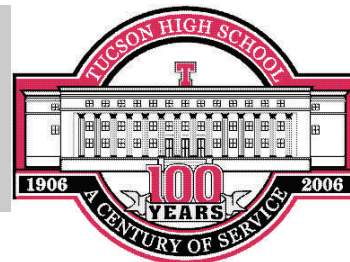


Badger Beat



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TUCSON HIGH MAGNET SCHOOL

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THMS Mission Statement:

Tucson High Magnet School exists to provide high quality instruction in all curricular areas; foster understanding of the world through the arts, sciences, mathematics and humanities; and develop good citizens so that students demonstrate academic and intercultural proficiency as well as career preparedness.

THMS Vision:

Tucson High Magnet School is a learning community in which student success is the priority of all endeavors.

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Magnet Moments

Lourdes Rios *Magnet Coordinator*

There are some very important events coming up in February and March that will be showcasing Tucson High Magnet programs doing what they do best. These include the THMS Science Fair and the Southern Arizona Regional Science Fair and a Musical Revue by the THMS Fine Arts Department entitled "Bits of Broadway."

The THMS Science Fair was held in the library on Friday, February 15, 2008. There were 18 projects, representing 23 students. The presentation in the THMS library was a preliminary practice for the Southern Arizona Regional Science and Engineering Fair (SARSEF) that will be held March 17 -21 at the Tucson Convention Center. Students were available during 6th and 7th period during the week of Rodeo to explain and discuss their projects with students and staff. Ms. Margaret Wilch who heads the Honors Research Methods class along with her students have been working diligently all year long in preparation for this presentation and were eager to share their work with their peers and THMS faculty.

Our students have consistently placed in the top three in most of the science categories in past years and this year promises to maintain that rich tradition. Stay tuned for next month's issue of the Badger Beat to find out how our team of scientists fared in the Regional Science Fair and to find out who will have the honor of competing in the National competition (ISESF).

When was the last time you enjoyed a little bit of Broadway? Our Fine Arts Department is working on a dynamic collaboration which includes the Intermediate Drama class headed by Kathleen Erickson, the Troubadour class (Advanced Choir) headed by Sara Gascho, and the Jazz dance class headed by Jonie Roettjer (Henrickson). Talk about a triple threat. These students from all three classes will be singing, acting and dancing to 19 songs from such well-known Broadway musicals as Oklahoma, West Side Story, Bye Bye Birdie, Hair, Kiss Me Kate, Annie Get Your Gun, Wicked, and more.

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Go Badgers!

Magnet Moments (cont.)

This is collaboration at its finest. There are 48 students who will perform with many others helping with choreography, sets, costumes, lights and sound. In addition, staff and students have the pleasure of working with Mickey Nugent, an adjunct professor at Pima College who brings his years of experience on Broadway and regional musical theatre to share his creative talents in the area of choreography.

So, mark your calendars now! This is one show you won't want to miss. There will be two performances. One in the evening on Saturday, March 8, 2008 at 7:00 pm and the second, a matinee on Sunday, March 9, 2008 at 2:00 pm. Both performances will be in Technology Building, Black Box Theatre. Tickets will be \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for students. Tickets may be purchased by e-mailing Ms. Erickson at kathleen.erickson@tusd1.org.

And finally both the Orchestra and Choir were exceptionally successful at their Regional competitions this month! The THMS Orchestra headed by Director, Cayce Miners placed 30, Yes 3-0, out of 76 chairs for Regional Honors Orchestra. The students selected performed at the Regional Honors Festival on February 15th and 16th. Great job Badgers!

Choir placed 21 students in their competition. Only 100 students are chosen for the choir out of the whole region. The advanced THMS Choir, Troubadours and Alesstto all received SUPERIORS on their ensemble performance which is the highest rating a group can receive. Congratulations to Sara Gascho, Choir Director, and her students for a wonderful performance.



Library News

Amy Rusk Librarian

Our culture seems to have a love affair with violence – in movies, video games, sports, and books. As Stephen King writes in “A History of Violence” (Entertainment Weekly, 10/12/07), “I can only hope they serve as a mental gutter through which our worst fears and impulses are channeled safely out of our emotional systems.” How much fictionalized bloodshed influences American behavior is an ongoing topic for discussion among parents, educators, and freedom-of-speech advocates.

Some of the most circulated titles in the library are “action” books, meaning they contain an excess of gunfire, blood and gore. Books by Mario Puzo, Dean Koontz, Stephen King, as well as classic war novels, are particularly popular among male students. The fact is that a good writer like Stephen King can stir hope in his readers by first creating despair, as in *The Stand* and *Cell* where the entire population of Planet Earth is nearly wiped out. King operates on the notion that “the love of violence is an integral part of human nature, undivorceable from our better selves,” which is something with which those of us on the dispensing end of violent media have to contend.



While we may lament the over employment of violence to ensnare consumers, for some students, it may be the only theme that attracts them to reading. To view the Tucson High Library holdings, go to <http://edweb.tusd.k12.az.us/THMS/library/> and click on catalog.

Student Council Update

Ashley Shafer *Student Council Advisor*

Student Council is very excited for the next upcoming events. Our Winter/Spring Sports assembly will be held on February 29. Prom is slowly approaching! This year it will be held at the Tucson Convention Center in the grand ballroom. The Prom theme is Putting on the Ritz and will be held on Friday, April 18th from 7:30pm-11:30pm. Tickets prices will be \$50 singles and \$75 for couples. Buy your tickets in advance, because the prices will increase at the door!



If you are interested in running for student council for the 2008-09 school year, listen for upcoming announcements regarding elections. Elections will be held at the end of March, so start thinking about joining the council and getting involved in school activities.

Curriculum & Advanced Placement

Sharon Ingram *AIMS Update/ AP Coordinator*

AIMS News

Reminder: The AIMS tests will be given on Tuesday, February 26 (Writing) and Wednesday, February 27 (Reading). Please make sure your child gets plenty of rest the night before and eats a nutritious breakfast. Each student must be on campus at 7:30am and will need to report directly to their testing location. The exam will begin promptly at 8:00am.

Future AIMS dates to remember:

April 8, 2008- AIMS Math

April 9, 2008- AIMS Science (only 9th and 10th grade students that are in a Life Science class will be tested)

Advanced Placement News

It's that time of year again! It's time to register for the AP exams. All tests cost \$84.00 each and must be paid in the Finance Office. Fee waivers are available for students who are on free or reduced lunch. Students can get the fee waiver form from any AP teacher. March 31 is the deadline that the school will accept personal checks. Between April 1 and April 11, only cashier's checks, money orders and cash will be accepted.

The schedule for registration is as follows:

- \$20 deposit - due by March 19, 2008, \$64 balance - due by April 4, 2008
- Register between March 20 and April 4, 2008, a \$10 late fee per exam applies for a total of \$94.00
- Register between April 7 and April 11, 2008, a \$50 late fee per exam applies for a total of \$134

All tests will be given at the Tucson Convention Center.

**Please check the next page for the
2008 Advanced Placement Exam Schedule**



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2008 AP Exams Schedule

Week 1

	<u><i>Morning – 7:30 am – 12:00 pm</i></u>	<u><i>Afternoon – 12:00 pm – 5 pm</i></u>
May 5, 2006	Government & Politics (US)	Government & Politics (comparative) French Language
May 6, 2006	Computer Science A/AB Spanish Language	Statistics
May 7, 2006	Calculus AB/BC	Chinese Language and Culture
May 8, 2006	English Literature German Language	French Literature Japanese Language and Culture
May 9, 2006	US History	European History Studio Art (portfolios due) – 2 pm

Week 2

	<u><i>Morning - 7:30 am – 12:00 pm</i></u>	<u><i>Afternoon - 12:00 pm – 5 pm</i></u>
May 12, 2006	Music Theory Biology	Physics B Physics C: Mechanics Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism (2 p.m.)
May 13, 2006	Chemistry Environmental Science	Psychology
May 14, 2006	English Language Italian Language and Culture	Art History
May 15, 2006	Macroeconomic World History	Microeconomics
May 16, 2006	Spanish Literature Human Geography	Latin Literature Latin: Vergil

Exam Conflicts

The College Board has authorized alternate exams for students who have scheduling conflicts because of academic/athletic contests or scholarship auditions. There is an additional **\$40** charge for each alternate exam.

If a student qualifies for a fee waiver, there is no additional fee for late exams.

Post Secondary Information

POST-SECONDARY RESOURCE CENTERS

Website: <http://edweb.tusd.k12.az.us/thms/newsite/>

Counselors: **Dr. M. Ostroff**, Post-Secondary Counselor -M141

Ms. K. Wilsey, Post-Secondary Counselor -V121

Career Connections

Karen Wilsey *Post-Secondary Counselor*

Second semester is well on the way and many exciting events are happening in the Post Secondary Resource Center – V121. We have had several career presentations to include: ITT Technical Institute – Criminal Justice/Crime Scene Investigation. Many students explored the evidence presented to see how science, photography, and math can help solve crimes. Kristin McDilda from Direct Caregivers presented information on how to become a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA). Union Pacific Railroad will present about their excellent career program for students right out of high school. We also have scheduled a certified Massage Therapist & Nail Technician, and the director of the Music Industry Certificated program at Pima Community College. Southwest Conservation will also present this semester in the Center.

Job Shadowing is a great way for students to explore a possible future career. Please visit the Career Connections website at <http://edweb.tusd.k12.az.us/thms/psrc/careerconnections/> to become involved. Parents should encourage their student to experience first hand what a typical work day is like in a career they are considering for their future. If you as a parent can offer your site to potential students to job shadow, please contact me. We select students very carefully to shadow and ALWAYS ask for your prior permission. Please email me at karen.wilsey@tusd1.org or call me at 225-5102 if you can help out!

Pima Community College offers a wide variety of programs from certificated to degree programs. Tucson High will be providing a variety of experiences to help our seniors complete the transition from THMS to PCC. March 13th we are offering the placement assessments here at THMS. April 4th students who have completed the assessments and completed their application for admission will go through a pre-advising session. Finally we take a bus and go to Pima for orientation and to have students register for their fall classes.

Pima College Classes offered at Tucson High this fall 2008 for our current 10th and 11th graders are called Dual Enrollment Classes. We hope to offer History 141 (American History), Writing 101 and Writing 100 (English credit), and Math 151 (Pre-Calculus). All 10th and 11th grade English classes heard a presentation on dual enrollment classes by Ms. Wilsey in the Auditorium. These are FREE college classes offered at THMS and at the same time, students complete graduation requirements. See Ms. Wilsey in V121 for more information.

Feel free to contact me by emailing me at: karen.wilsey@tusd1.org or calling me at 225-5102. Tucson High can always use more career and employment resources for our students!



THMS CLASS OF 2008

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FAFSA? A reminder that the priority deadline was February 14 for the Arizona universities and March 1 for Pima College. Available at the Postsecondary Resource Centers or you can apply online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Remember: It is better to estimate your income and mail it in on time than to wait until later when the taxes are done.

SCHOOL CODES FOR FAFSA: U of A: 001083—NAU: 001082—ASU: 001081—Pima: 007266

SAR (Student Aid Report): You will receive a SAR within 3 days if you apply online or within two weeks by mail. The SAR will give you information on your Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) + in which will give you an idea of what kind of aid you would be eligible for. Read this carefully and follow the directions. This information is also automatically sent to your respective colleges/universities in which they make their own calculation of your final financial aid package. See Dr. O if you have any questions.

From Ms. Wilsey in V121--PIMA COLLEGE ASSESSMENT TEST FOR SENIORS:

March 13th

- Must complete and have turned in an application or have your student number from PCC if applied online
- Take the placement assessments at Pima
- Sign up to take the placement assessments on March 13th, 2008
- 7:30am – 11:00am – Cafeteria

April 4th – PCC pre-advising meeting with PCC rep in T-186 – period 3

- All students who completed an admissions application AND taken the placement assessments should attend

April 24, 2008- Fieldtrip by bus to PCC to for orientation and registration of classes

- Students who attend the pre-advising session can sign up for the bus fieldtrip
- 9am – 12:30pm

Come to the Post-Secondary Resource Center in the Main for a large selection of national (several in state) and international Summer Programs.

Applications are located in the crate in the center. Apply now, as space is limited. Ivy League schools would love to have you in their programs if you have the money!

Some scholarships are available.

Post-Secondary Updates (cont.)

University of Arizona Math Readiness Test

The **MATH READINESS TEST** will be given to all seniors who have been accepted to the University of Arizona on Monday, April 21st from 7:45-10:00 am in the Cafeteria. Please sign up with your math teacher. Seniors who do not have math this year, sign up at the Postsecondary Resource Center in the Main or with a past math teacher. There are two test levels A or B, ask your teacher for suggestions; you can also visit the math website at <http://math.arizona.edu/placement>.

Deadline to register is Monday, April 11.

Scholarships, Awards and Recognition

Many students will be receiving award letters later this spring. Read them carefully and follow instructions promptly. **Let Dr. O know ASAP what you have received for the special Evening of Honors Night on May 14.**

NEW SCHOLARSHIPS!

Come check the bin at the entrance of the Post-Secondary Resource Center in the Main.

Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards accepting applications offering educational grants from \$1,000-3,000 available to seniors of Hispanic/Latino descent, have a 3.00 GPA. For more information watch the video on <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HV1-ft9kJEA>. Applications are available online at <http://youthawards.hispanicheritage.org>

GOT MILK? Seniors can nominate themselves for the SAMMY 2008 Award, apply online at bodybymilk.com until March 7, 2008.

Hughes Federal Credit Union scholarships ranging from \$500-\$1,500 for seniors who have shown scholastic excellence, apply at www.hughesfcu.org by March 1st; applicants must be a member at the Credit Union.

Arizona State University Advantage is a financial aid program designed to assist low-income (\$28,000 or less on the FAFSA per family) students attend and graduate from ASU with a bachelor's degree. See Dr. O for more info. Students can also apply online at www.asu.edu/fa/advantage.

The Tucson High Magnet community will:

- R** Respect and appreciate cultural diversity.
- E** Exhibit creativity, personal courage, and risk taking to reach potential.
- S** Successfully realize attainable goals and master essential skills.
- P** Preserve tradition.
- E** Ensure an environment for equal opportunity.
- C** Continue interaction with the community.
- T** Take responsibility seriously.



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