

# Sunnyslope High School

*A proud member of the Glendale Union High School District*

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Dear Parents and Community Members,

Welcome to another wonderful year at Sunnyslope High School. As your principal, I am honored and happy to serve you as we work together to carry on the excellent academic and extracurricular traditions of Sunnyslope High School.

We invite you, the parents and the community, to participate as we develop and mold these young and maturing individuals to become independent, responsible, and contributing members of this and other communities.

Please plan on taking in a "Slope" sporting event, a musical or instrumental concert, a theatre performance, or one of our many events and traditions.

Parents, in helping support your student's progress and experience, please consider these tips:

- Be as involved in your student's educational experience as you possibly can.
- Start and continue to set goals and make plans to help your student dream about earned opportunities and future possibilities.
- Help your student plan, organize, prepare, practice, judge, make decisions, discover, interpret, solve, deliver and defend. Break through dialogue barriers (generational, and philosophical) by discussing issues and listening to your teenager.
- Recognize growth and achievements, even "small" ones, with positive encouragement.
- Commit to and support our expectation that students be prepared and on-time to every class, every day. Recognize the importance of attendance.
- Continuously monitor and support your student's academic performance and growth.
- Get involved in parent and booster opportunities.

Thank you parents. Your administrative team promises to work hard to keep campus safe, focused, and centered on a quality educational experience.

Together, let's make this the best year possible. I look forward to working with you and seeing you at many events throughout the year.

Thank you for your continued support. Go Vikings.

Steve Ducey

Principal Sunnyslope High School



**October 2015**

## Important Dates to Remember

Fall Recess - Oct. 12-16

Veterans' Day - Nov. 11

Thanksgiving Break - Nov. 26, 27

## NATIONAL MERIT HONORS

This year Sunnyslope High School honors 11 students who have received National Merit commendations. Of the over 1.5 million high school students, these 11 SHS students are in the top 50,000. This means they are approximately in the top 1% of all students taking the test nationwide. Congratulations to the following students: (top row from L to R): Samantha Wentworth, Avalon Rosas-Oliver, Isabella Stoutenburg, Brent Wallace, Bailey Lockwood (bottom row from L to R): Tait Weicht, Sean Miller, Madeline Weicht, Linnea Weicht, Daniel Sinclair, and Olivia Watters.



Of those 11 students, 4 of them have advanced onto the Semifinals. This means they rank in the top 1/2 of 1 percent of all high school students nationwide who took this test. The 4 semifinalists are: Sean Miller, Madeline Weicht, Linnea Weicht and Daniel Sinclair. Congratulations from the Sunnyslope Administrative Team.

*Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are.*

*-John Wooden*

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## From Mr. Matteson (The new Assistant Principal & Athletic Director)



I'd like to thank everyone for the warm welcome to Sunnyslope! This is a great place to be, and the 2015-16 school year is an awesome time to be a Viking! It's been a busy fall semester so far, as the kids have been working hard in the classrooms, giving it all they've got in athletic competitions, and staying active in our many clubs here on campus.

The varsity football team has had a great season so far, and in week three, we were the **12 News Friday Night Fever Game of the Week!** Jimmy Q. from Channel 12 was here interviewing and filming our incredible student council, awesome cheerleaders, and our fantastic band. In week 4, we partnered with **KISS FM and the County Attorney's office** to bring the **Drug Free Pledge Drive** to campus, where we had over 700 kids pledge to be drug free, and two students won gift cards totaling \$550 for pledging!



**Marine Week** came to Arizona in September, and as part of the week's activities, they made a stop right here at Sunnyslope. The students attended an assembly where the **US Marine Dog Handling Unit** and **Martial Arts Team** gave demonstrations and wowed everyone in attendance. The Marines also brought in a **Huey chopper** as part of the activity where the students could watch it land and take-off, climb inside, and ask questions of the pilot and crew.



The **Garden Club** here on campus has also been doing great things, as they have been re-building the garden with re-purposed materials. The club's goal is to grow some delicious food while providing a location on campus where students and teachers can go to relax and enjoy the beauty of nature. We are all very excited to see this garden grow!



We here at Sunnyslope High School would also like to give a big shout out to **John C. Lincoln and Honor Health** for supplying the campus with much needed school supplies as part of their **School Supply Drive**. Thank you, Honor Health!



As we continue through the school year, we would like to encourage students to get involved in athletics or in one of our many great clubs. We would also like to thank all of the parents for their continued support in all that Sunnyslope High School has to offer. Have a great year!

### Counselor's Corner

The counseling department would like to welcome you all back for a new and exciting school year. We would also like to extend a special welcome to our new freshmen, the Class of 2019! The counselors have some great events planned to ensure your student's high school experience is both enriching and productive. We are looking forward to interacting with all the students to assist them with class choices, college applications, and guiding them while they make wise decisions. We are excited to meet all the new parents during Freshmen Education and Career Action Plan Meetings, or ECAP, as they are known for short. These meetings allow both parents and counselors to open up lines of communication which are very important to the success of the students. Throughout the school year, we will be conducting seminars with each grade level on AZcis, Arizona Career Information Systems. This important seminar will allow your student to start planning for their next steps after high school.

We would also like to stress that all students should visit Mrs. Kerr in the Career Center. She has a plethora of information regarding colleges, trade schools, scholarship opportunities, and community service needs. She will be an excellent resource for your child over the course of his/her high school career.

As always, if you have any questions or would like to schedule an appointment with a counselor, please feel free to reach out to us at your convenience. We welcome the opportunity to partner with you to help ensure the success of all students.

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## **GUHSD Seeks Approval of Bond**

On November 3, voters within the Glendale Union High School District will be asked to approve the sale of \$70 million in bonds which if approved will be used to renovate and maintain schools, improve energy efficiencies, and to purchase school furniture, equipment, technology and buses.

Historically, the district received capital funding and facility funding based on formulas. The state has not adhered to their funding formulas. Since 2009, the district has been cut \$33.3 million in capital funding. In addition, the facility funding for the district intended for major renovations and preventive maintenance of buildings was underfunded by \$48.7 million and was completely eliminated in 2013.

If approved, the bonds will be issued in phases as funds are needed for capital expenditures. The estimated additional annual cost to taxpayers with a home assessed at \$100,000 would be approximately \$29.

Each of the high schools in the district would benefit from the bonds. Proposed capital improvements include critical repairs to old roofs, air conditioning systems, flooring and cafeteria infrastructure. Additionally, technology, furniture and equipment to support schools and buses for reliable transportation are part of the proposal.

For more information about the election or to find out more about the GUHSD Bond Program, contact Kim Mesquita at 623-435-6001.

### **A Message From Our Dean**

I ask for your help in making every Sunnyslope student successful. Please assist us by ensuring that your child comes to school every day, and by contacting the Attendance Office (623-915-8761) within twenty-four hours if your child is absent. We also need you to be a partner in ensuring that your child follows our clear and understandable rules related to student conduct, and to work with us if your child is in need of remediation for behavioral choices. Lastly, we need assistance to ensure that your child is academically successful and on track to graduate on time. Sunnyslope has a wide variety of resources that you may utilize to assist in achieving success for your child, including counselors, teachers, support staff members, our School Resource Officer, and our entire administrative team.

Another member of the Sunnyslope team that is continuously working to provide excellent community service to everyone associated with our school is back with us again this year. Officer Derek Thompson of the Phoenix Police Department has eleven years of experience as a School Resource Officer at multiple high schools throughout the city. Although Officer Thompson is present to assist the Sunnyslope community in issues related to law enforcement, his primary function is to educate students on a wide range of issues, including constitutional law, cyberbullying, student conflict resolution, and legal responsibilities that students face as they reach adulthood, just to name a few. Sunnyslope is grateful for the contributions that Officer Thompson has already made to our community and we look forward to his continued service for years to come.

I look forward to providing quality service to everyone that has an interest in the success of our school. Please contact me at 623-915-8767 if you have any questions or concerns about the safety and security of anyone associated with Sunnyslope High School.

### **PSAT/NMSQT TEST WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28**

The PSAT/NMSQT test is being offered on the Sunnyslope HS campus Wednesday, October 28. Sophomores and juniors are eligible to take the test. It is highly recommended for sophomores to take this test. The cost of the test is \$14.00. You may pay this in the SHS bookstore. The test will be given to the first 275 students who pay their test fee in the bookstore. This test is a requirement for any students who wish to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship.

### **TUTORING BEING OFFERED ON CAMPUS**

Does your student need tutoring? Could they benefit from additional help and resources? The Viking Center is open daily before school and after school for tutoring. Also, peer tutors are available after school for individualized tutoring. Have your student check with his/her counselor, or go to Room 901, for more details.

### **FINANCIAL AID NIGHT ON SHS CAMPUS, WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 28 @ 6:00 PM**

Are you a parent of a SHS senior who is preparing for your student to go to college next year? Is the thought of paying for college something that concerns you? If so, the SHS counseling department has set up a Financial Aid Night (FAFSA Night) on October 28 in the auditorium. Parents/students will be given important financial aid information at this meeting. Topics will include scholarships, college applications, and filling out the Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This form must be filled out in order to get grants and loans for college. SHS will hold another workshop in the spring where financial aid representatives will assist parents in completing the FAFSA form. If you have any questions, please contact your student's counselor.

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The Deadline for the Senior  
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**DECEMBER  
15<sup>th</sup>**

The Deadline for turning in ad  
- text/pictures is

**JANUARY 15<sup>th</sup>**

## SENIOR

### PORTRAITS!

**DEADLINE – OCT 31**

**All seniors must go to  
Grads Photography to  
get their yearbook por-  
trait taken –**

**Call 623-566-1082**

Purchase the space for your  
senior personal ad in the year-  
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ry year, the space for ads is  
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