

**Aspinwall High School**

**HANDBOOK**

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This handbook belongs to:

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**Aspinwall, Pennsylvania**

## ALMA MATER

1.

Close beside the Allegheny  
Hill and vale serene,  
Stands our own, our Alma Mater,  
Aspinwall our queen.

2.

There she stands in all her glory  
Loved by one and all.  
Here's to you, our Alma Mater,  
Fair old Aspinwall.

### CHORUS

On ye sons and on ye daughters  
Fight the good old fight,  
Honor Aspinwall forever  
Hail maroon and white!

## INTRODUCTION

The Aspinwall Parent Teachers' Association, sponsor of this handbook, wishes to welcome the student body back to school. For those entering Aspinwall for the first time, this may serve as an introduction to Aspinwall High School.

Your administration, faculty, and school board are all here to make your year a pleasant one. They are constantly striving to make your house of learning a better place for you. It is your school, and you are responsible for its reputation—good or bad.

Diligent work, coupled with a just pride in Aspinwall High School will make this school year a successful one for all concerned. This term can be no more successful than you make it. Let's make it the best year ever.

Good luck!

## DIRECTORY

### SCHOOL BOARD

W. F. Agnew .....	President
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## ORGANIZATION AND ROUTINE

Your school was not organized to teach you "Readin' ritin' and 'rithmetic" alone, although they are of prime importance. Everyone who wants to succeed socially must learn to respect the rights and property of others. For this reason a number of rules and regulations must be compiled to aid you during the year at A. H. S.

### Care of the Building:

Several thousand students preceding you have taken good care of the school building. It is your duty to continue the good care. This is your school home. Treat it as home.

### Library:

A. H. S. is fortunate to have an exceptionally well supplied library. More than \$1200 per year is spent for books and magazines. Most students are assigned to the library at least one period each week. If you wish to go more frequently you may do so by receiving permission from the librarian and study hall teacher.

### Telephone:

Local calls may be made from the telephone booth in the basement at the rate of 10c each.

### Bulletin Board:

Three permanent bulletin boards are located on the main floor. Notices of social events, meetings, and the like are placed on these boards. Under no conditions are placards or notices to be pasted or thumbtacked to the walls.

### Requirements for Graduation:

The State Department of Instruction requires that 13 Carnegie credits be earned during the last three years of high school for graduation. This means that seniors should carry full schedules.

### Lost and Found:

The office is the central point for articles either

lost or found. When an article is found, it should be taken to the office. If you lose something, inquire at the office.

### **Rating of Aspinwall High School:**

The Aspinwall High School is a member of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. This means that your school has met certain standards. In most cases your entrance into institutions of higher learning will be easier as a result of the high school's accreditation.

### **Lockers:**

Lockers on the basement floor are to be used by the out-of-town students only. A locker assignment must be obtained from Mrs. Murphy. Use your own lock. Locks are sold in the office.

### **Parties and Dances:**

Before any class or group may have a party or dance, the following steps must be taken:

1. The date must be cleared through Miss McCrum.
2. At least two faculty sponsors must be present.

### **Fire Drills:**

There will be periodic fire drills. Directions for the movement of students will be found on the blackboard in each room.

### **Air Raid Drills:**

At an intermittent ringing of the class change bell, students will go to the following places:

- Rooms 1, 2, 3.....gymnasium  
Rooms 4, 5.....basement hall  
Rooms 7, 8.....hall, no farther than auditorium door  
Rooms 9, 10.....auditorium, under balcony  
Rooms 11, 12.....hall, no farther than auditorium door  
Rooms 13, 14, 15.....upper hall, no farther than trophy case

Library and 16.....balcony of auditorium  
Rooms 18, 19, 21.....upper hall, no farther than  
trophy case

In case of attack all students are to remain in school and remain sheltered because of the lethal rays until the proper persons give the "all clear" signal. The best protection from flying glass and other debris is lying face down with the head to a wall, although for the present students will not assume the prone position.

#### **Assemblies:**

In A. H. S. one assembly is held each week. These assemblies consist of guest speakers, performers, group singing, and one-act plays put on by students. Sometimes the school band holds band concerts for the students. When groups or classes have the programs, the quality of the program must be of the best.

#### **Early Dismissals:**

Permission for early dismissal must be obtained from the office upon presentation of a note from home.

#### **Bells:**

The morning late bell is at 8:40. The afternoon late bell is at 1:00. Dismissal for lunch is at 12:05.

#### **School Colors:**

Your school colors are maroon and white. Your school symbol is the Cavalier.

#### **Smoking:**

Ladies and gentlemen must not smoke within sight of the school building.

#### **Lunch Hour:**

Students are not permitted to go to the top floor during the noon lunch hour until 12:55. Lunchrooms are rooms 11, 12 and 5. Those wishing to study during the lunch hour may do so in Room 4.

**Grounds:**

The lawn and hedge around A. H. S. are beautiful as you can see. Please help to take care of them by not walking over them.

**Supplies:**

A tablet and pencil are issued at the beginning of each six-weeks period. Additional tablets and pencils can be obtained in the office at 5c each.

**School Savings:**

Bank day is each Monday at 8:40. Students wishing to start a savings account may do so by depositing any amount of money from a few cents to several dollars. Since banking has been started in A.H.S. the students have saved over \$20,000.

**Location of the Grade Building:**

The Grade Building, in which the Art, Shop, and Mechanical Drawing classes are taught, is located at Fifth Street and Center Avenue.

**School Publications:**

CAVALIER is the school's yearbook and is published by a staff of students under the direction of Mr. C. Arthur Dahl and Mrs. Gladys M. Lindsay. Each year the staff conducts a campaign during which students submit photographs of school life to be printed in the yearbook.

CAVALCADE is the school's newspaper and the Journalism Class has charge of this publication. It is published mainly to inform students of events, past, present, and future, around the school.

HANDBOOK is prepared by the Senior class to introduce students to their school at the beginning of each school year.

**Absences:**

Students must bring excuses from home following any days of absence.

**Tardiness:**

There is no penalty for the first tardiness. After the first you will be required to report early or remain after school.



## CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES AT A.H.S.

**Y-Teens**—This club is affiliated with the Pittsburgh YWCA. It promotes better understanding among members. Junior or senior girls may join.

**Cheerleaders**—This group, sponsored by Miss Jean McCrum, leads cheers at all football and basketball games. They help promote better school spirit. Freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior girls may try out.

**Rifle Club**—Miss Jean McCrum sponsors the rifle club which aids its members in practicing shooting. Its members also enter competitions with other school clubs. Any freshman, sophomore, junior or senior who can shoot a score of 20 out of 50 may join.

**Student Council**—The vice-president of each class and one elected member from each homeroom make up the student council which aids in regulation of student activities and representing the student body in matters of administration. The members of this group must maintain a "C" average. Mr. C. Arthur Dahl is the council sponsor.

**Pep Club** — Freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior members of this club, sponsored by Miss Jean McCrum, promote better school spirit.

**Art Club**—Any student from 8th grade to seniors may join this club, sponsored by Miss Joanne Lovette, which gives students the opportunity to develop artistic ability.

**Newspaper**—The CAVALCADE, published by the Journalism classes taught by Miss Hazel Patterson, acquaints the student body with events happening in and around the school.

**Camera Club**—Sponsored by Mr. Glenn Berkheimer, the camera club instructs students in photographic technique and procedure. Sophomores, juniors or seniors may join.

**Senior Nature Club**—Sophomores, juniors, and seniors who join this club sponsored by Miss Beulah Frey have the opportunity to develop their interest and talents in biology.

**Varsity Club**—Lettermen in basketball and football may join this club sponsored by Mr. Joseph MacCarthy.

**Speech Club**—Miss Mary Ida Burnite conducts this club to supplement the Speech Class. It offers to any sophomore, junior, or senior interested, the opportunity to engage in radio speaking, debate, declamations, and dramatics.

**Science Club**—Is sponsored by Mr. Glenn Berkeimer. The club takes many field trips in order to broaden their understanding of the scientific world. Sophomores, juniors, or seniors may join.

**Junior Nature Club**—Organized by Miss Beulah Frey for the seventh and eighth grades. The club meets once each week at lunch time. The program consists of outside speakers or discussion of field trips. In recent years, the club members have taken many prizes in the Nature Contest at the Carnegie Museum.

**Junior Red Cross** is under the direction of Miss Rosemarie Kavanagh. One of its activities last year was decorating the "hut" at the Veteran's Hospital just before Christmas.

**Senior Play**—Each year in December the senior class presents its class play. Except for the direction of Miss Hazel Patterson all production work is done by members of the senior class. The cast is made up of members of the class who are chosen by try-outs.

**Junior Play**—In April the Juniors have the opportunity to display their dramatic talent in their class play. Miss Mary Ida Burnite directs the junior play whose cast is chosen by try-outs.

**Kiwanis Award**—The Kiwanis Club of Aspinwall awards a watch each May to the outstanding boy and girl in the graduating class. The winners are determined by balloting by the Junior and Senior classes. Traits considered are scholarship, character, citizenship, and personality.

**American Legion Award**—The American Legion award is given each year to the boy and the girl in the eighth grade who are most outstanding in desirable character and scholastic traits. The winners' names are engraved on a plaque in the main corridor of the school.

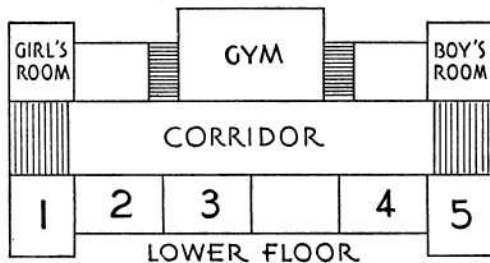
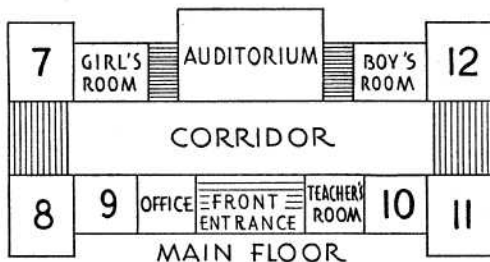
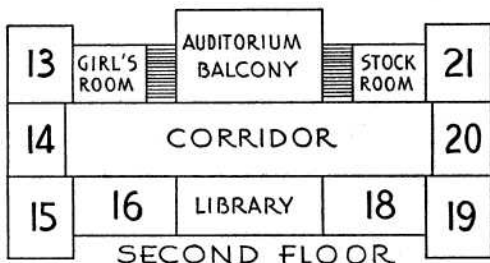
**Dances**—A school dance is usually held once a month. In September a "Back to School Dance" is sponsored by the Journalism classes; in October the Aspinwall Borough sponsors a "Halloween Dance"; the Pep Club sponsors a "Football Dance" in November; in December the senior class sponsors the "Christmas Dance," which is semi-formal; in January the Y-Teens sponsor a dance; the freshmen have a "Valentine Dance" in February; the "Sadie Hawkins Dance," which is held in March by the Rifle Club, gives the girls a chance to treat the boys (which is a welcome change in the eyes of the boys); in April the "Spring Dance" is held by the sophomores; in June the last dance of the year, the "Junior-Senior Prom," is held by the juniors in honor of the graduating class. It is a formal dance, open to juniors, seniors, and alumni only.

## BELL SCHEDULE

- 8:35—Warning bell
- 8:40—Tardy bell
- 8:48—First period class
- 8:50—Tardy bell for first period
- 9:35—End of first period
- 9:40—Second period
- 10:25—End of second period
- 10:30—Third period
- 11:15—End of third period
- 11:20—Fourth period
- 12:05—End of fourth period

## LUNCH HOUR

- 12:55—Warning bell
- 1:00—Tardy bell
- 1:03—Fifth period
- 1:05—Tardy bell for fifth period
- 1:50—End of fifth period
- 1:55—Sixth period
- 2:45—End of sixth period
- 2:50—Seventh period
- 3:37—End of seventh period
- 3:40—Dismissal from homerooms



## PROGRAM OF STUDIES

The program of studies in the seventh and eighth grades is the same for everyone. At the beginning of the ninth grade you must choose a course. Three courses are available to students at the Aspinwall High School. They are:

1. The Academic course which meets general college requirements.
2. The General course is for those who do not wish to enter college. This course provides a wide choice of electives.
3. The Commercial course does not meet college entrance requirements but provides training in the secretarial, clerical, and accounting fields.

### FRESHMAN YEAR

Academic	General	Commercial
English I	English I	English I
Algebra I	Algebra I	Algebra I
Latin I	Gen. Science	Gen. Science
Civics & Health	Civics & Health	Civics & Health
Industrial Arts	Industrial Arts	Industrial Arts
Homemaking	Homemaking	Homemaking
Art	Art	Art
Physical Ed.	Physical Ed.	Physical Ed.
<b>Electives</b>		
Chorus	Chorus	Chorus
Band	Band	Band

## SOPHOMORE YEAR

Academic	General	Commercial
English II	English II	English II
Plane Geometry	Plane Geometry	World History
World History	World History	Biology
<del>Caesar</del>	Biology	General Math
Biology	Physical Ed.	Physical Ed.
Physical Ed.		
<b>Electives</b>		
Shop	Shop	Shop
Mech. Drawing	Mech. Drawing	Mech. Drawing
Homemaking	Homemaking	Homemaking
Art	Art	Art
Chorus	Chorus	Chorus
Band	Band	Band

## JUNIOR YEAR

Academic	General	Commercial
English III	English III	English III
U. S. History	U. S. History	U. S. History
Latin, Spanish or French	Algebra II	Shorthand I
Physical Ed.	Physical Ed.	Typing I
		Physical Ed.
<b>Electives</b>		
Algebra II	Spanish I	Homemaking
Chemistry	Chemistry	Shop
Shop	Shop	Mech. Drawing
Mech. Drawing	Mech. Drawing	Art
Homemaking	Homemaking	Chorus
Chorus	Chorus	Band
Art	Art	Journalism
Band	Band	Speech Class
Journalism	Journalism	Driver Ed.
Speech Class	Speech Class	
Driver Ed.	Driver Ed.	

## SENIOR YEAR

Academic	General	Commercial
English IV	English IV	English IV
Spanish II	P. O. D.	Bookkeeping
or French II	Physical Ed.	Shorthand II
Physical Ed.		Transcription
		Office Practice
		Gen'l. Business
		Physical Ed.

### Electives

P. O. D.	Physics	P. O. D.
Physics	Solid Geom.	Shop
Solid Geom.	Trigonometry	Mech. Drawing
Trigonometry	Spanish	Homemaking
Typing I	Typing I	Art
Shop	Shop	Chorus
Mech. Drawing	Mech. Drawing	Band
Art	Homemaking	Journalism
Homemaking	Art	Driver Ed.
Chorus	Chorus	Speech Class
Band	Band	
Journalism	Journalism	
Driver Ed.	Driver Ed.	
Speech Class	Speech Class	



## CHEERS

### WITH A VEEVO

With a veevo, with a vivo  
With a veevo, vivo, vum.  
Some seven, come eleven  
Come rickety, rackety, shanty town  
Who can knock Aspinwall down?  
Nobody! Nobody! Aspinwall!

### EXTRA

Extra! Extra! Read all about it.  
We've got a team and we're goin' to shout it  
One for the money; two for the show;  
Three to make ready; and four to go.

### WE'VE GOT THE TEAM

We've got the T-E-A-M.  
It's on the B-E-A-M.  
We've got the team, It's on the beam:  
We're really hep to the jive.  
Come on Aspinwall, skin 'em alive.

### RIP ZIP ZOW

Rip, zip, zow  
Chew, chin, chow;  
Hazy, dazy, knock 'em crazy  
Aspinwall High School, WOW!

### DOWN THE FIELD

March, March, on down the field,  
Fighting for Aspinwall;  
Break through their sturdy ranks  
Their strength to defy.  
We'll give a cheer for McCarthy's men;  
We're here to win again.  
\_\_\_\_\_s may fight to the end.  
But we will win!

## 1953 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

### SEPTEMBER

Friday,	12	Bellevue .....	Home
Friday,	19	Springdale .....	Home
Friday,	26	West Deer .....	Away

### OCTOBER

Friday,	2	Hampton .....	Away
Friday,	9	Millvale .....	Home
Friday,	16	East McKeesport .....	Away
Friday,	23	Oakmont .....	Home
Friday,	30	Shaler .....	Away

### NOVEMBER

Friday,	6	Etna .....	Home
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## 1953-54 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Friday,	Dec. 4	Shaler .....	Home
Tuesday,	Dec. 8	West Deer .....	Away
Friday,	Dec. 11	Springdale .....	Away
Tuesday,	Dec. 15	Tarentum .....	Home
Friday,	Dec. 18	Springdale .....	Home
Tuesday,	Dec. 29	Bellevue .....	Away
Tuesday,	Jan. 5	Verona .....	Away
Friday,	Jan. 8	East Deer .....	Home
Tuesday,	Jan. 12	Hampton .....	Away
Friday,	Jan. 15	Millvale .....	Home
Tuesday,	Jan. 19	Oakmont .....	Away
Friday,	Jan. 22	Etna .....	Home
Tuesday,	Jan. 26	Sharpsburg .....	Away
Tuesday,	Feb. 2	Verona .....	Home
Friday,	Feb. 5	East Deer .....	Away
Tuesday,	Feb. 9	Hampton .....	Home
Friday,	Feb. 12	Millvale .....	Away
Tuesday,	Feb. 16	Oakmont .....	Home
Friday,	Feb. 19	Etna .....	Away
Tuesday,	Feb. 23	Sharpsburg .....	Home