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AUBURN ENLARGED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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GREAT NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION IDEAS

- * Get Fit and Healthy
- * Lose Weight
- * Drink More Water
- * Quit Smoking
- * Spend Less Money
- * Be More Positive
- * Pay Off Debts
- * Get Organized
- * Have more Patience
- * Go on a Vacation
- * Spend less time on the Phone
- * Drink Less Soda
- * Eat Less Fast Food
- * Get More Sleep
- * Volunteer More
- * Get a Hobby
- * Advance Career
- * Quit Procrastinating
- * Watch Less TV
- * Keep New Year's Resolution

New beginnings are pretty important for a lot of people. As we say hello to 2022, it is important to self-assess what in your life needs to be prioritized. HEALTH should be on the top of that list. Whether it is starting a new exercise routine, losing that 10 lbs the Holiday season added, or making that doctor's appointment you have been putting off, put your HEALTH first in 2022!

Kristi Newton, Health Teacher, AJHS

Solving Problems with Holiday Themes



Kindergarten students at Herman Avenue School used their STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) skills to help Santa solve four holiday themed problems. Using Christmas materials including pom poms, gumdrops, marshmallows, cups, toothpicks, and glittery pipe cleaners, children worked together to imagine, draw plans, and then build: the tallest Christmas tree possible, a bridge for the Gingerbread Man so he didn't have to ask the sneaky fox for a ride across the river, a trap to catch that tricky Elf on the Shelf, and a house for the Gingerbread Girl so she could hide from everyone chasing her!

For their party snack, the children were challenged to imagine and then build an Elf dessert using ice cream sundae ingredients! The fun concluded with a special visit from the Conductor of the Polar Express to see the children's inventions!



AUBURN ATHLETICS ... Fall 2021 Varsity Athletic Summary



Football: Despite a season hampered by COVID 19 protocol issues the 2021 Varsity Football team earned a spot in the section 3 playoffs for the 4th year in a row and the senior class leaves with a 16-8 record. The team also maintained a three-year, undefeated home win streak which dates back to 2018. The fall season also produced two record setting performances; Elijah Benson rushed for 406 yards on 24 carries and 4 touchdowns in a victory against ESM and Mekhi Bailey recorded 26 tackles (12 for a loss) vs West Genesee. Post Season Honors Include: First Team All-CNY: Desean Strachan & Elijah Benson.

First Team All-Division: Mekhi Bailey, Desean Strachan, Elijah Benson. Second Team All-Division: Jerry Phillips, Jaden Dawley, Braydon Crosby.



Girls Tennis: The team finished the season with a record of 14-2 and won the League Championship. First team Salt City Athletic Conference (SCAC) league awards went to Alex Vitale, Ella Bouley, Erin Calkins, Taylor Chadderdon, Elizabeth Spin, Emerson Brown and Audrey Carr. SCAC Second team honors were earned by Abby Carr/Claire Diffin (doubles) and Emma Merkley/Cara Vasile (doubles). In team Sectionals the girls defeated ESM and Liverpool before falling to FM in the finals of the tournament. The team received the NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team Award.



Boys Golf: The team finished the season 9-7 and qualified for sectionals, finishing in 3rd place. The team received the NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team Award. Carter Mizro was named the SCAC Co-Player of the Year along with earning 1st Team All-League Honors. Christian Hogan was acknowledged to 2nd Team honors along with Colin Tardif picking up Honorable Mention. Mizro and Hogan both carded entries for the State Qualifier at Colgate University in the spring.



Field Hockey: The team finished the season with a league record of 4-0 and an overall record of 11-4. The team qualified for sectionals and lost to FM 0-3. The team received the NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team Award. Ellie Dann was named The Citizen Field Hockey Player of the Year while picking up 1st team SCAC and Section III All-Star Awards. Goalie, Zarya White and Defender, Ahndria Wilson headlined The Citizen Field Hockey All-Star line-up for the Maroons. 1st Team SCAC honors were earned by Lizzie O'Hara, Lauren Lowe, Zarya White, Sarah Fritz and Erica Leeson. While Madilyn Babb, Ahndria Wilson and Finley Hogan were named to the SCAC 2nd Team.



Girls Swimming: The team finished the season with an overall record of 1-7. The girls placed 8th overall at the Class A Section III Tournament on October 5th. Maura Moochler placed 4th in the 50 free and 3rd in the 100 free at Sectionals.



Volleyball: The Volleyball team finished the season with a league record of 4-8 and an overall record of 8-11. The team earned a sectional bid falling to a tough Liverpool squad in the opening round. Gabrielle Lupo picked up SCAC League Honorable Mention for the Maroons.



Girls Soccer: The team finished the season with a league record of 6-12 and an overall record of 7-7. The team qualified for sectionals and lost to ESM the second round of the tournament. 1st team SCAC honors were awarded to Sydney Marinelli; 2nd team honors went to Grace Oliver and Bryn Whitman. League Honorable mention recognition went to Ariana Bartolotta, Emma Hastings, Lily Nila & Peyton Maneri. The Citizen Girls Soccer All-Stars were awarded to Sydney Marinelli, Grace Oliver and Bryn Whitman. The team received the NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team Award.



Boys Soccer: The Maroons gained a great deal of experience during the fall finishing the season with an overall record of 1-13-1. The final game of the season demonstrated grit going into double OT, ending in a tie, but saw great resolve from everyone on the squad. The future looks bright, with increasing numbers in the program and an expected 11 seniors returning next fall. Michael Clark and Gabe Volo earned Honorable Mention recognition in the Salt City Athlete Conference for the Maroons.



Girls and Boys Cross Country: The Girls and Boys Cross Country teams both had an excellent competition season. Both teams placed 2nd overall in the Salt City Athletic Conference. Both teams heralded a slew of individual recognition as well.

SCAC League Honors were awarded to Chris Howard, Owen Gasper, Keegan Brady, Kyleen Brady and Ali Pineau. All-Division recognition went to Chris Howard, Owen Gasper, Keegan Brady, James Cuddy, Kyleen Brady, Ali Pineau and Bethany Lorenzo. The Citizen X-C All-Star team includes Owen Gasper, James Cuddy, Keegan Brady, Kyleen Brady, Ali Pineau and Bethany Lorenzo. State Meet Qualifiers included Kyleen Brady, Owen Gasper and Chris Howard. All-CNY recognition went to Owen Gasper. Chris Howard was named The Citizen Boys X-C Player of the Year. Ali Pineau was recognized for Class A, All-State Honorable Mention. Kyleen Brady was a NYS Federation Meet Qualifier; named to the Class A, All-State 4th team and was named 7th/8th Grade Girls X-C Runner of the Year as awarded by the NYS Sports Writers Association.

Beginning February 1, 2022

Open Enrollment for Auburn Enlarged City School District's 2022-2023 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 School District residents** who will be 3 or 4 years of age on or before December 1, 2022 and are available at ***no cost*** for eligible children.



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

Parents/guardians can register their child online and upload the supporting documentation.

The 3PK and UPK 2022-2023 online student registration will be open beginning February 1, 2022. 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.

Parents/guardians who prefer to submit their student's registration in person may pick up a 2022-2023 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. REMINDER: We cannot accept any completed registration packets prior to February 1st.**

Need more information about the 2022-2023 Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program? Please contact Mary White at 315-255-8825 or Michelle Kolceski at 315-255-8613.



On behalf of the Auburn Enlarged City School District (AECSD) School Social Work Department and Booker T. Washington Community Center (BTW), we would like to thank all volunteers and donating sources for supporting our annual Fill-A-Belly Over the Extended School Break Food Program in addition to our holiday assistance for our families in need.

The **Fill-A-Belly (FAB) Program** originated twelve years ago at the Genesee Elementary School. For a second year, we were able to expand this program and offer food to all families within the AECSD. The expansion was in response to years of increased reports of hunger, homelessness, and those living well below the poverty level, due to many extenuating variables which were magnified by the Covid-19 pandemic. While we all struggled with the pandemic in different ways, we were grateful for the generous donations provided by private donors, local community businesses and organizations.

The FAB Program was able to offer supplemental food boxes to food insecure families for the extended break from school. Each family received three boxes of food including: dairy, produce and non-perishable items, in addition to a bag of fresh meat, eggs and bread. According to our records, 165 families registered for the 2021 event with nearly 1,000 individuals benefiting from the food giveaway. Additional unregistered families were also able to receive food at the end of the event.

The AECSD & BTW would like to formally thank the following FAB volunteers and/or donors: Booker T. Washington, The Foodbank of CNY, Rescue Mission Transitional Living Program Staff, Rotary Club, Auburn Fire Department & Benevolent, Auburn Discount Liquor, Auburn Lodge, UNC, Cuddy Financial, Knights Of Columbus, Hibernians, Extra Mile, Zonta Club, VFW, Pinnacle, Play Space, Wegmans, and numerous community members who wish to remain anonymous.

Finally, we would like to formally thank everyone who assisted us in donating winter gear, holiday gifts, and other holiday offerings for students and families who were in need this season. Many of our individual and community groups and/or neighborhood donors wish to remain anonymous and we celebrate them in silence for their donations. We wish to formally acknowledge Angels on Call, Clary's Closet, St. James Church of Skaneateles, Bluefield Manor, Auburn Wrestling Team, and the Year of the Dragon. We also wish to thank our many community knitters and their continued generosity and passion for helping to keep our students warm throughout the long winter months. The outreach by the local community, through its donation of resources, has truly been appreciated by those individuals who have been impacted by the giving, in addition to those who have witnessed the generosity.



Auburn Fire Dept. assisting unloading Mike Luksa's donated refrigerated trailer.



AECSD Social Work Dept. & BTW Community Center

Gardening in December?

If it is 58 degrees out, you bet! Children from Mrs. Zimmer's class did a lot of raking leaves (and jumping in them), working to clear summer debris.

Beside raking, their efforts included pulling sunflower stalks and other dried out flowers and vegetable plants. They also took the dried seeds from many of the plants and sprinkled them on the soil and then covered them with more dirt. We will see what the results are in the Spring.

We took turns doing garden work and playing group games such as Red Rover.

Some even got to ride in the wheelbarrow and others made "Leaf" angels instead of Snow angels.

All in all, a productive and oh-so-fun afternoon.

Jean Zimmer, Herman Avenue Elementary, 3rd Grade



PARENT OF AN AUBURN ATHLETE? FAN OF AUBURN ATHLETICS?



Did you know that the **Auburn Sports Boosters** raises funds to support the needs and endeavors of all Varsity Sports Programs? The **Auburn Sports Boosters** generates and approves funding for the purchase of a variety of equipment, training, clinics, etc. to augment our varsity sports programs.

So far, in 2021, we have funded over \$10,000 for the Football, Lacrosse, Hockey, Soccer and Baseball programs. How do we do this??? - We raise money through concessions and seasonal program ads. If you are interested in helping out, **WE NEED YOU!**

Please contact us at auburnsportsbooster@gmail.com, or **315-246-1384**, or drop by our next meeting on **Monday, January 17, 2022, at 7:00PM**, in the Auburn High School Library.



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.

Casey Park got in the Holiday spirit with Twelve Days of Christmas



Reilly's Ugly Sweater!



Candy Cane day was a great success in Kindergarten! We loved getting to wear our red and white stripes! Our elf on the shelf even left candy canes for the class!

Anonymous Alerts® report it®

report bullying
or cyberbullying

help your friends

be assertive

report depression

**SEE SOMETHING
DO SOMETHING**

Submit your reports anonymously

report threats
against schools

report drug or
alcohol use

report strange behavior

The school district is pleased to continue our partnership with Anonymous Alerts®, the anti-bullying and safety reporting app and system. Starting in the 2018-2019 school year, 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.

To send a report online: www.anonymousalerts.com/

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

Auburn Pride

Be Dedicated
-Productively struggle, Be on time, Use time wisely, Do your best,...

Be Respectful
-Take care of your school, Treat tools/materials/technology with care, Listen when others are talking, Be kind to one another, Wait patiently,...

Be In-Control
-Stay seated during class, Be safe, Use quiet voices,...

The PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) program at AJHS is in full swing again this year!

Students have started to earn Maroon Bucks based on their positive behavior. This year's new leaders of the program are Ms. Fletcher and Mrs. Wood. They have been working hard getting the school store open for students to start spending those bucks! Students have the opportunity to save their bucks for bigger prizes and raffles throughout the year or cash them in for items weekly through the school store. The school store is available for viewing through the 7th and 8th grade Pride Google Classrooms. A big thank you to AEF for supporting this program.

YOGA CLASS at AJHS

Students in Mrs. Newton's 8th grade Health class had the opportunity to practice Yoga and Mindfulness thanks to the AEF's Grant, "Yoga in the Classroom." Mrs. Didio and Mrs. Newton hand picked the Monday before Christmas to explain the benefits of practicing yoga and meditation during the Holiday season. The main takeaway for the students was Yoga gives you a break from all the hustle and bustle of the season. Take a deep breath, relax, and focus on your health (physical, mental and emotional)!

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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.



Keep Your Child on Track With Schoolwork

Supporting Children's Learning: Children who are struggling with schoolwork can become frustrated and look for ways to avoid going to school and participating in school. Our goal is to provide them with the support they need so they feel good about learning and good about themselves. Parents and teachers need to work together to help children succeed in school and feel connected. Find out more at:

www.everystudentpresent.org/parents

Check out #EveryStudentPresentAECSD on social media.



Welcome Back and Happy New Year!

Here's to hoping everyone had a wonderful holiday season and students (and teachers) return to school recharged and ready to make more academic gains in 2022.

Mrs. Parry ~ Literacy Coach

Mid-Year Assessing

Our middle of the year benchmark testing will begin taking place in all grades again this month. We will be using the DIBELS, STAR, Read 180, and System 44 programs to assess our progress thus far this year. Please remind your students to always try their best when it comes to these. We are excited to see all of the growth since September!



Setting Goals...Making Progress

As we enter the new year, the Casey Park community will continue to focus on setting, tracking, and achieving goals. Family involvement can have a significant impact on the outcome. Families can provide background and context for goals, and emphasize the importance of reflection. If you're hoping to take an active role in your child's goal-setting process, learn how families can help students set—and achieve—academic goals.

***Focus on collaboration *Provide context, and establish reasonable expectations**

***Identify and track milestones * Provide time for reflection**

By collaborating, understanding the starting point, tracking milestones, and evaluating the process, your student will be equipped to set and achieve goals in no time.

JANUARY Reading List

Read a book:

1. About the New Year
2. With a blue cover
3. Published last year
4. Author's name starts with J



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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

January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	December 2021 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	 <p>For updated events please check the online calendar at our website: www.aecsd.education</p>	February 2022 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	<p><i>In the end, we only regret the chances we didn't take.</i></p>		 <p>NO SCHOOL New Year's Day</p>
 <p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>School Resumes</p> <p>District Parent Council Mtg. 6:30PM @ Tubman</p>	<p>4</p> <p>AJHS Winter II Physicals Girls 2:26PM</p>	<p>5</p> <p>AJHS Winter II Physicals Boys 2:26PM</p> <p>AJHS PTO Mtg. 6:00PM</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
 <p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>NO SCHOOL Staff Development Day</p> <p>Modified Winter 2 Sports Begin</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Board of Education Mtg. AHS Library @ 7:00PM</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p> <p>World Religion Day</p>	 <p>17</p>  <p>Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	 <p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Board of Education Mtg. AHS Library @ 7:00PM</p>	<p>8th Grade Parent Night AHS @ 6:30PM</p>	<p>End of First Semester AHS End Marking Period 3 K-8 Marking Period 2 Ends</p>		



ROCKET LAB

Shane Annal, Teacher

Sixth grade students at Genesee Elementary School proved to be scientists as they researched rockets and space shuttles with Mr. Annal and Miss Carnicelli. They followed the Scientific Method to make hypotheses about how to create efficient rubber band rockets and then took part in an interactive lab as they created, tested, and tweaked those rockets for maximum efficiency! The students launched the rockets by turning potential energy into kinetic energy.

Way to take PRIDE in your STRIDE Genesee!





Talk to your teen about VAPING.

Click below to read the US Surgeon General's Tip Sheet for Parents:



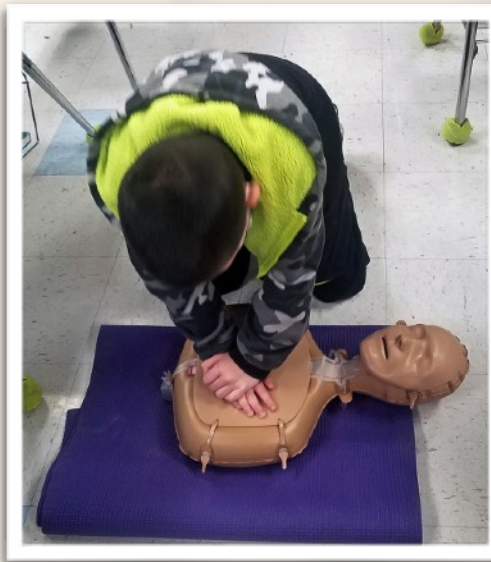
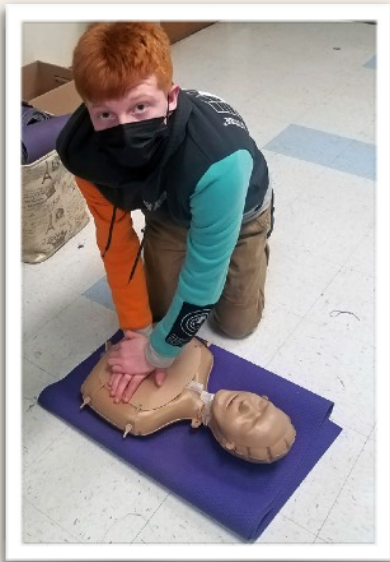
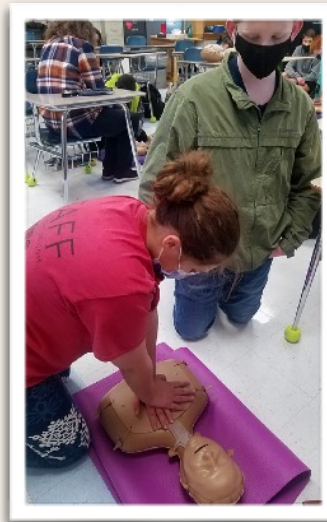
https://e-cigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov/documents/SGR_ECig_ParentTipSheet_508.pdf

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

CPR Class: Any CPR is better then NO CPR

Mrs. Newton's 8th grade Health classes learned the importance of "Hands Only CPR" in class in December. Students were taught the importance of activating the EMS (CALL 911) anytime they witness the sudden collapse of an adult, and then providing high-quality chest compressions by pushing hard and fast in the middle of the victim's chest for 100 beats per minute.

CPR can double or triple a person's chances of survival. **Remember that ANY CPR is better than NO CPR!**



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