic)
Welcome to the AHS Counseling Center

Vision

Graduates from Anacortes High School will be well prepared socially, emotionally and academically to thrive in a globally competitive world. They will be self-aware, critical thinkers with the skills necessary to meet personal and career challenges of the 21st century. Through responsible, meaningful choices, our graduates will be successful in life and career, pursuing their passions with a healthy work-life balance.

Mission

In partnership with students, staff, parents and community, AHS counselors will provide a comprehensive and engaging school counseling curriculum that encourages active participation in social-emotional, academic, and career development. Through participation in the AHS counseling program, students will have the skills and knowledge to pursue and actualize meaningful personal, career and college goals. Their personal mindset will be one of hope, with the courage to persevere in the face of new challenges and learning opportunities.
Important Dates

• Counselors will visit Senior English classrooms
  • October 2nd and October 3rd
  • Senior Manual and other important information to be discussed

• 2nd Senior Meeting
  • October 30th
  • Review of Graduation requirements and Senior Experience
More Important Dates

• **ASVAB**
  - For students interested in joining the military and/or taking a career assessment
  - **December 10**
    - In the Counseling Center CCR room @ 7:30 a.m.
    - No cost - sign up in Counseling Center in November

• **Financial Aid Information Night**
  - **October 9**– The Commons, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
  - Important for parents and students to attend
  - **FAFSA**– [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) -- Applications may be submitted on/after October 1
    - FSA ID (PIN) required
    - Request via FAFSA website
Senior Portrait (Yearbook Picture)

- May be taken by a friend, family member, or photographer
- Prints, thumb drive, CD, digital photo by e-mail are all accepted
- Submit to ASB window or by e-mail:
  - ahsyearbook@asd103.org
- Due October 18th
Senior Ads for Yearbook
Due Tuesday, Nov. 26th (Optional)

TRISTIN MUNICH

Gentle, wise Tristin Skye, we cannot express our pride in words. May you hold above all else the peace in your heart, share it with those in need, and never stop finding your heaven on Earth. We believe in you with all our hearts. Spread your wings!

All of our love, Dad, Mom, Matt, and Tonya

KNUTE FOSSO

Dear Knute,

You have always been a leader (servant leader). Whatever the task was at hand, you were first to jump in & help “get it done”.

You have been a joy to parent as you were born with the nature to respect those who loved, guarded, cared for & protected you, so in turn you will do likewise & lead others.

As you grew & discovered the world & life you did it as a boy’s boy, getting dirty, being rough & tough, interacting with nature & living all things boy.

You also are, and have always been, warmhearted. It shows in your kindness to people & animals & they in turn, have responded likewise to you.

We know you will be first & will find your way & that is such a gift to us. Even though we will always worry some, we know you have a good head on your shoulders & a wonderful heart to guide you.

You have worked hard and smart & have earned some things to better your life, cultivate hobbies & have fun. We are proud of the choices you have made & the responsibility you have developed.

You are a strong person & thoughtful man of your word. These qualities & having your priorities in order (God, people, work) will take you far in life, create fulfilling relationships & you will become the best of what it means to be a man.

God’s Blessings be upon you Knute! We love you from the bottom of our hearts, are so incredibly proud of you & are looking forward with excitement we know it’s going to be great! to the next chapters of your life.

Love,
Mom & Dad

“Life is the journey – mine and yours – and the lives we can touch, the legacy we can leave, and the world we can change for the better.” – Tony Dungy, “Quiet Strength”
SAT vs. ACT
Standardized Tests to Assess College Readiness

• ACT
  • Curriculum Based Assessment (English, Math, Reading & Science)
  • Register online at: www.actstudent.org

• SAT
  • Reasoning Assessment (Critical Reading, Writing & Math)
  • November 2nd & June 6th at AHS (other sites/dates available)
  • Deadline for Nov. 3rd registration is October 3rd
  • Register online at www.sat.collegeboard.com/register
    • $49.50
    • $64.50 with Essay (check individual college requirements)

Fee Waivers are available for students qualifying for F/R
Applying to College

- Application process is fully online
- Process will be outlined during English classes
- Admission requirements & deadlines vary by college.
- Visit college website for specific details.
Applying to College

• Official AHS Transcript is required by most colleges
  • Submit Transcript Request Form to the AHS Registrar
  • Students should have ownership of requesting transcripts
  • Allow 24 hours for pick-up or mailing

• Reminder
  • For Common Application schools no transcript request is necessary
  • Once invited by the student, counselors will receive a notification and electronically send transcripts
  • 3 weeks prior notification/invitation is crucial.
Common Application

● Used by over 800 colleges and universities
● Teacher Recommendation is typically required
  ■ Request at least 3 weeks prior to deadline
● Counselor Recommendation not required by all colleges
  ■ Requirements vary, from college to college
● Counselors will complete required “School Report” which includes the transcript.
  ○ Students “invite” counselors at least 3 weeks prior to deadline.
● Encourage your student to see their counselor with questions

Transcripts are sent electronically by counselors for Common Application only.
Certificated Programs of Study

- Specific area of study to earn certification
- Examples:
  - Law Enforcement, Culinary Arts, Auto Mechanics
  - Vet. or Med. Assistant, Fitness Trainer, *and More*

OR

Direct Transfer Degree

- Students complete the first 2 years of a 4-year degree
- Degree is designed to transfer to 4-year Colleges/Univ.

*Counselors are available to assist students interested in applying to a Community or Technical College*
Letters of Recommendation

• Required by many colleges & scholarship programs
• Students request politely, in person & give 3 weeks notice
• A Letter of Recommendation Form is required
  • Available in the Class of 2020 Google Classroom
• Please model the spirit of gratefulness by encouraging your student to write a Thank-You note when a letter is received from a staff member.
Scholarships

- AHS Counseling Center Scholarship Webpage
  - Updated weekly
  - Scholarship Search Resources
  - Many local scholarships are also available, especially in the spring
Senior Year Communication

- Advisory
- Senior Class Meetings in the Commons
  - PPTs will post to the Counseling Center website*
  - Senior Manual now posted*
- Class of 2020 Google Classroom
- *The Current* Monthly Newsletter*
- E-mail/Skyward Message Center*
- AHS website – Daily Bulletins, etc.*
- AHS Counseling Center Webpage*
  - [http://ahs.asd103.org/departments/counseling_center](http://ahs.asd103.org/departments/counseling_center)
- Items with an * are also available to parents
We are here to help you and your students...one step at a time!
Grad Night 2020

Please welcome Leslie Tyselling, to talk about Grad Night 2020!!
Thank you for attending! We welcome your questions at this time.