



Higley High School

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Knights' News

Dates to Remember:

MARCH 2012

- 28th– Deadline to Register and Pay for AP Exams

APRIL

- 6th– Spring Holiday (No School)
- 10th- AIMS Math for Sophomores and Stanford 10 Reading and Math Test for Freshmen (4-Hour Late Start for Juniors and Seniors who have passed AIMS Math)
- 11th– AIMS Science for Sophomores (Regular Schedule– No Late Start)
- 24th– ACT for Juniors; PLAN Test for Sophomores (4 1/2 – Hour Late Start for Seniors and Freshmen)
- 25th– 11:30 Early Release for Teacher Professional Development
- 30th– Official Transcripts for Online Schools Due to Counselors

MAY

- 7th– 2012-2013 Athletics Parent Meeting @ 6:00 at the HCPA
- 7th-18th- Advanced Placement Testing
- 9th- Senior and Undergraduate Awards Night
- 18th– Last Day Students Can Have Backpacks on Campus
- 21st and 22nd –Senior Finals
- 23rd and 24th- Finals
- 24th- GRADUATION– 7:00 PM at HHS Football Stadium

It is the start of the fourth quarter and the 2011-2012 school year is quickly coming to an end. Our spring sports teams are off to an exciting start, and our activities are just beginning to ramp up for their end of the year performances and competitions. Good luck to all as we end the year STRONG! Although the end of each school year means celebrating our accomplishments and partaking in once in a lifetime events such as prom and graduation, the end of the year is also no time to lose sight of the academic work still left to be done. Every student at Higley still has some extremely important academic events coming up, so stay focused and let's finish STRONG.

Freshmen will be taking the Stanford 10 exam on April 10th. This comprehensive national exam will identify where students score against their peers in several academic areas.

Sophomores still have two critically important AIMS exams in Math and Science on April 10th & 11th respectively. Passing the Math AIMS Exam is a graduation requirement in the state of Arizona, so students simply MUST study and be prepared for this test. All sophomores will also take the PLAN Test on April 24th. Counselors will use this information to encourage students to take challenging classes such as Advanced Placement or Dual Enrollment for which they demonstrate a high aptitude.

Juniors will take the ACT Test also on April 24th. The ACT is the preferred college entrance exam in the Midwest and will not only serve to help students gain college admissions, but will also provide information to parents and students about college and career readiness skills.

Seniors...you're not done yet. Remember, although you likely have all of your major testing completed, your grades in the fourth quarter still matter and can have a significant positive, or negative, impact on college admissions and scholarships. You've worked too hard to get to this point, so finish strong!

Have a great end to the school year! Go Knights!
Larry Rother, Principal

Congratulations, HHS Students!

Kiwanis Award Winners: Antoinette Robinson and Ryan Ververs
Town of Gilbert Student of the Month: Rocky Rojas
Girl's State Representatives: Adrianna Camacho and Shalae Flores

Higley High School will host its **Senior and Underclassman Awards Ceremonies** on May 11th at 5:30 and 7:00 p.m. These special events recognize top achievers in each department as well as students who are in the Top Five Percent of each class. During the Senior Awards Ceremony, the 2011 Valedictorian and Salutatorian will be recognized, and college and university representatives will recognize students who have received college and university scholarship offers. Last year, we celebrated over \$3.4 million in scholarship offers for seniors.

Summer School Opportunities

HUSD will host two summer school sessions for Summer 2012. Courses will be offered through the Higley Learning Center. Course content will be delivered in a traditional class format for all Math courses, English 1-2 and English 3-4. Other courses will be offered through E-2020 online content. Online courses will be offered in Science, History, English and electives. All classes will be supervised by certified teachers. Summer school Session 1 will start on 5/29/12, and Session 2 will end on 7/6/12. Cost is \$140.00 per session. Additional information is available at www.husd.org or in our counseling office.

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COUNSELORS' CORNER

2012 AP Exam Schedule

The Advanced Placement Exams will be administered May 9-May 17.
The deadline to register and pay for an exam is Wednesday, March 28th.

DATE:

Wednesday, May 9

Thursday, May 10

Friday, May 11

Monday, May 14

Tuesday, May 15

Wednesday, May 16

Thursday, May 17

EXAM:

Calculus AB

(Sr.) English Literature and Composition

US History

Biology, Physics B

US Government

(Jr.) English Language and Composition, Statistics

Macroeconomics, World History

- AP students should make careful note of the dates of exams they plan to take so they can avoid scheduling conflicting activities.
- The full price of each AP exam is \$87.
- Every AP examinee must attend Pre-Administration Sessions in late April. Students registered to take the AP test will receive their assigned Pre-Administration date from their AP teachers.
- Exams range from 2 ½ to 3 ½ hours in length. Each exam consists of a multiple-choice section and a free-response section. More information on specific exams is available on the AP web site at www.collegeboard.com.

AIMS Math Testing and Stanford 10 Testing– Wednesday, April 10

On April 10, the AIMS Math Test and Stanford 10 for Freshmen will be administered. Breakfast will be provided at 7:10 in the cafeteria for testers; testing will begin at 7:40 a.m. Non-testers will have a four-hour late start. The Higley Unified School District will run bus routes twice on April 10.

The following students will need to catch their assigned bus at the regular time/stop for testing:

- Freshmen
- Sophomores
- Juniors and Seniors who have not met AIMS Math minimum standards
- Juniors and Seniors who are attempting to "exceed" AIMS (last opportunity for Jrs to test to qualify for ABOR High Honors Tuition Waiver)

The following students will need to catch the bus exactly four hours later than their assigned pick-up time. For example, if your child typically is picked up at 6:45 a.m., he/she will be picked up at 10:45 on April 10.

- Juniors and Seniors who have met or exceeded the standard on AIMS

AIMS Science Testing Thursday, April 11

All Sophomores and those Freshmen enrolled in Biology will take the AIMS Science Test beginning at 7:20. All other students will follow the regular schedule (no late start).

Important Dates for Seniors

4/30: Senior Assembly during 3rd hour

4/30: On-Line Transcripts Due

5/9: Senior Awards Night

5/11: All Equipment, Fees, and Books Due

5/21-22: Senior Finals

5/24: Graduation Rehearsal (6:30 a.m.)

5/24: GRADUATION (7:00 p.m.)

ACT/PLAN TESTING ON APRIL 24

On April 24th, **ALL** Higley High School Juniors will sit for the ACT Test. The ACT assesses high school students' general educational development and their ability to complete college-level work. Additionally, **ALL** HHS Sophomores will sit for the PLAN Test. The PLAN program helps 10th graders build a solid foundation for future academic and career success. It is a comprehensive guidance resource that helps students measure their current academic development, explore career/training options, and make plans for the remaining years of high school and post-graduation years. As a "pre-ACT" test, PLAN is a powerful predictor of success on the ACT. Both the ACT and PLAN are free to HUSD Juniors and Sophomores on April 24. There will be a 4 1/2 hour late start for non-testers.

Career Center Info

Ken Vendehei Memorial Scholarship applications must be postmarked on or before April 5 –
See the Career Center for the application packet.

Seniors, if you have been awarded any college scholarships, please bring a copy of the notification letter to Mrs. Ortega in the Career Center so the information can be included in our Senior Awards Ceremony.