

AVIATION HIGH SCHOOL

NOTICE TO AIRMEN (NOTAM) 091409

September 14, 2009

What's happening this week?

Monday: Welcome Back to the first full week of school!

Tuesday: Robotics Team Meeting at 3:35 p.m. in room 7; 2nd Team meeting at 6:00 p.m. in room 7
Auction 2009 Kick Off and PTSA General Meeting at 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the gym.

Wednesday: Visitors from The Boeing Company on campus, 8:00-10:30 a.m.;
Speech & Debate meeting at 3:45 in room 3.

Thursday: Club Day;
Culture Club at 3:45 – 4:45 pm in Room 24.

Friday: Last Day for schedule changes;
Yes, you may wear jeans today!
Early Release Day at 2:00 p.m.

→ **Message from the Principal:** Welcome, scholars, to the 2009-2010 school year and our first full week of learning! I'm excited to begin the journey with those of you in the freshman class and reconnect with everyone in the sophomore, junior, and senior classes. And, I congratulate you for choosing Aviation High School, to prepare you for college, career, and citizenship!

There is already a respectful tone and great sense of anticipation within the school culture that is being felt by all of us who have eagerly been awaiting your return to school. As I wandered through classes and interacted with many of you in the hallways last week, it was refreshing to see your smiles, hear your laughter, and even a few comments to the effect that you were glad to be back in school! ☺ This little learning community comes alive with you in it! Here's wishing you an inspiring year of learning!

As most of you know by now, Aviation High School has been offered the opportunity to build a permanent school at The Museum of Flight. Many people are working hard to ensure that this golden opportunity turns into a reality by the 2011-2012 school year. We are asking the support of state and federal legislators, private industry, and non-profit organizations, so throughout the school year, you will see many visitors on our campus, all whom are interested in gaining a better understanding of the mission and vision of our school. A visit will most often consist of classroom observations, talks with students individually or in groups, student demonstrations of learning, and occasionally, meetings with parents, AHS staff and board members. This **Wednesday from 8:00-10:30 a.m.**, a group of leaders from **The Boeing Company** will be on our campus. This represents a great opportunity for all of us to showcase the unique features of our school and show our Phoenix pride! Next week, we will host more visitors, which will be announced in the NOTAM.

Speaking of the **NOTAM:** It serves as our primary communication tool at AHS, so it is **very important that you read it each Monday when it is shared with you in Advisory.** We do not have daily bulletins, so reading the NOTAM is a sure way to find information about upcoming events, scholarship opportunities, club meetings, ASB activities, etc. We also post the NOTAM on our website as well as the PTSA website. Please encourage your parents to check both websites on a regular basis to read the NOTAM and to learn about other important information related to our school.

So...for a very important announcement that requires a response to me if you are interested in attending what we view as our "Homecoming": Since our very first year of opening our school in 2004, we have been fortunate to be invited to the annual **Pathfinder Gala** at The Museum of Flight. This

special event recognizes two people who have made significant contributions to aviation and aerospace, with a live interview conducted on stage that tells the story of their life and career. It is a “fancy” gala that requires dress-up clothes (suits for guys, some wear tux’s, jacket with shirt and tie and nice pants meets standard, too; and for girls, either formal or semi-formal wear). A wonderful dinner is served in the gallery of the Museum, and it sure to be an evening that you will long remember. This year, we may have the opportunity to take up to 75 students! To be eligible to attend, you will be asked to do a bit of research about this year’s recipients, write an essay about why you want to go, and attend an etiquette training session scheduled for after school on **October 5** from 3:45-5:30 p.m. (mandatory!). There will also be a homework assignment, which will include writing a thank you note to the people who are sponsoring us: Embry-Riddle University, Galvin Flying Service, and other private donors. The **Pathfinder Gala** occurs on **Saturday evening, October 10**, and you will be ready for it by then! ***If interested in attending, please pick up a packet of information in the Main Office that will be ready by this Wednesday.*** To learn more about Pathfinder, you may also talk with staff members and students who have attended. Our resident experts this year are **Jaime Katzer** and **Kristina Ong** who are serving as interns for the entire Pathfinder event.

My very best wishes to all for the 2009-10 school year. I am honored to be your principal. ~Reba

- **Important Note:** The last day to drop a class without penalty is Friday, September 18.
- **AHS Blood Drive:** Aviation High School will be having its 2nd blood drive on Monday September 28th. If you are 16 years old, weigh at least 110 lbs, and are interested in donating blood please see Mrs. Ellinger in room 4 to sign up. Permission slips are due to Mrs. Ellinger by this Friday the 18th. Remember that your donation saves at least 3 lives.
- **Speech and Debate** will be having a general meeting on Wednesday the 16th starting at 3:45 in room 3. All students who are interested in attending should come to the informational meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please talk with Mr. Shiroma before the meeting.
- **PTSA:** The AHS PTSA emails the weekly NOTAM and PTSA updates. If you are not currently receiving these updates via email please email aviationnews@aviationptsa.org with your email address(s).

If you would like to be added to the AHS carpool list please send your contact information to ahscarpool@aviationptsa.org. The carpool spreadsheet will be updated and emailed to those on the list.

The AHS PTSA website has been updated! Please visit www.aviationptsa.org and check out our new and improved website.

- **PSAT:** All **juniors** will be taking the PSAT on **Wednesday, October 14th**. Any **sophomores** interested in taking the PSAT must **sign up with Bonnie** in the main office by **September 23**.
- **Inviting all AHS students to come to Penumbra!** Seattle Knights presents it's own faire - unlike any other! This is our kick off year. There will be jousting, sword fighting knights, pirates, magicians, faeries, Robin Hood, Sheriff of Nottingham, Sinbad, Peter Pan and Wendy, Tinkerbell (played by one of your own), games, corn maze, pirate ship, old west town, and MORE! (If you want to volunteer at the faire, e-mail Karla at mohtashemi@comcast.net For more information go to <http://www.penumbrafaire.com/>. (Our kick off faire had lots of coverage. Check this out - Seattle Times - http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/localnews/2009716510_medieval23m.html)

→ **Ballroom Dance Class to start SOON!** But first, learn the Thriller Dance and be a part of history as we break another world record! Thrill The World is a world wide organization to perform the Thriller dance simultaneously with other nations for an attempt at the Guinness book of world records. <http://www.thrilltheworld.com>

Your Ballroom teacher is a facilitator for the Seattle chapter - <http://www.meetup.com/seattlethrillers>
The group also works to benefit charitable organizations. This year it is to raise money for Children's Hospital and AOK Friends.

This class is open to the entire school! The first 4 - 5 ballroom classes will be dedicated to teaching you and anyone who wants to join us to learn the Thriller dance. This dance is not difficult, but it is a very sweat - inducing, high cardio dance. Once you learn it, and we start practicing, it will wear you out.

To see us at last year's pioneer square dance, check this out! <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sb23CekpKcs>

First class is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 22, 3:40-4:20 in the AHS gym. Immediately following this class series, there will be an introductory class to Ballroom Dance. Stay tuned for date to be announced!

→ **Special Event:**

VINTAGE AVIATION EVENT -- NON PROFIT NEWS RELEASE

September 26 - 27, 2009 at Paine Field



The Cascade Warbirds will participate in a Vintage Aircraft Weekend at Paine Field. The event will include approximately sixty antique civilian and military aircraft. Saturday hours will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with Sunday operations from 9 a.m. through 3 p.m. During this time visitors will witness history in action as many of the vintage aircraft participate in fly-bys and demonstrations. Pilots and restoration mechanics will be on hand to answer questions and explain the significance of each aircraft. "Aviation Legends" will tell stories and recall important events. Good food, books, apparel and access to the Future of Flight Gallery will enhance the experience. A vintage military vehicle display and encampment will overlook and "guard" the event. But for most, the highlight will be to walk the flight line and closely examine these aviation icons in a family-friendly environment.

Vintage Aircraft Weekend at Paine Field at the Future of Flight facility.

Saturday, September 26th 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Sunday the 27th, 9 a.m. through 3 p.m.

For more information and directions to the Future of Flight facility

see: <http://www.futureofflight.org/planavisit.html>. Future of Flight admission charge: \$9.00 for adults, \$4.00 for kids 6-15 yrs, under 6 free.

For more information about the Cascade Warbirds see: www.cascadewarbirds.org

**Come visit the Cascade Warbirds to chat with our members or just say hello;
you too can be a member and help to Keep 'Em Flying.
Tell them Tony sent you.**

→ **Quote of the Week:**

“Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers.”

Author unknown