

**Administration**

**LOS ALAMITOS HIGH SCHOOL**

**GRIFFINS**

**Principal**

**Joshua Arnold, Ed. D.**

**Asst. Principals**

**Gregg Stone, Ed. D.**

Curriculum/Counseling

**Chris Vlastic**

Student Services

**Melissa Miller**

Activities/Athletics

**Dean of Students**

**Issaia Gates, Ed. D.**

**April**

- 1 - 5 Spring Break
- 11 Open House - Minimum Day
- 29 Academic Awards of Excellence

**May**

- 17 STAR Testing
- 21 STAR Testing
- 23 STAR Testing
- 27 Memorial Day - Holiday

**June**

- 6 Baccalaureate
- 10 Senior Finals
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*National Blue Ribbon School*

*California Distinguished School*

**Spring 2013 Principal's Newsletter**

***Principal's Message***

***Los Alamitos High School Parents & Families:***

You are invited and encouraged to attend Los Alamitos High School's Open House on Thursday, April 11, 2013, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. From 6:00-6:20 p.m. there will be a preview of *Color Blind* presented by our Drama Department followed by our Choir Department with a performance from *Sound FX*. From 6:20-7:00 p.m. the PTSA will introduce the Honorary Service Award recipients. Please join us in honoring those staff, parents, and community members who give so much to Los Alamitos High School.

Open House offers families the opportunity to observe student work and meet with each of their child's teachers. While on campus, also feel free to visit the entire school and observe its many programs and support services – the Career Center, Counseling Office, and classrooms will be open from 7:00-8:45 p.m.

In preparing for the evening, please have your child complete their schedule of classes, and be sure to include teacher name, course, and room number so that you have all the information you'll need on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

Open House is an important night in your child's education, and is a chance to celebrate the success of our students school wide. We look forward to seeing you on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m., and can't wait to talk about *igniting unlimited possibilities* for all of our Griffins!

Sincerely,

***Joshua Arnold, Ed. D.***

***Principal***

# ***2013 STAR Testing Schedule***

***DAY ONE - Friday, May 17, 2013***

***10<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Assessment***

***(\*sophomores\* only)***

**\*TESTING 7:48 – 9:15 am**

**(Assigned Testing Location)**

Period 1	9:20 – 10:05
Period 2	10:12 – 10:52
Period 3	10:59 – 11:39
Period 4	11:46 – 12:26
Lunch	12:26 – 12:56
Period 5	1:03 – 1:43
Period 6	1:50 – 2:30

***DAY TWO – Tuesday, May 21, 2013***

***English and History***

7:48 – 9:18	English Part 1
9:18 – 9:28	Break
9:28 – 10:58	English Part 2
10:58 – 11:28	Lunch
11:35 – 12:30	History Part 1 (10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> grades only)
12:30 – 12:40	Break
12:40 – 1:35	History Part 2 (10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> grades only)

***DAY THREE – Thursday, May 23, 2013***

***Math and Science***

7:48 – 9:18	Math Part 1
9:18 – 9:28	Break
9:28 – 10:58	Math Part 2
10:58 – 11:28	Lunch
11:35 – 12:30	Science Part 1
12:30 – 12:40	Break
12:40 – 1:35	Science Part 2

# *School Site Council*

*December 3, 2012*

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Principal Arnold. Members, alternates, and guests present: Josh Arnold, Cynthia Avina, Michele Bowers, David Eisenberg, Heather Grindstaff, Lauren Ferris, Laura Gonzalez, Keely Hafer, Nicole Hughes, Dr. Kirsten Jensen, Denise Keller, Kelly McCone, Shannon McCone, Daniel Patz, Sandy Sova, Judy Searing, Deya Slade, Dr. Gregg Stone, and secretary Maureen Motsinger. Chair Daniel Patz welcomed all in attendance and those present introduced themselves and stated their connection to Los Alamitos High School.

Minutes of the October 1, 2012 meeting were approved with noted corrections.

Dr. Gregg Stone presented The Single Plan for Student Achievement which had been distributed to members / alternates for their review prior to the meeting. This site plan is a requirement for each school in the district with the format set by the State and must be approved annually by each School Site Council. Following approval the plan is then sent to Dr. Mark Johnson, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, before it is submitted to the Board of Education for their approval. Dr. Stone reviewed the entire plan including the following LAHS school goals which are derived after content teams review testing data results identifying strengths and weaknesses in English / Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Science.

School Goal #1: As a district, we are committed to reach 100% proficiency for all students. Therefore, all students performing below proficiency in English / Language Arts will increase their standard score on the CST English / Language Arts assessment in spring 2013. All students performing at the proficient or advanced level in English / Language Arts will maintain or increase their standard score on the CST English / Language Arts assessment in spring 2013. There is a consistent drop at the state, county and school site level in student performance between ninth and tenth grades. Emphasis will be placed on grade 10 to negate or minimize this trend.

School Goal #2: As a district, we are committed to reach 100% proficiency for all students. Therefore, all students performing below proficiency in mathematics will increase their standard score on the CST. All students performing below proficiency in mathematics will improve their standard score on the spring 2013 CST assessment. All students performing at the proficient or advanced level will maintain or improve their standard score in the spring 2013 CST assessment. Particular emphasis will be placed on improvement in CST Algebra I, Geometry CP and Algebra II performance.

School Goal #3: As a district, we are committed to reach 100% proficiency for all students. Therefore, all students performing below proficiency in science will increase their standard score on the CST. All students performing below proficiency in their 2012 CST Science assessment will improve their scale score on the spring 2013 CST Science assessment. All students performing at the proficient or advanced level will maintain or improve their scale score in the spring 2013 CST Science assessment.

School Goal #4: As a district, we are committed to reach 100% proficiency for all students. Therefore, all students performing below proficiency in social science will increase their standard score on the CST. All students performing below proficiency on their 2012 CST World History assessment will improve their scale score on the spring 2013 CST U.S. History assessment.

School Goal #5: Continue to increase the percentage of seniors meeting the UC a – g college eligibility course requirements. Continue to increase access for all students to Advanced Placement courses as appropriate. Continue to increase the percentage of students completing an Advanced Placement course during their four-year high school experience.

David Eisenberg brought forth a teacher concern when using testing data in regard to benchmark tests. Discussion ensued and a motion was made and seconded to approve The LAHS Single Plan for Student Achievement with corrections noted. The motion passed unanimously.

Principal Arnold provided the following LAHS update:

- 1) Students are submitting their I Heart Los Al videos to Utube. Winners will be announced in January and will receive prizes and the privilege of having their video part of the LAHS website.
- 2) Edmodo is being utilized by approximately 40 – 60 teachers. This program includes iMovie capabilities, message board, posting assignments, and quizzes.
- 3) Thirty-six new computers are now available for use by students in the PC Computer Lab.
- 4) Instructional rounds consisting of six teachers observing other teachers in class followed by a period of reflection and discussion has occurred as part of Instructional Networking. More rounds are planned for the near future. The goal of Instructional Networking is to have teachers share practices by observing, evolving, discussing and sharing.
- 5) A planning session will occur in the near future in order to develop practices for student engagement / instruction for iPads, ELMO's and other technology related tools.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

## *Athletics & Activities*

• We just wrapped up our winter sports and had some wonderful accomplishments. Our Girls' Basketball team won the Sunset League for the first time and advanced into CIF play along with Boys' Basketball, Girls' Soccer, Boys' Soccer, Wrestling and Girls' Water Polo. Way to go Griffins, keep up the good work!

• Mr. Griffin and the Interact Talent show were both in March and we were extremely pleased with the turnout of students, parents and community members who came out to show their support.

• Los Al is excited about our spring sports that are under way. Currently in season we have Track, Baseball, Softball, Swim, Boys' Golf, Boys' Volleyball, Lacrosse and Boys' Tennis. Good luck to all of our spring sports! If you have any questions you can contact our Athletic Directors at (562) 799-4780.

*Chris Vlastic, Girls' AD ext. 82206*

*Richard Smith, Boys' AD ext 82252*

• Our activities at Los Al are in full swing! We are currently giving out ASB applications for the 2013-2014 school year. The deadline to turning in applications is March 29<sup>th</sup> and all pertinent information is available online. Right around the corner our Spring Sports Assembly is on March 28<sup>th</sup> during period 3 and we are excited to honor all of our spring athletes. If you have any questions about activities feel free to contact our Activities Director Jason Farvour at ext. 82421.

• Attention all incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade students! LAHS will have their Athletics & Activities Night for all 8<sup>th</sup> graders on Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 6pm – 8pm. We will also have food trucks available and encourage everyone to come and support our Griffins!

*Melissa Miller,*  
*Assistant Principal Athletics & Activities*

## *Calendar*

### *April*

- 1 First day of Spring Break
- 8 Students return from Spring Break
- 9 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night, PAC, 7:00p.m.
- 11 Open House - Minimum Day
- 15 PTSA Meeting, Rm. 500, 10:00a.m.
- 16 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities & Athletic Info Night, PAC, 7:00p.m.
- 18-20 Drama Performance, PAC, 7:00p.m.
- 25 Faculty Talent Show, PAC, 7:00p.m.
- 29 Academic Awards of Excellence, Bethany Church, 6:30p.m.

### *May*

- 4 Prom, The Phoenix Club of Anaheim, 8:00p.m. - midnight
- 13 PTSA Meeting, Rm. 500, 10:00a.m.
- 16-17 Dance Performance, PAC, 7:00p.m.
- 18 Dance Performance, PAC, 2:00 & 7:00p.m.
- 17 STAR Testing
- 21 STAR Testing  
Instrumental Music Show, PAC, 7:00p.m.
- 22 Senior Awards, PAC, 7:00p.m.
- 23 STAR Testing
- 27 Memorial Day - Holiday
- 30-31 Choir Performance, PAC, 7:00p.m.

### *June*

- 1 Choir Performance, PAC, 2:00 & 7:00p.m.
- 6 Baccalaureate
- 10 PTSA Meeting, Rm. 500, 10:00a.m.
- 10-11 Senior Finals
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*Check the Los Al Website  
for detailed activities or changes:  
[www.losal.org](http://www.losal.org)*

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Do you have cameras or photography equipment that you no longer use? The photography students would love to have your donations of working cameras, studio or darkroom equipment. You may be able to use your donation for a tax write-off. If you have any functional photo equipment that you would like to give to our photography program, please contact Mrs. Ball at (562) 799-4780 ext. 82753.

***Jeannine Ball  
Photography Instructor***