

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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TEMPE PREPARATORY ACADEMIES



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March
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Important Dates

March 11-16
Senior Trip
Washington, DC

March 12
Early Release
12:25pm

March 15-19
Spring Break
No School

March 27
Renaissance Fair

MESSAGE FROM THE PO PRESIDENT

Dear TPA Students, Families and Faculty,

Spring is in the air. We are enjoying the warmer days and looking forward to Spring Break and the TPA Renaissance Fair! The Renaissance Fair is sponsored by the Parent Organization and will be held on Saturday March 27, 2010 from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. on the school grounds. This is the largest social and fundraising event of the school year, and features carnival-style games, food booths, a silent auction, raffle, performances by students in fine arts and music, and much more. You will find information on the Renaissance Fair in this newsletter; however, additional information will be coming home soon. We still are seeking volunteers. . . .find your niche and help make this a great Renaissance Fair. A portion of the proceeds from the Renaissance Fair will be going toward improving the courtyard area between Zelman Center and the office.

Lynda Hartzler
Parent Organization President

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REMINDER

All sibling applications for the 2010-2011 year must be received by Mar. 15 to receive sibling priority enrollment. Otherwise, applications received after this date will be placed on the waiting list for their respective grade. Applications may be complete via the website, www.tempeprep.org, click on the Enroll Now tab. Thank you.

WATER AND SODA DONATIONS FOR RENAISSANCE FAIR

Every family is asked to contribute one of the following:

A case of soda (diet or regular)

A case of water

OR

\$10

Please drop the drinks in the kitchen beginning March 22nd OR
Give \$10 in check or cash to Lisa Hicks in the office in an envelope labeled "Ren Fair"

\$5570 EARNED FROM FRY'S RECHARGEABLE GIFT CARDS

Congratulations and thank-you to our families and friends that are participating in the rechargeable gift card program. We will be receiving a check in the coming month for \$5570. \$3340 will be credited to student accounts; \$2220 will go into the school's general fund. These funds were earned from August 2 to January 30 and we are now earning funds for the next check that arrives in October. We have 59 families participating and would love to have even more. We earn 6% on every purchase at Fry's paid for with the rechargeable card - groceries, prescriptions, gas and gift cards. The program has unlimited potential, runs year round, costs nothing and is easy to participate in.

To get started, get a card from Lori Beene. If you received a card which you have not used in over 2 months, it has expired but, no worries – you just need to get a new one. Once you start using a card, it will never expire and you can use it all year long. Any questions about the rechargeable gift card program, contact Lori Beene at (480) 730-6920 or ldbeene@cox.net.

COMMUNITY SERVICE REMINDER

Mrs. Spenla and Ms. Melton would like to remind students that they must complete 10 hours of Community Service each year in 9th, 10th, and 11th grades. They can access the Community Service form on the TPA website. They should complete their service and bring the form to Mrs. Spenla or Ms. Melton. The deadline to have the service recorded for this year is April 30th. The Renaissance Fair coming up on March 27th provides many opportunities for service hours. Also, see Mrs. Callahan to volunteer at sporting events.

PAPER TOWEL DONATIONS NEEDED

Mrs. Spenla and Ms. Melton would also like to ask current Art students (9th and 12th grades) to donate paper towels. Thank you to those who have brought them in already!

SILENT AUCTION AND RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED

Sports tickets, vacation homes, airline tickets, special services, jewelry ... everyone has something unique to offer!

The Renaissance Fair committee is currently gathering fantastic prizes for the Auction and Raffle on March 27th! Thank you to the families and faculty that have already responded with great donations to benefit our school!

Do you have a business that would donate a prize? Could you offer a weekend at your mountain cabin? Or tickets to the Suns, Diamondbacks, Cardinals or Coyotes? Wondering what to do with the unopened bread maker in your closet? Do you frequent a restaurant or hair dresser that would donate a gift certificate?

Most businesses are happy to donate to school fundraisers if they are simply asked so we have included a donation letter request for you to use. Please return the form and/or donation to the school office or contact Karin Moffitt at dkmoffitt@earthlink.net.

B A K E S A L E

Renaissance Fair 2010

The Bake Sale committee is asking each family to donate baked goods to our annual bake sale at the Renaissance Fair. Below please find your grade assignments. This helps ensure variety and greater overall success. **Please Note:** *HOMEMADE ITEMS ARE PREFERRED AND SELL THE BEST*; however purchasing items in your grade-assigned category is always an option.

THE GRADE ASSIGNMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- 6th grade Lemon Bars/Bar cookies
- 7th grade Brownies/Cookies
- 8th grade Pastries/Scones/Muffins
- 9th grade Fudge or Rice Krispie Treats
- 10th grade Baked Breads
- 11th grade **Candy for Candy Shop*****
- 12th grade **Candy for Candy Shop*****

please no cupcakes (frosting in the heat has been an issue in the past)
please no cakes there will be a separate cake walk and cake auction

**GOURMET GOODIES include: caramel apples, dipped berries, fancy tarts, candies, caramel corn, spiced nuts, chocolate-covered pretzels, etc. Feel free to substitute these items for your class category.*

****See the candy list below for details*

Candy list

Swedish fish, jelly beans, M&Ms, gumdrops, larger size lollipops, mini candy bars, peanut brittle, English toffee, candy buttons, etc.
 Individually wrapped candy preferred.

Please drop off items in the TPA campus Kitchen the day before the Renaissance Fair on Friday, March 26th from 8:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. and the morning of the festival starting at 8am.

Questions call or email KristinCurtin@msn.com or 602 697-2980

RENAISSANCE FAIR VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

The volunteer coordinator for the Renaissance Fair is Kate Otting, she can be contacted at kateotting@yahoo.com.

HELP/ITEMS NEEDED FOR RENAISSANCE FAIR

- 10 large ice chests
- Coordinator for Set Up and Tear Down
- Electronic/Sound System set up
- Hair braiding, crown making & face painting coordinator

OTHER NEEDS

Creating Senior Memory Books & Photo Collages

Contact Lynda Hartzler at hartzlerdl@cox.net

LUNCH STORE

Changes to the TPA Lunch Store cancellation policy

Due to the lunch store being run by volunteers and the excessive time required to cancel a lunch order, orders received through Pay Pal are non-refundable. In addition to no cancellations, we cannot make a change to an order or transfer it once the order is completed through Pay Pal.

If you have a sick child and have ordered lunch for that day

You may send in a note with another child or sibling giving your permission for the other child to receive the ill child's lunch. A hand written note or email sent to another parent giving their child permission to obtain the ill child's lunch is acceptable. They should give the note to the cashier. Otherwise, the lunch will be resold or donated to the faculty.

Pizza available on March 11th

When the Lunch Store was set up in January, the TPA online calendar showed Thur, March 11 as a half-day. We do not offer lunch on half-days. **March 11 is now a full day of school**, so you may now order Papa John's on March 11th.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE ONLINE LUNCH STORE

-Data input onto the Lunch Store website, training is available
-Monday morning help needed. Requirements and duties are:

- Can spend about 1 hour EARLY on Monday mornings between 6:30 - 7:30 am or before
- Has a fax machine at home
- Has a 3-hole punch
- Can take the reports to the TPA kitchen before 11:00 am Monday morning
- From the Lunch Store website e-mail the reports (the Monday restaurants need them by 6:45 am Monday morning)
- Print out the reports (about 16 pages)
- Send 4 Faxes (1 page each to the restaurants)
- Hole punch the printed reports
- Take them to the TPA kitchen before 11:00 am Monday
- PLEASE CONTACT LOUISE WOLFE AT louisewolfefchef@gmail.com for more information.

FRESH PRODUCE DELIVERED TO TPA

Leslyn Weise has arranged for TPA to be a drop off site for Green Bee Co-op. Log onto <http://www.greenbeeco-op.com/> to view the offerings and obtain more information. TPA PO will receive a portion of the proceeds. No money will exchange hands at TPA. All purchases must be made through the website 3 days prior to the pickup date scheduled. The first set delivery is March 8, 2010 by the basketball court between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m.



TEMPE PREPARATORY ACADEMIES



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TEMPE PREPARATORY JUNIOR ACADEMY

Re: Donation Request for School Auction

Dear Friend of Education:

Tempe Preparatory Academy will be having its annual **Renaissance Fair** on **March 27, 2010**. This is the largest social and fundraising event of the year for our school, and will feature Shakespeare and musical performances by the students, games, food sales, a silent auction and raffle. This event will be attended by our 6th–12th grade students, their families, and the general public. I am writing to ask if you would consider supporting our school by **donating a silent auction or raffle prize for the event!**

We look forward to recognizing your business at the Renaissance Fair, in the weekly pre-event publicity emails and school newsletter, and on the school website (www.tempeprep.org). Our tax ID # is 86-0824869. We would be happy to provide a detailed tax receipt upon request.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this request. Tempe Preparatory Academy is a free publicly funded charter school with small classes and a traditional liberal arts curriculum designed for university bound students. The school is the first Tempe high school and middle school to receive the prestigious National Blue Ribbon Award! Tempe Prep boasts some of the highest test scores in the state and an average 20% of this school's graduating classes are named National Merit Semifinalists (this distinction is given to less than one percent of high school students nationwide). Featured in *Newsweek* magazine's issue on the *Best High Schools in the Nation*, Tempe Prep has become a point of pride for all of Arizona! We are very grateful to the generosity of our community to provide our students with the best possible education.

Donations may be mailed directly to the school (Attn: Renaissance Committee), or Karin Moffitt can be reached at (480) 345-2224 or dkmoffitt@earthlink.net to answer any questions. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,
Karin Moffitt
Chairperson, Renaissance Fair Silent Auction and Raffle
Tempe Preparatory Academy



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Donor Information

Name to be used for publications - Company and/or Individual(s)

Contact Name and Title

Mailing Address

City/State/Zip

(____) _____
Telephone

(____) _____
FAX

Email

Donation Information

Item #1.

Fair Market Dollar Value \$

Describe item (brand, size, rating, etc.)

Restrictions (time, black-out periods, exchange or upgrade limits, items not included with prize)

Expiration Date

Item is donated for: Any Renaissance Fair Silent Auction/Raffle Other _____

Item #2.

Fair Market Dollar Value \$

Describe item (brand, size, rating, etc.)

Restrictions (time, black-out periods, exchange or upgrade limits, items not included with prize)

Expiration Date

Item is donated for: Any Renaissance Fair Silent Auction/Raffle Other _____

Donation Delivery

A Tangible item is: Enclosed To be delivered to Tempe Prep by Donor on _____

To be picked up by Tempe Prep on _____

A Certificate is: Enclosed To be delivered to Tempe Prep by Donor on _____

To be mailed by _____ To be created by Tempe Prep

Donor will provide documentation for Matching Funds

Donor will provide promotional collateral: Materials provided Need to be returned Do not return.

Donor hereby assigns all right, title and interest for the above described gift(s) to Tempe Preparatory Academy.

Donor Signature (Required)

Date

Gifts to Tempe Preparatory Academy, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, are in accordance within the limits of the IRS Code.
Check with your Tax Advisor.

Tax Identification # 86-0824869

Tempe Preparatory Academy Representative

Date

ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

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The Odyssey of the Mind Spring Spontaneous Marathon was held on February 27th. Nine teams competed against each other in 8 different Spontaneous problems. The problems were short 8 minute or less challenges that tested their verbal and hands on creativity, team work, and quick decision making. A pizza party ensued after the 2.5 hour competition, followed by the Awards Ceremony. The winning teams are listed below;

Raw Score Winners		Overall Winners		Directors Challenge Winner	
1st	Div 3 Technical Team A	1st	Div 3 Technical Team B	Div 3 Technical Team A	
2nd	Div 3 Technical Team B	2nd	Div 2 Technical Team A		
3rd	Div 3 Structure Team A	3rd	Div 3 Theatrical Team A		

The teams are busily preparing for Regional Competition. This year the teams will be competing at Grand Canyon University in Phoenix on Saturday March 20th. See the schedule below for each team competing. TPA hopes to repeat their success from previous years. Teams who place first or second in their Problem and Division move on to State Competition which will be held at Canyon De Oro High School in Tucson on April 17th. Competitions are free and open to all to watch. All TPA students, families, teachers and staff are invited and encouraged to come and support the teams. It's a good idea to arrive at the competition venue at least 10 minutes early because the doors are closed right before the start time and no one is admitted until the performance is completed. You can find a map of the GCU campus and where the teams will be competing on the OM page on the TPA website. If you have any questions please contact Dave Dischinger at 480-966-2753.

Division 2 - Theatrical - Team A John Hughes Dominique Hughes Jacquelyn Hernandez Priyanka Sethia Cassia Hartke Erin Guiney Mary Goodykoontz Jamie Cohen	Division 2 - Structure - Team A Diane Rines Enrique Favaro Nathaniel Hartke Quinn Collins Micheal Rines Andreanna Schultz	Division 2 - Vehicle - Team A Peter Walterscheid Jacob Shumate Reed Orchnik Samuel Walterscheid Denzel Abdulai Kyle Pickard	Division 2 - Vehicle - Team B Dave Dischinger Alana Hughes Stephen Gould Eric Rhoades Rachel Matsumoto Victoria Tai	Division 2 - Technical Gopal Nair Ashwin Nair Adithiya Tamizhmani Marcus Hallman Alexander Agadjanar Cisto Macia David Shumate
Division 3 - Classics - Team A Ruth Birnbaum Bruce Seto	Division 3 - Technical - Team B Dave Dischinger	Division 3 - Technical -Team A Frank Huppenthal	Division 3 - Theatrical - Team A Diana Donnelly	Division 3 - Classics Beth Golka
Division 3 - Structure - Team A Christian Seto Andrew Matsumoto Caroline Kinsley Laurel Birnbaum Lisa Dischinger Anna Medill Albern Tan	Caleb Peckham Felipe Espericueta Jeremy Cappello Lee Sam Zimmerman Joe Bryant Tim Paterson Adam Moffit	Sumbhav Sethia Dionysus Birnbaum Katherine Keplir Ryan Gould Gabriel Martin Brandon Ashton Eli Hallman	Megan Begley Pooja Nair Shannon Donnelly Kayka Beene Anna Buchart Katie Cerino Kaitlyn Donnelly	Trevor Hughes Rowena Garvie Courtney Krygier Brianna Valdez Ryan Ashton Margaret Golka Joe Musico

Team Schedule for Regional Tournament on March 20th

	Long Term Problems Locations					Spontaneous is NOT open to the public		
	Vehicle	Technical	Structure	Theatrical	Classics	Spontaneous	Spontaneous	
	South Gym Bldg 22	North Gym Bldg 22	WMS 159 Bldg 35	Ethington Thtr Bldg 21	McKinley Hall Bldg 29	Fleming Bldg 24	Fleming Bldg 24	
8:40 - 9:00		D3 - Tec - Tm B	D3 - Str - Tm A					8:40 - 9:00
9:00 - 9:20		D3 - Tec - Tm A	(weigh in)	D3 - Theatr - Tm A				9:00 - 9:20
9:20 - 9:40			D2 - Stru - Tm A			D2 - Veh - Tm B		9:20 - 9:40
9:40 - 10:00			D3 - Str - Tm A					9:40 - 10:00
10:00 - 10:20			(performance)			D2 - Veh - Tm A		10:00 - 10:20
10:20 - 10:40			D2 - Stru - Tm A			D3 - Cls - Tm B		10:20 - 10:40
10:40 - 11:00		D2 - Tec - Tm A				D3 - Tec - Tm B	D3 - Class - Tm A	10:40 - 11:00
11:00 - 11:20				D2 - Theatr - Tm A		D3 - Tec - Tm A		11:00 - 11:20
11:20 - 11:40								11:20 - 11:40
11:40 - 12:00	D2 - Veh - Tm B							11:40 - 12:00
12:00 - 12:20						D3 - Str - Tm A		12:00 - 12:20
12:20 - 12:40								12:20 - 12:40
12:40 - 1:00								12:40 - 1:00
1:00 - 1:20						D2 - Stru - Tm A	D2 - Theatr - Tm A	1:00 - 1:20
1:20 - 1:40	D2 - Veh - Tm A					D3 - Theatr - Tm A		1:20 - 1:40
1:40 - 2:00								1:40 - 2:00
2:00 - 2:20					D3 - Class - Tm A	D2 - Tec - Tm A		2:00 - 2:20
2:20 - 2:40					D3 - Cls - Tm B			2:20 - 2:40
3:00 - 5:00	Awards Ceremony in South Gym - B 22							3:00 - 5:00

Over 40 of our TPA students participated in the Solo & Ensemble Festival last week and all of our students and ensembles scored Excellent or Superior. We are so proud of them!

Our Women's Ensemble scored Superior as they sang Windflowers & Shenandoah.

Martha and Paula Menefee scored Superior in their string duet.

Alex Porter and Eric Puma each scored a Superior on their vocal solos.

Nine of our students auditioned and made it into the Regional Festival of Performance which includes such musical powerhouse high schools as Dobson, McClintock, and Maryvale.

The Regional Choir consists of the top 100 high school voices in our region. These 6 TPA students made it in:

Golka, Margaret A

Moffitt, Adam T

Porter, Alex T

Puma, Eric T

Royalty, Lily A

Wolfe, Phillip B

The Regional Orchestra comprises the top 100 players in the region. These TPA students made it in:

Yasmynn Chowdhury - Instrument: Violin I

Justin Wong - Instrument: Violin I

Martha Menefee - Instrument: Cello

Junior High Boys Basketball Team 3—by Coach Al Chapko

When the season started in November, the 50 young men who signed up to play junior high basketball were separated into 4 teams. TPA #3 started out learning the basics of basketball as well as becoming a team. All of the boys became players, and over the season, the players became a TEAM. As a team, we had our ups and downs. We lost two key players over the season, but that did not stop TEAM TPA #3 from putting 100% into all the games we played. As their coach I am very proud of this TEAM and I hope all of the players move on knowing that they are winners in my eyes and have earned the respect from all the teams we played.

Junior High Boys Basketball Team 2 -by Coach Josh Brittain '09 and Coach Jacob Alexander '09

Team 2 was filled with a lot of talent this year. Their talent, along with the determination to become better athletes and better men, fueled them to do great things. We discovered that boys who play with fire, and who work hard, could challenge the best teams. With a great work ethic, we were able to go 9-7, and entered the A tournament. We lost in the first round to a very good team, but in the end it was one of the best games the boys had ever played. It was truly a great season with great memories. The end-of-the-year awards were earned by the following: MVP-Ryan Van Dusen, Most Improved-Armand Ortiz, and Coaches Award-Zach Brittain. Go Knights!

Junior High Boys Basketball Team 1—by Coach Mark Beene

Team 1 played hard, won often, and finished the season playing our best. We finished 5th overall in league power rankings with a 10-6 league record. All 6 losses came against 3 of the top 4 teams in the league. We were knocked out of the season-ending tournament by the eventual champion, South Pointe. We started strong, but lacked the belief that we could truly compete with the top teams. After a little soul-searching, everybody stepped up their game, started believing what the team could do by really working together, and began playing great basketball only to see our leader, Ben LeBeau, go down with an ankle sprain. The rest of the team stayed positive and came together even more to play their best game in a losing effort to EVAC. It was a great season!

Junior High Girls Basketball Team 2—by Coach Meghan Stoyanoff and Coach Jonas Stoyanoff

TPJA Team 2, also known as the "Sixth Grade team," showed extreme perseverance this season. As part of the Central Conference, the Lady Knights faced larger and more experienced teams. Many of our players had never played basketball prior to this season. Though we faced many giants, both figuratively and literally, our girls approached each challenge with great courage and a positive attitude. Led by our captains, Sophie Kniaz and Katherine Riffle, we concluded our season with a record of 1 and 12. Our MVP award goes to Gabriela Castillo-Londoño, who scored the most points this season. Our Most Improved Player award goes to Anneliese Harriman, who led our girls to rally during the third quarter of our only tournament game. Our Coaches award goes to Sarah Casto, who was the absolute toughest player on our team. Despite our numbers, this was a season to be very proud of for our players.

Junior High Girls Basketball Team 1—by Coach Brianna Hudzietz '05

The JH Lady Knights played their hearts out this past week. Going into this tournament, they knew it would be tough, but not once did that make anyone shy down. In some ways, it seemed to energize the team even more. On Tuesday, they finally achieved a goal for which the team had been striving since the beginning of the season- beating Dobson. Through teamwork, communication, effective risk taking, and trust they succeeded. While the loss to Salt River in the semi-finals was a bittersweet ending to this season, it will not taint the CAA Christmas Tournament Championship or coming from behind in the last three seconds to beat EVAC. It will not diminish the second game against Sequoia where every single person had a shot attempt and seven players contributed to the winning score over the team that formerly beat us. Through hard work and dedication, the Lady Knights made this season as success. I am so proud of you, Ladies, and hope you realize just how much you achieved!

Junior Varsity Boys Basketball --by Coach Myke Dickens

This year was a *learning experience* for both players and coaches of the TPA Boys JV basketball team! The lessons began as we practiced before most folks even thought about morning coffee, and continued as the season progressed. While the opponents were challenging, the boys worked hard and did their best. This is a season that should not be remembered by the won-lost record, but by many players getting their first taste of 2A high school competition. Several players stand out - Anthony Brittain and Michael Spenla capably running the offense (as the coach constantly yelled "Push it!"), our centers Travis Rozich and Ben Gilloon fighting against generally taller opponents, Phillip Wolfe becoming a defensive stopper in the middle and growing in his offensive skills, Logan Thompson (our leading scorer) and Gaspar Tonnesen firing away from the wings. Many others grew in their abilities. We learned much this year - next year we will be better!

Junior Varsity Girls Basketball—by Coach Jaclyn Kronwald '01 and Asst. Coach Amanda Conti '07

The JV Lady Knights had a challenging but fun season. Despite it being our first season in the 2A, the ladies put forth great effort against the highly skilled competition, and ended with a 4-11 record. Each of the 11 gals on the team (Stacey Lee, Hana Abdouni, Kaitlin Donnelly, Anikki Giessler, Shannon Donnelly, Bridgette DeBates, Lin Huang, Mikaelah Robledo, Annie Walterscheid, Caitlyn Hanna, and Marissa Beene) persevered and showed much improvement. One highlight for the season was our game vs Gilbert Christian, where we landed a 43-35 win. Not only was this our first win, but it also was our team's highest scoring game, being fought hard until the very end. Our game vs Yuma Catholic was another highlight, one characterized by great teamwork. Sharing both time on the court and points across the boards, they worked as a unit and achieved a 37-9 victory. The gals showed great character and heart in every challenge and had a blast this season.

Varsity Boys Basketball— by Senior Matt Rich '10

For the Knights Varsity Basketball team this was a season of many new beginnings. Admirably led into this first season of 2A basketball by our first year head coach, Mr. Sam Bryant, at the outset there were plenty of doubts and rightfully so. We were undersized and knew that quite often we would be overmatched. Despite these obstacles, we played with fearlessness and unity, two trademarks which Mr. Bryant ingrained upon us at the beginning of the season. Although we knew that victories would be hard to come by, a victorious team cannot be judged merely by wins and losses; rather, a victorious team is one that battles through adversity when everyone expects them to give up and that remains humble in both victory and defeat. Needless to say, we were humbled by defeat many a time but we continued to play like men, persevering in the midst of seemingly impossible circumstances. We were a team with a losing record, but to say that the season was a failure would be untrue. Amidst all the disappointments, there were genuine triumphs. Pau Tonnesen's LeBron-esque shot at the buzzer to beat Canyon State was the most sensational ending to a basketball game any of us had ever experienced. Our overtime win on the road against Yuma Catholic proved that no matter how rough a defeat we had previously experienced (84-37 to Fountain Hills), that we had the toughness to bounce back. We played the top 2A team, Scottsdale Christian, to a virtual draw in the first half and we played many of the top 2A teams to respectable defeats. Finally, to conclude our season, we beat our rival Chandler Prep despite the fact that we were missing five players and had another go down in the first few minutes of the game. Therefore, to say that this season was a failure would be contrary to our goal of improving every game and playing with fearlessness and unity, no matter the odds. The true mark of champions is measured by how they respond to adversity, not by how many games they win or how impressive their stats. For this reason alone I believe the 2010 Knights Basketball team has much to look forward to, and I hope that they achieve even greater victories than the ones they already have.

Varsity Girls Basketball--Head Coach Nancy Calahan and Asst. Coach Melissa Brittain

The Lady Knight's varsity basketball team was "baptized by fire" this season with their first year as a member of the 2A Metro Conference. With much larger and experienced teams on their schedule, they were introduced to 2A basketball by playing some of the best teams in the state and had the second most difficult schedule in all of 2A. In fact at the time of this writing, 3 of the final 4 teams left vying for a state championship are from the 2A Metro Conference. However, this does not dampen the spirits of the Lady Knights. Missing a play-off spot by 2.94 power points, the team and their coaches expect to make improvements in the off-season and be ready to set the conference on fire in 10-11. With a huge height advantage next year (6'1", 6'0", 6'0" and 5'11") the Knights will work on using that to score inside and improve their shooting for an additional outside threat. Notable accomplishments include the naming of two players to All-Region teams. Sophomore Point Guard Monica LeBeau was named First Team All-Region in the 2A Metro Conference and Freshman Forward Marissa Rich was named to the Honorable Mention Team in the 2A Metro conference. Congratulations to these two players!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT!

Mrs. Calahan would like to have a list of those parents willing to be "on call" to help her during her busiest times (paperwork, counting uniforms, putting equipment away, etc.). Also, the gym floor needs to be mopped once a week. This has to be done either in the evening or on a weekend.

It is not difficult and takes about 90 minutes from start to finish. Students can earn community service hours for cleaning the gym floor if supervised by an adult. If you can volunteer to help the athletic department, please contact Mrs. Calahan at 480-839-3402 Ext. 106 or ncalahan@tempeprep.org.

EQUIPMENT NEEDS

We need equipment for the upcoming season. If you can donate equipment, contacts are listed below.

High School Softball—contact Mrs. Calahan at 480-839-3402 X106 or ncalahan@tempeprep.org.

- * Bats to satisfy new rules and regulations, approximately \$100-\$200 each.

- * 15 Team Bat bags, approximately \$15 each

High School Baseball—contact Head Coach Dave Maza at davemaza.tempe@gmail.com

- * Two buckets of NFHS baseballs, approximately \$50 - \$90 dozen

- * Newer bats (aluminum composite handles - 31", 32", and 33" lengths, approx \$150 - \$300 each)

- * New Catcher's Equipment (leg guards approx \$90/pair, chest protector \$70, helmet \$70)

- * Protective backstops (\$100 - \$225 each) or practice nets (\$100-\$200 each)

- * Used balls and nets.

- * Used bats if they are a few years old and have a "Drop 3" weight.

Varsity Track—contact Mrs. Calahan at 480-839-3402 X106 or ncalahan@tempeprep.org.

- * New uniforms - We would love to have a corporate sponsor (or more than one). We can place your corporate logo on the uniform. The new uniforms will also include a lightweight, long-sleeve cover shirt to protect the athletes from the sun - there is a lot of advertising flexibility for these shirts. Total cost of the uniforms plus cover shirt is \$3500.

SPORTS PHYSICALS ON APRIL 16 AND JULY 26

Sports physicals will be available at TPA through Physico Health Assessments on April 16 from 1 - 3 pm in the Zelman Center and July 26 from 9 - 11 am in the Zelman Center. Cost is \$25 in cash or money order.

Appointments can be made at physico2go.com. These physicals will be good for the 2010-2011 school year.

TOPS 3RD ANNUAL ATHLETIC SCREENING EVENT SATURDAY, APRIL 24

Team of Physicians for Students (TOPS) provides comprehensive athletic screenings inclusive of an EKG and ECHO (if necessary), free of charge, to all high school student athletes in the community participating in interscholastic & extracurricular athletics. Athletic Screenings will take place throughout the day at Mesquite H.S., 500 S. McQueen Road, Gilbert 85233. Schools will be assigned appointment times. Students attending a school choosing not to participate in this event can schedule individual appointments by calling Debbi Bechelli at 480/840-3733 or dbechelli@gilberter.com. For more information on TOPS see <http://www.aztops.org/>.

For the most current sports schedules, see <http://www.tempeprepathletics.org/>

MARCH 2010

CALENDAR

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2 AIMS HS Writing Makeup-Gr. 10	3 AIMS HS Reading Makeup-Gr. 10	4 Recorder Concert 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	5	6	7
8	9 Board Of Directors meeting 6:00 pm	10	11 Senior trip- Wash. D.C.	12 All-State Auditions for choir, band, orchestra Early Release 12:25 Senior trip- Wash. D.C.	13 All-State Auditions for choir, band, orchestra Senior trip- Wash. D.C.	14 Senior trip- Wash. D.C.
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22	23	24	25	26	27 Renaissance Fair Celebration of the Arts	28
29 Opera Workshop assembly 8:30 am - 9:25 am Opera Workshop performance 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	30	31 Opera Workshop assembly 9:30 am - 10:25 am Opera Workshop performance 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm				

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This year the submittal deadlines for the newsletter will be the 23th of each month. Submittals are accepted from students, parents, coaches, and teachers.

Please email submissions to our new address:

tpanewsletter@yahoo.com

Alternatively, you can place a hard copy in the Newsletter Folder in the TPA office. Please include your name and contact numbers.

Thank you,

Carrie Valdez, Jane Sandoval, and SoHee Chung

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We will distribute the newsletter by both mail and email again this year depending on which you ask for. Please e-mail Maria Stein at mpsprivate@azsteinlaw.com and she will put you on the email list. Each family can designate more than one email address so students and parents can each receive their own copy of the newsletter by email. Alumni too!

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