

New Student Orientation

August 19, 2022

Welcome to AHA! We're looking forward to the start of our new school year. Orientation is an important first step to gain a more thorough understanding of the AHA Way, to make friends, and to become familiar with our policies and procedures. We welcome students on campus on Friday morning from 9 - 11 AM.

→IMMUNIZATIONS: We ask you for an updated immunization record for your student from your physician's office. Please bring this form to New Student Orientation with our thanks! This will become part of your student's health record.

Friday, August 19 – Students only – 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

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The morning will include basics such as icebreakers and socializing, student photos, ID/print cards, finger imaging for lunch accounts, hearing from Guidance about Trimester 1 schedules, locker assignments, tours, introducing important people to know, and AHA 101, otherwise known as "The First Six Weeks". Students will also hear about activities, athletics and ways they can be involved. Our senior Campus Ministry Team members, who mentor our 9th graders, will lead all newcomers through many of these activities.

Frequently asked questions...

When is the first day of school? Should my son/daughter wear his/her uniform that day?

School starts with a special schedule on **Monday, August 29, 2022, beginning at 7:50 AM and ending at 12:00 PM (Noon) for freshmen**. **Transfers**, please see the *Welcome Back to School* letter enclosed for specific details of the first day for your grade.

Is there a supply list for the school year?

No. Your son or daughter should bring a pen, notebook, and folder on the first day of school. Teachers will explain what supplies will be necessary on the first day.

When will my child receive locker numbers and combinations?

During the Friday of orientation, your student will receive his/her locker number and combination.

When will my student receive his/her Chromebook and training?

On the first day of school, Monday, August 29, students will receive Chromebooks, passwords and technology training.

What about Summer Reading Requirements?

AHA has reading requirements for all students, which vary by grade and class. If you haven't already done so, please go to our website, and under Quick Links, click on the Summer Reading link. There will be required study guides to complete as well. **Copies of required books are available to check out in our Main Office.**

What about other fall events for students and families?

There's always something going on at AHA. Here are some events to mark on your calendars:

- **Welcome Back-to-School Night** Wednesday, September 7, 6:30 PM
- **STARS Are Out Tonight, Ninth Grade Parent Mixer, & Home Football Game** Friday, September 9, 5:00 – 7:00 PM
- **Grandparents Day** Friday, October 7

What about transportation...how do we sign up for busing? How can we learn about carpooling opportunities?

AHA owns our fleet of buses, and we bus to 14 different cities. The cost ranges from \$550 to \$1,670 per year, and most public school districts rebate part of that cost to families. We try to make the routes as convenient to your home as possible. If you'd like to sign up for the bus or have questions, please contact **Sherry Case**, scase@ahastars.org or 612-798-2631. If you are interested in contacting other AHA parents in your area about a possible carpool, log into myAHA and use the Family Directory to search for your zip code or city. Additional directions about logging in are on the myAHA handout.

Who should I contact if I have other questions?

Joe Berg, Admissions Associate	612-798-2624 jberg@ahastars.org
Sarah Taffe, Guidance Chair (last name A - L)	612-798-2654 staffe@ahastars.org
Jake Schuman, Guidance (last name M - Z)	612-798-2638 jschuman@ahastars.org
Carolyn Arnebeck, Athletics Assistant	612-798-2635 carnebeck@ahastars.org
Mark Melhorn, Asst. Principal & Activities Director Work Study Coordinator	612-798-2641 mmelhorn@ahastars.org
Heidi Foley, Principal	612-798-2682 hfoley@ahastars.org
David Devine, Chief Financial Officer	612-798-2655 ddevine@ahastars.org
Nancy Cullen, Student Accounts	612-798-2615 ncullen@ahastars.org
Sherry Case, Transportation Coordinator	612-798-2631 scase@ahastars.org

If you are unsure about who to contact, please start out with Admissions, and we'll direct you to the right person!

We're excited to welcome our newest STARS on campus!!

Parent Orientation to *Technology @ AHA*

Academy of Holy Angels

www.academyofholyanfels.org/academics/technology-aha/

Computer Basics

- ★ Acer Chromebook 514*
- ★ Up to 10 hours of battery life
- ★ Lightweight (2.87 lbs)
- ★ Touchscreen, anti-glare
- ★ HD camera with dual microphones
- ★ Accidental Damage Service (ADS)**



Specifications

- ★ Chrome OS
- ★ 8 Core Processor
- ★ 8 GB RAM
- ★ 128 GB Solid State HDD
- ★ Intel Dual Band: Wifi and Bluetooth
- ★ USB 3.0, HDMI connectivity,

**Due to supply chain issues, your student may begin the school year with a Lenovo Chromebook 14e.*

***Families do not pay for the 1st incident. On the 2nd incident, charges apply. Fees may increase for repetitive or excessive damage.*

Expectations while at AHA

- ★ Students will take care of the equipment and be on task when using technology
- ★ Students will promptly report any issues with their computer to the helpdesk
- ★ Computers are to always be in the AHA-provided plastic case and should be carried in a bag or backpack meant for a computer, with adequate padding. Students can choose one on their own or can purchase one in the school store.
- ★ **Technology Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)** is in the student and parent handbook online.
 - Governs use of AHA Technology, including computers, network, wireless, mobile devices, software.
 - *“The use of AHA computer system and access to the Internet is a privilege, not a right.”*
 - Students are expected to be familiar with and abide by the AUP.

Suggestions for Home

- ★ Set limits by time
- ★ Require computer to be used and kept in common area of home
- ★ Help your student manage distractions; model healthy habits for them
- ★ Monitor their Social Networking (facebook, twitter, instagram, snapchat, etc.)
- ★ A free home filtering software (OpenDNS) is explained in this video: <http://goo.gl/eDrD5>
- ★ More resources on digital citizenship available at: tinyurl.com/CyberResources

School-wide Student Technology Accounts You Should Know About:



Google Workspace

Includes email “*gmail*”, storage “*drive*”, calendar, word processing “*docs*”, spreadsheets “*sheets*”, presentations “*slides*” and more.



myAHA

Online learning and grades portal. See classes, homework, grades and access resources. Parent and student have separate logins.



Mobileserve

Website where students submit their required service hours (15 hours freshmen year)



Quia

Website where students play activities and take quizzes based in AHA curriculum

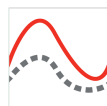
Teachers will help students get into class accounts like online textbooks and subject-specific software. This software may include: WeVideo, Atomsmith, Naviance, Smart Notebook, Google Sketchup, Adobe Photoshop, and more.

Course built with AHA Technology: Online Health

- ★ 4-year blended course that includes
 - Face-to-face meetings (9 total in grade 9) , Online assignments (10 total in grade 9)
- ★ Results in one health credit applied senior year
- ★ Uses commons courses (English, Social Studies, Theology) for face-to-face meetings
- ★ To help your student stay current in health, you can
 - Encourage them to plan ahead for assignments as all dates are set at beginning of year
 - Have him/her pay attention to the reminders sent via student email
- ★ All work is completed in myAHA and parents can see student progress.

Technology Questions and Help

- ★ AHA Help Desk is open on school days from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm
- ★ Students should bring computers in for repair. When major damage occurs, parents will be notified via email.
- ★ Technology staff includes
 - **Avi Ram**, Helpdesk Assistant
 - **Phong Nguyen**, Network Administrator
 - **Gretchen Amigon**, Technology Department Chair
- ★ Contact Info: helpdesk@ahastars.org; 612-798-2647



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