

East House Newsletter Class of 2022

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Dear Class of 2022:

The summer recess is upon us! The way our students have managed the challenges of the past year and the way they have committed themselves to their school work continues to be a source of pride. We know that the daily demands of the pandemic imposed unprecedented trials over this past year, and so we have continued our efforts to be sensitive to and supportive of students. We are looking forward to a great senior year!

Earlier in the spring we were happy to welcome many of our 11th grade students back on campus as a single in-person cohort commencing Monday, April 12. The Junior Class has been quite busy in the past few months participating in sports, music, and extracurricular programs and events. Of notable mention is the Junior Class' planning and coordination of the March 10 Multi-District Spring Equity Conference. This year's conference welcomed over 500 registrants in 6 student led and student created workshops. Each workshop ran LIVE on Zoom in double sessions (45 minutes each). Participants of the conference included school districts from across the Mid-Hudson Valley and a number of local, regional, and national organizations.

We are excited about our upcoming Junior Class events this June including **Mr. Arlington on Friday, June 18** and the **Junior Prom on Monday, June 21!**

The Junior Class Hosts Mr. Arlington: Friday, June 18

Mr. Arlington is a long- standing tradition at Arlington High School where senior boys compete in a "pageant". The contestants compete light-heartedly in 5 categories: casual wear, sports wear, a talent portion, formal wear, and final questions. The audience is also entertained by various singing and dancing groups which showcase Arlington's student body talent! A panel of Arlington teachers judge the contestants, and at the end of the competition, a winner is crowned Mr. Arlington! **This year's Mr. Arlington will be held on Friday, June 18th at 7 pm in the high school auditorium. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$10. Doors open at 6:30 pm.***

The Junior Prom: Monday, June 21!!

We are looking forward to holding our Junior Prom on Monday, June 21, 2021 from 7:30 pm - 10:30 pm at the Grandview in Poughkeepsie!

Location: The Grandview, Poughkeepsie, New York

Directions: **From Rt 44/55.** Turn right by the Mid Hudson Civic Center, and take main street down towards the waterfront / train station. At the light for the train station, take a left onto Rinaldi Blvd. Grandview will be on your right.

From Route 9 North, Exit Route 9 at the Columbia Street / Rinaldi Boulevard Exit. Take a left onto Columbia Street. Take a right onto Pine Street Spur. Take a left onto Pine Street. Take a right onto Rinaldi Boulevard. The Grandview will be on your left.

Please see the House of 2022 website [here](#) for more information. Questions about ticket sales, refunds, etc, can also be directed to Mr. Richard.

Important 2021 Dates: SAT and ACT Exams

- SAT Exams @ Arlington - 8/28/21, 11/6/21, 12/4/2021
- ACT Exams @ Arlington - 6/12/21, 10/23/21

Required Vaccination Senior Year

At the age of 16 years, your child becomes eligible for the *Meningitis ACWY* vaccine. Why is this important? This is **A REQUIRED VACCINE FOR THEIR SENIOR YEAR**. Do not wait until the last minute! NYS requires exclusion from school if this vaccine is missing 14 days after the first day of school during their senior year. We suffered a major shortage of this vaccine in September of 2020.

Important school immunization information per [NYS Department of Health](#):

“Within 14 days of the first day of school, parents must: Show proof of their child's up-to-date vaccinations, OR Provide a valid medical exemption from vaccination.”

Things to do:

1. Call your 16-year-old junior's doctor and make an appointment for the *Meningitis ACWY* vaccine.
2. Send a copy of your child's vaccine record to the health office via fax at **845-350-4182** or email ahs-nurse@acsdny.org

No primary physician? No problem:

- The Dutchess County Department of Health provides vaccines for the uninsured. They may be reached at 845-486-3535.
- Local pharmacies administer vaccines. They may also take your insurance. Call them for more information.

LASTLY, there are TV commercials for the **Meningitis B** vaccine. This vaccine is **optional** for school. Please get the **REQUIRED MENINGOCOCCAL ACWY** vaccine.

Student Mental Health Wellness & Support

Each year, millions of Americans face the reality of living with a mental health condition. However, mental illness affects everyone directly or indirectly through family, friends or coworkers. Despite mental illnesses' [reach and prevalence](#); unfortunately, stigma and misunderstanding are also widespread.

That is why each year, during the first week of October, NAMI and participants across the country raise awareness of mental illness. Each year, we educate the public, [fight stigma](#) and provide support. Our movement grows stronger and more widespread.

We believe that mental health conditions are important to discuss year round, but highlighting them during Mental Illness Awareness Week provides a dedicated time for mental health advocates across the country to come together as one unified voice. Since 1990, when Congress officially established the first full week of October as Mental Illness Awareness Week (MIAW), advocates have worked together to sponsor activities, large or small, to educate the public about mental illness. To learn more click [here](#).

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Mid-Hudson provides FREE education, support, and resources for families impacted by mental health conditions. Visit www.NAMIMidHudson.org to learn more.

Summer School 2021

Summer School classes will be held Tuesday, July 6 thru Thursday, August 12. Classes are held Monday through Thursday. **Registration for summer school begins on June 21 through July 1 with your child's guidance counselor.**

There will be a limit of two (2) courses per student.

Second Semester Outstanding Admirals

We would like to recognize those students who support a positive school environment here at AHS during the second semester with an Outstanding Admiral Award! Students were nominated by teachers based on some or all of the character and citizenship traits listed below:

respectful, responsible, punctual, optimistic, self-motivated, persevering, cooperative, resourceful, kind, tolerant, honest, polite, considerate, trustworthy

Students that exhibit these traits are crucially important to the climate of our school. Individual students with great character help support the entire school community by being exemplars for those around them. The great character of just one student can help create not only a better school, but a better community and a better world. We appreciate all these students have done to create a positive climate at Arlington High School.

Students will be receiving a letter and a certificate in the mail before the end of the year.

<i>Venuri Atulugama</i>	<i>Nicole Guzman Piedrahita</i>	<i>Anna Meaden</i>
<i>Claire Blaha</i>	<i>Arianna Ingram</i>	<i>Jason Mowbray</i>
<i>Grace Byron</i>	<i>Morgan Jablonski</i>	<i>Yasmin Ne'eman</i>
<i>Sophie Cargain</i>	<i>Deanna Joseph</i>	<i>Ezeilo Nneoma</i>
<i>Nicole Ciardullo</i>	<i>Joseph Kennedy</i>	<i>Ogechi Okafor</i>
<i>Ashley Cookingham</i>	<i>Sarah Kleban</i>	<i>Lauren Orrico</i>
<i>Drizelle Cornwall</i>	<i>Alexandra Kleban</i>	<i>Amber Ortiz</i>
<i>William Duersch</i>	<i>Delano Knox</i>	<i>Maddie Piacquadio</i>
<i>Rachel Earnhart</i>	<i>Sienna Leak</i>	<i>Hailey Rose</i>
<i>Brianna Fasolino</i>	<i>Gerald Ludwig</i>	<i>Bonifacio Sandoval</i>
<i>Amon Frye</i>	<i>Alain Marin</i>	<i>Alicia Smith</i>
<i>Joshua Garcia</i>	<i>Mary Ellen Mazzola</i>	<i>Lily Stasaitis</i>
<i>Kori Grey</i>	<i>Katherine McGee</i>	<i>Abigail Wonderly</i>

Celebrating Pride Month

June is LGBTQ Pride Month, celebrated in classrooms and communities around the world. It's a great time to include LGBTQ themes and history into your curriculum, helping LGBTQ students feel safer and more affirmed. All students will benefit from a better understanding of history and the groups within your community. So, start planning, be a visible ally and build empathy and understanding. For a few easy ways to celebrate LGBTQ Pride Month in your classroom, download the educator resource guide.

And don't stop with June! Make sure you are inclusive all year long! Source: [GLSEN](#)



Class of 2022 on Twitter!

[@ahshouseof2022](#)



Athletics: For more information on athletics, please click here: [Athletics](#)

Upcoming Senior Events

- **All senior students should complete the SENIOR FACT SHEET which is a fillable form that can be accessed on your counselor's Google classroom page.** Anyone who plans on applying to a four-year college as a senior must fill out the SENIOR FACT SHEET. Once you've completed it, make a copy for yourself before turning it in. This was due to your school counselor by June 1st, 2021. Please make sure the completed form is saved to your google drive so next year you can share it with the teacher(s) whom you will ask to write your letter of recommendation. This form is **required** as part of the application process for those needing a letter of recommendation from anyone. If you have any questions, please reach out to your counselor.
- [End of Year Summer Checklist!!](#)
- The [End of Year Summer Checklist](#) is meant to keep you on track for planning for life after high school. The list has important information that you will need in planning for college applications, letters of recommendations, and the beginning of senior year. Please reach out to me with any questions.

How to Obtain Working Papers During COVID-19

School districts in New York State must continue to issue employment certificates to qualified applicants, including during school closures. Section 3215-a of New York State Education Law requires schools to provide this service for pupils and employers in the community. School superintendents have the authority to designate principals or other school officials to act as certificating officials, and nonpublic schools and BOCES may issue such certificates to their own students. Minors may apply for certificates where they live, where they go to school, or where they are to be employed. During the period of school closures due to COVID-19, Arlington Central School District has elected to issue working papers using an alternative process. [Procedures](#) and [forms](#) can be found in the school website *QuickLinks* section under [Working Papers Instructions and Forms](#).

Important Attendance Information

When a student is absent or tardy, the school must obtain a signed "excuse" or "note" from the parent or guardian showing: (1) the student's full name (2) days and dates absent from school (3) the reason for absence or tardiness. **We now have a new email address for attendance. Please use this email when you are sending in a note for your child. The email address is as follows:** ahsattendance@acsdny.org. **When tardy**, the expected arrival time to school is to be stated in the excuse note. This note is to be presented to the Attendance Office (in front lobby) immediately upon entering the school. Upon receipt of the excuse, an admit pass will be issued to the student which must be shown to their first period teacher. For further details on the attendance policies and consequences related to attendance, please see the [Student Handbook](#).

Dutchess BOCES CTI Counselors:

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Junior Class STEM Opportunity

The New York Academy of Sciences is accepting applications for the next class of [The Junior Academy](#) and the [1000 Girls, 1000 Futures](#) program. We are looking for the world's best and brightest high school students passionate about changing the world through STEM. This is an incredible opportunity, and we'd love your help in spreading this message to students in your network. Any 13-17 year old with a passion for STEM and proficiency in English can learn more about these **FREE** programs [here](#).

More about our virtual programs:

[1000 Girls, 1000 Futures](#) connects STEM-focused high school girls to dynamic, motivated female mentors on our platform, **Launchpad**. Participants gain access to innovative programming focused on developing essential 21st Century skills and become part of a strong network of female STEM leaders from around the world!

[The Junior Academy](#) introduces exceptional students to an online community of global problem solvers where they develop research skills and collaborate with peers to tackle real-world issues. Students also have the opportunity to work with STEM professionals who can provide individualized guidance throughout the innovation challenges.

Students can [APPLY HERE](#)

Applications are due **July 31, 2021**. More information about these programs can be found below. If you have any questions or need more information, please email globalstemalliance@nyas.org.

We hope to see participation from your students again this year. Thank you in advance for helping to spread the word about these programs!

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Documentary Recommendation: ***'Made You Look: A True Story of Fake Art'***

The summer of scam may be long over, but there's no shortage of grift-related content out there. The latest of these is a nonfiction piece, ***Made You Look***, which documents the decade-long scam in which New York City's historic Knoedler Gallery bought dozens of forged paintings, totaling an \$80 million scam after the works had been sold to various galleries and collectors.