

**AVIATION HIGH SCHOOL**  
**NOTAM 102609**  
**26 October 2009**

**WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?**

**Monday**

University of Washington Bothell meeting at 2:00 in Room 11  
Thriller Dance Practice 3:40 – 4:20 in the gym

**Tuesday**

Robotics Team meeting 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Room 7

**Thursday**

Clubs during Advisory  
Culture Club 3:45–4:45 p.m. in Room 24  
Robotics Team meeting 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Room 7

**Friday**

Early Release at 2:00 p.m.  
Robotics Spaghetti Dinner and Auction 6:30 – 8:30 in the Cafeteria

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:**

If you have not seen it yet, I encourage you to direct your attention to the new and improved Aviation High School website. You can subscribe to the Notice to Airmen Blog, follow our Twitter, and stay up to date on the goings-on around school with the school calendar. Visitors can also get information about admissions, some of our many projects, the capital campaign for our new building, and lots more.

Over 1.5 million students took the 2008 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) last October and entered the National Merit Program, a nationwide competition for recognition and awards conducted by National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Only 34,000 students (~ 2%) were named as **Commended Students for their excellent performance on the PSAT/NMSQT** and we just happen to have three of the 34,000 commended students attending Aviation High School: **Ryan Sanders, Rebecca Pham, and Michael Thompson!** I know that our entire learning community joins me in saying, "Congratulations, and we're proud of you!" As noted on their certificates from NMSC, "...recognition as a Commended Student is a credit to you, your parents, and your high school." Ryan, Rebecca, and Michael—we celebrate with you and applaud such a remarkable accomplishment!

Congratulations to ASB for sponsoring a successful Spirit Week and a wonderful dance on Saturday. It was quite interesting to see how many of you dressed when you were nine years old! ☺ Do any of you see a change in Mr. McComb now that he is in his mature years? ☺ Congratulations are also due Culture Club for sponsoring a wonderful potluck the previous week, and to Honor Society for organizing the Blood Drive a few weeks ago. I'm proud of all of you for being such good citizens *and* scholars!

Thanks, too, to so many of you for showcasing your learning to members of the Education Committee of the Washington State House of Representatives last week. They were duly

impressed and enlightened, and I have confidence that they will remember Aviation High School when the legislative session begins in January! After all, the sky is NOT the limit! Proud to be your principal... ~Reba

### **FOR ASPIRING ENGINEERS & ENTREPRENEURS**

The Royal Aeronautical Society – Seattle Branch is hosting the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Joe Sutter Dinner on Saturday, 21 November at the Museum of Flight. This black-tie event brings together aeronautical and aerospace engineers from around the world to honor Joe Sutter (considered by many to be the father of the Boeing 747), to learn from interesting speakers, and to network with each other.

Through the generosity of individual and corporate sponsors, 13 (or more, if things go according to plan) AHS students have been invited to attend. Students will be seated with senior management and engineers from Boeing (F22, Air Traffic Management, Sustainment, etc.), Honeywell, Hobart Machined Products, and Rolls-Royce. It will be an extraordinary evening of learning and an extraordinary opportunity for selected students to network.

If you are interested in joining us for this very special occasion, please see Mr. McComb for more details. Prior to attending, students interested in going will be required to:

- 1) Research the work of Joe Sutter
- 2) Generate a list of thoughtful questions
- 3) Participate in etiquette training if they have not already done so

As follow-up to the dinner, students will be required to:

- 1) Briefly reflect (in writing) on the lessons they learned
- 2) Write two thank-you notes: one to the Royal Aeronautical Society – Seattle Branch, and one to their sponsor.

### **FOR ASPIRING ASTRONAUTS, DOCTORS, AND OTHERS**

Mark your calendars for Thursday, 5 November!

The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) and Society of Flight Test Engineers (SFTE) are hosting their November evening meeting at AHS. Dr. James Joki, an engaging storyteller and a 2009 Pathfinder, will be the speaker.

Dr. Joki received a BS degree in aeronautics and astronautics at the University of Washington. After graduation, he served NASA in a flight controls position in Houston, Tex. An interest in space medicine directed him towards the Extravehicular Mobility Unit (that's 'space suit' to most of us). Dr. Joki later served NASA as a designer and flight controller.

Dr. Joki's interest in space medicine prompted him to return to school to become an Ob/Gyn. He has enjoyed a successful career at Northwest Hospital, delivering over 5,000 children during his time there.

Dinner & Networking: 1800 – 1855 (6:00 – 6:55 p.m.)

Speaker: 1900 – 1950 (7:00 – 7:50 p.m.)

Questions & Answers: 1950 – 2000 (7:50 – 8:00 p.m.)

More details forthcoming in next week's NOTAM.

### **FROM YOUR ASB:**

### **FROM THE PTSA:**

Senior parent meeting Tuesday Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> 7p.m. in room 10 at AHS. Questions or comments please email [gradnight@aviationptsa.org](mailto:gradnight@aviationptsa.org).

### **November 14<sup>th</sup> PTSA Auction:**

Donations deadline is October 31<sup>st</sup> – please turn in all donations for the auction this week.

Reservations are filling up – get yours in now if you plan to attend. Reservations must be received by Monday November 9<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions please email [ahsauction@aviationptsa.org](mailto:ahsauction@aviationptsa.org) or call Teri Katzer at 425.277.3584 or for procurement call Bonnie at 206.409.6903.

### **COLLEGE ADMISSIONS**

University of Washington Bothell will be presenting in Room 11 at 2 p.m. today, October 26. If you are interested in attending the presentation, please sign up in Ms. Carper's office.

Washington State University (WSU) Admissions will be presenting on Tuesday, November 3 at 2 p.m. Please sign up in Room 11 if you are interested in attending.

### **FOR AHS WOMEN:**

If you are interested in the field of computing and would like the opportunity to receive a laptop and a small scholarship award, check out the following website:

<http://www.ncwit.org/work.awards.aspiration.html>.

### **HOLIDAY BAZAAR:**

Sponsored by AAUW (American Association of University Women), the holiday bazaar is a great source of gifts including stocking stuffers, home decorations, and more. Proceeds benefit our high school juniors who receive recognition in math, science, and technology!

7 November 2009 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

Normandy Park City Hall

801 SW 174<sup>th</sup> St.

Normandy Park, WA

### **FROM NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY:**

Celebrate the harvest season by sending your friends (or yourself!) a cute Beary Gram! Candy grams will be sold during lunchtime in the cafeteria through this Thursday, and will be delivered fifth period on Friday, 30 October.

### **PEER TUTORING PROGRAM**

Your National Honor Society is now hosting peer tutoring. Peer tutoring is available after school on Mondays and Wednesdays, and by appointment. We will meet in Dr. K's room (room 10) from 3:35 until 4:45 p.m.

Mondays: no sign-up necessary. Drop-in if you'd like a nice, quiet place to work on your homework (or just to join in on the party of learning.)

Wednesdays: by sign-up only! You must sign up by the end of **Tuesday** that week to have a tutor available for you. You may find further details regarding sign-up, as well as the sign-up sheet, in the office.

By Appointment: Know you will need a tutor for the long-term? Let us know for which subject and we will pair you up with one of our trusty tutors so that the two of you may make arrangements that fit both of your schedules. More information as well as a sign-up sheet for long-term tutoring can be found in the office.

### **SKUNKWORKS:**

Come support our fabulous Skunkworks Robotics Team on Friday, 30 October (dinner 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Dessert Auction 7:30 - 8:30) at the 3rd Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Dessert Auction in our own AHS Cafeteria. Tickets are available from any robotics student or in our AHS office! Please contact Kathy Swan [bswan55234@comcast.net](mailto:bswan55234@comcast.net) for ticket information. If you would like to help, or have a dessert or item to donate, please email Dayna Miller at [DaynaMiller1277@msn.com](mailto:DaynaMiller1277@msn.com) or call her at (253) 797-3077.

*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:*

### **VETERANS' DAY ASSEMBLY:** Call for speakers

Veterans Day is Wednesday, November 11th, and we will be paying our respects in an assembly on Monday, 9 November. The theme for this year's assembly is *Honor and Remembrance*. We are inviting you to participate in this year's assembly! This year we hope to have three students share their personal thoughts to help us honor all who have served in our Armed Forces. There are many great speakers among you; we want to hear what you have to say.

If you have a story you'd like to share, please contact Mr. Dezember, James Kelley, Libanos Redda, Tran Tonnu, or Conrad Nark as soon as possible.

### **FOR AHS SENIORS:**

It is time to make an appointment to get your senior photo taken. The deadline for submission is 8 January – no exceptions. All submissions should be sent to AHS Yearbook Staff or emailed to [Juarezmm@hsd401.org](mailto:Juarezmm@hsd401.org). Please refer to the handout distributed in advisory for specific details.

### **PSTA REFLECTIONS CONTEST:** What is beauty to you?

Write about it, draw it, paint it, take a picture of it, make music about it, dance to it, or create a film about it and enter it in the 40th annual PTA Reflections contest. We invite everyone to participate in the categories of Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Visual Arts, Film/Video, and Choreography. All AHS participants will receive recognition, certificate, prize & special catered lunch. Finalist entries will go on to the Highline Council level of the competition. Submissions will be collected in the main office the week of November 16th with Friday, 20 November being the last day to turn in your entry. Entries turned in after 2 pm on 20 November will not be judged. Go to [www.aviationptsa.org](http://www.aviationptsa.org) and click on the Reflections link for rules and entry forms. Additional forms are also available in the main office. For more information contact Liz

Campisteguy at [campisteguy@gmail.com](mailto:campisteguy@gmail.com)

**UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS AT THE MUSEUM OF FLIGHT:**

October 31 - Galileo: What I Saw Through My Telescope

November 7 - International Year of Astronomy Lecture: Astrobiology - Is There Life Out There?

***Quote of the Week***

What gain was there for such a risk? There would be no crowd to watch and applaud my landing. Nor was there any scientific objective to be gained. No, there was deeper reason for wanting to jump, a desire I could not explain.

It was that quality that led me into aviation in the first place — it was a love of the air and sky and flying, the lure of adventure, the appreciation of beauty. It lay beyond the descriptive words of man — where immortality is touched through danger, where life meets death on equal plane; where man is more than man, and existence both supreme and valueless at the same instant.

Charles A. Lindbergh, contemplating his first parachute jump, [The Spirit of St Louis](#) (1953)