

Weekly Family Update – September 2, 2025

Hello, Alderdice Families!

We are excited to launch a new weekly update from Alderdice High School! This update will be sent to families each week through Talking Points and will replace the Sunday afternoon emails you received in the past. Inside, you'll find information about upcoming events, school activities, athletic updates, and important announcements. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the main office at 412-529-4800.

We had a wonderful first week with students and want to share a few important reminders:

- Students may only bring empty water bottles or sealed drinks into the building. Open beverages (such as Starbucks, Dunkin', or unsealed bottles) are not permitted.
- First period begins promptly at 7:40 am. Students should allow enough time to clear security, eat breakfast, and stop at their lockers to ensure they are in class and ready to start on time.
- All students will receive their laptops by the middle of this week. Please make sure that your student(s) brings his/her/their charged laptop to school everyday, as it will be used during their classes.

Upcoming Dates

Mon., Sept. 8 – Wed., Sept. 17: Homecoming Tickets on sale (\$15) during lunches in the cafeteria

Fri., Sept. 12: half-day for students (11:10 am dismissal)

Tues., Sept. 16: PSCC Meeting at 6 pm (auditorium)

Fri., Sept. 19: Homecoming Dance, 6-10 pm in the gym; students **MUST** have a ticket to attend.

Tues., Sept. 23: No School for Students (Rosh Hashanah)

Fri., Sept. 26: half-day for students (11:10 am dismissal)

Beginning of Year Forms

If you have not completed your back-to-school forms, please do so by visiting [Online Forms](https://www.pghschools.org) as soon as possible. Paper copies of forms will not be sent home this year, so this is the best way to ensure your information is updated and on file. Please contact the main office with any questions. Thank you!

2025-26 Student Handbook

The 2025-26 Student Handbook is available for students and families to view by clicking [here](#). The handbook outlines all the school policies and procedures that will be in place throughout the school year. You can also access the handbook by visiting our [website](#) and clicking on Pittsburgh Allderdice 2025-26 School Handbook.

Allderdice Junior Inaugurated as Board Student Representative



Allderdice junior Christopher Graves, along with Obama senior Oril Trumbull, have been sworn in as the District's first-ever Student Representatives to the Board of School Directors. Both students took the Oath of Office administered by the Honorable Nicola Henry-Taylor. To commemorate the historic moment, Superintendent Dr. Wayne N. Walters presented each student with a Superintendent's Challenge Coin and a Students First lapel pin.

Student Representatives will serve a two-year term, unless they graduate or leave the District. To be eligible, students must apply during their 10th or 11th grade years to serve during their 11th or 12th grade years. Candidates are required to maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5, demonstrate active involvement in their school community, and exhibit the ability to collaborate effectively.

Christopher Graves is an 11th grade student at Taylor Allderdice who is passionate about making sure student voices are heard in shaping their education. He has been active in student government and clubs, organizing events, representing classmates, and developing strong leadership and communication skills. Christopher values fairness, inclusion, and advocacy, and is committed to creating a more supportive school environment for all students. He hopes to serve as a bridge between peers and school leadership by sharing concerns and ideas honestly and respectfully. Dedicated and reliable, Christopher is ready to take on the responsibility of representing his fellow students.

Congratulations, Christopher, on this exciting achievement!

Follow Allderdice High School on Social Media!

Follow Allderdice High School on the following social media platforms:

Facebook: Allderdice High School

Instagram: @allderdice_highschool

X (formerly known as Twitter): @AllderdiceHS

Summer 2026 trip to Montréal and Québec

There will be an in-person informational meeting about Madame Fischer's trip to Montréal and Québec during the summer of 2026 on Wednesday, September 10th at 6:00pm at Allderdice in Room 114. We will visit Old Montréal, Notre Dame Basilica, Montmorency Falls, the Chateau Frontenac and more. During the meeting we will discuss our itinerary, what's included in the price, safety, and scholarship opportunities available for our students. This will be a truly impactful experience, and we are so excited that our students have this opportunity! Click to RSVP for the meeting: [RSVP HERE](#).

Club Catalog

The current club catalog can be accessed by clicking [here](#). Clubs are a great way for students to get involved and meet other students with similar interests. The catalog is always being updated, so continue to check back for updates! If a student is interested in a club that isn't listed, please see Mrs. Scheuring, Activities Director, for information about how you can get it started.

Additionally, all clubs and activities must complete the appropriate paperwork before holding meetings or hanging signs. See Mrs. Scheuring for the required paperwork.

Athletics Updates

You can find all team schedules and updates at www.allderdicedragons.com.

Girls' Tennis

The girls' tennis team set the tone to the start of the season with consecutive road wins against Plum 4-1 and Woodland Hills 5-0. Winning matches for Dice at the singles positions were) Evelyn Lewis, Emme Anish, Lara Garrett and Myla Halasz. The winning doubles teams were) Ila Waldrup/Lara Garrett, Ila Waldrup/Myla Halasz and Cecelia Starr/Aya Tetrault. Participating in the junior varsity match was the doubles team of Sofia Alacio/ Devorah Hartz.

Good luck to the team this week with home matches at the Schenley Oval on Tuesday against Thomas Jefferson and Thursday against Baldwin.

Golf

The Allderdice Golf Team started off the season with two wins in City League competition. Will Mandarino led the way on Tuesday at North Park with a 41, and Liam Gedris had the low round on Thursday at 3 Lakes with a 44. The team will be back in action on Tuesday, September 2, and Thursday, September 4.

Girls' Field Hockey

🔔 Dragons Field Hockey Weekly Recap 🎉🏒

Final score vs. Oakland Catholic: 1–3

⚽ Goal: Senior Anne McHale scored in the 3rd quarter!

🧤 Saves: Lillian Madoni racked up 6 saves in goal

🚩 Corners: The Dragons earned 6 corners throughout the game!

🔥 This Week's Pyramid:

- 🥉 3rd – Camille Washburn (midfield hustle)
- 🥈 2nd – Anne McHale (goal scorer + leadership)
- 🥇 1st – Vivian Rosselot (defensive powerhouse 🙌)

📅 Next Game:

🆚 Ellis School on September 4

🕒 3:30 PM

📍 Away Game

Let's pack the sidelines and support our team! ❤️

Boys' Soccer

The Dragons opened the season with non-section matchups against strong PIAA playoff-caliber programs, falling to Fairview 4–3 and General McLane 3–0. The team responded well in section play, earning back-to-back wins over West Mifflin (4–1) and Uniontown (5–0) to even their record at 2–2 and build positive momentum. Coach Thyberg and the boys are excited with the progress and ready for a great season!

Senior captains Ethan Voight-Cherna, Luke Peña, and Ethan Heffley, along with junior winger Luca Fuerte, have stepped up to provide steady leadership and set the tone for the group. On the field, Voight-Cherna has paced the attack with 2 goals and 4 assists, Peña added 2 goals and an assist, and Heffley anchored the back line. Younger players have also stepped up with meaningful contributions, adding depth across the roster.

Off the field, the team and community came together for a successful Family Fun Fest with parents, fans, and players enjoying food, games, and plenty of school spirit.

This week, the Dragons travel for road matches at Chartiers Valley and Penn Trafford. We encourage the Allderdice community to come out and support the team, and to follow along on social media and at MaxPreps for up to date info and stats:

<https://www.maxpreps.com/pa/pittsburgh/taylor-allderdice-dragons/soccer/>



Girls' Soccer

History is being written on the pitch. For the first time since 1979, the Allderdice girls' soccer team has stormed out of the gates 4-0—and they're one of only two programs in all of Western PA (along with South Park) to hit Labor Day weekend with a perfect record.

The Dragons haven't just been winning—they've been leaving a trail of broken defenses behind. Ringgold (3-1), Baldwin (1-0), Connellsville (2-0), and Obama (3-0) have all fallen, and the attack has been as balanced as it's been relentless. Lilly Schievitz, Brooklyn Potter, Madie Schneider, Alexa Leventon, and Sylvie Bails have all found the back of the net, each tallying goals to keep opponents guessing where the next strike is coming from.

And then there's the defense—a fortress that's only been breached once all season. With senior keeper Emma Daley anchoring the back line and warriors, like Noa Offner, Olivia Boyle, Kaleah Sharif, Eliza Schneider, Katie Fielder, and Scarlett McCarthy, patrolling the field, the Dragons have posted three clean sheets in four games. Think dragons guarding gold, and you'll get the picture.

The message is clear: Allderdice isn't just hot out of the gate—they're a team with fire in their lungs and eyes on something bigger.

Cross Country



Congratulations to the Allderdice Boys varsity team which finished a close second overall in Saturday's 51st annual McDowell Invitational. The team was awarded a plaque to memorialize their efforts. All seven Varsity runners were awarded medals for finishing in the top 25 finishers. The team was led by 4th place finisher Will Kuchera, 6th place finisher Eli Coffey, 8th place finisher Reeve Floota, 12th place finisher Kofi Opoku-Dakwa, and 14th place finisher Marc Lebita. Henry Marriott, 15th, and Kai Richardson, 16th, completed the varsity seven.

The girls' varsity cross-country team finished 3rd in our first invitational of the season at McDowell. The girls were led by 6th place finisher Bailey White, 11th Place finisher Tiana Tompkins, 16th place finisher Olevia Steinhauer, 17th place finisher Zoe Densmore, and 22nd place finisher Sivon Feinberg. Ceci Passero and Chloe Crawford completed the varsity seven.

The Allderdice girls JV finished 1st in their race and were led by 1st place winner Selah McGinley, 2nd place finisher Annabelle Oberbarnscheidt, 6th place finishers Leah Alpert, 7th place finisher Teresa Cauda, and 8th place finisher Ellen Pastor. Noa Harding, 9th, Dani Babichenko, 10th, Avery Short, 14th also earned medals.

The Dice boys JV finished 1st in their race and were led by 4th place finisher freshman Thomas Aldous, 6th place finisher Idris Doha, 7th place finisher Aran McNutt, 8th place finisher Max Brumley, 9th place finisher Sam Tobias. Idan Feinberg, 10th, and Grayson Pegher, 13th, also earned medals.

We are looking forward to our first City meet this Wednesday, September 3, at Schenley Oval. We are still actively recruiting team members; contact Coach Flynn for information.