

2011-2012 AHS News, February 20-26, 2012

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1. Maroon Maxims

Student Holiday - February 20.

Monday, February 20th is a student holiday.

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AISD Survey - Phone or Online.

Within the next few weeks, you will receive a phone call with a brief survey about your child's school. Your opinions are important and will be taken into consideration as we strive for excellence in preparing our students for academic success. If you would like to provide more detailed feedback about your child's school, the survey is available online February through April 2012 on the AISD website: www.austinisd.org. Please note that your responses to the survey items are completely anonymous. Please click [here](#) for a letter from Dr. Calzada regarding the AISD survey.

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2. PTSA Précis

Nominating Committee Seeking 2012-2013 Officers, NOW!

Now is the time to make officer nominations for the 2012-2013 AHS PTSA. This is your opportunity to steer the future of our PTSA and high school. The Nominating Committee urges you to self-nominate as well as nominate others who will serve our school and our organization. You do not need to "ask" potential candidates if they would like to be nominated - that is the job of the Nominating Committee. Your nominations are *anonymous*. The committee will gather all nominations, vet the names, and talk to nominees to ascertain those who would best serve the Austin High School PTSA. Please send your officer nominations to Carole Dale, cs2020@att.net

The PTSA is seeking officers to serve as President, VP Communications, VP Membership, VP Volunteers, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and CAC Rep. The election meeting is March 1, so send in those nominations NOW!

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3. Activities and Accolades

Announcements - Fundraising Events, Sales, Etc.

Krispy Kreme Friday, February 24.

Krispy Kreme donuts will be available for purchase every Friday morning, 8:00-8:50 AM, at both entrances of AHS (look for the Krispy Kreme balloons) Pick up a single donut for \$1 or a boxed dozen for \$10. It's hard to resist the warm taste of Krispy Kreme! But if you're looking for healthier fare, fresh fruit or breakfast tacos (including some with turkey sausage and Egg Beaters on wheat tortillas) for \$2 each are also available. Proceeds benefit the Class of 2013.

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Arts

ATTENTION! Special Performance for National Critics, February 24 and 25!

Music Theatre International has requested that The Austin High Theater Department remount their production of the school edition of *SPRING AWAKENING* so that

National Critics from the Educational Theatre Association will have the opportunity to see it. If they like the production, there is a possibility that AHS will be recommended for the Main Stage at the International Thespian Festival this summer. I Austin High was only one of two schools in the US chosen to produce this play, and being chosen for the Festival is the highest honor a high school theatre department can receive for a production.

Make plans to see this fabulous production and help us *pack the house*.

SPRING AWAKENING, high school version

February 24 & 25 at 7:00 PM each night.

Students tickets are \$10. Adults (18 and over) are \$15.

To order tickets, email adragoo@austinisd.org.
Visit our website for details www.reddragonplayers.com .

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Camp Red Dragon in June.
Summer Theater Arts Day Camp: June 4 – 8, 2012, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.
Visit www.reddragonplayers.com for details.

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Athletics

Baseball.

Tuesday, February 21, JV2 at 5:00 PM and JV1 at 7:30 PM, at Nelson Field - v. Anderson;
Thursday, February 23, JV1 at Lake Travis Tournament and JV2 at Leander Tournament, and Varsity plays Smithson Valley at Stony Point HS at 1:00 PM;
Friday, February 24, Varsity plays two games today: 10:00 AM at Round Rock HS Dragon Diamond v. Southlake Carroll and 4:00 PM at McNeil HS Mavericks Stadium v. Midland HS;
Saturday, February 25, 4:00 PM, at Leander HS Varsity Field, v. Leander.

Clinic REscheduled.

The AHS Youth Baseball Clinic was cancelled on Friday due to rain and has been rescheduled for this Monday 20th ~

1st – 3rd grade at 8:30 – 11:30 AM
4th – 8th grade at 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM

If anyone at AHS has or knows kids who would like to join us, it will be at Thorpe field. We have spots and need support!!!

\$40 per child ~ price includes clinic, t-shirt & snack. Flyer, Registration & Waiver Form available on the AHS Baseball website: www.austinhighbaseball.com, click on ‘Youth Baseball Clinic’ on the menu at the top. Email questions to crozman1@austin.rr.com.

Visit www.austinhighbaseball.com , for more baseball information.

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Boys Basketball.

Tuesday, February 21 - Playoffs begin.
Visit the [Boys Basketball website](#) for more or click [here](#) for the Varsity Schedule.

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Boys Soccer.

Wednesday, February 22, JVB at 4:30 PM, JVA at 6:00 PM, and Varsity at 7:45 PM, at Burger Stadium - v. Bowie;
Friday, February 24, JVB at 4:30 PM, JVA at 6:00 PM, and Varsity at 7:45 PM, at House Park - v. Del Valle.

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Girls Soccer.

Tuesday, February 21, at House Park, JV at 6:00 PM and Varsity at 7:45 PM - v. Bowie;
Friday, February 24, at Del Valle HS, JV at 6:00 PM and Varsity at 7:45 PM - v. Del Valle.
Visit Girls Soccer the web at www.htosports/maroonsoccer .

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Softball.

Tuesday, February 21, JV at 5:30 PM and Varsity at 6:45 PM, at Westwood - v. Westwood;
Thursday-Saturday, February 23-25 - Round Rock Varsity Tournament.

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Congratulations, Swim Team.

Congratulations to the Austin High Swim Team for a great showing the past weekend at the UIL Region 4 Swim Meet in Conroe, Texas. Representing Austin High were the following swimmers:

Seniors: Justin Couture, Sarah Escobedo Taylor Harrison and Terrell McLendon,

Juniors: Cameron Hernandez and Billy Caldwell

Sophomores: Rachel Escobedo, Laine Reed and Moe Salas, and

Freshman: Margaret Mercer.

All swimmers participated in the preliminary races on Friday, February 10; one girls relay and two individuals qualified for Saturday finals. First, Cameron Hernandez qualified for finals in the 500 Free with an individual 'best time' in this event.

Laine Reed, who is District Champion in the 200 Free, is now Regional Champion in that event, too! As a first place finisher at regionals, she automatically qualifies for State! Laine finished 3rd in the 100 Free; by virtue of her fast time in this event, it is expected that she will be 'called-up' to the state meet in this event as well. Laine's times in both of her events were individual best times.

Finally, Terrell McLendon, Margaret Mercer, Taylor Harrison and Laine Reed earned a second swim as the 400 Free Relay team; they also swam a best time to earn their spot in the finals.

Congratulations to all and good luck to Laine at the upcoming State Swim Meet on Friday-Saturday, February 24-25, at UT Swim Center.

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Tennis.

Friday, February 24 - Varsity Tournament at Westwood;

Friday, March 2, in Belton - Varsity Tournament..

**Austin High Youth Tennis Camp, February 20:

Kids ages 5-12 can register for an afternoon of tennis drills, games, and fun with the Austin High tennis team! Walk-ins are welcome, space permitting.

For more information, visit the Events page at austinhightennis.com to learn more and download a registration form. Email your

austinhightennis@yahoo.com

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4. Class News

Senior Summary

[2012 Parents, are you receiving email updates from the 2012 Booster Club? If not, please email ahs2012boosters@gmail.com and ask to be added to the email list so you too can be informed and involved in your student's senior year. The Booster club meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 6: 00 – 7:00 PM at AHS in Room #257. For more information, go to the Class of 2012 website: [www.Austin](http://www.AustinHighSchoolPTSA.com)

HighSchoolPTSA.com

, then click on the

[Class of 2012 link](#)

in the right hand column.]

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Brick Pavers Sale, Deadline April 1.

Support the Class of 2012 by purchasing a brick paver to honor your student or celebrate a

faculty member, coach or special alumnus. These brick pavers will be installed in the Circle of Honor on the west side of our school. Cost is \$125.00 and payment options are available. Profits support the 2012 Senior Celebration and Baccalaureate. The last day to order your Brick Paver is April 1, 2012. Questions: Stephanie Connell – Connellfamily@austin.rr.com .

Click

[here](#)

for an order form.

Junior Jots

Class of 2013 Newsletter.

The Class of 2013 booster Newsletter is now available online for parents of students in the class of 2013. We are excited for our upcoming Senior year and are trying to keep you informed and up to date on all the news and happenings with our class. If you would like to receive the Booster Newsletter via email please send a request to classof2013@gmail.com or ebf@grandecom.net

The newsletter can also be found at www.austinhighschoolptsa.com under Class of 2013 or [click here](#)

5. College Connection

Log onto Naviance, <http://connection.naviance.com/austinhs> , or contact Ms. Miller, tmiller@ustinisd.org

, or Dr. Garza-Nyer, egarza2@ustinisd.org

, in the College and Career Center with all of your questions.

6. Extra! Extra!

Keep Safe Online Dialogue, February 23.

Google and iKeep Safe’s National Digital Literacy Tour is making its way to Austin with a scheduled stop at O. Henry Middle School on Thursday, February 23 from 6:30-8:30 PM. AISD parents are invited to attend and engage in a dialogue about cyberbullying, protecting personal information, maintaining positive reputations and relationships online. To support safe and responsible internet use, the **AISD school with the most attendees will receive a \$1,000 technology grant courtesy of Google.** Click [here](#) for a flyer with

more information.

Hispanic Futures Conference at AHS, February 25.

The Hispanic Futures Conference will be held at AHS on February 25th, 8:30 AM - 1:15 PM. The event is a Careers Conference on Fine Arts and the Creative Industries. It will feature keynote speakers, breakout sessions, and a career expo on careers relating to the creative industries (fine arts, film, music, digital media, media/marketing). Click [here](#) for a flyer and [here](#)

for an agenda.

7. Looking Ahead

PTSA General Membership Meeting - March 1, 11:30 AM, AHS Conference D. Click [here](#) for a list of all this year's PTSA meetings.

[CAC](#) Meeting - March 5, 5:30 PM, AHS Library. Meetings are the 1st Monday of every month.

Schlotsky's Band Fundraiser - March 7. These are the first Wednesday of every month.

Coffee With the Principal - March 8, 8:30 AM, Café Austin. Click [here](#) for this year's coffees and teas.

Spring Break - March 12-16.

Late Start Day - March 22. Click [here](#) for a list of Late Start Days.

[4th Annual Battle of Bands](#) - March 24. Questions? ahsbattleofbands@gmail.com

Tea With the Principal - May 10, 5:30 PM, Café Austin. Click [here](#) for this year's coffees and teas.

Senior Prom - Saturday, May 19

Final Exams - May 24, 25, 29, and 30. Click [here](#) for a Final Exam Schedule.

Last Day of Classes - May 30

Class of 2012 Graduation - June 1, 12:00 PM, Erwin Center.

Click [here](#) for a 2011-2012 AISD calendar and [here](#) for the AISD Monthly Calendar.