

September 17,2024

Hello Sahuaro Students and Families,

Here are some updates, requests and reminders:

Parent Teacher Conferences Please remember that we will be hosting our Parent Teacher conference tomorrow night from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Parent-teacher conference night in high school provides families with valuable insights into their child's academic progress, strengths, and areas for improvement, fostering a collaborative relationship between home and school to support student success. It's an opportunity to address any concerns, set goals, and ensure alignment on educational strategies tailored to your child's needs.

Half Day (No Lunch Service) Please remember that due to the Parent Teacher Conference, there will be a half day on Friday. School will be released at 12:07 and there will be no lunch service.

Early Dismissal

Period 1 (32 min)	8:30-9:02
Period 2 (32min)	9:07-9:39
Period 3 (32 min)	9:44-10:16
Period 4 (32 min)	10:21-10:53
Period 5 (32 min)	10:58-11:30
Period 6 (32 min)	11:35-12:07
No Lunch Service	

No Periods 0 & 7

Title I Family Meeting At 5:30 pm (just before Parent Teacher Conference) we will host a Title I family meeting in the Auditorium to share our school's goals and plans for the upcoming school year.

Benchmark Test Next week Tuesday, September 24 we will be conducting our school's first Benchmark tests. These are for every grade level, except for our Seniors. Benchmark testing in high school offers families a clear picture of their child's academic progress by identifying strengths and areas needing improvement, helping to tailor educational support and interventions to ensure academic success. It provides actionable data that guides both teachers and parents in setting realistic and achievable academic goals. Students will be testing in ELA, Math, and Science. Please see the revised testing bell schedule below. This one is different than the one we sent out this summer.

Benchmarks

Tuesdays: September 24,

December 3, February 25

Period 0	None
Testing (3.5 hrs)	8:30-12:00
Learning Centers (3.5 hrs)	8:30-12:00
Lunch (36 min)	12:05 – 12:46
Period 1 (19 min)	12:51 – 1:10
Period 2 (19 min)	1:15 – 1:34
Period 3 (19 min)	1:39 – 1:58
Period 4 (19 min)	2:03 – 2:22
Period 5 (19 min)	2:27 – 2:46
Period 6 (19 min)	2:51 – 3:10
Period 7	None

AP Payment Support Plan: Originally, we were informed that families would not have to pay for AP Exams. However, we recently learned that this is no longer the case. As a result, we have developed a new plan to support our families and encourage our students to take these exams. First, we will work with our District to confidentially identify students who already qualify for fee waivers based on financial need. Second, we will assist families who inform us of their financial needs by sharing the qualifying criteria and providing the necessary request forms. For students who do not qualify for fee waivers, we will seek community support to help provide financial assistance. Our goal is to help cover the cost of at least one exam. Students and families, please see your AP Teacher(s) for more details.

Uber Eats Our front office has noticed an increase in food deliveries to students via app services like Uber Eats and DoorDash. Please remember that these services are not permitted during school hours, and we send the deliveries away. We lack the personnel to safely manage these deliveries while maintaining security for the rest of the campus.

Sick Children We are also noticing an increase in students reporting to school sick and needing to go home. Keeping sick students home from high school is essential to prevent the spread of illness, ensuring a healthier environment for all students and staff while

allowing your child the necessary time to recover fully. This proactive step supports overall school wellness and minimizes disruptions to learning.

Important Dates:

Wednesday, September 18 Title Family Meeting (Auditorium) 5:30 pm &

Parent Teacher Conferences (Classrooms) 6:00-8:00

Friday, September, 20 Half Day (No Lunch Service)

Tuesday, September 24 Benchmark Testing (Grades 9, 10, 11)

National Honors Society Induction (Little Theater) 7:00

Friday, September 27 ASVAB (Auditorium) 8:30 am

Friday, October 4 Grading Day (No School)
