

Weekly Bulletin for the City High School Community ~ February 20, 2009

From the Director's Desk

All 10th graders will be taking the **AIMS TESTS** in the areas of reading and writing next week. The writing test will take place Tuesday, 2/23 and the reading test on Wednesday, 2/24. Some 11th and 12th graders will also be involved in taking one or both tests. Please check in with your son or daughter to help them prepare. The list of test-taking tips below might come in handy!

Test Taking Tips

- Bring a watch to the test with you so that you can better pace yourself.
- Keep a positive attitude throughout the whole test and try to stay relaxed; if you start to feel nervous take a few deep breaths to relax.
- When you first receive your test, do a quick survey of the entire test so that you know how to efficiently budget your time.
- Do the easiest problems first; don't stay on a problem that you are stuck on especially when time is a factor.
- Don't rush. Pace yourself, read the entire question and look for keywords.
- Ask the instructor/proctor for clarification if you don't understand the directions.
- Write legibly, if the grader can't read what you wrote they'll most likely mark it wrong.
- Always read the whole question carefully, and don't make assumptions about what the question might be.
- If you don't know an answer skip it, go on with the rest of the test and come back to it later; maybe on another part of the test there'll be something that will help you out with that question.
- Don't worry if others finish before you; focus on the test in front of you.
- When you are finished, if you have time left look over your test, make sure that you have answered all the questions, only change an answer if you misread or misinterpreted the question because the first answer that you put is usually the correct one. Watch out for careless mistakes and proofread your answers.
- Double check to make sure that you put your first and last name on the test.

From <http://www.testtakingtips.com/testgentest.htm>

Reminder: No school on Thursday or Friday next week. All schools in the Tucson area have the days off for **Rodeo Break**.

~ Carrie Brennan, Executive Director

Narwhal Tusk Comes to City High

The senior class presented a 9-foot museum quality replica of a narwhal tusk to the school at Whole School Meeting on Friday, February 13. Staff member Elliott Lax found the tusk at the Gem & Mineral Show and worked with the vendor to arrive at a reduced price. Staff, students, and parents quickly raised the money needed to meet the vendor's reduced price. (The vendor, by the way, was very impressed and excited to learn that City High was Home of the Narwhals and requested a narwhal hoodie sweatshirt as part of the deal.) There's no denying it – the narwhal has been fully embraced as the City High mascot!



Pictured right: Senior Tristan Blue and Elliott Lax present the tusk to the school on behalf of the senior class.

Student Spotlight

A record number of City High students are participating this year in the after-school program run by our partner nonprofit, Voices, Inc: Community Stories Past and Present. The program focuses on teaching youth the documentary arts, journalistic writing, and photography and involving them in publication of stories and photos in public venues such as the Arizona Daily Star and the Downtown Tucsonan. This year's participants include: Mara Balfe (1st semester), Talena Brown, Christina Griessel, Lilliana Lopez, Chris Stagg (2nd semester), Cappi Suddarth, and Carlos Valencia (1st semester), and Felix Valencia. The photo collage (right) includes profiles of each of the 1st semester Voices participants from City High and other Tucson-area schools. Lilliana Lopez took the photographs.



Art in Reality (AIR) Classes Starting

An awesome array of free after-school arts and fitness classes are available to students through the AIR program. Their next semester of classes will begin March 2 and go through May 8. There are lots of different types of classes ... Break Dance, Recycled Art, Bellydance, Recycled Fashion & Sewing, Hip Hop Dance, Jewelry. The locations for most classes are in the downtown area. For more information about the AIR program, call the director, Ruth Marblestone, at 882-8012.

New Student Enrollment Deadline ~ March 15

Please encourage any families who are interested in enrolling their son or daughter in City High School for the 2009-2010 school year to submit enrollment forms before March 15. The next Open House for prospective students is March 11 at 5:30 p.m. and Visiting Days are scheduled for March 3 and March 17. More information, including enrollment forms, are available at the school website ...

<http://www.cityhighschool.org/>

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