

ARHS BOARDING PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2017



Family & Friends of the Boarding Program,

October flew by with our many activities and events. After the first quarter came to an end, we were very impressed with students' progress! During October, students celebrated Halloween on ARHS campus, ran the Color Run 5k, volunteered at the Little Sisters of the Poor, surfed in Pacifica, played badminton, sang karaoke, Escaped the Room with Mercy High School international students, played board games in the dorm, dined at sushi restaurants, tried their luck at Dave & Busters and ventured around Japantown. As always, thank you for your love and support for the students in the boarding program.

-The ARHS Boarding Program Team

Important Dates to Remember

Thanksgiving Break: Dorm Close 11/21 @5PM Dorm Open 11/26 @12PM
 Christmas Break: Dorm Close 12/19 @5PM Dorm Open 1/7 @12PM

Please provide all student travel information to mgrady@riordanhhs.org



Boarding's Best October 2017



ACTIVITIES
Matthew Ma



COMMUNITY
Jordan Noeuku



ACADEMICS
Leo Lei

Boarding Students on Student Parliament

5 Boarding Students are currently a part of the student parliament at ARHS. Of the boarding students we have 3 countries represented: Cameroon, China and Vietnam. Senior Divisional Captain: Leo Lei, Junior Divisional Captain: Jerry Li, Sophomore Divisional Captain: Fred Chen Freshmen Divisional Captain: Jordan Noeuku Prom Chair: Khang Tu

All of the divisional captains now play an essential role among the students at ARHS. They serve as a liaison between ARHS and the boarding program. Students meet once a week with the rest of the student parliament to plan, discuss future activities at ARHS and obtain information with the rest of the boarding students. We sat down with our boarding representatives on student parliament to discuss their experience thus far.

How does it feel to be a part of Student Parliament?

JERRY LI: I feel honored to be a part of it. We are playing an important role in the student government and the dorm. As the Junior Divisional Captain, I represent the dorm and the international students. I think it's important to connect the international students and the school. We don't want the student body and the boarding students to be isolated. We can get new information about what activities are going on in school to boarding students right away!

LEO LEI: Three years ago I was curious who set up all the school activities and now I am part of student parliament and I am actually being a part of this experience now! I feel proud!

Favorite part of the experience thus far and how do you feel being on student parliament has bettered your experience at ARHS?

JERRY LI: My favorite part is that I take pride in who I am right now. Last year I didn't participate in things like spirit week and this year I participated every single day! I now have a better understanding of what kind of person I want to be and be involved as much as possible. My fellow boarding divisional leader Leo has helped guide me through this all as well.

LEO LEI: My favorite experience has been being a part of the school dance committee. It felt good to help the school and set up. Again, three years ago I wanted to be a part of all of this and now I feel accomplished. I didn't have the courage to do all this before and now it feels really good to be a huge part of it.

How does it feel to be nominated to student parliament?

FRED CHEN: It's pretty cool and an good job. It gives us an opportunity to transfer information to other students and connect with the local day students.

JORDAN NOEUKU: Gives me something to do and provides me with information I can provide to other students. I am excited to start doing this.

What are you looking forward to while being on student parliament?

JORDAN NOEUKU: I want to be involved as much as possible and want to be able to express to ARHS how boarding students feel. I want to be a part of the future here at ARHS and asking students what is needed as much as possible. I'm looking forward to contributing.

FRED CHEN: I want to take part in all activities on and off campus. Being a part of all of this is going to be a great experience for me. I'm looking forward to it all!

KHANG TU: We've met once so far and I am looking forward to the planning in the spring!



Leo Lei, Senior Divisional Captain



Jerry Li, Junior Divisional Captain



Fred Chen, Sophomore Divisional Captain



Jordan Noeuku, Freshmen Divisional Captain



Khang Tu, Prom Chair