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Arts Academy Updates 09/23/2024

Updates from Dr. Mitchell and Mrs. Prybula (formerly known as Ms. Ignagni) will be added to our [Daily Announcements](#) on our website.

You can always find the most up-to-date news there. **If you miss an email, please check the announcements on the website!**

Quick Reminders

Our first assembly is Wednesday on our new outdoor stage. Bring a blanket or towel to sit on outside on the grass. We strongly encourage sunscreen as well.

This Wednesday is curriculum night, from 6-8 p.m. A chance for families to walk class schedules and meet the teachers. See September 16 Update for more details.

Photo IDs and picture retakes will be on Monday, October 14th.

Student Council

This year, our Student Council advisors are Mrs. Hone and Mr. McClung. They have asked to share the following information from their first meeting:

- Students who want to run for an executive position in the student council need to pick up the form in room 208 starting today. Forms are due Thursday, September 26th, and election nominees will be announced Monday, September 30th.
- Positions are President and V.P (Juniors and Seniors only)
- Communications and Treasurer (all grades welcome)

Academic Interventions

As part of our ongoing commitment to ensure that all students succeed academically, we are implementing a new procedure to provide support for students with their core class assignments.

For students struggling in academics, we will temporarily pull students from their art class(es) to focus on completing missing or overdue assignments in their core subjects. This plan intended to provide students with dedicated time and support to address any gaps in their academics and to help them stay on track with their overall educational progress.



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We will notify students and parents on Thursday or Friday if we intend to have them participate in the intervention the following week.

We understand that art is a vital part of your child's education and appreciate your support in this matter. Please be assured that this adjustment is temporary in accordance with your child's effort to complete their tasks and is being made with the best interests of your child's academic success in mind.

To stay informed about your child's progress, we encourage you to review their grades and assignment statuses on PowerSchool. This will provide you with a comprehensive overview of their current performance and help you address any concerns that may arise. All students are also able to show parents their grades in PowerSchool. Regular monitoring of PowerSchool can be an effective way to stay engaged with your child's academic journey and to support them in managing their responsibilities.

Messages from our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

The fall Meet the Teachers/ Curriculum Night will be held on September 25th from 6-8 pm. During this event, the Parent Teacher Organization will host three events.

- 1) There will be an Ice Cream Social in the cafegymatorium; stop in for free ice cream!
- 2) The PTO will also have a raffle fundraiser selling raffle tickets for prize baskets- \$2 each or 6 for \$10. We are asking for donations of gift baskets/prizes/gift cards for the raffle. Items can be dropped off in the office and labeled "PTO Raffle."
- 3) A PTO membership drive will also be taking place. Please consider joining the PTO. Dues are \$10 per year and can be paid via Venmo (Venmo@AAWPTO) or PayPal (AAW@gmail.com), cash or credit.

PTO meetings are open to all, but only paid members have voting privileges. There is no commitment. Anyone who joins at curriculum night will be entered in a \$25 Amazon card drawing! The winner will be announced during our October meeting. 100% of funds go to PTO sponsored events for students/staff.

Reminders

PARKING/DROP OFF 2024/2025

Please note that it is incredibly dangerous for students to cross Caroline to enter and exit the building. Additional details are available in the 09/09 announcements.



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[Dental service at school](#)

DENTIST R US is a community/school based Mobile Dental Program that will be on site at the Academy on **Tuesday October 1**. Additional details and forms are linked in the 09/09 announcements.

[Guidelines for reducing the spread of respiratory illness \(including COVID\)](#)

[Centers for Disease Control Updates Guidance](#) additional details were in the 09/09 announcements