

## AMORY SCHOOL DISTRICT FRIDAY FOCUS MEMO

Week of February 13-18, 2012

### REMINDERS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Friday, February 10 - The AHS Northeast Honor Band will compete in Booneville.
- Saturday, February 11 – Amory Baseball – Meet the Panthers – 10:30 a.m.
- Good luck to the AHS cheerleaders as they compete in Nationals in Orlando, FL. They left February 8<sup>th</sup>.
- On Monday, February 13, the Associated Press will be visiting West Amory Elementary School's pre-K program and The Center.
- On February 20, the Symphonic and Concert Bands will perform a concert in the AHS Auditorium at 7:00pm.
- On February 28, the Symphonic Band will be performing at State Band Festival in Pearl.
- Dr. Burnham, the State Superintendent, brought back last year the practice of unannounced audits. Yesterday four M.D.E. auditors arrived unannounced and conducted an audit of our alternative, G.E.D. and dropout prevention programs. After the audit they conducted an exit interview with me. To say the least they were very positive and complementary of our programs. They indicated over and over that they can tell that the adults involved in our programs truly care about our students, and how our district is trying innovative methods to reach our students. I would like to thank the following individuals for making yesterday's audit a success.

Larry Burrell  
Kristy Gruchy  
Glenda Keeton  
Kammie Miller  
Cheryl Moore  
Sarah Richardson  
Ty Trahan  
Paula Wax

...And all of the classroom teachers who go out of their way to meet the needs of our alternative students on a daily basis.

### CONGRATULATIONS

- Congratulations to the following Teachers of the Year and Parents of the Year for the 2011-12 school year. A reception will be held in their honor on Monday, March 5, from 3:30-4:30 in the Culinary Arts Dining Room.
  - West Amory Elementary School: Cindy Hiland – Teacher of the Year  
Shawn Helton – Parent of the Year
  
  - East Amory Elementary School: Casey Hass – Teacher of the Year  
Nancy Crouch – Parent of the Year
  
  - Amory Middle School: Amy Jones – Teacher of the Year / ASD Teacher of the Year  
Johnna Corley - Parent of the Year
  
  - Amory High School: Nathan Clayton – Teacher of the Year  
Sandy Fowlkes – Parent of the Year
  
  - Amory Vocational Center: Dianne Young – Teacher of the Year  
Patricia Fields – Parent of the Year
- Mrs. Dianne Young and the Culinary Arts Team competed for the first time ever in Jackson on February 6. They defeated two-time Champion, Biloxi, to win 2nd Place in the State! Team members include: Kaquan Braylock; Cierra Brown; Caitlyn Carroll; Beth Myers; Amber Taylor.
- Congratulations to the Indoor Percussion group for placing first in their division at the Tupelo Show this past Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. They were in the "Percussion Scholastic Novice" division, along with Aberdeen. The group is made up of 5 middle school students and 18 high school students.
- Congratulations to Mrs. Priscilla Blaylock and the Amory High School Math Team who took part in the competition test at Mississippi College on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Derek Johnson scored in the top 10% in mathematics competition test; Garrett Trautman scored in the top 20% in mathematics competition test.
- Congratulations to the AHS boys basketball team for winning in the first round of the district tournament against Itawamba on February 7, and for advancing to the second round in the tournament. We are proud of both the boys and girls basketball teams for their hard work this season.

**ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE FOR FEBRUARY 13-18:**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<p><b>13</b>  <b>Amory School Board Meeting-6:00 p.m.-Office of the Superintendent</b></p> <p><b>AHS-Cheerleaders</b> return from Orlando, FL  <b>Vo-Tech-NTHS</b> Pennies for Patients Campaign</p>	<p><b>14</b>  <b>WAES-Media Night-4:00-6:00</b>  <b>Vo-Tech-NTHS</b> Pennies for Patients Campaign</p>	<p><b>15</b>  <b>AMS-AHS &amp; AMS</b> Cheerleader Parents Meeting-5:30-AMS Cafeteria  <b>AHS-Cheerleader</b> Parents Meeting-5:30  <b>Vo-Tech-NTHS</b> Pennies for Patients Campaign;  MS Vex Robot Competition  TSA; Guest Speaker from Airgas in Metal Fabrication Class</p>	<p><b>16</b>  <b>AMS-AHS &amp; AMS</b> Cheerleader Parents Meeting-5:30-AMS Cafeteria  <b>AHS-Black History</b> Assembly-9:30-Auditorium  <b>Vo-Tech-NTHS</b> Pennies for Patients Campaign; DECA State Competition</p>	<p><b>17</b>  <b>WAES-Grandparents Day:</b> Pre-K and K-9:00 a.m.; 1<sup>st</sup> grade-10:30 a.m.; 2<sup>nd</sup> grade-1:30 p.m.  <b>Vo-Tech-NTHS</b> Pennies for Patients Campaign; DECA State Competition</p>	<p><b>18</b>  <b>AHS-Baseball</b> at Oxford; Softball at Eupora Jamboree  <b>Vo-Tech-NTHS</b> Pennies for Patients Campaign; DECA State Competition</p>

*Attached is an unofficial draft of the calendar for the 2012-2013 school year.*

**2012-2013 SCHOOL CALENDAR**  
**AMORY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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First Semester 2012:

July 25, 26, 27	Teacher Work Days
July 30, 31	PET for New Teachers
August 1, 2	Teacher Work Days
August 3	First Day for Students
<b>September 3</b>	<b>Labor Day – All School Offices Closed</b>
September 4-7	Mid 9-Weeks Tests Week
<b>September 12</b>	<b>60% Day - MWAP (MS Writing Assessment Program) (Make-Up September 13)</b>
September 13	Progress Reports
<b>September 17-21</b>	<b>SATP2 (Make-Up September 24)</b>
October 1-5	9-Weeks Tests Week
October 10	60% Day / Report Card Pickup 1:00-3:30
October 11	Report Cards
November 5-9	Mid 9-Weeks Tests Week
<b>November 13</b>	<b>MWAP (MS Writing Assessment Program) (Make-Up November 14)</b>
November 15	Progress Reports
<b>November 19-23</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Holidays – All School Offices Closed</b>
December 10-14	Exams Week
<b>December 10-14</b>	<b>SATP2 (Make-Up December 17)</b>
December 19	60% Day
<b>December 20-January 3</b>	<b>Christmas Holidays – All School Offices Closed</b>

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Teacher Days:	98 (5 Work Days-Regular Teachers; 7 Work Days-New Teachers)
Student Days:	93

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Second Semester 2013:

January 4	First Day for Teachers
January 7	First Day for Students
January 10	Reports Cards
<b>January 21</b>	<b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday – All School Offices Closed</b>
February 4-8	Mid 9-Weeks Tests Week
February 13	Progress Reports
<b>February 28</b>	<b>MWAP (MS Writing Assessment Program) (Grades 4 &amp; 7)-(Make-Up March 1)</b>
March 4-8	9-Weeks Tests Week
<b>March 11-15</b>	<b>Spring Break – All School Offices Closed</b>
<b>March 19-22, 25</b>	<b>SATP2-Seniors Only (Make-Up March 26) (Seniors Retest)</b>
<b>March 20</b>	<b>MWAP (MS Writing Assessment Program) (Make-Up March 21)</b>
March 20	60% Day / Report Card Pickup 1:00-3:30 p.m.
March 21	Report Cards
<b>March 29</b>	<b>Good Friday – All School Offices Closed</b>
<b>April 1</b>	<b>Easter Monday – All School Offices Closed (SNOW DAY)</b>
<b>April 8-26</b>	<b>MS-CPAS2</b>
April 15-19	Mid 9-Weeks Tests Week
<b>April 19 (Tentative)</b>	<b>Railroad Festival – All School Offices Closed (SNOW DAY)</b>
April 24	Progress Reports
<b>May 1</b>	<b>MST (MS Science Test) (Grades 5 &amp; 8) (Make-Up May 2)</b>
<b>May 6-10</b>	<b>SATP2 (Make-Up May 13)</b>
<b>May 14-16</b>	<b>MCT2 (Grades 3-8) (Make-Up May 17)</b>
May 20	60% Day / Last Day for Students
May 20	AHS Graduation
May 21	Teacher Work Day / Last Day
<b>May 27</b>	<b>Memorial Day – All School Offices Closed</b>

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Teacher Days:	89(2 Work Days)
Student Days:	87
Total Days for Teachers:	187
Total Days for Students:	180

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