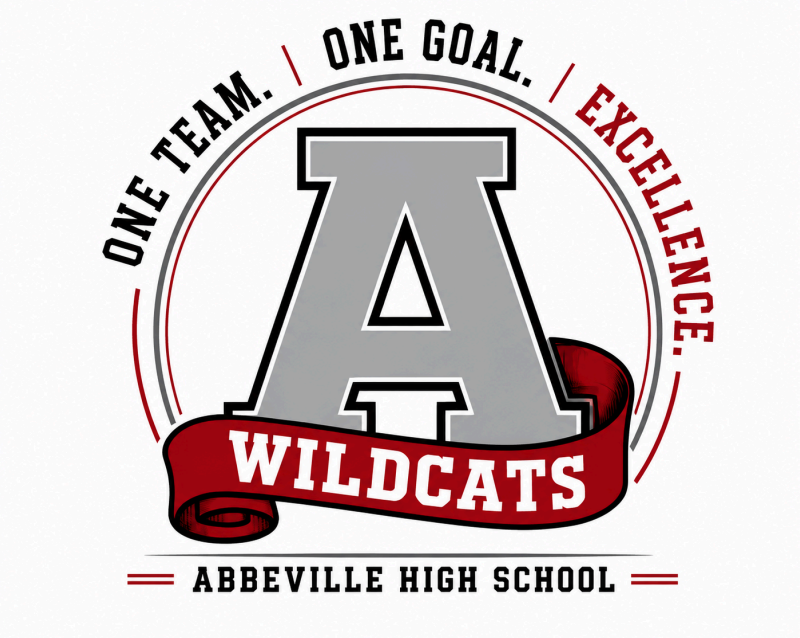
It's a great day to be a Wildcat!

Wildcat Weekly Newsletter



September 28, 2026
Wildcats, we are moving in the right direction, but we still have work to do! Our overall attendance increased from 89.74% last week to 90.47% this week. By grade level, attendance was 9th grade – 92%, 10th grade – 92%, 11th grade – 88%, and 12th grade – 90%, with Thursday being our lowest attendance day of the week. While we are glad to see improvement, 90.47% remains below our 95% goal. Every day at school means another day of instruction, another opportunity to grow, and another opportunity for our Wildcats to reach their goals. Simply put, your presence matters!

That is why we are kicking off our "We're So Glad You're Here!" campaign October 5–8 as part of our Power of Presence attendance initiative. Four days. Four chances to win! Each day, students who are present and on time will have an opportunity to receive a "Glad You're Here" ticket and be entered into a prize drawing. Families, help us continue moving toward our 95% attendance goal by encouraging your Wildcat to be at school and on time each day. Most importantly, we want every student to know that when they walk through the doors of AHS, we are truly glad they are here!

One Team. One Goal. Excellence.

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Reminder: Meeting Appointments Required

Visitors wishing to speak with a member of the administrative team **must** schedule an appointment in advance. Our administrative team is available for meetings Monday through Friday from **8:15–11:15 AM** and **1:00–2:15 PM**. Special accommodations for after-school meetings may be arranged as needed. Please call during our regular office hours to schedule an appointment (337) 893-1874.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we work to serve all families efficiently.

Wildcat Family Resources

Click the image below to access the [September *Parents Make the Difference*] Newsletter. This newsletter offers practical, research-based tips and strategies to support student academic success and overall well-being.



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still make the difference!
Vermilion Parish Schools

A daily reading habit sets the stage for school success

The start of a new school year is the perfect time to focus on the power of reading. While many families believe the work ends once a child learns to decode words, strengthening reading skills is actually a lifelong process.

In high school, reading is the primary way your teen builds a mental library of facts that supports future learning.

Regular reading also helps your teen:

- **Strengthen brain connections.** Reading complex texts is a cognitive workout that builds the brain muscle required for advanced problem-solving.
- **Build background knowledge.** New information needs a place to "stick." The more teens read, the more "hooks" they build in their brain, making it easier to grab and hold onto difficult ideas taught in class.
- **Expand vocabulary.** Seeing words in context helps students master professional and academic language.
- **Improve fluency.** Regular reading helps your teen process text more quickly and focus on deep comprehension.

To support your high schooler's reading skills:

- **Encourage at least 20 minutes** of daily reading.
- **Keep reading material** on high-interest topics in common areas.
- **Discuss** what your teen is reading. Ask open-ended questions.
- **Support the use of audiobooks** and e-readers. These tools also build reading skills.

Help your teen create a positive digital image

Today's online choices can shape your teen's future. While students have a right to free speech, there is a big difference between what they *can* post and what they *should* post.

Colleges and employers often check social media to learn more about the students who apply. Encourage your teen to:

- **Think about the long term.** Remind your teen that a boss or coach could see posts many years from now.
- **Clean up old posts.** Delete inappropriate photos and comments.
- **Interact with intention.** Every comment, like or share should reflect the person your teen wants to be.
- **Use social media** as a portfolio. Your teen should share content that highlights academic and personal achievements, community service, hobbies and talents.
- **Follow colleges** and companies of interest. Engaging with these organizations' posts shows genuine interest and initiative.

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Practical ideas for parents to help their children

2026 College and Career Fair

AHS students will have the opportunity to travel to Kaplan High School on Thursday, October 8, for the 2026 College & Career Fair! Students who would like to attend must return a signed permission slip by Monday. Permission slips are available from English teachers. A signed permission slip is required to attend and ride the bus. Space is limited and seats will be filled as permission slips are returned, so families are encouraged to have students turn in their forms as soon as possible. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to explore college and career options!



Important Dates!

School-wide Coca-Cola Fundraiser Continues: Monday, September 28, 2026 Click here to order today!

College & Career Fair Permission Forms Due: Monday, September 28, 2026 See above for more information.

Afterschool Tutoring: Tuesday 2:35-3:35 p.m. in the AHS cafeteria. Transportation and snacks provided. Sign up using the tutoring link in "Class of" Google Classrooms.

Lady Cats Volleyball: Tuesday, September 29, 2026 **Opponent:** Centerville 4:30 pm @AHS Gym AHS is a **cashless entry campus** for all athletic events. **Cash will not be accepted at the gate.** You may purchase your tickets electronically prior to arrival. i2Tickets

JV Wildcat Football: Tuesday, September 29, 2026 Opponent: Loreauville 6pm @Loureauville

Vitalant Blood Drive: Wednesday, September 30, 2026
Students who signed up and meet the required **age, height, and weight criteria** will donate blood at their scheduled time. Thank you to our Wildcats who have volunteered to give back and help save lives!

Workplace Documents WorkKeys Testing: Wednesday, September 30, 2026-Thursday, October 1, 2026
Students scheduled to test have been notified by Ms. Roy. Testing room assignments and schedules are available in students' "Class of" Google Classroom. Students who are testing should review this information in advance so they know where and when to report.

Lady Cats Volleyball: Wednesday, September 30, 2026 **Opponent:** Crowley 4:30 pm @Crowley

1st Pink Thursday $1 Jeans: Thursday, October 1, 2026
Throughout October, students, faculty, and staff may pay $1 each Thursday to wear jeans with a Pink Out shirt or a school-appropriate pink shirt. Your $1 does more than earn you a jeans day! Proceeds will support our AHS Spirit Squads, with a portion donated to The Anita Levy Foundation, which provides support to breast cancer patients and families right here in our community.

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$1 Jeans: Friday, October 2, 2026
Remember to follow jean day guidelines. Jeans must be worn with an AHS spirit shirt or uniform top.

Wildcat Football: Friday, October 2, 2026 **Opponent:** Loreauville 7pm @Holy Savior Menard Admission is $12, and tickets may be purchased online in advance or at the gate (i2Tickets). Remember, AHS is cashless, so cash will not be accepted. Clear bag policy will be in effect, and everyone entering the stadium will walk through a metal detector.

School-wide Coca-Cola Fundraiser Ends: Sunday, October 4, 2026 Click here to order today!

Keep ROARing Wildcats!

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