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I am pleased to welcome new and returning students and parents/caregivers to Albany High School. This is a community that is committed to creating an environment in which every kind of learner is respected and a wide variety of options are available to help meet individual learning needs. As our Expected School-wide Learning Results (re-confirmed by the WASC Visiting Committee in Spring, 2016) reflect, we expect our graduates to be Complex Thinkers, Effective Communicators, Self-Directed Learners, and Academically Prepared Individuals. As a faculty and staff, we will continue to pursue these goals with enthusiastic commitment.

I want to thank all the parents and community members who helped secure the passage of measures B&E. Those funds will enable us to continue to offer the best facilities possible for student learning. I also want to thank every person and family who has made some kind of contribution to the school and district so that we can maintain the outstanding educational program at Albany High School. Such collaboration is key to our success. I urge you to sign up to **volunteer** through the support organizations of your choice, whether they are the PTSA, AAB (athletics), School-Care, or Albany Music Fund. We simply cannot do it without your active involvement. Please consider getting involved in any way that you can. Our students will appreciate it.

Communication is a key element of our success. Please sign up for the daily email so you can stay up to date with school news and know when your help is needed. Go to: <http://ahs.ausdk12.org/news/email-list-signup> and enter your email. It's very easy, yet very important.

Critical Notice: Parents/Caregivers must complete the Student Data Confirmation Process on the Aeries Parent Portal - <https://abi.ausdk12.org/aeriesportal/> - print out the Acknowledgement form at the end of the process, and bring it to school during registration so students may receive their schedules. Students will not receive their schedules without it.

Photos, PTSA, Schoolcare, PAHS, Other Info:

There are many bits of information enclosed in this mailing that will help you navigate Opening Day. Be sure that you read this information and understand it. Please come to Opening Day with several checks to pay for memberships, PE uniforms, other spirit items, and yearbooks. The following documents are included in this packet:

- Photo Order Form (optional – separate payment)
- AAB Sports Pass and Athletic Donation Form Athletics FAQ
- Albany High School PTSA Membership (please join!!) Volunteer and eScrip sign-up forms
- Albany Music Fund Membership Form (join this too)
- School Care flyer (please donate)
- Albany Education Fund (yes, they need donations too)
- For Freshmen: Letter regarding the mandatory course, “Identity, Health and Society”
- For Seniors: Letter regarding expectations of Senior Year and anticipated costs.
- Grad Nite 2016 “Disneyland” flyer for Seniors – **PTSA SPONSORED NOT SCHOOL SPONSORED**
- School Calendar
- Venture Student Store flyer – get your school supplies!

Class Schedules and Student ID Pick-up:

AHS Opening Day Wednesday, August 24. Please note the schedule below:

11:00-11:30 Juniors A-M IDs, schedules, purchases

11:30-12:15	Juniors N-Z	IDs, schedules, purchases
12:15-12:45	Seniors A-M	IDs, schedules, purchases
12:45- 1:30	Seniors N-Z	IDs, schedules, purchases
1:30-2:15	Sophomores A-M	Schedules and purchases only
2:15-3:00	Sophomores N-Z	Schedules and purchases only
3:30-4:00	All Freshman	Orientation begins in the gym
4:00-5:00	Freshman	Schedules and purchases only

Bring Checks or Cash: At Opening Day, you can purchase essentials for the coming year and help support the school.

- Student ID is free!
- PTSA Membership and donation: \$10 to \$100 - \$85 suggested per family
- PE Uniform: PE T-Shirt, white - \$15; PE Shorts, red - \$15; Sweat Shirt, red - \$25; Sweat Pants, red - \$25 (Checks should be made payable to Mary and Joe's Sporting Goods. If you wish to get the uniform beforehand, you can go directly to their store at 911 San Pablo Ave at Solano).
- Yearbook: \$85 (+ \$5 for personalization) – it will cost more later in the year
- Daily Planner: \$5 (free to Freshmen) – very useful for keeping track of assignments, tests, appointments, etc.
- "Cougar" Subscription: \$35 – The monthly student newspaper, The Cougar, will be mailed home to subscribers. It's a great way to keep in touch with what's happening at school.

Monday, August 29, First Day of School

8:10-3:30 Freshman and sophomores will take their photo ID pictures in the gym during their PE classes

8:10-3:30 Juniors and seniors who missed Opening Day on August 24 must take their photo ID picture in the gym on Monday, August 29 before receiving their course schedule. Course schedules can be picked up in the Attendance Office only after the junior or senior has taken their photo ID.

The bell schedule for Monday through Friday is below. We look forward to seeing everyone!

Monday, August 29

Advisory	8:10 - 8:40
1st	8:45 - 9:30
2nd	9:35 - 10:20
3rd	10:25 - 11:10
Break	11:10 - 11:20
4th	11:25 - 12:10
5th	12:15- 1:00
Lunch	1:00 - 1:45
6th	1:50 - 2:35
7th	2:40 - 3:25

Tuesday, August 30	Block A
Wednesday, September 1	Block B
Thursday, September 2	Block A
Friday, September 3	Block B

Sincerely,


 Jeff Anderson
 Principal