

Dear AHS Class of 2020 Students and Families,

On Wednesday of next week, the entire 9th grade will have an all-day field trip to Bayfield, where they will engage in a series of team-building activities led by AHS Founder Phil Bryson, whose organization, [On the Edge](#), has been facilitating leadership programs for over 20 years. Activities will include low and high ropes course elements. We will follow the principle of challenge by choice, ensuring that all students are safe, supported and appropriately challenged. The entire 9th grade teaching team--Sara Price, Stephen Sellers, Brian Morgan, Lauren Lucky, Roxy McKnight, Britt Morgan and Jenny McKenzie--will join the students for the day.

Students will meet at AHS at 8:20, as usual, and will then board the bus to the ropes course. They will return to campus by 2:15 and will release at 3:20 from AHS.

Please wear comfortable, outdoor clothing, and sneakers; you will be wearing a harness for high ropes elements so a skirt is not a great idea this day! Dress in layers for weather and bring a sack lunch, water bottle, small notebook and pen.

All families must complete the attached waiver and return it to the Main Office by Tuesday, September 6.

We have brought groups to Phil's ropes courses for several years now, and it is really a fantastic way to frame meaningful conversations about our Habits of Heart and Mind: Perseverance, Advocacy, Perspective, Evidence and Refinement. We are confident that the Class of 2020 will have a great day with Phil and the 9th grade team.

As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions!