

June 2017



# Andersen Jr. High

*IB World School*  
*A+ School of Excellence*

## Welcome Back to School

### *Upcoming Events*

#### *July*

- 21 Orientation, 6th-7th grade
- 21 8th gr. schedule pickup
- 24 1st day of school

#### *August*

- 1 Open House
- 22 Student-led Conferences/early release at 12:00

#### *September*

- 4 Labor Day-no school

#### *October*

- 2 Fall intersession (no school October 2-October 17)

#### *November*

- 10 Veterans Day-no school
- 23 Thanksgiving
- 24 No school

#### *December*

- 20-21 Finals exams/ release at 12:40
- 22 Holiday break/Dec. 23-Jan. 8

### Welcome, Jaguars!

As one of the few International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Program (MYP) World Schools in Arizona, Andersen Junior High also has the distinction of being the only junior high in Arizona to be recognized as an A+ School of Excellence for the third time by the Arizona Education Foundation. We are very proud of the success we have experienced and will continue to excel.

At Andersen Junior High School we strive to ensure rigorous core academics, while exposing students to a wide variety of electives to provide a challenging, yet enjoyable experience. To complement our MYP-IB world view, we offer a diverse selection of elective classes which includes: Mandarin Chinese, Spanish, practical arts, fine arts, physical education, AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination), and Project Lead the Way (PLTW).

AJHS is proud to offer a full range of competitive sports, after-school tutoring, and clubs as another integral part of the junior high experience.

Thank you for making Andersen Junior High School your school of choice! Should you ever have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. I look forward to meeting you and to another outstanding year!

*Dr. Joyce Meyer, Principal*

## Responsible Thinking Process (RTP)

AJHS utilizes the RTP process for any student who disrupts the learning environment. The RTP process requires students to be removed from class and places them in the RTC (Responsible Thinking Classroom) where they will reflect on their behavior and write a plan on how they will change disruptive behaviors. Our goal is to maximize learning and minimize disruption so all students can be successful.

### Meet the Teacher/ Curriculum Night

Parents, you are invited to return to your days as a junior high student during **Meet the Teacher/ Curriculum Night August 1st, 6:00-7:30 p.m.** Watch for more information to be sent home with your student. We hope you set aside some time to join us and learn about your child's classes and meet their "new" teachers.

#### Helpful Hints:

- ⇒ Before you shop, be sure to check out our dress code information on page 6
- ⇒ Watch for the student agenda/handbook coming home the first week of school—will require student/parent signatures.
- ⇒ Yearbooks may be purchased for \$20 until August 31, \$25 after that. You may pay online at [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com)
- ⇒ To add money to your child's lunch account online please go to [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com)

## SPORTS PHYSICALS ATHLETICS

AIA regulations require that we have a current physical on file before a child may participate in sports. Physicals must be completed on AIA approved forms. Please download appropriate forms from the AJHS website under the "athletics" link.

Athletic participation also requires that other clearance information be completed. These forms are also available on our school website and must be completed online. If you do not have access to a computer, you are welcome to come to the school where a computer will be available for you.

In order to comply with ARS 43-1089.01 and ARS 15-342(24) CUSD established an activity fee schedule for athletics and other activities. Therefore, AJHS will be collecting a fee of \$20 for any student athlete participating in school sports. Fees may be paid online through the parent portal. Please call the office if you have any questions regarding activity fees.

Although we will not be offering physicals at AJHS this year, many walk-in clinics in the area offer special pricing on athletic physicals. Feel free to check the AJHS office for flyers from clinics advertising special athletic pricing.



## 6th & 7th Grade Orientation



Friday, July 21  
8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Meet in the gym - Look for the signs!  
Bus transportation available at regular bus stops

Orientation is an **EXCITING** welcome for our 6th and 7th graders as they transition to junior high school. Students will receive their schedules, tour the campus with Student Council and NJHS members, learn where their classes and other important places on campus are located.

### For Parents

Parents may not attend the orientation program with students. Dr. Meyer, Principal, will be available from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. in the cafeteria for an informal question and answer session. Also, the cafeteria will be available during this time to deposit money in student lunch accounts.

Students, **DO NOT** bring personal items with you!

## 8th Grade Schedule Pick Up

8th grade class schedules will be handed out in the cafeteria **Friday, July 21st between 2:30-3:30 p.m. only.**  
6th & 7th grade schedules will not be available during this time.

### **IMPORTANT!!** Information Regarding Parent Portal and Report Cards/Progress Reports

As a reminder, Chandler Unified no longer mails progress reports or report cards. Parents, you are encouraged to activate your Infinite Campus Parent Portal account at the start of the school year to assure you are well informed of your student's progress. If you have previously set up a portal account nothing else needs to be done as your account is still active. All school sites have a parent portal manager should you require set-up assistance or have further questions.

### **Parent/Teacher/Community**

Parent involvement is critical to the success of our students. We invite you to join our PTC committee, which serves as both the site council and the PTC for AJHS. Please contact Amy Steele or Orencio Medina for more information.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**



ATTENDANCE LINE #  
**480-883-5303**

Student's Name  
Student's ID Number  
Person Calling  
Date of Absence  
Reason for Absence



IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Health Office 480-883-5302  
Cafeteria 480-883-5304  
Counselors:  
6th/7th grade 480-883-5326  
8th grade 480-883-5306  
Resource Officer 480-883-5328  
Main Office 480-883-5300

### **ABSENCES/TARDIES**

If it is necessary for a student to be absent, the school must be notified by a parent/guardian each day of the absence. A doctor's excuse is required following three consecutive days of absence. Homework may be requested after the second day of absence. Being punctual is important as tardies to school and class are monitored and may result in disciplinary action.

### **CHECKING STUDENTS OUT OF SCHOOL**

To maintain student safety and security, a **parent/guardian will be required to present a picture I.D. before picking up a student and must be 18 years of age. Students will not be released to anyone not listed on their emergency cards.** All CUSD junior highs are closed campuses. Students will not be allowed to leave during lunches unless a guardian signs them out of school. In case of illness, dismissal from school must be approved through the health office.

### **HEALTH OFFICE**

Per CUSD policy, our health assistant may not give non-prescription medications such as Tylenol during the first or last class period. Medication forms and more health office information are available on our school website under the "about us" tab. Ill students must go to the health office before calling parents to pick them up.

### **INFINITE CAMPUS / AJHS WEBSITE**

This will enable parents to check current grade information for their student. Please register your email address on our school website, [www.cusd80.com/ajhs](http://www.cusd80.com/ajhs), so we may contact you with important information or alerts. Please see information on previous page regarding the Infinite Campus Parent Portal.

### **LUNCH INFORMATION**

Menu information is available on the Andersen website as well as the CUSD website. Money may be deposited in your child's lunch account by logging on to [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com).



### **MESSAGES FOR STUDENTS**

We appreciate your efforts in helping us maintain uninterrupted class time. Please make any special arrangements with your student prior to the school day. We deliver messages to students at the end of class periods.



# Bell Schedule 2017-2018

6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	
Per. 1	8:40 – 9:40
Per. 2	9:44 – 10:44
Per. 3	10:48 – 11:48
Per. 4	11:52 – 12:26
Lunch	12:26 – 12:56
Per. 4	1:00 – 1:26
Per. 5	1:30 – 2:30
Per. 6	2:34 – 3:33

7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	
Per. 1	8:40 – 9:40
Per. 2	9:44 – 10:44
Per. 3	10:48 – 11:48
Per. 4	11:52 – 12:56
Lunch	12:56 – 1:26
Per. 5	1:30 – 2:30
Per. 6	2:34 – 3:33

8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	
Per. 1	8:40 – 9:40
Per. 2	9:44 – 10:44
Per. 3	10:48 – 11:48
Lunch	11:48 – 12:18
Per. 4	12:22 – 1:26
Per. 5	1:30 – 2:30
Per. 6	2:34 – 3:33

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade AJHS 2017– 2018 Supply List

### Language Arts (replenish as needed/quarterly)

- 2 - 1 subject notebooks (replenish both each quarter) RED
- 1 – 2 pocket folders (for organization/homework folder) RED

### Math (replenish as needed/quarterly)

- 1 – composition notebook (replenish each quarter) BLUE
- 1 – 1 subject notebook (replenish each quarter) BLUE
- 1 – 2 pocket folders (for organization/homework folder) BLUE
- 1 – ruler

### Social Studies (replenish as needed □□quarterly)

- 1 - 1 subject notebook (replenish each quarter) GREEN
- 1 – 2 pocket folders (for organization/homework ) GREEN
- red and blue pen, colored pencils

### Science (replenish as needed □□quarterly)

- 1 – 1 1/2 inch 3-ring binder
- 1 – set of dividers
- 1 – 2 pocket folder (for organization/homework) YELLOW
- 1 – dry erase marker

### For All Subjects (replenish as needed):

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|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Highlighters (any color is fine) | Glue Sticks            |
| 1 set of markers                 | Flash Drive (optional) |
| Loose-leaf notebook paper        | Scissors               |

□□The sixth grade uses a color-coded organization system. Please note that each content area requests notebooks and folders in a particular color

## 7th grade supply list

### All Classes

pencils, loose-leaf paper, USB flash drive, blue or black pens, highlighters, scissors, glue stick, colored pencils, note cards, tissues, 4—hard cover (no spiral) composition notebooks

### Math

3-prong BLUE pocket folder  
dry erase markers

### Science

2 - YELLOW pocket folders

### Language Arts

4 - RED pocket folders

### Social Studies

1 or 1 1/2" 3-ring binder  
dividers for 3-ring binder (will need at least five dividers with tabs)  
clear insert pages for 3-ring binders



## DRESS CODE



Students attending Andersen Junior High School should dress appropriately for age and setting. These are young ladies and gentlemen attending school. (Sometimes they like to dress like they are going to the mall, will just be hanging out with friends or like high school students.) This is a learning environment and dress should reflect a respectful, age-appropriate attitude.

Since fashions and name designations for wearing apparel change frequently the administration, with the advice and counsel of police, faculty, students, and parents, may provide an interpretation of garments that are questionable. Please refer to the Dress and Appearance chart in the Student Handbook that will be distributed during the first week of school. The dress code is in compliance with Arizona Revised Statutes 15-712.

- Pants must **not** sag, expose undergarments, have holes exposing skin/undergarments, be too tight or bare. No pajama pants.
- Shirts must fit under the arms, cover both midriff and cleavage, cover from neck to shoulder. Layering tank tops does not meet the requirement. Shirts for male students must meet the same requirements.
- Shirts must **not** be see-through, have offensive or explicit drug/alcohol/sexual images or verbiage.
- Shorts must have at least 4" inseam/not shorter than mid-thigh (measured by fully extended arm-bottom of thumb).
- Hair must be of natural colors (red, blonde, brown, black) and meet the requirements in the handbook.
- Pierced ears are allowed. Earrings may not be spiked nor are gauges allowed.
- **Facial, tongue, or body piercings are not allowed** to be worn at any time during the school day.
- Tattoos of any kind are not permitted and must be covered 100% of the school day.

Dress Code Shirts and Shorts will be given to students to wear who are not appropriately dressed for school. For a full explanation, please refer to your handbook. Examples of dress code violations:

- "Sagging" or holes in pants.
- Shorts that are too short.
- Shirts that are too low under the arms, in the front or that do not provide full coverage.
- Any shirt or clothing that contains inappropriate branding or content. i.e. SKIN, alcohol.



The young "twens" who attend school at Andersen Junior High School must dress appropriately for a safe and fun learning environment. Learning is serious business and students are expected to dress and behave in a manner appropriate to both the environment and their age.

### IMPORTANT!! NEWS REGARDING ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Parents, please be sure to note the **"Bring Your Own Technology"** agreement in the student agenda that you and your student will be required to sign. Students are allowed to bring personal electronic devices to school to use for appropriate instructional purposes only. Students will NOT be allowed to text, bully, play non-educational games, take photographs or videos of anyone to post online, or talk on cell phones during class, etc. Students are encouraged to personalize devices to make them easier to distinguish in case of loss. Remember that BYOT is a privilege, not a right, and abusing any policy will result in loss of the privilege. **Violation of the BYOT policy will result in the phone being taken away and requiring a parent or guardian to retrieve it. AJHS/CUSD is not liable for losses due to theft or damage of electronic devices.** Parents, thank you for your understanding and assistance as we continue to update our technology policies in accordance with state and federal laws.

**Please! Register on our website at [www.cusd80.com/ajhs](http://www.cusd80.com/ajhs)**

