



Every year the Altoona School District raises funds to help families in need during the holiday season.

The high school student council raised \$2085.78 this year for "A Time to Share." They raised \$915 in penny wars, \$246 in passing buckets at both boys and girls basketball games and in combination with the donation of ticket sales from those two games another \$1094 was collected.

From other donations and collections over \$9000 was raised to help families.

Members of AHS student council went shopping for 129 kids and then packed boxes with wrapping paper and bows.

In total, with people and businesses sponsoring kids, the school district helped 193 students this year. Families picked up their gift boxes, and stocked up with hygiene, food and clothes at the food pantry and Care Closet last week!

Thank you for all your support!

## School-based food pantry gets generous donation



Our school food pantry was selected as the recipient of a free pallet of food from the "60 Ways in 60 Days" campaign by WWIB Radio.

We were one of only a few pantries - and the only school program selected.

Feed My People Food Bank chose us because of our commitment to growing our

program this year and for finding innovative ways to serve our students and families. Specifically, they loved how we hosted pop-up pantries when families came to pick up their Time to Share packages last week, and how we delivered Thanksgiving meals to families.

A huge shout out to Ms. Jen Robertson and her students for their work making this program a success!

If you are interested in receiving food from the food pantry please feel free to contact a school counselor or fill out the form in this newsletter drop it off at the high school with a counselor.



The high school office will be closed

December 24 - January 1



# THE RED ZONE



HOME OF THE RAILROADERS



\$35

Sport Tek Colorblock Jacket (\$35)  
*Limited Quantities*



\$15

Adidas White T-Shirt (\$15)  
Other T-shirts and styles available

The Red Zone, the official store of the School District of Altoona, has everything you need to look good and is also a great way to show your school spirit. Some of the items carried include: hats, mittens, hoodies, crewnecks, T-shirts, ¼ zip pullovers, and baseball hats. Located at Altoona High School and open daily.

Contact Mr. Fruit, the school store advisor, with questions: [kfruit@altoona.k12.wi.us](mailto:kfruit@altoona.k12.wi.us) or 715-839-6031 ext. 419



\$10

Black Stocking Hat (\$10)  
(also available in Red!)



\$40

Embroidered full-zip Fleece(\$40)



\$30

Embroidered polo (\$30)

## RAILROADER INDUSTRIES

PRODUCT LINE 2018/19



**ALL CUSTOMIZABLE!**



\$15



\$3



\$12



\$3

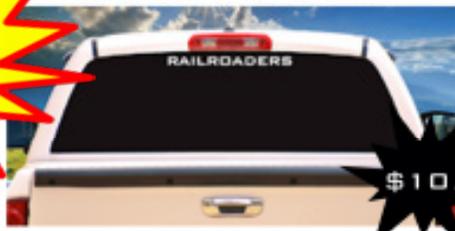


\$4



\$8

**NON-CUSTOMIZABLE**



\$10



Stop in to see all the items you can customize. Perfect for gifts!

TO PURCHASE ONE OF THE ITEMS YOU SEE HERE, PLEASE VISIT THE RED ZONE TO PICK UP AN ORDER FORM!

The Red Zone is run by students in the high school marketing classes. Profits from the sale of these items are returned to the program. Thank you for supporting our Railroaders!



**2 Breakfasts,  
2 Lunches,  
2 Dinners &  
Snacks**



**Weekend Food Pantry 7-12**

**Who is eligible to sign-up?** Families who are facing financial difficulties and need some extra assistance.

**How does this program work?** Every Friday, meals will be available for the students to pick up in the counseling offices

Junction students plan deliveries to ensure meals are kid friendly. They also take delivery, stock shelves, and package and deliver meals to school counselors who then distribute the meals.

**THIS THANKSGIVING, WE WERE ABLE TO PROVIDE ALTOONA STUDENTS WITH:**

- 325 LBS OF FOOD
- CROCKPOTS
- CAN OPENERS

**All families receive a:**



- Crockpot
- Can opener
- Recipe book!

Organized by AHS Junction

Sponsored by:  
**Feed a Child Nure You  
Feed My People Food Bank**

**How do I sign my child(ren)up ?** Please fill out this form and send it to your child's school counselor

**Weekend Food Pantry**

Child's Name

Grade/Age

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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Parent/Guardian Name:

Signature:

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Questions about the program? You can contact your student's counselor or Ms. Jen Robertson, Altoona Alternative Learning Center Program Coordinator.



Join us  
**JANUARY 26TH**  
 FOR LOCOPALOOZA 2019!

Don't miss the annual Locopalooza Show Choir event on January 26th at Altoona High School!

The show choir is also looking to get in touch with all the Locomotion alumni out there! This year marks Locopalooza's 20th Anniversary. We're trying to put together a Locomotion alumni show choir to perform at this year's event.

If you or someone you know might be interested, please fill out the short survey at the following link: <https://goo.gl/forms/E2EmDvvF47g3Mkdf1>

Questions can be directed to Mr. Ranek at [jranek@altoona.k12.wi.us](mailto:jranek@altoona.k12.wi.us) or calling 715-839-6031 ext. 451



The annual winter music concert was performed to a packed auditorium. Selections were performed by concert and chamber choir, as well as concert and jazz bands. There was also the annual sing-a-long (right) to finish the evening where spectators joined the choir.



Congratulations go to Justin Ranek, AHS choral teacher, for successfully completing a grant application for new show choir risers. His request was approved for grant funding of \$3,000 from the Green Bay Packers Foundation.



**School Closing and Delay Information will be available to the community and staff through:**

RADIO/TV Announcements called in by 5:45 a.m. \*\*  
 FACEBOOK, Twitter and WEBSITE Announcements by 5:45 a.m. \*\*

<https://www.facebook.com/altoonaschooldistrict>  
<https://twitter.com/AltoonaSD>  
<https://www.altoona.k12.wi.us/>

SKYLERT (School Messenger) System will call your phone by 6:15 a.m.\*\*

\*\* Notification times may vary depending on weather-related or other circumstances.



# Yearbook It!

It's the biggest story of the year.

## And you're in it.

Buy your yearbook @ [jostensyearbooks.com](http://jostensyearbooks.com)

The AHS Academic Decathlon team had their 1st competition on November 13. They took 1st place in our CESA, 4th in our Division, and 26th in the State!

They advanced to Regionals and begin competition on December 12 with Impromptu Essay Writing. The Regional competition ends on January 11 with the rest of the categories.

### AHS Academic Decathlon - November 13

- Sydney Kramer - 3rd place Honors, 3rd place Economics, 1st place Music
- Logan Komro - 1st place Varsity
- Rebecca Anderson - 2nd place Varsity, 2nd place Art
- Jack Ives - 1st place Math
- Alison Hotvedt - 2nd place Math
- Abigail Nauertz - 2nd place Music
- Brennan Kaldor - 2nd place Social Science



# BE HERE GET THERE



Every day in school matters.

A high attendance rate is crucial for students to be successful in school. Students and parents must both understand that low attendance rates can have a negative impact on grades and overall learning, as well as future work ethics.

Staying home from school may cause a student to fall behind in class and miss important lessons or tests. It is important for parents to know when it is appropriate to take a child out of school and *if a student needs to attend an appointment during school hours, a note from that office needs to be turned into the Attendance Office upon returning to school.*

**Students and parents are reminded that they have a maximum of 10 school days that can be missed during the school year for personal illness, family activities and vacations. Any days beyond that can result in truancy citations.**



The Altoona Fab Lab hosted their first Community Night on November 29. Participants were able to use the equipment in the Fab Lab to create a laser-engraved photo keepsake and learn more about the other equipment found in the Fab Lab from various staff members who were there to assist.



January  
22-23  
Finals

January  
24  
Finals Make-up

January  
25  
No School





The school is collecting eco friendly bags for the new Care Closet. Bags can be dropped off in the high school office.



## There's an app for that



Get the "Activity Scheduler" App at your App Store. Search under rSchool. This mobile calendar allows you instant access to your school's Calendar, Schedules & Rosters!



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### Senior Tim Campbell (left)

"Tim Campbell - Tim is a hard worker and deep thinker. He often has an insightful observation or alternative perspective to offer to the class. His willingness to contribute and discuss is advantageous to the class."



### Junior Shannon Hammond (below)

"Shannon is a pleasure to have in class. She goes with the flow and always does her best. She is a fabulous writer and a ideal student. She has a quiet presence that is a complete joy to have in class. Shannon is a really hard worker whose test scores are consistently among the highest in AP Psych. She has a good sense of humor and is always smiling."



### Sophomore Leah Olsen (above)

"Leah has been challenging herself with advanced classes and has been exceeding expectations. She is very inquisitive and is able to make strong connections. Leah completes all of her work and works for the entire hour; she does not get distracted. Leah is punctual and responsible for any tasks that she needs to complete. She is also active with community service and helping others. Keep up the great work, Leah!"



### Freshmen Bernadette Rechek (left)

"Bernadette is a pleasure to have in class. She is very on top of her work and shows tremendous amounts of initiative. Bernadette works hard for the entire hour and is willing to show others how to complete the tasks given. She is kind and courteous when speaking to others. Bernadette is trustworthy and completes any task given to her without complaint."

