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OH WHAT FUN IT WAS TO RIDE!

From the Assistant Principal of Operations and Resources

What a fantastic year for our winter sports teams and athletes! The Varsity Boys Soccer Team came into the playoffs as Section Champions and the 9th seed. And as they did all season long, they battled their way through the playoffs to the State Finals, where they fell to South Mountain by a score of 2-0. This was the first time in decades that the boy's soccer team made it to the State Finals. Great job boys!



The Varsity Boys Basketball Team also had a great season, getting to the Division 1 playoffs as the 8th seed and earning a first round bye. Once in the playoffs, there was no stopping them as they rolled over Chandler in the Round 2 Home playoff game, shut down number 1 ranked Corona del Sol H.S. at the Wells Fargo Arena, and beat Gilbert H.S. at the Grand Canyon University Arena to advance to the Finals. Once there, at the Gila River Arena, the team ultimately fell to Mesa H.S. by the score of 51-48, but they displayed an amazing effort and represented their school and community well!



Senior wrestler Conner Robinson had an outstanding year as well, finishing his Sunnyslope career with a total of 50 wins and 6 losses and capturing 3rd place at the State Wrestling Meet at Tim's Toyota Center, in Prescott Valley. Way to go Conner!

National Merit Finalists at Sunnyslope

Congratulations to Sunnyslope High School's four National Merit Finalists. Madeline Weicht, Daniel Sinclair, Linnea Weicht, and Sean Miller (not pictured).

Madeline, Linnea, and Sean are in the final stages of making their college decisions and Daniel will be attending ASU's Barrett - The Honors College.

These students exemplify the "best of the best" academically throughout the United States. As finalists, they are considered to be among the top 15,000 seniors out of the more than 1.5 million students who applied.

Congratulations and good luck to you all.



March 2016

Important Dates to Remember

Spring Break - March 14 - 18

Senior Finals - May 19, 20

Semester Finals - May 24, 25

Graduation - May 24

The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

A big part of our students' experience here at Sunnyslope includes providing community service to those around us. **Key Club** recently visited the Madison Meadows Senior Center for Valentine's Day and representatives from our **Football Team** cleaned up a local street as part of the Adopt-A-Street program. Many other clubs on campus and individual students find ways to donate their time in helping their community, logging thousands of volunteer hours each year.



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TESTING SEASON IS UPON US!

The spring testing is upon us here at Sunnyslope HS. The spring semester consists of a lot of testing from PBA's, Az MERIT, AIMS, Civics, and the ACT. Below is a summary of what testing will look like in the months of March and April.

March 29th and 30th (Az MERIT Writing(29th) and Reading (30th) (tests are required)

All students enrolled in second semester freshmen, sophomore or junior English classes will be testing on these two days. Testing begins at 8:00 AM and ends at 12:00 noon. There will be no school in the afternoon.

March 6th (Az MERIT Math) (test is required)

All students enrolled in a second semester Algebra 1, Geometry, or Algebra 2 class will be testing on this day. Testing begins at 8:00 AM and ends at 12:00 noon. There will be no school in the afternoon.

April 19th (PE Assessment, AIMS Science, ACT, Civics test) (tests are required)

All freshmen students, in a PE class, will take a PE Performance Based Assessment on this day. After the PE assessment, all freshmen students will participate in Link Crew activities.

All students signed up in a Biology class (regardless of grade level) will take the state mandated AIMS Science Test. All sophomores, after taking the AIMS Science test, will take the newly mandated Civics test.

All junior students will be taking the ACT test on campus.

Testing begins at 8:00 AM and ends at 12:00 noon.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Nelson at (623) 915-8766. Additional information regarding testing specifics will be provided to all students.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

The Sunnyslope Counseling Department is offering some suggestions for summer exploration that apply to all grade levels. Use these four steps to start charting a path to success!

- Evaluate your transcript and selected future classes. Do they meet your goals?

Do you need to retake any classes for grade improvements, for scholarships or to graduate?

- List five universities or colleges you would like to attend.

Go to each school's website and write down important facts, i.e. tuition costs, admission deadlines, and degree options.

Take an online tour of each school on the school's website.

If possible, arrange for an actual in person tour of the school. It is highly important to visit actual campuses to get a feel for each location. Also, learn as much as you can about costs, living conditions, degree programs and entrance requirements.

- Work on your resume!

Start building an actual copy of your resume. Use a Word document to build one. Look for gaps (for example, lack of volunteer work).

- Seek out opportunities!

Visit the Career Center to look for summer programs, travel opportunities, study opportunities, jobs, internships, and volunteer ideas.

If you have any questions, or would like summer school information, please see your counselor. Enjoy your summer!

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HAVING A FUN AND SAFE PROM

Greetings to all Viking parents and guardians! Our Prom is only a couple of weeks away; it will be held on April 16th at a location to be announced during the Spring Sports Assembly.

We need your help to ensure that every student has a fun and safe experience at Prom. Please remember that, while we allow group transportation to and from the prom venue, "party busses" are not allowed. As students elect to have group dinners prior to the event, please help us to ensure their safety as they prepare to head to Prom. We ask that everyone help us to remind Prom attendees that they need to maintain expected standards through their behavior and choices before, during, and after Prom, and that parents/guardians will be contacted and responsible for picking up those students that violate those standards.

Prom is a wonderful event that every Sunnyslope student has the opportunity to experience. Please help us to make Prom a fun and safe event for everyone that chooses to attend.

Thank you for everything that you do for our school! To those students that will attend Prom: make this Prom a great one, or not; the choice is yours!

Dr. Lovell

GRADUATION IS TUESDAY, MAY 24!

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2016! Graduation this year will be held on Tuesday, May 24th at 1:00 PM. Graduation will be held this year at Grand Canyon University. Students will be able to get six (6) free tickets for the graduation ceremony. Any additional tickets (limited numbers) will cost \$5.00 per ticket. We will be providing more information to senior students, in their classes, to bring home to parents regarding the ticket process. If you have any questions please contact Todd Nelson at (623) 915-8766. Final exams for seniors will be Thursday, May 19th and Friday, May 20th. Mandatory graduation practice will take place at SHS on Monday, May 23rd beginning at 7:15 AM. Students must participate in graduation practice in order to participate in the official graduation ceremony.

THANK YOU FROM PRINCIPAL DUCEY

As an admin team, we thank you for allowing our staff to continue to work with your students. We have had many successes on many levels and look forward to many more. Let's have a strong finish of a great year. Thank you again from the Sunnyslope faculty, staff and admin team. -Steve Ducey

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE FOR UNDERCLASS STUDENTS

Final exams for underclass students will take place on Tuesday, May 24th and Wednesday, May 25th. Wednesday, May 25th is the last school day for all freshmen, sophomore, and junior students. If you are requesting early final exams for your student, you must contact Mr. Nelson no later than Friday, April 22nd, to discuss this possibility. Sunnyslope HS cannot guarantee early examinations for students. Communication with Mr. Nelson is imperative in order to possibly make arrangements.

SLOPE MUSIC GROUPS EXCEL!

Band, Orchestra & Choir had over 40 kids represent Sunnyslope at the All-Region Festival held on the campus of Cortez High School from February 18-20. In addition, both the Concert Band and Orchestra received Excellent ratings at the GUHSD Festival and the Sunnyslope Jazz Ensemble qualified for the State Jazz Festival for the first time since 2007! The SHS Choir will represent Sunnyslope at the Heritage Music Festival in California over Spring Break. Good Luck Choir!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Battle of the Bands - April 8th

Prom - April 16th

AFJROTC Academic Bowl - April 16th

Mr. Sunnyslope - April 22nd

Spring Musical - Anything Goes - April 28th - April 30th



JROTC IRON CADET

On February 20th, our AFJROTC unit hosted a field day attended by Sunnyslope and five other Junior ROTC units, including those from Apollo and Cactus High School. Competitive events included Tug-of-War, dodgeball, and numerous cross-fit type of events to test the student participants' athletic abilities. The event was a huge success and was a lot of fun for all of the units that attended.



SPRING MUSICAL - ANYTHING GOES

The Spring Musical for this year is **Anything Goes**. This musical is set aboard the ocean liner S. S. American, where nightclub singer/evangelist Reno Sweeney is en route from New York to England. Her pal Billy Crocker has stowed away to be near his love, Hope Harcourt, but the problem is Hope is engaged to the wealthy Lord Evelyn Oakleigh. The musical will be performed in the SHS auditorium on April 28, 29, and 30.

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April 28th and 29th at 7PM

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\$8.00

Call (623)915-8771 for more info