

# Altamont Eagle News

Phone Number: 620-784-5511

December 2023

## Important Dates in December

- 2 JH Bball Jamboree at LCHS  
4 JH Bball vs. Altoona @ Home  
Full A Boys game - 2 quarters of  
B boys - No girls games. 4:00  
p.m  
Penguin Patch - 12:00 - 3:00  
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Parsons Christmas Parade - 7:00  
PM, JH Band & Cheer  
8 AGS Pajama Day - Pay \$1.00 to  
Wear your jammies  
Altamont Christmas Parade 7PM  
Penguin Patch 12:00 - 3:00  
K&1 Christmas Rotations  
9 Edna Christmas Parade - 2:00  
11 JH BB vs. Elk Valley @ Elk Valley -  
4:00 pm  
12 JH **Girls** bball vs. Coffeyville @  
AGS 4PMI  
13 3rd Grade to Christmas Train at 5  
Mile Camp.  
14 JH Bball vs St. Paul @AGS 4PM  
15 Ugly Christmas Sweater Day  
2nd gr to Pittsburg Block 22  
19 AGS Christmas Program - 6:30 pm

Students need to be in their seats at 6:15pm  
Harrison Auditorium at LCHS  
20 K & 1 Polar Express Day

Class Christmas parties

- 21 Christmas Break  
begins

## Colder Weather:

Please be sure your child is wearing a coat to school as the weather becomes colder. All classes go outside every day unless the temperature is extreme. If your child needs a coat, please contact the school office.



**PAJAMA DAY -**  
Please help us raise money for our Booster Club by paying \$1.00 to wear your jammies to school on Friday, Dec. 8. Please make sure jammies are school appropriate.



Be sure and like us on  
Facebook: Altamont Grade  
School and follow us on  
Twitter: @AltamontEagles

## **Inclement Weather School Closings:**

In the event of inclement weather, school may be closed. Please tune into the following communication avenues for information related to school closings.

- KOAM -TV
- KODE - TV
- KKOW Radio, 96.9
- KGGF Radio 690 AM
- AGS Facebook page
- District Facebook page
- AGS Twitter/District Twitter

Families would also receive a Brite Arrow text message and email.

**Positive Office Referrals for November:** Bronson Strunk, Claire Smith, and Cara Shaffer

## **Lost & Found:**

We have many hoodies and jackets in the lost and found. If your child is missing some clothing, please have them check with us in the office.

## **Penguin Patch**

We are excited to announce that the Penguin Patch Holiday Shop will be at school on Monday, Dec. 4 - Fri. Dec. 8 from 12:15 - 3:10 at AGS. The Penguin Patch Holiday Shop is a temporary gift store set up within the school which will give our children the opportunity to purchase gifts for friends and family in a secure atmosphere. This shop will provide our children the opportunity to make real life shopping decisions while learning about budgeting. They will learn that giving is as important as receiving. Price ranges from \$0.25 - \$12.00. Students will shop during their designated time slot. If they are absent or forget their money, they can go another day or time at the teacher's convenience. Please make checks out to AGS PTO. Please call the school or call Tricia Poe if you have questions or can assist any time during the week.  
765- 432-1362

## Transportation Corner for December of 2023 Parents

The transportation department wanted to pass along some praise for our students and a few reminders that you can talk to your children about. The following are things that have been noticed that we would appreciate you knowing about and also passing along to your child.

#1. The majority of our students follow our riding rules but we can always do a few things better.

#2. The majority of our students are pleasant and practice good manners. It means a lot to the drivers and to me when we get a “good morning” or “hope you have a good evening Mr. Bus Driver”. I would also note that our drivers do a great job of greeting and engaging the students as they enter or exit the bus. This may not seem like much but developing these “soft skills” such as how to appropriately engage with an adult go a long way in later life.

With that said, a couple of things that our riders can do a better job of and help protect them as they ride include . . .

#1. If sitting next to the aisle the student needs to keep their body out of the aisle. Many students want to lean out to talk to someone across or at an angle or behind them. If the driver has to go hard on the brakes the student has a greater chance of being injured. Bus seats are designed using what is called “compartmentalization” but it is only effective if the rider stays fully in the compartment.

#2. The student sitting next to the aisle not only needs to keep their body out of the aisle but also their book bag. The greatest blind spot for the driver is that area directly behind the bus and being able to see out that back door glass is crucial. It is nice to know when we have a car in that spot and it decides to pass us.

On behalf of the transportation department we want to wish you a very Merry Christmas.

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**AGS gets a GaGA Pit** - the Monday we came back from Thanksgiving break, the maintenance department was busy installing our new GaGa Pit for the kids on the playground. Once again, we want to thank all of our students who sold trash bags for the fundraiser and also all of the patrons who purchased from the kids. We couldn't have done this without the success of the fundraiser. So thank you!!



### November Service Project - Success!

In the spirit of honoring our military in November, the students at AGS teamed up with another local community to collect items to be sent to the USS Eisenhower, which is currently deployed. Due to the students generosity, we were able to ship 22 large boxes to the sailors in hopes that it will make their Christmas a little brighter. Thanks to all who made a donation.

