

Weekly Bulletin for the City High School Community ~ October 18 '07

Principal's Notes

All juniors and a smaller group of sophomores buckled down on Wednesday for a focused morning of taking the PSATs. The **Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test** is a practice test for the SAT and a qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship program. Requiring all students to take the PSATs is part of our school-wide approach to prepare and encourage all students to pursue **post-secondary education** after they graduate from City High School. Next week the annual college fair is taking place at the Tucson Convention Center (see info below); requiring all seniors to participate in this event is also part of our efforts to make sure all students learn about the many college and university options that exist. Our goal is to open all paths to the future for all students.

~ Carrie Brennan, Principal
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College Night @ TCC on October 25

The annual Tucson College Night takes place next Thursday at the Tucson Convention Center from 6:30-9:00 p.m. Representatives from hundreds of colleges nationwide will be in attendance. The event is free and the parking is too (just tell the parking attendant that you are attending the College Night). All SENIORS are required to participate as part of the requirements of their Senior Internship Seminar class; all students in grades in 9-11 are encouraged to participate, especially juniors. If you are interested in meeting at City High first and going to the College Night with a staff member, please RSVP by 10/24 by contacting Eve Rifkin, 623-7223 x216 or eve@cityhighschool.org. (Please note: we will be organizing this option only if there is enough interest.) More information on College Night can be found at <http://instech.tusd.k12.az.us/counseling/college.asp>.

THANK YOU to City High Parents for Staff Luncheon

A big thank you to the PTO for holding the first staff appreciation luncheon of the year this week. The theme was "comfort food" and indeed the meal was filling and comforting! City High Parents is looking for more parents to get involved. They meet on the second Tuesday each month at City High School from 6:00-7:00 p.m. The group organizes various activities, including staff luncheons and volunteer workdays; they also help with planning the graduation ceremony. Senior parents Malena Acosta and Kathe McGrath are the group's co-chairs. If you can't make the monthly meetings but want to get involved in the activities, please get on the list by contacting staff representative Michael Herzog: 623-7223 x207 or michaelh@cityhighschool.org.

Community Advisory Council Held First Meeting

The Community Advisory Council met on Wednesday 10/17. In attendance were board member Ann Modica; parent representatives Ernie Galaz, Scott Griessel, and Rebecca Hill; and, staff members Carrie Brennan, Jennifer Camano, Jeff Hartman, and Eve Rifkin. Jeff Hartman and Ernie Galaz are co-facilitating the council this year. The focus of the first meeting was to review results from parent and student surveys taken in May 2007

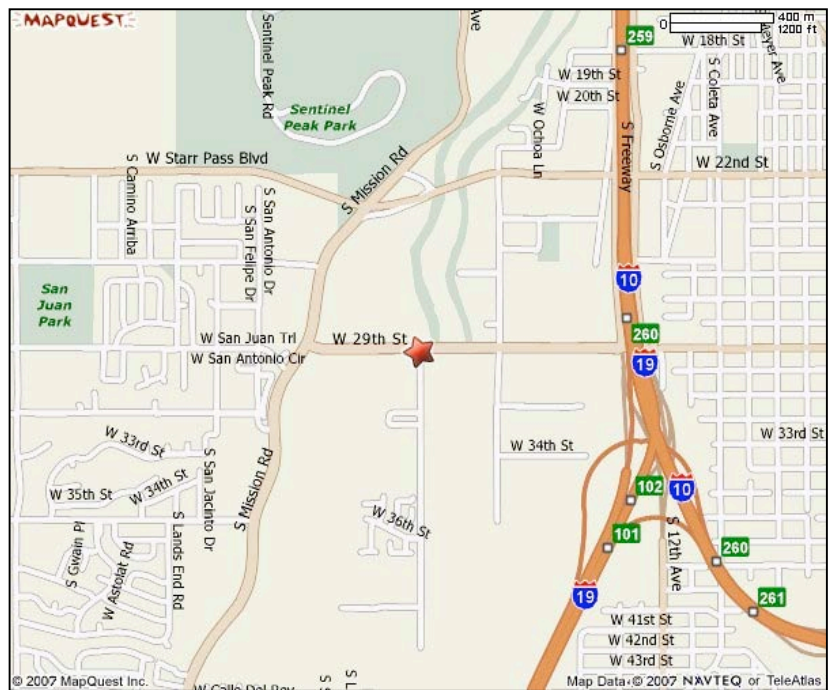
and to use the survey feedback and other recent school data to establish a focus area for school improvement for this year. The group is seeking more members, especially student and parent representatives. If interested, please contact Carrie Brennan, carrie@cityhighschool.org, 623-7223 x203. Meetings for this year are scheduled for 11/14, 12/19, 1/30, 3/5, and 4/23, and take place at the school from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Join Us at the Garden on “Make A Difference” Day – October 27



Make A Difference Day is a national holiday started by USA WEEKEND Magazine that takes place annually on the fourth Saturday of October and celebrates neighbors helping neighbors. On Saturday, 10/27 City High School is organizing a volunteer workday at our community garden as part of Make A Difference Day.

We will be planting over a dozen trees and working on other projects in the garden from 8:00 a.m. until noon. All volunteers are welcome – parents, students, staff, and other community members. There will be plenty of roles for both experienced and novice gardeners. The City High Garden is located on Cottonwood Lane, just south of 29th Street, along the banks of the Santa Cruz River. For more information, contact: michaelh@cityhighschool.org or 623-7223 x207.



Upcoming Community Event

We invite you to help us make a difference! Please join our team:

City High School Community Steppers

Make Strides Against Breast Cancer ~ Sunday, 10/28/07 ~ 3 mile walk
Sponsored by the American Cancer Society

Complete a registration form and turn in to Angela Daniels at City High School or online. You can join our team or make a donation! <http://makingstrides.acsevents.org/>