

GENERAL INFORMATION-2009-10

IMPORTANT DATES

SPECIAL FRESHMAN SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Freshman Math Camp: July 27 – July 30 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Freshman Math Camp Honors: July 27 – July 30 Time to be determined
Freshman Survival Skills: August 3 – August 4 8:00-11:00 a.m.
Freshman Husky Camp: August 5 – August 6 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Back to School Club and Sports Expo—Wednesday, August 12th at 6:30 P.M. in the Activity Center/Cafeteria

OPENING DAY OF SCHOOL—Monday, August 17th

School will open with a full day of classes. Students are to report to the areas listed below **before 7:30 A.M.** on the first day of school to pick up their official schedules. This will activate attendance for the year. **It is imperative that the school registrar be notified if a student is not going to be in attendance on day one so that the student's schedule of classes can be held.**

- * FRESHMEN—Food Court Area
- * JUNIORS—Cafeteria/Activity Center
- * SOPHOMORES—Food Court Area
- * SENIORS—Auditorium Lobby

UNDERCLASS PHOTOS & I.D.—Wednesday, August 26th & Thursday, August 27th

SENIOR I.D. – Tuesday, August 25th

FRESHMAN ELECTIONS

The freshmen elections will be held the 2nd or 3rd week of school. The six freshman positions are: President of the class, Vice President of the class and four senators. You will receive more information during the New Student Orientation.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

BUS SCHEDULES

Bus schedules will be posted on our website. Please be sure to determine the appropriate bus and bus stop so that your student is confident of his/her transportation arrangements.

LUNCH PERIOD

Lunch for all students will be 11:30. In addition to a variety of food available in the cafeteria, outside food vendors will be located at various locations and more lines will be open in the cafeteria so that students will have sufficient time to purchase and enjoy their lunches.

SCHOOL ATTIRE

Please keep in mind when purchasing your student's clothes for school that they must be appropriate for an educational setting. Students wearing immodest clothing or clothing that might cause a classroom distraction will be issued school clothing or be asked to telephone parents to bring in a change of clothing.

TEXT BOOKS

Textbooks for home use will be issued during the first week of school. They are checked out using a bar-coding system, which identifies the book as well as the student. Please be prepared to transport them home, as the total weight may be as much as 40 to 50 pounds. These books are to remain at the student's home for the school year. Class sets of books will be available for use in each classroom during the school day.

FROM THE COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

SCHEDULE CHANGES

(Seniors, please note: If you are hoping to drop a class for early dismissal, you may not be able to rearrange your schedule since morning classes are usually full.)

- Changes required as a result of summer school will be made automatically by counselors before the start of school.
- Please be aware that dropping, adding, or changing one class may alter your entire schedule. Once a schedule change is made, it will not be reversed. **Once you receive your schedule with teachers names listed schedule changes will ONLY be made if they meet one of the VALID REASONS listed below:**
 - **Successful completion of the course in summer school**
 - **Conflicts appearing on computer schedules**
 - **Changes needed to satisfy graduation requirements**
 - **Failure of a prerequisite course**
 - **Changes required for the health of the student (Doctor's documentation is required.)**
 - **Inappropriate placement as determined by teacher/counselor consultation**

If you think your schedule change request meets one of the above VALID REASONS, you need to do the following:

Prior to the Start of School

1. Pick up the add/drop form at the table as you enter the building through the north side door. Complete the form indicating which of the valid reasons listed above applies. Form must be signed by a parent.
2. Place the completed signed form in the basket on the table.
3. Do not call to check on the progress of your schedule change request. If the change can be made, it will be reflected on the official schedule you pick up on the first day of school.

After the Start of School

Schedule changes are initiated with the teacher of the class you want changed.

COUNSELING ASSISTANCE

The add/drop procedure described above does not preclude you from meeting with a Counselor or Counseling Tech. on a one-to-one basis. If you have any questions or concerns regarding classes, credits, etc., you may call the Counseling Department starting July 22nd when the administrative assistant returns.

FROM HEALTH SERVICES

IMPORTANT MESSAGE CONCERNING IMMUNIZATIONS

If your child has received a non-compliance notification in the mail, please see that he/she obtains the necessary immunization(s) and brings the documentation to walk-thru. (Updated documentation can be turned in at Walk-thru) **Failure to obtain state-mandated immunizations may prevent your child from attending school**

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF SENIORS

SENIOR PICTURE INFORMATION

Cameo Studios, 7000 E. Shea Blvd., has been selected as our official senior photographer. Pictures must be taken by Saturday, **October 3rd** to be included in the yearbook. There is no charge for the color yearbook photo and you are not required to purchase any of the photographs. To schedule an appointment, call (480) 483-6700.

YEARBOOK SENIOR PARENT RECOGNITION ADS

Ordering information is contained in this packet. Keep in mind the following deadlines:

Parent Recognition Ads—**November 2nd**

SENIOR “TRIPS”

Please be advised that Horizon High School does not in any way sponsor or encourage such a trip. Outside travel companies make contact with one or two students at the high schools and use them to get information to other students, sometimes meeting with them at a pizza restaurant at a later date. We encourage parents to investigate thoroughly any proposed trips and activities. Be sure to question your child and/or the organizers in order to obtain an acceptable parental confidence and comfort level. If you ever have questions about trips or activities, please feel free to call the school to see whether or not they are school sponsored.

SENIOR “DITCH DAY”

The concept of “senior ditch day” is neither supported nor condoned by the Paradise Valley Unified School District. Seniors are informed of this during fall and spring “senior talks” in the auditorium. We are aware of two students—one from our own school district—who lost their lives while engaging in “senior ditch day” activities. With the support of the School Board, United Parent Council, Paradise Valley Education Association—and parents, it is our hope that we can “ditch Senior Ditch Day” and its inherent dangers. We ask that you speak to your student about this serious issue and lend your support to this effort to keep our students safe. *Please be aware that documentation from a doctor may be required to excuse an absence that occurs on a day designated as “senior ditch day” by students.*

Senior Graduation Fee

There is a \$35.00 graduation fee payable anytime prior to graduation.

STAY INFORMED

HORIZON’S WEBSITE

Horizon High School has its own website: <http://cmweb.pvschools.net/hhsweb/>. It contains a vast amount of information and is updated several times a week. Please get in the habit of visiting this site often. You will find it to be a valuable resource.

ARIZONA REPORT CARD

The Arizona Department of Education (ADE) prepares an annual report card for all Arizona public schools. You may review a copy of Horizon’s report card on the ADE website, www.ade.az.gov/. ADE has provided us with a limited number of report cards, which are available in the Counseling Department.

