



Nov. 7, 2011 – weekly newsletter from the office of Mrs. Eagle, Principal

**Our School, Our Students, Our Team – Achieving Academic Excellence!!!**

**Important Dates:**

- **Nov. 8** – Committee Meetings – CANCELED – will host at faculty meeting on 29<sup>th</sup>
- **Nov. 9** – BLT Division Meeting with Annette
- **Nov. 10** – Differentiated Workshop – Common Planning – Aud. Lobby
- **Nov. 11** – Veterans Day – No School Holiday
- **Nov. 14** – American Education Week
- **Nov. 15** – Division Lockdown Drill
- **Nov. 15** – BLT meeting – 3:30 – 5:00 in library
- **Nov. 17** – Common Planning with Eagle
- **Nov. 17** – ACHS Technology Meeting
- **Nov. 23** – Early Dismissal – 1:15
- **Nov. 20 - 23** – **Interims due** out this week
- **Nov. 24/25** – Thanksgiving – No School Holiday
- **Nov. 29** – Faculty Meeting – 3:30 – 5:00 in cafeteria
- **May 15** – FFA Banquet
- **May 19** – Prom
- **May 24** – Class Day
- **May 25** – Senior Picnic
- **June 3** – Baccalaureate Ceremony
- **June 4** – official graduation date at Vines Center – Liberty University



To all teachers:

Please be sure that you are familiar with and are actively using all accommodations in your students' IEPs or 504 plans. It is a legal requirement that you follow all accommodations in these plans. Accommodations are not optional and if they are not followed, you are in violation and can be the subject of a complaint or due process filing through the Virginia Department of Education's Office of Dispute Resolution. A copy of their accommodations was provided to you at the beginning of the semester for all students in your classes who have an IEP or 504 plan. If you need to see it again, you may contact the student's case manager or review the IEP/504 plan which is filed in the cumulative folder in the office.

Thank you for your diligence in complying with these legal documents.

Beth, Director of Remedial & Special Education

- This week's **Shout Out** goes to:
  - Maureen Crane – for sharing her resources– file cabinet- and her Raider Spirit with our new staff.
  - Jim Phillips – excellent job working with the drama team and GOOD LUCK on competitions for Saturday, Nov. 5!!!
  - Aaron Stroud and Ashley Walker – have volunteered to work with our freshman class as sponsors – THANKS!

Good Luck to Laura Evans – she will temporarily be filling in as Judy Thacker – our ACPS Data Clerk. We wish Judy well as she pursues another line of work. We welcome Connie Gaulden to join us at ACHS until the shuffling settles down!

**“If you don’t know what you are looking for, you won’t know IT when IT is found!” – Dr. Sokol**

- 911 Information Update – on Wed. Nov. 9 there will be an update to our telecommunication systems. If you need to call 911 on this day, please use your cell phone. All should be updated by 4:00 p.m. – Brette Arbogast
- Senior Info – Nov. 14 during 4<sup>th</sup> block – there will be a senior assembly in the auditorium from 2:45 - 3:15. This assembly is with Herff Jones to give out information for ordering senior invitations and such. He will also be back on 11/21 and 11/22 to take orders in the cafeteria during all three lunch shifts.
- **Jeans Day Confusion** – sorry for any confusion I ever cause!! Just to remind of our school policy.
  - Faculty Handbook - **4.22 SPIRIT DAYS** - *Fridays have been designated as ACHS Spirit Days. Wearing an ACHS or Raider Spirit Shirt with Khakis is appropriate. Monthly denoted days will be announced for Jeans Day. Neat and clean (no holes) jeans may be worn on these announced days. Support for charity causes will be planned throughout the year with hats, jeans, and fun days.*
  - Administration or BLT (building leadership team) will denote special days, usually based on pay day, charity or college fun or other great days just to relax.
  - The expectation would be to have a dress down day, we have to have majority of dress up days. This could be a heavy debate of what our practice is on a daily basis.
  - Your leadership team is trying to keep me straight ☺smile – several of us had a conversation and decided that Thursday, Nov. 10 would be a great JEANS DAY in celebration of pay day and a THREE-DAY WEEKEND – YEAH!!! Let’s celebrate!

- Project Graduation – for those with this planning period duty – please initial in on a calendar with Rhonda Mayberry – thanks!
- Grade Changes – please DO NOT MAKE ANY grade changes to the first nine weeks grades in your grade book. Once the grades are placed in historical grades and report cards are run, all changes must be made manually in guidance. This is NOT A PROBLEM, please just fill out a grade change form and get it to Laura Evans/Connie Gaulden.
- Supervision = keeping a “rolling eye” on all that goes on around you. When you are in supervision, whether in the hall, classroom, cafeteria, you need to speak to those around you while also OBSERVING everything outside the circle around you. Each of us is liable for the safety and security of all our students, not just those assigned to us.

Individual commitment to a group effort - that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work. -Vince Lombardi

- If you would like to send a “Shout Out” to one of our wonderful staff members – please do so. These can be based on many things like - instructional strategies, professional conduct, or Raider Spirit.

The logo for "Raider Country" features the word "Raider" in a large, blue, stylized script font with a white outline. Below it, the word "Country" is written in a smaller, red, bold, sans-serif font, also with a white outline. The entire logo is set against a white background.