

Hello AHS Staff,

Below is a working agenda for Wednesday's Walk UP Assembly.

If you have questions please contact me. Please share these plans with students tomorrow.

**Please communicate to students that they should wear their "We Stand As One" shirts or some other orange shirt to school on Wednesday.**

Assembly Agenda:

- 10am, students meet at the flagpole. JROTC will be in formation to conduct a flag raising and half-mast ceremony.
  - After the flag raising ceremony, the assembly will observe a moment of silence for student lives lost.
- A couple of selected student speakers will work with the office to briefly explain our assembly purpose re: pledge cards.
  - Distinctly non-political theme to the assembly. We will focus on positive actions at school to Stand As One despite our differences.
  - 2 min plug for Aztec Strongrrr committees
- Speakers will organize the student body to form a shoulder-to-shoulder circle in the front lawn area around the flag pole for an aerial photo op.
- Students will receive "my commitments to positive change" pledge cards from selected staff at the flag pole.
- Students will have 5-10 minutes to fill out their pledge cards and turn them in at the flagpole. Students will also receive a copy of the attached 21 actions for positive change.
  - A butcher paper banner will also be available for students to write suggestions for Aztec Strongrrr displays on campus.
- Starting at 10:21am, cafeteria staff have cookies and water in front of the office as everyone heads back to class after the assembly.

FYI Details for Staff:

- Mr. Sanders is talking to Sherriff's Office about having a helicopter flyover for aerial photo.
- Mr. Sanders will set up portable P.A. system for speakers on the 100/200 roof/balcony
- Students with PTSD related concerns can be directed to the library with Ms. Hook instead of the assembly.
- Security and SRO group will station at campus perimeter access points and crosswalk to help direct students to the flagpole.
- Faculty are expected to attend the flagpole assembly. Student Council is setting up student speakers, creating the pledge cards and selecting the staff to hand the cards out.

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## Aztec High School Thank You

Hi NMASC. I'm Rileigh Nyce, I'm Josh Carillo, I'm Bianca Martinez, and I'm Alex Stalcup and we're from Aztec High School.

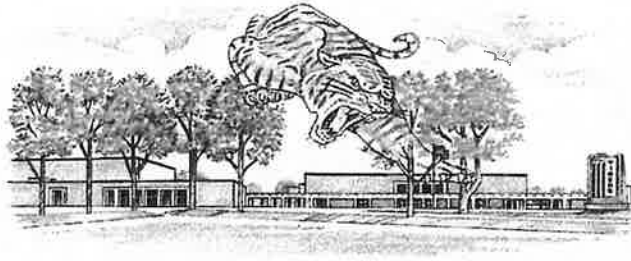
(A)As most of you know, we have been through a tragic incident on December 7<sup>th</sup> 2017. Our entire community has been greatly affected and heart broken.

Throughout this tragedy, we have received an outpouring of love and support from each and every one of you. If we could we would write all of you a thank you letter but there aren't enough words to express how we feel. The outpouring of love from across our state and nation has been nothing short of amazing since the tragic event. Nearby rival schools are wearing orange and black Aztec strong shirts declaring their support for our school, they even painted their town letters orange and this list of warm loving acts could go on and on. We know that Casey and Paco would be just as grateful as we are. Casey and Paco were both such beautiful souls and brought so much light into our school as well as our community.

(R) Casey attended every North West district meeting and the state conference at Cibola. She was involved in student council and was one of the cheer captains. Every room she entered became brighter. Paco was the exact same way. He transferred to Aztec High School from Piedra Vista so he could focus more on school and better his life. He not only found better influences at Aztec, he made a positive impact on every person he came across. He was the guy everyone went to when they needed a computer wiz. These two bright souls and kind hearts touched us personally. New Mexico is known for our beautiful sunsets and we know that these two artists have been painting the skies ever since.

# Aztec High School

500 E. Chaco Aztec, New Mexico 87410



February 27, 2018

Dear Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School,

On behalf of Aztec High School, I would like to express my deepest sympathies to the Parkland community as you navigate this difficult time. You may be aware that our school experienced a shooting on December 7, 2017, and many of us at Aztec are acutely aware of the impact such an event has on students, staff, and community members. We would like you to know that your community is in our thoughts and prayers.

In the immediate aftermath of the school shooting that impacted us, several schools reached out with love and support. As we struggle to recover, it is comforting to know that others are thinking about us. Our students and staff worked together to write to you their messages of hope, comradery and healing. Although we know our gesture is small, we hope it provides some comfort to students and staff as you begin the healing process.

Stay Strong!

Sincerely,

Anna Strauss  
Phys Ed Teacher  
Volleyball and Track Coach  
Student Council Advisor  
Aztec High School  
Aztec, New Mexico

# AZTEC HIGH SCHOOL

## 21 POSITIVE ACTIONS A STUDENT CAN TAKE TO PROMOTE MEANINGFUL CHANGE:

- #1 Write your legislator(s) about an issue for which you have strong feelings.
- #2 Blog about your issue in a clear, meaningful and positive way.
- #3 Get involved with a campus club or organization and participate in service learning activities.
- #4 Join a non-profit group to encourage positive action on a social issue globally or locally.
- #5 Participate with a local charity that supports issues and causes you care about.
- #6 Talk productively with your parents about where they stand on social issues and share your feelings.
- #7 Speak with your school leaders and teachers about ideas for positive changes in our school.
- #8 Listen to someone open-mindedly, even if you disagree with their point of view. Find common ground.
- #9 Have lunch with a group of students and discuss meaningful topics in lieu of gossiping.
- #10 Make simple acts of kindness part of your daily routine.
- #11 Donate items or your time to a local shelter that serves those in need.
- #12 Invite someone to sit with you at lunch who doesn't seem to have any friends.
- #13 Surprise a family in your neighborhood with a gift of food or another gesture of good-will.
- #14 Smile and exchange friendly, upbeat greetings with each person you encounter.
- #15 Write an inspiring note to a family member and hide it in their lunch box or backpack to find later.
- #16 Make a positive comment on someone's social media account.
- #17 Pick up trash that you didn't drop or arrange a clean-up day on your campus.
- #18 Help your little brother or sister, or a struggling friend, with their homework.
- #19 Walk up to your teachers and thank them for the work they do on your behalf.
- #20 Make a new friend each month before the end of this school year.
- #21 Vote when you turn 18, and encourage your friends and family to vote.

### ***My Commitment to Positive Change***

*Please consider making a pledge in honor of Casey and Paco to promote kindness and meaningful change in our world. Your pledge could be one of the 21 ideas listed above, or an individual idea which could be dedicated to the beautiful lives lost here at Aztec High School. Choose something that would be outside your normal realm of behavior, but something you know you will follow through with this year. If it helps motivate you or makes your pledge more fun, consider combining efforts with friends who will become your accountability buddies. Let's use our energies to create a happy, friendly, safe campus where all students feel welcome. Together, we can make our campus and our community a better place for all.*

# make someone smile

*Free Compliments!*

**GIVE ONE AWAY TODAY**

**TAKE  
ONE**

You are beautiful

You inspire me

you have a great smile

you are wonderful

You light up the room.

On a scale from 1 to 10, you're an 11

You are brave

You are making a difference.

You are like sunshine on a rainy day.

Everything would be better if more people were like you!

You're really something special.

Being around you makes everything better!

My Commitment to Positive Change

Casey

Paco

In honor of

12/7/2017

2 Stick up for people that  
 1 are being bullied

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Paco

In honor of

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2 Listen to someone openmindedly  
 1 Smile and exchange friendly

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 1 Make simple acts of kindness part of my daily routine

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