

QUEEN CREEK HIGH SCHOOL

HIGH ACHIEVEMENT IN A CARING ENVIRONMENT

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2008



THE PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

To QCHS Parents/Guardians,

We are into the 3rd week of the second semester and there are many happenings at QCHS. Here are some points to keep you updated:

- Throughout the past four years we have established a four-pronged decision making/leadership team approach at QCHS. The decision-making/leadership teams consist of: (1) Department Chairs (2) Committee for School Improvement Chairs (CSI) (3) Administrative Team, (4) Advisory Council comprised of parents, teachers, principal, community members, students and classified personnel. **We are always seeking involved parents that are interested in serving on the Advisory Council. If you are interested please contact us and we will share your name with Kathy Sucher the Advisory Council president.**
- Since 2004 we have used our AIMS results to develop school, departmental and individual goals and action plans. Based on the 2005 AIMS our action plans have worked, our label improved from Performing to Performing Plus, and our graduation rates have increased. To up the ante, 1st semester this year, we have placed a greater emphasis on math by incorporating math across the curriculum, and offering more math tutoring during advisory time, before school and during lunch. Starting on January 22, a late activities bus will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays to accommodate those students who wish to stay after school for math or ELD tutoring. The bus will pick up in-district high school students at 4:00 pm and then go to the middle school to pick up their students.
- AIMS testing is around the corner. Within the classrooms, along with teaching the Arizona Academic Standards our math and English teachers are using AIMS review questions as class warm-ups. As an incentive to reward and award academic excellence, this fall we began our new academic achievement recognition program. This program is designed to reward students for their dedication to scholarly work. The program consists of a variety of levels ranging from Purple to Platinum. Students can earn rewards for their GPA, AIMS scores and/or level of improvement. More information can be found on the attached flier.
- On January 15, 2008, we held an AIMS parent meeting to discuss graduation requirements, curriculum alignment, testing strategies, incentive programs, tutoring options, and AIMS scholarship opportunities. If you missed the meeting you should know that if your son/daughter is a junior or senior and has not yet passed one or more portions of the AIMS test, they are eligible for extra tutoring, please contact their respective counselor. Sophomore students who did not pass one or more portions of their 8th grade AIMS test also may be eligible for extra tutoring. To receive information, please contact your son/daughter's counselor.
- QCHS has again been awarded a grant to support our program to educate our students on the hazards of drug/alcohol use and societal violence. Some of our students will be participating in the program: "Too Good for Drugs & Violence." This curriculum will be administered in selected classes during the Advisory Period. Last year upon the completion of our program, when surveyed, the involved students showed a 9% growth in content awareness. We are hoping for a similar outcome this year.
- ***Please note there is a change in the school calendar, QCHS will also be having a half-day February 13th, not just the elementary. This is an error in the QCUSD calendar.***

Please feel free to contact our office should you have any comments or concerns at 480-987-5973.

Thank-you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Dr. Angela Chomokos
Principal QCHS

Get involved, attend Advisory Council meetings, the second Monday of every month @ 6:00 pm.

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Assistant Principal: Julie Niven Assistant Principal: Paul Reynolds Assistant Principal: Ben Rodriguez Athletic Director: Tot Workman
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The Lady Bulldog Basketball team has hit the midpoint of their conference season and they find themselves in a hunt for another conference title. Behind the stellar play of seniors Hayley McClure, Katie Graham, and Kallie Hubbard, the team hopes to improve on their 14-5 mark. Our Lady Bulldogs are currently ranked #5 in the state and will get their biggest test from a renewed rivalry: #4 Seton Catholic who has made the jump from 3A. Come out and support the team. We have three home games left: January 13 vs. Tempe, January 22 vs. Desert Edge, and February 1 vs. Higley. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students and children. GO DAWGS!
Coach Brett Huston

Baseball tryouts will begin on Monday, February 4th. For freshmen, the tryouts will be at the middle school baseball field starting at 5pm. You will need all paperwork and a completed physical to Ginger (athletic director's secretary) before this date. Also, freshmen students should attend a meeting with Coach Mlazar during advisory on Tuesday, January 29, in room B114. If you miss this meeting, you will need to stop by to sign up for tryouts and receive the information given out at the meeting. This meeting includes all freshmen students trying out for baseball, even if you are currently in basketball, wrestling, or soccer.

Coach Mlazar
(480) 201-5153

Just thought I would share with you the varsity football team's GPA for 2007. Through their efforts, reinforcement of priorities, tutoring, etc, 42 young men compiled a team GPA of 3.25 While I'm sure there might be other teams on campus with comparable grades, I feel proud that such a diverse and large group of students have achieved so much. Thank you for your assistance in their accomplishments

Curt LeBlanc Head Football Coach

All of the Spirit Line squads did a fantastic job at our Fiesta Bowl Competition at Sunnyslope High School which was held on December 8th and December 9th, JV cheer, Varsity cheer, and Varsity Pom all took first place in their divisions. Jackie Arnett also took first place in the Solo Pom division and Savannah Buck took first place in the cheer division. Savannah re-competed at the end of the day and won the title of Fiesta Bowl Grand Champion which included a \$50 savings bond. In addition, varsity cheer was the squad with the overall highest score and the opportunity to perform at the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Luncheon that was held on December 14th. Courtney Nichols won the "Outstanding Spirit Award" and received a \$500 scholarship that was presented to her at the Football Luncheon. The varsity cheer squad was also presented with a Fiesta Bowl Sweepstakes Trophy for accumulating the most points at the competition. I am extremely proud of the girls for all the hard work they have put in and their presentation at the competition.

Kelly Gibson Head Spirit Line Coach Dance Teacher

Spring Sports – Tennis, Track, Baseball & Softball

Spring Sports will officially begin on February 4, 2008. In order for your child to try out for a sport, they **MUST** turn in a completed sport packet prior to the above date.

“New” students trying out – Come to the main office or Athletic Office and pick up your athletic packet. You will need to schedule your physical as soon as possible! Turn completed paperwork and athletic fee into Ginger in the athletic department. No incomplete packet will be accepted.

“Returning” fall and winter student athletes – Stop by the Athletic Office to make sure your physicals are current and pay your \$25.00 spring sports fee.

The Classes of 2009 and 2010 are trying to raise money for prom. Prom sites cost anywhere from \$8,000 to \$15,000. Student Council tries very hard to raise this money each year. We only have 7 students from each class...so we desperately need your help!!! Families can donate up to \$400 and single tax filers can donate up to \$200. You can even donate to more than one class/club with each tax credit. This means you can divide your \$400 tax credit to multiple clubs!!! You may pick up a tax credit form in the front office of QCHS, simply fill out the form and indicate which club(s) you would like your money to go to. PLEASE help the classes of 2009 and 2010 as we raise money for our proms!!

On December 15th, the Arizona FIRST Lego League State Competition was held at Carl Hayden High School. At the tournament, Junior Matt Thiem was awarded the Young Adult Coach/Mentor of the Year for his help with Desert Mountain Elementary's - Flaming Lego Masters Team 6774. Also, Mr. Matthew Chicci was awarded Volunteer of the Year for his help in putting on one of the 3 regional competitions for AZ FLL.

Mr. Matthew L Chicci
US Academic Decathlon Coach

Queen Creek High School Teachers Shine

The Queen Creek High School teacher and staff recognition program is in full force and we are excited to announce the selections for November and December. We are lucky to have a group of dedicated individuals who go above and beyond the call of duty on a day-to-day basis. Our students benefit from the commitment of each teacher and staff member at QCHS. We hope with this program we can recognize some of our outstanding staff throughout the year. We have many business sponsors that also contribute financially to this program and we appreciate their support.

	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
Teachers of the month	John Navarro Julie Oster	Katie Bundy Michelle Garcia
Classified Staff of the month	Kyle Reed	Dottie Gilbert
Kiwanis Teacher of the Month	Derek Petersen	

Julie Niven QCHS Asst. Principal



Yearbook Notes:

February 29th will be the last day to purchase this year's 2007-2008 Queen Creek High School yearbook at the discounted rate of \$60.00. If you are interested in purchasing this year's annual at that price, please submit your payment to Mr. Boop's yearbook class by February 6th. The price will increase on March 1st. Please make your checks payable to Queen Creek High School. Parents of seniors who are interested in purchasing a PDA recognition page for your son or daughter should reserve your page today. The deadline for payment and submission of pictures and text for these pages is March 1st. We are offering two sizes this year. The cost for a full page is \$199.00 and the cost for a 1/2 page is \$100.00. If you have any questions you can email Mr. Boop at rboop@qcusd.org or phone him after 1:30pm his phone number is 480-987-5900 @ extension 5443. We are always looking for pictures to use for the yearbook. If you have photos from a non-school activity in which your child or other high school students are involved, the yearbook staff would love to consider these for a spot in the book. Those can be emailed to Mr. Boop at rboop@qcusd.org or submitted directly to the yearbook web site as shown below:

- Log on to: images.jostens.com
- Enter Login ID: 1136514
- Enter Your Password: bulldogs1
- Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload.
- Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.
- Click "Save Details".

Get your pictures in the yearbook! The Yearbook Staff invites students and parents to submit photos for the yearbook. If you have some great photos of school and community events or you and your friends just having fun, we'd like to see them. Our photographers can't be everywhere. Help us get as many photos as possible to create a terrific book everyone will want to have.

It's that easy! Submit your photos today! The last day to submit photos is 6/1/2008.

Thank you, and enjoy the rest of the school year!

Sincerely,

Yearbook Adviser and the 2008 Yearbook Staff.

The Yearbook Staff will review all photos and determine final yearbook content. We cannot guarantee that all submissions can be used in the book.

Nurse's Corner



Flu Season is here! If your student is running a fever over 100 degrees, if they are vomiting, if they have uncontrolled coughing, please keep them home. To help prevent the spread of illness, remember to wash your hands frequently with soap and water, eat a healthy diet, and get plenty of rest.

Current Immunizations are required for school attendance. Please check your child's shot record. If it has been 10 years since their last Dtap (Diphtheria/tetanus/acellular pertussis) they must have a Tdap (Tetanus/diphtheria/acellular pertussis) booster to remain in school. If their last Dtap or Td (Tetanus/pertussis), was 5 years ago or more, they must have a Tdap for school next year. Contact your doctor, Health Dept., or the School Nurse for more information or to schedule an appointment. Immunizations are available at school. If you are interested, contact Tana DeSpain, RN, BSN at 480-987-5966.

All 2007/08 9th graders are also required to have a **Varicella (Chicken Pox)** vaccine or a history of having Chicken Pox for school attendance in 2007/08. Contact Tana DeSpain, RN with any questions.

The school appreciates your help making sure your student(s) is immunization current. **Remember, the school must have proof of immunizations for school attendance.**

The Lion's Club organization helps many who are unable to afford eye care. You can help by donating old glasses/frames to the Lion's Club. There are donation boxes in the nurse's office. Please bring any glasses or frames you would like to donate for such a worthy cause.

Counseling Corner

On Wednesday, Feb. 6th in the Library at 6:00 pm. QCHS will be conducting a FAFSA workshop for students and parents who need help with the application. Any seniors moving on to college or trade schools should be filing the FAFSA application. This workshop will be hands on in our library computer Lab. Omar Perez will be conducting the workshop who is from Sally Mae Corp.

Changes to 2008-2009 School Year

The Queen Creek Unified School District has made some changes for next year.

First change is the school start times:

The start time changes are as follows:

Elementary start time will be 8:25 with dismissal be at 3:00

Middle School start time will be 8:50 with dismissal at 3:40

High School start time will be 7:40 with dismissal at 2:10

With "0" hour starting at 6:45 am

Secondly, a committee has worked on boundaries for the Queen Creek Middle School, the new Newell Barney Middle School, Jack Barnes and Queen Creek Elementary. The proposal is to start with 6th and 7th graders only at Newell Barney Middle School and keep all 8th graders at Queen Creek Middle School in 2008-2009. This will allow the 8th graders the same extra curricular and sports programs. Also, students living south of the wash will attend Newell Barney Middle School.

Redistricting to Queen Creek Elementary:

Another proposal is to redistrict the students in the southeast portion of the district. This is the area east of Ellsworth and south of the Queen Creek Wash (Orchard Ranch, Pegasus, Cloud Creek, etc.). These students are presently attending Jack Barnes and would be redistricted to Queen Creek Elementary. This will provide more classroom space at Jack Barnes as the area continues to outgrow the rest of the district.

Informational community meetings will be held soon. I will keep you posted on those dates...please watch for the flyers from the District or the elementary and middle school.

2007-2008 East Sky All Region Soccer

Coach of the Year....Mauricio Ramirez

All Region 1st team...Sam Harlow, Chelsea Carew, Jared Call and Mario Barajas

All Region 2nd team ..Katie Perkins, Bridgette Darst, Anthony Samora, Mario Cruz and Alex Wilson

Honorable Mention....Nicole Drew, Roger Rose, Adrian Coronado, Kyle Wandear and Shelby Sutherland

**SPRING SPORTS ARE NOW POSTED ON THE
QCHS WEB SITE FOR VIEWING.**

February 2008




Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5 Governing Board Meeting 6pm Q.C. District	6 Counselors to QCMS for course registration 2008-2009	7 AASC State Leadership Conference at Ironwood H.S. DECA Advance Location Jobing.com Arena Glendale 6:30 pm FAFSA Workshop QCHS Library	8 AASC State Leadership Conference at Ironwood H.S. ACDEC Az. Region IV Tournament @ Mountain Pointe H.S. 4pm to 9pm	9 AASC State Leadership Conference at Ironwood H.S. ACDEC Az Region IV Tournament @ Mountain Pointe H.S. 8am to 5pm
10	11 Site Council Meeting 6pm QCHS Library	12 Middle School Parent night	13 EARLY RELEASE	14 2008-2009 Registration forms due 	15	MORP Dance Cafeteria 8:00pm to 11:00pm
17	18 Drama Practice PAC Presidents Day NO SCHOOL National FFA Week	19 Drama Practice PAC Stucco Assembly First Robotics Shipment Date National FFA Week Governing Board Meeting 6pm Q.C. District	20 Drama Practice PAC National FFA Week	21 Drama Practice PAC EVIT Registration 2008-2009 National FFA Week	22 Drama Practice PAC National FFA Week	23
24	25 Drama Practice PAC	26 Drama Practice PAC Late start AIMS testers start at 7:50 am (regular time) Non Testers start @10:00am	27 Drama Practice PAC Late start AIMS testers start at 7:50 am (regular time) Non Testers start @10:00am	28 Day Matinee	29 H. S. Drama PAC	



March 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<p>1 H.S. Drama 7:00pm in Performing Arts Center Disneyland's Aladdin Jr.</p> 
	<p>3 College Night</p> <p>Gang Awareness Presentation</p> <p>DECA State Competition Tucson, AZ</p> <p>Site Council 6:00pm QCHS Library</p> 	<p>4 H.S. Choir Concert 7:00pm @ PAC</p> <p>DECA State Competition Tucson, AZ</p> <p>Governing Board Meeting 6pm Q.C.</p> 	<p>5 H.S. Band concert 7:00 pm @PAC</p> <p>DECA State Competition Tucson, AZ</p> 	<p>6 H.S. & M.S. Orchestra Concert 7:00 pm @PAC</p> 	<p>7 <u>H.S. Early Release out @ 12:05 pm</u></p> <p>*FFA State Spring Conference Tucson</p> <p>ACDEC State Championship 4pm to 9pm</p>	<p>8 ACDEC State Championship 8am to 5pm</p>
9	10 Spring Break	11 Spring Break	12 Spring Break	13 Spring Break	14 Spring Break	15
16	17 Spring Break	18 Spring Break	19 Spring Break	20 Spring Break	21 Spring Break	22
						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

April 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	(CDC Prep Day TBD in April)	1 Spirit Week Governing Board Meeting 6pm Q.C. District	2 Spirit Week	3 Spirit Week	4 Spirit Week Assembly	5
6	7	8 Late start AIMS testers start at 7:50 am (regular time) Non Testers start @10:00am FEA Spring Conference	9 Late start AIMS testers start at 7:50 am (regular time) Non Testers start @10:00am 	10	11	12
13	14 Site Council Meeting 6pm QCHS Library	15 Governing Board Meeting 6pm Q.C. District	16 DECA ICDC Prep Day Phoenix, AZ	17	18 No School	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Cogat Test 8:00am DECA International CDC Atlanta, GA. (April 25th –April 30th)	26 Prom at Waterfront In Tempe 8pm—12am  DECA International CDC Atlanta, GA.
27 DECA International CDC Atlanta, GA.	28 Academic Awards Night 7pm PAC  DECA International CDC Atlanta, GA.	29 DECA International CDC Atlanta, GA.	30 DECA International CDC Atlanta, GA.			