School News November 1, 2023

SPIRIT JEAN DAY – This Friday, November 3rd will be Spirit Jean Day.

5TH QUARTER – Our next high school event, 5th Quarter, will be this Friday, November 3rd, 7-11 p.m. on Davidhizar Lane. Please see Mrs. Van Roekel's email for details.

STUFF THE BUS – Interact will collect nonperishable goods through this Friday, November 3rd for Open Door Outreach Ministries in Trinity.

JUSTIN MILLER SCHOLARSHIP FUND – Four years ago this fall, we tragically lost one of our 4th grade AOA students, Justin Miller, in a car accident. To honor Justin's life, his family sponsors an annual scholarship by selling spirit items. Shirts are available for purchase to wear on Spirit Jean Days and hoodies are also available and are approved for everyday wear at school. All proceeds will go to the Justin Miller Memorial Scholarship Fund. *Orders will close on Friday, November 3rd*. Please continue to pray for Justin's family and friends. (https://alpha-omega.itemorder.com/shop/home/)

DIGNITAS FREE DRESS DAY – Monday, November 6th, will be a free dress day for Dignitas House *only*.

TURKEY TROT - PTF is planning a Turkey Trot for Thursday, November 9th. This event is being organized to raise funds for an all-weather covering for the playground and to aid secondary students in their athletic and fine arts opportunities. Please open the attached flyer for more information and to register your student(s) to participate in the Turkey Trot. Fundraising will be all online and can be shared via social media and email to family and friends near and far. There will be prizes for those who meet levels of fundraising, the grade (PreK - 8th) and the house (9th - 12th) that raise the most money. PTF is also working on a fun display once they meet their fundraising goal (Pending approval...and willingness to be pied...).

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM & TAKE A VETERAN TO SCHOOL DAY - We are preparing for our Veterans Day program and *Take a Veteran to School Day* on Friday, November 10th. *Take a Veteran to School Day* is a national program developed by the History Channel to link veterans with students nationwide. Schools and communities invite veterans of all backgrounds to share their stories and receive thanks for their service. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Dana Brenton at dbrenton@alphaomegaacademy.org or 936-438-8833.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD DROPOFF - Audentia students have placed collection bins at the school entrances for Operation Christmas Child. We are collecting donations and packing shoeboxes. You may drop off \$10 in a sealed envelope with your name and "OCC" on the outside to the front office. These donations will cover the shipping cost for one shoebox. If you wish to pack your own box, you can drop off the full shoebox with a \$10 shipping donation to Audentia's homeroom (#109) between 7:30-7:55 each morning. You

will receive a tracking label for your box. Do not pack candy, food, toothpaste, liquids, war/scary items, liquids, lotion, medicine, vitamins, breakables, flammables, or aerosols. Contact Jeff Norris, Audentia House Dean, at inorris@alphaomegaacademy.org with any questions. For additional info, see Mr. Norris's attached email or visit www.samaritanspurse.org/occ. Deadline to drop off is Friday, November 10th.

PTF NOVEMBER RESTAURANT DAY – TomFoolery's will host our November Restaurant Day PTF fundraiser all day on Tuesday, November 14th, 11 a.m.–8 p.m. Plan to enjoy a great meal and some fun games while supporting our school!

SPORTS GATE VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED - We are always in need of volunteers to work the entrances to all sporting events. Please consider signing up to work a shift to support our student athletes and enjoy watching our teams play! https://signup.com/go/ZpgHkoO

LUNCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Volunteering to serve AOA lunches is a great way for parents and grandparents to connect with children during the school day. As an added bonus, if you serve *TWICE* per semester, your child(ren) will earn *one free dress day per semester*. Don't miss this opportunity to serve your school! Sign-up today! https://signup.com/go/owRhqfO

AOA ONLINE EVENTS CALENDAR – Be sure to check the Google calendar on our website for all school and sports events, school holidays, and more. Then mark your own calendars to come out and support our kids in all their activities. *AOA students are free*. All HS gate tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors and non-AOA students. JH gate fees are \$5 adults, \$3 seniors and non-AOA students. Or purchase a Sports Pass for the best deal! https://alphaomegaacademy.org/calendar/

SPORTS PASSES - This year the Athletic Department is offering sports passes to any *regular season* (not including playoffs) JH and HS *home* game. Contact Coach K at skieschnick@alphaomegaacademy.org to purchase a pass. You will be billed through your FACTS account. Prices are listed below.

\$200 All sports/All year Basketball, Softball, Baseball

\$75 Volleyball, \$50 Football

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 30-November 3 – Stuff the Bus!

November 3 – Spirit Jean Day / Senior Cap & Gown pics / 5th Quarter 7-11 p.m.

November 6 – Dignitas House (only!) free dress day

November 9 – Turkey Trot

November 10 - Veterans Day Program & Take A Veteran to School Day / Deadline to drop off for Operation Christmas Child

November 13 – FFA Meeting

November 14 - PTF Restaurant Day @ TomFoolery's, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. / Art Club meeting 3:30-4:30 p.m.

November 15 – 5th grade field trip to George Bush Library

November 20-24 - THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY!

November 27 – Board of Trustees Meeting 6 p.m.

November 28 – Kindergarten field trip to Brookshire Bros., Good Shepherd Mission, & Kate Barr Ross Park

December 1 – Spirit Jean Day

December 4-8 – Book Fair / Candy Gram sales

December 11 – FFA Meeting 6:30 p.m.

December 15 – Lunch volunteer free dress day

December 21 – Pre-K field trip to Chick-Fil-A 10-11:30 a.m.

December 22 – Christmas Program 8:15 a.m. / 11 a.m. Dismissal

December 25-January 8 – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY!

January 9 – STUDENT HOLIDAY / Staff Development