

Weekly Bulletin for the City High School Community ~ November 21 '07

Principal's Notes

We can all be thankful for the wonderful meal that the Culinary City Works class prepared for us today. What a treat! The group took care of every detail – including table games and centerpieces – and cooked up some WONDERFULLY DELICIOUS food. The pumpkin pies were made from scratch with pumpkins they harvested in Arivaca earlier this month. Very impressive! Thank you Charles and all of the students!

~ Carrie Brennan, Principal



Senior Reading Café

As part of their current unit in Senior English Seminar, 12th grade students are spending an hour each Monday at Shot in the Dark Café reading. The class is currently studying the novel 1984.

Congrats to the El Tour Bike Riders!

City High had an excellent showing in this year's Tour. Eleven students rode as part of the teen riding club "El Grupo" with a 100% participation rate for this semester's bike riding elective. Congrats to the group and to Coaches Ignacio and Daniela. Three of the senior riders – Anne Pinsky, Elliott Berry, and Margo Wallace – are pictured at right, with the rest of the group in the background, hanging out near the finish line.



Logo Hoodies - \$ Due Monday

Order forms are available at school (or see the 11/8 Bulletin) for the new mascot sweatshirts. **Contact Roz Wolfe** at 623-7223 x408 or rozw@cityhighschool.org for more information on ordering or purchasing the new sweatshirts. Prices are \$30-35 (with a \$5 option for having one's name embroidered on front).



Arizona School Tax Credit a Win-Win Contribution

Arizona residents have the opportunity again this year to financially support a local school of their choice and receive a tax credit for their donation. City High School is looking forward to tax credit funds enhancing the school's arts and fitness classes, after-school activities, and City Works program.

Tax Credit Basics

Arizona law allows taxpayers to contribute to schools (\$200 if you file individually and \$400 if you file jointly) and receive a tax credit for the donation. A tax credit is a **dollar-for-dollar reduction** of the taxes one owes to the state. If, for example, a family owes \$450 in taxes to the Arizona Department of Revenue and they make a \$400 tax credit contribution to City High School before December 31, the family's tax bill decreases to \$50. All Arizona taxpayers are able to take advantage of the school tax credit option, whether or not they have children in the school system. They can also claim the donation as a deduction on their federal income taxes.

Funding Extracurricular Activities

As a public charter school, City High School can use tax credit funds to support any educational or recreational activities that supplement the educational program of the school and require a fee to participate. Visual and performing art classes such as yearbook, photography, and jazz band will benefit from tax credit contributions. The funds will also go toward physical education classes such as dance and martial arts, and after-school and before-school programs, like chess and basketball.

Supporting Character Education

Tax credit funds can also be used to support City High School's innovative City Works program builds character and fosters civic engagement. With tax credit donations, students and teachers will be able to do more field work, invite more guest speakers, and publish more widely the results of their work. Additional funds for City Works will increase students' opportunities for learning outside the school walls and ensure that their projects have a greater impact on the community.

Choosing City High School

City High School is looking forward to being the school that many Tucson-area residents decide to contribute their tax credit money to this year. The students have so much to gain, and there's no cost to the taxpayer. It's a win-win contribution.

ARIZONA SCHOOL TAX CREDIT FOR CITY HIGH SCHOOL

Name _____
Address _____
City, ST, zip _____ Phone _____

Enclosed is a tax credit contribution for the following amount (please circle one):

- \$200 (filing single)
- \$400 (filing jointly)
- other amount: _____

I would like all or part of my contribution to go toward:

- _____ program where funds are most needed (City Works, arts and fitness electives, etc.)
- _____ environmental studies trip to Rocky Point, Mexico for 9th graders (CEDO)
- _____ other class or program, please specify: _____

Please fill out this form and submit it with your donation. Checks need to be made out to **TSSP/City High School** or **Tucson Small School Project**, the nonprofit corporation that oversees City High School. Tax credit donations can be dropped off at the school's front office or mailed to City High School, 48 E. Pennington St. Tucson, AZ 85701. For more information about the tax credit or to get a copy of tax form 322, visit the Arizona Department of Revenue website www.azdor.gov. For more information about City High School or to pay online, visit www.cityhighschool.org.