

## Weekly Bulletin for the City High School Community ~ October 13, 2008

### Greetings

It's hard to believe that first quarter is just about over. This is a critical time of the school year; the "honeymoon" period is over, and the end of the school year is nowhere in sight. It's important that students develop strategies for maintaining their beginning-of-the-year momentum by staying organized, keeping up with deadlines, and reaching out to their advisors and teachers for help when necessary. Parents and guardians can help their teenagers by encouraging consistent homework habits and periodically checking in with advisors. Additionally, all parents/guardians are encouraged to set up a Power School account so that they may access the grades and current assignments. Please read below for additional Power School information.

-Eve Rifkin, Academic Director  
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### Division IIB Students Experience Democracy First Hand

Juniors in Tom Moore's Democracy class spent Friday, October 10, visiting the State Capital in Phoenix. All students toured the state's first permanent capital building, now a museum, and learned about the history of Arizona Statehood. After lunch, Arizona State Representative Steve Farley gave the students a behind-the-scenes tour of the state senate, where students took seats on the floor and debated a proposed bill that would penalize people who text message while driving.



*Jared Najar-Young, left, debates a House Bill on the senate floor. Christian Griessel, Santos Leon, Jared Najar-Young, and Tim Stephens (from left to right) pose in front of the state capital building.*

### Power School Parent Access

Power School offers parents **access to grades, attendance, assignments**, other general information. You can also e-mail teachers and ask for automatic e-mail updates on your student's progress. You can access Power School from any computer with a web browser and an Internet connection.

#### **To access Power School:**

1. Open a web browser and navigate to the City High School website.  
"www.cityhighschool.org"
2. Click on the "Parent Login to Power School" link on the right side of the City High School home page.
3. Enter your Username and Password.

When you are ready to exit Power School Parent Access, be sure click on the Logout button in the upper right corner of the screen.

For more information, forgotten usernames and passwords, or to change your username and password, contact John Wolfe at [johnw@cityhighschool.org](mailto:johnw@cityhighschool.org). or 623-7223 x19.

### Upcoming Field Trips

**Division 1** students will be touring Biosphere 2 on Thursday, 10/23. Biosphere 2 is a 3-acre, self-contained, glass structure that contains models of some of the major biomes on earth: ocean, rainforest, mangrove swamp, savannah, and desert. It is currently a scientific research center operated by the University of Arizona. Students will leave promptly at 8:30 and return by 3:30. All students should bring a lunch and water and wear close-toed shoes for easy walking and climbing. For more information, please contact Jeff at 623-7223 x206 or jeffh@cityhighschool.org.

**Division IIA** students will be visiting the Community Food Bank Farm in Marana, Arizona on Wednesday 10/15 from 830-12. While they are there, they will work on a ramada, do some farming, photography, video recording, and sound recording. Students should wear closed toed shoes, a hat, sunscreen, long sleeve shirts, and bring lots of water! For more information, please contact Michael at 623-7223 x 207 or michaelh@cityhighschool.org.

### Update on School Photos

We are waiting to hear the status of student photo orders placed with Larry Lurie Photography. As you may know, Mr. Lurie passed away last week and his family is working with a local photography lab to try to find the student photographs he took. So far we do not know if the orders will be filled or not. If we still do not know the status of the school photos by mid-November, we will be scheduling another photographer to come in and take another round of school photos. We will keep you updated on the status of the student photos when we have more information. If you have any questions, please call Lynn Schneuker at ext 202.

### REMINDERS

• **October 15, Wednesday:** All juniors and select sophomores will take the **PSAT** from 8:30-12:30. Students should report to school promptly by 8:20. The **test fee of \$15.00** can be brought to school that day in the form of a check or it can be paid as part of the 2008 tax credit contribution (contact Brett Goble for more details 623-7223 X 220). Students who qualify will receive a test fee waiver.

• **October 17, Friday: End of first quarter. Report cards** will be sent home Friday, October 24.

• **October 17, Friday: School will be closed** for a short October Break. School be reopen on Monday, October 21.