ARCADIA HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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ARCADIA HIGH SCHOOL PTSA

Principal's Message

David Vannasdall, Principal

The New "Front Door" of AHS

After years of planning, budgeting, designing, and constructing a new student services building to be the front entrance of Arcadia High School, we have arrived.

On Monday, November 8th, the new student services building will be open for business and home to the new teacher workroom, career center, counselors and support providers, ROP, deans' offices, registration and records, attendance office, school and district nurse, administration, and reception area.

The move to the new classrooms on the second floor as well as the new science building will be phased in progressively on weekends over the coming months. This is a very exciting time for the Arcadia High School community and I am confident you will be proud of the new facilities that will match our excellent programs.

I invite all of you to join us on Saturday, December 11th, between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., for a student led tour of the campus including the student services building, science building, and new stadium. This is our traditional Fall Preview Day for incoming eighth grade students and parents, and this year we are excited to include all community members in showcasing our new facilities along with our excellent programs at AHS.

The passing of Measure I and the process to make this dream a reality for AHS has involved the entire community. Please join us for this historical celebration and tour of the new facilities. I look forward to seeing you on Saturday, December 11, 2010.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fenton Eng, PTSA President

Dear friends,

We are getting deep into the semester and a number of exciting things have happened. Back to School Night was a great opportunity to meet our students' teachers. Our first home football game was the inaugural game in the renovated Salter Stadium (and we won!). There are more home games left in the regular season…so please attend our Friday night events. Cheer on our team, watch and applaud our award winning Marching Band and Color Guard as they perform at halftime, and visit with other fans in the grandstands!

Be involved! The theme for this year is "How Can We Help?" It is reflective of our attitude - our willingness to make the best effort for the sake of our students. We need support in many areas. If your child is an athlete, join the Athletic Booster Club. They raise funds to support our athletic program. If your child is a musician, join the Music Club and attend their meetings. Thank you if you have already joined PTSA and, if you have not, you still can join. Please attend and support AHS activities by going to an athletic event or a musical/drama performance. You will discover what incredibly talented and hard working students we have. Be sure your child is involved in something in addition to being a hard working student. There are a lot to choose from: clubs, sports, music, speech/debate, drama, cheerleading, academic teams, dance, etc. The options are numerous. If you and your child are involved in his/her high school career, it will be much more rewarding, successful, and fun. Plus, you will make new friends along the way!

Stay informed! PTSA is a communication link between the staff, administration, and parents. Check out the school website or the PTSA website at www.ahspta.com, read the PTSA newsletter, stay up to date with the weekly email "What's Happening at Arcadia High," or better yet come to a PTSA meeting. At each of our meetings, Principal Vannasdall, various staff members, administrators, and counselors provide important updates as to what is going on at the campus. Please attend our meetings, which they are held on the first Thursday of each month and begin at 8:45 a.m. We are continuing to meet off campus because of the extensive construction occurring. Meetings are held at the Church of the Good Shepherd, located on the corner of Holly Avenue and Duarte Road. I hope to see you soon! If you are not receiving the weekly emails and would like to, go to www.ahspta.com and click on the "Subscribe/Unsubscribe to AHS PTA Email Alerts" and follow the instructions.

I want to say special thanks to: Mary Beth Haney and Ruth Lagace for their hard work through our PTSA membership drive; all of our Football Food Booth volunteers (and there are many) for helping to support our chairman, Gina Kerfoot, in the concession stand; Jessie Chen for encouraging our students in the arts with the Reflections Program; Lee Callander for being our Volunteer Coordinator; May Eng and Kathy Yamane for selling our SCRIP; Kathy Ford and Suzanne Coulter for Red Ribbon Week; Beth Gerber for Smoke Signals; Tina Rodriguez for editing this newsletter; all the volunteers that stepped up during the WASC visit; the PSAT proctors; Jeff Laun for efficiently and reliably keeping us informed through the ListServe; and, finally, all those amazing volunteers that I did not name who do not always get noticed but are the backbone of PTSA. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

I wish each of you and your families a most blessed and happy holiday season!

Sincerely,

Fenton Eng, 2010-11 PTSA President
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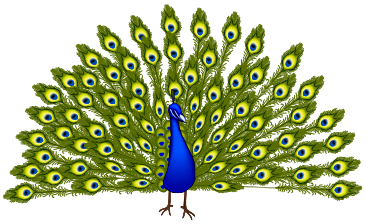

AHS PTSA Calendar

November

4	**PTSA Meeting — 8:45 a.m. @ Church of the Good Shepherd (Fellowship Hall)**
5	Reflections — Announcement of Winners Varsity Football Home Game (Glendale HS) — 7:00 p.m.
6	Chino Band Review & Field Tournament
11-12	Veteran's Day Holiday — No School
12	Varsity Football Home Game (Crescenta Valley) — 7:00 p.m.
12-14	Band Tournament
16-20	Fall Drama Production — 7:00-9:00 p.m.
20	Arcadia Festival of Bands
25-26	Thanksgiving Holiday — No School
29-30	White Christmas Drive — "CAN U Help?"

December

1-3	White Christmas Drive (cont'd) — "CAN U Help?"
2	**PTSA Meeting – 8:45 a.m. @ Church of the Good Shepherd (Fellowship Hall)**
4	Financial Aid Workshop #2 — 8:00-11:00 a.m. (N. Gym)
6-10	Diversity Week
9	Orchestra Winter Concert — 7:00 p.m.
10	Newsletter deadline for Jan/Feb issue — articles due
11	Fall Preview Day
15	Music Holiday Concert — 7:00 p.m.
16	Orchesis Charity Show — 7:00-9:00 p.m. (N. Gym)
17	Holiday Assembly
20-31	Holiday Break — No School

January

3	School resumes – students return to school
6	**PTSA Meeting – 8:45 a.m. @ Church of the Good Shepherd (Fellowship Hall)**
14	Orchestra Movie Night — 6:00 p.m.
15	Band/Color Guard Spaghetti Dinner — 4:00-11:00 p.m. (N. Gym)
17	Martin Luther King Holiday — No School
19	Articles due for Smoke Signals newsletter — Feb/Mar/Apr issue
19-21	Finals for semester — minimum days
21	3rd Quarter Begins
31	No School

The Office of Parent and Student Services

Core Teacher Team

The Core Teacher Team (CTT) was formed to address the Significant Disproportionality Coordinated Early Intervening Services (SD-CEIS) Plan and our WASC goals. The focus of these goals is to provide intervention services, focusing on the needs of our students academically and socially. The team consists of six teachers from the core academic departments, the assistant principal of student/parent services, and the district curriculum coordinator for the high school. The department chairs from special education and English language development are also actively involved in our team meetings. The first meeting was held in August and the team has met every day since the first day of school.

The three goals are:

- To improve the academic performance for Arcadia High School students who entered Arcadia Unified School District after the 5th grade.
- To decrease the number of Arcadia High School Students who receive D's and F's.
- To help students find a balanced connection to Arcadia High School.

The first task involved the placement of students in "The Skills for School Success" class that is designed to meet the needs of students who struggle with organizational and study skills. The process was developed with input from school staff. Students were recommended and letters were sent home for student placement in this course for the first semester. Although many chose to stay in their current class, there were some that moved into The Skills for School Success class. This course will be offered next semester; the counselors and teachers are continuing to identify students for this course.

The afternoon of the student free day on October 22nd was devoted to work on the intervention plan. Teachers worked on one of the three goals to continue identifying and researching student areas of need in order to develop programs to meet those needs.

Attendance

Continue to encourage your students to arrive to school and class on time. Random tardy sweeps will continue to minimize the number of students who are tardy to class. It is recommended that students who drive and do not have a parking pass arrive to school earlier than 7:30 a.m. in order to find a parking space within a reasonable distance of school. Thank you for your patience with the construction process and the rewards it will provide to current and future Apaches. I know this is an inconvenience for everyone.

The Office of Parent and Student Services

Personal Items

A reminder from the September/October newsletter, please advise your son/daughter to not bring money or valuables beyond what they need on campus. Lately, there have been instances of students leaving their IPOD or other valuable electronic item in the yard or in a classroom and when they return, the item is gone. Students must be careful. Although we have awesome students at Arcadia High School, there are always individuals that do not make good decisions. When they see a valuable item left out, they pick it up and keep it.

I wish all of you and your family an enjoyable and restful Thanksgiving. I am thankful for the opportunity to work with you and your students.

John Finn
Assistant Principal
Student/Parent Services

Keith Kerney
Dean of Students

Linda Mackessey
Dean of Students

Counselors' Corner

The 2010-2011 school year is now in full swing. Our fall grade level assemblies and evening parent meetings have just been completed. All presentations and handouts can be found on our website at http://counseling.ahs.ausd.net. Until the end of October, the Counseling Office will be temporarily located in the portable buildings just south of the Staff parking lot behind the AUSD District Office. You can currently find the counselors in P-17 and P-18. In addition, the Counselor of the Day (COD) desk is located in P-16 and is open to assist students, parents, and staff. We anticipate moving into our permanent location by November when the main Administrative Building is complete. Feel free to contact Linda Nichols, Counseling Secretary, at (626) 821-1795 for all counseling needs.

The 2010-2011 counseling configuration has changed slightly from last year and is detailed below:

- 9th Grade – Kristina Grumbine, Counselor
- 9th Grade BRIDGE Counselors:
  Kevin Darr – First Avenue
  Katie DeHope – Dana
  Gina Zavala – Foothills
- 10th Grade – Sharon Sandoval (A–Lim) & Andrew Poon (Lin–Z)
- 11th Grade – Winnie Chin (A–Li) & Jennifer Oku (Liang–Z)
- 12th Grade – Tammie Tran (A–Le) & Toni Fox (Li–Z)
- All ELD students are with the grade level counselors.
- College/Career/Rancho (all grades) & Special Ed. (10th–12th grade) – Mindy Shiroma & Vicky Hsu
- ROP (Regional Occupational Program) – Cindi Franz

In keeping with the National Standards for School Counseling, the Guidance Department is committed to serving your children in the personal/social, academic, and career/college domains of student development this year. Each year since the 1999-2000 school year, the AHS counseling team has been recognized by the Los Angeles County Office of Education for their outstanding comprehensive guidance program, detailed in the Support Personnel Accountability Report Card (SPARC). A copy of last year's AHS SPARC is available at http://counseling.ahs.ausd.net. In addition to the awards the team has received over the past 10 years, they were honored with a Resolution from the California State Senate, signed by Senator Bob Margett, and a Resolution from the California State Assembly, signed by Assemblyman Anthony Portantino. Last year, the AHS counseling team is the recipient of the California Certificate of Student Support Accountability.

Now in its eleventh year, the Counselor of the Day (COD) program has been up and running since the first day of school. Each day, students who need immediate, direct contact with a Counselor will be seen by the COD. Students may access the COD from 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:02-3:30 p.m. daily, except on Wednesday when the hours are 12:02-3:30 pm. The COD is currently located in P-16 in the Administrative Building. Parents may also access the services of the COD or their grade level counselor by calling (626) 821-1795 during the following hours:

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri:
7:30-11:30 a.m. & 12:02-3:30 p.m.
Wednesday:
12:02-3:30 p.m.

As always, we look forward to working with you and your children to provide the best services possible for a successful 2010-2011 school year.

Counselors' Corner (Cont'd)

Resources for Academic Success

If your child is struggling in a particular class, we encourage you and your child to take advantage of one or more of the following 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 (626) 821-1754.

Friday Cards – a Weekly Friday Progress Report is available online at http://counseling.ahs.ausd.net (click on grade level), at the Counselor of the Day Desk or at the Attendance Office counter.

School Study Hall ("The Zone") – Arcadia Youth Master Plan provides a study hall to help students Monday–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 below).

Free Peer Tutoring – available every Monday–Thursday in the AHS Library from 3:00-4:00 p.m. supervised by Mr. Wang (teacher) and Ms. Tran (counselor).

Tutor.com – live homework help line, 5:00-10:00 p.m., Monday–Friday brought to students free by Arcadia Library Foundation, Berger Foundation, and the Arcadia Unified School District. (Students need an Arcadia Public Library Card).

Private Student Tutoring – a list of student tutors (available mid-October). Contact Mrs. Nichols in the Counseling Office at (626) 821-1795.

Email – teachers can be reached via email at http://ahs.ausd.net

Rancho High School – Students may complete their high school diploma by transferring to Rancho High School. Contact your child's counselor for more information.

Free Peer Tutoring Program

In a continued effort to meet the academic needs of our students, we are pleased to announce that the school-wide Free Peer Tutoring Program is already in full swing. This service is available every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 3:00-4:00 p.m. in the AHS Library. Student tutors are trained and most have several years of volunteer experience. As tutors, they are members of Arcadia High School's TVA – the Tutor Volunteer Association.

If your child needs tutoring, please encourage him/her to take advantage of this free program. Students who would like to access these services need to arrive at the Library before 3:00 p.m. There is no sign-up or registration necessary.

We hope this tutoring program will assist in your child's academic development and success. We are encouraging all students who need help with their studies to attend. Tutoring is not available on minimum days and will conclude at the end of May for the 2010-2011 school year.

Counselors' Corner

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Important Dates to Calendar

Financial Aid Workshop – Part 2: FAFSA Federal Application Form; Parents/Guardians of Seniors only. **Saturday, Dec 4th, from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the AHS North Gym**

ACT Test Dates
2010: Dec 11
2011: Feb 12, April 9, June 11
On-line registration & deadlines can be found at www.act.org

ACT: *American College Test. This test is used by all colleges and universities as the examination portion of their entrance requirements. This multiple-choice test covers four skill areas: English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science. The Writing test on the ACT is optional, but is required by the UC and many 4-year private colleges and universities. The ACT is scored on a scale from 10 to 36. The content of the test is closely aligned with the skills and information learned in the high school classroom.*

SAT Reasoning & Subject Test Dates
2010: Nov 6, Dec. 4
2011: Jan 22, Mar 12*, May 7, June 4
*March 12, SAT only – no Subject Tests
On-line registration & deadlines can be found at: www.collegeboard.com.

SAT Reasoning Test: *Scholastic Assessment Test. The SAT Reasoning Test is used by all colleges and universities as the examination portion of their entrance requirements. The SAT measures the critical thinking skills needed for academic success in college. It consists of questions in three areas: critical reading, math, and writing. Each section is scored on a scale of 200 – 800, and the writing section contains two subscores.*

SAT Subject Tests: *Subject Tests are designed to measure knowledge and skills in particular subject areas. Many colleges use the Subject Tests for admission, course placement, and advisement regarding course selection. The University of California system requires two tests from different academic areas as part of their admission requirements for the class of 2011.* ***Beginning with the class of 2012,*** *subject tests will* ***no longer be required*** *but are recommended for certain majors.*

Registration Information booklets for both ACT & SAT can be found in the Career Center – Room P13.

PSAT Interpretation Workshop

Results of the 2010 PSAT will be available to students upon returning from the holiday break (January 13th). The PSAT results are available for pick up at 5:00 p.m. in the North Gym, and the Interpretation Workshop will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. Scores will not be distributed during the workshop - so please arrive early. An explanation of the scores and information about test taking strategies will be provided. Having your test result scores in your hand makes the information much more meaningful. Arrive early! **Thursday, January 13th, 5:00 p.m.**

Counselors' Corner

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Career & College Planning
Family Connection - Naviance

The Arcadia High School Counselors are committed to assisting all students in acquiring the knowledge and skills necessary to make informed post-secondary decisions. Every year, Counselors meet with students through English or History classes to provide college and career guidance. Last year, students were instructed to create their own Family Connection account and were introduced to the useful resources and exciting features that are available for both college and career areas. This year, during the months of November, December, January and February, the counselors will meet with all students, grade 9 – 11, and utilize each students' personal Family Connection Naviance account to review their personal career and college interests.

Family Connection has modules to assist the student with interest inventories that take into account the individual student's needs, values, and abilities, providing them with information about many occupations that match their interests. Students can then access their account from home to connect their career interests to college majors and actual colleges, vocational, or technical schools. Here are some useful Family Connection tips:

Family Connection Home Page

- Students have direct links to useful documents and websites to assist in their college and career search.
- Students can see upcoming college visits and sign-up for any that are of interest to them.
- Students can access the counseling department's document folder for different forms and handouts.

Under the College Tab

- Students and parents can find our list of college visits. This list is constantly changing and updated, as we have more and more schools interested in visiting Arcadia High School. Students can and are encouraged to sign-up to as many college visits to receive the most up-to-date information straight from the college's admissions counselors and representatives!
- Students can conduct and access college searches, maps, scattergrams, and enrichment/summer programs to help them find their college match.
- Students can access our scholarship list and apply to receive different types of financial aids.
- Students can review all their test scores, including PSAT, SAT I and II, PLAN, and AP.

Under the Career Tab

- Students can explore different careers and find specific details regarding the level of education (credentials), related careers, related majors, and plan of study.
- Students can take different inventories to discover more about their personality and career interests. This information can be used to help in their exploration of different careers.

Counselors' Corner

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Under the About Me Tab

- Students can access their lists of favorite colleges and careers (added on when they did their research). Students can fill out their "game plan" with post-graduation goals, check things off their academic checklist, add personal journal entries, and create their resume.
- Family Connection log-on: https://connection.naviance.com/fc/signin.php?hsid=Arcadiahs or go to the Counseling website at: http://counseling.ahs.ausd.net and click on Naviance.

For registration codes, usernames, passwords, and/or additional Naviance questions, please contact Mrs. Shiroma (A-Lim) or Ms. Hsu (Lin-Z) for assistance.

What I Need to Know About Fee Waivers

During the 2010-2011 academic year, the College Board, ACT and the CSU/UC systems will again offer a fee waiver service to assist students for whom the payment of fees for the SAT, ACT, and college applications present a serious barrier to college entrance. The number of fee waivers is limited and eligibility varies. Below are some guidelines to follow when considering eligibility of fee waivers.

Waivers for ACT, SAT Reasoning & SAT Subject Tests

- Student must be participating in the free/reduced lunch program in order to be eligible for fee waivers.
- Student whose family is currently receiving public assistance, is a resident in a federally subsidized public housing project, student is a resident of a foster home or an enrollee in a program such as Upward Bound or a local or state program intended to aid students who are economically disadvantaged, will be eligible.
- Fee waivers are available only for high school juniors or seniors.
- An eligible student may receive during the Junior or Senior year a maximum of two SAT Reasoning Test fee waivers and two SAT Subject Test fee waivers. Students may use their SAT Subject Test fee waiver for up to three Subject Tests on a single test date.
- For the ACT, students may register only once with a fee waiver. The waiver is used once the student registers, even if the student does not test on the test date requested.

Waivers for College Applications

- Application fee waivers for Cal State and UC schools can be found on-line with the application for admission.
- A maximum of four Application Fee Waivers for selected private colleges are available only to students who have used an SAT fee waiver and can be requested from the Counseling Office.

The suggested time to begin the "Fee Waiver" process is in the junior year when students are taking the ACT, SAT Reasoning or SAT Subject Tests. Please contact Mrs. Nichols, Counseling Secretary, in Room P-18 or by phone at (626) 821-1795 for fee waiver questions or concerns.

Counselors' Corner

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NCAA Talk

Attention all athletes interested in playing sports as college freshmen!! If you are a student planning to attend a Division I or II school you must follow all NCAA guidelines. The NCAA has established a central "Eligibility Center," formerly known as the "Clearinghouse," which will certify your athletic eligibility for both Division I and Division II schools. All freshmen in college must register and be certified by the NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse. You should register at the beginning of your junior year in high school with the NCAA "Eligibility Center." Registration is done on-line at http://eligibilitycenter.org/ECWR2/NCAA_EMS/NCAA.html. Click on "NCAA College Bound Student Athletes." Follow the instructions given. Be sure to give the appropriate paperwork to the AHS Records Office so your transcripts are sent in a timely manner.

Please take note of all NCAA course requirements, core curriculum grade point average, SAT/ACT standards, and other additional detailed information in your Curriculum Guide or on-line at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net. These standards vary for Division I and Division II and also depend on your year of graduation. Don't forget to send your SAT or ACT scores directly to NCAA as early as possible. Have fun and play hard!!

AHS Pep Squad Tryouts

Cheer * Song * Flags

Good Times

Save the Date

Pep Squad Info

Meeting

Feb 7th or Feb 8th

Perform Dance Cheer Stunt

Regional Occupational Program (ROP)

On October 19th, the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) will be given to 11th and 12th grade students who signed up for the voluntary test. The ASVAB test is a valuable instrument that assists students in thinking about their future. The ASVAB shows students how they compare with fellow students in nine academic and occupational areas. The nine areas tested were general science, arithmetic reasoning, word knowledge, paragraph comprehension, mathematics knowledge, electronics information, auto & shop information, mechanical comprehension, and assembling objects. The student can discover those areas in which they have strengths. The test results suggest the areas in which the student would be happiest working, as well as those areas which would make them least happy. Knowing where to look for a job is a great place to start a career search, and taking the ASVAB gives this information.

In January, the results will be interpreted with the students in small groups for one class period. In addition to the test results, each student will receive a workbook, which will lead the students through a series of exercises. Each exercise gives the student another piece of information, where they have career interests, educational plans and personal preference of jobs. The workbook allows the student to combine all information and then lists possible occupations that match their particular needs and information about their identified occupations.

During the month of November, all 9th grade students will be given the Career Technical Interest Survey through their English classes in the Career Center. The purpose of the survey is to introduce the students to entry level career areas and the ROP program. This is an excellent survey that gives students the opportunity to expand their thoughts and interests when making class selections.

The following additional information is located in the Career Center/ROP office.

The Job Book – We post employment opportunities from local community business professionals in our job book. If you are a business that would like to hire Arcadia High students, please give us a call at (626) 821-8370 X 1104 and we will be glad to include your job request.

Sample Resume Book – contains various resume samples for students to use as a guide.

Volunteer Opportunities – consists of non-paid opportunities for students in many private and public agencies throughout the San Gabriel Valley.

Students are welcome to look through these books before school, during lunch, and after school. We also have FREE work permit applications for students who have obtained employment. Students currently working are eligible to receive elective credits for their job through ROP "work experience." Remember that students under 18 years of age must obtain a work permit.

Cindi Franz
ROP Counselor

Yearbook Ads

Any interested parents may purchase an ad in the 2010-2011 Arcadian. Ad space is available for parents to pay tribute to their graduating senior or to advertise their business.

Our advertising rates:

Size	Price
1/8 page	$75
1/4 page	$130
1/2 page	$220
Full page	$400

Rates increase after January 1, 2011:

Size:	Price:
1/8 page	$85
1/4 page	$150
1/2 page	$250
Full page	$450

Please contact the advisor, Mrs. Naughtin for more information.
Email: tnaughtin@ausd.net
Phone: (626) 821-8370 ext. 1164

REFLECTIONS

2010-11 Reflections Program

"Together we can…"

The theme for this year's Reflections Program is "Together we can…" and a total of 119 entries depicting this theme were received from our many talented Arcadia High students. Entries were made in all six categories:

Categories	No. of Entries
Literature	97
Photography	7
Visual Arts	10
Musical Composition	3
Dance Choreography	1
Film/Video Production	1
Total	**119**

The winners will be announced on November 5th and will be published in the next newsletter.

Jessie Chen
Reflections Chair
(626) 574-0115
mightymiceusa@netzero.net

Orchestra Concerts

Please join us for several nights of musical enjoyment at our upcoming orchestra concerts:

November 4th – Fall String Concert, 7:00 p.m., Pasadena High School
December 9th – Winter Concert, 7:00 p.m., Holly Avenue School Auditorium
December 14th – Holiday Concert, 7:00 p.m., Pasadena High School

Also, we want to thank all the parents who helped with the annual Car Wash Fundraiser. It was a massive endeavor and a great success. We could not have done it without all the parents' help and organization!

Pin Chen and Tom Forbes
Orchestra Directors

Red Ribbon Week

The slogan for this year's Red Ribbon Week, October 25-29, was **"Live Smart, Be Drug Free."** Volunteers and students (Senior Men and Women and ASB) met on a bright and sunny Sunday afternoon to make red ribbons to draw attention to the annual drug education week. The students were very engaged in volunteering their time to assure the ribbons were placed in strategic locations as visible reminders of the Red Ribbon campaign.

Red Ribbon Week exists because of the murder of a dedicated Drug and Alcohol Enforcement (DEA) agent who was captured and tortured while trying to stop the devastation of illegal drug smuggling into the U.S. The Red Ribbon Celebration at Arcadia High School is designed to raise awareness regarding the need for alcohol, tobacco, and other drug prevention.

The week began with students arriving to a campus filled with vibrant red ribbons. No matter where they traversed the campus, students couldn't miss seeing the red ribbons. The Student Bulletin had an article reminding them of the purpose of the RR week, suggesting they wear red as a reminder of their commitment to make healthy choices and to be positive role models for their friends and family.

Many thanks to AHS faculty Rita Wilkins, Joan Petersilge, and John Tung for their assistance in the Red Ribbon Week activities.

Kathy Ford and Suzanne Coulter
Red Ribbon Week Co-Chairs

APACHE CLOTHING & TOY DRIVE

DECEMBER 6—10

Please start saving your gently-used clothing, toys, and household items for our annual Apache Drive. New items are also accepted, as well as cash donations. We will be collecting donations from December 6-10. Items may be dropped off at the ASB office or in room P-22. Items will be delivered to the Indian Reservation from December 14-17.

Many of the White Mountain Apache tribe, who live at the reservation, live without running water and electricity. Often, they have four walls, but no roofs on their houses and live only by wood fire for warmth. They are grateful for the blankets and clothes that are donated. And the children love the toys!

Thank you in advance for your donations and participation!

AHS Athletic Booster Club

Snack Bar Volunteer

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We need volunteers to help with the snack bar during football games. The shifts are 6:00 p.m.. to 8:00 p.m. or 7:45 to 9:45 p.m. for the dates of November 5th and November 12th. If you are interested in helping, please email Gina Kerfoot at: gina@kerfoot.com.

Gina Kerfoot
Football Food Booth Chair

Our Arcadia High School athletic teams are off to a great start! The following Fall sports are in full swing: Cross Country, Football, Girls Golf, Girls Tennis, Girls Volleyball, and Boys Water Polo. Be sure to attend some of the exciting games!

If your student is an athlete, please join the ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB. THANK YOU VERY MUCH to all of you who have already joined! If you haven't, please do. This is the best way to monetarily support your child's team without having to fundraise. You can designate what sport or sports you would like your membership donation to go to. For example, if your student plays two sports, you could give $100 and request that half of your donation go to each sport. If you give $100 or more, you get into the home league football and basketball games for free. You also get to park in the student parking lot off of Duarte Rd. Please see the Membership Form on the next page. Please fill it out and mail it to the PO Box provided on the form. Thank you so much for your support. Let's help our athletes have another successful year at AHS! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me. Go Apaches!

Ruth Lagace
Athletic Booster Club President
R2lagace@roadrunner.com or (626) 821-0745

Football Schedule

Football season continues! Our last 2 games are at AHS! Come out and watch a game in our NEW STADIUM! Come enjoy a fun evening with friends, check out our incredible band, and cheer on our team! Go Apaches!

Below is the remaining 2010 Football Schedule:

Football Schedule for 2010

Date	Time	Opponent	Game Location
November 5, 2010	7:00 p.m.	Glendale High School	Arcadia
November 12, 2010	7:00 p.m.	Crescenta Valley High School	Arcadia

ARCADIA HIGH SCHOOL

ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

100 percent of your membership fee will go directly to your team(s)!

HOW TO JOIN!

1. *Complete this form (you must do so for your team(s) to receive credit for your membership)*

Student Last Name _____ Student First Name _____ Student E-mail _____ Class of ____ ID#: _____

Parent (1) Last Name _____ Parent (1) First Name _____ Parent (1) E-mail _____ Parent (1) phone # _____

Parent (2) Last Name _____ Parent (2) First Name _____ Parent (2) E-mail _____ Parent (2) phone # _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Please indicate your preferred level of membership:

☐ **Presidents Membership ($500 donation):**
Includes VIP parking behind the AHS home bleachers for all football games; two annual passes (admits 4) to all home games for all sports; dinner for two and sponsorship mention at the annual fundraiser; free admission for two to all home CIF playoffs.

☐ **Cardinal & Gold Membership ($250 donation):**
Includes Century Membership benefits plus sponsorship mention at annual fundraiser.

☐ **Century Membership ($100 donation):**
Includes preferred parking on the south side basketball courts for all home football games; one annual pass (admits 2) to all home games for all sports (CIF playoffs not included).

☐ **Supporter Membership ($50 donation):**

Please indicate the team(s) you would like your membership to support:

☐ *ALL AHS TEAMS (Your donation will be split equally)*

Fall Sports	Winter Sports	Spring Sports
☐ Girls Golf	☐ Girls Soccer	☐ Softball
☐ Girls Tennis	☐ Girls Water Polo	☐ Girls/Boys Track
☐ Girls Cross Country	☐ Girls Basketball	☐ Girls/Boys Swimming
☐ Girls Volleyball	☐ Boys Soccer	☐ Boys Tennis
☐ Boys Cross Country	☐ Boys Basketball	☐ Boys Volleyball
☐ Boys Water Polo		☐ Boys Golf
☐ Football		☐ Baseball

2. *Payment & Submission Options:*

APACHE DAYS ~ PAYMENT OPTIONS:

1) Check payable to **"AHS Athletic Boosters"** ***submitted with this form*** to the Athletic Booster Table during Apache Days.
2) Check payable to **"AHS"** submitted to the ASB Office & *submit this form* to the Athletic Booster Table during Apache Days.
3) Credit Card payment On-line (go to http://asb.ausd.net) – MASTER CARD ONLY & *submit this form* at the Athletic Booster Table during Apache Days.

PAYMENT OPTIONS AFTER APACHE DAYS: Mail to: AHS Athletic Boosters, PO Box 660241, Arcadia, CA 91066

1) Mail this form with check payable to **"AHS Athletic Boosters"** to the PO Box listed above.
2) Make payment by credit card directly to the **"AHS Athletic Boosters."**
Complete this form and credit card information below, sign and mail to the PO Box listed above.

☐Visa ☐MC _____ _____ × _____
Card Type Account Number Exp Date Signature

Thank you for your support!

Apache Days

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR NEXT YEAR! Tentative Apache Days or registration times for the summer of 2011 will be August 16th – 19th of 2011, with Make-Up Day on August 22, 2011. Please keep those days free to take care of business at Arcadia High School (AHS)! AHS families will be notified in July of when the Online Registration Process will be available.

The last few weeks of August 2010 were busy, busy, busy! AHS parents and staff were busy registering students from August 17th through the 20th, including Make-Up Day on the 23rd and last minute registration on the first day of school. During the five days of registration, 3,857 students, which is about 96.5% of the student body, were able to pay their fees, get their schedules, books, and begin the process of orienting back to our campus. With more than 305 volunteers for the entire process, time spent in preparing for and participating in this event totaled more than **1,500 hours, which are equal to 187 work days or ½ a year**! Thanks to our efficient volunteers and staff, some students went through the process in ½ hour, although some students had technical difficulties, which unfortunately lengthened the process!

The old saying, "many hands make light work," ring true here. It was also a great experience for our volunteers to make new friends and revisit with students and their parents. Along with the administration, staff members, and ASB-student leadership, special thanks go out to our grade level chairs for the outstanding job they did in recruiting volunteers. They were: *Senior class* – Lee Callander and Sandhya Ravi; *Junior class* – Gina Kerfoot, Lori Kodama, and Lynn Larsh; *Sophomore class* – Robert Kwan, Dan Jee, and Debbie Beveridge; and *Freshman class* – Gordon Sue, Bonnie Mayeda, Kristin Bruce, Lisa Brock, and Terri Powell. We also especially thank Mr. John Tung and Mrs. Jennifer Lashier, our administrators, who have worked since June to make the entire endeavor a pleasant process.

Lastly, to all the parents who said "yes" when they were called to help, a big **THANK YOU**! It takes over 300 volunteers to make this event a success. The fast passes that their students received made their Apache Day process easier since they did not have to stand in line as long. Our school volunteers are such a valuable resource; we appreciate your participation! We thank you and hope you will join the fun again next year!

Karen Tom, Kathy Yamane, and Ruth Lagace
Apache Day Chairs, 2010-2011

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Please remember to buy SCRIP for your day-to-day purchases and especially for the upcoming holidays! You will get dollar for dollar value on any gift card you buy through SCRIP. There are no additional costs to you because, by using these gift cards, merchants will donate a percentage of your purchase toward our school. It's that simple! And the money the school receives in turn is used to buy new things for our students! We all win!

During the holidays, you may be preparing for friends and family who are visiting or coming home. There will be so many things to do in the days to come, such as buying groceries, putting up decorations, and shopping for gifts! So instead of using your credit card or cash to do these things, use a card you've bought through SCRIP. Also, gift cards make great presents or can be a smart way to limit your child's spending, such as a gas card. So if you're thinking of a gift for a friend, going to the movies, reading a new book, buying groceries, or downloading music for your iTouch/iPod, think about SCRIP. We have almost everything!

Take a look at the order form at the PTSA website: http://www.ahspta.com/f/SCRIPOrderForm.pdf. Contact scrip-mom@att.net or mikatyam@aol.com, subject heading "SCRIP" for any questions or orders! And a reminder to all students, parents, and friends of Arcadia High School – the SCRIP Team will be at the Rally Court every Thursday except for the first Thursday of the month to sell SCRIP. Thanks for supporting Arcadia High School! Our students benefit!

Kathy Yamane and May Eng
SCRIP Co-Chairs, 2010-2011