

Dear Sahuaro Families,

I hope you all had a wonderful Labor Day weekend! As we enter September, I wanted to provide you with some important updates.

First Quarter Progress Report:

Soon, we will be releasing the First Quarter progress reports. If you notice any early concerns regarding your child's academic performance, please don't hesitate to reach out to their teachers.

Parent-Teacher Conferences:

We have Parent Teacher Conferences scheduled in two weeks on Wednesday, September 20, from 6:00-8:00 am. This will be an excellent opportunity for families to meet directly with their child's teachers in their classrooms. I strongly encourage you to attend if you have any concerns. It's still early in the semester, and there is plenty of time to address and replace any negative habits with successful ones.

NC for Excessive Absences:

In the near future, we will be sending warning letters to the families of students who are at risk of losing credit at the end of the semester due to excessive unexcused absences. Regular and consistent attendance is crucial for academic success, as it directly affects a student's grades and overall learning experience. Active participation and punctuality are essential for class discussions, lectures, group projects, and comprehension of audiovisual material. Make-up work alone cannot fully substitute the value of each class session. Students who accumulate 10 or more unexcused absences in a semester for a class will be issued an "NC" (No Credit). Students and families have the option to submit an "Attendance Appeal" to request restoration of the student's potential passing grade. An Appeals Committee will review the attendance appeals at the end of each semester, and they may grant the credit, deny it, or grant it on the condition that the student successfully completes an attendance contract. Please note that this policy only applies to courses in which the student is receiving a passing grade and does not apply to classes where the student has earned an "F."

Benchmarks:

This year, we will be conducting our benchmarks as a testing block, simulating an ACT testing session. The purpose of this new practice is to better prepare our students for the ACT (Juniors), whether they will take it this spring (Juniors) or in the next year or two (Sophomores and Freshmen). Our First Quarter Benchmark is scheduled for Tuesday, September 26. Please encourage your children to take these low-stakes assessments seriously. The results we gather from these performances will greatly inform our teachers as they adjust their learning targets in the upcoming weeks. You can find the testing schedule below.

Our First Fine Arts Performance:

Our Choir will be having their first concert of the year on Wednesday, October 4, at 7:00 pm in the Auditorium. I invite and encourage all of you to come out and support our hardworking students during this performance. Please see the attached fall/winter performance schedule for more information.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in your child's education. By working together, we can help them achieve their full potential. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Thank you,

Roberto A. Estrella, Principal

Benchmark Bell Schedule

Testing Block	8:40-12:00
Lunch	12:05-12:40
Period 1	12:45-1:05
Period 2	1:10-1:30
Period 3	1:35-1:55
Period 4	2:00-2:20
Period 5	2:25-2:45
Period 6	2:50-3:10

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location
Friday, September 15	43 rd Annual Rick Botkin Memorial Game (Cholla High School) 7:00 pm	Sahuaro High School
Wednesday, September 20	Parent-Teacher Conference 6:00-8:00 pm	Classrooms School Ends at 12:20 pm
Friday, September 22	Early Release	No Lunch Service
Tuesday, September 26	1 st Quarter Benchmark Testing Bell Schedule TBD	Sahuaro High School
Wednesday, October 4	Choir Concert 7:00 pm	Auditorium
Friday, October 6	1 st Quarter Teacher Grading Day	No School
Week of October 9-13	Fall Break	No School