



Arcadia High School Newsletter

Arcadia High School PTSA

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Principal's Message



What did I sign up for?

It is hard to believe that we are already deep into the registration process for next year. I know for many seniors, not participating in this yearly ritual will be one of the first realizations that they will indeed be moving on after four years. Contrary to popular belief, scheduling classes does not have to be a painful process and can actually

be a very rewarding process when it includes the student, parents, and school personnel. Course selections are a very individualized process and should be a collaborative effort so everyone is in agreement. Career interests, ability levels, time commitments, course expectations, and college requirements are all variables that have to be considered when creating a schedule that will create academic success and allow for a balanced life experience. I would like to share a few reminders that I have learned through the years that will help your experience to be positive for you and your child.

Start with creating a realistic goal that will stretch your child's academic abilities and allow for success. Once a career interest or type of college / university has been identified, it is much easier to work backwards knowing the exact courses and requirements that must be met to be successful at the next level.

Understand scheduling is very much like putting together a puzzle. Make sure all the pieces are on the table before you begin to make a decision including extra curricular activities, family responsibilities, sleep requirements, and stress levels.

Once an agreement is made on course selections, respect the process by committing to the selections. Often students will begin to change their mind based on friend recommendations or based on teacher information. Each student is unique and has different learning styles, strengths and abilities. It is important to make decisions on what is best for your child, not the experiences of

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President's Message

Happy New Year!! Wishing you all a healthy and happy 2010!

I want to begin by thanking everyone who donated items to our White Christmas Food Drive. Your generosity helped Arcadia families in need! Many thanks to the AHS Senior Men and Women who ran this Program so well. Also, thank you to all who gave toys, jackets and other items to the White Mountain Apaches. Principal Vannasdall and Mr. Schreiner delivered the large quantity of gifts to the Arizona reservation over the holiday break and the Apaches were so appreciative of all that was sent! Thank you for helping others in our community and beyond!

Thank you to Diane Tran for chairing our Reflections Program. Congratulations to the following AHS Reflections winners: Jeffrey Wu (Film Production), Rebecca Sanhueza (Literature), Alexandra Tran (Musical Composition), Alexandra Tran (Photography) and Alice Yang (Visual Arts). We have many talented students at AHS.

My theme for this year is "Go the Extra Mile for Our Kids." You can do this by supporting your child and others at AHS by attending school events and PTSA meetings and by volunteering to assist with programs such as Apache Days, Grad Night, proctoring AP tests or helping in the library at the end of the school year when students return textbooks.

Another way you can support our school and our PTSA is by giving a donation to the fundraising letter that you will receive in the mail in the next several weeks. You are being asked to donate a minimum of \$5.00 to this fundraiser, (of course we would love for you to give more). Each year, our PTSA gives scholarships to deserving seniors to help defray the cost of college. These are not large sums of money, but they aid with the cost of books or tuition. Please donate generously to help us maintain our programs that our school depends on. If extra funds are raised, the monies will be gifted to the school. Monetary support is extremely important with the reduction in state funding that all schools are experiencing. Please send your donation with your student to school. The replies will be collected in their homeroom (4th period.) The class with the most money collected will receive a pizza party at lunch.

Thank you so much for supporting our PTSA and AHS! I hope to see you at our upcoming monthly meetings on Thursday, February 4 and Thursday, March 4. The meetings begin at 8:45 am and are held at the Church of the Good Shepherd (located on the corner of Duarte Road and Holly Avenue).

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someone else. Also, we are very fortunate to have a scheduling process that builds a master schedule based on student requests. Once the schedule is in place, changes negate the process and create unbalanced class sizes.

I hope this advice, coupled with your experiences, will result in a class schedule that you are pleased with, and will be the beginning of a very successful school year for your child.

Thank you for your continued involvement in your child's education and for your support in Arcadia High School.

David Vannasdall

Principal

Grad Night 2010

Get in on the ground floor and help create a memorable night for our senior students. The Grad Night Party follows graduation on June 11. It is an event that the students will never forget. A party like no other! Please join us as we begin to plan this magical evening. There is a job for everyone. Be a part of the fun.

Our first parent planning meeting was held on Monday, February 1 at 7:00 pm in the AHS

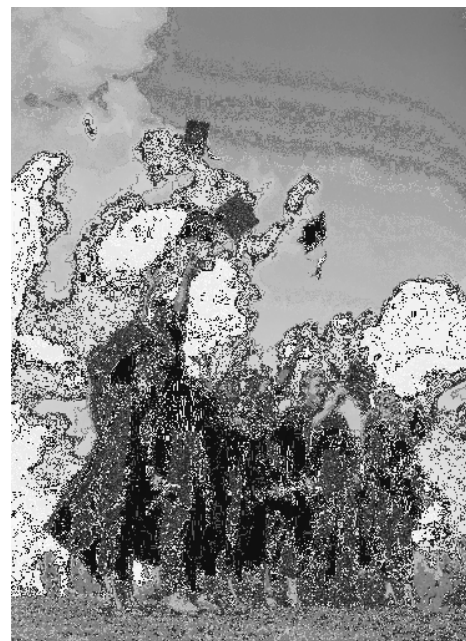
Cafeteria/Apache Pit. The Grad Night Party offers food, fun, prizes, games, dancing and so much more! Learn all about it and meet fellow senior parents. If we miss you in February, the next meeting will be held on **Monday, March 1 at 7:00 pm, also in the AHS Cafeteria.**

You don't need any special talents, just a willingness to get involved and help out. PLEASE JOIN US! If you have questions feel free to call or email us.

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2010 Grad Night Co-Chairmen



ROP NEWS

What is the ROP Program?

ROP is an exciting part of the public education system in partnership with 23 school districts which includes Arcadia high school. ROP classes offer career preparation and high standards for students planning to enter the workforce or attend college. Many classes at Arcadia are UC approved and offered to students in a variety of formats. Instruction varies from classroom only training, un-paid community classroom experience (internships), and paid cooperative vocational education (work experience) classes for students who are employed. ROP supports students in learning skills, gain confidence and reduces apprehensions about entering the job market. The Los Angeles County Regional Occupational Program (LACOROP) is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, and is governed by the Los Angeles County Board of Education.

Why should your student enroll in ROP ?

- ROP will expand your teenager's educational options
- ROP will "re-test" career interest before college
- ROP will help your son/daughter pay for college
- ROP will help your teenager acquire lifelong skills and habits
- ROP will help improve problem solving and decision making skills

ROP is School to Career?

School to Career is an educational initiative that provides students of all ages with a wide range of educational and career development options. The goals of School to Career are to make classroom learning more relevant, inspire students to commit themselves to lifelong learning. ROP helps prepare students for successful, high-skilled, well-paid career options with today's competitive job market.

During the month of March the counseling staff will begin scheduling students for fall 2010-2011 classes. A fall schedule of ROP classes will be given with the scheduling materials in March. ROP classes do fill quickly and space is limited, so if you are choosing an ROP class be sure to include it in your selection of classes. Look for our summer class schedule in our April/May newsletter. ROP is currently planning on offering the following classes; Computer Programming C ++, Computer Program Java, Culinary Arts, Digital Photography and Retail Marketing. All classes listed above will be open to high school students who will be entering the 10th, 11th or 12 grades in 2010-2011 school year. Registration will begin Mid- March in the ROP office P12.

Greatest Hits on the Web for Career Planning:

www.cacareerzone.org - The California Career Zone is an interactive Web site designed with students in mind. It provides self assessment instruments, 15 industry sectors with 900 occupations and 300 career videos, a reality check section for financial calculations, a search option for finding your favorite career, and a variety of additional resources.

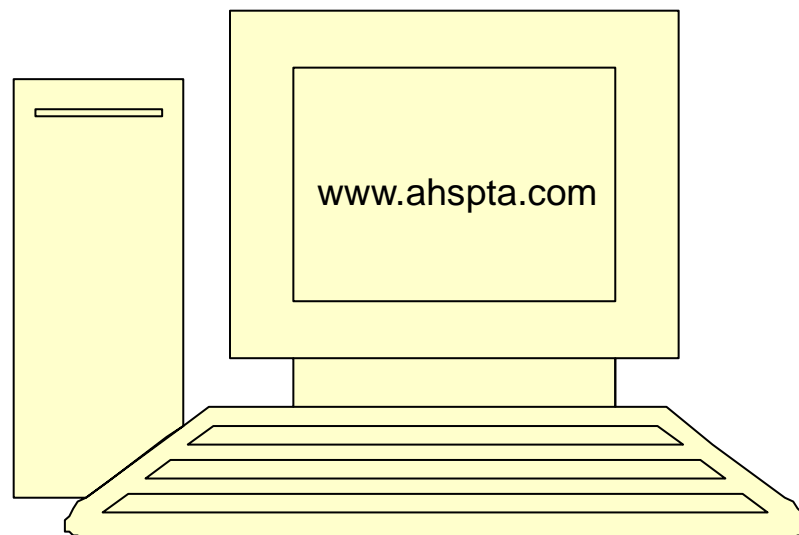
www.californiacareers.info- This site provides career information and resources, including self-assessment for Californians.

Reflections

Congratulations to the following students for also winning at the **District Level** comprised of 27 different school districts for the most creative interpretations of the Theme "Beauty is..." in the 2009-2010 National PTSA Reflections Program:

Alexandra Tran-9th grade: Honorable Mention in the Photography Category

Alice Yang-9th grade: 1st Place in the Visual Arts category; her entry has now moved on to the State Level! Best of luck!



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2010-11 COURSE SELECTION AND INFORMATION

Believe it or not, it's almost time for students to begin thinking about next year's classes! Starting the week of March 1, Counselors will conduct Orientation and Programming sessions with all 8th grade, freshman, sophomore and junior students and parents.

The process involves the following steps:

1) Course Selection Assembly - students receive:

- Course Selection Guide
- Course Selection Draft Sheet
- Grade level information sheet

2) Students and Parents research and review classes:

- Read class descriptions in the Course Selection Guide.
- Talk to teachers and students about classes in which they are interested.
- Choose carefully - there is a "No Drop" policy for all students.

3) Students meet with Counselors to select classes:

- Students come to Career Center with their English class.
- Students receive their transcript and high school graduation status report.
- Students bring completed Draft Course Selection Sheet to meeting.
- Counselors meet individually with all students to review their transcript, graduation status report, future educational plans and options, summer school recommendations and

attendance. Together they will fill out the final Course Selection Sheet and complete a thorough review of their high school progress.

4) Students take Final Course Selection Sheet home for parent signature.

5) Students return the signed Final Course Selection Sheet to the Counselor of the Day desk by due date indicated on the Course Selection Sheet. *Students need to make their own personal copy before returning the sheet.*

6) Eighth grade students return the Final Course Selection Sheet to the Middle School office by stated due date.

7) Any adjustments to these selections can only be made during PAW week (program Adjustment Week), May 3 - May 7.

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Course Selection Dates / Student Program Selection

Assemblies for students:

- March 1 - Current Juniors
- March 2 - Current Sophomores
- March 3 - Current Freshmen
- March 4 - ELD Students
- March 30 - First Avenue Middle School, current 8th grade students
- March 31 - Dana Middle School, current 8th grade students
- April 1 - Foothills Middle School, current 8th grade students
- *RSP students should attend their grade level assembly*

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Evening Parent Course Selection Information Meetings:

- March 2 - 6:30 p.m. AHS North Gym - current Sophomore parents
 - March 4 - 6:30 p.m. AHS North Gym - current Junior parents
 - March 4 - 6:30 p.m. AHS Cafeteria - ELD parents *interpreters will be available in various languages*
 - March 9 - 6:30 p.m. AHS North Gym - current Freshman parents
 - April 15 - 6:30 p.m. AHS North Gym - Incoming Freshman Orientation Night
 - Parents of RSP students should attend their grade level parent meeting
- April 2 Current Freshmen students select courses
 - April 5-9 SPRING BREAK
 - April 12-14, 16th, and 19th Current Freshmen students select courses (continues from before Spring Break)

Middles School Course Selection Dates:

- April 20-21 Foothills Middle School, current 8th grade students select courses
- April 22-23 Dana Middle School, current 8th grade students select courses
- April 26-27 First Ave. Middle School, current 8th grade students select courses

INCOMING 9TH GRADE STUDENTS

Counselor power point presentations used for both the student assemblies and parent evening meetings will be posted on the AHS Counselor website following each presentation. (www.ausd.net/ahs Click on Counseling Department. Click on grade level information)

AHS Course Selection Dates: Individual English classes in Career Center

- March 8-15 Current Sophomore students select courses
- March 16-23 Current Junior students select courses
- March 29 Current RSP students select courses
- March 30-31 Current ELD students select courses

During the last week of March, Counselors will conduct assemblies at the Middle Schools for incoming 9th grade students to introduce them to Arcadia High School and the many courses and programs available. Course selection appointments will occur during the last two weeks of April. During these appointments, a Counselor will meet one-on-one with each 8th grader to assist them in choosing classes for 9th grade. There will be a Freshman Orientation evening event for incoming 9th grade students and their parents on Thursday, April 15 at 6:30 pm, in the Arcadia High School North Gym (detailed information will follow). At this orientation, we will provide the student assembly information to the parents as well as have presentations by various AHS departments and programs.

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SENIORITIS

Senioritis is a drop in motivation common among senior students at this time of year. Parents need to be aware of the symptoms which include procrastination, lack of focus and slipping grades. If you observe these behaviors in your student, we recommend that you stay in contact with their teachers and closely monitor their daily attendance through the ISIS system. Instructions on signing up for the ISIS program can be found in the Academic Success section of this newsletter.

Attendance is critical during the second semester of the senior year. **All students are expected to attend regularly.** Good attendance contributes directly to good grades. Poor attendance can result in missed assignments, missed exams, and poor grades. Most students need to pass every class in order to graduate, and **MUST** pass the state mandated English and Government/ Economics courses. Also, seniors who are already 18 years of age may be involuntarily transferred to an alternate educational setting for poor attendance.

Admissions offices of four-year colleges expect seniors to maintain their GPA. D's and F's in required college prep courses make students ineligible for college admission. A significant lowering of GPA may result in colleges rescinding a previous offer of acceptance.

In most cases, students who are short credits after the first semester of the senior year have the opportunity to make up those credits at the Arcadia Adult School second semester; however, there is no opportunity to make up credits lost during the second semester of the

senior year and still be eligible to participate in graduation activities, including the graduation ceremony. The Arcadia High School graduation policy states:

Students must complete 225 credits, as well as pass Algebra 1, the health requirement, the swim survival requirement and the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) in order to earn an Arcadia High School diploma. If a student ends the senior year short credits for graduation, he/she will be given 18 months in which to make up not more than 15 credits at the Arcadia Adult School to obtain an Arcadia High School diploma.

Please help your child stay focused and finish strong. The single most important factor for a student's academic success is parent support. As always, we are here to support your student with their personal, academic and career/college needs.

Mrs. Kathy Rapkin and Mrs. Sharon Sandoval
Counselors, Class of 2010

RESOURCES FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS

If your child is struggling in class, please refer to the following resources. We encourage you and your child to take advantage of one or more of these opportunities for success.

- **Teacher Conferences** - students are strongly encouraged to work with their teachers to improve their grades. Formal student/parent conferences can be scheduled by calling Mrs. Harvey at 821-1754.
- **Friday Cards** - a Weekly Progress Report is available at the Counselor of the Day desk,

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at the Attendance Office counter, and on-line at www.ausd.net/ahs (click on Counseling, then click on grade level).

- Arcadia High School Library provides a study hall to help students Monday through Thursday in the AHS Library from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Due to budget cuts, certificated teachers are no longer available in The Zone; however, students needing more individual assistance still have access to Free Peer Tutors (see program below).
- Free Peer Tutoring - Tutoring is available Monday through Thursday in the AHS Library from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. All subjects are covered.
- Private Student Tutoring - a list of student tutors is available by calling Mrs. Nichols in the Counseling Office at 821-1795.
- ISIS - parents can access grade reports, progress reports, attendance and teacher e-mail through the Internet by registering on-line at <http://www.ausd.net/ahs>. For questions, contact Mrs. Harvey at 821-1754.
- E-mail - all teachers have been assigned an e-mail address and can be reached via e-mail at www.ausd.net/ahs.
- Community College Preparatory (CCP) Program (previously Alternative) /Rancho - There are other opportunities available to your student to complete their educational goals including our CCP and Rancho programs. If you would like to discuss these programs, please contact your child's counselor for more information.

STUDENT CREDIT CHECK

- Now that you have received your student's first semester report card, it is an important time to review those grades and the impact they will have on his/her academic future. Please look over the following notes as they pertain to your child's semester grades:
 - If your child received an "F", he/she earned no credit for that class.
 - Your child must repeat any required subject course to make up credit if he/she received an "F".
 - Semester "F's" in any English and Social Studies must be made up in the AHS State Funded Summer School to meet graduation requirements.
 - If your child earned an "F" in a course that is not a required course (an elective), he/she does not have to make up that exact course. They may earn elective credit by taking a different elective course.
 - If your child received a "D", he/she earned credit toward high school graduation, but in all cases, this class will not count toward college admission.
 - If your child received a "D" in math or foreign language at the semester and is hoping to advance to the next level in that course (i.e., Spanish 1 to Spanish 2...or Algebra 1 to Geometry), they will have to earn a "B" during the second semester so that they have a combined "rising 'C' average" for the whole year. (Check the Course Selection Guide for rules on advancement in Honors and AP courses).
 - Semester "D's" in college prep English and Social Studies must be made up in Summer

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School in order for students to meet college entrance requirements.

- In some cases, AHS state-funded Summer School courses will be available to make up credits and improve grades.
- Students and parents, please consider this information carefully when selecting classes for next year. Programming decisions will be dependent on a student's success during this academic school year.

COLLEGE CONNECTION!

NAVIANCE

If you or child has not logged onto your Family Connection account on Naviance, you are missing out on very critical college and career planning information. By now, all students in the school should have received a passcode to their Family Connection account! "FC" is an all inclusive web based software program that connects students and parents to counseling information and data, to assist students in high school and college planning. If you haven't received your log-on pass code and account information, please have your student stop by the COD desk to get the details. It is the goal of the Counseling department that all students will now maintain their academic and career portfolio on their personal Family Connection account throughout their high school years. Our Bridge Counselors have introduced their 8th graders to Family Connection so that as incoming 9th graders, they

have a jump on their high school portfolio. Each grade level has visited (or will soon be visiting) with their counselors in our career center. During this visit - different grade levels are engaged in grade level appropriate activities on the FC website. All the information provided by the student is stored securely for the life of the student account (as long as the student remains at AHS). Ask your child what he or she has done in their Naviance Family Connection account - you just might be amazed!

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTING

Now that the PSAT has come and gone, what next? Juniors who are planning to apply to four-year colleges and universities should be thinking in terms of taking the ACT college entrance exam and/or the SAT Reasoning Test and SAT Subject Tests this coming spring. Tests are given in February, March, April, May and June - depending on which test you are signing up for. Dates, registration and details are at www.collegeboard.com and www.actstudent.org. Students should plan on some kind of preparation if they know the colleges they are interested in require higher entrance scores and they are hoping to improve from their PSAT or PLAN scores. This preparation can be in the form of a class, a book, computer software, individual tutoring, or a study group. Test preparation materials are abundant. In fact, AHS is hosting two different Test Prep companies on our campus this Spring. The Princeton Review and Revolution Prep both have classes right here at AHS to assist students with their preparation for the SAT. Prices are

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reasonable and discounted for AHS students only. Investigate which class best meets your personal and calendar needs. Scholarships are also available. If anyone is interested in applying for a scholarship for one of these test prep classes, please see Mrs. McQuaid in P17. This is also a good time to remind everyone that an entire Test Preparation program is available FREE OF CHARGE to every Arcadia High School student. Each student has access to "Method Test Prep" on your Family Connection/Naviance account. Method Test Prep, for both ACT and SAT offers study guides, lessons, quizzes, and actual full length ACT and SAT tests. The student simply needs to log into their Family Connection account - and follow the course guidelines each week. This is a fabulous service made available to all our students through Naviance. This might also be a good opportunity for 9th and 10th graders to get a look ahead of time to see what these college admissions tests (and test preparation) entail. Be sure to log on!

The AHS Counseling Department does not recommend taking tests a multitude of times. Students rarely raise their scores simply by taking the test over and over. We feel that thorough preparation and taking the SAT and ACT one time each, and then a second attempt on whichever test the student scored higher should suffice. Due to the fact that much of the curricular material has not been covered, students in the 9th and 10th grades should wait until their Junior year to take the actual SAT or ACT tests, with the exception of certain Subject Tests. 10th grade students completing an AP course will want to take the AP exam for that course.

ACT Dates: April 10; June 12

SAT Dates: March 13; May 1

(Registration closes about one month in advance of each test date)

QUICK TIDBIT:

Did you know? - the Counseling Staff has just completed writing and processing 1,525 *personalized* college application letters of recommendation for our Seniors. Now, we're on to Scholarship recommendations! Good Luck to the Class of 2010!

**COLLEGE NIGHT! -
AHS students and parents
SAVE THE DATE!!**

College Night 2010!

Wednesday evening, April 21st

The Counseling Department at Arcadia High School is pleased to present College Night, 2010! The evening will be devoted to bringing you and your students the very latest information in post-secondary education options for our students.

A local *College/Resource Fair* will launch the evening festivities in the Lunch Pavilion area. Speakers and workshop sessions will run through 9:00 PM. A detailed letter and program will be mailed home to you. We have planned a wealth of workshops. These will include: Community college and UC options for all students, Why Cal State - a great option!, College admissions testing, College Athletics, scholarships and the Recruiting process, Financial planning, Career options, Naviance/FamilyConnection and more! Please calendar this date - and stay tuned for details!

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COLLEGE Knowledge! - for Junior Students!

In addition to College Night, all Junior Students will want to calendar and attend this important meeting. Your Counselors are offering an afterschool information workshop on the College Search and Application Process which actually begins now! You will hear important details about requesting Letters of Recommendation, and completing a personal Student Data Packet. You will also receive an essential timeline for the entire process. Juniors, we hope you will calendar this important meeting on Thursday, May 27th, immediately after school; location and more details to follow.

COLLEGE FAIR

Now is the time to start thinking about your post high school plans. There will be hundreds of college and university representatives available for you to speak with at one of these Spring 2010 National College Fairs:

National Orange Show Events Center
San Bernardino, CA
Thursday, April 22
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Anaheim Convention Center
Anaheim, CA
Sunday, April 25
1:30 p.m. - 4:30 pm

Pasadena Convention Center
300 E. Green St., Pasadena, CA
Thursday, April 27
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Wednesday, April 28
9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

Greater L.A.

National College Fair

April 27 & 28, 2010

Pasadena Convention Center

For more info and other fair dates:
www.nacacnet.org

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This is your opportunity to ask questions and to obtain information from many schools throughout the United States. In addition, a variety of workshops will be offered with information on college admissions, financial aid, ACT/SAT prep, etc. For more information and fair hours: www.nacacnet.org, click on "Events Calendar" then "College Fairs".

SENIORS!!!!

Changes to your second semester schedule or receiving a D or F in college prep classes during your senior year may negatively impact your admissions status to 4 year universities. Please check the websites of the colleges and universities to which you have applied to see if they have established deadlines for reporting changes. **Attached is the instruction sheet for contacting the UC schools and several of the most popular Cal State Universities to which our students apply.** Please note: Contacting the universities with changes to your schedule or reporting a D or F senior year semester grade does not guarantee that your admissions status is secure. **Remember, the admissions office tentatively accepts you based on reported grades up to 11th grade, AND, reported senior year courses, along with admissions tests scores and other criteria. The final determination for admissions will be made after the university receives your final transcript.**

SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH SERVICES DO NOT AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship search services may charge a fee to compare your profile with a database of scholarship opportunities and report a list of matching awards. They do not provide awards directly to applicants, nor do they help you apply for the awards. The guarantees offered by these services are usually worthless and refunds are often very difficult or impossible to obtain. Read the fine print before paying money for a scholarship search.

Most scholarship search services are franchises of a handful of large national databases. Before using a scholarship search service, ask them whether they compile their own database. If they don't, find out the name of their database provider. If two franchises use the same database, the cheaper one will report the same matches as the more expensive one. Charging a fee of more than \$50 for a search is excessive.

The success rates reported by scholarship search services usually refer to successfully finding a match in their database, not successfully winning a scholarship. Ask the scholarship search service how many students have actually won scholarships as a result of using their service, and if they can give references.

"Very few students receive money as a

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result of using a scholarship search service," notes Kantrowitz. "Less than 1% of the financial aid awarded each year comes from the private sector." He adds, "Don't believe claims that \$6.6 billion in student aid goes unclaimed every year. Such figures are based on an estimate of untapped employee tuition benefits that was published in a study over 10 years ago. These funds went unclaimed because they couldn't be used."

Why pay a scholarship search service to use their database when you can get the same information for free? The information provided by scholarship search services is available at no cost in your local public library and the financial aid offices of many schools. The Financial Aid Information Page also lets you search several scholarship and fellowship databases online for free, including FastWEB (www.fastweb.com), a database of more than 180,000 private sector scholarships, fellowships, grants, and loans.

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FOR GRADUATING SENIORS**

Did you attend Baldwin Stocker? Are you of Italian Heritage? Have you been involved in local community service? Students - if any of these, and many more profiles match you, then you may be eligible to apply for some of our "local" scholarships. Local organizations, families, estates, and groups donate money

to AHS Students *every Spring Semester* in the form of scholarships. To learn more about our local scholarships, Students and Parents need to log onto your FAMILY CONNECTION/Naviance personal website account. All scholarships that come to Arcadia High School will be posted on Naviance, as well as in our AHS Scholarship bulletin. The bulletin is produced once or twice a month in the early months of the school year. During the second semester, the Scholarship Bulletin becomes very popular; a new edition is generally posted in the Career Center every Friday afternoon. In addition - the Scholarship bulletins are 'blasted out' on our CollegeBLASTER email system. If you find a scholarship that you think you might be eligible for, you are encouraged to find out the details regarding application. Some scholarships use our "Universal Application" which is posted on the **AHS Counseling Website**. Others require their own, specific applications. All students are encouraged to review all of these communications because there might be a scholarship that matches you just perfectly!

**Class of
2010**

Arcadia High School PTSA Calendar

February 2010

- 1 Grad Night meeting - 7:00 pm - AHS Cafeteria/Apache Pit.
<http://ahspta.com/DetailsGradNight>
- 4 PTSA Meeting - 8:45 am @ Church of the Good Shepherd (Fellowship Hall)
- 5 Winter pep assembly..
- 6 Chinese Parents Booster Club New Year Party Meeting, Arcadia Community Center.
<http://ahspta.com/DetailsChineseBoosterClub>
- 8, 9 Pep Squad Tryouts Informational meeting. Pep Flags, Cheer, Song. 7:00pm AHS Little Theater. Students need only attend one meeting 2/8 or 2/9. Be part of the team.
- 8 March 24 AEF Driver Education - 7:00 a.m. - 7:53 a.m. - AHS C-2 - Cost: \$160.00
<http://ahspta.com/DetailsDriversEd>
- 10 Korean Parents Booster Club Meeting - 10:00 a.m.- Elite of Arcadia (9908 Las Tunas Dr.)
<http://ahspta.com/DetailsKorean>
- 11 Hispanic Parents Booster Club monthly meeting
- 12 Holiday - No School
- 15 President's Holiday - No School
- 17 School Starts Late at 9:42am (for teacher WASC meeting)..
- 18 Black Student Union Parent Booster Club - 7:00 p.m. - Foothills Middle School Library
<http://ahspta.com/DetailsBSU>
- 27 Orchestra Benefit Dinner, 6:00-10:00 pm, (Arcadia Community Center).

March 2010

- 1 Jr. Parent Meeting, 6:30-7:30 pm, (N. Gym)..
- 1 Grad Night meeting - 7:00 pm - AHS Cafeteria/Apache Pit.
<http://ahspta.com/DetailsGradNight>
- 1 WSGV SELPA meeting. This is not part of AHS, but could be of interest to parents of disabled students. This group provides input to school districts regarding concerns of the disabled students...West San Gabriel Valley SELPA Office, 15 W Alhambra Road, Alhambra (626) 943-9748, Time: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm..
<http://www.westsangabrielvalleyselpacac.webs.com>
- 2 Soph. Parent Meeting, 6:30-7:30 pm, (N. Gym)..
- 3 Freshman Parent Meeting, 6:30-7:30 pm, (N. Gym)..

- 4 ELD Parent Meeting, 6:30-7:30 pm, (Cafeteria)..
- 4 PTSA Meeting - 8:45 am @ Church of the Good Shepherd (Fellowship Hall)..
- 5 Chinese Parents Booster Club Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - Apache Pit/Cafeteria.
<http://ahspta.com/DetailsChineseBoosterClub>
- 11 Hispanic Parents Booster Club monthly meeting
- 12 Newsletter deadline for April/May issue - articles due..
- 16-17 CAHSEE (Exit exam)
- 18 PTSA Teacher Appreciation Luncheon..
- 18 Black Student Union Parent Booster Club Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - Foothills Middle School Library. <http://ahspta.com/DetailsBSU>
- 23-25 Quarter Finals..
- 24 Orchestra Vertical Concert, 7:00 pm, (Pasadena HS)..
- 29 Fourth Quarter Begins..
- 31 Theater Spring Musical, 7:00 pm..

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- 1-3 Theater Spring Musical, 7:00 pm..
- 1 School Starts Late at 9:42am (for teacher WASC meeting)..
- 2 PTSA Meeting - 8:45 am @ Church of the Good Shepherd (Fellowship Hall)..
- 2 Chinese Parents Booster Club Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - Apache Pit/Cafeteria.
<http://ahspta.com/DetailsChineseBoosterClub>
- 3 Theater Spring Musical Matinee, 2:00 pm..
- 5-9 Spring Break - No School
- 8-10 Arcadia Invitational Track Meet..
- 12 Grad Night meeting - 7:00 pm - AHS Cafeteria/Apache Pit
<http://ahspta.com/DetailsGradNight>
- 15-24 Host a French Exchange Student, this will be a fun family experience.
<http://ahspta.com/DetailsExchange>
- 16 Articles due for Smoke Signals newsletter - May/June issue..
- 21 College Night! 5:30 - 9:00 PM
- 21 School Starts Late at 9:42am (for teacher WASC meeting)..
- 27-29 CST testing, 8:00 am-12:00 pm..
- 28-30 Orchesis Spring Production, 7:00 pm..
- 29-5/2 PTA Convention in Sacramento..

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Staying Connected!

- AHS website: www.ausd.net/ahs Gives you student bulletins, teacher e-mails, counselors and administrators, bell schedules, daily updates on what's happening at AHS, phone numbers, ISIS, Library, ASB, etc
- Counseling Center website: <http://www.ausd.net/ahs/Counseling/> Provides information on all aspects of the Counseling Center. View PowerPoint presentations and all documents here!
- E-mail listserv: listserv.ahspta@ausd.net Weekly updates for activities, parent resources, calendar of events, volunteer opportunities.
- Read PTSA newsletter : www.ahspta.com and click on newsletters or go to www.ahspta.com/Newsletters
- Calendar of PTA events: www.ahspta.com and click on calendar or go to www.ahspta.com/calendar
- Input to PTSA Newsletter: ahsnewsletter@ausd.net E-mail articles for the quarterly newsletter about campus activities, counselors tips, administration's message.
- Arcadia Choral: <http://www.arcadiachoral.com>
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Please look for the AHS PTSA fundraiser letter to arrive in the mail in the upcoming weeks and please give generously! Thank you.
