



## AHS New Tutoring Center



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Alamosa High school welcomes a new tutoring center. The center provides profound opportunities for all students.

The tutoring center's main goal is to provide students with academic help that could be found on a college campus.

The tutoring center helps students with their academic career. Tutors help with homework questions and studying for upcoming tests and exams.

Students can go in for test corrections and help with organization. Organizing papers, work and even backpacks.

Skills like organization can make being a student much easier, with the help of these skills, students are on top of their work. Tutors are AHS students. Students volunteer to help their school and classmates. Each tutor has their own specialty.

The center has multiple tutors for all subjects. Mrs. Ramirez speaks highly about all her tutors and is astonished with their dedication to the center. "They have encouraged stu-

dents to come in, provide solid academic support and work together in a collaborative matter." Stated Mrs. Ramirez.

When students go to the center, they are asked what help they need. From there, the tutors help with assignments and answering questions.

Mrs. Ramirez, an AHS history teacher and fellow alumni, worked all summer to start the tutoring center. Last year Mrs. Ramirez had finished her thesis for a MA in US history.

In her thesis, she wrote about equality in education. With the knowledge she had gained, she wanted to do something for her community.

"I am passionate about social equity, education, and my community and really wanted to do something." Stated Mrs. Ramirez.

With the help of other staff members, the tutoring center quickly formed. The government is giving grants to public schools to help with the effects of Covid.

As the coordinator for the center Mrs. Ramirez is in charge of planning training, scheduling, time sheet, handouts, and data. She communicates with

the board on the progress that the tutoring center is making.

The pandemic made school much harder for students and teachers. The tutoring center can help both. Teachers can recommend the center to any student that may be struggling and need additional help.

Teachers have many students and do not have time for one-on-one help.

One-on-one attention can benefit students to better understand their work and what they are learning.

Mrs. Cody, the previous superintendent, applied for this grant to use for the tutoring center and other matters around AHS.

This grant helps pay the tutors who help at the center. Mrs. Ramirez did additional fundraising over the summer to create and decorate the tutoring center.

Tutors utilize the center's tremendous opportunities, using the center for studying and resources. In the next few weeks the center will be use to study for finals.

This center will change Alamosa High School, through benefiting all students and Staff.

## Duel Enrollment



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Alamosa High School is considered the largest school found in the San Luis Valley.

Due to Alamosa's size and location being near Adams State University.

The high school is able to provide numerous opportunities not offered throughout the rest of the valley.

The high school offers duel enrollment classes from both the Trinidad State Junior College and Adams State University.

Being located near both campuses, students have the opportunity to take in person classes on the college campus or at AHS.

There are requirements to being able to take courses through these colleges.

When the courses desired to be taken include subjects such as math or writing students must first reach a certain score in a placement test or their SAT.

The score needed will be discussed prior to the tests. The high school will pay for tuition fees for both the courses taken at Adams State University and

Trinidad State Junior College through a grant available to the high school.

The fees that the school does not cover are books that are required for the course along with any other materials that are a necessity for the course.

Councilors at Alamosa High School will assist students in renting or buying any books or materials.

Students must pass their classes with a C average which is anywhere from a 70% through a 79%.

The failure to pass any courses with this grade leads to the tuition fees becoming the responsibility of the student and the student's family.

Prior to being enrolled into any and all duel enrollment courses students and guardians must sign a contract.

The Contract states that they understand that failure to pass the class will led to them having to pay for the course. Parents are also responsible for providing all needed materials.

It is encouraged for students to utilize this opportunity to gain college credits and to further their education.

## Winter Events and Activities



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As the time of year full of snow and below freezing temperatures approaches, Alamosa's community and the whole valley are beginning to prepare for the winter activities to commence.

The list of activities that are found near the valley are nothing short of enjoyable and anticipated all year round.

Found in Alamosa's community there is an ice rink found on the south side of town right next to the Recreational Center.

Individuals enjoy ice skating for fun during their free time with rental skates being only three dollars.

There is the opportunity to join a hockey team and participate in practices along with competitive hockey games.

The Alamosa ice rinks schedule for public skating can be fund online to determine when there are not practices and is open to the public.

There are multiple locations found a few hours away from Alamosa to which community members can ski or snowboard which is a popular activity for a majority of the

community members.

A few locations include Wolf Creek along with Monarch. These destinations can be made into a day trip or a weekend getaway widely known for their appropriate skiing and snowboarding conditions.

There are also the recreational sports that occur during the winter season.

Both the middle school and high school begin their basketball season starting their practices and games a few weeks prior to the end of the fall sport seasons.

Alamosa High School both boys and girls team are anticipating a successful season ahead.

Both teams invite Alamosa's community to come and support their teams by attending their games and tournaments during December and the games to follow after Winter break.

Another fall winter sport that begins at this time of year is wrestling. Wrestling has begun their practices and has duels and tournaments to follow.

Alamosa High School has recently welcomed a girls wrestling team with having enough interest from students that they acquired enough girls to form a

team.

The boys and girls wrestling teams also encourage community members to come and watch and support their team at their duals and tournaments.

There are also a few events held in the winter that a majority of the community members are eager for all year round.

Found in Main Street for the last couple of years have been ice sculptures down both sides of the street.

There is a day during the beginning of December where ice sculptures attract the community to go watch and visit the sculptures both after they are created along with while they are being sculpted by talented ice sculptors.

Another popular Winter event that occurs is the parade of lights. This parade takes place in December usually in the evening when the sun goes down.

The parade draws in a significant amount of town attention; where the community will gather in the evening.

The parade takes place on Main Street to watch and enjoy all the lights and floats put together by different groups found within Alamosa's community.

## Swim Season



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Diving into the 2021 season, the Sargent swim team is filled with excitement.

Due to Covid protocols, the team did not get a season last year. These girls are ready to get back into the water.

The Sargent swim team welcomes all girls from the valley to come and swim.

Sargent sponsors the swim team, yet the team is a combination of young women from Alamosa, Monte Vista, Sargent, and Sangre De Cristo.

The swim teams first meet was December 7th in Pueblo. The team placed second at this meet. Followed by other meets in Gunnison and Pueblo on December 11th and 14th.

The team usually swims at Adams States pool. They have been unable to swim at Adams because the heater to the pool is broken.

The Coaches are hopeful that Adams will have their pool fixed in no time.

Head coach Melinda Hunzeker worked hard to find places for her girls to swim. Tuesday and Thursdays the

team drives to Fort Garland for swim practice.

On Mondays and Wednesday the team meets at splashland to do dry land workouts. And on Fridays, the team swims at splashland.

The girls have been required, this year, to travel to Sargent for early morning weightlifting. It starts at 5:30am and lasts till 6:30am so that the girls can get to school.

With all this traveling, the coaches have created a carpool system so that these swimmers can get the best possible workouts.

Even though the season has already started, anyone is welcome to join. New Swimmers are welcome with open arms. Anyone interested can come and watch a swim practice at Adams pool at 5:30pm.

Haven't heard about the swim team? Most Alamosa students haven't. Swimming is a fun sport that anyone can learn. The team is always searching for new members.

These strong young women have made all these sacrifices to participate in the sport that they love. To have a swim season this year, this team will power through till the end.