

# Principal's Message

## Academy for Math, Engineering & Science

### February 5, 2018



Dear AMES Community Members,

**AMES Admissions Application 2018-19 will close February 16, 2018:**

#### **Orientation Dates:**

- Day-Riverside Library – February 6 @ 6:00pm
- Please tell friends and neighbors about the school and the opportunity to attend.

#### **Parent Teacher Conferences:**

Conferences are a great opportunity to hear how well your students are doing and to hear how you can best support the students in class. This spring we will be showing you how the parent portal for Canvas works so you can see what work your student is doing and what the upcoming class expectations are. So that we can use our network to access Canvas we will be in the AMES area of the building. Teachers will be organized into grade level areas in the hallways and Skunkworks.

#### **Dates and Times:**

- Monday February 12, 4:30 – 7:30 pm and Tuesday February 13, 4:30 – 7:30 pm
- Maps to find teachers will be provided at the door. Cottonwood teachers will be in the cafeteria for you to visit with.

#### **Different Schedule for February 27, 2018 because of ACT testing:**

- **Seniors** are excused from classes and are going to the U for a tour and other activities
- **Juniors** are testing 9:00am – 1:15pm, AMES will provide lunch, students released at 1:45
- **Freshmen & Sophomores** will attend all 4 B day classes on a reduced schedule, released at 1:45

**\*\*AMES busses will run like normal in the morning but leave AMES early, at 1:45pm, in the afternoon**

#### **Senior Day at the "U" on ACT Day**

The University of Utah will be conducting a tour for all 12<sup>th</sup> graders on the ACT test date. This will be valuable for all students whether they are planning on attending the University of Utah or not. They will show students how to access and use the library, registration and scholarship office, academic advising, and will be given tours of selected buildings ending with the Student Union and bowling. This is a fun and informative day and constitutes a school day for our seniors. Parents are welcome to attend. Students will get the detailed agenda and permission form at the next College Forum class.

- Meet at 10:30 am at the U Admissions Office for the tour
- 1:00 pm Bowling at the Student Union
- Lunch on you own in Student Union

## **ACT Test for all Juniors:**

Tuesday, February 27 the ACT college entrance test will be given to all 11<sup>th</sup> grade students. This is a critical test for the students and the school. The PTSO will have breakfast for the students at 8:00 am and testing must begin by 9:00 am. Students in 11<sup>th</sup> grade need to be on time for school because once the testing begins no one will not be allowed to enter. Testing will end at 1:20 pm at which time we will feed the 11<sup>th</sup> graders and the busses will depart at 1:45 pm. (9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders will go to their classes as scheduled)

We encourage all 11th grade students to prepare by studying so this first test is valuable and reflective of your student's abilities. Below is information for online test prep from SHMOOP, a provider with whom AMES has a free account for all students. Now is the perfect time for students to start studying----ideally, 3-4 hours a week----to be prepared for the February 27th test.

### **Preparing for the ACT using SHMOOP:**

Directions

- Access [www.shmoop.com/utah/](http://www.shmoop.com/utah/)
- Find your school (AMES)
- Create an account
- Enter magic word (student): BEEHIVE
- Click "ACT" under test prep tab
- You will have access to whole test, questions, and drills

### **University of Utah Academic Advising on Campus:**

February 7 2018 The University of Utah Academic Advising team will be at AMES to meet with students who took University of Utah classes and obtained a C- or lower in a class and students whose overall grade-point-average fell below a 2.0. Individual meetings are scheduled from 9:30 -11:45 am. Students will be getting an e-mail with the scheduled time of their appointment (or see counseling office). It is important for students to meet with Academic Advising to clear up their probationary status. If they do not meet with them this could restrict their ability to register for classes at a later date.

### **Science Fair:**

AMES students will be competing in the Salt Lake Charter Schools Science Fair on Friday February 16, 2018 and the Salt Lake Community College Miller Campus (Sandy) 9750 South 300 West. Public Open House is from 4:15 – 5:15 At 5:15 they begin Elementary awards then at 6:00 pm the Junior and Senior Division awards. We have an outstanding group of projects/students this year under the leadership of Danielle Jones.

Thank you,



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