

# School News

## July 19, 2023

**HS VOLLEYBALL INFORMATION** - All high school volleyball girls should report the week of July 31<sup>st</sup>. Below is the schedule for the first week. Contact Coach Lisa Willcox at 505-980-0345 with any questions.

Mon-Thur practices will be 10 a.-12 p. and 3-5 p.

Teams will be posted Wednesday evening at 7 p.

Parent meeting at 5 p. on Thursday.

Friday practice 8:30 - 11:30 a.

BBQ Friday evening at the Wilcox Ranch (time TBA).

Saturday practice 10 a.-1 p.

**SECONDARY ORIENTATION (7<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup>)** – Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, at 6 p.m. in the AOA gym. Both parents and students are urged to attend.

**GRAMMAR ORIENTATION (KINDERGARTEN-5<sup>TH</sup>)** – Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6 p.m. in the AOA gym. *ONLY 6<sup>th</sup> grade students may accompany their parents. Kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> will be a parent orientation only.*

**FIRST DAY OF INSTRUCTION** – Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:55 a.m. – 3:20 p.m.

### **JH VOLLEYBALL INFORMATION –**

Tryouts: August 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 7am-8:40am at the AOA Gym.

Team assignments will be posted in the gym for practice on August 18<sup>th</sup>.

Attire: Players will wear AOA school PE uniforms or any AOA Volleyball t-shirt to practice. In addition, kneepads are needed to be purchased (black is preferred but not mandatory). Court shoes must be worn. Hair must be pulled back-preferably with hairband-NO barrettes. Water bottles.

Uniforms: AOA will provide a game jersey. Players are to provide court shoes, shorts, knee pads and game socks. Game socks must be either solid navy, white, black or gray and without design (manufacture logo is permissible).

Playing Time:

When athletes attend practices:

C Team: all players will receive playing time each match.

B Team: an attempt for all players to play each match will be made but not guaranteed. A team is the most competitive of the three. Therefore, parents and players understand that players on the A team are NOT guaranteed any playing time. It is understood that there will be matches that some players will not play.

Match Schedules: Most matches will occur on Mondays and Thursdays OR Tuesdays and Thursdays. Because not all schools have a C Team, their season is shorter. If there are enough for two C Teams, the two teams will alternate competing and when home matches occur with no opponent, they will compete with one another. A & B Teams may participate in weekend tournaments during the season.

Physicals/Athletic fee: All Players are required to have physicals and pay an athletic fee.

**HIGH SCHOOL 101** - All incoming freshmen and any 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students who are new to AOA are invited to meet in the gym on Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6 p.m. to learn about our high school academics and activities. *Parents are encouraged to attend with your student(s).*

**SEPTEMBER SPIRIT JEAN DAY** – Will be Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. Students may wear *appropriate* jeans (no holes, faux holes, tight fitting, or skinny jeans), and any AOA spirit shirt or a shirt with AOA colors (navy, gold, or white). Students may also wear uniform tops and/or bottoms.

**LABOR DAY HOLIDAY** – Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, will be a school holiday.

**AOA SPORTS/SPIRIT WEAR** – Is available to purchase any time at <https://teamstore.gtmsportswear.com/AOA>.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

August 8 – New Teacher Orientation

August 9-15 – Staff Development

August 11 – Secondary School Orientation @ 6 p.m. (*Parents and students.*)

August 14 – Grammar School Orientation @ 6 p.m. (*Only 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to join their parents.*)

August 16 – First Day of Instruction

August 21 – High School 101

September 1 – Spirit Jean Day

**September 4 – HOLIDAY!**

October 7 – Spirit Jean Day

October 18-19 – High School Retreat

October 19 – End of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter

October 20 – HOLIDAY!

October 26 – Grammar Awards 8 a.m.

October 27 – Secondary Awards 8 a.m.