

Weekly Bulletin for the City High School Community ~ September 22, 2008

Greetings

By now we hope that everyone has had a chance to visit us during the Open House and/or check in with teachers during Parent-Teacher Conferences. The high school years can be challenging ones when it comes to communication between parents and students regarding academic progress and the general school experience, and we hope that these events, held early in the year, have helped to open some lines of communication between our families and the school.

Another way of staying in touch with your son/daughter's progress is to check **Power School** on a regular basis. Through Power School, parents/guardian have access to their child's grades, specific assignments, and attendance records. Please contact John Wolfe, Technology Coordinator, to get an account set up. johnw@cityhighschool.org or 623-7223 X 219.

-Eve Rifkin, Academic Director
eve@cityhighschool.org

Senior Bake Sale



class of 06 bake sale

The senior class will be hosting a bake sale on Tuesday, Sept. 23 before school and during lunch. Seniors should bring baked goods for the sale, which will support senior events, including the fall field trip to visit colleges and the graduation ceremony. Items will be priced between \$0.25- \$1.00 each.

Parents are welcome to stop in before school to support our seniors and grab some delicious baked goods for breakfast.

Anyone interested in donating a baked good for the sale, should contact Charles Schnarr: charless@cityhighschool.org

The PSAT is Coming to City High School

All Juniors will be taking the PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude test) on Wednesday, October 15, from 9-12. Sophomores interested in taking the test should see Eve Rifkin, Academic Director. **Remember:** The PSAT fee is 15.00, which can be paid through an AZ State Tax Credit Gift, or as a separate fee payment.

DIV 2A Humanities Field Trip

On **Friday October 3rd**, Division 2A Humanities students will embark on a 1-day expedition to Mission San Xavier del Bac and Tumacacari National Historic Park. As the culmination of a three-week study of Conquest and Colonization, the trip is designed to enhance students' understanding of the mission system of Arizona and the impact of colonialism on the Southwest.

Sophomores will be gone from **9:00 am until 3:00 pm**. Students are reminded that **Community Day dress code** will be in effect: solid colored shirt or City High shirt; solid colored pants, skirt, or shorts. No text or logos. Shoes appropriate for walking. Each student is encouraged to bring **sunscreen, water, and a hat**, as we will be spending much of the day outside. Lunch will be provided for those who are pre-ordered. Everyone else is encouraged to pack a bag lunch. Students who are late for school and miss the bus will remain at school for the day and will be required to complete a make-up assignment.

Senior Guest Speakers

Guest speakers have begun to visit City High School seniors to give them information about the application process, describe life after high school, and explain how to explore scholarship opportunities at their institutions. All presentations take place during Senior Seminar in the mornings. **Seniors**: come prepared with questions!

Upcoming visits are:

Tuesday, Sept. 23 --- Up with People

Thursday, Sept. 25--- Art Center Design College of Tucson

Friday, Sept. 26--- U of A

Honors Opportunities

Opportunities to receive **honors credit** are now available in most core classes. Students should strongly consider pursuing honors credit in their classes for 2 main reasons:

- **Universities**, primarily the more selective ones, want applicants to take *the most challenging course of study available to them*. At City High School, this includes taking advantage of honors opportunities whenever possible. Completing coursework at Pima Community College as a high school student is another great way to strengthen a transcript.
- Students who are looking for an **additional challenge** to enhance their academic experience should strongly consider pursuing honors opportunities. The honors pursuit includes project work and text-based discussions that push students above and beyond the regular course of study. These opportunities also allow students to collaborate with other like-minded students.

Please contact your child's teachers for more information on honors opportunities. Staff emails can be found on the school website: www.cityhighschool.org.