

February 2015

# 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 2015 graduates. The staff at Anclote High School looks forward to our continued partnership with parents in providing an outstanding educational experience for our students.

The dates for the many state mandated assessments are included in this newsletter. This year there are students taking the FCAT, FSA and EOC assessments. You will receive additional information through School Connect phone calls, written correspondence from the school, and of course your AHS student. Mrs. Williams, sends a School Connects phone call most Sunday evenings at 7:00 pm.

### 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*	2/7, 4/18 (AHS), 6/3
FSA Writing	3/3,4,5
Discovery Ed	2/9-13
SAT*	3/14, 5/2, 6/6
PERT Testing	4/6,7,8,9
FCAT Reading Retakes	3/25,26,27,28
Alg 1 EOC Retakes	3/31, 4/1-2
FSA ELA Window	4/20-5/1
PERT (ENG 4 & MCR EOC)	5/12-14
FSA Algebra 1	5/4-15
FSA Algebra 2 EOC	5/4-15
FSA Geometry EOC	5/4-15
District EOCs (Seniors)	5/18-20
US History EOC	5/20
Biology EOC	5/19
US Hist and Bio Make-up	5/21,22
District EOCs	5/26-28
AHS Final Exams	6/1-3

\*Optional tests requiring registration/payment

### AP Exams

**May 4-15**

AP Chemistry	4
AP Calculus AB	5
AP English Literature	6
AP US History	8
AP Biology	11
AP Government	12
AP English Language	13
AP World History	14
AP Microeconomics	15
AP Human Geography	15

### DID YOU KNOW ?

AHS is the home of 5 specialized programs that include the following: JROTC, Academy of Energy, Nursing, Culinary Arts and DigitalDesign/IT. If you have an interest in one of these programs or academies, make an appointment with your school counselor so you can find out how to register for one of these programs. Some of these programs offer opportunities for you to earn "industry certification" and they all offer skills to give you work force relevant experience. If you have questions, make an appointment with your grade level school counselor.

### SCHOOL CONTACT INFO:

Anclote High School  
1540 Sweetbriar Dr.  
Holiday, FL 34691

Main Office: 246-3000

Guidance Office: 246-3000

Registrar's Office: 246-3007

Data Entry: 246-3006

Bookkeeper: 246-3004

School Website: <http://ahs.pasco.k12.fl.us>

Student Hours: 7:30am -1:40 pm

### Mark Your Calendars:

In order to assist parents and students with specific topics of interest, Anclote High School will be hosting a series of parent events. All sessions are held in the media center.

Glenn Anderson, AHS Career Specialist will be holding 2 seminars for students and parents regarding the following:

Financial Aid Overview, Wednesday, February 11, 2015, 6-7:30PM

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Lab/Workshop Wednesday, February 18, 2015, 6-8PM

Katy Fritz, AHS School Social Worker will hold the following events:

Parent Appreciation Breakfast, February 24 at 7:15 am

Parent Night Activity, April 14

# SENIOR SCOOP

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.

## 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 who is located in Room 3-166

## FINANCIAL AID

Students interested in qualifying for financial aid must complete a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://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](http://www.FLVC.org).

## SAT/ACT

Registration information for the SAT or ACT can be picked up in Student Services or Mr. Anderson's office in room 3-166. Students can also go online to register directly. Visit [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) or [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) for information. See Mr. Glenn Anderson for more information.

## PROM

The Anclote High School Junior-Senior Prom is scheduled for May the 8th from 7:00-11:00 P.M. at the Bayanihan Arts and Events Center in Tampa. Tickets will cost \$55 per person. Cash or checks are accepted for payment. If you plan on bringing a guest who is not a student at AHS you must complete a guest request form in Student Services. Guests must be under 21 years of age.

## SENIOR TRIP & SPECIAL EVENTS

The senior trip to Orlando's Universal Studios is scheduled for April 18th 2015. The cost of this event is \$110 and includes admission and transportation. Participation is limited to the first 100 students. Payment can be made by cash, check or credit card. Parent release forms are available in Student Service or from Ms. Kathy Sparks, the senior class sponsor.

Other notable events are the Senior Thank You to Staff Luncheon and Senior Breakfast. The lunch is May 19th and will be held in the gym during regular lunch times. It is a way for Seniors to say thank-you to the staff members that have supported them while at AHS.

The Senior Breakfast will be at the Spartan Manor in New Port Richey on May 21st. Seniors will have time to eat, visit and sign yearbooks.

## 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 other senior activities. **No refunds will be given to students who have purchased tickets and become ineligible to attend.**

## GRADUATION

You must participate in graduation practice on May 28th (at AHS) to participate in Graduation (at the USF Sun Dome) on May 30th. All seniors planning to walk in the 2015 graduations ceremony must order a cap and gown package. Various packages can be ordered by going to [www.balfourfl.com](http://www.balfourfl.com).

## SENIOR DATES

**Grad Bash: April 18**

Class of 2015 at Universal

**Prom: May 9**

Bayanihan Arts and Events Center, Tampa

**Senior Thank You to Staff Luncheon: May 19**

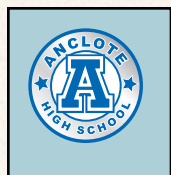
**Last Day for Seniors: May 20**

**Senior Breakfast" May 21 at Spartan Manor (Free)**

**Graduation Practice: May 28  
8:30 - 11:30 in the Gym  
Mandatory attendance**

**Graduation: May 30  
USF Sun Dome: 9:30 a.m.  
Seniors must arrive by 8:00 a.m.**

# SPRING CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## February

6 - Progress Reports

16 - No School for Students

3-5 FSA Writing Field Test

9-13 Discovery Ed

## March

3-5 - FSA Writing Test

16-21 Spring Break

23 - Planning Day

30 - Report Cards

## April

18 - Grad Bash

25-30 - State EOC Exams

30 Progress Reports

## May

1-22 - State EOC Exams

9 - Junior/Senior Prom

4-15 - AP Exams

18-20 District EOC

Seniors

20 - Seniors Last Day

26-28 District EOCs

30 - Graduation

## June

1-3 Semester

Exams

3 - Last Day

# Course Selection 2015–16

## OVERVIEW

The Anclote High School guidance staff will begin presentations in early March to assist students in the course selection process for the 2015–16 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 2015–16 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 PERT 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. State testing (FCAT OR FSA) results will be used to determine if a student must remain in Intensive Reading or can be placed in one of the alternate electives.

## TIMELINE

February Guidance Presentations

March 9–13 AHS Student Registration

## VIRTUAL REQUIREMENT

In addition to specific credit, EOC exam, and FCAT testing requirements, students graduating in 2016 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 2015–16 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 2015–16 school year. For specific questions and concerns, contact the student services office at 727–246–3008.

# General Information: Student Expectations and Reminders A-Z

**Please review the following information about student expectations and policies. More information is included in the student planner that each student received at the start of the school year, or when they registered.**

## 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 Student Services 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 Student Services. 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.

## 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.

## 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 clinic in case of illness.
- 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.

## 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 their lunch period.

## 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. Exceptions for school related activities and/or weather are only granted by the principal.

Anclote High School receives funding under Title 1. The Elementary and Secondary Education Act legislation requires that schools provide parents or guardians an actual status report called ESEA School Public Accountability Report. This report is available at the following web site: <http://doe.web-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclbspar/index.cfm>





# General Information: Student Expectations and Reminders

## LOSS OF PRIVILEGE LIST

AHS will be maintaining a LOP (Loss of Privilege) list related to unexcused absences and discipline referrals. 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, any student that has received disciplinary action for any Level 2 or 3 referrals will also be included on the LOP list. Student included on the LOP lose the privilege of participating in extra-curricular activities and/or events. 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. Students on the LOP list that would like to appeal their status on the list, should follow the appeal process. Appeal forms will be available in the Student Services Office.

## LUNCHES AND BREAKFAST

FREE breakfast is served daily in the cafeteria from 7:10-7:25. Lunch is

served daily in the cafeteria and require student's to enter a student number to receive free, reduced or purchased lunch. 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 a situation presents itself where a student needs a lunch, call the student services office and school personnel will work with you. Lunches must be consumed in the designated lunch area. Lunches purchased in the lunchroom are not to be brought to classrooms for any reason. While at lunch, please clean up your table/lunch area when you are done and refrain from feeding our bird friends.

## 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.

### Important Reminder:

Students are not permitted to remain on campus after 2:00 unless under the supervision of a staff member. Violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action and/or loss of privilege.

Students plan to attend the 2015 AHS College Fair

When: March 2

Where: AHS Gym

What to Expect: Over 30 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 Room 3-166.

### 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 Katy Fritz - School Social Worker to set 30 day goals to ensure the DMV compliance rules.



# Shark Shout Outs and Events

## Spring Sports Highlights

(Home Games)

### Baseball

Feb. 10 vs. Tarpon 7:00 (V)  
Feb. 17 vs. Gulf 7:00 (V)  
Feb. 18 vs. LOL 5:00 (JV)  
Feb. 20 vs. River Ridge 7:00 (V)  
Feb. 23 vs. Pasco 5:00 (JV)  
Feb. 25 vs. River Ridge 5:00 (JV)  
Feb. 26 vs. Zephyrhills 7:00 (V)  
Feb. 27 vs. Land O'Lakes 7:00 (V)  
March 3 vs. Fivay 7:00 (V)  
March 4 vs. Zephyrhills 5:00 (JV)  
Mar. 10 vs. Dunedin 7:00 (V)  
Mar. 11 vs. Hudson 6:00 (JV)  
Mar. 12 vs. Wesley Chapel 7:00 (V)  
Mar. 26 vs. Hudson 7:00 (V)  
Mar. 27 vs. Sunlake 8:00 (V)  
Apr. 17 River Ridge 8:00 (V)

V=Varsity JV = Junior Varsity

### Softball

Feb. 3 vs. Sunlake 6:00 pm  
Feb. 10 vs. Dunedin 7:30 pm  
Feb. 24 vs. Fivay 6:00 pm  
Feb. 26 vs. Wesley Chapel 6:00  
Mar. 4 vs. Gulf 6:00  
Mar. 10 vs. Land O' Lakes 6:00  
Mar. 12 vs. Carrolwood 7:30

### Track

Mar. 6 Anclote Invitational  
Mar. 28 Conference

\* These are the dates and times as of the publication of this newsletter. Check the school web site for updates.

Congratulations to Mikaela Simcox who was selected by the students and staff as Anclote High School's Outstanding Senior for 2014-15.

Anclote High School is proud to announce our 2014-15 Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Jessica Lanser and our School Related Personnel of the Year, Ms. Donna Ahlf. We appreciate the time and dedication of these ladies and wish them the best as they represent our Shark community at the district level.

Special Olympics - Ms. Ericka Miller 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.