



the MAROON monthly

AUBURN ENLARGED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Excellence in Education



The senior class members invited to this celebration have maintained a four-year overall average of 95 or higher. Together with their families, these outstanding scholars were honored for their academic achievements and their involvement in our music, athletic and extracurricular programs. Congratulations to the following members of the Class of 2023 and their families.
Mr. Brian Morgan, Principal, Auburn High School

Ayesha Aslam
 Reeve Axton
 Bradley Boyhan
 Abigail Carr
 Michael Clark
 Makayla Cottrell
 Patrick Crawford Jr.
 Rhian Crowley
 Ashley Cuiplyo
 Charles Cunningham

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 Madeline Jennings
 Grace King
 Erica Leeson
 Natalie Long
 Gabrielle Lupo

Ryan Mahunik
 Emma Merkley
 Leah Middleton
 Carter Mizro
 Cecilia Morgan
 Colin Musso
 Sophie Pettigrass
 Kaylee Platts
 Caleb Riley
 Analicia Scoggins

Braden Sherman
 Abigail Smith
 Delaney Smith
 Taylor Stockmyer
 Matthew Tamburrino
 Benjamin Weiman
 Lucas West
 Zachary Wilczek
 Julia Wolfgang



Herman Ave Students and Staff dressed up and celebrated storyteller, Perry Ground, with a Reading Spirit Week.

COMMUNITY INPUT SURVEY: INCREASED FOUNDATION AID



School districts receiving a NYS foundation aid increase of more than 10% for 2023-2024 are required to post to the district's website a plan of how such funds will be used to address student performance and need. AECSD's foundation aid is increasing by 22.2% (or \$8.1 million) for 2023-24. The district is required to seek stakeholder input on how these funds will be spent. For more information and to participate in the survey by 5/1/23, please click here:

<https://forms.gle/mc94j8b7x1ECTKXB6>

Guest Storyteller at Elementary Schools

Perry Ground visited all five elementary schools in March. He is a Turtle Clan member of the Onondaga Nation and has been telling stories for more than 25 years as a way of educating people about the culture, beliefs, and history of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy. Students enjoyed his lively and engaging storytelling sessions.

(Perry Ground with Casey Park 1st grader, Arga Redmond)



The Auburn High School Musical
"Spamalot"

April 21 & 22 at 7:00 p.m.
and April 23 at 2:00 p.m.

Auburn High School Auditorium

Junior Prom 2023 Masquerade



Friday, May 12th 6:30-10:30 pm
Emerson Park Pavilion

Masquerade Theme (Masks Optional)
\$50 a ticket (full dinner, music & dancing)

Tickets available late April in C323

Ms. Catalone's room

*Tickets will NOT be sold at the door

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All County OCMEA AHS Orchestra Students



All County OCMEA JHS Orchestra Students



All County OCMEA Elementary Orchestra Students

All County OCMEA Auburn Orchestra Students

Every year, Auburn Orchestra students have the opportunity to audition for Oswego County's All-County Orchestra festival. This year several students from elementary, junior high, and high school orchestra were accepted. Under the guidance of Auburn High School's Orchestra Director, Victoria Kinney, the following students were selected to participate: Kacy Quill, Madeline Lovell, Talora Barbuti, Alicia Defendorf, Grace Mack, Jayna Harmon, Ryan Packard, Holly Indelicato, Korissa O'Hara, Natalie LaClair, Braden Sherman, Jane Sullivan, and Molly Behme. Students traveled to G. Ray Bodley High School in Fulton and rehearsed for several hours both March 24th and 25th, with the concert also being held on the 25th.

Allegra Barbuti, Kaida Davis-Shannon, Kara Sova, Jillian Gutelius, Nina Leonardi, Nazzera White, Alexa Durant, Brayden Szozda, Violet Blaisdell, and Jacob Rumpf represented Mrs. Franco's Auburn Junior High Orchestra. They worked hard on the All County repertoire and even performed one of the selections at the Music in our Schools Month Concert on March 22.

The elementary students who were selected to participate were Chloe Willems, Eric Varnado, Ilias Baney, Alexia Lovell, Mackenzie Burns, Noah Wrench, and Aeris Huerta. These elementary students worked very hard to prepare their music with Mr. Stepien.

All of these orchestra students traveled to G. Ray Bodley High School in Fulton and rehearsed for several hours both March 24th and 25th, with the concert also being held on the 25th. It was well attended and their performances were impressive! They learned so much from guest conductors and from playing with students from the Oswego and Fulton School Districts.

We congratulate these students on their achievement!

Amanda Franco, AJHS Orchestra Teacher



2023 Boys & Girls Modified Swimming: Undefeated Season 7-0

The Auburn Maroons Modified Swim Team finished their undefeated season by beating Liverpool 96-43 Friday, March 10th at home. The 15 modified swimmers prevailed in all 7 dual meets and the Syracuse Invitational this season under swim coach Cassie Rigby. The meet led off with 8th grade swimmer Jack Hill and 7th graders Sarah Reynics, Quinn Hoselton, and Drew Herrling placing 1st in the 200-yard Medley Relay. The 8th graders continued to dominate with Brayden Wilson placing 1st in the 100 Individual Medley and Bill Schultz in the 50-yard freestyle. Auburn swimmers placed 1st, 2nd, & 3rd in the 50-yard Butterfly; scoring were Hill, Maggie Selvek and Lexi Holm. Individual 1st place finishes against Liverpool continued in the 50-yard Backstroke by Nathaniel Swab and Wilson in the 50-yard Breaststroke. Liverpool's powerhouse freestyle swimmer Bryce Shutts took 1st place in both the individual 100 and 200-yard freestyle events. Auburn swimmers finished strong with a 1st place finish in the 200 Freestyle Relay. Other swimmers that dominated the pool throughout our season were: Carter Wilson, Lyddie Herrling, Gio Cereo, and Amelia Kruger. Most improved for the season were 8th grader Ethan Jensen and 7th grader Abby Sheppard. **Go Maroons!**



The Girls Modified Maroon Basketball Team coached by Allison Teachout went UNDEFEATED this season outscoring their opponents 539-156 through 10 games. These girls were a true team, playing extremely unselfish basketball the whole season. Team members were 7th graders: Maggie Cuff, Ana LaFevre, Ca'Meyle Martin, and Izzy Sedorus; and 8th graders: Ella Blanchfield, Maire Breeze, Zoey Cammilleri, Alexa Durant, Leah Eddy, Paige Jorgenson, Tatyana Karugu, Makenna Komenecky, Parker Maneri, and Laila Stokes.



The Girls Modified White Basketball Team coached by Kristen Bartolotta had a great year ending with a 6-5 regular season record. The girls grew as a team with each game and ended the season with a true understanding of what teamwork and hard work are all about. It was a great experience for the girls! Team members were 7th graders: Analia Baker, Mia Cammilleri, Quinn Freeman, Miranda Mahar, Grace Malone, Peyton McQueeney, Kate Musso, Lola Pelton, Ava Salmon, Maya Slezak, and Rachel Wilson; and 8th graders: Leighton Axton and Kiana Klino.

April at Seymour Library

With the arrival of spring comes a slew of special events & programs geared for families at Seymour Library – from STEAM-based programming to Chess Club; plus, the library is offering a new technology class with parents in mind! Be sure to sign up for our Google Classroom Training for Caregivers.

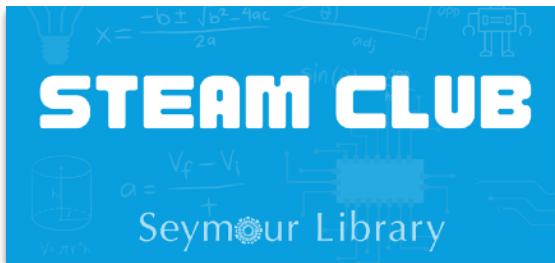
For more information, visit seymourlibrary.org/programs or call the library at 315-252-2571.



Google Classroom for Caregivers

Monday, April 10 at 5:30 pm

Learn more about how to navigate the Google Classroom platform in this class targeted toward caregivers with school-aged children. Space is limited for this class, and registration is required. Please call the library to enroll.



STEAM Club – Seed Starters

Wednesday, April 12 at 3:30 pm

Discover Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math during Seymour Library's new hands-on STEAM Club. Welcome spring by creating colorful flower seed starters to plant outside and attract butterflies and hummingbirds. Designed for ages 8-12, but all ages are welcome. Space is limited. Please register in the Family Space or by calling the library. Program held in the library's IDEA Lab.



Crafternoon for Kids: Water Lily Pond

Saturday, April 22 (Earth Day) at 2:30 pm

DIY at Seymour Library during Crafternoon for Kids. Celebrate Earth Day by creating a Koi Fish on a Water Lily Pond using recycled materials. Designed for ages 8-12, but all ages are welcome. Please register in the Family Space or by calling the library. This program will be held in the library's IDEA Lab.



Chess Club for Kids

Saturday, April 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 from 1 to 2 pm

Interested in learning how to play chess? Check out *Chess Club for Kids* at Seymour Library every Saturday in April! This program will be held in the library's Family Space and is designed for ages 7 and up. Chess Club is for players of all levels looking for friendly competition. Space is limited, and registration is required.



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DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

- On March 28, the Student United Way, a student club at Auburn High School, “kicked-off” its inaugural Personal Care Project that will provide free access to a variety of personal care items to students. Packaged items will be available in various locations around the high school. This club is a collaboration between the United Way of Cayuga County, the school district, and Auburn High School.
- On Saturday morning, March 18, Superintendent of Schools, Jeffrey Pirozzolo spoke to members of the Community Collaborative Advisement Committee, a new initiative under the auspices of the Cayuga County Sheriff’s Office. Mr. Pirozzolo discussed district issues surrounding substance abuse prevention, diversity, equity and inclusion, mental health and chronic absenteeism. Bill Berry, the district’s DEI consultant and committee member, highlighted the work of the DEI task force and its efforts to establish the district’s DEI strategic action plan. He also informed the membership of several DEI initiatives at all school buildings and community outreach and partnerships.
- Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, Camille Johnson, the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Amy Mahunik, Executive Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Instruction, Dr. Burgess, and Bill Berry attended the city-wide Harriet Tubman Day convened at Auburn’s Equal Rights Heritage Center on March 10.
- In celebration of Women’s History month, Ms. Sierra Clark, at Casey Park Elementary, engaged her students in a lesson on Harriet Tubman and then in an activity where students made lanterns.
- On March 8, Perry Ground, educator and Onondaga Nation storyteller presented his magical stories in the AHS library for district parents, guardians, and their children. Perry, a member of the Turtle Clan and an Haudenosaunee storyteller excited participants with his interactive and participatory storytelling tradition revolving around his “talking turtle” stories.
- On March 15, Dr. Burgess and Bill Berry kicked-off a three-part training series for thirty district personnel to learn, discuss, and share experiences related to diversity, equity and inclusion. The series will convene again on May 10 and 31.
- Dr. Burgess and Bill Berry engaged kindergarten through 6th grade students at Casey Park in a book reading on the book, *The Day You Begin*.
- The DEI Strategic Plan is in its final stages. The plan will be shared at the board of education meeting on May 23 and on June 7 at 5:30 pm at the Carriage House Theater, Cayuga Museum.

Dr. Renee Burgess, DEI Executive Director



The Change Campaign

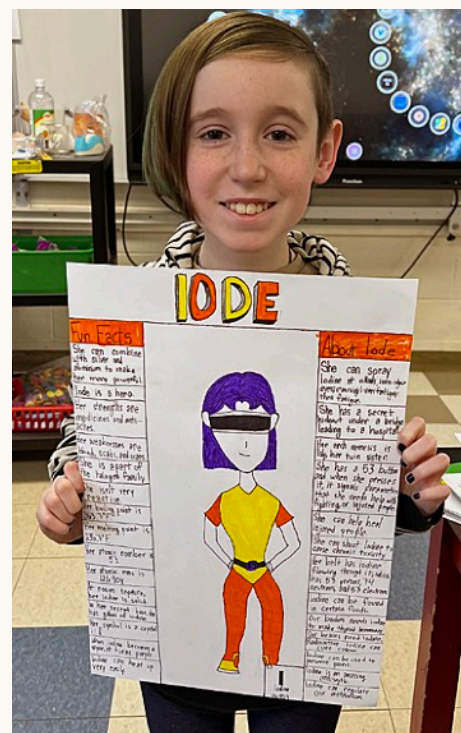
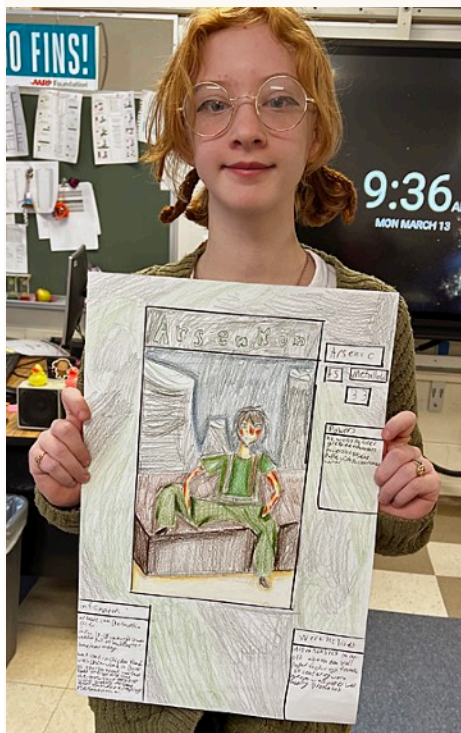


Students at Casey Park and Seward Elementary participated in the annual Griffin's Guardians Change for Hope Campaign during the month of February. Both schools collected change throughout the month while

focusing on the character trait of empathy. Thanks to this campaign, Griffin's Guardians will be able to continue programs initiated to help families with children battling Pediatric Cancer at Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital. Casey Park and Seward both have students, former and current, who have benefitted from the wonderful programs Griffin's provides. The two schools raised a combined total of \$1,482.11 and the campaign overall raised \$22, 817.60

Meghan Perry, Instructional Literary Coach, Seward

From Mr. Drogo, 6th Grade Teacher at Herman Ave



Students have been learning about the elements that make up the periodic table. To close our unit students researched one element and learned all about its uses and characteristics. Then students created a superhero or villain that matches the traits of the element. The students got very creative and they turned out great!



AHS HONORS BAND

The students who attended were Reeve Axton (flute), Maryn Elster (trumpet), Michael Estevez (percussion), Rose Fennessy (oboe), and Matthew Tamburrino (euphonium) with AHS Director of Bands, Mrs. Erin Coughlin. All five students are also members of the Tri-M Music Honor Society.

Five seniors from the AHS Wind Ensemble attended Honor Band at Nazareth College on February 10th-11th. They experienced rehearsals full of music making with Dr. Jared Chase, conductor and member of Nazareth College School of Music Faculty, masterclasses with Naz faculty, a concert with the Nazareth College Wind Symphony and Rochester Music Educators Wind Ensemble, on-campus food, and performed with the Honor Band ensemble in the beautiful state-of-the-art Beston Hall.

April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	 April Artwork Ariaina Oakes, Gr. 4	March 2023 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	May 2023 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31		 NEW For updated events please check the online calendar at our website: www.aecsd.education	1 April Fool's Day
2 Palm Sunday	3 NO SCHOOL Spring Break Week	4 NO SCHOOL	5 NO SCHOOL Passover Begins at Sundown	6 FULL NO SCHOOL Pink Moon	7 NO SCHOOL Good Friday World Health Day	8 
9  Easter Sunday	10 School Resumes Modified Spring Sports Tryouts	11 GPTP 5:00PM Board of Education Mtg. AHS Library @ 7:00PM	12 AJHS PTO Mtg. 6:00PM	13 LAST	14 Spring All-County @ Union Springs K-8 Marking Period 3 Ends	15  ACT Test 7:30AM @ AHS
16 National Volunteer Week	17 Marking Period 4 Begins AJHS & Elementary	18	19	20 NEW 	21 12:00PM Early Release Elementary Half Day AJHS Report Cards AHS Musical Production 'Spamalot' 7:00PM	22 AHS Musical Production 'Spamalot' 7:00PM EARTH DAY
23 AHS Musical Production 'Spamalot' 2:00PM	24	25 CCMEA Spring All-County @ Union Springs	26 CCMEA Spring All-County @ Union Springs Board of Education Mtg. AHS Library @ 6:00PM Administrative Professional's Day	27 FIRST Take Your Child to Work Day AHS Choral Senior Recital @ 7:00PM	28 Elementary Report Cards National Arbor Day	29 NYSSMA All-State Solo Festival @ Trumansburg International Dance Day
30 National Library Week						

Look at the fun science experiment our class did at Casey Park!



Mr. DeChick and Mrs. Monahan's 4th grade class just finished learning all about geology. The class was amazed by how the Earth continues to change over time. They loved learning about how rocks and minerals are formed. After watching the "Generation Genius" video on rocks and minerals, we decided to make our own crystals in class. The students were excited to watch the crystals form and were eager to take them home to show their family members!

Jessica Monahan, Casey Park

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The school district is pleased to continue our partnership with Anonymous Alerts®, the anti-bullying and safety reporting app and system. This safety communications tool is a way for our students to quickly communicate anonymously with school officials and engage in anonymous 2-way communications to share more information about incidents. Types of concerns that may be reported include, but are not limited to, bullying, harassment, drug-related issues, fighting, weapons, threats, and more. The goal of this reporting system is to help maintain a safe school climate while giving students ample opportunity to securely communicate with school administrators without fear of retribution by their peers. The system will be monitored during school days between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

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- Download the Anonymous Alerts® app
- Start the app, enter Activation Code:
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- Send important reports to school officials
- Add a screenshot, photo or video about the incident



Reading Week at Casey Park Elementary!

Centered around the guest storyteller Perry Ground's engaging visit, Casey Park students and staff celebrated Reading Week during the first week of March. Classrooms buddied up with each other to read and do fun activities, a spirit week was planned around reading with days such as neon day, "glow crazy for books," and students were able to enter their names into grade level basket raffles for reading 15 minutes each day. Overall, it was a successful week!

Meghan Parry, Instructional Literacy Coach, Casey Park Elementary



Register Now: Open Enrollment for Auburn Enlarged City School District's 2023-2024 Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program

The Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program is an integral component of our district and includes a UPK program for our 4-year-old learners and a 3PK program for 3-year olds. Together, these programs offer comprehensive educational services to Auburn Enlarged City School District (AECSD) residents who will be 3 or 4 years of age on or before December 1, 2023, and a limited number of slots are available at no cost for eligible children.

Parents/guardians can register their child online and upload the supporting documentation. The 3PK and UPK 2023-2024 online student registration will be open **beginning at 6:00AM on February 1, 2023, and continue until March 1, 2023.** *COMPLETE* applications will then be eligible for the PreK placement which will take place in late Spring, after the New York State allocations are determined for AECSD. In the event AECSD receives more applications than available state-sponsored PreK slots, the district is obligated to enact a random drawing to ensure equitable access for all students in determining who will participate.

During the application process, families will indicate their 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice of PreK sites. Students will be placed in their first choice unless that provider is full, in which case we will move to the other choices in their ranked order.

In the event a drawing becomes necessary, students not selected will be placed on a waitlist and added to a program as soon as slots become available. *Waitlist families, and those definite about which site they want for their child, are encouraged to check with providers regarding the availability of private pay/social services options at their selected sites.*

Applications received after March 1st will be added to the end of the waitlist, with placement made as slots become available.

A list of our Universal Pre-Kindergarten program locations (sites) below contains information regarding which sites offer 3PK and/or UPK and which sites provide full-day and/or half-day programs. Parents/guardians are welcome and encouraged to visit any of these participating sites before completing your child's registration. Kindly contact the site to arrange a visit.

Site	Program	Full/Half Day	Contact
Cayuga Community College-81 Wall Street	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-294-8603
Cayuga Onondaga BOCES-1879 W. Genesee St. Rd.	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-255-0075
Cayuga Seneca Community Action Agency-89 York St. and sites at several AECSD schools	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-252-0038
Early Childhood Center-1110 Corporate Dr.	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-255-0233
E. John Gavras Center-182 North St.	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-255-2746
Montessori School of the Finger Lakes-6734 Pine Ridge Rd.	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-252-2225
YMCA- 27 William St.	3PK and UPK	Full-day & Half-day 3PK Full-day UPK	315-253-5304

Please register your student using the online enrollment form located at the link on the Auburn Enlarged City School District website www.AECSO.education under Student Registration, after February 1st.

Parents/guardians who prefer to submit their student's registration in person may pick up a 2023-2024 registration packet at any of the UPK sites listed above and also at any Auburn Elementary School or our Administrative Offices. Registration packets will be available for pick up in mid-January. Completed applications should be submitted to your child's current Pre-Kindergarten site or to the Harriet Tubman Administrative Offices at 78 Thornton Ave.

REMINDERS: We cannot accept any completed registration packets prior to February 1st and applications must be completed by March 1st in order to be considered for initial Fall placement. Transportation is the responsibility of families.

Need more information about the 2023-2024 Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program? Please contact Heather McNabb at 315-255-8825 or Michelle Kolceski at 315-255-8613.



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#FixAndFundIt

The Advocacy Ad Hoc Committee has put this website together as a way to get information out to the community regarding the Foundation Aid issues affecting the district.

For more information please visit:

fixandfundit.org

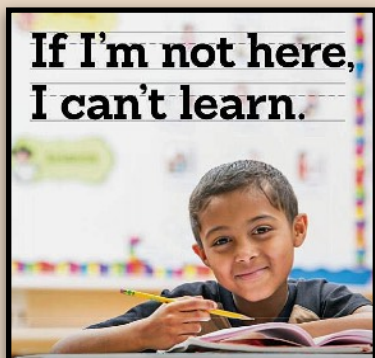


Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA)

Students who are applying to colleges, please be aware that procedures for the confidentiality of student records within the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) have recently changed. FERPA permits school officials to disclose all education records, including disciplinary records, to another institution at which the student seeks or intends to enroll. This now also applies to post-secondary institutions (colleges), upon request.

NEW YORK STATE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY

You can go online to find out if any sexual offenders live near you. The New York State Sex Offender Registry is available at www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/nsor/index.htm whereby you can search for Level 2 and Level 3 sex offenders.



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www.everystudentpresent.org/parents

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Women in History Month



The students used the library website PebbleGo to research about women in history. On that website the students were able to click on tabs to find out different information about their person in order to answer the questions on their paper. Once they became an "expert" on their woman in history, the students presented to the class so everyone could learn about each woman and not just the one they researched. We also discussed what influential means and each student had to pick a woman in their own life who is influential to them and explain why.

Mrs. Ross-Metarko, 15:1 Teacher

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All events and activities
are subject to change.
Please check the website
for the latest updates:

www.aecsd.education



The **Auburn Athletics Calendar** for all sports can be accessed on our website at:

<https://aecsd.education/districtpage.cfm?pageid=1941>

Schedule Galaxy is now called **Aktivate**.



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