

**Ánimo Venice Charter  
High School**  
College, Leadership, Life  
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**Principal's Post**  
**Home of the Pirates "Argh"**  
**Parent Newsletter #2 for 2016-17**



**NOTES FROM MY DESK....**

<b>Ánimo Venice Targets</b>	
	<b>2015-16</b>
<b>9th Graders Graduating in 4 years</b>	<b>95%</b>
<b>Grads Accepted to 4-year University</b>	<b>95%</b>
<b>Month Daily Attendance</b>	<b>98%</b>
<b>Tardies</b>	<b>Lower by 20%</b>
<b>Students with a 2.5 or Higher GPA</b>	<b>70% or better</b>

**Quote of the Month:**

*"I am proud to be Latino because my culture is a hard working community"*

*Animo Venice 11<sup>th</sup> grade student*

*"I am proud to be a Latina because of our super rich culture"*

*Animo Venice 9<sup>th</sup> grade student*

*After the first presidential debate a group of 9<sup>th</sup> grade students were talking about the debate and I asked them what they wanted to hear more about? Their response was, "Economy and immigration." I was impressed.*

**Upcoming Dates and Deadlines**

**Casual Dress Days: the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month**

**College Gear Days: 10<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of each month**

**Animo Venice Spirit Day: the first Monday of each month**

**Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> - Midterms**

**Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> Coffee with principal 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> PSAT 9<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> (\$15 fee)**

**Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> Junior College Trips**

**Average Daily Attendance for September = 97.4%**

**9<sup>th</sup> 98.4    10<sup>th</sup> - 97%**

**11<sup>th</sup> - 97.5%    12<sup>th</sup> -97.5%**

Parent conferences are a key component of a student's success. The conferences that had to be cancelled Friday, 9/30 have been reschedule and if have not taken place they will by Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>. If you have not heard from your advisor please email the teacher or call the office so we can help you get in contact with our student's advisor.

Our first Night of Action/ Family Night took place last Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, and it was quite successful. We had over 300 parents from Animo Venice in attendance and at least 200 parents from Animo Westside. Some of our alumni were also present. Thank you to those of you who were able to attend. This event was filled with fun and games, but also provide adults with the opportunity to register to vote, apply for a library card, learn about West LA College, and network with parents and teachers. Our campus was filled with laughter conversation and dance on Tuesday night! Pictures of this event are posted on our Facebook page.

Every senior took a letter home last week with information about senior portraits. All senior portraits need to be taken by November 4<sup>th</sup> Please make sure to call and schedule a time that best works for your student and you.

The same photographer will be available to take family portraits, so please expect a separate informational flier about that in late October. You will receive your portraits before the holidays and in time to share them with family and friends.

The Associated Student Body wants to thank you for supporting their chocolate sales. ASB is fundraising for a new sound system.

All 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students will be taking the PSAT on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Many students take the PSAT, not only as preparation for the SAT taken in senior year and widely used as a major criterion for college admissions, but also to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Competition. As with the SAT, the PSAT has separate math and verbal sections and a third section that tests English grammar. Each subject is scored on a scale of 20 to 80 and these scores are combined to create the National Merit Scholarship selection index. The test has a fee of \$15 and only the juniors are eligible for a fee waiver. Please know that fee waivers are distributed based on the information provided on the lunch application.

The most common reasons for taking the PSAT/NMSQT are:

- To receive feedback on your strengths and weaknesses on skills necessary for college study. You can then focus your preparation on those areas that could most benefit from additional study or practice.
- To see how your performance on an admissions test might compare with that of others applying to college.

- To enter the competition for scholarships from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (grade 11).
- To help prepare for the SAT. You can become familiar with the kinds of questions and the exact directions you will see on the SAT.
- To receive information from colleges when you check "yes" to Student Search Service.

Students may practice before the test by going on <https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>.

Did you know that we have a Facebook page? I want to encourage you to go to our page and like us so you can get notifications. When you become our friend on Facebook, you will be able to view pictures of Animo Venice events and your student may just happen to be in one of those photos. [www.facebook.com/AnimoVeniceCHS/](http://www.facebook.com/AnimoVeniceCHS/)

Parents, please take a few minutes to talk to your students about being good neighbors. We want to make sure that students keep the noise level down when they walk home after school. We also want them to go straight home, not litter, and not hang out in front of our neighbors' homes. If your student drives to school, please remind your driver to respect and follow all traffic rules. Parents, there is nothing better than a good neighbor.

### **Sports – CIF Division 3**

The girl's volleyball team is in the middle of its season. They are giving it their best and leaving their hearts on the court.

The Cross Country team season is off and running. The team is working out and putting in a lot of miles.

The boy's and girl's basketball teams are conditioning on Wednesdays after school and preparing for a successful season. All aspiring basketball players are welcome.

The Softball team and the baseball team both condition at Oakwood Park and anyone interested in trying out for either team may attend conditioning.

Tryouts for the baseball will take place in November.

### **Counseling Corner**

Ms. Moreno is going into the College Readiness classrooms to work with Ms. Mendoza and students on their college applications. The first week of October students will completed the Cal State applications. Ms. Cervantes is going into Cultural Relation classes to talk to the juniors about the college trips. All juniors have selected the trip they will go on the week of Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure to be making your payments for the trip your student will be participating.

### **Coffee with the Principal**

I look forward to meeting with parents of **10<sup>th</sup> grade students** on October 12<sup>th</sup> from 5pm to 6pm.

### **Attendance:**

Our school's attendance for the month of September average was 97.4%. Our goal is to average 98% every month. Let's keep it up. Please help us help our students get ready for college by ensuring they are in school every day and on time! Please remember that the first bell rings at 7:55am and the late bell rings at 8:00am.

### **Morning Drop Off:**

Please remember to enter the alley next to our school through California Ave. It is important that you drop your student off in the alley or directly in front of our school where one of our four amazing parent volunteers can

supervise a safe and quick drop off for your child. There is a lot of traffic on Broadway Street in the mornings and we do not want any students crossing the street.

### **Halloween Expectations**



In an effort to enjoy and celebrate Halloween at Animo Venice Charter High School appropriately, respectfully, and in accordance with school rules, we ask that students use the following guidelines when selecting a costume:

1. No head coverings, NO masks or FULL face paint. Staff members must be able to identify students.
2. Costumes that are provocative, revealing, sexual in nature, or employ questionable props are not permitted.
3. Costumes that depict violence, alcohol, or drugs are not permitted. No fake weapons will be allowed of any kind.
4. Costumes that could be offensive or perpetuate a stereotype of someone's culture, gender, heritage, or religion are not permitted.
5. Please be mindful of others when you are designing/choosing your costume. Do not wear anything that might be offensive or make anyone else uncomfortable.
6. Costumes should not hinder your ability to participate in your classes, including P.E.

***Costumes may not disrupt or impede traffic, or present issues of safety in the hallway.***

**Students wearing questionable costumes will be asked to change into school loaner uniform. If you have any questions regarding the appropriateness of your costume idea, we encourage you to speak with admiration.**