Aurora Academy Charter School

Falcon Flash

AACS Falcon Flash August 21st, 2023

Grade Level Newsletters

Click on the AACS Sun to be directed to grade level newsletters





PTO meetings begin at 4:00. Meet us in the Cafeteria.

PikMyKid

PikMyKid is the app our school uses to ensure a safe and prompt afternoon student release.



Below are videos on how to set up and use the app.

Please note that once your parent account is set up that the app will time out after 90 min. and will no longer show student information for safety. Parents will need to log out completely and log back in.



Get Started PikMyKid Get Started PikMyKid

☑ prezi.com



Kids Not Listed Kids Not Listed

☑ prezi.com

Counseling Corner!

RESPONSIBILITY is the August core virtue!

A responsible student is dependable, makes good choices, and takes accountability for their actions.



Counselor Classroom Lessons

I will be visiting classrooms at least once a month beginning in August to present lessons that encourage positive social emotional growth and character development. Examples of these lessons include:

- Self-regulation
- Mindfulness
- Monthly core-virtues
- Friendship skills
- Goal setting
- Study/organizational skills
- College & Career readiness

I have been visiting a number of classes over the past week and I have retaught some common language and definitions that we use here at Aurora Academy as well as our collective responsibilities in keeping the school safe. We teach the students conflict resolution and use the "Choice Wheel" as a tool for them to use whenever they encounter a disagreement or conflict. We do realize that sometimes conflict escalates or that there may be an imbalance of power and in those instances we have safe/confidential ways of reporting those either to a trusted adult at school through a Google form or using the community app - SAfe2Tell.

Safe 2 Tell is available to Colorado schools students, teachers, and parents via online or an app. Anyone who needs to report a concern can and will remain anonymous.

Click on the SAFE-To-Tell image above for additional resources and for access to the Google form listed above.

Middle School College and Career Planning

Starting in 6th grade and continuing through high school, every student will be developing their Individual Career and Academic Plan with the help of the counselor.

8th Grade High School Transition:

If your student is in 8th grade, the counselor will be working with you and your student to prepare for the high school of their choice. Open Enrollments begin in January. In the meantime, students

should focus on three very important things in their control that will help ensure a greater chance of acceptance into their high school of choice:

- Grades
- Attendance
- Behavior



Please take a moment to complete this Google form questionnaire about your familiarity with high school preparation and any questions you may have.

8th grade parent Q&A request -- Click on image to view

Come learn about high schools your 8th grader can choice into! High schools from major surrounding districts (DPS, APS, CCSD) will be in attendance.

High School Fair

Friday, November 17th 4:00-5:00 pm in the gymnasium

Flags of Home Country

Hello AACS families! Our school is rich in the diversity of many countries represented by our students and families. We hope to celebrate this diversity by hanging flags of our families'/students' home countries. Please take the time to take this anonymous survey. Click on the globe to fill out the survey.





Middle School Athletics

Coach Cory and Coach BQ will be hosting a Volleyball Skills Camp on August 29 through August 31 from 3:30 - 5:00 pm. All students enrolled at Aurora Academy in grades 5-8 are welcome to attend.



Tryouts for Girls Volleyball, Flag Football and Cross Country will take place September 5 through September 7 from 3:30 - 5:00 pm.

Fall Season Logistics

- Regular Season games begin: Week of September 18
- Postseason games begin: Week of November 6
- All-Star Week: November 11-18

Students must have a current sports physical on file at Aurora Academy in order to attend the Volleyball Skills Camps and ANY fall sports tryouts. Students must also have a ride home or permission slip to walk home. Any student not participating in a skills camp or tryout is not permitted to stay on campus.

Email Ms. Starkey at <u>mstarkey@auroraacdaemycharter.com</u> if there are any questions about athletics.

Middle School Sports Coaches Needed!

Aurora Academy is in need of middle school (grades 5-8) coaches for the fall season.

We are urgently seeking to fulfill the paid positions listed below:

- Head Flag Football Coach
- Assistant Flag Football Coach
- Assistant Cross Country Coach

Tryouts are scheduled for September 5-7 from 3:30 to 5:00 pm. If you are interested in the position, please <u>contact</u> the Athletic Director, Michelle Starkey at <u>mstarkey@auroraacademycharter.com</u>





Volleyball News

All students 5th - 8th Grade are invited to join Coach Cory and Coach BQ for SKILLS CAMP

3:30pm - 5:00pm @ AACS Gym Tuesday, Aug 29th Wednesday, Aug 30th Thursday, Aug 31st





Be sure to bring gym shirts and shorts to change into after school and wear knee pads!

Girls Volleyball Tryouts

will be 3:30pm - 5:00pm @ AACS Gym Tuesday, Sept 5th Wednesday, Sept 6th Thursday, Sept 7th

All players need physical forms turned into Coach Starkey prior to participation!

New and returning players are encouraged to attend the SKILLS Camp!









Chess Club by The Knight School

Chess Club is back! Hello AACS families, The Knight School Denver is back at AACS to offer chess to our 2nd through 8th grade students as an afterschool club. The chess club will begin on September 5th and will be offered every Tuesday from 3:30pm to 4:45pm. This year there are many scholarships available.

Here is a list of the codes and their corresponding values:

\$20-off Monthly Tuition: DEN20 1/3-off Monthly Tuition: DENTHIRD \$40-off Monthly Tuition: DEN40 1/2-off Monthly Tuition: DENHALF

Full-tuition scholarship with a one-time \$50 supply fee to cover the cost of their materials (chess set, t-shirt, wristbands, etc.)

Please click on the image to sign up for Chess Club





Community Eligibility Form

Did you know your kids can get Free meals!

Starting July 1st you can complete the Community Eligibility Form.

Scan the QR Code or go to payschoolscentral.com to complete the Form.

What are the benefits of completing an Eligibility Form? Benefits to filling out the Form may include:

- Reduced Fees Athletics/Activities and other non-school programs
- High School Testing (i.e. Act, IB, etc.)
- Low income Internet (i.e. Comcast)
- Possible Pandemic EBT food Benefits
- Other School and District funding (i.e. Title I, E-rate)

Questions? Call Nutrition Services 303-343-0295



3rd Annual Food Show







Aurora Public Schools is hosting a parent, student, and community-focused Food Show! Come taste some amazing free food and help us decide what to put on our menu!

Monday, August 28, 2023 3:30 - 5:30 PM

APS Professional Learning and Conference Center 15771 E. 1st Ave, Aurora, CO 80011







Middle School Welcome Back Jam

Fee: \$5.00

Time: 6-8 PM

Date: Friday, August 25

Grades: 6th-8th

Where: Gym, Cafeteria, Playground

Dress of Choice

(you need to follow dress of choice rules!)

Come and...

eat, play games, dance, enjoy some music, hang with your friends

8th grade fundraise



Board Updates and Information

Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, September 11th, at 6pm in the AACS Library for our monthly Board of Directors meeting.

You can find the Board Agenda and Minutes on our website: AACS Board Agenda & Minutes



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