

"If you want to fly, give up everything that weighs you down."
—Buddha

Learning About the Clubs at AHS



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There are many clubs found at Alamosa High School, all of which have different priorities and goals of the club.

Alamosa has made it a priority to give students multiple outlets such as clubs to join in order to find a place where they feel they are part of something. This also ensures students getting out of their comfort zone and increases their opportunity of making more memories here at Alamosa High School.

The yearbook and newspaper club are classes that students can take to assist in creating the yearbook and newspaper for the high school. In order to enroll in these classes students must submit an application or talk to Mr. Dionisio in order to secure a spot in the class.

Yearbook is for anyone who enjoys taking pictures and wanting to create pages of their peers for the yearbook.

All seniors, the deadline for baby ads and senior pictures

has already passed, the ability to purchase yearbooks and baby ads are still available.

Students must discuss with Mr. Dionisio or any other members in yearbook.

The numerous clubs at Alamosa High School have different service projects and conferences during the second semester.

The National Honor Society club begins the nomination and application process for new and old members at the beginning of second semester.

To be considered for membership in National Honor Society students must be at least a sophomore with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher; along with showing promising character traits with great leadership skills.

The National Honor Society's sponsor is Clair. This is Clair's first year as the sponsor for NHS.

The National Honor Society has a requirement for service hours that must be completed by the end of the semester in order to still be a member of this club.

At any point of the year that students do not show prom-

ising grades along with leadership qualities they will be asked to leave NHS.

Key Club has a few different service projects for its members along with any other students who wish to take part in volunteer work.

Key Club takes pride in the work and dedication of the, "Thirst Project," that takes place every year.

The thirst project goes for 30 days where the club raises money which goes towards a nonprofit organization to build freshwater wells in third world countries.

Senior Kelli Jo Wilson shared, "In Key Club, our main goal is to help out our local and global community."

Future Business Leaders of America also has their spring leadership conference where students pick two events to participate in, some events are presentations while others are tests and group projects.

Future Business Leaders of America is sponsored and led by Ms. Stagner who holds every member responsible for completing their service hours and preparing them for their

events. Any students who are interested in learning more about the business world along with gaining more leadership skills should look into joining FBLA.

These students compete with others around the valley and the top three from each event then qualify for the state leadership conference which is a multiple day trip with workshops for members to branch out and hear from other successful business leaders.

Future Farmers of America is for any students who are intrigued by the agriculture field. This club assists students in learning more about agriculture. Students are able to build their leadership skills along with completing different service projects.

Student council is for those who desire to have a voice for their school and put on the different school events.

During the second semester the juniors with the help of their sponsors, Mrs. Ramirez and Ms. Reyes, put on the prom for the seniors.

Student council elections are held at the end of each year for the different officer positions of each class, campaigning is

done by each student who wants to join.

There is also the Drama Club where students put on the fall and spring play. This club is for students who enjoy acting along with wanting to know what happens behind the scenes.

The Drama Club welcomes any student who enjoys being in front of an audience along with wanting to create more lifelong friendships with their cast members.

The Knowledge Bowl club begins at the beginning of each Winter semester. This is for students who enjoy trivia and learning numerous facts. club practices every week during lunch in preparation for their meets that occur throughout the year.

To be in Knowledge Bowl students must be able to form a team of at least four members and are allowed a sub for their team.

Chess Club is one of the newest editions of clubs at Alamosa High School. There are not many requirements to be in this club, other members are always seeking new teammates and are more then willing to teach them how to play.

San Luis Valley Rivalries



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Rivalries can be found throughout the world from different sport teams to different brands; and the Valley is no exception.

Rivalries are not just about sports and increasing the competitive side of things. They have a huge impact on our communities and the social aspects of the Valley.

Whether it is school sporting event, club tournaments, or people being different, the effects of rivalries can be identified in all.

Rivalries are not just big on sports, they are involved with where one chooses to receive their education, as well as with who one can and cannot have as friends.

There are both good and bad rivalries. Increasing the tension means increasing the interest revolving the two parties involved.

Beginning with the negatives of rivalries the whole social aspect of high school shows ri-

valries. From which competing schools can compete the best and in which clubs or sports.

When having rivalries the idea of having a civilized and peaceful encounter with an individual from the competing team is unthinkable. Rivalries in the San Luis Valley take things to a personal level.

Here in the San Luis Valley rivalries are based on people going to a different school, which is less then reasonable to create unwanted tension.

In some cases if you do not go to the same school as someone this automatically creates a social barrier.

Building onto the benefits of rivalries is that creating a high tension event draws in more of the community to gather and support their teams.

Rivalries also encourage the players to give it their all whether they are on the field or competing at a club event.

Teaching moments and lessons to take from rivalries is that when rivalries are taken personal this can fuel one to put in the work and effort to accomplish a successful outcome.

The Future of Non-Fungible Token's

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A recent concept that has taken the world by storm is known as NFTs.

NFTs have been spoken about on numerous podcasts along with making their social media debut on every social media platform possible.

Beginning with very few knowing about them to articles and videos being published and created to assist the public in gaining a more in depth understanding of all the beneficial and negative aspects of an NFT.

With the attention and success that NFTs have gathered there will be a lot of common things that will be changing. Such as an individual's favorite painting, gym membership, and high school diploma will all be able to be an NFT on the block chain.

An NFT, which is also known as a Non-Fungible Token, it is a digital asset verified and stored on a public digital ledger of transactions, that records all information on some-

thing that is called the block chain. This can include artwork, collectibles, memberships, documents, alongside numerous other concepts that has continued to expand as NFTs have advanced.

Due to the token being non-fungible, each NFT is unique and can not be replaced or replicated. Along with there being no room for false claiming of an NFT.

Worldwide, NFTs are allowing verification of ownership over any digital, personal asset as well as proving identification across multiple platforms.

The high level of verification that the block chain offers allows for immigration to be much easier.

Many immigrants in the San Luis Valley lack the correct documents to be considered a citizen or legal visitor in the United States.

These documents can include proper identification, proof of previous jobs, and achievements.

Without the proper files, assimilation can be considered difficult. Allowing individuals

the ability to export everything from their credit rating to their health data in an accessible manner can help the immigration process.

Furthermore, with this phenomenal utility comes an investment opportunity for all. While many businesses require diplomas and college degrees, NFTs require nothing.

The San Luis Valley lacks opportunity for many. With the population and land size being small, and a good deal of individuals being impoverished, the citizens of the San Luis Valley are not always able to develop their lifestyles to the fullest potential.

However, NFTs create a convenient and safe atmosphere for all despite ethnicity, age, or income.

Students at Alamosa High School have taken advantage of this opportunity as school, sports, and other responsibilities can inhibit one from obtaining and maintaining a well-paid job.

As NFTs continue to grow and develop, society can safely assume that this will soon be part of everyday life.