



Horizon Honors Middle School News

March 2008

From Principal Nancy Emmons

We are already planning for the 2008-2009 school year and we are so excited about the many wonderful things to come! Our terrific 6th and 7th graders are returning for next fall and we are going to have very few openings for new students at Horizon Honors Middle School. We are also very lucky to have such outstanding Middle School faculty. Both of these factors help us continue a solid tradition of Middle School academic and social excellence. We find ourselves educating our next generation of leaders at a time of very tight budgets, however at Horizon we are committed to offering a well-rounded program for all of our students.

Congratulations to our Girls Softball team, our Boys Basketball team, and our Spiritline on their fantastic season. Our Boys Basketball team culminated their season by winning the championship!

Please remember that Middle School students will be taking AIMS tests April 7-11 and we need 100% of our students present, so please try to schedule all appointments after school or during different weeks.

I am also proud to announce that many of our Middle School students volunteered this quarter for the Arizona Veterans Home assisting residents with a fun-filled scavenger hunt. We have many more academic, social, and athletic activities planned for spring. Keep up the great work! ~Nancy

Middle School Academic Night

Third Quarter Academic Night is Thursday, March 13th. Academic Night is a time when students will share with their families what they have learned in their classes. You will hear your student speak about many topics such as: cell structure and genetics, technical reading, Super Tuesday, and survival skills. Come to our Horizon Honors Middle School Academic Night and find out what is going on in the classroom.

Session 1: 5 to 5:30 p.m.

Session 2: 5:30 to 6 p.m.

Please e-mail your student's advisor with your session preference. Notification of scheduled time will be sent home next week.

Middle School Happenings

Cantabile Honors Chorale & Honors Symphonic Band

Monday, March 3rd, 7 p.m., MPR

Baseball

Monday, March 3rd vs. Veritas @ Palma Park

Thursday, March 6th vs. Phoenix Christian JH @ Away

Tuesday, March 11th vs. Northwest Christian @ Victory Lane

Monday, March 24th vs. Scotts. Christ. @ La Casa Lutheran

Saturday, March 29th vs. Scottsdale Christian @ Away

Girls Basketball

Tuesday, March 4th vs. Northwest Christian @ Home

Thursday, March 6th vs. North Pointe Prep @ Home

Tuesday, March 25th vs. Phoenix Christian JH @ Away L

Thursday, March 27th vs. Scottsdale Christian @ Away

Concert Band & Wind Ensemble

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

Bella Voce, Dolce Voce, & Magnum Chordum

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

Social

Friday, March 7th, 6 to 8 p.m., MPR

Academic Night

Thursday, March 13th, 5 to 6 p.m.

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

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

Spri ng 2008 AI MS Testi ng

AIMS Testing will be the week of April 7th. The schedule for the week will be as follows:

Monday, April 7th

Block 1: 8 – 8:55 a.m.
AIMS Testing: 9 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.
Lunch (No Advisory): 12:05- 12:35 p.m.
Block 5: 12:35 - 1:10 p.m.
Block 6: 1:15 - 1:50 p.m.
Block 7: 1:55- 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 8th

Block 1: 8 – 8:55 a.m.
AIMS Testing: 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 5: 1:15 - 1:50 p.m.
Block 7: 1:55- 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 9th

Block 1: 8 – 8:55 a.m.
AIMS Testing: 9 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.
Lunch (No Advisory): 12:05- 12:35 p.m.
Block 2: 12:35 - 1:10 p.m.
Block 4: 1:15 - 1:50 p.m.
Block 6: 1:55- 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 10th

Block 1: 8 – 8:55 a.m.
AIMS Testing: 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 5: 1:15 - 1:50 p.m.
Block 7: 1:55- 2:30 p.m.

Friday, April 11th

Block 1: 8 – 8:55 a.m.
AIMS Testing: 9 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.
Lunch (No Advisory): 12:05- 12:35 p.m.
Block 2: 12:35 - 1:10 p.m.
Block 4: 1:15 - 1:50 p.m.
Block 6: 1:55- 2:30 p.m.

NJHS News

Congratulations to the 2008 National Junior Honor

Society inductees:

Claudia Alban	Ciera Holle
Kurumi Austin	Shailla Homan
Shivam Barwey	Mikey Iosue
William Bates	Kelsey Jones
Melissa Berg	Daniel Kachekian
Brendan Berry	Dania LaScola
Erica Birkholz	Azya Ladd
Kayla Block	Julia Lima
Justin Bonowski	Corina Mac Isaac
Rachel Borden	Anna Mathew
Katie Branch	Brenna McElenney
Adam Brosmann	Valerie McPherran
Hannah Brown	Kacie Moss
Kristen Brown	Rohan Murty
Hannah Brzezinski	Mehran Navabi
Molly Brzezinski	Brandon Ngo
Sydney Burke	Shivani Palakodaty
Megan Burtraw	Tyler Popescu
Avi Dasgupta	Victor Rasmussen
Nitin Dinesh	Liam Rubinoff
Staci Eagleton	Trevor Rubinoff
Rebecca Faymon	Aruna Sakthi Aravind
Jess Fernandez	Arielle Santacruz
Owen Fite	Clint Sciaaca
Maxwell Geidel	James Shnowske
Soha Ghanian	Alyssa Singh
Marlee Grayson	Daniel Skromme
Bryce Gressley	William Swiss
Antoni Grgurovic	Casey Trier
Carissa Guell	Mercedes Van Meter
Aakriti Gupta	Carlie Wallin
Cody Gylling	Stephanie Yamamoto
Marissa Hall	Robel Yoseph
Kendall Hickie	Haley Zipay

- Ashley Bahr, President
- Taylor Hudzinski, Vice President
- Meera Kumar, Treasurer
- John McCollum, Secretary
- Lisa Di Chiara, Faculty Advisor

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.

Student Newspaper

Are you a writer or cartoonist? Do you like to inform others or report on upcoming events? Join Ms. Wright in her classroom for the beginnings of a Middle School newspaper. Meetings will be every Wednesday during lunch and Advisory. All Middle School students are welcome. Please join us!

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!

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.

Student Council Update

Student Council has been working hard and planning our next Social. We had all the Middle School students take a survey about the Socials, asking them what they like and what they would change about our current Socials. We've looked through all the surveys and are happy to say that we are planning some fun surprises for the students! We hope to see you at our next Social on March 7th from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Multi-purpose Room. Have a great month! ~Ashlee Bahr

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!