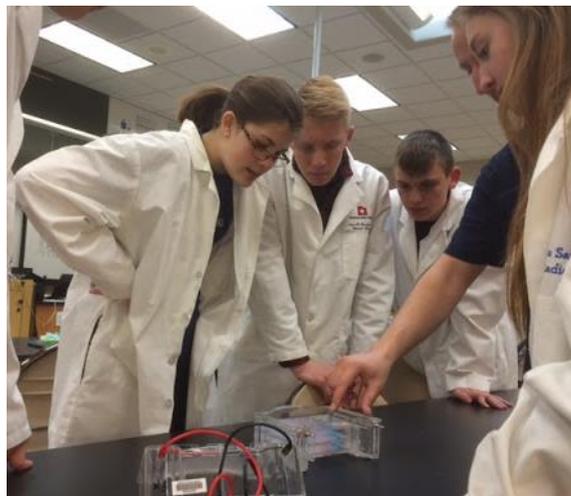


What's New at AHS This Year?

- ✓ **17 Additional Acres** for our campus expansion. We won't break ground immediately, but the land is now officially ours and we are already receiving creative proposals from teachers about how we might use it in the meantime until construction starts. Do you have any ideas?
- ✓ **Existing Building Renovations.** Check out the **four new Math rooms** on the second level surrounding the library study spaces; the **new Elementary Music room** next to the North Auditorium, and the **new offices on the third level for administrators and staff.** We are also implementing **smart-surface technology for our new Math and Science rooms,** and LOTS of whiteboard space!
- ✓ **New P.E. and Athletic Options,** including girls' and boys' Volleyball, Golf, Ultimate Frisbee, and Intramural Athletics, as well as P.E. for all students in grades 7–12 at least once per week.
- ✓ **More Recess and Longer Lunch Periods.** All elementary classes have an extra recess each day for a total of three in grades K–5 and two in grade 6 (not counting PE). In grades 7–12, lunch periods are extended from 30 minutes to 40 minutes on each day Tuesday–Thursday.
- ✓ **New Course Offerings,** including AP Statistics (Mr. Wood), AP Physics (Mr. DeBirk), AP U.S. Government & Politics (Mr. Haymond), Home Economics (Ms. Moore and Mrs. Perry), Accounting (Mr. Hale), Living History (Mr. Cornell), Chess (Sam Wood), Logic and Reasoning (David Hancock), Photography, and Math Lab. In elementary school, a Student Government program will be added to grades 4–6 (Mrs. Cory and Mrs. Fallon, mentors).
- ✓ **Enrollment Growth,** including two additional full-day Kindergarten classes, an additional 7th Grade class, and an additional 9th Grade class. Overall enrollment at the school K–12 increased to 830 students, growing by nearly 8%, with 270 new students applying to the school, of whom we admitted 170.
- ✓ **New Modified Block Schedule** (Grades 7–12) that provides students with an opportunity for more elective options, all periods on Mondays and Fridays, and longer periods on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays for lab-based and project-based learning, as well as a special 8th Period each week on Thursday for an additional elective or study hall.
- ✓ **Full-time School Counselor,** Mrs. Stacy Wood, will serve as a **college entrance counselor** to help every



student map out a path to graduation and beyond. Mrs. Wood is also a credentialed and experienced **social and emotional counselor**, and will provide a safe and constructive environment for any students that need support.

- ✓ **More Home & Distance Education Resources** for more “anytime and anyplace” learning, including **more Online High School** courses. Report cards (optional). Credit-bearing and “audit” options (for 9–12). Real-time meetings and discussions (for 9–12). Updated and expanded edition of *The Family School—Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, and Year 4* with **online subscription access to ALL of the curriculum** for only \$30 per month. Loyalty discounts for ongoing subscriptions. Great conversation and activity ideas for learning with your children. This resource is highly recommended for any family!



- ✓ **Continued sensitivity to family impact of programs and homework**, allocating more class time to work on projects in class. Some science and other “at-home” projects will become optional.



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