Welcome back, AACS Families!

As we begin a new quarter, it’s the perfect time to review our academic policies.

**Academic Expectations p. 6 of the Parent/Student Handbook**

Aurora Academy’s mission is to “provide a well-rounded, rigorous curriculum with high academic standards” for all students. In order to achieve academic growth and learning, students are expected to complete and turn in all work (classwork and homework) that is assigned. This work should be done to a student’s best ability, be neat in appearance, and shall be turned in on time. Extra activities within the school day are a privilege and will be awarded to those students who have met their academic responsibilities. Students who have missing assignments and have been given additional opportunities to make up those missing assignments but have not done so may be withheld from special activities in order to complete the assignments they have failed to submit. These extra activities may include but are not limited to field trips, assemblies, guest speakers, and/or quarterly SOAR events.

**Make-Up Work p. 8 of the Parent/Student Handbook**

Two class days per day of excused absence will be granted for students to make up work. Failure to make up missed assignment(s) on time may cause them to be considered late work, with applicable reductions. Make up work is determined by teachers. It is the student’s responsibility to contact the teacher before or after school to find out what assignments have been missed. We emphasize classroom instruction.

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**Upcoming Events**

**January 7**

Dress of Choice Day

**January 7**

Quarter 2 Report Cards go home

**January 8**

Awards Assembly - Gym

5th-8th: 8:15-8:45am

1st-4th: 9-9:30am

**Board Corner**

Board of Directors Meeting – Jan. 13th at 6pm, Library

CAC Discussion Group – Jan. 15th at 8am & 3:40pm, Library

GFC Discussion Group – Jan. 16th at 8am, Main Office
Missing school for a planned absence is discouraged, as the benefit of a knowledgeable teacher leading a class discussion cannot be replaced. For pre-planned absences, the teacher, along with the student and parents, will agree prior to the absence what the arrangement will be; time to make up missed work may not apply as described above.

Late Work p. 25 of the Parent/Student Handbook

Assignments not submitted on time (not due to an absence) will not receive full credit. For assignments not submitted on time, credit will be reduced 10% per day late. Students submitting late work must hand it directly to their teacher who will write the date submitted on the assignment in order to eliminate confusion about potential credit received.

Amy Hoen, Principal

More Important News

Quarter 2 Academic Awards Assembly Wednesday, January 8th in the Gym

5th-8th Grade 8:15-8:45am

1st-4th Grade 9-9:30am

Snow Days: Where to check if it is snowing and you are unsure if there is school?

1. Check the News! If APS is closed, delayed start or early release, AACS will follow the same.
2. Aurora Academy Website – If closed it will be posted on our website.
3. Voicemail – If closed, delayed start or early release it will say on our voicemail.
4. Innovation Learning will open regular hours if there is a delayed start. Innovation leaning will be closed if our school is closed.

It's Cold Outside

A friendly reminder that students will go outside for recess above 20 degrees. Please send students to school with coats, hats and gloves

Sports Schedule

Girls & Boys Basketball

Practice Schedule 3:30-5pm

Tues. Jan. 7th

Wed. Jan. 8th

Thurs. Jan. 9th

Game Schedule

No games this week.
Sibling Priority 2019-2020 School Year

As we close out halfway through the school year we are beginning to look to next year. It is that time of year again to extend our sibling priority invitation to our AACS families. Do you have an incoming kindergarten student? Do you have a child at another school whom you would like to enroll at AACS? If these additional children meet the criteria please return a complete “Letter of Intent” by Friday, January 17th to either the main office or your students homeroom teacher. See Attached Flyers for more information

Criteria

1) Currently enrolled child(ren)’s family must have complete 50% of volunteer hours by mid-January to qualify for openings prior to the lottery.
2) Child(ren) must lie in the same home of the child attending Aurora Academy
3) Sibling is by blood, legal guardianship or adoption.

Pennies for Patients Results:

Thank you to all of our students and families who donated and made this a huge success. We had a total given donation of $1685.08! The classes who won a pizza party are Mrs. Fields and Mr. Keller.

8th Grade Families

Just a reminder that open enrollments dates will be coming up soon after we return to school on January 4th.

Denver Public Schools: January 15th (electronically by visiting http://schoolchoice.dpsk12.org/schoolchoice-round-1/ )
Aurora Public Schools: January 15th (paper forms available online or in my office)
Cherry Creek Intra-District only: During the month of January (electronically by visiting https://www.cherrycreekschools.org/Page/1769 )

Every school that you open enroll to will request a copy of your student’s

1. Grades
2. Attendance
3. Behavior

You will need to formally request those from us at AACS. The form is available online and in front office and on the bulletin board outside of my office.

You can also request and specify on that form any other copies of scores or documents such as NJHS letters, GT or standardized test scores, etc.