

AVIATION HIGH SCHOOL

NOTICE TO AIRMEN (NOTAM) 092109

September 21, 2009

What's happening this week?

- Monday** **VIP on campus, 10:00 a.m. to noon—Dr. Sam Smith, President Emeritus, Washington State University**
Thriller Dance Class at 3:40–4:20 in the gym.
- Tuesday** Freshman field trip to The Museum of Flight—all day
Robotics Team meeting 6:00–8:00 p.m. in Room 7.
- Wednesday** Club Fair – See below for details
- Thursday** Club Fair – See below for details
Culture Club at 3:45–4:45 p.m. in Room 24.
Robotics Team meeting at 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in Room 7.
- Friday** **Early Release Day at 2:00 p.m.**
- Saturday** Science Olympiad Study Day, 11:00 a.m. – 2 p.m. in Room 6.

→ **Message from the Principal:** This year, our staff is using the theme, *Dare to Fly*, as we challenge ourselves to continuously improve our practices in education so that we can, in turn, help all of you achieve at the highest levels possible. It requires us to sometimes step out of our comfort zone as we acquire new knowledge and skills, attempt new teaching strategies, and use technologies and resources that will prepare you for further education and careers. Today's world (and certainly *your* future world of work) requires all of us to occasionally “jump off the cliff” in pursuit of realizing our dreams and goals, just as we watched the Norwegian flyers do in the DVD that we shared with you during our opening day assembly. While I hope you will not *literally* jump off a cliff, I do hope that you will take some calculated risks this year to enhance your learning and perhaps exceed your own expectations. If you haven't yet set your goals for this school year, now is a great time to do so! And, when you write them, I encourage you to write one that truly stretches your thinking and imagination...and go for it! At Aviation High School, you don't have to go it alone, either. We believe in the “wingman” concept in which others help you along the way. Your teachers are great wingmen, as are Ms. Carper and Mr. McComb, and many of you enjoy the advantage of already having a mentor wingman. I also count myself as a wingman, so if I can help you as you *dare to fly* this year, know that I'm available!

If you haven't already picked up an information/application packet for the **Pathfinder Gala** at the **Museum of Flight on October 10**, please do so today! Packets are available in the main office. Your **essay is due to me by this Wednesday**, and selections will be announced in next week's NOTAM. Don't miss an opportunity to attend this amazing event! As a reminder, Kristina Ong and Jaime Katzer are our resident student experts, and most of your teachers can also provide information about the event.

I am inviting you to attend a **special meeting** with our **Superintendent, John Welch, and the Highline Board of Directors** this **Wednesday, September 23 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.** at the district administrative building located at **15675 Ambaum Blvd. SW in Burien, WA 98166**. The

purpose of this meeting will be to update our board members on plans for locating our school at The Museum of Flight. Our architect and her student intern, Betsy Smith, will share the design plans for the school (they are very cool!), and others will share how we are raising funds to build the school. I will get the opportunity to briefly share our student achievement data and the excitement that occurs within our learning community, which is all about YOU! I know that our board members and superintendent will be delighted to see students, staff, and parents in the audience. They have provided unyielding support and commitment over the years for our school, and filling the boardroom on Wednesday night is a great way of saying “thank you” to them. I hope to see many of you there.

The **PTSA** is once again sponsoring an **auction** for our school. The event is scheduled for **November 14 at the Museum of Flight** (more information is available in the NOTAM and on the PTSA website). Since I know your parents also read the NOTAM, I want to encourage them as well as you to help with procurement of items and promoting the auction to friends. Proceeds from the auction make a huge difference in our ability to provide a quality educational experience for you. Computers, equipment, software, field trips, supplementary books, and support for our “sports of the mind” teams and clubs come from this annual auction. Let’s all get on board and help in whatever way that the PTSA may request of us!

Our fall **Evening of Learning for your parents is scheduled for October 8th**. This is our version of an open house, and it is important that your parents attend. They will be attending your classes that evening, so please fill out your schedule for them and make sure they bring it with them on the evening of October 8. This represents a bit of role reversal, right? YOU get to tell your parents what to do! 😊

Reminder to all: **Each Friday**, our staff will have **90 minutes of professional collaboration time** (time in which they *dare to fly* as they learn new ways to help *you* learn), so **school will dismiss at 2:00 p.m.** This weekly collaboration time for teachers replaces the half-day or full-day waiver days that were scheduled in previous years. There are two days during the school year, however, that *will* be all day dismissal days for students. The **first non-student day is on October 9** and the second one is scheduled for May 21.

The sky is NOT the limit! Dare to fly! 😊 I’m honored to be your principal. ~Reba

→ **Message from ASB:** Attention all 9th Graders: If you are interested in becoming an ASB Freshman Class Captain*, please attend one of two mandatory meetings in Mr. Dezember’s room (Room 22) on either Tuesday, September 22 or Wednesday, September 23 at 12:50 p.m. This meeting will outline Class Captain duties, expectations, and election information. If you have any further information about this position, please feel free to ask Mr. Dezember or any ASB officer

**The Class Captain title is equivalent to the Class President position.*

→ **Senior Project Proposal Due Date:** Senior advisors will be accepting proposals in the window from September 25th to October 2nd. After that date, the proposals will be considered overdue. Notification will be sent to senior’s parents on Monday, October 5th, indicating that the student is not on track for graduation this June.

→ **The AHS Music Program:** is holding an instrument drive! We are looking for your old, unused or unwanted instruments, so dig around in your closet, attic, garage, or wherever, and bring us that old horn, guitar, drum, or other piece of music gear that’s just gathering dust, and let us turn it into new, useful music gear for the school! We repair or resell donations to provide music equipment for students to use at school, and we need your help. Right now the music program supports four AHS student bands, who are eager to start performing at school events and even record their own albums –

but we need more guitars, drums, amplifiers and other gear to really get things rolling. So take a few minutes to see what you can find, and bring it on in! Instruments and other equipment do NOT need to be working to be useful, so even if you think it's just a piece of junk, we can still use it. Thank you for your support! ~Mr. S. and The AHS Music Club

- **Attention all students:** This **Wednesday and Thursday AHS will host the 2nd annual Club Fair** during Lunch and Advisory. All students **must** sign up for a club at this year's fair. Plan on attending during your grade level's assigned times. We'll see you at the fair!

The schedule for this year's fair:

Wed-Thur September 23 and 24

9th Grade – Lunch Thursday

10th Grade – Lunch Wednesday

11th Grade – Advisory Wednesday

12th Grade – Advisory Thursday

- **7th Annual Hospitality House Walk:** On Saturday, September 26th, Hospitality House will be hosting its annual fundraising walk. Hospitality House is a homeless shelter for women located in Burien. This organization also helps homeless women by giving them skills to obtain a job and support themselves. This walk is their main fundraiser for the year. It is a short two mile walk with great prizes at the end. Pre-registration is \$15 and \$20 the day of the walk. Need volunteer hours? I am also looking for crossing guards during the walk. For more information contact Sarah Wydick at Sarah_wydick@yahoo.com. This is my senior project, and the program could really use as many people as they can get.

Except for the Quote of the Week, the following announcements have been posted in previous editions of the NOTAM. They are still important and posted for your information and action, as appropriate:

- **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**.

- **Quote of the Week:**

“Leaders don't resist innovation, they symbolize it.”

~David Ogilvy