

INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES

PURSUING VICTORY WITH HONOR

The Character Counts! program has an athletic component called Pursuing Victory With Honor. The AIA and Sahuaro High School will have many programs in the next few years to develop Character Counts! and Pursuing Victory With Honor. The basic philosophy of Pursuing Victory With Honor includes the following points:

- ❖ **Winning Is Important**
- ❖ **Honor Is Most Important**
- ❖ **Ethics Is Essential to True Winning**
- ❖ **Ethics and Sportsmanship Are Ground Rules**
- ❖ **Benefits of Sports Come From the Competition, Not the Outcome**
- ❖ **Sports as a Setting for Learning**

6 PILLARS

- ❖ **CARING**
- ❖ **CITIZENSHIP**
- ❖ **RESPONSIBILITY**
- ❖ **TRUSTWORTHINESS**
- ❖ **RESPECT**
- ❖ **FAIRNESS**

Sahuaro High School has a variety of athletic and extracurricular activities in which students may participate. We encourage students to become involved in activities in order to enhance the high school experience.

CLEARANCE SLIPS

Sahuaro's interscholastic activities program is a competitive program for all boys and girls. Students interested in participating in an interscholastic activity must receive a "Clearance Slip" from the Cougar Activities Office. The Clearance Slip that the student received from the Activities Secretary is to be given to the coach or sponsor before the student is allowed to practice or participate.

To receive a Clearance Slip, the student must submit to the Sahuaro Activities Office, prior to the first practice, the **ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY PACKET**. Students and parents may pick up this packet in the Activities Office. Key items for clearance include the following:

**PHYSICAL FORM-You must have a yearly physical
that occurs after March 1, 2008**
EMERGENCY CARD
PARENT PERMISSION CARD
WATER FORM
TUSD PARENT PERMISSION FORM
PROOF OF PARTICIPATION FEE
BIRTH CERTIFICATE COPY

**THE ACTIVITIES OFFICE WILL ACCEPT ELIGIBILITY PACKET AFTER
JULY 21, 2008**

ALL MONITORED ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO THE \$50.00 PARTICIPATION FEE

MONITORED ACTIVITIES INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING

Advanced Choir	Orchestra	Football	Spirit Line
Advanced Drama	Band	Swimming	Volleyball
Mock Trial	Color Guard	Golf	Tennis
Speech and Debate	Track/Cross Country	Wrestling	Soccer
Softball	Baseball	Basketball	

STUDENTS MAY PURCHASE AN ATHLETIC PASS FOR \$30.00. THIS PASS ADMITS THE STUDENT TO ALL ATHLETIC EVENTS WHERE ADMISSION IS CHARGED. The insignia indicating that an athletic pass was purchased will be on your I.D. card. Please note that if you purchase an athletic pass after your first I.D. card is issued, you will need to get a new I.D. card and will be charged the \$3.00 replacement cost for a new I.D. card. This is a non-refundable fee.

Families may also purchase a Home Athletic Pass for \$100. This pass admits up to four people to any home athletic event. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE HOME ATHLETIC PASS DOES NOT COVER CURRENT SHS STUDENTS. STUDENTS MUST PURCHASE A STUDENT PASS (SEE ABOVE).** Family members using a Home Athletic Pass must arrive at the event at the same time. Family Athletic Passes are not replaced if lost or stolen; however, a family may purchase another Home Athletic Pass.

TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM ATHLETIC AND ACTIVITY EVENTS

Students are expected to use the transportation provided by the school and/or district to all away contests or events. With the approval of the coach or sponsor AND with the submission of the proper paperwork to the Activities Office, **parents may only transport their student or students may transport themselves to the contest or event declared on the paperwork.**

PARENTS TRANSPORTING THEIR CHILD:

1. Complete TUSD transportation request (TUSD 0828A)
2. Submit completed form to the Activities Office at least **ONE** day before the game or event.

STUDENTS TRANSPORTING THEMSELVES

1. Complete TUSD transportation request (TUSD 0828B).
2. Submit completed form to the Activities Office **AT LEAST THREE DAYS PRIOR TO THE CONTEST OR EVENT.**
3. The school also will require the following to be submitted with this form:
 - A. A copy of the driver's license of the student
 - B. A copy of the student's valid proof of auto insurance

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY FOR ACTIVITIES

1. TUSD's Academic Eligibility requirement is "NO PASS, NO PLAY" Students must pass all courses in which they are enrolled at the end of each nine-week period.
2. Students declared academically ineligible will be able to regain their eligibility at the 4 ½ progress report, if they are passing all classes in which they are currently enrolled.
3. Students must be enrolled in at least five classes during each nine weeks of participation.
4. Seniors who meet all graduation requirements only need to be enrolled in four classes.
5. All entering ninth grade students whose initial enrollment occurs at the beginning of the ninth grade, **and who passed all their classes the last quarter of eighth grade**, are eligible to participate. Ninth grade students who enroll after the beginning of the school year will be required to demonstrate passing grades in the required number of courses.
6. Grades for each student will be checked at 4½-week intervals in order to gain eligibility.
7. Students will be considered ineligible if they receive a grade of F, N, or I at the end of the first nine-week grading period; first semester; third-nine weeks; or second semester grading period. Ineligibility brought on by an Incomplete "I" will be eliminated at the time the grade of "I" becomes a passing grade. Students receiving an "I" must complete all work during the first two weeks of the next grading interval.
8. Students declared academically ineligible will be notified by Sponsor/Coach and directed to support services to help correct deficiencies.
9. Any credits that are received in correspondence courses or summer school courses, which count toward meeting graduation requirements and are approved by the school, may be used to maintain eligibility. These credits must be posted prior to the first day of classes each nine-week period.
10. Students transferring to a TUSD high school must meet eligibility requirements in order to participate in interscholastic activities

PARTICIPATION FEES – REFUND POLICY

Students who are cut from a sport/activity or who quit a sport/activity as well as students who cannot participate in a sport/activity because that sport/activity is cancelled must complete and submit a refund application form to the Activities Office. The parent/guardian must sign the refund application form. Students are not eligible for a participation fee refund if those students were on the roster of the sport/activity after the first competition/event of that sport/activity and then decide to quit that sport/activity. **Students also are not eligible for a participation fee refund if the refund application is submitted to the Activities Office after the sport/activity has concluded its regular season/event schedule.** Please allow three or four weeks for the refund check to arrive at the address provided on the refund application form.

ATHLETIC COACHES AND START DATES

**FALL 1st Practice Date
August 11, 2008**

**Varsity Football begins August 4, 2008	Chuck McCollum
Football – Frosh	Tom Pierson
Football – JV	Lawrence Ruhf
Volleyball - Varsity (Girls)	David Thistle
Volleyball – JV	Rachel Balsiger
Volleyball – Frosh	Chris Wharam
Cross Country (Boys)	Dan Gaul
Cross Country (Girls)	Andrew Christian
Golf (Boys)	Scott Snider
Golf (Girls)	TBA
Swimming (Boys)	Velora “Lou” Sassi
Swimming (Girls)	Eva Lange
Spirit Line	Taryn Peterson
WINTER 1ST Practice Date November 3, 2008	
Basketball - Varsity (Boys)	Peter Fajardo
Basketball – JV	James Henry
Basketball – Frosh	Matt Botkin
Basketball – Varsity (Girls)	Steve Botkin
Basketball – JV	Steve Lord
Basketball – Frosh	Jan Boyd
Wrestling – Varsity	Chris Patterson
Wrestling – JV	Joe Bordonaro
Soccer - Varsity (Boys)	Laurence Ruhf
Soccer – JV	Troy Bosley
Soccer - Varsity (Girls)	David Kruszewski
Soccer – JV	Dan Kruszewski
SPRING 1ST Practice Date February 9, 2009	
Boys Tennis	Laurence Ruhf
Girls Tennis	Charles Shepherd
Baseball – Varsity	Mark Chandler
Baseball – JV	Mark Ramaeker
Softball – Varsity	Steve Sanchez
Softball – JV	Dave Cook
Track – Varsity (Boys)	Ron Whiteman
Track – JV	Dan Gaul
Track – Varsity (Girls)	Andrew Christian
Track – JV	Mike Bertone
Volleyball (Boys)	Sandy Novak
Athletic Trainer	Becky Notestine

ATHLETIC ORIENTATION FOR PARENTS

As part of our Character Counts! Program and the AIA's Pursuing Victory with Honor, Sahuaro High School will conduct three ATHLETIC ORIENTATION NIGHTS FOR PARENTS OF THE SAHUARO ATHLETIC PROGRAM.

We are asking all parents and legal guardians to attend a mandatory informational meeting that will be held each season prior to the start of competition. Parents and legal guardians who are unable to attend this mandatory meeting should contact the Activities Office at 731-7137. Head Coaches will be present at these orientations and will also meet with parents to go over their program guidelines.

ALL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE DICK MCCONNELL GYMNASIUM