

AOB Newsletter February 15 Update

Upcoming Events at AOB!

Advanced Placement Open House: Our Advanced Placement Open House will be held virtually on Tuesday, February 22nd beginning at 6:30pm. The link to join this presentation is [here](#). Additional information may be found on our [school webpage](#).

AOB Open House: AOB's annual Open House will be held virtually on Wednesday March 9th at 6:30pm. Families may join this presentation and learn about courses and extra-curricular activities by joining us on that evening at the [following link](#).

Wednesday, February 16th – Girls Rugby: Want to play Sr. Girls Rugby...there is an interest meeting on Wednesday at Lunch Rm 236 as well practice to follow after school on that day

Monday, February 21st: Family Day – School Closed and there are no classes.

Class of 2022 Fundraiser: The Class of 2022 will be hosting a Blaze Pizza Fundraiser on **February 21st**. We are hoping that you and your families will choose to enjoy pizza on Family Day while at the same time support our graduating class. Our goal is to raise enough money to rent a photo booth for student/family photos on the evening of the graduation banquet. I have attached the flyer from Blaze Pizza which includes the promotional order code. [The link can be found here](#)

Wednesday, February 23rd: Pink Shirt Day Bullying is a major problem in our schools, workplaces, homes, and online. Over the month of February, and throughout the year, Pink Shirt Day aims to raise awareness of these issues, as well as raise funds to support programs that foster children's healthy self-esteem. **Pink Shirt Day falls on the last Wednesday of February every year. The goal is to create a more kind, inclusive world by raising awareness for anti-bullying initiatives. Students and staff are encouraged to wear a pink shirt on that day.**

AOB Announcements

Change in COVID regulations for athletics spectators: We have just received an update from Alberta Education regarding spectators to an event at your school. Originally, it was stated that only spectators over 18 (and not youth attending school in the building) were required to be masked. Please note that this has changed to All students/spectators 13 years and older must wear a mask while being a spectator at an extra-curricular activity within a school.

Senior Basketball Games: Good afternoon, the basketball teams are excited to welcome back spectators as we play the last few games of our regular season. For an updated schedule for all 4 basketball teams please visit www.metroathletics.ca

Our senior basketball teams will be holding a special pre-game celebration for our graduating grade 12 players on the following dates.

Senior Boys vs Strathcona Christian on Wednesday Feb 16th at 5:30pm

Senior Girls vs Louis St. Laurent on Thursday Feb 17th at 5:30pm

Thank you in advance for your support!

Hand Ball: Alberta Team Handball Federation (ATHF) has developed a drop-in handball program starting March 4th in our new Handball Specific gym, located at 14449 Yellowhead Trail. Jr. Highs can come from 6-7:30 pm and High Schools from 7:30-9 pm. The cost is \$10 each and the first half-hour will be an intro to the sport, drills, skill development, and the last hour will be scrimmages.

We wanted to open this up not only to your students but to any potential or current school coaches, looking to gain more information on what drills to run, how to run them, etc. These drop-ins will be run by club and provincial level coaches, and they are more than willing to help you and your student progress their skills. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact Carl Barton at 780-405-0391.

Thank you to the ECSD Foundation: AOB would like to acknowledge and thank the ECSD Foundation for their donation of \$3000.00 to purchase snack items and meals for AOB students. AOB has snack and light lunch items available to students daily. As well, we would be glad to accept donations of juice boxes, noodles in a cup, granola bars, individually packaged goldfish snacks or cheese and cracker snacks at the main school office. Additionally, fresh fruit is available to students on Thursday mornings in the school office, the library, or the Success Center.

Boston Pizza Receipts: We collect receipts from any Boston Pizza restaurant and a portion of the bill amount is donated to AOB to support our student food purchase initiative. Boston Pizza receipts can be handed in at the main school office.

Washrooms: We continue to have issues with unexpected behaviours (loitering, graffiti, and the use of vapes) in our student washrooms. We have shared with students that there is to be no loitering (extended visiting with others) in the washrooms to discourage these activities. Our expectation is that a student needing to use the washroom during class time should do so and then promptly return to class. If a student has a 'spare' class, they are welcome to sit with others either in the cafeteria or library.