

# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## TEMPE PREPARATORY ACADEMIES



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PO PRESIDENT

### Important Dates

September 3  
Curriculum Night 6:30

September 4  
Early Release 12:25pm

September 7  
No School

September 25-  
27  
R&R Weekend

Dear TPA Students, Families and Faculty,

School is well under way and the Parent Organization has enjoyed the opportunity to meet new families and re-connect with families continuing at TPA and TPJA. The next event that the PO will be hosting is the Ice Skating Social on September 11th from 3:30 - 7 p. m. Mark your calendars for an afternoon of skating and broomball.

Thanks to the parents who signed up at the Back-to-School Social to help in some capacity this school year; you will be contacted as events arise. If you have decided that you would like to be more involved or are able to give of your time prior to being contacted, please call or email any of the PO representatives listed in the newsletter. Of the close to 400 families attending TPA and TPJA only 31 signed up to volunteer at the Back-to-School Social! Many other families are already currently volunteering. If you did not sign up, we want to hear from you. All levels of participation are needed, from donating refreshments to heading up a committee. In addition, we do still have a need for class liaisons in all grades. Take a look at the list of volunteer opportunities and let us know where you would like to be involved!

Lynda Hartzler

**Parent Organization President**

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## FRY'S CARDS

The first check from Fry's will be arriving this month. We earned \$1,975 for all purchases made from February 1, 2009 to July 31, 2009. \$790 will go into the general fund and \$1,185 will help families pay for student athletic, extracurricular, class and book fees. If you are participating, you will receive a letter or email this month from Lori Beene indicating how much has been deposited into your student's account. If you would like to participate and need a card or have questions, please contact Lori Beene.

If you have a Fry's card that has no money on it and it has not been used, it may have expired. After 3 months or so of non-use, the cards expire - but it is not a big deal. Just throw that card away and get a new one from Lori Beene. You can reach her by phone, 480-730-6920, or by email, [ldbeene@cox.net](mailto:ldbeene@cox.net).

### **Please review the reminder list of items that need to be returned to the office:**

**Emergency Cards** – These are the yellow cards that allow the office to provide certain help to your students, including permission to provide Tylenol.

**Book Contracts** – This includes the book number issued to your student and the condition. Any discrepancies should be sent to the office by 9/15/09.

**PASS Pin Letter** – This is a new feature that TPA/TPJA is implementing to allow parents to view report cards and other like items through a secure login from the web.

**Family Handbook Signature Page** – This is the acknowledgement letter that the Family Handbook was received and understood.

**Updated Immunization Records** – Students missing required vaccines were sent a letter on 8/28/09. Please send any updated vaccination records to Ms. Flores.

**Student Verification Sheet** – This sheet was attached to all student schedules at the back to school social. This has all of the parent contact information that the school has on record. Please be sure to review for accuracy and return to the office.

## ICE SKATING SOCIAL

Friday September 11<sup>th</sup>

3:30 pm - 7 pm

Oceanside Ice Arena

**Mark your calendars:** TPA's Fall Ice Skating Social is scheduled for September 11 at Oceanside Ice Arena, 1520 N. McClintock. This is an all school, closed door event open to TPA students only.

Open skating: 3:30-5:15  
Broomball: 5:15-7 (**WEAR ATHLETIC SHOES**).

Tickets will be available two weeks prior to the event at TPA. \$10 if purchased at school, \$12 at the door. A full service snack bar will be open during the event.

## RUMMAGE SALE

October 3<sup>rd</sup>

The Senior Class will be holding a Rummage Sale in the TPA parking lot on October 3rd from 6:30 to 12:30. Please come, browse, and buy to support TPA's Senior Class.

## PO MEETINGS

September 15th

4:30pm-6pm

The TPA Parent Organization extends a warm invitation for you to attend its monthly meetings. PO meeting will be held the 3rd Tuesday of every month (except March which will be the 4th Tuesday) from 4:30 pm-6 pm at TPA; room to be announced.

## HOMECOMING

The Homecoming dance has been postponed until October. The new finalized date is October 24th in the Zelman Center .

## CURRICULUM NIGHT

Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30pm

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The TPA and TPJA Boards of Directors wish to extend a warm invitation for members of our community to attend their monthly meetings. Generally, the TPA meetings begin at 6:00pm, and the TPJA meetings may begin as early as 6:30pm. Both typically occur on the second Wednesday of each month, and are held in the Student Union. Please consult the school calendar at [www.tempeprep.org](http://www.tempeprep.org) for the exact date of each month's meetings. The agendas are posted in advance of the meetings on the bulletin board at the front office and also online at [www.tempeprep.org/pages/downloads/TPAboard\\_agendas.html](http://www.tempeprep.org/pages/downloads/TPAboard_agendas.html). At the beginning of each meeting, the Board President will make a call to the public, during which time any member of the public may address the Board of Directors on any issue not already on that meeting's agenda. The names, contact information, and summary of each director's professional background can be found on the website.

## PARENT COMMUNITY SERVICE/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Committee **Coordinators** are **needed** for the following positions:

- High School Graduation
- Marquee Communication
- Renaissance Fair
- Booster Sales
- Fundraising
- School Store
- Mobil Mini maintenance

Committee **Volunteers** are **needed** for the following positions:

- Booster Sales
- High School Graduation
- Parking Lot Traffic Control
- Sports Desert Banquets
- Renaissance Fair
  - Set Up
  - Clean Up
  - Banner Set Up
  - Food
  - Booster Sales
  - Games
  - Bake Sale
  - Volunteer Coordinator
  - Ticket Sales

Contact Lynda Hartzler:  
hartzlerdl@cox.net

## OUTDOOR MAINTENANCE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are requesting volunteers to help keep our campus tidy. If you can volunteer once each week, one weekend per month, or whenever your schedule permits, please contact:

Mrs. Veenstra at [rveenstra@tempeprep.org](mailto:rveenstra@tempeprep.org) or (480)839-3402

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## CLASSROOM LIAISONS NEEDED

One liaison for each section is needed. Liaisons are the contact person for their section. Class liaisons are responsible for making phone calls to parents with respect to social events, fundraisers (Renaissance Festival) and school activities. They are also in charge of coordinating a holiday party with the other Class Liaisons in their grade.

Contact Lynda Hartzler:  
hartzlerdl@cox.net

### DRAMA FIELD TRIP: PARENT CHAPERONES NEEDED

We need six parent chaperones to meet us at Mesa Art Center at 9:30 on October 1<sup>st</sup> to attend and chaperone our student' chance to see *Comedy of Errors* performed by Southwest Shakespeare Company. Your cost for admission would be \$7.00. Admission is normally \$22-\$25. If you can join us please email me at [btyler@tempeprep.org](mailto:btyler@tempeprep.org), or leave a voice mail for me at school. My extension is 333. Further information can be found on the Performing Arts page of this newsletter.

## ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

Odyssey of the Mind is a creative, problem-solving extra-curricular program offered at TPA for both Junior High and High School students. It was first developed in 1979 by Dr. Sam Micklus during an Industrial Design class at Rowan University in New Jersey to challenge his students & encourage creative problem-solving. Odyssey of the Mind involves teams that compete against other schools at regional, state, and international competitions. Competitive settings are available to allow teams to demonstrate members' critical thinking and problem solving skills. Teams consist of up to 7 members who choose a problem from a list of five. These 5 problem types include 1) vehicle, 2) technical, 3) classics, 4) structure, & 5) theatrical. By working in a team, participants learn teamwork, self-respect, the appreciation and understanding of others, and that a group is can be more powerful thinking force than an individual. Teams who finish first or second in their division/problem advance on to the next level of competition.

The veteran teams from last year are currently regrouping after summer vacation and deciding which problem they will tackle this year. Newcomers are welcome and will either be placed into existing teams where appropriate, or form new teams. All teams will be formed by the end of September and the detailed problem solving will begin.

**The last day to register for OM is September 25<sup>th</sup>.** All pertinent information and forms can be found in the OM area of the TPA website (under Student Life/ Extra Curricular).

A Spontaneous Problem Marathon competition will be held on November 7<sup>th</sup> at TPA. More details will be provided on that later.

Over the next five months we'll highlight one of the long term problems in the newsletter. This month we'll focus on the Vehicle Problem.

### **Problem 1: Nature Trail'R (Vehicle)**

#### **Divisions I, II, III , & IV**

This problem requires teams to design, build and drive a human-powered vehicle and camper that will go on a camping trip. When the vehicle arrives at the Campground, the camper will be disconnected and the vehicle will travel on a team-created Nature Trail. On the Nature Trail, the vehicle will overcome an obstacle, clean up the environment, encounter wildlife, and undergo a repair. The performance will include a character that is in or near the camper that explains the experience as part of its role.

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**Cost limit: \$145 USD.**



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**For more information about this challenging program call Program Director, Dave Dischinger, at 480-966-2753, or email at [om@tempeprep.org](mailto:om@tempeprep.org).**

# EXTRACURRICULAR PERFORMING ARTS

## Concerts for Review and Enjoyment!

Because we're fortunate enough to live in a medium-sized metropolitan area and a college town, we have lots of opportunities to hear some wonderful, live concerts this season.

Please take a look at the Fine Arts bulletin board (just to your right as you enter the Student Union from the main breezeway), to find a great list of events at ASU and with the Phoenix Symphony. Events that are circled qualify as concerts that may be reviewed by music students for music class. Students in 10th grade are in music class now, and students in 7th and 8th grade will be in music in the spring. Parents of Junior High students can plan ahead for next semester!

Prices range from free admission up.

**Dr. Edward Wolfe**

## Cantamus News

Nearly 30 new singers auditioned for only 12 openings in Cantamus - congratulations to the singers who made it as well as to the singers who auditioned! Everyone sang so well!

On September 19, sixteen of the best TPA singers will be attending ASU for the Arizona State University High School Choral Leadership Workshop. The singers will have the opportunity to participate in rehearsals and an afternoon performance with the best singers in the Phoenix Metro area that will be directed by Dr. Gregory Gentry. Other activities include private voice lessons with the ASU Voice Faculty, a panel discussion on leadership, sectional rehearsals with the Voice Faculty, lunch on campus, and a short Voice Pedagogy workshop. The event will conclude with a performance by the High School Leadership Choir (our singers) and performances by the ASU Choral Ensembles.

**Mrs. Cassandra Ewer**

## Varsity Strings Largest Group Ever

Congratulations to those who auditioned for Varsity Strings. The following fine players were accepted into our top strings group: Yasmynn Chowdhury, Felipe Espericueta, Olivia Espericueta, Courtney Krygier, Caroline Libsock, Martha Menefee, Paula Menefee, Thomas Menefee, Adam Moffitt, Jessica Moffitt, David Shumate, Jacob Shumate, and Justin Wong.

## The Fantasticks

*Coming in the spring*  
Auditions in December

## Upcoming Performances

**September 29** 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir Concert

**October 1** 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade field trip to see Southwest Shakespeare's *Comedy of Errors*

**October 5-7** Senior Drama

**November 12** Registration deadline for Solo and Ensemble Festival, Regional Choir/Band/Orchestra Auditions

***Please see the online calendar for more details and events***

## Phoenix Symphony Tickets

Once again, thanks to the efforts of TPA mom, Karin Moffitt, we can attend Phoenix Symphony concerts for the incredible price of \$5 per seat. These seats usually range in price from \$22 to \$72. Deadline is September 4, so fill out the attached flier (on the next page) and make your plans!

Parents of 7th and 8th grade students: Please purchase your tickets now for the spring semester. Your students will be required to write two reviews of "classical" concerts in the spring semester and student-discounted tickets like these likely will be unavailable. Students in the 7th and 8th grades also may review ONE of the following special, child-oriented concerts:

### Magic of Music - January 9

Using his sleight-of-hand and his magical baton, "Maestro the Magnificent" Golan leads The Phoenix Symphony on a magical afternoon of jaw-dropping feats to stun and amaze the audience! With its astonishing tricks and enchanting talents, the Symphony will perform a wide array of magically themed music, from Mozart's Magic Flute to everyone's favorite wizard, Harry Potter!

### Band of the Irish Guards - February 27

With their scarlet red uniforms and bearskin caps, the Band of the Irish Guards is a symbol of centuries of tradition. They march into Symphony Hall for a spectacle of pomp and circumstance, delighting families with their precision and showmanship. From Irish bagpipes to thundering drums, eighty-five members of the Band of the Irish Guards and the Royal Regiment of Scotland will perform an array of traditional military marches and songs, an event to be remembered for a lifetime!

Happy listening!

## 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade field trip information for Comedy of Errors and Parent Chaperone request

On Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup> the TPA 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades will be taking a field trip Mesa Arts Center for a Southwest Shakespeare performance of, *Comedy of Errors*. The 11<sup>th</sup> grade will be performing this play 2<sup>nd</sup> semester, and viewing this performance will greatly enhance their understanding of the piece. The 12<sup>th</sup> grade drama students are currently in rehearsal for, *Arsenic and Old Lace*. As is the case with *Comedy of Errors*, this play is a farce. By observing this play, 12<sup>th</sup> grade students will gain a greater understanding of the elements of farce.

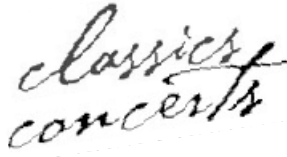
In addition to the above, this field trip will allow students to satisfy the drama review requirement for both grades. The drama review assignment represents 10% of the final semester grade.

The fee for this trip is \$12.50 per student. This covers transportation (two busses) and admission to the play.

This is the schedule we would use:

- 9:15 Busses leave TPA campus for Mesa Arts Center
- 10:00 Play begins
- 12:00 Play concludes
- 12:30 Students arrive back at campus for lunch
- 1:00 Students return to 5<sup>th</sup> period

We will have four faculty chaperones, two on each bus, but we need some parent volunteers. We need six parent chaperones to meet us at Mesa Art Center at 9:30. Your cost for admission would be \$7.00. Admission is normally \$22-\$25. If you can join us please email me at [btyler@tempeprep.org](mailto:btyler@tempeprep.org), or leave a voice mail for me at school. My extension is 333.



Only \$5  
for TPA  
families!

## Phoenix Symphony Tickets

The TPA music department would like to extend an opportunity to all students, parents, teachers and/or chaperones to attend a Phoenix Symphony performance at a TPA group rate of \$5 per person (regularly \$22-\$76 each)! Students must be chaperoned and should dress in appropriate symphony-going-attire (no athletic shoes, jeans, shorts or logo shirts). All performances are at Symphony Hall, located at 75 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. in downtown Phoenix. Transportation is not provided. Go to [www.phoenixsymphony.org](http://www.phoenixsymphony.org) for detailed directions and further information about the performance. Make checks payable to TPA and return the check (no cash) and this form to Dr. Wolfe’s box in the TPA office by **Friday, September 4**. Tickets will be distributed to the students at school or include a **self-addressed stamped envelope** and they will be mailed to you.

----- tear here and attach to check -----

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade/Section (7a, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Beethoven’s 9<sup>th</sup> Symphony** # tickets \_\_\_\_ x \$5 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**September 12** – Saturday evening at 8:00 p.m

**Phoenix Symphony Chorus**

**Phoenix Boys Choir**

**ASU Chorus**

ADAM: *On the Transmigration of Souls*

MOZART: *Ave verum corpus, K 618*

BEETHOVEN: *Symphony No. 9 (“Choral”)*

Experience Beethoven’s monumental *Symphony No. 9*, a truly inspirational work devoted to the human spirit, which culminates in the triumphant choral finale, *Ode to Joy*. Paired with the Phoenix premiere of John Adams’ memorial *On the Transmigration of Souls*, this spectacular opening includes a moving tribute to the heroic men and women in public safety, those who daily risk their lives for their fellow man.

**Prokofiev’s Cinderella** # tickets \_\_\_\_ x \$5 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**September 26** – Saturday evening at 8:00 p.m.

CHAVEZ: *Sinfonia India*

PROKOFIEV: *Cinderella Suite*

Guest conductor and international sensation Alondra de la Parra leads a concert devoted to adventures and fairytales including Chavez’ exotic *Sinfonia India*. And before the clock strikes twelve, hear Prokofiev’s charming suite from his ballet, *Cinderella*. Known for its jubilant music, the lush score magically portrays the imaginative tale of a modest girl, her wicked stepsisters, and of course, a heroic prince.

**Nixon in China** # tickets \_\_\_\_ x \$5 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**November 14** – Saturday evening at 8:00 p.m.

**Orion Weiss, piano**

**Phoenix Symphony Chorus**

MOZART: *Symphony No. 32, K. 318*

MOZART: *Concerto No. 9K.271 (“Jeunehomme”)*

ADAMS: *Scenes from Nixon in China*

John Adam’s groundbreaking and cross-cultural opera *Nixon in China* depicts the famous diplomatic excursion of the former president to the People’s Republic in 1972. Hear scenes from Adams’ vibrant opera unfold as images of the famous meeting are projected in Symphony Hall. The program also features piano sensation Orion Weiss

performing Mozart's youthful *Jeunehomme* Piano Concerto, written shortly after the young composer's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday.

**The Escapades of Don Quixote** # tickets \_\_\_ x \$5 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**January 16** – Saturday evening at 8:00 p.m.

**Basil Twist, puppeteer**

REVUELTAS: *Sensernaya*

FRANK: *Leyendas: An Andean Walkabout*

GINASTERRA: *Extancia*

DE FALLA: *Master Peter's Puppet Show*

Basil Twist and his rambunctious puppeteers return to Phoenix for de Falla's *Master Peter's Puppet Show*, a puppet-opera devoted to the escapades of Don Quixote. Life size puppets interact within a show of shifting realities as Don Quixote's rescue of a puppet maiden is told through the interplay of fluid scenery and Bunraku-style and rod puppets. The evening is paired with Mexican composer Silvestre Revuelta's rhythmic *Sensemaya* as well as Gabriela Lena Frank's stunning *Leyendas: An Andean Walkabout*, with authentic folk musicians, Tahuantinsuyo, depicting indigenous Peruvian sounds.

**Prokofiev: Peter & the Wolf** # tickets \_\_\_ x \$5 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**February 20** – Saturday evening at 8:00 p.m.

PROKOVIEV: *Symphony No. 1 ("Classical")*

ADAMS: *Shaker Loops*

PROKOVIEV: *Peter and The Wolf (with Oscar-winning film)*

A young boy and his animal friends face a hungry wolf in Prokofiev's classic masterpiece, *Peter and The Wolf*. Michael Christie conducts this legendary score to the accompaniment of last year's Academy Award surprise, the stop-animated film which won the 2008 Oscar for Best Animated Short Film. The concert is paired with one of Adam's earlier compositions, the energetic *Shaker Loops* as well as Prokofiev's popular "Classical" Symphony.

**Mozart's Requiem** # tickets \_\_\_ x \$5 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**March 20** – Saturday evening at 8:00 p.m.

**Phoenix Symphony Chorus**

ZEMLINSKY: *Fruhlingsbegrabnis ("Spring's Funeral")*

MOZAR: *Kyrie, K. 33*

MOZART: *Requiem, K. 626*

Partially written while on his deathbed, Mozart's towering *Requiem* remains one of the composer's greatest, yet unfinished, legacies. The sacred piece for vocal soloists, chorus, and orchestra is a monumental work that speaks to the emotional power of music in life and death. The evening is paired with Zemlinsky's exquisite cantata, *Fruhlingsbegrabnis*



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This year all of Tempe Prep athletics will be competing in the 2A conference for the very first time. The great challenge and the great opportunity of this change is the increased caliber of competition. In time, our athletes will become more competitive and proficient in their sports because this is a natural consequence of being put to the test when individuals and teams prepare faithfully, persevere and believe. Our athletes will rise to the challenge because they work hard and care about one another.

As the head varsity football coach, I am very excited about the challenge that lies before us. Last year we were 9-2 and made it to the state semi-finals. It was a great year. But, alas! if truth be told, there was only one game in the entire season that was undecided in the fourth quarter. One close game out of 11! This is not the way to build champions. It is no surprise that the one close game we played was, far and away, the greatest memory of the season for the young men on the varsity team. Indeed, it is a memory I am confident that they will never forget. It is the reason that the sacrifices of football are eminently worthwhile.

So young men and women of Tempe Prep: Let us embrace this challenge with resolve and gratitude. Our wins will mean more, we will do greater things than we have done in the past, and the ethos that has shaped our successes thus far will continue to stand us in good stead. When we stumble, we will get up; when we win, we will remember; we will not complain; we will fight and strive and fight and labor and fight and learn and fight again. And then, we will prevail.

Our 2009 season begins in earnest on Friday, September 4th at 7:00 pm at Arizona Lutheran. We will be ready and I assure you these young men will make you proud. Please come support us! Let the adventure of 2A competition begin and let it begin with the entire community's support and enthusiasm.

Work Works!!  
Coach Brittain

For the most current game schedules, see [www.tempeprepathletics.org](http://www.tempeprepathletics.org)

**Athletic Passes Now Available** Submitted by Nancy Calahan, athletic director  
Never have to worry about having the correct amount of money at any home football, volleyball or basketball game! Buy a TPA Athletic Pass and get in to all home games. Purchase from the Athletic Department at any time. Passes will also be available at the first home game of every sport. Cost is as follows:

FOOTBALL (JV and Varsity home games)

Adult Pass: \$20 (save \$4)  
Student Pass: \$12 (save \$4)  
Family Pass: \$60 (save \$20)

VOLLEYBALL (Froshmore, JV and Varsity home games)

Adult Pass: \$25 (save \$5)  
Student Pass: \$15 (save \$5)  
Family Pass: \$75 (save \$25)

BASKETBALL (All boys' and girls' JV and Varsity home games)

Adult Pass: \$25 (save \$5)  
Student Pass: \$15 (save \$5)  
Family Pass: \$75 (save \$25)

ALL SPORTS (Includes all football, volleyball, and basketball home games)

Adult Pass: \$65 (save \$20)  
Student Pass: \$40 (save \$16)  
Family Pass: \$175 (save \$105)

These passes are ONLY good for home games and NOT tournaments or play-offs. Replacement cards: \$2.00 (Make check payable to Tempe Prep Academy.)

Cost for regular admission to football/volleyball/basketball games is: \$3.00 adults/ \$2.00 students/ 5 and under free.

## TOUCHDOWN CLUB

Submitted by Diane Rines

### First game:

On Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

Location: Arizona Lutheran Academy (6036 South 27th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85041 (on 27th Avenue, south of Southern).

### Volunteers Needed

We need football game volunteers for concessions and ticket sales. If you are a student that needs community service hours, please **contact Diane at [info@knightime.org](mailto:info@knightime.org)**. We welcome parent and student volunteers. If you are a football game volunteer you have free admission to the game.

### Entertainment Book Fundraiser

We are selling Entertainment books for \$30/each. This year the book includes \$20 in Gift cards and thousands of dollars worth of coupon savings. Contact Diane at [info@knightime.org](mailto:info@knightime.org) if you would like to purchase or sell books. You may sell books to raise funds for the TPA senior trip or for football events. Last year we subsidized 2 fan buses and homecoming game booster items with the Entertainment book proceeds. It is easy to sell your books online or in person and you may designate your funds to either or both football and your senior trip.

**We are also selling Royal Blue TPA T-Shirts for \$15/each.**

## OUR THANKS...

The team wishes to thank Mr. Mike Whalen and Newline for their support of the team. Mr. Whalen hosted the Junior/Senior football leadership camp at his cabin and Newline donates services for TPA football. See [www.newlinetrophy.com](http://www.newlinetrophy.com). Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tonnesen [www.BillTonnesen.com](http://www.BillTonnesen.com), who hosted the orientation dinner in their home. Thank you to Mr. David Maza [www.capitalpacifichomes.com](http://www.capitalpacifichomes.com), and Mr. Tom MacDonald who assisted with the leadership camp this summer. If you are taking a trip, book your air, car and hotel right out of your calendar with [www.Tripware.com](http://www.Tripware.com). Please support our sponsors because they support you!

The team also wishes to thank our head coach Mr. Tom Brittain and Mr. John Kanter, the strength coach who holds numerous weight lifting records. Both tirelessly support the team training during the summer months and keep our athletes healthy and in top shape. Thank you to our coaches, James Atkinson, Mark Milek, Josh Costella, Gary Brittain Senior, Sam Bryant and Marcos Day for assisting our team this summer and throughout the season.

# SEPTEMBER 2009

# CALENDAR

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3 Curriculum Night 6:30pm	4 Early Release 12:25pm  R&R Weekend	5	6
7 Labor Day No School	8	9 Board of Directors Meeting 6:00pm	10	11 Ice Skating Social 3:30-7pm	12	13
14	15 PO Meeting 4:30-6pm	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 R&R Weekend	26	27
28 Choir Tech Rehearsal 3:15 pm - 4:15 pm	29 Choir Assembly 2nd Period 9:30 am - 10:25 am  Choir Concert 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	30				

For the best and most current information on schedules and directions for junior high and high school sports, please refer to the Athletic Department's new website at [tempepreathletics.org](http://tempepreathletics.org)

There are several dates that Mrs. Davies will be out of the office in September. I'm visiting colleges in Indiana on September 20 – 23: Earlham College, Purdue University, Indiana University, and Butler University. I will be at an Arizona counselor conference on September 10, and a workshop for a new Arizona Department of Education program on September 25. Most of my time from September 24 – October 8 will be spent with college representatives visiting Tempe Prep. My appointment calendar is available in my office for students to sign up for the time that's left, and I am happy to meet with families in the evening.

Parents of juniors and seniors should sign up to see me during the October parent-teacher conferences. Due to these conferences, and a TPA Board Meeting, the first Junior Parent Meeting has moved to November 4 (which now makes it the second meeting...).

For parents of students that recently attended summer school, please make sure you requested an official transcript to be sent to Tempe Prep.

All junior and senior families should have received an official invitation to the Joint College Symposium on September 26. Please send in those RSVP's! RSVP's are due by September 4. I expect all juniors and seniors to attend, and I hope most of the parents will also attend. This will not be a repeat of last year's program. Come and find out how the college landscape has changed in the current economy. Current seniors will have a mock admissions exercise, in which they read applications and decide whether to admit, deny, or defer.

PSAT and PLAN registration materials for all juniors and sophomores should have made it home by now. Please return the registration slips and checks by Thursday, September 17. If your student is signing up to take the test elsewhere, please let Mrs. Davies know. Don't forget to have your student use Tempe Prep's school code on the test answer sheet: 030444.

Juniors will start a College Admissions 101 class with a book of information about the college admissions process. Dates for the classes will be announced. Really.

All seniors were given updated information about the college application process at Tempe Prep, including their latest transcript. Students should verify that the information on the transcript is correct. Each senior should have brought home a blanket Transcript Release Form to be signed by the student and a parent. All transcript requests will now be made with PrepHQ, so it is important to verify the student's name, address, and birth date. These all appear on the transcript, and they need to match the information on the student's college applications. Test scores may be printed on the transcript, or not, as preferred. Most test scores must be reported directly from the testing agency (College Board, ACT), but it is useful to the application readers to have the information all on the transcript. Transcripts will not be sent until Mrs. Davies receives the signed Transcript Release Form!

I have 26 colleges and universities visiting Tempe Prep this fall as of August 26. The Colleges section of PrepHQ has the current list, and students can sign up for each session using PrepHQ. When colleges are added to the list visiting Tempe Prep (or nearby), an email is sent to each student that has that college in their College List section of My Organizer. College visits to Tempe Prep are also on the online Tempe Prep Calendar.

Important Dates:

- Sept 4               RSVP for Joint College Symposium due to Mrs. Davies
- Sept 9               Regular Registration deadline for Oct SAT
- Sept 17             PSAT/PLAN registration due to Mrs. Davies
- Sept 18             Regular Registration deadline for Oct ACT
- Sept 26             Joint College Symposium (Juniors, Seniors, & their parents), 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm
- Sept 27             NACAC Phoenix College Fair, 12:00 pm – 3:30 pm, Phoenix Civic Center
- Sept 12             ACT
- Oct 10               SAT
- Oct 17               PSAT (Sophomores and Juniors), 8:00 am – 12:00 pm, Zelman
- Nov 2 & Nov 4       Junior Parent Night (Junior parents), 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm, Student Union
- Oct 24               ACT
- Nov 9               Senior Financial Aid Night (Seniors & parents), 7:00 – 8:30pm, Zelman
- Nov 11              PLAN (Sophomores), 8:00 am – 12:00 pm, Zelman

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Please email submissions to our new address:

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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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