

Dear Parents:

We need enrollment forms for the fall so we may begin scheduling; priorities will be given to students returning the forms in a timely manner. Parent info meeting for MS is Monday Feb 23, at 6 PM, the next one is March 9th at 6, and these are for new and returning students. Summer school forms are available and need to be returned with payment.

Below are a few snap shots of what's going on in our classrooms:

- Mr. Lawrence and his students are breaking down the \$767 billion dollar stimulus plan
- Mythology is moving onto their Hero unit and then will dive into the Short Story portion of the class.
- Mrs. Craig's World History students are in their Renaissance Revolution unit which blends well with Ms. Porter's classes, they traveled to the Ren Fair this week
- All teachers are writing across the curriculum, working with students on their critical thinking skills.
- AIMS preparation
- Performers are preparing for the up coming shows.

Below are a few hi-lights in our community:

- Big congratulations to Rachel Dufresne for earning first place for her advanced solo at the Musical Theater Competition of America in CA last weekend, and Kira Fredrickson and Will Ferguson for 4th place in costume design for Gypsy, and kudos to all the students for their hard work on their Smokey Joe's Medley, the group won 4th place. It was a pleasure to see all the encouragement they had for each other; it was a little chilly in sunny CA, but the students had a great time and they really stepped up and meet great expectations.
- Our wonderful middle School Visual Arts teacher, who we have had since the middle school opened is moving to Oregon, today is her last day, we will miss her and look forward to hearing of her great success there with her art. She has been a wonderful colleague
- New Website, student created is up!
- HS AIMS on Feb 27, 28 and March 1, if your son or daughter is testing, send them to school well rested and fed so they may do their best.
- Congratulations to junior Sean Smeed, he spent the day at Regionals and will be performing at Mt. View HS in Mesa in the choir on Sat. at 2. His next step is All-State!
- Visual Arts Dept Head, Kyllan Maney, has a painting in *Java*, on page 15. Many students and our faculty show their pieces at Art One Gallery 4120 N

Marshall Way in Scottsdale, Kraig Foote, owner is a huge NSAA supporter, stop in and browse.

- PASS is updated weekly, if you are having problems please let us know, it is a great tool to see your son and/or daughter's progress
- Teachers have office hours for both parents and students to drop in
- I have attached a letter you may take to local business to get items donated for Arts Explosion Raffles, contact Denise Martin for more info;
- Spring dance show that is on March 4th, tickets on sale online or at the Tempe Center for the arts;
- NJHS induction tonight;
- Spring Break March 16-20;
- ARTS EXPLOSION MARCH 7th; students participated in an assembly and received tickets to sell. We have iPods for top sellers;
- Senior pictures need to be emailed to me so I may get them on our senior DVD, for our senior luncheon, please email Karen Blumer, she has volunteered to help coordinate the event if you would like to donate gift cards or food: karenblumer@cox.net
- PROM is May 9th, to bring down the cost of tickets, our students are working on fund raising, they would appreciate any store bought baked items donated, ReeGan Harman and Mr. Lawrence are spear heading the efforts, contact them for more info. They will also be possibly having a rummage sale, and items for raffle, iMusic gift cards, and other gift cards are greatly appreciated.
- **Students should visit www.fafsa.ed.gov to complete the online FAFSA. Please remind students that if a Web site requests credit card information or some other form of payment to complete the FAFSA, then that site is not the official government (FREE) Web site.**

College Goal Sunday is a free program that brings together financial aid professionals and other volunteers to help families complete the FAFSA. To find a College Goal Sunday site near you, visit www.collegegoalsundayusa.org.

Encourage students to review their Student Aid Report (SAR) and to correct any errors, if necessary, in the information supplied on the FAFSA. Students can make changes to data on the SAR by visiting FAFSA on the Web at www.fafsa.ed.gov and clicking on "View and Print Your Student Aid Report."

Thanks for all the continued support,
Katy Cardenas

NSAA SUMMER 2009—STUDENT / PARENT INFORMATION

To be completed by parent or legal guardian; must be completed before your student is enrolled (please print).

Student Name _____

_____ Last First
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Address

_____ Street Apt. City ST
Zip

Home Phone (_____) _____ SSN _____ Birth date _____
(or proof of residency) Month/Date/

Year
Birth City & State: _____ Gender: F M

Expected Graduation Year _____ Current Grade _____ Last School Attended _____

Has the student been expelled from a previous school or is he/she in the process of being expelled?

_____ No _____ Yes If yes, explain _____

Is the student currently under court supervision? _____ Name & number of court _____

Ethnic Background (for Arizona State Statistics only) Mark only one.

_____ White/Ca. _____ African-Am. _____ Hispanic-Am. _____ Native Am. _____ Asian-Am.

Is your student currently using an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or 504 plan for special education or learning disability needs? _____ Yes _____ No If yes, please provide documentation.

Student lives with (circle one): Mother Father Both Parents Other _____

Legal/Custodial Parent

Name(s) _____

Work Phone (mother) () _____ Work Phone (father) () _____

Employer/Occupation _____ Employer/Occupation

Non-custodial Parent Name _____ Relationship

Address (if receiving mail)

Street City
Zip

Home Phone () _____ Work Phone ()

Employer/Occupation

The following individuals have my permission to pick up my student from NSAA. I understand that I must provide NSAA with written authorization to release my student to anyone other than those listed below.

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone

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Parents' E-Mail _____ Permission to list e-mail in school directory

I intend to enroll my student at NSAA for the following Summer 2009 program(s):

Algebra/Geom (\$100) English (\$100) Visual Arts (\$100) Dance (\$100/wk) Vocal (\$100)

Parent Signature _____ Date

NSAA SUMMER 2009—PROGRAM POLICIES

The curriculum for all courses is based on the Arizona State Standards; see our website or flyers for details of the specific standards addressed in each course.

High School students passing a summer course will receive 0.5 credit; Middle School students will receive a certificate of completion and their placement when entering high school may be affected.

Students may have no more than one absence, regardless of reason, in order to pass a summer course; perfect attendance is strongly recommended as material is covered very quickly. There will be some assignments to do at home, every day in order to cover the required material. This form must be completed and returned to the Executive Dean by March 30, 2009.

The cost of these summer programs covers materials, instruction, and facility use. In the event of a cancellation, NSAA must be notified a minimum of one week before the course's start date, and a \$50 processing fee will be charged. Parents are encouraged to make payments for summer programs in installments if desired; an initial payment of \$50 is required upon registration, and tuition must be paid in full before the start date. The math and English are \$100 per student.

Schedule:

- English: 8 AM-12, June 2-12
- Math: 12:30-3, June 2-18, Monday-Thursday
- Dance: 9-12, July 20-23, 27-30; \$100 per/wk session
- Visual Arts: Call for details
- Vocal: Call for dates, \$100 per/wk session

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High School and Middle School

Ronald F. Caya, Founder

Katy Ferrell-Cardenas, Executive Dean

RE: REQUEST FOR DONATION

Dear Community Business Owner:

New School for the Arts & Academics in Tempe, Arizona offers an exciting educational opportunity that combines an emphasis on strong academics integrated with a robust visual and performing arts program. Because we are a charter school, we rely heavily on donations from our community, and we also give back to our community by encouraging patronage of local businesses.

We would appreciate any gift cards or gift certificates that your organization might be able to donate for a raffle in our fundraiser in December. If you have a flyer or poster we would be happy to display that as well.

Upon receipt of your donation, we will respond with an acknowledgement of donation for your records. We are a 501(c) (3), with tax ID number 86-0794933.

For questions or to make arrangements regarding the donation you may contact Katy Cardenas, the Executive Dean, or Denise Martin, the Performing Arts Department Head at 480-947-3917.

Thank you so much for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Katy Cardenas, Executive Dean
New School for the Arts & Academics