



# ALPHARETTA HIGH SCHOOL

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Good Morning Raiders,

Let me start today with some faculty and staff celebrations. Congratulations to Karla Estrada as our September Teacher of the Month, Pierre Fenelus as our professional of the month, our ESOL department as our Team of the Month which includes Vilma Bass, Ginni Priya, Malia Ellard, Ana Maria Gottlieb, Deborah Ethridge, Mike Womack and Mike Scheifflee and finally congrats to our Social Studies Department Chair, Mr. Adam Smiley who received our Leadership Matters Award. It is certainly the amazing faculty of AHS that ensures AHS is one of the top schools in the State in Nation.

Speaking of our amazing faculty, I am so thrilled to be able to host an in-person Curriculum Night next Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7pm where our parents will be able to meet this prestigious group of educators. Last Friday, I e-mailed the schedule for Curriculum Night to all our parents.

## Schedule

7:00 pm – 7:20 pm	FIRST PERIOD (w/ Welcome Video)
7:25 pm – 7:38 pm	SECOND PERIOD
7:43 pm – 7:56 pm	THIRD PERIOD
8:01 pm – 8:14 pm	FOURTH OR SIXTH PERIOD
8:19 pm – 8:32 pm	SEVENTH PERIOD
8:37 pm – 8:50 pm	EIGHTH PERIOD
8:50 pm	DISMISSAL

Parents, you will be following your child's class schedule on Curriculum Night, so your homework in preparation for next Tuesday is to access your child's class schedule so you know the course, teacher and room number for each class period. We will begin the evening with you in your child's 1<sup>st</sup> period classroom. We realize that many of our students have virtual classes or college classes off campus during 1<sup>st</sup> period. If that is the case for your child, you may either just plan to start your evening during the period your child does have a first period on campus or you may report to the media center during the period in which your student has an off campus class. We will post the welcome video that is being shown in first period classes to our website so any parent with a phone and internet access will be able to view that video that is being projected in the first period classroom to kick off our evening. If you have further questions about Curriculum Night, please reach out to Mr. Frank Fortunato.

Freshmen parents, please remember that we will host a Freshman parent meeting at 6pm in the auditorium on Tuesday evening immediately prior to Curriculum Night.





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Juniors and Seniors, reminder that applications for the prestigious National Honor Society are due on September 26<sup>th</sup>. E-mails have been sent directly to all eligible juniors and seniors with access to and directions for the application process. Students should check their e-mails and follow those instructions carefully. To be eligible, juniors and seniors must have a 92 or higher CNA or higher, 2 confirmed leadership positions and as a junior 35 service hours and as a senior 45 Service hours. Additionally, students will be required to sit for an essay. **Significantly, please note this is the final year that students will be able to initially join NHS as a senior. Starting in the 2023-2024 school year, only juniors will be able to join the AHS chapter of NHS.**

Questions can be directed to the NHS advisors – Karla Estrada or Mary Franchak.

Here is a link to where the application will be as well as a video for students who would like to join.  
<https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Falpharettanhs.weebly.com%2Fnew-applicants.html&data=05%7C01%7Ckersey%40fultonschools.org%7C68aef43bad2f44ff944b08da862fd18d%7C0cdbc19881694b70ba9fda7e3ba700c2%7C1%7C0%7C637969837222044051%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IklhaWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&reserved=0>

Raiders, September is Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month. Suicide prevention is important every day of the year. National Suicide Prevention Month gives AHS an opportunity to shine a special, encouraging light on this topic that affects us all, and send a clear, hopeful message that help is available, and suicide can be prevented. Our counselors will be providing the Signs of Suicide training to all AHS freshmen next week. More information can be found on our website. We have a tremendous partnership with Summit Counseling to support our students and we also have the Text4Help program.  
<https://www.fultonschools.org/Page/19486>

Our flags will be flying at half staff today and throughout the weekend as our Nation mourns the death of Queen Elizabeth II as well as remembers the tragedy of September 11<sup>th</sup>. I am thankful for our school community who places the flags on campus and along Webb Bridge Road each year in order to ensure we Never Forget 9/11.

That’s all for today, Raiders! Stay Safe!

With Raider Pride,

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