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PURPOSES

- *TO PROMOTE* the welfare of children and youth in the home, school, community and place of worship.
- *TO RAISE* the standards of home life.
- *TO SECURE* adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth.
- *TO BRING* into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth.
- *TO DEVELOP* between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social and spiritual education.

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Welcome to a New Year at Arlington High School!!

I am Melinda Wilbanks, your new AHS PTSA president. We are here for the parents, students, and staff and to provide quality programs for our students to be the best they can be. We are going to have a great year at AHS. The 2011/2012 year will bring a lot of opportunities for students and parents to support our great school. Please take the time to be involved in your school in whatever way you can. Remember to join the PTSA this year. We will have a table on registration day for you to sign up. When you join you will be a member of the largest advocacy group in the world. If you have any ideas for program topics we can provide or would

like to volunteer, please let us know. In the registration packets there will be volunteer forms for you to complete. Please make plans to attend the Curriculum Night, Dinner & Silent Auction on September 20th this year. If you or someone you know can donate any items to the auction, please let us know. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Melinda Wilbanks
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Ready,..Set...Register!!

Shelby County Schools registration for the 2010-2011 school year will be Tuesday, August 2, 2011.

Arlington High School Registration times are as follows:

- Grade 12 begins at 2:00 p.m.
- Grade 11 begins at 3:00 p.m.
- Grade 10 begins at 4:00 p.m.
- Grade 9 begins at 6:00 p.m.

- **High school students who do not register on August 2 will be removed from class rolls.**

The parent or guardian of the student must provide two (2) of the following items listed below to the school during registration.

1. Driver's license or other State/Government issued ID
2. Most recent MLGW bill or municipal water bill

3. Mortgage statement or deed
4. Lease
5. Rental Agreement
6. Real Estate tax receipt
7. Other documentation deemed to be appropriate proof of residence by the Shelby County Schools' Student Services Department.

Registration Help Needed

Would you like to help out on Registration Day? It takes a large number of volunteers to register over 2000 kids in just four hours. Even if you can only give us an hour of your time, we would love to have you join us. Please contact Kelly Hawkins at kelnshel@gmail.com if you would like to help out.



From our Principal

Dear Parents and Students,

It is with pleasure that I welcome you to a new school year at Arlington High School! I am looking forward to a great year, and I encourage every student to take full advantage of the numerous academic, vocational, athletic and extra-curricular opportunities that are available to each of you. The AHS faculty, PTSA, Booster Clubs and community leaders are committed to the process of AHS continuing to move from "good to great." During the past six years, I have come to realize that this is a process that takes a long-term commitment on behalf of all of the entire AHS community!

Every year high school graduates face higher and higher expectations as they transition to future vocational or academic endeavors. This has been made perfectly clear with the March 29, 2010 announcement from our President awarding Tennessee the first grant of "Race To The Top" funds. For instance, this year's senior class (Class of 2012) will be the last class to graduate under the old graduation policy. The rising 11th, 10th & 9th graders will have more rigorous standards necessary to graduate from High School. (REF: <http://www.scsk12.org/TN-Diploma-Project.html> & <http://arlingtonhs.scsk12.org/~edouglas/Douglas/Requirements.html>)

The goal for Arlington High School will be to ensure that all graduating seniors are college or career ready. The primary focus of Arlington High School is to give students a first class education that will take them anywhere that they want to go. Since our first class graduated in '08, we have placed numerous students in Ivy League Universities as well as the Naval, Air Force & Coast Guard Academies. Indeed, an education from Arlington High School can take you wherever you want to go. I would like to challenge each student at AHS to

exceed their predicted score on each of their End of Course Tests (EOC). ***Their teacher will be able to help them with that formation.*** I am proud to report that over 100 students at AHS have scored 30 or higher on one or more of the major academic areas on the ACT. The next challenge that I would like to make to our upperclassmen is to improve your ACT score by a minimum of 2 to 3 points. You would be surprised how many students improve their ACT score by attending our test preparation classes and really buckling down for about a month before the tests.

With the introduction of Hope scholarship money, more and more students are staying in Tennessee to go to college. It is certainly more competitive to be accepted into any Division I University in Tennessee than it was 10 years ago. Employers are also increasing expectations for potential employees as the world moves toward a digital society and a global economy.

Many school improvements have been made that are designed to provide greater support to our students to meet these higher demands. We continue to offer before and after school tutoring and our web based compass intervention that can be accessed anywhere you can get on the Internet.

In closing I would like to invite each of you to our PTSA Curriculum Night, Dinner and Silent Auction on September 20, 2011. This will give you a wonderful opportunity to meet your student's teachers and network with other parents. The administrative and school counselor teams will attend and we look forward to meeting as many of you as possible.

Best wishes for a great school year.

Jeffrey A. Cozzens, Ed.D.
Principal

Make the Connection with YOUR PTSA!!

We are very excited about our PTSA Membership campaign for the upcoming year. We are hoping to get 100% this year and can only do that with the support of every AHS family. Please be sure to sign up for the PTSA on registration day and if you purchase a family membership, your name will go into a drawing for some special prizes. So please stop by one of our several tables while at

registration on August 2. Help us reach our goal of 100% this year, and support us as we continue to support the educational needs of AHS. Thanks.

Karena Byers
Membership
AHS PTSA

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Student Parking Information

Parking permits will be sold in the following order on Registration Day, Tuesday, August 2nd:

- **Seniors:** 1:00-3:00 PM.

Parking pass sales will begin one hour before registration for **SENIORS ONLY**.

- **Juniors:** 3:00-5:00 PM.
- **Sophomores:** 5:00-6:00 PM.

Sophomores will begin purchasing parking passes after they have registered.

Student Parking is \$40 per year, first come, first serve.

- **Premium parking is available for the top 10% of Juniors & Seniors for \$40; all other Seniors wishing to purchase a premium parking pass will pay \$50, if spaces are still available.**

[Click Here for Parking & Map Information!](#)

Located on the map you will also see where students may be dropped off in the morning and picked up in the afternoon.

Curriculum Night, Dinner & Silent Auction

Tuesday, September 20th, 2011

The Silent Auction/ Curriculum Night has been set for September 20, 2011. The meal will be catered by Cici's Pizza. Come out and enjoy a great meal with family and friends.

Our annual Silent Auction will be held this night. Items to be bid on will be in the library. Please come by and look in between classes and bid on your favorite things. It will end shortly after the Curriculum Night last bell rings.

If you own a business or know someone who does, please feel free to contact me. This is an easy way to promote your business. We will accept small and big items. Anything you can donate will be appreciated.

This is our big fundraiser for the year so please come and support our PTSA and our school. This will be a fun event to socialize and get to know new friends.

Last year was a huge success and we want this year to be as well. Please come and join us!

Ashlee Pratt
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Donation Items Needed for Silent Auction!!!

The Arlington High School PTSA is looking for your support with the Silent Auction.

The PTSA **needs your help and support!!** Your involvement is **crucial** for the auction to be successful. It can only succeed with the support of **YOU**, the parents!!! If we all work together, we can make it a success!!!

Donations for the Silent Auction will be due by **Friday, September 16th** and can be turned in to the library. Please clearly mark that the donations are for the Silent Auction. If you have special

connections in our community who would like to participate by making a donation for the silent auction, it will be greatly appreciated!!!!

Please call **Ashlee Pratt at 218-7952** if you'd like to make a donation or if you need further information.

Thank you in advance for your support with this project!!!

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Arlington High School PTSA Reflections 2011-2012

Arlington High School PTSA is pleased to continue supporting our students with the annual national PTA Reflections Program. We strongly believe that all children deserve a quality arts education and want to encourage students to pursue artistic expression through participation in the annual Reflections Program. Students at Arlington High School are invited to create and submit works of art in the areas of dance choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, photography, and the visual arts.

We had phenomenal AHS student participation last year and two students went on to receive District and State Recognition. Following are the top 5 in each category:

Visual Arts	Literature	Photography
Jessica Woolbright	Adrienne Miller	Rachel Arnwine
Megan Borgmier	Katrien Smith	Christina Cook
Tori Turnipseed	Brynne Darling	Tyler Napier
Austin Anderson	Emily Greene	Sarah Moss
Jenna Mosier	Taylor Tallant	Victoria Rebich

Each of these entries was submitted for further District and State judging. Brynne Darling received 1st Place and Taylor Tallant received Honorable Mention in the Shelby County District. Taylor Tallant received the Award of Excellence recognition in the Tennessee State judging.

Students were rewarded with certificates and monetary prizes. Congratulations to them and the teachers who supported the program!!

The bar has been set AHS – LET’S KEEP IT GOING!!!!!!!!!!

Tracy Dodd

Cultural Arts
AHS PTSA

Summer Reading List

Make sure your student did their summer reading!!! Not sure? Click on the book below to see the required reading lists for all grade levels.



Get Connected and Volunteer

Just because your child is in high school doesn't mean the school doesn't need it's parents. In fact, one of the best ways of staying connected into what's going on at AHS is to volunteer! There will be many opportunities throughout the year for you to help out at Arlington High School!! If you are interested contact Kelly Hawkins at kelnshel@gmail.com or Cindy Fish at jcfish7@bellsouth.net

2011 Sales Tax Holiday

The State of Tennessee's Annual Sales Tax Holiday is held every year on the first Friday in August and ends the following Sunday night. **This year's tax-free holiday weekend begins at 12:01 a.m on Friday, August 5th and ends Sunday, August 7th at 11:59 p.m. To find out what items are tax-free, click on the logo.**



Arlington High School PTSA 2011-2012 Board of Managers

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10 th Vice President, Cultural Arts	Tracy Dodd
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A Message from the AHS PTSA Past President....

Dear AHS Family-

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support over the past two years. All that the PTSA does would not be possible without the support of the parents, students, teachers and staff of AHS.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as the AHS PTSA President for the past two years. We have had a wonderful board of managers and have done so much to help the students and teachers of AHS. The board has worked extremely hard and sacrificed a lot of their time to help ALL the students at AHS. I know that the newly elected board will do great things, so please remember to support them next year!

I would like to thank Dr. Cozzens and his staff for making AHS the kind of place we want for our children. He truly cares about all of the students and is the best Principal I have ever had the pleasure of working with!

Thanks again and Congratulations Class of 2011!

Gina Campbell

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

August 2	Registration Day
August 8	First day of classes
September 15	Parent Teacher Conferences
September 20	Curriculum Night/Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction

Connect with the Clinic....Donations Needed

Our school clinic is in need of the following items for the 2011-2012 school year. If you would like to contribute to any of these Wish List items, please feel free to drop them off at the **Clinic Donation Table** during registration or call Patti Joyner at 848-1137 for large items to be picked up. Your thoughtful consideration would be greatly appreciated not only by the school nurse, but also by the student body.

Clinic Wish List:

- Bottled water
- Tweezers
- Scissors
- Safety pins
- Triangular bandages (used for temporary slings)
- Tongue blades/depressors
- Lighted magnifying glass
- Crutches
- Band-Aids - all shapes, sizes and materials

- Thermometer probe covers for the Welch-Alyn thermometer
- Zip-lock bags - various sizes for ice
- Ace wraps
- Athletic /medical tape
- Kleenex tissues
- Small cans of soda
- Small juice boxes
- Telfa (non-sticks) pads
- Dixie cups - 3oz or 5oz size
- Crackers
- Healthy snacks such as peanut butter crackers or granola bars
- Pens
- Kerlix/rolled gauze
- Blanket/throws

Thank you!

Patti Joyner

VP Health & Safety
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