



February 27, 2019

Dear Seniors & Their Parents:

As we head into the final quarter of the year, expect a *busy* schedule, including a one-day trip to Las Cruces on April 11 and a longer New Mexico History/Grand Canyon trip slated for April 22-28. Then come the monumental celebrations awaiting us at the end of the semester, the Senior Banquet (May 9) and the Big Blowout itself, ALCS Commencement, slated for Sunday, May 19.

In order to keep the price of our Senior Trip affordable, all while creating a memorable journey to key historical sites in our state as well as to one of the most iconic Southwestern landscapes, we are combining what amounted to two trips *last* year into a single week-long trip this year. We will publish a finalized Senior Trip itinerary after Spring Break, but for now count on us camping at two locations: Coronado Campground, adjacent to the Coronado State Monument in Bernalillo (April 22-25), and at Mathers Campground in Grand Canyon National Park (April 25-28). Students have some say in the sites we will visit, but preliminarily, I have planned day trips to Santa Fe, Taos, and Los Alamos, along with stops at Canyon de Chelly on the way to the Grand Canyon. So far, my tally of miles exceeds 1500!

Given the vagaries of spring weather, students should dress in layers for this trip, as is our custom here in the arid, unpredictable Southwest. In order to keep these trips affordable, we will be “car camping” for six nights, sleeping in tents and cooking dinner and breakfast over an open fire and packing lunches each day. If students do not own tents, sleeping bags, or sleeping pads, the school loans such gear to students.

Thank you for your continued support of your child’s education. We will schedule an informational meeting for students and parents after Spring Break, but if you can’t make that meeting, feel free to call me with questions or concerns at 575.538.2547, or e-mail me at jmcintosh@aldocs.org.

Sincerely,

Jim McIntosh
ALCS Senior Class Advisor

Please sign the following permission slip:

I grant my child permission to participate in the Senior Class Trip. We will depart at 7:00 AM on Monday, April 22, and will return at approximately 7:00 PM Sunday evening, April 28.

Name of student: _____

Signature of parent: _____

Enclosed is a check made out to ALCS for \$90, which will cover the “bare bones” of the trip (meals, primarily). Note: If a student qualifies for free and reduced lunches, the “bare bones” fee for the trip is only \$45.

Enclosed is a check made out to ALCS for up to \$300, which we consider a “full freight” price, covering additional expenses like admission fees, equipment rental, and transportation costs. ALCS operates a sliding scale for trip payments, wherein families can pay between the “bare bones” and the “full freight”

options as circumstances allow. Our goal, as you know, is to make *all* of our trips affordable for *all* of our students.