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The Buzzzz.....

3..2..1.. Lift Off!

Rockets:

Rockets brought the fun into Physical Science during the month of February. It introduced an otherwise boring topic, the Newton's laws, in a fun way that allowed students to learn, build, and launch rockets into the air and study how they acted upon launch. One teacher said that she conducted this experiment every year during this time at her other school and all the students loved it.

One of our fellow students said that she was especially fond of doing this because it seemed a lot of fun and it helped her learn about Newton's Laws. Another student was excited to actually have something fun other than work and labs. So overall it was a huge success.

By: Austin Tullier



Faculty Section: Paul Smith



Coach Paul Smith is one of the new teachers at Albany High School. He teaches US History, European History and also helps coach for football, track, and he hopes to help out in baseball soon. Coach Smith received a master's in Education at Southeastern and has taught at multiple schools including Varnado and Hannon. But Coach isn't only a teacher. Before he started teaching he was in the Air Force and was stationed in England. He has also traveled to several countries including places in Europe and Central America. However, the most surprising thing about our newest edition to the Social Studies department is his sense of hope for students. Coach Smith is an alumni of Bogalusa High School and didn't always follow the path less traveled. He even has a crazy story about the time he had an altercation with his principal and now isn't allowed back on campus. But he believes in people's ability to change for the better. At Varnado, he often encountered troubled students who weren't the best of students. But over the years he has learned that people can change and become better. They can move on and become active members that work for the betterment of society. If you ask for proof, he will tell you his story, or one of the many of his past students at one of his old schools. He recounts many times where a student who may have been into illegal activities and faced criminal charges changes his lifestyle and becomes a new person that lives a clean and healthy life. So we welcome our new coach and teacher to Albany High School and wish him the best of luck. And just know, he wishes the best for all of you and he will never give up hope for the best in you to come out.

By: Luke Callahan

Girls Basketball



Congratulations to all of our Lady Hornets and their hard work they put in throughout the year and the success they received from it. Our Lady Hornets managed an astounding record that earned them a top ten seed in playoffs. We want to congratulate all those who played and especially the seniors, class of 2015, for their years of hard work and dedication to the team. The girls finished second in their district with an 8-2 record and managed two home basketball playoff games and a trip to round three of playoffs. We are hoping for an even better season next year as young players begin to step up and fill their roles. But they have big shoes to fill with that coincides with their motto, "Tradition never graduates". We wish all the girls the best of luck and thank those graduating for making Albany girls basketball as great as it was. Good luck and Go Hornets!! By: Luke Callahan

Entertainment Section



In the American movie industry there are several types of movies that people watch, one of them being the Military movies. Usually these movies are overly patriotic or full of action without ever taking the time to make actual emotion flow from the characters. That being said, I came into American Sniper with only the knowledge that it was a movie about a soldier who was, in fact, a Sniper in the military, and low expectations. I am happy to say, however, that I was pleasantly surprised by this movie. Its film quality was nice, it was pleasing to watch and look at, alongside the fact that the titular American Sniper, Chris Kyle, is not portrayed as a heartless machine, but a real man who is doing what he loves to do, protect his country from terrorists.

The way we're introduced to Chris Kyle is showing him as a Sniper, then as a child with his father hunting his first deer. We're shown his proficiency with a weapon, as well as his reluctance to be a by-stander when something is wrong. Without spoiling anything, I can safely say that this movie portrays the life of Chris Kyle as he was, a human being and an American Soldier. Also, the people around him are just as human as he is, and they have their own reservations and regrets, though they are not the central focus of the film. There is controversy over this movie, some say Chris Kyle was a murderer for what he did, in my honest opinion I will say that he was not, and was protecting his fellow soldiers from men who'd do worse any day of the week, feel free to disagree with me if you will. To keep this review short I'll close it here, American Sniper is a roller coaster of emotions, action, and everything in between, it's a true tribute to Chris Kyle, the American Sniper, and his family, who are going through one of the greatest losses anyone can experience. If you haven't seen this movie already, I suggest you do, but as a warning, if you are faint of heart and or can't stand the sight of blood, torture, and violence towards innocents (On the part of the terrorists), you should stay away, as you will be disgusted by some of the things you see. It is, after all, a movie about a Sniper during the War on Terror.

My final score is 9/10 with a recommendation to watch it if you're a fan of the Military, and still care to watch humans being humans between the action.

By: Tyler Updyke

There will be a Bad Prom Run 5K on Saturday, March 21, 2015. See Mrs. Howes or Coach West for details.

Crackin' Up ...

It's OK to pretend we are Irish on St. Patrick's Day.

We pretend we're GOOD on Christmas, don't we?



Counselors' Corner

"A few members of Albany's Student Government Association, accompanied by Mr. Leitz, devoted their Saturday to attend the International Student Leadership Conference hosted at Our Lady of Holy Cross College. They were able to meet with other student leaders from the New Orleans Area. They participated in communication exercises and in discussion about what being a student leader means. After the conference, the students also stopped to watch Tulane play South Alabama in a fierce rugby match, and had a brief tour of a few universities in New Orleans. The attendees this year were Jacob Pettigrew, Luke Callahan, Robert O'Neal, and Nipun Wadhwa. Next year, we would like to see many more Albany students participate in this exciting experience.

FFA/4-H Field Trip

On February 20 the AHS FFA and 4-H took a trip to the Parish Livestock show held in the Lamar Dixon Center in Gonzales. They observed the official judging of the cattle and pig division where FFA and 4-H members learned how to judge in this field of agriculture. Members learned a lot and it was pretty cool, even though the food place was inside the pig barn. The members also walked around and spoke to the people who raised the pigs and cattle, but you had to watch out because you most likely would step in cattle and pig poop. The trip was overall a fun time and a great experience. We also learned some about judging livestock.



Student Spotlight



"Miranda." I'm sure you have heard that name called on the intercom on some morning, and thought, "Oh, that's just some SGA kid." Well, she's more than just some SGA kid; this freshman keeps herself very busy. She's originally from Alaska, but to many she kind of seems native Louisianan. You may (or may not) already know, she plays flute in band and attended middle school honor band, fourth chair, which is quite impressive. For the past ten years, she has been competing in Shotokan, a form of martial arts and has a black belt. She is also a senior Girl Scout, and has been doing Girl Scouts for the past nine years. Secretly, she is adept at drawing, just ask her about her dragon. Be wary of giving her salmon, though, 'cause "salmon makes her die."

By: Liz Blackburn

Bowling

The Albany High School Bowling Team has matches scheduled for March 16 and March 18. Please support our Hornets! Woohoo Bowling Team!!!



Upcoming:

March 17-ACT Testing

March 28- Prom - Viva Las Vegas

April 3-10- Spring Break



Club Events

Community Movie Night

The AHS Stingerz are hosting the first of hopefully many Community Movie Nights. This Saturday, March 14th, the Stingerz will show "The Lion King" inside the gym of AHS with the assistance of FunFlicks out of New Orleans. The movie night was previously scheduled for outside on the AHS football field but due to the wet weather the event has been moved indoors. Presale tickets can be purchased from any dance team member for \$6.00. This amount covers the movie, popcorn and a drink. You can purchase a movie ticket at the door for \$5.00 which only includes the movie. Concessions will be open during the movie. The doors open at 7:00 pm on Saturday so bring your blankets and enjoy a Saturday night with your family!



Dance Team Tryouts

The Stingerz are holding their annual tryouts for the 2015 - 2016 Squad. The Stingerz Tryout Showcase is Thursday, March 19th from 3:30 - 5:30 in the AHS gym and tryouts are Saturday, March 21st.

Good Luck to all those who choose to tryout !!

Cheerleader Tryouts

Cheerleader Tryouts are being held on Monday and Tuesday, March 23rd and 24th in the AHS Gym. Please get a tryout packet from Mrs. Missy Wild with the details for the tryout clinic and tryouts.

Good Luck to all those who tryout !!!



Cheer & Dance Making the \$\$\$\$

Members of the Cheerleading Squad and Dance Team beat the path to sell Jambalaya Dinners in the month of February. Selling over 250 plate dinners, both squads made a combined total of over \$ 2,000 on the sales. They want to thank Mr. Russell Hutchinson for making the pots of jambalaya, both squad's parents that delivered and sold plates, the Albany Fire Department and Mr. Joe Foster for allowing us to sell plates from the Fire House, and especially the community for supporting the sale. The money raised was used for the previous Disney Trip that both squads participated in during the week of New Years.

Mrs. Anderson & Mrs. Wild

