



Horizon Honors High School News

May 2008

From Principal Nancy Emmons

Every day 7,000 high school students drop out of school – and the American high school graduation rate hasn't budged for almost three decades. Horizon Honors has always embraced the idea of civic engagement for all of our students. Beginning with the class of 2011, all Horizon Honors students need to participate in 40 hours of community service each year. We are excited about the effect these experiences will have on our students.

What's critical is that it is not only key to getting more students engaged in their communities, but, according to a report released last week by Civic Enterprises, it is also a powerful tool to keep students on track to graduate from high school (Bridgeland). 82% of all community service students said their view of school improved because of their service, and 77% said that community service had a big effect on motivating them to work hard.

Although community service requirements are cropping up across the nation, such programs are still unjustifiably rare. We need students who graduate from high school prepared to succeed in today's global economy. We also need students who understand the value of service to others – whether in their own communities or across the world.

Our Spirit Week in April will focus our entire High School student body on the issue of helping others in the world community by reaching out to the "Invisible Children" of Sudan. Our newly formed Leadership Club has focused their efforts in our local community to assist others and all of our athletes have been involved with Special Olympics. We are proud of the commitment of our students and we know they will contribute even more to our community next year. ~Nancy

• *John M. Bridgeland, CEO of Civic Enterprises, is coauthor of the new report, "Engaged for Success." He also is coauthor of "The Silent Epidemic: Perspectives of High School Dropouts" and "America's Civic Health Index."*

High School *Happenings*

Spring Fling

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

Art Show

Wednesday, May 7th, 6 to 7 p.m., Community Room

Senior Week

Monday, May 12th through Friday, May 16th

Memorial Day (NO SCHOOL)

Monday, May 26th

Cantabile Honors Chorale, Magnum Chordum, & Honors Symphonic Band Concert

Tuesday, May 27th, 7 p.m., MPR

Bella Voce & Concert Band Concert

Wednesday, May 28th, 7 p.m., MPR

Dolce Voce & Wind Ensemble Concert

Thursday, May 29th, 7 p.m., MPR

Last Day of School for Seniors

Friday, May 30th

Drama Class performance of "Cinderella the Spoofer" for Grades 3/4

Friday, May 30th, 9 a.m.

Graduation Rehearsal

Monday, June 2nd, 1 p.m., Bethany Comm. Church
Commencement Exercises

Monday, June 2nd, 6 p.m., Bethany Comm. Church
Parent Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

Tuesday, June 3rd, 8:30 a.m.

Finals

Thursday, June 5th and Friday, June 6th

Last Day of School for Grades 9-11

Friday, June 6th

ILP Conferences

Thursday, June 12th and Friday, June 13th

Graduation Rehearsal

Graduation practice is Monday, June 2nd at 1 p.m. Students will report to Bethany Community Church at 6240 South Price Road in Tempe. Attendance will be taken. This rehearsal is mandatory! If you work, please make arrangements now to be at rehearsal.

Counselor's Corner

Juniors -- Last chance to sign up for testing for the end of this school year. Information is available in the Media Center.

Seniors -- Remember to see Mrs. Collins with your college admissions and scholarship information.

College testing dates to remember:

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

May 3, 2008

June 7, 2008 (register by May 6th)

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

June 14, 2008 (register by May 9th)

Art Show May 7th

The Horizon Honors High School Spring Art Show will be Wednesday, May 7th from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Community Room. The Art Show will showcase student work from Mrs. Christen's Photography class and Mr. Hirsch's Art classes.

Media Center Update

As May approaches, the Media Center begins the end of the school year procedures. Students who have checked out material from the Media Center need to have everything returned before the last day of the year. Students are responsible for material with barcodes on the back of each book matching what they checked out. If any material is lost or damaged, students need to pay a fine to replace the material. Fines paid for lost books will only be refunded if books are returned before the last day of the school year. Students will begin receiving notices of what they have checked out mid-May as a reminder. If you have any questions, please contact the Media Center.

Finals Schedule

Thursday, June 5th

Block 3: 8 – 9:15 a.m.

Block 5: 9:20 – 10:35 a.m.

Block 7: 10:40 – 11:55 a.m.

Lunch & Early Dismissal: 11:55 a.m.

Friday, June 6th

Block 2: 8 – 9:15 a.m.

Block 4: 9:20 – 10:35 a.m.

Block 6: 10:40 – 11:55 a.m.

Lunch & Early Dismissal: 11:55 a.m.

Block 1 Finals will be given during regular class times on Tuesday, June 3rd and Wednesday, June 4th.

Commencement Exercises

Commencement Exercises are Monday, June 2nd at 6 p.m. at Bethany Community Church. Tickets are required. Each senior will be given 15 tickets for their family and friends. Tickets will be distributed on May 23rd.

Lost and Found Reminder

Please be sure to check the lost and found collection in the Main Office on or before ILP conferences in June. After June 13th, all items will be donated to charity.

Tissues Needed!

Attention Parents! Horizon Honors would greatly appreciate your generous donations to help us get through this allergy season. Please drop them off in the Main Office. Thank you!

Horizon Honors Athletics Update

As we look forward to next year's Fall sports season, there are a few events and procedures that we would like to make note of so that families can be prepared. Because Fall sports tryouts for High School begin on **August 11th**, our Parent/Athlete Meeting and due date for physicals both take place within the first few weeks of school.

The Pre-Tryout Parent/Athlete Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 30th in the Multi-purpose Room from 6 to 7 p.m. We require all parents and athletes interested in a Fall sport to attend. Policies and procedures will be addressed and this is an opportune time for parents and athletes to have questions answered by Mr. Keen, the HCLC athletic director.

The **Physical** is due by Monday, August 4th and should be given to Mrs. Tamara Heinrich, the athletic assistant, in the Main Office. The athlete must have been physically seen by a doctor within the acceptable time period set forth by the AIA, which is March 1st or after of the current year. The physical must also be recorded on the AIA physical form that can be picked up in the Main Office. The March 1st or later requirement **is firm** and exceptions cannot be made. Sometimes there have been issues with this time frame. For example, if your child was just given a physical in December of 2007 and a physical is good for one year, we understand that your insurance company will not pay for another one until December of the following year. But, we still cannot waive the physical date requirement set forth by AIA. If this time frame adversely affects any of our HCLC families, there will be an opportunity to receive a physical through Peak Physical Therapy on Saturday, August 2nd, from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. All HCLC athletes who need physicals can take advantage of this scheduled date. The cost is \$30.

Finally, all athletes need to make sure that they have signed up on the sport sign-up sheets at Mrs. Heinrich's desk within the first week of the new school year indicating what sports they would be interested in. These lists are used to prepare the sports rosters that are given to the coaches in preparation for tryouts.

Thank you in advance for your attention to these matters and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Heinrich at (480) 659-3011.

Horizon Honors Fall Sports

High School Spirit Line
High School Volleyball
High School Cross Country

Important Dates & Deadlines:

Each athlete will be expected to take responsibility and be accountable for ensuring compliance with all requirements. Therefore, these deadlines are important and must be met.

Wednesday, July 30th - Pre-Tryout Parent/Athlete Meeting, Multi-purpose Room, 6 - 7 p.m.

Monday, August 4th - All Physical and Annual Pre-participation forms due. Deliver to Mrs. Heinrich in Main Office

Monday, August 11th - First Day of Tryouts

- Cross Country - 6 - 7:15 a.m., Pecos Park
- Spirit Line - 3 - 5 p.m., Multi-purpose Room
- Volleyball - 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., Gym

Thursday, August 14th - Team rosters announced

Friday, August 15th - Athletic Handbooks distributed

- Handed out by Coaches at the end of practice

Friday, August 22nd - Final paperwork due to Mrs. Heinrich in Main Office

- Contact Information
- Insurance Information and Waiver, Policy & Procedure
- Athletic Fee (To Be Determined – Currently \$200)

Important Information:

1. Practice schedules will be distributed after team rosters are announced.
2. Game schedules will be distributed during the first week of practice.
3. Please realize that practice and game schedules might change throughout the season. When this happens we will notify you as soon as the information is available.

Parent Partnership News

"Volunteers make it happen!"

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Spring Fling Carnival

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

Forgot to pre-purchase tickets?

**You can purchase tickets the day of the event from 8 to 10 a.m. in the MPR
or the evening of the event**

All-Ride Wristbands - \$20

Non-Ride Wristbands \$15

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.

2008-2009 School Lunches

Pre-order your "**Early Start**" 2008-09 first quarter school lunches before summer break. The "Early Start" lunch program will begin Monday, August 6th. Order forms will be sent home in mid-May.

The "**Delayed Start**" first quarter school lunches will be available to order Thursday, July 24th, with lunches starting Monday, August 18th.

Horizon Wear

Back to school shopping made easy! The 2008-2009 fall Horizon Wear line of shirts will be available to order in May.

Volunteer of the Month

Our May Volunteer of the Month is Julie Rebello. Congratulations Julie!

Mona Volden, Parent Partnership Director
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Soaring Eagles Society Update

As of April 23rd, we have **89 participants** and **\$81,239** helping us “Make the Difference!”

Thank you!



Participation Goal: 100%

Donation Goal: \$180,000

Become a Soaring Eagles Society Member TODAY!

Member Benefits:

- Your donation helps support in part current programs and future programs at HCLC
- A special memento recognizing your membership
- Certificate of membership
- Listing of your name and giving level in various HCLC publications
- Invitations to fun and exciting member-only events.

JOIN TODAY! Donations are still being accepted. Contact Mona Volden (480) 659-3098 for details or visit <http://www.horizonclc.org/soaringeaglesociety.htm> for more information.