



Horizon Honors High School News

March 2008

From Principal Nancy Emmons

As you can see from the calendar in this edition, this will be a very busy spring at Horizon Honors. We have just completed a terrific winter sports season. Congratulations to our Girls and Boys Basketball teams, our Coed Soccer team and our Coed Spiritline. Our student athletes demonstrate leadership on the playing field and in the classroom and always represent our school with the highest level of sportsmanship. Our Girls Basketball team made it to the STATE Playoffs for the very first time! Now it is time to begin our spring season and we know that we will see the same terrific leadership from our Baseball, Softball, Track, and Golf teams. We have also just found out that our Honors Symphonic Band has qualified to go to STATE for the first time! Our performing arts groups are enriching our entire campus in so many ways through music, drama, and art. I am also proud of our High School Leadership Club for organizing a community service project at the Arizona Veterans Home. Over 30 of our students paired up with a resident and enjoyed a scavenger hunt throughout the facility. Our students are really embracing the idea of giving to others. In addition to these activities, we also have some very important testing dates in April. Please refer to the testing schedules in this newsletter for all the details, and help us insure that our students put forth their best effort and are all in school for these important dates. ~Nancy

Honor Roll Correction

The following students were accidentally omitted from the Fall 2007 Principal's Honor Roll:

Emi Smith	Arianna Trujillo
Kelly Stinnett	Alexandra Tso

We apologize for the error.

Tissue Reminder

Attention Parents! Horizon Honors would greatly appreciate any help you can give us fighting the student "sniffle wars" by donating boxes of tissues to our cause. Please drop them off in the Main Office. Thank you!

High School *Happenings*

Baseball

Saturday, March 1st vs. Phoenix Christian @ Away
Monday, March 3rd vs. South Ridge @ Home
Thursday, March 6th vs. Phx. Country Day @ Away
Friday, March 7th vs. Surrey Garden @ Away
Thursday, March 13th vs. NW Christian @ Away
Saturday, March 15th vs. Camp Verde @ Away
Thursday, March 20th vs. NorthPointe Prep @ Home
Friday, March 21st vs. South Ridge @ Victory Lane
Monday, March 24th vs. Valley Christian @ Away
Thursday, March 27th vs. Canyon State @ Home
Monday, March 31st vs. NW Christian @ Away

Softball

Saturday, March 1st vs. Phoenix Christian @ Away
Tuesday, March 4th vs. Tempe Prep. @ Papago Park
Thursday, March 6th vs. Phoenix Country Day @ Away
Friday, March 7th vs. Camp Verde @ Home
Thursday, March 13th vs. Northwest Christian @ Away
Friday, March 14th vs. Southpointe Prep. @ Home
Thursday, March 20th vs. NorthPointe Prep. @ Home
Monday, March 24th vs. Valley Christian @ Home
Friday, March 28th vs. Phoenix Christian @ Away
Monday, March 31st vs. Northwest Christian @ Home
Cantabile Honors Chorale & Honors Symphonic Band
Monday, March 3rd, 7 p.m., MPR

Golf

Monday, March 3rd vs. Valley Lutheran @ Away
Wednesday, March 5th vs. Phx. Christian @ Legacy
Monday, March 10th vs. AZ Lutheran @ Bougainvillea
Tuesday, March 11th vs. Bourgade/Surrey Gard. @ Maryvale
Tuesday, March 18th vs. PCDS/AZ Lutheran @ Ahwatukee
Monday, March 24 vs. Scottsdale Christian @ Ahwatukee CC
Wednesday, March 26th vs. Valley Christian @ Foothills CC
Monday, March 31st vs. Northwest Christian @ Hillcrest

Track and Field

Tuesday, March 4th vs. Phoenix Christian @ Away
Wednesday, March 12th vs. Bourgade @ Away
Saturday, March 29th @ Matt Showers Memorial

Concert Band & Wind Ensemble

Wednesday, March 5th, 7 p.m., MPR

Bella Voce, Dolce Voce, & Magnum Chordum

Thursday, March 6th, 7 p.m., MPR

Spring Break Begins (NO SCHOOL)

Monday, March 17th

Individual Learning Plan Conferences (ILPs) (NO SCHOOL)

Thursday, March 27th and Friday, March 28th

First Day of 4th Quarter

Monday, March 31st

Soaring Eagles Society "Make the Difference"

Fundraising Dessert

Thursday, April 10th, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., MPR

Counselor's Corner

Seniors -- Let Mrs. Collins know about your college acceptances and scholarship offers so she can help you with the process.

Juniors -- It is time to sign up for the SAT or ACT tests before the end of 11th grade.

College testing dates to remember:

SAT (*Register at www.collegeboard.com*)

March 1, 2008

May 3, 2008 (register by April 1st)

June 7, 2008 (register by May 6th)

ACT (*Register at www.actstudent.org*)

April 12, 2008 (register by March 7th)

June 14, 2008 (register by May 9th)

Honor Band and Honor Orchestra

Congratulations to the students listed below for being selected by audition to the North Central Region Honor Music Festival.

Honor Band Members: Suzanna DeFriez, Laurel Fink, Anna Kawski, Ian Murphy, Katie Rush and Emi Smith.

Honor Orchestra Members: Sara Ellenberger and Kadie Snowski.

Student Council Update

Student Council is working hard to put together next quarter's big events. Remember to save Saturday, April 19th for the 2008 prom, "Night of the Golden Dragon." We are putting together an evening of Asian elegance for this year's upperclassmen to enjoy, and we hope that all of you will do us the honor of attending. For our soon-to-be graduates, Senior Week is May 12-16, and our own Seniors are already planning a week of food and fun to celebrate the graduating class. Enjoy the rest of the quarter!

Registration for Honors Classes

This is the time of year when we are helping students choose classes for next year. Parents often ask what is required to be placed in honors. Honors placement is determined by several factors: writing ability, reading ability, study skills, and level of independence.

Students need to perform above grade level in reading and writing while displaying strong organizational skills, initiative, and an academic attitude. Honors classes provide more challenge. To prepare for in-class discussions that require students to analyze and synthesize information, students will need to devote more time to their honors classes.

Our number one goal is to place students in classes that will be appropriately challenging, leading students to success.

Performing Arts Letter

All Horizon Honors High School students are eligible to earn a high school letter in performing arts. All students currently in performing arts courses received the necessary paperwork at the beginning of the school year in their handbook. Spring break is an excellent time to review the requirements for the letter and to see if any additional work or performances are needed to meet eligibility. Directors will be requesting the completed forms the first week in May.

National Honor Society News

On February 29th, the Horizon Honors chapter of the National Honor Society will induct 24 new members at 6 p.m. in the Multi-purpose Room. Those being inducted are:

Austin Clark	Samantha Miller
Bijan Fakhri	Christopher Montagne
Laurel Fink	Melissa New
Christopher Ford	Eric Rebello
Josh Garrett	Katherine Rush
Eric Grossman	Shana Sangston
Haylee Hilgers	Sara Skromme
Joel Huss	Alexandra Smith
Thao (Amy) Huynh	Emi Smith
Anna Kawski	Arianna Trujillo
Kirsten Mac Isaac	Alexandra Tso
Mary McCloskey	Nicholas Zerbach

AIMS Testing Dates and Schedule

Monday, April 7th: No testing on this day.

Tuesday, April 8th and Wednesday, April 9th:

Freshmen -

Block 1: 8 – 8:55 a.m. (Attendance Required)

Terra Nova Testing: 9 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.

(Terra Nova/AIMS Science on Wednesday)

Lunch (No Advisory): 12:05- 12:35 p.m.

Block 3: 12:35 - 1:10 p.m. (Block 2 on Wednesday)

Block 5: 1:15 - 1:50 p.m. (Block 4 on Wednesday)

Block 7: 1:55- 2:30 p.m. (Block 6 on Wednesday)

Sophomores -

Block 1: 8 – 8:55 a.m. (Attendance Required)

AIMS Math: 9 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.

(AIMS Science on Wednesday)

Lunch (No Advisory): 12:05- 12:35 p.m.

Block 3: 12:35 - 1:10 p.m. (Block 2 on Wednesday)

Block 5: 1:15 - 1:50 p.m. (Block 4 on Wednesday)

Block 7: 1:55- 2:30 p.m. (Block 6 on Wednesday)

Juniors and Seniors who are retaking AIMS -

Block 1: 8 – 8:55 a.m. (Attendance Required)

AIMS Math: 9 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.

Lunch (No Advisory): 12:05- 12:35 p.m.

Block 3: 12:35 - 1:10 p.m. (Block 2 on Wednesday)

Block 5: 1:15 - 1:50 p.m. (Block 4 on Wednesday)

Block 7: 1:55- 2:30 p.m. (Block 6 on Wednesday)

Juniors and Seniors who are NOT testing -

Block 1: 8 – 8:55 a.m. (Attendance Required)

Release (With Parent Permission): 9 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.

(Study Hall with no Release)

Lunch (No Advisory): 12:05- 12:35 p.m.

Block 3: 12:35 - 1:10 p.m. (Block 2 on Wednesday)

Block 5: 1:15 - 1:50 p.m. (Block 4 on Wednesday)

Block 7: 1:55- 2:30 p.m. (Block 6 on Wednesday)

Wednesday, April 9th: See schedule above. No

Juniors and Seniors will be testing on Wednesday.

NOTE: Any Freshmen enrolled in a life science will need to participate in the AIMS Science Test on Wednesday instead of participating in the second day of Terra Nova testing. The Terra Nova testing will be made up during Block 5 on Thursday

Thursday, April 10th: Any Freshmen who have not completed the Terra Nova testing will do so during Block 5. All other students will follow a typical Thursday schedule.

Lost and Found

Before leaving for Spring Break, please make sure to check the lost and found bin in the Main Office for anything you may have lost. We have several pairs of prescription glasses along with gym clothes, lunch boxes, backpacks, etc. Please see Mrs. Conti or Ms. Dempsey if you are missing any items. Any items in lost and found not retrieved will be donated to a charity after ILP Conferences.

Mark Your Calendars!

Horizon Honors High School is proud to present our first ever school musical! “Once Upon A Mattress” will be performed April 25th at 3:30 and 7 p.m. and again on April 26th at 7 p.m. This is a whimsical “true tale” of the “Princess and the Pea” with many amusing twists and turns! Tickets go on sale April 7th.

Practice, Practice, Practice

Auditions for the Performing Arts Exhibition are immediately after Spring Break and are approaching more rapidly than many students believe. Now is the time to be preparing! Auditions will be held from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. on April 1st, 3rd, and 4th. This is an excellent opportunity for our 5th - 12th grade performing arts students to showcase their special talents by performing an instrumental or vocal solo, preparing an ensemble piece, or presenting a drama monologue or ensemble scene. The Performing Arts Exhibition will be held April 17th. All participants are expected to attend a brief, but mandatory, meeting on April 16th at either 2:30 or 3:15 p.m.

Parent Partnership News

"Volunteers make it happen!"

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4th Quarter Lunches on Sale Now!

Fourth quarter lunches are on sale now! The deadline to order is Thursday, March 6th. Lunch Order Forms are available in each office, sent home with students, and are accessible on the HCLC Web site at <http://www.horizonclc.org>, look under "Parent Partnership," then "Lunch Program."

Spring Fling Carnival

Friday, May 2nd, 5 to 9 p.m.

Pre-sale is April 3rd - 17th (Prices increases after April 17th)

\$13 - all-ride wristband (pre-sale price)

\$8 - non-ride wristband (pre-sale price)

To enter the event, EVERYONE must purchase a wristband

Carnival amusement rides, inflatable rides, carnival games and much more...

- Cake Walk - win a cake, cookies or other treats from 5 to 8:30 p.m. (or while supplies last).
- Bingo! - Bingo is what you'll be hearing or yelling (if you are lucky)! Bingo cards are one Horizon Buck each. The event runs from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. (or while prizes last). Fun for all ages.
- Art Masterpiece Exhibit - Enjoy the K-6 Art exhibit in the Multi-purpose Room.
- Entertainment - Our Middle School Radio Club will play music in the Elementary Courtyard for your enjoyment.

Sponsor A Ride!

Join the many businesses that help offset our ride expenses by sponsoring a ride. Sponsorships are \$250 and each business receives four all-ride wristbands. Your business name will be displayed on a sign that is located near or on a ride. Contact Mona Volden for more information.

Volunteer of the Month

Our March Volunteer of the Month is Laurie Branch. Congratulations Laurie!