

February 2014

AHS Connects

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Welcome to the February AHS Connects Newsletter!

As students and parents plan for the second semester please review this newsletter as it contains important information on a variety of topics including assessments, course selection for 2014-15, a calendar of events, as well as a special Senior section for our 2014 graduates. The staff at Anclote High School looks forward to our continued partnership with parents in providing an outstanding educational experience for our students.

It is time to again prepare for standardized assessments. The dates for FCAT, PERT, and End of Course Exams can be found in this newsletter. You will receive additional information through EdConnect phone calls, your correspondence from the school, and also your AHS student. One

important reminder is that no electronic devices will be permitted in testing rooms. Students found to be in violation of testing protocol will be subject to disciplinary action and test invalidation.

This newsletter contains a great deal of information to help all students be informed and focused for the second semester.

Anclote High School strives for all students to be SHARKS!

*Safe *Honest *Accountable *Respectful *Kind *Students

DID YOU KNOW ?

AHS is the home of 5 specialized programs that include the following: JROTC, Academy of Nursing, Academy of Energy, Academy of Culinary Arts and DigitalDesign/IT. If you have an interest in one of these programs or academies, make an appointment with your guidance counselor through Student Services.

AHS Testing Schedule

Semester two is filled with many important assessments for our students. Each assessment plays a key part in making educational decisions regarding your child, so it is important they always do their best. The following is a tentative list of testing dates:

ACT*	2/8, 4/12, 6/14
FCAT Writing	2/25
Discovery Ed	3/3-3/11
SAT*	3/8, 5/3, 6/7
PERT Testing	3/24-3/31
FCAT Retakes	4/7-4/11
FCAT Reading (10th)	4/14-4/24
FCAT Reading (9th)	4/21-5/7
US History EOC	4/29-5/9
Biology EOC	5/5-5/9
Algebra EOC	5/12-5/16
Geometry EOC	5/19-5/23
EOC Make up	5/27-5/30

*Optional tests requiring registration/payment

AP Exams

AP Biology	5/5
AP Psychology	5/5
AP Spanish Language	5/6
AP Calculus AB	5/7
AP English Literature	5/8
AP English Language	5/9
AP Government	5/13
AP U.S. History	5/14
AP World History	5/14
AP Microeconomics	5/15
AP Human Geography	5/13

SCHOOL CONTACT INFO

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Student Hours: 7:30-1:40

Please join us for the

In order to assist parents and students with specific topics of interest, Anclote High School will be hosting a series of Parent Nights in February, March and April. All sessions are held in the media center from 5:30 till 7:00.

- February 20, 27, 2014 : Financial Aid, Scholarships and Postsecondary education Q and A. The 20th will be an overview of the process and the 27th will include step-by-step assistance with the FAFSA which is required for all financial aid (Hosted by AHS Career Specialist Glenn Anderson) The Feb. 27th event is for seniors only.

- March 27, 2014: Thriving with Your Teen: Part II & Resources (Hosted by AHS Social Worker, Dawn Daniels-Hahn)

- April 15, 2014: Suicide Awareness and Prevention (Hosted by AHS Social Worker, Dawn Daniels-Hahn)

SENIOR SCOOP

SCHOLARSHIPS

Second semester is a busy time for seniors, as they get ready for the many activities in the coming months to cap off their final days in high school. As students prepare for postsecondary educational opportunities, financial resources are often at the top of their list of concerns. There are many scholarships available. If you need assistance with understanding and applying for scholarships make an appointment with Mr. Anderson in Student Services.

FINANCIAL AID

Students interested in qualifying for financial aid must complete a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Students are encouraged to contact individual colleges and universities for additional financial aid requirements and opportunities.

BRIGHT FUTURES

Students are encouraged to access the state of Florida's online resource to monitor Bright Futures status, as well as post-secondary planning tools. It is the student's responsibility to monitor their Bright Futures eligibility. Information can be found at www.FLVC.org.

SAT/ACT

Registration information for the SAT or ACT can be picked up in the CRC. Students can also go online to register directly. Visit www.collegeboard.com or www.actstudent.org for information. See Mr. Glenn Anderson for more information.

PROM

The Anclote High School Junior-Senior Prom is scheduled

from 7:00-11:00 P.M. at the Kapok Special Events Center located in Clearwater. Tickets will cost \$65 per person. If you plan on bringing a guest who is not a student at AHS must complete a guest request form in Student Services. Guests must be under 21 years of age.

GRAD BASH

Grad Bash is the senior trip to Orlando's Universal Studios scheduled for April 25th 2014. Seniors will travel via charter bus on Friday afternoon starting at 4:00 pm and return at 4:00 am on April 26th. The cost of GRAD BASH is \$100 and includes admission, transportation which can be paid in full or two payments of \$50 each. All payments must be made by April 4, 2014.

ATTENDANCE REMINDERS

Please keep the attendance policy and dress code in mind when planning for these special events. As a reminder, students with five or more absences per quarter or any discipline referrals will not be eligible for Prom or Grad Bash. **No refunds will be given to students who have purchased tickets and become ineligible to attend.**

GRADUATION INFORMATION

Cap and gown ordering: All seniors planning to walk in the 2014 graduations ceremony must order a cap and gown package. The basic package can be ordered by going to www.balfourfl.com.

Mark Your Calendar

Planning Days: Feb. 17 and March 14
Spring Break: March 17-21

Grad Bash: April 25

Party with the Class of 2014 at Universal Studios

Prom: May 9

Kapok Special Events Center

Night of Excellence: May 14

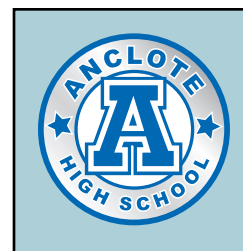
Last Day for Seniors: May 21

Graduation Practice: May 29
8:30 - 11:30 in the Gym
Mandatory attendance

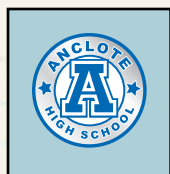
Graduation: June 1

USF Sun Dome: 10:00 a.m. Seniors must arrive by 9:00 a.m.

Graduation from high school is a very special event for students and families. Students are encouraged to continue to make good decisions representing Shark Pride. Participation in the graduation ceremony and other senior activities is a privilege. Violation of the student code of conduct may result in a loss of any or all privileges.



SPRING CALENDAR OF EVENTS



February

7 - Progress Reports
17 - No School for Students
25 - FCAT Writing

March

3-11 - Discovery Ed
14 - No School
17-21 - Spring Break
24-31 PERT
31 - Report Cards

April

8-26 - FCAT Testing
25 - Grad Bash
25-30 - EOC Exams
30 Progress Reports

May

1-30 - EOC Exams
5-16 - AP Exams
21 - Seniors Last Day
26 - Memorial Day (No School)

June

1 - Graduation
3 - Last Day

Course Selection 2014–15

OVERVIEW

The Anclote High School guidance staff will begin presentations in early March to assist students in the course selection process for the 2014–15 school year. Students will receive course selection information and a planning sheet to bring home to discuss with their parents. Planning sheets must be signed by the parent and returned to the student's math teacher. It is important for parents to carefully review the courses selected with their student and pay close attention to recommendations made by teachers. Limited schedule changes will be granted in the fall due to Florida's Class Size Amendment requirements. Please feel free to contact the guidance department with specific questions or concerns. In addition, parents and students are encouraged to access the FLVC.org website to assist in planning for your child's future.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program enables students to pursue college-level studies while still in high school. Anclote High School will be offering a variety of Advanced Placement courses for the 2014–15 school year. Final selection of course offerings are determined by the number of students expressing interest in a specific course and the availability of trained teachers. National exams are given in May of each year to those students enrolled in Advanced Placement courses. More than 90% of colleges and universities have a policy granting incoming students credit, advanced placement, or both, for qualifying AP Exam scores. The best source for specific information about an individual institution's policy is in its catalog or website. Visit the College Board website for more information on the advantages of the Advanced Placement Program.

DUAL ENROLLMENT

The Dual Enrollment program is offered in conjunction with Pasco-Hernando State College. Courses are offered on the AHS campus as well as on the PHSC campus. Courses are offered on campus within the English and Psychology departments. Students can meet with a guidance counselor to discuss the options available on the PHSC campus. Students must meet current GPA and SAT, ACT, or FCELP eligibility requirements. Students can earn college credit for each course successfully completed. Both AP and Dual Enrollment courses offer students a rigorous and challenging college level curriculum and the opportunity to study a subject in greater depth.

SENIOR REQUIREMENT

As a result of Florida Legislation Seniors will be required to take a specific math (Math for College Readiness) and/or English (English 4 College Prep) class depending on the students' PERT test scores taken during the second semester of their junior year of high school. If students score above the cut scores, or earn an ACT/SAT concordant score, they become eligible to take other math and/or English classes, thereby being exempt from placement into Math for College Readiness and/or English 4 College Prep.

INTENSIVE COURSES

Students currently enrolled in Intensive Reading must select Intensive Reading as an elective in the course selection process. 2014 Reading FCAT results will be used to determine if a student must remain in Intensive Reading or can be placed in one of the alternate electives. Students scoring below Level 3 on

TIMELINE

Feb. 20 Guidance Presentations
March 5 AHS Curriculum Night
March 6–13 AHS Student Registration

the 2014 Reading FCAT will be placed in an Intensive Reading course.

VIRTUAL REQUIREMENT

In addition to specific credit, EOC exam, and FCAT testing requirements, students graduating in 2015 and thereafter must successfully complete a virtual course prior to graduation. Students can meet with a guidance counselor to discuss appropriate options.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Anclote High School's Master Schedule will be developed based on student requests. Please take careful consideration when selecting courses, as limited schedule change requests will be granted during the 2014–15 school year due to the Florida state-mandated Class Size Amendment. Some examples of situations that will NOT result in a schedule change are: a desire for another instructor, a desire for a different lunch, requested the course but no longer interested in the subject, did not complete and return a course card in the spring.

LOOKING AHEAD

Students can find additional course selection information on the school's website as they plan for the 2014–15 school year. For specific questions and concerns, contact the guidance office at 727–246–3008.

Student Expectation Reminders

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Students are expected to follow the district electronic use policy. It is the expectation of Anclote High School that all electronic devices remain off and out of sight throughout the school day unless authorized for classroom educational purposes, as determined by the teacher. In addition, students will be permitted to access personal electronic devices during the lunch period.

DRESS CODE

Students and parents are encouraged to review the District School Board of Pasco County's Rules of Dress and Appearance in the Student Code of Conduct. The following are common violations and should be reviewed with students prior to the start of school.

- tops must have strap/sleeve of at least three fingers in width
- shorts and skirts must be of modest length (modest length will be considered at the end of a student's fingertips when arms are at their sides, in a relaxed position)
- blouses, shirts, and sweaters cannot dip below a line formed between the right and left armpit (this includes, front, back, and sides of garments)

A student in violation of the dress code will be required to change into appropriate clothing before returning to class. If necessary, the student will contact parents to provide the appropriate clothing. Failure to do so, or repeated violations, will result in a discipline referral.

FOOD/DRINKS/HATS

Anclote High School is a closed campus. Students are not permitted to leave for lunch. In addition, meals may not be brought to students during the school day. If an emergency arises,

please contact the front office to make necessary arrangements.

Anclote High School is a hat free campus. As stated in the District Code of Conduct, students shall not wear hats or head coverings on the school campus during the regular school day unless previously approved for medical or religious reasons or special school activities as determined by the principal.

Parents are asked to review these expectations with their students prior to the start of the school year. Your support is greatly appreciated.

LOSS OF PRIVILEGE LIST

AHS will be maintaining a LOP (Loss of Privilege) list related to unexcused absences. As stated in the District Code of Conduct, if a student has unexcused absences in 3 or more periods a day in five or more days, or 5 unexcused absences in any one course within a quarter or ten (10) unexcused absences in any one course within a semester, the student may lose the privilege of participating in extracurricular activities until the end of the following quarter. In addition, the privilege to drive to campus may be revoked until the end of the following grading quarter.

Reminder:

Students are not permitted to remain on campus after 2:00 unless under the supervision of a staff member. Violation of the expectation Safety may result in disciplinary action.

Spring Sports Highlights

Baseball

Feb. 10th vs. Fivay Feb. 18 vs Tarpon
Feb. 19 vs. Sunlake
Feb. 28 vs. River Ridge
March 3 vs. Wesley Chapel
March 4 vs. Dunedin
March 6 vs. Ridgewood
March 10 vs. Wiregrass
March 11 vs. Sunlake
March 12 vs. Mitchell

Softball

Feb. 4 vs. Dunedin 7:00 pm (Var. only)
Feb. 6 vs. Pasco 6:00 pm (JV/Var)
Feb. 7 vs. Wiregrass 6:00 pm (JV/Var)
Feb. 12 vs. Hudson 5:00 (JV/Var)
Feb. 18 vs. Gulf 5:00 (JV/Var)
Feb. 22 Tourney @ Dixie (JV) 9:00 am
Feb. 26 vs. River Ridge 6:00 (Var. only)
March 5 vs. Mitchell 5:00 (JV/Var)
March 13 vs. Weekie Wachee 6:00 (JV/Var)

Tennis

Date	Boys	Vs.	Girls
2/11	home	Hudson	away
2/13	away	Ridgewood	home
2/18	home	Mitchell	away
2/20	home	Wesley Ch	away
2/25	away	Gulf	home
2/27	away	Wiregrass	home
3/4	away	Fivay	home
3/6	away	River Ridge	home
3/11	home	LOL	away
3/13	home	Pasco	away

Track

Feb. 18 @ East Lake 4:00pm
Feb. 21 @ Gulf 3:00 pm
Feb. 28 @ Mitchell 3:00 pm
March 4 @ Mitchell 5:00 pm
March 7 HOME invitational 3:00 pm
March 29 Conference @ home 9:00 am

Boys Weightlifting

Feb. 12 vs. Hudson 3:00
Feb. 19 @ Gulf 3:00
Feb. 26 @ River Ridge
March 12 Conference @ ZHS

General Information

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is one of the most important factors in making good grades. It is also an important quality for success in the job market. All absences are considered unexcused unless the student presents an excused note to the front office within 2 school days of the absence. Students must submit a note signed by a parent/guardian stating student name (first and last), reason for and date of absence, and phone number of parent/guardian to the front office. An excused absence allows the student to make up work at full credit. Following an excused absence, a student will have two school days to request make-up work.

LOSS OF PRIVILEGE

In an effort to support the significance that attendance plays in academic performance, Anclote High School will be enforcing a Loss of Privilege system. Pasco County School District outlines procedures whereby students lose the privilege of participating in extra-curricular activities and/or events based on attendance. These include but are not limited to field trips, dances, special events, club activities and participation in athletics and interscholastic extracurricular activities. Interscholastic extracurricular activities are those organized student activities between, among or within schools that are carried on outside the curriculum or regular course of study in school. These activities may involve displays of talent that include, but are not limited to, sports, speech, debate, and fine arts interscholastic competitions or festivals and career and technical student organization activities.

EARLY DISMISSAL

When a student must be released early from school, the student will need to:

- Bring a signed note from home stating the reason for the dismissal, requested release time, and a phone number where the parent/guardian may be reached for verification.

- Present the note to Student Services PRIOR to the start of school. Notes presented just prior to the dismissal time may need to wait for verification before dismissal.
- A parent/guardian or other authorized person must sign out students in Student Services or, in the case of illness, the clinic.
- Students are to wait in the office until their ride arrives and they have been signed out appropriately.
- Parents are not authorized to give students permission to leave campus without following proper sign-out procedures. Students leaving campus without following sign-out procedures may be subject to disciplinary action.

VIRTUAL SCHOOL/DUAL ENROLLMENT

Students interested in participating in alternative course options such as FLVS, e-School, or dual enrollment as part of their regular school day must meet with a guidance counselor. Parents and students must then return the signed Virtual School/Dual Enrollment agreement along with a schedule change request. Requests for alternative course options will be reviewed on an individual basis. Students are to follow their assigned schedule unless a new schedule is approved and provided to the student.

PARKING

Parking in a school lot is a privilege. Students will park only in lots designated as student parking and will display a current parking permit. Vehicles that are not registered or that are inappropriately or illegally parked, or parked so as to cause a safety hazard, may be warned, booted, or towed at the owner's expense. Students are not permitted in the parking lot during the school day. Anclote High School is a closed campus. Students are not allowed to leave campus during the school day without permission. Students who leave campus without permission will be subject to disciplinary action. A vehicle, upon reasonable suspicion, may be searched for weapons, drugs,

or other items which are illegal, or against School Board policy. If any of these items are found in the car, appropriate legal action will be taken and the parking permit will be revoked.

LUNCHES

FREE breakfast is served daily in the cafeteria from 7:10–7:25. Lunch is served daily in the cafeteria. All students can purchase their lunch in one of the serving lines in the cafeteria. Eating areas are available in the main cafeteria, the patio area located adjacent to the main cafeteria, and the picnic area. Anclote High School is a closed campus. Students are not allowed to leave for lunch. In addition, meals may not be brought to students during the school day. If an emergency arises, please contact Student Services to make necessary arrangements.

Plan to attend the 2014 AHS College Fair

When: February 24

Where: AHS Gym

What to Expect: Over 24 colleges from all over the state and country will share information about their schools and programs.

If you have questions about this event talk to Mr. Anderson in Student Services.

Driver's License & Attendance:

The State of Florida requires that students' names are submitted to the DMV if a student has 15 unexcused absences within 30 school days. The student's driving or license will be suspended if the student is not in school for 30 consecutive days. If you receive a letter from the DMV please contact Dawn Daniels - School Social Worker to set 30 day goals to ensure the DMV compliance rules.



Shark Shout Outs and Events

Congratulations to Trent Crawford who was selected by the students and staff as Ancolte High School's Outstanding Senior for 2013-14.

Ancolte High School is proud to announce our 2013-14 Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Kathleen Connelly and our School Related Personnel of the Year, Ms. Jennifer Dilandro. We appreciate the time and dedication of these ladies as they strive to serve our Shark community.

Special Olympics - Coach Reiners and the Special Olympics Team of AHS have participated in bowling, basketball, softball, and flag football. The team has qualified for state level competition in multiple sports and won many medals.

Congratulations to all of our Shark Athletes and coaches. So far this year Shark teams have had many firsts for the school.

Upcoming Events:

February 24: College Fair

April 12: Sunray Elementary 5K to be held at AHS

May 1, 3, 4 : AHS Spring Play Rumors in the River Ridge High School Performing Arts Center