

HORIZON HIGH SCHOOL

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Message from the Principal

By Dr. Courson

As we begin the second quarter of the school year, it can be a time for students to refocus and rededicate themselves to learning. One of the 21st Century skills that will serve students well in school and life is their commitment to continuous learning.

Arthur Costa, author of *Habits of Mind*, describes continuous learning as striving for improvement—always growing, always learning, always modifying and improving oneself. Athletes, performers and professionals all seize problems, situations and circumstances as opportunities to learn and improve their performance. Our students can seek the same determination in their work. When students view each lesson, activity and assignment as an opportunity to grow in their knowledge, improve their skills and prepare for their future, they develop a life skill that unleashes their potential to achieve in any area.

To help your students learn continuously, here are a few questions you can ask them to inspire reflection on their learning: What was one thing you learned today that was meaningful and relevant to your future? What is the most important thing you learned from completing the homework assignment? What profession might use the information you are studying, learning about and/or reviewing? Thinking about the unit you are currently working in (name subject), what would you like to learn that would be most interesting to you?

Sharing in these conversations with your students may begin developing the habit and focus of continuous learning.

Horizon Has a New Attendance Dean

By Chuck O'Connor

First and foremost, it's great to be part of the Husky Team! This is my eleventh year in the Paradise Valley Unified School District and I can't think of any other place I would like to be. I have taught grades 1, 3, 4, 1-6 Science Lab, 1-6 Art, and K-6 PE. I have also had the pleasure of being the head wrestling coach for Pinnacle High School for three years and Explorer Middle School for five years. I have served on several district-wide committees and have chaired several school-wide committees. Most recently, I was

a teacher on assignment, in the role as an Assistant Principal at Echo Mountain Intermediate School. One of my goals as the Attendance Dean of Horizon High School is to build relationships with students, parents, and staff to help ensure student attendance. Students that have the best attendance will achieve their academic goals. Thank you and I look forward to meeting you throughout the year.

New Phone Numbers

We apologize for the recent inconvenience you may have suffered in contacting Horizon. We now have voice-mail and our staff is in the process of setting it up and becoming more available to parents and students.

Dan Courson Principal	602-449-6002
Linda Ihnat Assistant Principal	602-449-6032
Kandice Kelley Assistant Principal	602-449-6022
Mike Tesensky Assistant Principal	602-449-6042
Chuck O'Connor Attendance Dean	602-449-6017



We apologize for any inconvenience you may have experienced

John Pierce Athletic Director	602-449-6053
Attendance	602-449-6001
Bookstore	602-449-6018
Counseling	602-449-6015
Health Office	602-449-6003
Receptionist	602-449-6000
Records	602-449-6021
Registrar	602-449-6012
School Store	602-449-6040

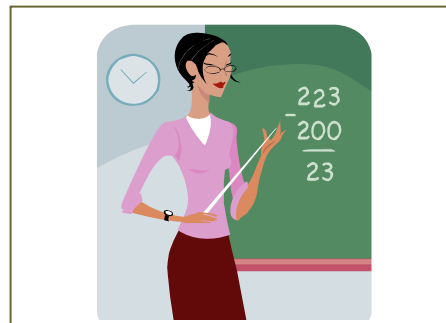
Introducing Horizon's New Staff

Heidi Baker	Math
Randall Green	Resource
Philip Howardell	CTE
Bruce Laks	Drama
William Mobley	Psychologist
Shaun Moe	Choir
Tamma Murphy	TV Production
Angela Rollins	Math
Dawn Woods	World Language
Allison Zenner	Strings

AND Introducing Horizon's Fulbright Teacher Exchange Grant Recipient Shalini Khare

Horizon is pleased to be able to host Ms. Shalina Khare from New Delhi, India. Shalini is a teacher that not only focuses on the good students but those that need the extra help. Students are learning about her country as well as educating Shalina about our country. We are pleased to be able to be a part of this program.

*A teacher opens the door, but
you must enter yourself.
Chinese Proverb*



Visit our Website Often

Horizon's Website has a variety of information for parents, students and our community. Links are provided for your convenience to many other important groups, events, and activities. If you have any questions, feel free to email Linda Lyman at LLyman@pvschools.net. We enjoy hearing from our community.

<http://hhs.pvschools.net>



Horizon's website keeps our parents informed.

Student Government News

Students elected to student government positions must take the Leadership: Student Government class. This course includes knowledge and use of parliamentary procedures, development of individual and group skills, improvement of communication skills along with the development of budgeting and citizenship skills. Our StuGo is an amazing group of very qualified and hard working students. They have been busy coordinating our Homecoming during this past week. The theme for the week *My Big Fat Greek Homecoming* was a huge success. The festivities included a fashion show, games, special lunch vendors, costume of the day, a bonfire with car show, spirit assembly and the week ending with the dance held on Saturday, October 18 on our campus. The staff at Horizon appreciates all the hard work the students and their awesome teacher, Ms. Bird, do all year long to keep the spirit alive on campus. We look forward to the remaining events that StuGo will host for our school. Future events planned are: Spring Dance, Hoopcoming, Mr. Horizon competition, Volleyball Tournament and a can food drive.

Open Enrollment Reminder

District-level Open Enrollment applications accepted October 1 through December 1, 2008. Applications are available at the District Office at the front desk. District Office is located at 15002 N. 32nd Street. Hours of operation are: 7:30AM to 5PM.

CSI Has Arrived at HHS!

Forensic Crime Scene Investigation 1-2
This elective course focuses on various aspects of forensic science and modern criminal investigation analysis. Topics include: Structures and functions of the human body and skeletal structure, toxicology, drug and alcohol abuse, and serology and terrorist and disaster response. This course is recognized as a lab science by AZ universities. Brenna Weissman, a junior, says "the class is fun and exciting and as a watcher of the TV series, she enjoys the experiments that are done in class." Ms. Ramelli, the teacher of the class, says "it is a learning experience for her as well as the students, and it is easy to keep them engaged because many have watched the series and compare it to what they learn." Horizon welcomes new ways to maintain our student's interests.

Horizon Announces 2008 AP Scholar Awards

Horizon High School is proud to announce the names of 88 students who have been named AP Scholars by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the Advanced Placement Examinations.

The **AP Scholar with Distinction Award** is given to students who receive grades of 3 or higher on five or more exams with an average exam grade of at least 3.5. These awards have been earned by **Arya Akhavan, Mukul Bhatt, Stephen Conatser, Ryan Crompton, Mary DeHaven, Caitlin Demo, Nari Ely, Alexis Hollingshead, Nikolas Kaplan, Daniel Kinnear, Matthew Kupfer, Michael Machas, Aaron McGuire, Lauren Meiss, Mallory Mitchell, Jillian Owens, Michael Piatt, Janani Raveendran, William Roulo, Deanna Sagaser, Max Spiller, Jon Steging, and Michael Wong.**

National AP Scholars are those students who received an average grade of 4 or higher on all exams taken, and grades of 4 or higher on eight exams or more. They are **Arya Akhavan, Aaron McGuire, and Michael Piatt.**

Students who received grades of 3 or higher on four or more exams with an average grade of 3.25 received the **AP Scholar with Honor Award**. These students are **Kyle Barrett, David Campbell, Scott Dixon, Jordan Ezzell, Audrey Gordon, Jacob Lamb, Chance Leonard, Lauren Mohr, Emily Rader, Spencer Raisanen, Evan Richardson, Bryan Rock, Sarah Sejen, Marshall Siekmann, and William Walmsley.**

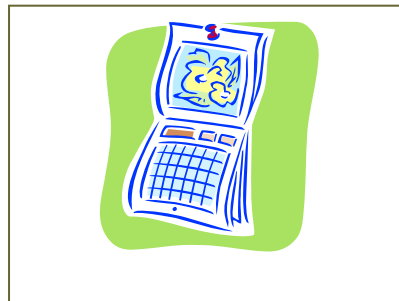
The **AP Scholar Award** is given to students who receive grades of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams. The AP Scholars are **Theodore Albrecht, Jennifer Attwood, Lisa Bagford, Kierstin Berg, Joshua Bochner, Lucas Bradford, Keli Bridinger, Alexandra Cappelli, Derek Deffner, Michael Duval, Stephen Flaaen, Shannon Force, Shon Gale, Saul Geller, Sarah Gerdes, Steven Haas, Nullin Hasan, Lindsay Jakows, Adrijana Krstic, Alexa Lauer, Randall Marks, Ashley Meredith, Alexander Mesko, Chelsey Miller, Rachael Miller, Sara Mohkami, Brittney Mohr, Melissa Montoya, Erica Morris, Rebecca Morris, Zachary Mykytiuk, Kathryn Netzel, Katrine Nickel, Sean Norton, Priscilla Novello, Zachary Parizek, Hannah Rosen, Brian Rothstein, David Rux, Megan Sepper, Christine Shely, Jordan Sloan, Sierra Smith, Joshua Stuebe, Adam Szajman, Naomi Tasky, Andrea Tukan, Kristin Watson, Brian Wright, and Lingjin Zheng.**

Press on. Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence.

Ray Kroc—founder of McDonald's

Why Does HHS Have Early Dismissal?

Although students have early release days throughout the year, the teachers are busy at work learning about technology, data and instructional strategies to enhance student achievement on these important days. The focus of Horizon High School's staff in-service days has focused on the following goals: To use a variety of student achievement data to provide effective learning experiences for students. To use technology as a learning and instructional tool. To use visual representations (i.e., Thinking Maps) to organize and analyze thinking. During our half-days teachers have explored a database of student achievement data. Currently teachers are learning state-of-the-art software tools that will enable them to capture video, sound and pictures to create short video presentations that may be used by students in the future.



Horizon Early Dismissal Days:
October 21
November 11
November 26 HHS only
December 17-18 Final Exams
January 13
February 10
February 13 HHS only
April 28
May 26-27 Final Exams

Yearbook Information

You should have received a mailer regarding ordering information for the yearbook. Information is posted on the website. Yearbooks are available at www.jostensyearbooks.com.

Option 1 - pay by credit card online at <http://www.jostensyearbooks.com> - personalization is available only online and only until December 31, 2008. Regular online orders will be available until March 31, 2009.

Option 2 - pay by check or money order and submit to Horizon (no cash will be accepted). This information will be mailed out the week of September 29. Cost is \$75. When paying the school directly, you may purchase a basic book only. No personalization is available.

Pumpkin Painting for U.N.I.C.E.F

Horizon's C.A.P. Club (Campus Activity Panel) will be hosting our third annual club participation Pumpkin Painting Contest for U.N.I.C.E.F on October 28 in the media center. Once the voting concludes all pumpkins will be donated to the Haunted House scheduled for October 29-31. Another exciting event planned by the C.A.P. Club is a Book Fair on November 5 from 11:30AM-4PM. All books will be sold for \$1.00! That is a true bargain! All proceeds will be donated to Arizona Literacy and Learning Center. Please support this worthy cause and buy "gently used" books by coming to the Auditorium lobby.

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER	28-30	AIMS TESTING
NOVEMBER	1	PLAN TEST
NOVEMBER	11	NO SCHOOL
NOVEMBER	17	COLLEGE NIGHT FOR JUNIORS
NOVEMBER	26	HHS ONLY EARLY DISMISSAL
NOVEMBER	27-28	THANKSGIVING

For many other important events, times, locations and activities, please visit our website.
Thank you.