



ACHS Rune



A rune is a letter in a alphabet known as runic alphabets native to the Germanic peoples. Runes were used to write various languages, including Elder Futhark seen above.

This writing system was used by the Vikings. In recognition of this, we call our new ACHS newsletter *The Rune*.

Mr. Grimes began his education career as a substitute at ACHS in the spring of 2002 while attending Penn State. He would eventually become a health and physical education teacher at the high after spending two years at ACIT.

During his teaching tenure, he coached softball and football. Mr. Grimes's coaching highlights include taking the softball teams to ESPN/Disney's Wide World of Sports in Orlando, FL, and attending the Cal Ripken Experience Softball Tournament in Myrtle Beach, SC. After his son Jace was born, Mr. Grimes's priorities shifted and he began his educational leadership journey at Rowan University. Since this school district was an inclusive, exciting, and fulfilling place to be a leader, he chose to work beyond the classroom by becoming an administrator.

These past years as vice principal have given him tremendous mentors and cherished memories and as the new principal of Brighton Avenue, his focus will be on maintaining and sustaining a healthy and safe learning environment that is infused with technology. Mr. Grimes is excited to meet and collaborate with parents, guardians, and community members.

Mr. Grimes will miss the camaraderie, friendships with the staff and students, and check-ins with the custodians and security, some of the funniest and friendliest people he has ever met.

He'll remember his departments: World Languages, Social Studies, Health and Physical Education, and Math and the many other programs such as Swipe, SEL, and School Leadership.

Mr. Grimes thanks his fellow administrators: Ms. Sickler, Dr. Alexander, and Mr. McGee. He greatly appreciates Mrs. Chapman for all she has done, but most of all he will miss Ms. Marba Davis who has supported him every day over the past seven years.



Congratulations Mr. Jason Grimes NEW Principal of Brighton Avenue School



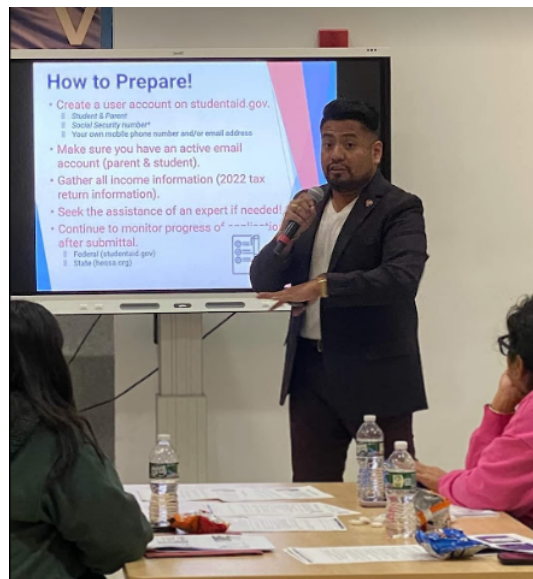


Congratulations to **Senior Junyu Chang** who was selected to represent AC High at the 10th Annual Atlantic Cape Honor Band Concert Performance held December 3rd at Buena Regional High School.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Students from Ms. Ji's Service Learning Class held a toy drive that will benefit underprivileged kids in the community. This follows the food drive that they sponsored in November.



ACHS College Night was an opportunity for students and parents to navigate the college search, application and financial aid process with guidance counselors.

Along with our staff, representatives from ACCC and Stockton University were present. They answered questions from students and parents on preparing for and navigating college.



SCHOOL CLUB NEWS

Alice Cash Literature Club

read *Cinderella Is Dead* by Kalyynn Bayron. The club made a video promoting the book and got a shout out from the author herself!



Future Educators Club

met with Ms. Off for a Q & A about her personal experiences teaching-

I went to The College of William and Mary for a BS in Mathematics and the University of Central Florida for a MS in Engineering Management and finally Villanova University for a JD ("Juris Doctor"- aka law school)

I enjoy educating children. They keep us all young, on our toes and most importantly give us hope for the future.

Everyday is different and I laugh at least once a day, but seeing the light bulb go on in a student's head is always rewarding.



Academic Challenge Club

Attended the Long Island Quiz Bowl on December 16th in Livingston, NJ. Its is a National Tournament where clubs from NJ, NY and PA were represented. Over 65 teams competed, making it the largest LIQB yet!



Robotics/STEM Club

attended a Robotics Meet at Clearview HS in Mullica Hill, NJ on December 16th. Two teams competed - The Vikes and The Valks. The Vikes are still ranking to qualify for participation in the Deep South Conference League Tournament. In attendance was Maxwell Duerr, Devin Huynh, Xiaoyu Fang, Tim Tran, Ayaan Siddik, Saif Naser, Md Rahaman, Adip Tashfi, Ishtiak Hossain and Ishrak Hasan



ATHLETICS

Boy's Cross Country



held their End of the Year Banquet to celebrate a successful season with Coach Mike Pelosi.

Congratulations to the following athletes:

- MVP- *Muhammad Khan '25*
- Most Improved- *Josh Weinstock '26*
- Most Improved- *Brian Scott '26*
- Coaches Award- *Hunter Zuba*
- Coaches Award- *John Tran '25*
- Spirit Award- *Ryan Gao '25*
- 4 Year Varsity Letter- *William Harris '24*



The ACHS Football team held their end of year banquet on December 12th at the Boathouse. Coaches Keenan Wright and Buddy Mancuso celebrated the Vikings successes.



MVP

Sah'nye Degraffenreidt

Offensive Player of the Year

Joe Lyons III

Defensive Player of the Year

Raul Cabrera

Special Teams Player

Raul Cabrera



Atlantic City High School's **Girl's Flag Football Team** led by **Coach Dominique Shannon** competed in their first Regional Flag Football tournament. Players include Imani Dockins, Michya Dato, myself, Magdalena Stewart, Jasira Malloy.



Winter Coaches Directory

Boys' Basketball

Head Coach:
Wayne Neslon

Girls' Basketball

Head Coach:
Jason Lantz



Wrestling

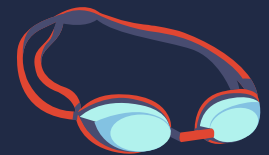
Head Coach:
Al Hagofsky
Asst. Coach:
Jonathan Lelli
Asst. Coach:
Alex Grassi

Boys' Swimming

Head Coach:
Kristopher Ciuro

Girls' Swimming

Head Coach:
Sean Duffy
Asst. Coach:
Lauren Johnson



Indoor Track

Head Coach:
Roy Wesley, Jr.



Cheerleading

Head Coach:
Elizabeth Barnes





TEACHER of the year Frank Manzo

I've been a science teacher for 32 years at ACHS.

I received a BA in Biology from Mount Saint Mary's University and a MA in Instructional Technology from Richard Stockton University.

I've coached Boys and Girls tennis and advised Gifted and Talented club.

I love the diversity of ACHS and working with some amazing students and faculty!



STAFF SUPPORT PERSON OF THE YEAR

Deb Tormey

I've been at ACHS for 19 years with 25 years in education.

I received a BA from William Paterson University and a MA from Wilmington University.

I've advised the Class of 2012 and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

I love my colleagues- I am fortunate to work alongside such dedicated and talented individuals and our students- It brings me joy to work with our students as they learn, grow, and achieve their goals.



Parent Teacher Conferences-*Half Days for Students* 4th-6th
Choir Winter Concert- 8th
District Holiday Party- *PD Half Day Students* 15th
ACHS Holiday Party- 19th
Winter Recess- Half Day 22nd- Return Jan 2nd