

QUEEN CREEK HIGH SCHOOL

HIGH ACHIEVEMENT IN A CARING ENVIRONMENT

August and September 2009



THE PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

Dear parents/Guardians:

Looking back at the wonderful events of the past nine weeks, I am in awe. Our athletic teams have once again proven to be successful and highly competitive. The performing arts produced award winning concerts and plays, and the Career and Technical Education organizations and other clubs proudly represented QCHS and the Queen Creek community at conferences. These well organized functions and groups of young adults make one proud to be part of Queen Creek High School.

If you have not had the opportunity to use SnapGrades, please call Terry Gallagher at 4780-987-5976 to get details and your password. This is a wonderful program that keeps parents updated with current grades, homework, and missing assignments. It's completely secure and will keep you in touch with your student's teachers.

Also, please remember that to ensure the safety of your child, parents must show proper ID when signing students out for the day. Only people on your emergency list may sign students out.

Looking forward, fall AIMS testing is soon approaching: 10/27-Writing, 10/28- Reading, 10/29-Math. The only late start date for non-testing students will be October 27th. Please encourage your student to take advantage of the various resources such as tutoring or the online support at www.yourstudyguide.com/arizona or www.ade.az.gov/standards/AIMS/AIMSSUPPORT.asp.

The faculty, staff, and administration of Queen Creek High School thank you for the opportunity you have given us to assist your son/daughter with their education endeavors.

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

Sincerely,

Angela Chomokos

Dr. A.E. Chomokos

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT QUEEN CREEK HIGH SCHOOL

Queen Creek High School hosted "Bulldog Idol" auditions on September 4th. The top 5 singers from the auditions will then compete for the title of "Bulldog Idol" on September 26th in the PAC. The winner then will go on to compete against winners from Higley HS, Williams Field HS, Desert Ridge HS and Combs HS. Students, staff, family and friends all came out to the auditions on September 4th to cheer on their favorite singer. ALL proceeds went to The Breast Cancer Society, Inc. in the name of our beloved Marlene Hatch.



"GAMEDAY" shirts are on sale now!!! Support your Bulldog sports teams by purchasing a t-shirt. There are two styles available. They come in youth S, M, and L. Adult sizes are S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL. Shirts can be purchased in the office! All shirts are \$10!



We Need Your Coupons

The Embrace It! Club is partnering with Mrs. Rice's Vocational Education Training class to gather manufactures coupons. This is one of our community service projects for this year. Pan de Vida, a local non-profit organization, needs help funding scholarships for deserving students in our community. The coupons will be placed on products at Basha's grocery store on Power & Chandler Heights Road. The Embrace It! Club will gather the coupons (there will be a box in the front office), clip out the coupons, and the Vocational Education Training class will go to Basha's and tape the coupons to their matching products. When a product with the coupon is bought the "cents off" from the coupon will go directly to the Pan de Vida organization for the scholarships. Please save your coupons and bring them to the school so that we can be a part of this exciting venture. Thank you , Mrs. Brown



Nurse's Corner



The Novel H1N1 flu is still with us. Please **keep your student home if they are ill** with flu like symptoms. Seasonal flu and novel H1N1 flu symptoms include head and body aches, extreme fatigue, fever, sore throat and cough. There may be some nausea and vomiting. Please let attendance know if they have flu symptoms when you call. They must stay home until symptoms are gone and they must be free of any fever for 24 hours without the use of Tylenol, Advil or any other fever reducer.

MRSA is always with us. Watch for signs of infection with any wound. If a cut or scrape does not heal or if there is pus in the wound, see a doctor. Cover a wound with a bandage and keep it covered while at school. Please notify the school if there is a diagnosis of MRSA from the doctor.

The heat is with us for awhile longer. Remember to drink enough water to keep your body hydrated. Do not wait until you are thirsty to drink. Carbonated soda drinks are not going to help with hydration. Water is most important but sports drinks are helpful also. If you experience any sign of dehydration, cool off and drink appropriate fluids. Signs of dehydration may include dizziness, nausea, headache and cramping.

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. Thank you to any that have already donated items. They are greatly appreciated.



Visit the Athletic website for all sports information at www.qchsathletics.org



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER



Nikki Barrientos

Nikki would be a great candidate for student of the month. She is responsible, courteous, respectful, and goes out of her way to help others. She has taken on the roll as editor-in-chief for yearbook and has already made a huge impact on this program in the school. Nikki is the kind of girl every teacher wants in their class, and truly makes a positive difference at QCHS. By: Ms. Camille Millecam



Jennifer Acosta

Jennifer went above and beyond to help me in art class. I had spilled paint all over the floor-without hesitation, Jennifer cleaned up all of the paint. Jennifer is a very sweet gal and is a joy to have in class. By: Ms. Emily McIntyre

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER



Julia Sundstrom

Julia has such a positive attitude & displays leadership qualities on a daily basis. She shows up to class prepared each day. She is a great student to have in class! By Ms. Cami Wurtsbaugh



Blaze Baggs

I strongly recommend that Blaze be considered for Student of the Month. He is consistently Bulldog leader, as well as a reliable and respectful student. Recently he stood out when he lead a few other students into a short video re-enactment of highlights from "Beowulf", Anglo-Saxon epic poem; in the video Blaze stars as two of the main characters, both Beowulf and Grendel's mom. Blaze and his buddies have created an excellent mini-production. As a strong youth leader and role model for High School students, Blaze is a fine young man who possesses many character traits that others should emulate. Although he has been recognized numerous times for many different reasons, he deserves consistent recognition for rising above normal expectations, someone who accepts challenges as well as opportunities. By Mrs. Ownsby



Jessica Call

Jessica consistently holds a 90% or better, her hard work clearly pays off! She is prepared for class each day, ready to learn. She is very respectful & attentive & any teacher would be delighted to have her in class. By Ms. Cami Wurtsbaugh

QUEEN CREEK HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR'S UPDATE

Counselors: All Freshmen and Sophomores M– Z
All Juniors and Sophomores A—L
All Seniors
Career Advising and Special Education
Guidance Secretary
Counseling Administrator

Mrs. Oster
Mr. Pittson
Mrs. Chicci
Mrs. Smotek
Mrs. Gallagher
Mrs. Clark

<http://www.qcusd.org/qchs/qchsmain.htm> and click on “Counseling”

UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!



Thursday	September	17	CGCC Student Visit, Library, 2—3 pm
Monday	September	21	University Interest Assembly, Cafe, 8:30-9:25 am
Tuesday	September	29	Utah State reception for students and families, Marriott in Mesa, 6-8 pm
Thursday	October	1	U of Virginia , Admission Panel for Students and Parents, The University Club of Phoenix (39 E Monte Vista Ave) No RSVP, 6 pm
Wednesday	October	14	PSAT, in the PAC, 8 am (Yes, we know it's Fall Break)
Thursday	October	22	College Fair 8:30 -10:40, In the gym
Monday	October	26	FIDM, Courtyard, both lunches
Monday	November	2	EVIT Presentations to Freshmen
Wednesday	November	4	ASVAB Testing, all Juniors
Thursday	November	12	ACE Presentations to Sophomores
Tuesday	November	17	National Honor Society Induction PAC, 7 pm
Friday	November	20	COGAT Testing , Library, 7:30 am
Tuesday	December	1	Financial Aid Night, Library, 6:30-8 pm
Tuesday	January	5	EVIT Cosmetology Information Sophomores & Juniors Career Center, both lunches

Did you know the **Counseling Department** has a **website** and a **newsletter** (Counselor's Corner) filled with useful information, scholarships, websites and upcoming events? Visit us at www.qcusd.org, go to the QCHS site an look for us under Administration.



VISIT THE CAREER CENTER!!! STUDENTS - NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED

Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. Monday – Friday
(before or after school, lunch periods or release)

- ▶ Scholarships
- ▶ Financial Aid Information
- ▶ Military Information
- ▶ SAT/ACT Registration/Study Materials
- ▶ Career Guidance Services
- ▶ College and University Information
- ▶ And More!!

Military Visits: Tuesdays/Navy, Wednesdays/Marines, Thursdays/Army
The Courtyard, both lunches

AIM TO BECOME A BULLDOG SCHOLAR!!

Tuesday	October 27, 2009	Writing
Wednesday	October 28, 2009	Reading
Thursday	October 29, 2009	Mathematics



(ONLY 11th & 12th to Meet or Exceed)

* **Spring of your Junior year is the last time to retest to exceed to qualify for Arizona AIMS Scholarship**

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Getting involved in volunteer opportunities is a great way to give back to your community and help others. **Many scholarships specifically reward students who significantly contribute to their school or community.** Check out the volunteer opportunities available through school, school clubs, your civic community or churches .

Don't Know Where To Look???

Queen Creek High School Library Media Center

Check out our school library homepage. Besides looking up books in our catalog, patrons can find valuable homework help, research resources, and informative “how- to” writing links. https://qcusd.follettdestiny.com/common/welcome.jsp?context=saas01_0233370



QUEEN CREEK HIGH
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QUEEN CREEK HIGH SCHOOL

OCTOBER

1 st	Thursday	Orchestra Concert	7:00pm PAC
1 st & 2 nd	Thursday & Friday	ChoDA Fall Choral Festival	Desert Ridge High School
2 nd	Friday	End of 1 st Quarter Early Release	11:30am
5 th	Monday	NO SCHOOL	Fall Break
6 th	Tuesday	NO SCHOOL	Fall Break
7 th	Wednesday	NO SCHOOL	Fall Break
8 th	Thursday	NO SCHOOL	Fall Break
9 th	Friday	NO SCHOOL	Fall Break
12 th	Monday	NO SCHOOL	Fall Break
13 th	Tuesday	NO SCHOOL ..Governing Board	Fall Break
14 th	Wednesday	NO SCHOOL ...PSAT	PAC
14 th	Wednesday	NO SCHOOL	Fall Break
15 th	Thursday	NO SCHOOL	Fall Break
16 th	Friday	NO SCHOOL	Fall Break
19 th	Monday	Spirit Day	All Day
19 th	Monday	Fall Leadership Conf Skills FFA	Phoenix, AZ
20 th	Tuesday	Governing Board	6:00pm at District
20 th -25 th	Tuesday thru Sunday	National FFA Convention	Indianapolis, IN
20 th	Tuesday	Bus Evacuation	Info to Follow
20 th	Tuesday	Spirit Day	All Day
21 st	Wednesday	Spirit Day	All Day
22 nd	Thursday	Spirit Day	All Day
22 nd	Thursday	ACHSCRC Visiting Colleges	8:30-10:45am Gym
22 nd	Thursday	Fall Conference Glendale Az	(tentative)
23 rd	Friday	Spirit Day	All Day
23 rd	Friday	Homecoming Assembly	PAC
23 rd	Friday	Donuts w/Seniors & Principal	6:30 am
23 rd	Friday	Apache Junction Football Game Homecoming	
23 rd & 24 th	Friday & Saturday	U of A Honor Choir Festival	
24 th	Saturday	Homecoming Dance	8-11:00pm QCHS
27 th	Tuesday	AIMS Writing Late Start for NON-TESTERS ONLY 10:00am	
28 th	Wednesday	AIMS Reading	
29 th	Thursday	AIMS Math	
30 th	Friday	Pizza w/Freshman & Principal	Lunch
30 th	Friday	Club Pictures	Advisory & Lunch

**QUEEN CREEK HIGH SCHOOL
CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2009-2010**

NOVEMBER

2 nd	Monday	EVIT Presentations for Freshman	All Day PAC
3 rd	Tuesday	Governing Board	6:00pm at District
3 rd	Tuesday	ASU Focus Juniors/Seniors	ALL DAY
4 th	Wednesday	ASVAB	7:30-11:30am
6 th	Friday	Donuts w/Seniors & Principal	6:30am
9 th	Monday	Site Council Meeting	6:00pm H.S. Library
9 th	Monday	Canned Food Drive	All Day
10 th	Tuesday	Canned Food Drive	All Day
10 th	Tuesday	Veteran's Day Assembly	Advisory PAC
11 th	Wednesday	NO SCHOOL	Veteran's Day
12 th	Thursday	Canned Food Drive	All Day
12 th	Thursday	Western Region Leadership Conference DECA	Reno, NV
13 th	Friday	Canned Food Drive	All Day
13 th	Friday	Pizza w/Sophomores & Principal	Lunch
13 th	Friday	Western Region Leadership Conference DECA	Reno, NV
14 th	Saturday	Western Region Leadership Conference DECA	Reno, NV
14 th	Saturday	ACDA Cantaremos Honor	Choir
16 th	Monday	Canned Food Drive	All Day
17 th	Tuesday	Canned Food Drive	All Day
17 th	Tuesday	Governing Board	6:00pm at District
17 th	Tuesday	NHS Practice	8:30am
17 th	Tuesday	NHS Induction	7:00pm PAC
18 th	Wednesday	Canned Food Drive	All Day
18 th	Wednesday	Early Release	11:30am
19 th	Thursday	Canned Food Drive	All Day
20 th	Friday	Donuts w/Seniors & Principal	6:30am
20 th	Friday	Senior Panoramic	Large Gym
20 th	Friday	COGAT Testing	7:30-10:00am Library
24 th	Wednesday	Fall Talent Show	PAC
26 th	Thursday	NO SCHOOL	Thanksgiving Holiday
27 th	Friday	NO SCHOOL	Thanksgiving Holiday

DECEMBER

1 st	Tuesday	Governing Board	6:00pm at District
1 st	Tuesday	Winter Sports Pictures	After School
1 st	Tuesday	Financial Aid Night Library	6:30-8:00pm
4 th	Friday	Pizza w/Juniors & Principal	Lunch
4 th	Friday	FFA Mid-Winter Leadership Conference	ASU Polytechnic
4 th	Friday	"Planning For Life"	9:20am-12:10pm PAC
7 th	Monday	Spirit Day	All Day
8 th	Tuesday	Spirit Day	All Day
8 th	Tuesday	Band Concert	7:00pm PAC
9 th	Wednesday	Spirit Day	All Day
9 th	Wednesday	Choir Concert	7:00pm PAC
10 th	Thursday	Spirit Day	All Day
10 th	Thursday	Orchestra Concert	7:00pm PAC
11 th	Friday	Spirit Day	All Day
11 th	Friday	Winter Hoop Coming Assembly	PAC
11 th	Friday	Donuts w/Seniors & Principal	6:30am
12 th	Saturday	Hoop Coming Dance	8:00-11:00pm
14 th	Monday	Site Council Meeting	6:00pm QCHS Library
15 th	Tuesday	Governing Board	6:00pm at District
17 th	Thursday	Early Release Finals	11:30am
18 th	Friday	Early Release Finals	11:30am
18 th	Friday	End of Second Quarter	
21 st	Monday	NO SCHOOL	Winter Break
22 nd	Tuesday	NO SCHOOL	Winter Break
23 rd	Wednesday	NO SCHOOL	Winter Break
24 th	Thursday	NO SCHOOL	Winter Break
25 th	Friday	NO SCHOOL	Winter Break
28 th	Monday	NO SCHOOL	Winter Break
29 th	Tuesday	NO SCHOOL	Winter Break
30 th	Wednesday	NO SCHOOL	Winter Break
31 st	Thursday	NO SCHOOL	Winter Break