



AJHS Happenings

Abington Acorns

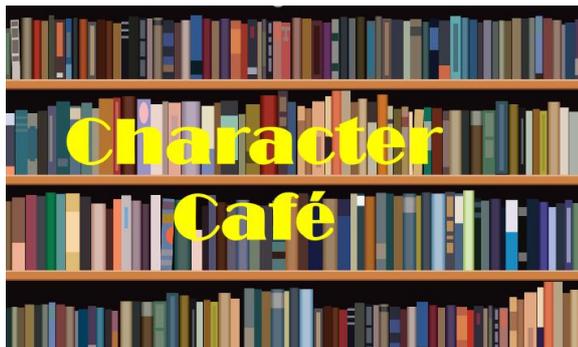
Green Thumbs students provide hours of community service not only in October but year round as they work in the gardens on the grounds at AJHS.



Students grow seedlings in the green house in the winter then plant them in the gardens around the school. Students get the chance to watch their work "take root" and blossom as the gardens get more and more beautiful each year.

Seventh Grade Activity Night

attracted a record number of seventh graders in October. They enjoyed mat ball, ping pong, basketball, board games, jump rope and pillow polo. Special thanks to the AJHS PTO for donating all snacks and to the AJHS staff and Abington Acorn volunteers who chaperoned.



Character Café meets once a month. Students spend time in the Library, checking out new books and recommending books to each other. They then enjoy a snack while discussing what they've read. Character Cafe gives readers a chance to discover new books and discuss their love of literature.



So much fabulous talent was shown at **The Addams Family** auditions!

Everyone was given either a role on stage or a dramatic role on business crew. Other crews such as Makeup Crew, Props Crew, Set Building Crew, Set Painting Crew, and Costume Crew will be forming in the next few weeks. The Addams Family will be performed on March 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, 2018. It's sure to be a "spook-tacular" performance!



Hundreds of **TADA's** members enjoyed drug-free events this fall. In October approximately 130 eighth and ninth grade students participated in TADA's annual Horrorfest held at Shady Brook Farm.

In November, "The Unique Games" event was held in our gym and attended by approximately 250 students.

These great activities attract students, making TADA the largest club at AJHS.



Odyssey of the Mind began meeting this month to plan and prepare for next year's competition.

Mr. Goochee and Ms. Nimmons are looking forward to using the new STEM labs to help students design and build the solutions to this year's challenges.

Meetings are held on Thursdays after school.



I.M.A.G.I.N.E. (I'm a Girl Intelligent, Noble, Excellent) is a program available at AJHS designated to foster leadership development among adolescent females. The purpose is to provide girls with a forum to self-advocate, improve self-image and general enrichment. The hope is to assist them in embracing their talents and goals, as well as to address issues that may interfere with optimal success in the academic environment.



V.I.B.E (Voices Invoking a Brotherhood of Excellence) is a program available at Abington Junior High School designed to foster leadership development among adolescent males.

The purpose of **V.I.B.E.** is to help young men develop a positive voice within the school community and learn how to effectively advocate for themselves in an academically challenging environment.



The teachers of **The Hawks**, an eighth grade SLC, are very proud of their new bulletin board. It was created by the very talented Bulletin Board Crew: Lulu Ftouh, Nadiya Giordano, Isabella Mattes, Alina McClendon, Lamaiah McCray, and Elisha Valnord.

What a beautiful display!



The Varsity Golf Team had a tremendous 2017 season taking second place in the National League Conference with a record of 8-4!

Abington qualified five golfers for the Suburban One League, and four golfers advanced to the District One Tournament.

Coach Cottone is very proud of the progress all golfers are making and how well the junior and senior high students help one another.



History Club members attended a trip to the Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire on October 11, 2017. Students were transported in time, passing parading royalty and watching artisans blow glass and make pottery. Entertainment included a joust, a chess match, and a sensational final show! What an unforgettable experience!



On November 2, 2017 sixty members of the **AJHS 8th and 9th Grade Choirs** sang the National Anthem at Lincoln Financial Field before the Temple University Football Game. Students were proud to be there on "Survivor Night" and share the tunnel with cancer survivors who cheered the students on as the students cheered them on! The kids had an awesome time! A fun part of the evening was that our coordinator, Matt Segall, was an AJHS Band Student 2005-2007 (pictured with the group).





The 8th Grade Field Hockey Team

charged to a 6-1-1 record in the league. The team scored 12 goals and allowed 2 all season. The goalies, Shannon Ward and Tamara Colbert, had a combined 6 shutouts for the season. The attack was bolstered by five different goal scorers. Lauren O'Malley led the team in goals and Devin DiMaria led in assists. Leah Manzo-McCottry controlled the midfield play and was instrumental in building the counterattack in every game. Rachel Kallan led the team's defensive unit to an all-time low of allowing 2 defensive corners per game. Good luck next year!



The 7th Grade Field Hockey Team

fought hard in every single match! The major highlight of this season was the tremendous amount of growth the team experienced throughout the season. Many of the girls had never played field hockey before joining the team this year. Practices combined focusing on the fundamental skills with some fun! By the end of the 8-game season, the team was playing at a higher level: connecting passes, transitioning the ball from defense to offense, and getting some shots on goal. This stingy defense gave up only 6 goals all season and the coaches are very proud of how far the team progressed this year!



The 8th Grade Girls' Soccer Team

performed exceptionally well this season, both on and off the field. The players had a stellar game record, winning six out of nine competitions! They demonstrated team-spirit at every game and practice, working hard through setbacks and supporting each other through losses as well as victories. They elicited happy cheers from a group of Abington special needs students when they engaged them in a mini soccer clinic. It was a great season!



Students enjoy some friendly competition when they play **Board Games!** Every Tuesday immediately after school in Commons C, students play a variety of games including: checkers, chess, video games and magic cards. It is a great way for students to make new friends. No sign-up is required!

