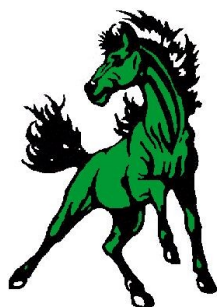


Colt Country News

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From the Principal

It is hard to believe that we are halfway through the first semester! I have been so excited to see how our students have embraced COLTS Family and all that it stands for. We are truly one family and the best family in town!!!

Listed below are some of the exciting things that have taken place at AHS over the last 12 weeks:

Over 600 students on the A and B Honor Roll
Band received straight 1's at competition
Choir, Orchestra, and Theatre put on great fall performances
Volleyball Playoffs
Football Playoffs
Over 1250 students participated in taking the PSAT
Over 500 students participated in taking the ACT
And too many more to list!!

As I review the accomplishments from the first semester I am reminded of how lucky we are at AHS. We have some of the finest students and some of the best educators around.

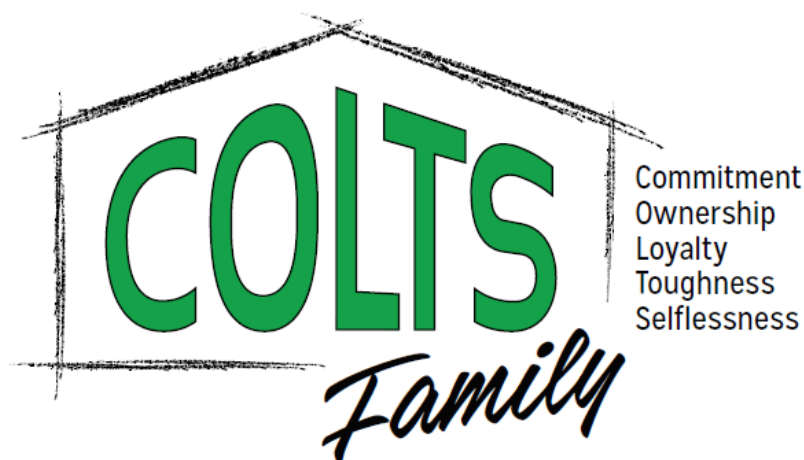
Thanks again for your continued support of Arlington High School.
If I can be of help, please let me know.

Kick 'em Colts!

Shahveer Dhalla
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From the PTA President

Hello everyone,

This already super busy school year is about to get busier with football playoffs, volleyball playoffs and the upcoming winter concert season. Are you ready? Well then, come on! Let's go!

We are now taking nominations for the PTA Honorary Life Membership Awards. Do you know someone who works tirelessly for our school or a community organization? Or a teacher who exemplifies the very best qualities by giving of themselves? What better way to honor those individuals than with this prestigious award. The deadline for nominations is Friday, November 22nd.

PTA recently hosted the fall Student Achievement Breakfast and recognized several students for demonstrating positive character, leadership and school spirit. This event would not be possible without PTA membership and the teachers and staff who take the time to nominate and recognize these deserving students. Kudos for an outstanding job in preparing and coordinating this event goes to our SAB chair, Lisa Cravens, and her helpers Leslie Buer and Jennifer Hoelscher.

Parents, if you have a senior or a junior here at AHS, I strongly encourage you to attend one of the upcoming MGM meetings. Chair Tara Brecht and many others are working tirelessly to plan a fun and festive MGM 2020, but they need your help. There's lots of fundraising, gathering of prizes, coordination of decorations and more to do. You can help tremendously by getting involved. The next MGM meeting will be on January 13th, at 7:45 p.m. in the Library. If you would like more information on MGM, join AHS Class of 2020 MGM on Facebook, or go to the AHS PTA website at arlingtonhspta.com.

For PTA scholarships, please remember that in order to be eligible seniors and at least one parent must be an AHS PTA member. Information on how to join PTA and become an approved volunteer is listed in this newsletter. As was mentioned at the beginning of this column, the next few weeks will be crazy busy. The deadline for the Texas PTA scholarship applications is November 15. Don't let the deadline sneak up on you as it'll be here before you know it.

The spring semester begins on January 7, 2020, and our first PTA meeting will be on January 13, at 7:00 p.m., in the Library, with MGM following at 7:45 p.m. We'll be announcing the recipients of our Honorary Life Membership Award at the January PTA meeting. For a complete list of important dates, see page 3 of this newsletter, or go to our PTA website. arlingtonhspta.com

Have a fantastic rest of 2019!

Sincerely,

Lori-Lea Cobb
AHS PTA President
arlingtonahspta@gmail.com

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<https://www.facebook.com/AHSPTA>

PTA Newsletter Deadlines

The AHS PTA newsletter is printed with information that is submitted by organizations and booster clubs. Go to arlingtonhspta.com for information and guidelines concerning what will be included in the newsletter and what format should be used to send your articles and pictures.

If you should have any questions please contact Lynne at thisolecat@sbcglobal.net. If you would like to be added to the contact list for deadline reminders, please send that information to Lynne as well.

PTA Newsletter deadline dates:

January 31, 2020 April 17th and June 5th (summer 2020 edition)



PTA and MGM 2019-2020 Meetings

December	NO PTA meeting NO MGM meeting		
January 13, 2020	PTA Executive/General meeting MGM meeting	6:30/7:00 p.m. 7:45 p.m.	Library Library
February 3	NO PTA meeting MGM meeting	6:30 p.m.	Library
March 2	PTA General meeting/Spring Open House MGM	6:00/6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Auditorium Library
April 6	PTA Executive meeting MGM meeting	6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Library Library
May 4	PTA Executive/General meeting MGM meeting	6:30/7:00 p.m. 7:45 p.m.	Library Library

Other Important Events

December 18-19	Fall Semester Exam Days		
January 16th	Colt Trail Drive (for incoming 9th graders)	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium
February 4	PTA Student Achievement Breakfast	6:00 a.m.	Library
March 2	Spring Open House/PTA meeting	PTA 6:00/OH 6:30 p.m.	Auditorium
April 7	PTA Student Achievement Breakfast	6:00 a.m.	Library
May 18	Senior Awards Night	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium
May 19	Graduation Rehearsal	4:30 p.m.	College Park Center at UTA
May 23	Prom	6:00 p.m.	Irving
May 23-24	Mardi Gras Madness (MGM) After Prom Party	Midnight	AHS
May 30	Graduation	1:30 p.m.	College Park Center at UTA

Student Holidays

November 25-29	Thanksgiving
December 20 - January 6	Christmas/Winter Break
January 20	MLK Holiday
February 17	Presidents Day
March 9-13	Spring Break
April 10	Good Friday Student Holiday
April 13	Student Holiday
May 25	Memorial Day

Inclement Weather Makeup Days: May 27-28

If no weather days are used, the students' last day will be May 26.

For the 2019-2020 AISD School Calendars, go to <https://www.aisd.net/district/about/calendars/>

For all Arlington High School Information and the latest news, go to [aisd.net/ahs](https://www.aisd.net/ahs) to the Colt website!!



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go to twitter.com/arlingtonhs



AHS PTA Scholarships

Attention Seniors and Parents of Seniors!!

To be eligible for a PTA scholarship this year the **senior student and a parent** MUST be a member of the Arlington High School PTA. You may join the AHS PTA at registration. You can use the membership form in this newsletter and bring it with you, or you can mail it along with your payment to the PO Box on the form. The dues are \$10.00 per person. Please don't wait until March when the scholarship applications are due to take care of this very important detail.

Texas PTA awarding \$1000 Scholarships

Texas PTA offers \$1000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors in Texas who will be enrolled full-time in an accredited college or university or a technical institute in the summer or fall semester immediately following the applicant's high school graduation.

The application is available online now and is **due by November 15th.** A requirement is that the student and one parent must be a member of the AHS PTA.

You may join the pta online on arlingtonhspta.com, or use the membership form in this newsletter.

To find the scholarship application, go to www.txpta.org/scholarships

AHS PTA Website

arlingtonhspta.com

The PTA website contains loads of current information including the PTA Membership form, MGM 2020, PTA newsletters, senior scholarship information, links to AISD, AISD Council of PTAs, Texas PTA and National PTA, current AHS school information and much, much more!

Visit this site often to stay informed!!!

Volunteer Information

AISD requires that you must be an approved volunteer before you can volunteer in any capacity at school. This includes volunteering for PTA, MGM, booster clubs, etc. **All volunteers may begin the application process today.** You may go online to www.aisd.net to complete the volunteer form. ***The application is easy and takes less than 5 minutes, but the approval takes awhile, so take care of this early!***

Please note that **a clear copy of your drivers license** is a part of the application process. Go to aisd.net/community/volunteer and get started on this process today!



AHS PTA Membership Form

2019 / 2020 AHS PTA Membership Form

Senior Students MUST be a member to be eligible for PTA Scholarships.

Parents of Seniors MUST be a member to work Mardi Gras Madness.

Texas PTA members are entitled to special discounts from the following businesses:



Main Member Name

Cell Phone Number

Email

(Email needed especially for parents of senior students)

Name Joining PTA	Check One		Check One			Student-Grade
	Regular	If Awarded Texas Life Membership	Parent	Student	Teacher/Faculty	

Total Regular Members

x \$10.00 =

Total Life Members

x \$ 7.75 =

Donations to Scholarship Fund

(Tax deductible donation/Scholarships given to graduating seniors.)

(donation amount)

Total

Payment

Mall checks payable to AHS PTA and mail to

P.O. Box 13066 , Arlington, TX 76094

To be completed by PTA:

Joined by/date: _____ Check # _____ Cash _____ Credit Card _____



Student Achievement

Three times a year the PTA hosts the Student Achievement Breakfast. This breakfast is where students, who are nominated by their teachers, are recognized for possessing such traits as responsibility, leadership, and school spirit. Congratulations to the students recognized at the breakfast on November 5th.

Student Recognized: Hardey Arteaga, Richard Avila, Nathan Charles, Makayla Cormier, Jennifer Flores, Samantha Gallego, Justice Jackson, Bryson Johnson, Russell Laniyan, Carmen Lindquist, Bo McAlpin, Emma Nelson, Tessa Phong-Vichith, Martha Rico-Serna, Sarah Sims, Demetrius Washington, Kerinton Willis, and Kenia Zapata

Congratulations, Colts!!





Mardi Gras Madness (MGM) 2020 - After Prom Party

Calling all Senior Parents ~ Class of 2020

Help is needed to raise funds for the After Prom Party. Please attend the next meeting and share your ideas!

There are three things you must do to be a part of MGM:

1. Join PTA
2. Become an approved volunteer
3. Attend meetings and serve on a committee

To find more information, check the MGM facebook page and the PTA Website

MGM 2020 facebook page can be found at AHS MGM 2020
Arlington HS PTA website: Arlingtonhspta.com/mardi-gras-madness

Check both places often!

Upcoming Events:

November 15 - Spirit Day at Pasta Masta 11:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m. Mention AHS MGM when paying
December 4th - Quarter Auction - see flyer on the next page of this newsletter
December 12th - Spirit Night at J. Gilligans - more information to follow

Watch for the Lincoln Driven to Give event to be rescheduled very soon!

Spread the word to family and friends!

Boon Supply (formerly Mixed Bag) Online Fundraiser - Bags, Totes, Tech items, gifts, etc.

go to www.boonsupply.com/collections/604771-arlington-high-school-pta

The fundraiser ID is 47303. You can shop the whole catalog. Shop 10/7-12/15

Lynch Creek Farms Beautiful wreaths and table décor for Fall and the Holidays

go to www.lynchcreekfundraising.com/c/207731. Shop from 10/1- 12/15

MGM Questions? Contact Tara Brecht ahsptamgm@gmail.com

The next MGM 2020 meeting is on Monday, January 13th,
at 7:45 p.m., in the library.

Bring \$10.00 to join the PTA.

Plan to attend and find out what you can do to help!

See you there!





Come
Support



Grand Prairie Quarter Auction
Event Starts at 7pm
Doors open at 6:30pm

WHEN Wednesday | December 4th

WHERE Ruthe Jackson Center
3113 S Carrier PKWY
Grand Prairie TX 75052

**SHOP 20
VENDORS!**

**BID ON ITEMS
USING 1-4 QUARTERS.
WIN PRIZES!**

HOW IT WORKS:

- *Buy \$2 paddles to bid**
- *Use quarters to bid on auction items (Bring Quarters)**
- *Money goes back to supporting AHS MGM after prom party**

EVENT CONTACT: Tara Brecht 817-300-7885



PTA Honorary Life Membership Nomination

Nominate someone for this prestigious award from the PTA! You may use this form below or go to the link to nominate a deserving person! The person does not have to be a member of the PTA.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/12u5Tr1ZYt0BHkxZd_DfDqpk13TGCxphDsO_jWvNiBYk/edit

AHS PTA

Texas PTA Honorary Life Membership Nomination

2019-2020

The Texas PTA Life Membership is one of the highest honors that PTA presents to individuals for outstanding service to children and youth.

Each year Arlington High PTA receives nominations for Life Membership candidates. In order to be considered, the individual is making or has made a significant contribution to the well-being of the youth at our school and/or in our community.

Do you know someone? This person could be a fellow teacher or a member of the AHS staff. Perhaps there is a parent you know that often volunteers in school, or always helps with school or booster club activities.

There are many among us at AHS who are deserving of this award. Please help to honor and thank these individuals for their contributions by taking a moment to nominate them as one of this year's Texas PTA Life Membership recipients!

I would like to nominate _____
for a Texas PTA Honorary Life Membership because _____

(if you need additional space please use the back of this form)

Signature _____

All nominations *MUST* be received by Friday, November 22nd

You may turn your nominations in to the PTA mailbox in the AHS mailroom **by Noon**
on **November 22nd** or you may mail them to be received by November 22nd to the PTA
AHS PTA, PO Box 13066, Arlington, TX 76094

For more information, please contact Vanessa Maynard at arlingtonahspta@gmail.com

Previous Life Membership Honorees awarded at AHS: Jennifer Young, Linda Keefer, Brenda Gilmore, OJ Kemp, Allen Van Zandt, Dinah Menger, Susan West, Suzanne Bunte, Dan Hawbaker, Ginger and Trey Polster, John Meier, Jeff Provence, Donna Sloan, Lynn Darst, Mark Patton, Jamie Cisneros, Rodney Copenhaver, Toby Jones, Chong Avila, Barry Cohen, Sharon Love, Lori Berney, Michelle Barlen, Norbert Heinemann, Renee Stanley, Steve Hamm, Diane Reiling, Mary Tom Curnutt, Linda Williams, Mary Ann Jenkins, Jason Davis, Jason Stevens, Jennifer Nguyen, Greg Gray, Aaron Hanysak, Troy Collins, Allen Avrett, Terrie Bjorklund, Tracy Winkles, among others.

Extended Service Awardees: James Adams, Peggy Thompson, Kim Hays, Colleen Lautensack, Darla Peznell, Tara Brecht

National PTA Life Achievement Awardee: Jolanda Hendricks



Counselor's Corner

We will start Dual Credit enrollment in January for next summer and the next school year! For Academic Dual Credit (U.S. History, English 4, Government, Economics, Psychology and Sociology) students must have a 7.0 GPA on our 12 point scale and must be at least a sophomore (going to enter their junior or senior year). The testing components for eligibility for academic dual credit classes are the Pre-Assessment Activity (PAA) and the TSI (Texas Success Initiative). The student will be required to attend one of the PAAs after school in the cafeteria January 29th and 30th. TSI test dates are 2/20, 3/5, and 3/26 in E hall computer labs. Only students who complete the PAA will be allowed in the testing room. Interested students should apply to TCC NOW! www.tccd.edu/apply (click on Dual Credit student)

Seniors - there are many dates available coming up to take the TSI. If you have not taken the TSI please scan the QR code found throughout the hallways to register for the pre-assessment activity (PAA). The go center will then contact you to help you complete the registration process. If you have not passed a particular section please see your counselor.

Parents - we had a very successful Red Ribbon Week campaign at AHS this October! Information on our activities can be found on our counseling webpage, and we want everyone to pay close attention to information we have on the various kinds of vaping and the dangers (and consequences) this can carry. Check the AHS counseling page for a link to more information.

Workforce Dual Credit and CTE Special Programs are available as well. Most of the programs need a 4.0/12.0 and you must be at least a sophomore. All CTE Special Programs & Workforce Dual Credit will use an online application. Check the aisd.net student page for the online application (www.aisd.net/students/). All applications must be submitted by January 31st, 2018

Colt Trail Drive will be Thursday, January 16th from 7-8 pm. This event is for AHS's Class of 2024. If you are interested in learning about the different electives that are available and be able to talk to teachers/coaches before your 8th grade student has to make those decisions in their CTHEI class, join us in the Auditorium at AHS.

We will begin the registration process for sophomores and juniors for 2019-2020 classes starting in January of 2020. We will be using Career Cruising again this year. Students and parents are encouraged to review information at careercruising.com (username: ID# and password: 1st five letters of your last name plus your ID#) The program will be fully updated prior to the second semester. You can get to Career Cruising through the student page at aisd.net. Watch for more detailed information regarding our computer registration on the AHS Counselor website.

We are finishing up our 9th grade Personal Graduation Plan in November/December and want to thank all of our freshmen/freshmen parents for meeting with us!

All students - Remember that the semester ends before the holidays and good attendance up until December 19th is extremely important.

Seniors, remember to get your college applications in and review the Scholarship Bulletins available each month on our website, aisd.net/Arlington (Counselors-Counseling Information), in the Main Counseling Office, and in A103.

Follow us for important information and deadlines on 'AHS Counseling Department' Facebook page and on twitter @counselingcolts and @arlingtonhigh.



AHS Publications

2020 Yearbooks!!

Still only \$55 but the price will increase on December 20.

Order online at www.yearbookordercenter.com, #10016.

Order on campus with a credit card by calling the bookkeeper at 682-867-8100.

Order in B202 with cash or check made payable to “AHS Publications”.

Flexible payment plans are available on campus only. Call 682-867-6496, email emiller5@aisd.net, or stop by B202 and we'll talk, we want everyone to get their yearbook.

Senior Yearbook Ads

Parents, don't miss the opportunity to put a senior ad in the yearbook for your baby.

Order and design your ad online at www.yearbookordercenter.com, school code 10016 or email emiller5@aisd.net for an order form and we'll design it for you.

Deadline for senior yearbook ads is January 31, 2020.

www.coltnews.com --- @AHSStuMedia
www.facebook.com/coltyearbook --- www.facebook.com/ahsnewspaper



AHS Organizations and Booster Clubs

AHS Orchestra

Thank you so much to all the wonderful parents, family and friends who volunteered at the Fort Worth Alliance Air Show on October 19-20. Your time and help is so very much appreciated!! See you at the Colonial in May!!

The Orchestra officers planned and hosted the annual Halloween Masquerade party on 10/25. Students decorated pumpkins, played games, had an escape room, ate lots of snacks and had a ghostly time!

Congratulations to the orchestra students who auditioned for and made the All- Region orchestras! The All-Region event will take place on January 24-25.

Students making Full Orchestra:

Megan K. (violin)	Rachel P. (viola)
JD A. (cello)	Kayla N. (cello)
David L. (cello)	Brett H. (bass)

Students making String Orchestra:

Jason S. (viola)	Stasia V. (cello)
Dilynn D. (viola)-1 st Alternate	

The Orchestra will continue their tradition of the Holiday Bash on December 6th at the MAC. Students will be assigned by grade level the food they are to bring. It will be a great feast with lots of fun, games, and gingerbread house decorating contest! Please come and enjoy this favorite event!

Upcoming events:

December 6	Holiday Bash	6:00-9:00 p.m.	MAC
December 11	Winter Concert	7:00p.m.	AHS
December 13	Senior Christmas Party	5:00 p.m.	AHS Orchestra Hall
January 24-25	Region Clinic/Concert		IM Terrell Academy
February 7	Movie Night	5:30-7:00 p.m.	Orchestra Hall
February 19	Pre-UIL	6:00 p.m.	AHS
February 20	Booster Club Meeting	6:30 p.m.	Auditorium
	Trip Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium
February 22	AHS Cluster Concert		
February 25-27	UIL	Time TBD	IM Terrell Academy
March 6-10	Orchestra Trip to New York City		
April 4	Solo and Ensemble	Various times	AHS

For a complete listing of all events, dates and times for the year, and for details concerning all the orchestra events, please go to ahsorchestra.com and click on calendar.

Attention parents: Donations of candy is needed for the Holiday Bash! Halloween candy is on sale!! Please send candy to the orchestra hall before December 6th. Thanks!!





AHS Band

The band is finishing up a great marching season! The results for the 2019 marching season competitions are:

- 7th in the HEB drumline competition
- 3rd in the North Texas Drumline competition
- 11th in Mansfield Preview of Champions
- Tied for 3rd in Springtown Marching Festival (4th place after the tie-breaker)
- 3rd place standstill drumline at Springtown Marching Festival
- 9th place color guard in standstill competition at Springtown Marching Festival
- 7th place on the field color guard at Springtown Marching Festival
- Sweepstakes at UIL Marching Competition

FUNDRAISERS

The band will be hosting its first annual Colt Band 5k Fun Run on February 15, 2020! For more info and to register for the event, please visit www.colt5k.com

UPCOMING BAND EVENTS

November 18th - All City Band Auditions

December 10th - Christmas Concert

For times of the competitions or to get more information about what's happening with the band, visit and like our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ahsbbc/>



Dean Corey Marching Extravaganza



Senior Night



Choir

The Fall Concert was a treat to attend as the many choirs showed off their hard work and talent. Beautiful music was enjoyed by all who attended.

Many choir students auditioned and will be participating in Honor Choir, District Choir and All-Region Choir concerts. Congratulations Colts! Ten students advanced to pre-Area and will be competing for a spot to audition for the All-State Choir in November. We wish them all luck!!

The holidays are quickly approaching and you will hear copious amounts of music ringing from the choir room as the students prepare for the biggest event of the season,
RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL.

Please join the choir department on **December 13th -14th** as the AHS Cafeteria is turned into an enchanted medieval event. Delicious food will be served along with a program to be overseen by the King and Queen of the court. Watch out for the jester, he is sure to amuse and entertain! **Tickets are \$25** and order forms can be found on the next page or at coltchoirbooster@gmail.com.



December 13th and 14th
Renaissance Festival



The Arlington High School Choral Department

Proudly Presents

The Renaissance Festival

December 13th and 14th 2019

6:30pm



Calling all Lords, Ladies, Family, and Friends!

Join one, join all for our festival of music and feast.

Tickets: \$25 general admission

Lord and Lady Seating (VIP) ticket: \$30

VIP Reserved Table \$200 (seats 8)

*Silent Auction ***** Dinner***** Choir Concert*

Names in Party	Email Address	Phone Number	Friday 12/13	Saturday 12/14

Please return form with payment to the Choir Room. Forms are due NO LATER than Wednesday Dec 4th.

THERE IS NO ADMISSION WITHOUT A TICKET

Tickets, menu, volunteer opportunities, or general questions: please contact Dee Woodhull—text or voice (817)225-5109 or

coltchoirbooster@gmail.com



COLT TENNIS BOOSTER CLUB

Important Upcoming Dates:

November 10th - Fleece Blanket Project / \$15.00

Make & Take Fleece Blanket (bring your own scissors)

November 18th – Booster Meeting /

In the MAC Team room

Do you need **AHS COLT** Spirit items?

Check out our merchandise at www.coltstennisbooster.net

and follow us on



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/coltstennis/>



Swimming



Happy Holidays



from the Colts Swim Team

Top: Coach Dangelmaier, **Harrison M.**(10), **Owen N.**(9), **Caleb M.**(11), **Ethan C.**(10),
Samuel S.(10), **Emma S.**(9), **Carlos M.**(12)

Middle: **Allen C.**(10), **Logan C.**(12), **Mitchell M.**(9), **Jonathan V.** (10), **Michael V.**(9),
Natalia A.(11), **Jaelynn S.**(11)

Bottom: **Meya D.**(10), **Gabriela G.**(9), **Katia C.**(12), **Maddie Z.**(11), **Avalon W.** (10),
Journee C.(11)

Friday-Saturday, Nov. 15-16 TISCA

This meet swimmers must meet a time standard to participate.

* Coach will provide the holiday's schedule.

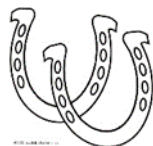
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Instagram coltswim



Boys Soccer



AHS Boys Soccer would like to thank all who participated in our mattress fundraiser. It was neat to see the cafeteria transformed into a mattress store!

Additionally, big thanks to those who purchased cookie dough.

Soccer tryouts will begin on **December 2, 2019**. Times are to be determined.

We will look forward to kicking off the soccer season in December!

Go Colts!

Volleyball



Congratulations to the Lady Colts Varsity Volleyball team — Bi-District Champions!!!

Head out to Abilene Cooper High School on Friday night to watch the Lady Colts fight for the Area Round of the playoffs! AHS vs Midland. The game is at 6:30 p.m.

