

Dear ACE Families, Staff, and Students:

After an exciting first year at ACE, we see many changes coming through to fruition. Our engineering and architecture courses have expanded, and in addition to our construction classes, we have articulated courses with Ventura College! Our internship program has expanded and is new and improved. Our students can now take an early bus every day, to Ventura College and take courses there during their junior and senior year. We have chromebooks leading the revolution to put ACE on the map as the most progressive and creative high school in Ventura County! And, we have cleaned house – so our old reputation of being, "an alternative school" or "a continuation school" is long gone. We are now a school of choice in Ventura County, and with our small student population – although we are accepting new students, we would like only those who are interested in Architecture, Construction, or Engineering to apply.

This year, Google Apps for Education are working in conjunction with the Samsung Chromebooks that ACE has for every student. Google Classroom manages student work and is user friendly and makes it easy for parents to stay in tune with what their students are doing every day. In addition, all google education apps have been enabled for students and teachers to get as creative as they'd like when teaching and learning. ACE has also contracted with Pearson, and has an etext for every core subject area. This differentiates on a whole new level and truly assists the teachers in meeting all of the learning levels of the students in their classes.

ACE also has an amazing Parent Association, which we established last year. They meet on the first Tuesday of every month at 6pm inside the school. I implore all ACE parents and guardians to come to our meetings, and take part in the exciting process of working together making decisions that best meet the needs of our students.

Last, ACE has several new teachers and staff members who I consider to make an "All-Star" team. They are hard working, everyone is on the same page putting the students first, and we are together setting the bar for what college and career readiness really looks like.

Thank you all,

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