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Danielle Erwin, Principal

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ATTENTION:

PARENTS AND STUDENTS

APHS HOMECOMING DANCE INFO

In order for students to be eligible to purchase a homecoming ticket AND attend the homecoming dance, they cannot have received OSS starting Sept. 26 or after, and cannot have any discipline referrals or unexcused absences Oct. 8 to 19. Purchasing a dance ticket therefore does NOT guarantee entry into the dance if these eligibility requirements are not met. Dance tickets will be on sale Oct. 8 to 19 during lunch for \$15. A photo ID is required to enter the dance. No one will be admitted after 9:30.

OUT OF SCHOOL DATE FORMS

Pick these up in the front office. They must be filled out COMPLETELY, and returned no later than two weeks prior to the dance (Oct. 5).

DRESS CODE

Ladies: Semi-formal dress or pant suit; dresses will be no shorter than an index card (3x5) from the top of the knee; no dress will be form fitting, revealing or show excess skin (this includes excessive skin that can be seen through transparent material); no side cut-outs or mid-drift tops that show belly. Gentlemen: Tie required; no jeans, hats or head coverings; shirts must be tucked in at all times; pants must be worn at waist.

If a student is in question as to whether or not their clothing selection meets the above dress code, they should see Mrs. Whidden, Mrs. Riley or Mrs. Erwin who will make the determination.

PRINCIPAL OF THE DAY

Senior **Cythaly Aguirre**, pictured with Principal Erwin, was selected as the Principal of the Day for September.

Aguirre said she learned that there is a lot of behind the scenes that goes on with being principal that can overwhelm someone.

“But Mrs. Erwin does an amazing job handling her business,” she said. She feels that Mrs. Erwin bring many qualities to the job, including being a ‘go-getter’. “She always wants better for her school, students and staff,” said Cythaly, “and that’s a quality I believe all principals should have.”

What surprised Aguirre the most about her day is seeing how things are going well, and then all of a sudden there is an issue. “They manage it so fast and find a solution that works for everyone.”

Changes she would like to see at APHS if she was in charge would be to have a staff-student meeting in the mornings so students could voice their opinions on what they think should or should not change. She said “many seniors were frustrated with the new changes, but seeing everything that goes on, they had to make these changes to make sure we are always safe and that’s a great thing because it shows that they truly care about us.”

As a senior, her advice to incoming freshmen would be “to take it seriously, take rigorous courses and have a plan for after high school so that you can be successful.”

Cythaly is a varsity cheerleader and her favorite subject is History. After graduation she plans on attending a 4 year university with a major in Psychology and a minor in Criminal Justice.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 3 AVID Wear College Shirt Day
Oct. 5 ASVAB Test
Oct. 10 PSAT Test Grades 9-11
Oct. 15 NO SCHOOL
Oct. 16 Homecoming Assemblies
Oct. 16 Financial Aid Night Media Center
Oct. 18 Homecoming Parade 5 p.m. Main St.
Oct. 20 Homecoming Dance
Oct. 22 SAC Meeting 5:30 p.m. Room 302
Oct. 23 Spooktacular Scareabration 6-8 p.m.
Oct. 22-26 Red Ribbon Week
Oct. 24-25 AFJROTC Blood Drive
Oct. 30 AVID Showcase
Nov. 3 AFJROTC Wellness Competition

FUNDRAISERS

- Boys Golf Meat Sticks Oct. 1-12
AVID Penny Wars Oct. 1-12
Culinary Pampered Chef Oct. 1-12
Wrestling BBQ Tickets Oct. 1-12
Robotics/FBLA Krispy Kreme Oct. 15-26
Boys Soccer Supporter Scarves Start Oct. 15
FFA Chocolate Oct. 15-26
Girls Weightlifting Lollipops Oct. 15-26
Key Club Candy Grams Oct. 22-31
Choir Candles Oct. 29-Nov. 9



SPOOKTACULAR SCHOOL SCAREABRATION

The APHS Players proudly present their first Spooktacular School Scareabration Oct. 23 from 6 to 8 p.m. Come hear terrifying tales, tour the haunted hallways (if you dare!), get a monster makeover and enjoy some delicious fall treats made by our Culinary Arts students. Tickets are \$1 for kids 10 and under, and \$2 for all others. See Mrs. Macbeth or a theater student to purchase yours today.

SCHOOL ID'S

School ID's may be purchased in the Media Center before school for \$5. There is no charge for 9th grader ID's.



RED RIBBON WEEK



LIFE IS YOUR JOURNEY. TRAVEL DRUG FREE.

Celebrate Red Ribbon Week, October 22 to 26, by dressing according to each day's theme:

MONDAY (Oct. 22): "Sock it to Drugs"
(wear crazy socks day)

TUESDAY (Oct. 23): "Put a Cap on Drugs"
(pay \$1 to wear a hat)

WEDNESDAY (Oct. 24): "Travel Drug Free Day"
(dress like a tourist)

THURSDAY (Oct. 25): "Be on a Drug Free Team"
(wear a college shirt)

FRIDAY (Oct. 26): "Wear Red Day"

WHAT'S GOING ON

KEY CLUB meets Tuesdays at 3:20 p.m. in Room 231.

FBLA meets the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month at 8 a.m. in Room 804.

ROBOTICS meets every Monday and Wednesday at 3:15 p.m. in Rooms 804 and 807.

SOPHOMORE CLASS will meet Oct. 10 and Oct. 24 at 8 a.m. in Room 229.

NHS: Attention junior and senior honor students: Due to some changes, the APHS chapter of NHS will be holding a Fall membership drive. Qualifications include 3.5 cumulative weighted GPA, 6+ hours community service, involvement in 3+ clubs/activities, strong leadership and character and no discipline record. Applications will be available to junior and seniors beginning Oct. 8 and will be due Oct. 19. See Ms. Loomis or Ms. Love for details. Regular chapter meeting for **current** members will be Oct. 5 at 8 a.m.

FFA meets the first Thursday of every month in Room 251 at 8 a.m. Next meeting is Oct. 4. Baby chicks have arrived and are being raised for laying hens this year.

YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks are currently on sale for only \$45 through Oct. 31. Order yours TODAY by going to YBPay.Lifetouch.com and enter code 10769619. Senior quotes can be submitted now to Mrs. Macbeth or a yearbook staff member. Submissions are due by the end of first semester.

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

GRAD COACH



College reps will be visiting APHS. See Mrs. Crow in the College Room on Monday or Tuesday during lunches for a pass. Passes are limited to the first 30 students.

Upcoming College Recruiting Visits

APHS College Room 303

Warner University - Oct. 9, A or B Lunch

University of Central Florida - Oct. 10

B Lunch or Advisement (with a pass)

University of Florida - Oct. 11 from 12-1 p.m. in the Auditorium

(make arrangements with 3rd period teacher)

Webber - Oct. 16 from 11:30am-1pm

Florida Polytechnic - Oct. 18, A or B lunch

College Application Week

October 1 to 5. Senior English classes will have an opportunity to create an application for SFSC with a college representative, create their FAFSA ID, and apply for a Bright Futures account during class on Oct. 3 and 4 in the Auditorium. Oct. 1 Door decorating contest. Oct. 2 Dress for success; Oct. 3 College Shirt Day; Oct. 4 Pay \$1 to wear a hat; Oct. 5 School spirit day.

Join College Coach Classroom

Please sign up for College Coach Classroom.

<https://classroom.google.com> with code kpbkq0 (zero at the end, not letter)

Career Café

The first Career Café is Oct. 18, with the Highlands County Economic Development Commission discussing industries, incentives, education and training for local careers.



NEED GUIDANCE?

See your Counselor

TESTING DATE DEADLINES

ACT Oct. 27 - late registration deadline **Oct. 14**

SAT Nov. 3 - registration deadline **Oct. 5**

- late registration deadline **Oct. 24**

SAT Dec. 1 - registration deadline **Nov. 2**

ACT Dec. 8 - registration deadline **Nov. 2**

Register for ACT at www.actstudent.org

Register for SAT at account.collegeboard.org/login

See your counselor if you are eligible for a fee waiver.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Financial Aid for Seniors

The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) opens Oct. 1. You may begin completing your application at www.fafsa.ed.gov. You and your parent will need to create an FSA ID at fsaid.ed.gov before completing the FAFSA. The Florida Student Financial Aid application also opens Oct. 1. You can complete that at www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org. We will be having a Financial Aid Night to offer assistance on Oct. 16 in the Media Center at 6 p.m. Please bring your charged Chromebook, your parents tax return from 2017, and your Social Security number.

Senior Meeting

Senior Scholarship Guide will be delivered.

Oct. 11 at 11 a.m., Auditorium

Sophomore Spotlight Parent Night

Nov. 8 at 6 p.m., Auditorium

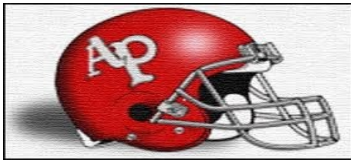
SIGN-UP FOR GUIDANCE REMIND

Sign up for Guidance Remind for important updates, scholarships, etc. by texting 8101

@cg43H for 9th-11th grades; @aphsg for Seniors

PSAT SCHEDULED OCT. 10

The annual practice SAT (PSAT) is scheduled for Wednesday, **Oct. 10**, ALL 9th, 10th and 11th graders will take PSAT on this day. Seniors are excused 1st, 2nd and 3rd periods, but MUST attend 4th and 5th.



**APHS:
WHERE EXCELLENCE
IS A TRADITION**

SPORTS TALK

APHS Web Page calendar of upcoming events has schedule information for Red Devil sports.

WRESTLING: Are you interested in being a part of the District Championship wrestling team? Conditioning will start Oct. 22 at 3:20 p.m. In order to participate you will need the following: 2.0 or better GPA; sports physical notarized and signed by a parent or guardian; emergency treatment form on file with Avon Park High School; tennis shoes, gym shorts, tee shirt; and a desire to be the best you can be. See Coach Brown in Room 248 with any questions.



NOTES

The APHS Choir has once again applied to sing at Disney's Christmas Candlelight Processional. They will find out mid-October whether or not they have been accepted. Congratulations to two APHS Choir students for passing the first two rounds of auditions for the Florida All-State Choir! **Hannah Loomis** and **Ariel Bethea** will both advance to the third round of auditions to be in the All-State Choir in January 2019. Special thanks to **Noah McDaniel** and **Naomi Mitchell** who also worked diligently to represent APHS in this rigorous competition. Select members of the APHS Choir will be participating in the 2nd annual Heartland Honor Choir on Oct. 30. This is a mass choir made up of outstanding choral students from the six districts in our Heartland Consortium. They will be performing a free concert at SFSC at 7 p.m.

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

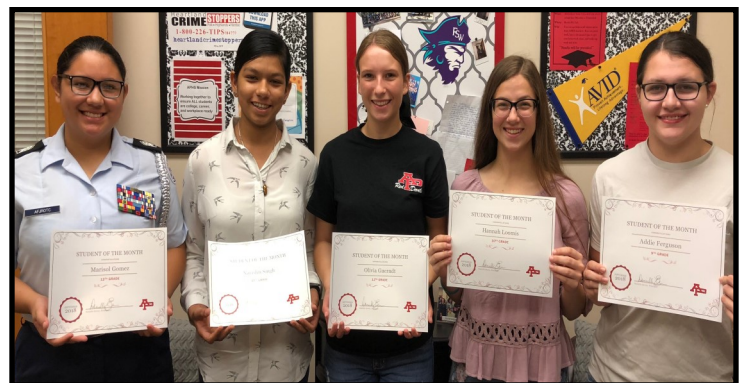
801 Lab, 3:15 - 4:45 p.m.

PARENT/FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PLAN (PFEP)

The District's Parent/Family Engagement Plan (PFEP) for the 2018-2019 school year has been approved by the DSAC and has been placed on the District's webpage. Due to the length of the Parent/Family Engagement Plan, the District has placed the Plan on the Federal Programs page. Please visit the Parent Family Engagement Plan at http://www.highlands.k12.fl.us/SBHC/Curriculum_FederalPrograms.html. You may also review a copy of the Plan at your child's school. If you would like to request a copy of the District's Parent/Family Engagement Plan, please call Debbie Wood at 863-471-5547

El Plan de implicación de los padres y las familias (PFEP) para el año escolar 2018-19 ha sido aprobado por DSAC y se ha colocado en la Página Web del Distrito. Debido a lo extenso El Plan de implicación de los padres y las familias, el distrito ha ubicado el Plan en la página de los Programas Federales. Por favor visite el Plan de implicación de los padres y las familias en http://www.highlands.k12.fl.us/SBHC/Curriculum_FederalPrograms.html. También puede revisar una copia impresa del plan en la escuela de su hijo/a. Si desea solicitar una copia del Plan de implicación de los padres y las familias del Plan, por favor llame a Debbie Wood al 863-471-5547.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Congratulations to the above students who were selected as student of the month for their grade level for September. Pictured from left to right: **Marisol Gomez**, 12th; **Navishti Singh** and **Olivia Guerndt**, tied, 11th; **Hannah Loomis**, 10th; and **Addie Ferguson**, 9th.