

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
SAHUARO HIGH SCHOOL
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January 18, 2012

Dear Parents and Students:

We are now a few weeks into the Spring Semester. This time of year tends to be very active with many athletic and student activities. In addition to the fun activities, there are AIMS / Stanford 10 / ACT testing in February and April, ACT testing for all the juniors in April, as well as, the student registration process for the 2012-13 school year, which will take place the first week in February. As students begin to register for their classes, please discuss what classes they will need to graduate, and classes that will help them address their career aspirations. These decisions will become very important down the road in their post high school years.

District and School Budget Process

We will begin the Spring Budget Process in the next few weeks. Though we do not have any projected budgets as of yet, at the present time we do not foresee any budget reductions. Once we review the pre-registration numbers, we will begin the process of addressing what classes we will sustain and what classes or programs will be reduced or that are not sustainable due to lack of interest. We are preparing to address our budget issues within the next few weeks. Look for updates on the Sahuaro High School website (sahuarohighschool.net), and the parent news network. Again, as in the past, our school will remain focused on our students and classes that we will need to offer in order to provide the quality education to address the graduation requirements.

Parent Conference, Tuesday, February 7, 2012

Parent Conference time will be from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Parents will be able to pick up your student's progress report at the foyer of the auditorium. We hope to see you there. Wednesday, February 8 will be a half day schedule. School will begin at 7:30 a.m. and release time will be at 11:55 a.m.

In addition, the PSAT test results for sophomore and junior students will be distributed to parents. There will be two short seminars in the Career Center (room 306) regarding those results and how to interpret them. These seminars will occur at 5:30 p.m. for sophomores and 6:30 p.m. for juniors.

School Calendar for 2012-13

The District Calendar Committee has been working on several school calendar modifications for the 2012-13 school year. These modifications would give a fall and spring break of one week. Go to the TUSD main webpage to view those calendars, and use the voting button to vote on which calendar you would like to see. The calendar for the 2012-13 school year is expected to be reviewed and approved at the next Governing Board Meeting. Your input is very important.

AIMS Tutoring/ Other Tutoring Opportunities

Students who have not passed the AIMS (11-12 graders) will not be able to graduate. Students can have their scores augmented by 5% if they attend tutoring and attempt the test each time it is offered. If students do not attend tutoring, they cannot augment their scores. For more information regarding Augmentation, please contact your student's counselor. Tutoring is available for all students after school, during lunch, and during conference periods on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:15 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

For Tutoring opportunities and availability, contact Mr. Abel Ramirez, Testing Coordinator at 731-7317.

Governing Board Information

On January 10, 2012, the TUSD Governing Board took action to suspend the Mexican American Studies classes. This resolution was to comply with the law and to avoid the District absorbing a 10% penalty to state funding to the maintenance and operations budget. TUSD will begin the process of revising its social studies core curriculum to address history and cultures for all ethnic groups, and to present a balanced presentation of diverse view points on controversial issues. Though Sahuaro High School did not have any of these classes, we do have American History- Multiple Perspectives and Multicultural Literature. At the present time these courses are not affected by the Governing Board decision.

In closing, please discuss with your student, their attendance and academic progress. Many students who struggle academically have attendance problems too. Lastly, if your student is taking on-line courses or course work through Pima College, BYU or other alternatives, make sure that all grades are sent to the Sahuaro High School Registrar by **May 18, 2012**, to be posted on the student's transcripts. **Seniors who do not have 22 credits and pass the AIMS will not be allowed to participate in Graduation Exercises in May of 2012.** Students who are currently enrolled under the Open Enrollment Policy, must maintain good attendance, make academic progress, and not have any major discipline violations. Students who do not meet the expectations of the Open Enrollment Policy may be denied the Open Enrollment status, and must return to their home school for the 2012-13 school year. Talk with your student regarding their Open Enrollment Status.

Important Dates:

Parent Conferences		February 7	5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Half Day Schedule		February 8	Classes 7:30 to 11:55
AIMS Testing	Writing and Reading	February 28/29	10 th - 12 th graders
AIMS Testing	Math	April 10	10 th - 12 th graders
Stanford 10		April 10	All 9 th graders
AIMS Testing	Science	April 11	9 th and 10 th grade students who have completed life science (biology)
ACT Testing		April 27 th	All juniors
Spring Break		April 5-9	No School
Baccalaureate		May 18	Auditorium 6:00 p.m.
Graduation		May 23	Stadium 7:30 p.m.

SAT website www.collegeboard.com
 ACT website www.act.org

Respectfully,

Sam Giangardella, Principal
 Sahuaro High School

Don't forget

Parent/Teacher Conference

Tuesday, February 7, 2012

5:30 - 7:30 pm

Auditorium

Parents: pick up your student's schedule in the

auditorium