

**WEEKLY BULLETIN for City High School Families**  
**Week of April 3, 2006**

**Principal's Notes**

Many students throughout the Tucson community were involved in protests in opposition to recent immigration legislation last week. Much of the action was centered downtown as the youth protestors converged at government buildings such as the Federal Courthouse. We created an opportunity for City High School students to check out the action on Thursday during lunch and our regularly scheduled whole school meeting. Accompanied by 4 teachers, approximately 50 students chose to go; some went to observe and others went to participate more actively. We explained clearly to students before they left that they needed to return to school with the staff members at 12:15 to attend their afternoon classes. The vast majority of those who went returned as expected. On Friday the protests continued. We did not have any school-sanctioned trip to the protests. A number of students left campus unexcused during the school day; some left at lunch and returned for classes, while others left at lunch and did not return for the remainder of the school day. Students who did not return with teachers on Thursday afternoon and those who left campus on Friday will receive consequences for their unexcused absences and for their departure from campus during the school day. Some parents called the school to provide permission for their child to miss classes, in which case the absence is considered excused. Meanwhile, we provided students with information about the march in honor of Cesar Chavez taking place on Sunday, so that those who were especially interested in the issues could participate in a community event during non-school hours.

Like the education and community leaders who came together this weekend to draft an open letter requesting students to return to classes (<http://www.azstarnet.com/metro/122806.php>), we at City High School are insisting that students not miss any more school. At the same time, we are encouraging continued discussion, debate, and education about the important and controversial immigration and border issues facing our nation and our community. Please call or email me if you have any questions about the protests as they affected City High School generally or more specifically about your child's involvement.

~ Carrie Brennan, Principal ([carrie@cityhighschool.org](mailto:carrie@cityhighschool.org))

**School-wide Testing Day - Tuesday, April 4**

On Tuesday, ninth graders will take the standardized Terra Nova tests, while tenth and some eleventh graders will take the math portion of AIMS. Juniors who have passed AIMS will work with staff members Elliott Lax and David Spire on activities to help with planning their senior year internships and will go to the University of Arizona for a full campus tour. The school day will be the normal time of 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. We are looking to parents to help us meet or exceed the 98% participation rate achieved during the AIMS tests earlier in the semester. Please refer to the special test schedule for April 4 on back.

**Save the Date - April 29**

The second annual spring fundraiser, City Highlights, will take place Saturday, April 29 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Mark your calendars and plan on attending this fun event that includes student performances, silent auction, raffle, food, drink, and live entertainment. Look for a postcard invite



\* in the mail soon. There are many ways that students and parents can volunteer to help make City Highlights successful. Sell raffle tickets, donate an item for the silent auction, help with decorations, sell event tickets to friends and family ... to get involved, contact Development Coordinator Jennifer Rosenthal at [jrosenthal@cityhighschool.org](mailto:jrosenthal@cityhighschool.org) or 623-7223 x301.

\* **Lost and Found Deadline**

\* Encourage your son or daughter to check the lost and found for any missing items. All items that are not labeled with an individual's name and have not been picked up by April 7 will be donated over spring break. Also, all personal items, including larger items such as instruments and bicycles, should be cleared from the office area and alley and taken home over break.

\* **No Bulletin the week of 4/10 - Enjoy Spring Break!**

\* **SCHEDULE FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2006**

\* **AIMS SCHEDULE** (all 10<sup>th</sup> graders, some 11<sup>th</sup> graders)

- \* 8:30-8:45 – 1<sup>st</sup> period class
- \* 8:45-9:00 – Go to designated testing area (upstairs classrooms)
- \* 9:00-11:00 – AIMS Math, part 1
- \* 11:00-11:30 – Lunch (at school)
- \* 11:30-1:25 – AIMS Math, part 2
- \* 1:30-2:10 – Meet in 5<sup>th</sup> period class; go to Library Plaza for whole school photos for yearbook
- \* 2:15-3:30 – Elective classes

\* **TERRA NOVA (“TN”) SCHEDULE** (all 9<sup>th</sup> graders)

- \* 8:30-8:45 – 1<sup>st</sup> period class
- \* 8:45-9:00 – Go to designated testing area (Rio Nuevo Conference Room)
- \* 9:00-10:15 – TN Reading and Language Arts, part 1 (41 minutes + break)
- \* 10:15-11:00 – TN Reading and Language Arts, part 2 (34 minutes)
- \* 11:00-11:45 – Lunch (at La Placita)
- \* 11:45-12:30 – TN Mathematics, part 1 (30 minutes + break)
- \* 12:30-1:15 – TN Mathematics, part 2 (30 minutes + cleanup)
- \* 1:30-2:10 – Go to Library Plaza for whole school photos for yearbook
- \* 2:15-3:30 – Elective classes

\* **JUNIORS WHO HAVE PASSED AIMS**

- \* 8:30-8:45 – 1<sup>st</sup> period class
- \* 8:45 – report to Elliott Lax and David Spire in Ed & Camellia's classroom
- \* 8:45-10:00 – interest inventory and discussion
- \* 10:00-1:30 – scheduled tour of University of Arizona campus with admissions officer (accompanied by Elliott, David); lunch break built in (bring bag lunch or spending money)
- \* 1:30-2:10 – meet in 5<sup>th</sup> period class; go to Library Plaza for whole school photos for yearbook
- \* 2:15-3:30 – Elective classes

