



Hot Off The Press

From Staff Reports

In a world where fake news is everywhere, and journalists across the country are getting a bad rap, one group of students seeks to change that very point of view.

The student newspaper, The Clarion, is back in print and has big goals this school year to develop a positive reputation across campus between staff and students. Also, the paper hopes the readers will take an interactive role with the newspaper. The student paper is operated by an a group of mixed grade students in journalism and newspaper class. There is also an online edition to the newspaper, called Jacket News. Jacket News is a joint venture between publications and audiovisual students. Both video and stories are incorporated into Jacket News online.

"This is the first in several years the school newspaper will be back in print," newspaper advisor Jessica Tompkins said. "We are trying to provide students with a tangible publication they can keep for years after high school to help commemorate school events, activities, sports and spirit. High school newspapers can really become vital aspects to campus life and connect students to the high school atmosphere. Especially on a campus as large as AHS, we think it is important for students to be connected, and we hope the school newspaper will help with that."

The newspaper staff hopes to have at least two more editions of the paper this year, including a senior edition, which will incorporate

stories and photos to celebrate the class of 2018.

"I enjoy editing stories," editor Angel Connelly said. "Being a member of the Alvin High publications is one of the most important achievements of my life. Journalism is my career choice after graduation this school year, and I've learned a lot of things, such as the importance of teamwork, proper grammar and spelling, and timing. It's really important to me that we all work together to spread the news for everyone to see. All this hard work deserves to be known throughout Alvin High School, Assets Academy, and maybe even the whole town."

Junior Rachel Hohman just entered the journalism program this school year because she is thinking about a future career in communications.

"I've learned how to be grammatically correct with stories and how to actually make them genuine and correct," Hohman said. "Journalism is a lot of fun honestly, it's what I want to do when I grow up, and it's been just as good as I hoped to be. It's really important for me to learn all this because in two years I'll be an adult, hopefully prospering in a journalism career."

The feeling is shared amongst many of the staffers.

"I am excited for the newspaper to come back because it will be something you can hold when you read it, you can pin it to the wall to remember it, something classic," staffer Nick Wilson said.

Clarion Newspaper Prints Again News Also Available Online



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It's back

Staffers have been working for months to refine and learn skills needed to put the paper together.

"Newspaper has been such a great class and I am so excited to actually have our stories in print," staffer Alexia Lowery said.



Royalty Reigns



Photo by: Josh Hopson

Smiles All Around

Marilyn Alaniz and Jacob Barrera were awarded as king and queen at the 2017 Homecoming football game on Oct. 27.

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Students Excited To Study Abroad

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Alvin High School clubs will be going to Europe in the Summer of 2018. The Health and Science Department, Traveling Club, and French classes will be going to explore and learn things.

“This trip is for students involved or interested in Health and Science,” sponsor Teresa Luneau said. “This trip will inspire students to find their career and to open their eyes to other things out there.”

Luneau said she would like her students to learn more about other medical professions out of this country. She hopes that this experience will help them to find their future careers. Sophomores

are excited about this opportunity and are hoping that this trip will help them towards the future.

“I’m going on this trip because it is a once in a lifetime opportunity,” Garza said. “I’m not sure what I want to be when I’m older but I hope that it’ll inspire me to find my career.”

Teachers Jan Powell and Meredith Blevins will also be hosting a trip to England and Scotland for the Traveling Club.

“I believe that traveling changes people’s lives,” Powell said. “When traveling, you’re able to experience new things, meet new people, and have a better appreciation for everything



Ready To Go
Luneau is planning the Europe trip for 2018 and students are excited.

Sebastian Lomeli and Chris Garza are planning to go on the trip.

“I’d like to see everything outside of this continent,” Lomeli said. “When I’m older, I want to be a forensic pathologist and I think this trip will help me to learn more about my career.”

Lomeli has dreamed of traveling outside of this continent and learning more about his career. Many kids like Garza

around you. There will be 45 participants going. I’m most excited about seeing everyone’s reaction to all of the new places we’ll be able to see. Especially when the plane is about to land and they take their first steps off the plane. I hope that from this trip, everyone will be able to learn new things.”

Everyone Is Someone’s Type At Blood Drives

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When the students at AHS heard blood supply was low after Harvey, they decided to change that fact.

The AHS HOSA Future Health Professionals sponsored a blood drive on Sept 14 to help replenish the supply lost during Hurricane Harvey. HOSA hosted this drive and student members helped to run it throughout the day. From 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., these students helped with the setup, teardown, recruitment for donations, collecting attendance data, and monitoring patient recovery.

“The storm prevented the usual donors from being able to give and then blood was shipped out to other regions, outside of Houston. Florida sent us blood, but now we need to send them some back,” HOSA staff sponsor Marguerite Bagwell said.

The students certainly came through as 180 people attempted donation, and out of those, 133 successfully donated and it counted for 162 donations as some gave

double red cells, Bagwell said. Students had an opportunity to sign up to give ahead of time, but walk-ins were also accepted. Many students said they felt an urge to help.

“I wanted the chance to save lives before I have a medical degree,” senior Hailey Higginson said.

Students have to be 16 years old, with parent permission, or older and must weigh at least 122 lbs to be able to donate. Some want to donate and simply do not qualify.

“I was devastated when they told me I couldn’t donate,” senior Beka Renteria said, “and I wanted to contribute to our community. But it just made me want to donate even more in the spring.”



Giving And Taking
Senior Hailey Higginson donates blood at the post-Harvey AHS blood drive. Haley is also a Hosa member and spent time working the event as well.



How To Save A Life
AHS golf coach Steven Buechele takes a few minutes out of his day to donate.

JACKET NEWS

New Auditorium Update



Changes Coming
Very soon AHS auditorium will be new home for plays, concerts and other special events for AHS.

Nick Wilson
Alexia Lowery
Staff Writers

January of 2018 is when the new Alvin High School auditorium is going to break ground on the construction site at the field where ADAPT used to be.

The new auditorium will be a huge update for the campus especially because the current auditorium was constructed in the 1930's. Many of the new updates will bring the auditorium into the 21st century such as lighting, handicap ramp, and more theatre and audience amenities.

"I'm definitely excited about the updates to the lighting, sound, to the backstage area having space to move and have scenery, and to have band members and dancers on and off the stage," head theatre director Laurie Reese said. "I definitely am excited to see improvements to the dressing room and having a laundry facility. Also just having a nicer lobby and a nice place for the audience. We have nowhere to sit in our lobby; it's small, it's cramped, and we have difficulties getting people in wheelchairs to the lobby and viewing areas."

Updates like those that Reese mentioned would make for better viewing and acting experiences for all involved. Reese also mentioned how thankful she was to the Alvin

voters for their influence on the AISD budget bond to update not only the AHS auditorium and football stadium, but many other schools as well.

"I'm excited about it, I'm mostly excited about just the transformation of Alvin High School," Principal Dr. Jonny Briseño said. "Just in the last six years I've been here, you can see a very significant difference. There used to be buildings between here and the Luke Kennedy, and that's now gone. The ADAPT building is now gone, and it's being replaced with some up to date and progressive buildings that look really really good that showcase the talent of our kiddos as well. I think that when the students are in a building that looks good, feels good and is up to date, they do better, they perform better, and they have more confidence."

Briseño is very excited and says that the project is on track. Like Briseño, many Yellowjackets and community members are excited for this update because middle schools and elementaries will be able to use the new auditorium while coming to enjoy the shows, the community would be brought together.

Fidget Spinner Danger

Angel Connolly
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Jonathan Cruzen shows off his spinner before class

Fidget spinners are one of the newest trends in our society and already one of the most deadly. Compared to other modern dangers, it seems small; however, children may be in danger. The making of some fidget spinners is surprising, given the circumstances, and knowing the risks can be the difference between life and death.

One thing is that fidget spinners can easily fall apart, given a certain amount of force exerted on it. "I know that fidget spinners can have interchangeable parts that could pose as hazards for little kids who buy them a lot because 'they were cool,'" said Anthony D. Vasquez, a senior at Alvin High School.

There have been children in Texas and Oregon who have choked on pieces of broken fidget spinners; two children even required surgery. They can serve as distractions as well, and thus, some schools have banned them. Fidget spinners can

also contain unsafe levels of lead and mercury, as found by lead-poisoning prevention advocate and documentary filmmaker, Tamara Rubin. There have been reports of fidget spinners with batteries bursting into flames while left charging unattended. Thus, these fidget spinners are potential fire hazards and should not be left unattended.

"I've seen some things about finger injuries from them but I don't know much about that," Vasquez said.

Some fidget spinners have pointed edges which can cut open a child's hand when spun at a high speed.

"I like fidget spinners, but at the same time, I hate them because they can hurt you and little kids," junior Makayla Moreau said.

This toy is all the rage with children, but even if they are popular, children and parents alike need to be cautious when handling them.

Texting and Driving for Teen Drivers; What Is Now Illegal in Texas

Oscar Garcia
Co Editor

As teenagers obtain driver's licenses and permits, it is important to understand the newest legislation regarding driving with devices in the car. Driver distraction plays a big role in wrecks and accident deaths.

Here are a few points to help teens understand the law:

1. People under 18 can no longer use their cellular device while driving nor can people under 17 with a restricted motorcycle licence drive a motorcycle while using their cellular device and being caught doing so. "... is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of at least \$25 and not more than \$99..."

2. If you're not a first time offender then "...the offense is punishable by a fine of at least \$100 and not more than \$200."

3. If using your cellular device causes you to injure and/or kill someone the offence "...is a Class A misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$4,000 and confinement in jail for a term not to exceed one year..."

4. If you are arrested, the officer making the arrest cannot "...take possession of or otherwise inspect a portable wireless communication device in the possession of the operator unless authorized by the Code of Criminal Procedure, the Penal Code, or other law."

This law "preempts all local ordinances, rules, or other regulations adopted by a political subdivision relating to the use of a portable wireless communication device by

the operator of a motor vehicle to read, write, or send an electronic message."



Playing It Safe
Freshman Lake Smith demonstrates how to safely use a device in a vehicle by using SYNC or bluetooth

When It's Ok To use the Device

- 1)In conjunction with a hands-free device, like bluetooth
- 2)To navigate using a global positioning system or navigation system, such as google maps
- 3)To report illegal activity summon emergency help
- 4)Enter information into a software application that provides information relating to traffic and road conditions to users of the application, such as setting up a gps
- 5)To read an electronic message that the person reasonably believed concerned an emergency
- 6)A device that was permanently or temporarily affixed to the vehicle to relay information in the course of the operator's occupational duties between the operator and:
 - a) a dispatcher
 - b) a digital network or software application service

FEATURE

School & Community Rebuilds After Harvey

Jake Emonds
Staff Reporter

After Hurricane Harvey, the state of Texas is trying to get back on its feet. The small town of Alvin is no exception. Alvin High School students returned 2 weeks after the start of the storm. No one knew the extent of the damage done. Now, we take a look back to see how far we have come.

Assistant Principal Robert Ford was able to provide information on the recovery efforts that occurred for the school and town.

“We don’t know the exact count, but there were about 150 or more,” Ford said. “We have communities in schools that help students who need clothes and food. If a family needs help we will provide assistance.”

Alvin High students are on the road to recovery, and we are looking forward to a great rest of the year. As for the rest of the Houston Area, it will take years to recover. There were staff members who were lucky enough to come through the storm with little to no damage, like Chemistry Teacher Joseph Mul-lany.

“My house made it through with no damage, and my neighborhood was fine. Everything of mine was fine including my car,” he said.

Engineering teacher Lisa Larocca, originally from Brooklyn, shared her scary Harvey experience. She said she has lived here for 18 years, and despite this tragedy, she maintains her belief that Texas is indeed a better place to live and work.

“There are about 180 or so houses in the neighborhood, and about 170 flooded,” Larocca said. “I lost my entire first floor, and my son’s room on the second, because of roof leaking. Also, I lost all of my kid’s baby memories because all of it was in the garage.”

The process to recovery is a long one for Larocca and trying on her patience. She is currently living in an RV on her property.

“They haven’t even started rebuilding yet, she said. “ I’m fighting with the insurance company, and I have only had my house gutted to begin repairs. It will take five or six months to complete repairs when we finally start.”

The Alvin community was struck hard during Harvey, but finally, the debris along the streets is steadily declining. The rebuilding process is going strong, and hopefully soon everyone will be back in their homes.



Rebuild and Repair

Many students and staff at AHS suffered damage from the Harvey floodwaters. Teacher Lisa Larocca has extensive damage from the hurricane. Her street flooded badly and water got up very high into her home. She is currently working on the rebuilding and repair process.

Courtesy Photos

Team Honors Flag For Friday Night Lights

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Contributor

Citizens salute to it, sing songs to it, and many pledge our allegiance to it daily, and the U.S encourages all Americans to pause and pay tribute to the flag. But why celebrate the flag in the first place?

The American flag has stood as a symbol of freedom, liberty, and justice among a number of other values for more than 225 years. Alvin High JROTC helps honor this nation’s flag by performing flag detail duties at all district home games and making the contribution to the community and country.

Alvin High School JROTC members assemble flag detail during football games to ensure that the American flag stands tall in all its glory and honor. The flag is a representation of strength and courage of all the members who have served in the military, living and deceased. JROTC covers all three AISD high schools during home games. Members say performing flag detail is a privilege, knowing that they are presenting something that symbolizes hope and vitality in America.

“It shows just a small apprecia-

tion to the many men and women who helped serve in our country today,” JROTC First Sergeant Stephen Garcia said.

On home game nights, JROTC spends the time from 6:15 p.m until 10 minutes before the game preparing until they are near or almost perfect.

“We have to organize from tallest to shortest with the flag in the back,” member Zach Snowden said.

In order to be a part of flag detail, JROTC member must also represent JROTC as a whole through being respectful towards others along with passing your classes and meeting the expectations necessary to be a part of flag detail. First Sergeant Garcia said he hopes JROTC will further prepare students for their futures by, “by making outstanding citizens of the community and making sure students have a plan after high school.”

“It has positive representation to get out their for flag detail with JROTC because it shows discipline and respect,” Hannah Faircloth said.



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FEATURE

AV Crew Pilots Sport Film Program For District

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The Alvin Yellowjacket audio/visual program, for the first time, is recording all home football games this season for Alvin, Manvel, and Shadow Creek, with teacher Hampton Fox overseeing this pilot program.

Fox and his crew, including seniors Caden Kaiser, Patrick Chhuoey, Moses Barron, junior Siah Bowser and sophomore Juan Pinon, are the hard working individuals who come early and stay late to film each game.

“The AV program is a huge benefit for our school because we are able to produce news shows, coach shows, and student films for the school and contest,” Fox said.

Although filming and setting up equipment can be entertaining, it is crucial that things are done safely and correctly in order to achieve the best possible film.

They also produce short films in class, and have a weekly Coaches Show where they interview coaches to cover Jacket Sports. Fox attests to his students professionalism and work ethic.

“In our program safety comes first, we always stay organized, contribute creativity, meet deadlines, and work as a team,” Fox said.

The AV team stays dedicated and focused because creating an exceptional film is their main goal, they say.

“I’ve learned just how stressful the filming industry can be, after school we contribute 10 to 15 hours a week in order to ensure everything is correct,” Kaiser said.

Students have learned valuable skills through the AV program that could transfer into career opportunities after high school.

Say What?! Heard around Campus

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Staff Reporters



How do you feel about cheerleading in the homecoming game?

“It was hype. I had a lot of fun with friends and have a good time.”
Camrin Boren



How do you feel about homecoming and why?

“I love homecoming, because I love being around friends and dressing up.”
Mariah Byone



How do you feel about playing in the homecoming game?

“It felt great and ready to beat Clear Falls.”
Anthony Villarreal



How do you feel about Disney dress up day?

“It’s cute and easy for everybody to get involved.”
Valerie Him

December Horoscopes



Sagittarius - Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Drawn-out daunting projects are wrapped up with the help of friends. Make sure that your finishing touches aren’t rushed. Friends offer a helping hand.



Capricorn - Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Sit back and enjoy some soft tunes... you need to relax! Take a leap of faith and put your trust in that unexpected person. The results will be surprising!



Aquarius - Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Your sense of what you want and what you need are at odds. Way your options and go with the one that will not affect anyone else. Keep your head high.



Pisces - Feb. 19 - Mar. 20

The desire to try new things and meet new people is overwhelming. Pull yourself out of that rut and be adventurous. New relationships will blossom toward the end of the month.



Aries - Mar. 21 - Apr. 19

An opportunity will arise to make a great first impression. Be sure to take it! People that played a small role in your life to this point are brought to the forefront.



Taurus - Apr. 20 - May 20

Financial issues are not near as bad as they seem. Hard work will overcome and things will smooth themselves out. Be wary of people you don’t trust.



Gemini - May 21 - June 20

Let go of that grudge that you have been carrying around with you. Unlikely partnerships with old foes prove fruitful. Be kind to your peers! They will remember it.



Cancer - June 21 - July 22

A situation will arise where you will need to step up and take charge. Don’t make unbalanced decisions. Think of the group first, yourself second.



Leo - July 23 - Aug. 22

A large gathering brings out the best in you. Let your personality shine through and set yourself apart from the crowd.



Virgo - Aug. 23- Sept. 22

Refresh your body and mind with new experiences. Don’t be afraid to try unusual things. Spend some time outside with friends and family.



Libra - Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Clear the air. A chance to make positive changes will present itself toward the end of the month. Avoid a crucial financial mistake.



Scorpio - Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Family members test your patience as you try to relay concerns to them. Be patient and don’t lose your temper. They will come around!

Beyond Harvey: Students Move Forward



Karisia Valle
Section Editor

As the water seeped into the house, crawling its way in with no regard for an invitation or privacy, I couldn't help but feel like it wasn't really happening. The crawl was slow, first making it's entrance from the door ways, then it seeping in from the walls.

Although Harvey is long gone, many people are still living Harvey, with students being displaced and some even losing more than just their house. I know like me, a lot of other students have been displaced, and I know what toll that can take on a person; especially a person, who may still be dependent on their parent or guardian for a roof over their head and food on the table.

The feeling of being lost and like you have no place to go, no place to call home, is a painful and bitter feeling. Where you're staying, you may be calling it home, but your heart tells you it's really not. However, you call it that to cope with the fact that the place where memories were made, and the one place you may feel the safest, can no longer be your refuge from the world.

As well as if you're like me, being in a hotel for two months is enough

to make you never want to go on vacation again; you try and go anywhere to get away of your substituted home just so you don't have to stay in those four foreign walls of tortured boredom and unsettling feeling that the room you call yours is not actually yours. If you're in a hotel like mine, safety isn't exactly a guarantee.

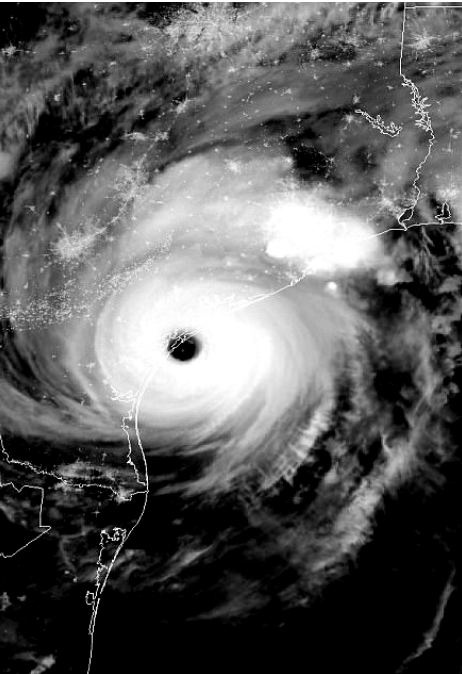
Many people have lost more than me, they may have lost everything, and I know I was fortunate enough to only lose things like furniture and some things that are easily replaceable. Besides that, some may be just fixing their house, rather than moving completely, some may still be waiting for a contractor and for some that may takes months. Being stripped from all the materialistic things really makes you realize how much you took for granted.

However, surrounding yourself with friends or family can really make a difference; they help to make you forget about everything you've lost. I would have to say without my friends, I don't think I'd be able to have held out as long as I have. I never realized, before Harvey, how much I took for granted; the clothes that were stacked in my drawers, waiting to be worn, the bed that engulfed me in my times of need, my room, my privacy and my refuge from the world all taken away from me with a simple element that surrounds us.

I'm not going to lie, it took me a

while to not get anxiety from seeing puddles of water, and from some of the people I had talked to, I wasn't the only one who didn't get that feeling.

The few points I have to make are: even though you may have lost everything or near everything, surround yourself with people who make you laugh, do things that you may have never done before, and most importantly just stay positive, just distract yourself from all the negative things going on. I hope that may be easier for you than it sounds, I know it may not be but all you can do is try, that's all anyone can do.



Ways To Cope
With Post Harvey
Stress, Anxiety

1. **Talk with someone about feelings of stress, anxiety, fear, and sorrow.**
2. **Seek help from a counselor.**
3. **Do not hold yourself responsible for disastrous events.**
4. **Exercise and eat right to promote physical and emotional healing.**
5. **Spend time with friends and family.**
6. **Maintain a normal schedule as much as possible.**
7. **Accept help from individuals or community resources who offer.**
8. **Know that everyone copes with stress and bad events different.**

Destiny 2
Review

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Section Editor



Destiny 2 was released for PlayStation 4 and Xbox One on Sept 6, and is an online-only multiplayer, first-person shooter with role-play elements developed by Bungie. Players take on the role of Guardians, protectors of the light for the Traveler and Earth. Guardians are given a power called Light, which is the source of their life and the foundation of the Traveler and player; the player fights against Ghoul(their leader) and his Red Legion army of Cabals. The Red Legion attacks the Tower, home of the Guardians, in the midst of what was thought to be a storm. Ghoul traps the Traveler in some kind of shield and strips the light from every Guardian and ghost. In order for the player to take back the tower and save the Traveler, they must journey to restore their light and find a way to defeat Ghoul and his army to take back the Last City on Earth.

If you are a veteran Destiny player than you know about the first Destiny game, and if you played since beta than you know what Destiny was missing; Storyline, fair matchmaking, more content in DLC s, and so on. Bun-

gie promised that Destiny 2 was going to be what Destiny should have been, and by far it is. It has 12 hours of storyline gameplay, including cutscenes and many new mechanics. Bungie also made it to where clans actually have a use, to gain better gear and more experience, it is highly recommended that you play with your clan or clan member(s) to get better gear from your clan. You have to do activities with other members and level up the clan which in turns rewards you with higher gear. Also they released the Leviathan Raid and the factions from Destiny; the raid is highly team based which is fairly new to the Destiny franchise since before hand it was possible to do the raid solo. Since the second year of Destiny they implemented a new mechanic that you would have thought would have been there since day one, team based challenges. Bungie added in two raids (Oryx and The Iron Banner raid) to Destiny before the release of the second game that could only be completed with a team, no longer being able to do it solo. I'm guessing Bungie actually took into the account

that the community liked this change and so decided to keep it in the new game.

The look and feel of the campaign really makes you feel so primitive, stripping you from all the gear you had taken for granted. With the loss of abilities, transportation and powerful gear, you must start all over and regain gear to fight your foes and scavenge across worlds to obtain abilities. To be completely honest, when I first started the campaign I quickly stopped paying attention to the story. Not because it was boring but rather because I wasn't used to destiny having more than a few hours of gameplay, and sadly by the time I noticed what I missed I was already almost done with the game and was completely confused on what they were talking about, so don't be like me and actually pay attention of the story.

I have to say I have completely fallen for Destiny 2 and cannot wait for dlc to see what new mechanics and story they may bring with it. However the question is, will Bungie be able to keep the lore and fresh feel to Destiny with their additions.

CAMPUS LIFE

Power Hour Gives Back

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Section Editor

The new power hour lunch has impacted students and staff both positively and negatively. After the hour long lunch was introduced near the end of last school year, it has now been permanently put in place this year. All around campus, teachers and students have had different responses regarding the new power hour lunch.

“There’s too many people and it just feels like it’s crowded everywhere. There’s always people sitting at all the tables so I have to end up sitting on the benches and it’s uncomfortable sitting at the benches while eating,” junior Isaiah Hernandez said.

With over 2,000 students attending, Hernandez said he can feel overwhelmed by the amount of crowding that occurs in the cafeteria, outside seating areas, and on the recently added benches especially during the first 15 minutes. However, he does see the positive side.

“Some of the benefits of power hour is that you get a whole hour to just chill with your friends,” Hernandez said. “You can go to classes to get more help

with work.”

Some students enjoy having a hour break to eat and relax. Compared to the previous lunch schedule, students get more time to hang out with friends and go to tutoring. Lunch is served during the entire hour to allow students to go to classes and clubs and still get a chance to eat if they want to.

The added time into the students’ day provides time for catching up and getting involved.

“I like it and hope more students use it to get involved around campus and to keep their grades up. It gives students a chance to make up work or get tutoring without staying after school. Plus everyone enjoys a midday break,” Credit recovery teacher Kim Butler said.

As Butler describes, power hour gives students the opportunity to make up class work or tests without having to spend time after school. It also allows students to get involved with the many different clubs that meet during power hour and they’re all open to anyone who wants to join.

Team Ready To Roll

Rachel Hohman
Edgar Dolz
Staff Reporters



Practice Makes Perfect
Fellow members of the bowling team having a good time. Gabby Garcia and Alexis Dean practice each week at Alvin Bowling.

Bowling team is looking to make a successful run this year. Volunteer Coach Garland New and AHS sponsor Lynette Patton, the Alvin bowling team is looking to go to state and win. The team practices and sharpens bowling skills every Monday and is working on how to correctly aim at their target.

Tryouts were recently held to fill the team places.

“Tryouts went okay I guess, wasn’t that great considering I haven’t bowled in a while, but it was fun,” bowler Jennifer Young said.

Coach New is actually a retired bowler and works with the team members to improve their techniques and skills. He enjoys helping young bowlers.

“Usually the second week in

November is our first event,” Patton said.

Coach Patton enjoys bowling due to her own son helping her find an interest in it. Sponsors and students have realized they are all learning together.

“I’ve learned to be patient,” sophomore Young said, “and I’ve learned to not get frustrated.”

The team players are chosen by who tries their best and plays their hardest.

Patton wants students to join the team and not be afraid. Bowling can be learned and perfected, and there are people willing to help.

“We have seriously great coaches that are more than willing to help you out, it’s all really great,” Patton said.



Brain Break

Students have the opportunity to relax, toss a ball around, catch up on tutorials or work with group members on class work during the daily power hour time. Students can also attend club meetings during this time. Students and teachers alike are finding powerhour to be beneficial to academics and extracurriculars.

The New Sting On Campus

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When opportunity knocked, Chase Batty was first in line. Fairview Jr. high announced mascot tryouts at the end of last year, Chase was up and ready for the challenge.

“I heard the announcement loud over the intercom, and I knew that I just had to do it,” Chase said.

The final days as an 8th grader, Batty was preparing to become not only a freshman, but the brand new mascot, ‘Sting,’ for our school.

“My initial thought was ‘well why not?’ So I ended up being the only one to tryout, and I nailed the position,” Batty said.

Although Batty was the only student interested in trying out, the honor of becoming Sting did not come easy.

“From my experience, everything I had to do was rather difficult, I had to create skits and incorporate props and music,” Batty said.

When it comes to being

mascot, many things are required in order to meet all of the standards that a mascot should have.

“I have a good amount of responsibilities on my hands now,” said the new mascot. “Taking care of the suit is one of my biggest. I also have to create pep rally skits and props. Another one of my huge responsibilities is to stay hydrated throughout the time I am performing.”

Exciting new opportunities are coming to Chase Batty, and fulfilling the characteristics of our mascot is batty’s top goal.

“Being down on the field by all of the action acting like my dorky self is what I enjoy the most about being ‘Sting!’”

Sting adds so much, not only to the squad, but to the school.

“He is the extra boost of energy for us on slow days, and he has progressed into a good mascot,” Jessica Hall

said.

The role of ‘Sting’ is super fun for Batty, and it is also a huge responsibility and challenge, but sticking to all the jobs is what makes him a great mascot.

“He is very dedicated to his character and he is super playful and interactive with the kids in the stands,” Hall said.



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JACKET SPORTS

World Champs; Astros Win Title Houston Sports History Made As Astros Clinch World Series Title



Ian Tribble
Staff Reporter

When I was younger, I'd often go to Minute Maid Park with my friends and family to cheer on the Houston Astros. We watched great Astros players like Jeff Bagwell, Craig Biggio, and Lance Berkman. We'd wear the team colors; maroon and white, while others were there with the older colors of orange, navy, and yellow.

I remember trying to get home as fast as I could from baseball practice to watch the Astros, and getting mad when my Mom was late picking me up. As soon as I would get home I would go straight to the tv and turn them on. After watching our heroes, I'd go to bed and dream of one day playing just like them.

I got older, of course, but one thing didn't change. I still watch the Astros play—now in the World Series for only the 2nd time ever against the Los Angeles Dodgers. My family and I are loyal fans and we'll be that way forever, uniting around the BIG H and that shining star.

My family and I have been watching the playoffs, this time in orange and yellow colors, and have been very excited to see the Astros doing so well. The team has gotten much better over the years, and now has much young talent that can only get better.

After winning against the yankees in Game 7 of the ALCS, I was feeling very good about our chances in the World Series against the Dodgers. The astros play very well together as a team, and I think that is why they are such a hard team to beat. They pick each other up and are not selfish. They do nothing for themselves and everything for the team.

After watching game 2 and game 5 of the world series, that had such crazy twist and many lead changes,

I was anxious to see what game 7 holds in store for Houston, but I should've known the Astros would prevail.

On Wed., Nov.1 2017, the Houston Astros finally won their first ever World Series and are World Champions. My family and I had were head over heels as the Astros proved that they were the best team in baseball.

Congratulations, 2017 World Champions, Houston Astros!

Yellowjacket Sport Spotlights Fall Signing Day 11.8.17



Meredith Johnson signs with East Texas Baptist University to play volleyball.



Mackenzie Savage signs to play softball at Lamar.



Rachel Hertenberger will be playing softball at University of Houston.



Kennedy Flannel is headed to University of Texas for track.

Football Season Concludes On A High Note With Big Win

Wesley Clendennen
Staff Reporter

The homecoming game was the highlight of the football season with big win against Clear Falls, with a few seconds on the clock, Aleric Hernandez kicks the winning field goal. The team is proud of the wins against Clear Creek, Fort Bend and Fort Bend Clements. Head coach Robert Wilcox said he was proud of his team and how hard they played this season. The team had some injuries of the season and Harvey threw the team for a loop.

"It was a crazy year," Wilcox said. "Because of the the hurricane, some games got rescheduled. You get a rhythm, then it stops. And

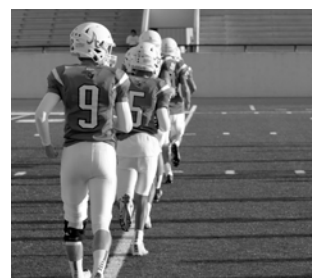
some players are still displaced from the storm."

Despite the set-backs, the Yellow-jackets saw a lot of success this season.

"Still the team played hard, and we won three out of 6 games," Wilcox said.

Running back James Smith said he was pleased overall with the performance this season and looks forward to the future.

"The season was good, but went by fast," Smith said. "I could have improved, but I played hard and tried my best. Next year I want get more touchdowns."



Cross Country Reps At State Meet

Staff Reports

Congrats to Alvin HS senior, Kaytlyn Welsch for earning the opportunity to compete at the State Cross Country in Round Rock on Saturday, 11/4/17. Kaytlyn placed 13th overall at the Regional Meet in Huntsville to earn her spot at the State Meet.

"I was really excited to qualify for state. When we added it all up I could see I was headed to State. All my friends were so excited. We were jumping up and down," Welsch said.



Lady Jacket Volleyball Concludes Post - Season Wrap -Up

Emily Bates
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Staff Reporters

Lady Jacket Volleyball ended the season with an overall record of 9-17, and a district record of 1-13, with an exciting win against Clear Brook in district play.

Playing together as a team, and striving to do their best was one of the brightest highlights and an unforgettable memory, according to players. Senior night was very special to the players, especially the seniors. The thought of playing their last game as a Lady Jacket has not struck them, yet; but even so, their actions of striving to do their best has inspired the rest of the team and will be missed just like the seniors.

"We but we had that one district win that made up for it. We all just played together as a team so it's something that we will all cherish together, senior Laurel Grey said.

And that one win meant a lot to freshman, Teresa Garza, too.

"The last point, the joy on the seniors faces was unforgettable. And it's the last time we'll ever have with them," Garza said.

Another season high came from head coach Suzy Buechele, as she was proud of her team for coming together and helping a team mate and her family after Hurricane Harvey's flood. They helped clean up and clear out a home. She is also proud of the non-district games.

"We came together as a volleyball community, and won the silver Bracket at Varsity Dickinson tournament. We would like to improve in our district and continue to set an example on the court," she said.

