

**Ánimo Venice Charter
High School**
College, Leadership, Life
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Principal's Post

Home of the Pirates "Argh"

Parent Newsletter #5 for 2016-17



NOTES FROM MY DESK....

Hello Parents and Guardians

Semester 2 is now half way done and spring break is fast approaching! Our students are in the middle of midterms, and their next step is to create a plan as to how they are going to finish the year strong. Parent/Teacher Conferences were held last week for students who are in danger of failing a class. If your child is struggling and you were not able to come in for a conference last week, please reach out to your student's teachers and arrange a time to meet and discuss ways to help your student achieve success.

Here are a few of our teachers' websites that will help you stay on top of as you prepare to finish the first semester.

Mr. Topham - www.tophamscience.weebly.com

Mr. Kannofsky - <http://www.animoart.org>

Ms. Durrett - www.msdurett.com

Ms. Stone - www.Amberstone.educatorpages.com

Our seniors have started to hear back from colleges! Cal State Northridge, Cal State LA, Cal State Dominguez Hills, UC Santa Cruz, San Francisco State, and Mount St. Mary's College are a few of the colleges that several of our seniors have been accepted to attend in the fall! We are very proud of our students and look forward to hearing back from a lot more schools. Making a final school choice is tough, but exciting for our 12th graders!

Parents of seniors, please encourage your student to apply for as many scholarships as possible. College can get expensive and there are many organizations willing to help aspiring college students. All seniors have been asked to apply for scholarships through their college readiness class, but I strongly encourage you to remind your child to continue to apply to as many as possible.

This year, our seniors were selected to pilot the science state test. This will be administered May 24th and May 25th. The information gathered from this will help determine the final science state test to be taken by students in the future.

Our college readiness classes are keeping all Juniors busy and well informed about the college application process they too will soon begin. Our 11th graders are busy researching college possibilities, writing personal statements, researching scholarships, and learning about financial aid.

All Juniors have an account via Testive. Testive is a web base ACT/SAT prep program that students can log in at any time and any place. Please encourage your students to log in everyday for at least 30 to 45 minutes.

30 Juniors have been taking an ACT preparatory class every Saturday at school for the past 8 weeks. These Juniors were chosen based on a lottery selection process. The class runs from 9am to 1pm. We admire our students' willingness to give up their Saturday mornings to ensure they prepare for college, leadership, and life.

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

Quote of the Month:

Tu hijo no vale por una nota escolar, por una medalla o por estar en una posición en un cuadro de honor; tu hijo vale porque es una persona, que necesita que lo ames independientemente de sus logros y fracasos Trazos en el corazon

Upcoming Dates and Deadlines

Casual Dress Days: the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month

College Gear Days: 10th and 23rd of each month

Animo Venice Spirit Day: the first Monday of each month

3/8 Panda Night Fundraiser Senior class

3/10 Senior Field trip to China town

3/11 All Juniors will take SAT

3/14 LAUSD Oversight visit

3/15 Coffee with the principal

3/16 SAC meeting - Budget 2017/18

3/17ASB Pep Rally

3/19 LA Marathon

3/20th 9th grade to Science Center

3/23 SAC Meeting

3/24 Career Day

3/31 - 4/17 Spring Break

4/8 ACT for Juniors

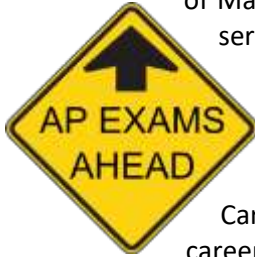
Average Daily Attendance

for Feb. = 95.7%

9th 95.7 10th - 95%

11th - 96% 12th - 95.6%

If you are a parent of a Junior, please know that in May, students will be taking the state test (SBAC). The results of the test will also determine the students' readiness to take on the rigor of college. The test will take place the week of May 22nd. The content of the test is both English and Math. It is critical that students take the test seriously and do their best.



AP Exams will take place the first two weeks in May. It is time to start making payments to cover the test cost. Please check in the office so you can take care of the expense.

Career day is March 24th. If you are interested in sharing information about your career with high school students or know of someone that would like to do so, please email Ms. Cervantes at Jessica.cervantes@animo.org. We are looking for as many professionals as possible. Please know that on this week, Monday the March 20th we will follow a Friday bell schedule.



Congratulations to our basketball teams for both making it to playoffs! Although they did not win the Championship, they made us proud! Baseball, softball, and boys' volleyball season has just kicked off. We encourage you to come out and enjoy a game when possible.

We had about 50 parents and students of the 9th and 10th grade who participated in the Legacy Mastery Academy training last month. Parents walked away with suggestions and strategies to use to best support their students. We will offer a second session in the near future.



On Sunday March 19th our Students Run for LA team, made up of 15 students will be participating in the LA Marathon. Our team has been training all year long and we know they will do a great job.

Parents, we need your help!! Our average daily attendance is at 97.3% students present every day. In order to make our budget we need to move our percentage up to 98% every day. Please help us make sure students are at school every day until the end of the semester. This is the best way to support the school and the academic progress of your student.

Thank you for reminding your students to be good neighbors and to maintain the noise level down when they walk home after school. Our neighbors have expressed their appreciation. Unfortunately, our students are still leaving a lot of litter in the neighborhood as they make their way home. Please encourage your student to help keep our neighborhood clean.

Please help me welcome the Latino Resource Organization to Animo Venice. They will be on campus every Wednesday from 2:30 to 5:30 to provide tutoring. Also they have open our door to welcome all parents.

Uniform Expectation:

Please remember that the uniform expectation is that students wear a navy blue Animo Venice logo polo and Khakis daily. Students are always welcome to wear a school logo sweatshirt or jacket. If students choose to wear other jackets, sweaters or sweatshirts, they must be solid navy blue, solid gray, or solid black. I understand that the weather can get chilly, so I encourage you to help your child make the correct choices about uniform attire to ensure he/she is warm, comfortable, and abiding by our school dress code

Donations

We are in need of : Kleenex, wheat bread, white copy paper, water, and healthy snacks. We welcome all your donations!