

## Weekly Bulletin for the City High School Community ~ October 4 '07

### Principal's Notes

We are now two weeks into our full 7-period schedule (M/T/Th/F) and our City Works classes on Wednesdays, and we're five weeks into first quarter. Students are in the thick of things with their learning and projects. Check out some of the announcements and photos below to get a sense of what's happening in classes. Please ask your son or daughter about upcoming projects, essays, and field trips. We're looking forward to seeing all parents and guardians at the drop-in conferences on October 11 and 12. Please see the memo on page 3 of this week's bulletin regarding times and structure for the conference.

~ Carrie Brennan, Principal  
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### Division I Humanities Exhibition – Friday, 10/5

The ninth grade Museum of Place Exhibit is taking place on Friday during 1st period at 8:45 a.m. for the morning humanities group and during 5th period at 12:45 p.m. for the afternoon humanities group. Students will present their neighborhood projects and light refreshments will be served. Humanities Teacher Amy Rude has invited all parents to attend the presentations. Below are two pictures of the ninth graders during this unit of study – one in the classroom with students doing initial work on their projects and the other of students taking notes during one of their explorations of historic downtown neighborhoods.



### City Works Classes

City Works classes are now in full swing for 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> graders on Wednesdays, and many seniors are set up with their internships for the same time slot. One of our new Division II City Works classes is Culinary Arts, in which students are learning about all aspects of food – cooking, presentation, nutrition, and food security. If you have any questions about City Works classes or senior internships in general, please contact Elliott Lax at 623-7223 x201 or [elax@cityhighschool.org](mailto:elax@cityhighschool.org).



## More After-School Activities ...

### **Girls Literary Activism Workshop**

Kore Press is sponsoring this workshop for teenage girls for the third year in a row. This year the classes will take place at the University of Arizona's new Poetry Center. One session will go from Oct-Jan and a second one runs from Feb-April.

**Contact info: Lisa Bowden, Kore Press, 629-9752 x227 or [lisa@korepress.org](mailto:lisa@korepress.org)**

### **Downtown Public Library – Homework Help**

Homework help is available at the downtown branch Monday-Thursday from 4:00-6:00 p.m. and on Sundays from 1:00-4:00 p.m. **Contact info: <http://www.tppl.org/>**

### **Club Time on Wednesdays @12:30**

In addition to Math Club and Chess Club, there is now a Technology Club happening. Get in touch with Math Teacher Roz Wolfe for more information: [rozw@cityhighschool.org](mailto:rozw@cityhighschool.org).

### **October is AIMS Retake Month**

Juniors and seniors who need to retake one or more of the three AIMS tests will do so October 30, 31, and November 1. AIMS tutoring in math is available throughout the month of October. Students or parents should contact Michael to set up tutoring sessions, [michaelh@cityhighschool.org](mailto:michaelh@cityhighschool.org) or 623-7223 x207.

### **Save the Dates**

#### **Parent-Teacher Conferences – October 11, 12**

On Thursday and Friday, October 11-12 students will have half-day schedules with the afternoons open for parent-teacher conferences. Conferences will be organized on a drop-in basis; more details out next week.

#### **Partnership 48 Renovation Celebration – October 12**

Friday evening, October 12, City High School and Voices, Inc. will host an open house of our newly renovated facility from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The event is open to the public. Come celebrate with us and learn more about our partnership with Voices.

#### **PSATs – October 17**

All 11<sup>th</sup> graders will have the opportunity to take the PSAT at City High School on Wed. 10/17. There are limited spots for 10<sup>th</sup> graders as well; interested sophomores need to sign up in advance. The test costs \$15/student. We will have financial waivers and offer a sliding-scale fee for families that qualify. For more information about the PSAT, contact Eve, [eve@cityhighschool.org](mailto:eve@cityhighschool.org) or 623-7223 x216.

#### **Community Advisory Council – First Meeting, October 17, 6:00-7:30 p.m.**

For more information, contact Carrie Brennan, [carrie@cityhighschool.org](mailto:carrie@cityhighschool.org) or x203.

**KORE PRESS is**  
**Calling all Grrls ...**  
the workshops are back!  
Fall '07-Spring '08

**Who?**  
Creative young women  
ages 14-18

**What?** Kore Press' Literary Activism workshops, led by artists & writers.

101: learn about writing, finding your voice & reading outloud.  
201: write & creatively present your words & ideas to the public in an "art action"

**Where?**  
The University of Arizona's New Poetry Center!

**When?**  
Oct 30 '07- Jan 30th '08  
101: Tues 4 - 5:45pm  
201: Weds 2:30 - 4:30pm  
and  
Feb 6 - April 23 '08  
201: Weds 2:30 - 4:30pm  
(public showcase April 24th at the Berger Center)

**How?** to apply, contact Lisa Bowden at 629-9752, ext 227 or e-mail: [lisa@korepress.org](mailto:lisa@korepress.org).

**THE GRRLS LITERARY ACTIVISM WORKSHOP**

Spring '07 Grrls' reading

For Grirls

## **PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES, October 11-12**

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Parent-teacher conferences take place during 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. They are an opportunity at the beginning of the school year for parents to check in with each teacher on their child's progress in the class.

The conferences are organized on a drop-in basis. Time slots are 15 minutes for each conference. Parents sign up for open conference slots when they arrive at school and can meet with as many teachers as they like. Students are welcome to participate in conferences with their parent or guardian, but are not required to do so.

### **SPECIAL HALF-DAY SCHEDULES FOR STUDENTS**

#### **Thursday, 10/11**

8:30-8:45            advisory  
8:50-9:50            period 1  
9:55-10:55          period 2  
11:00-12:00        period 3

**Parent-Teacher Conferences 12:30-4:00 p.m.**

#### **Friday, 10/12**

8:30-8:45            advisory  
8:50-9:50            period 5  
9:55-10:55          period 6  
11:00-12:00        period 7

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### **HOW DO THE P/T CONFERENCES DIFFER FROM SEMESTER ROUNDTABLES?**

Parent-teacher conferences are different than the student-led roundtables that take place at the end of each semester (in January and May). The roundtables are group meetings facilitated by the student's advisor that involve parents, student, advisor, invited teachers, and invited peers and are centrally scheduled through the front office. Student participation in roundtables is required, and the focus of the roundtables is on the student presenting highlights of their learning from the semester.

### **ANY QUESTIONS?**

Please contact Principal Carrie Brennan, 623-7223 x203 or [carrie@cityhighschool.org](mailto:carrie@cityhighschool.org), or feel free to contact your child's advisor.