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## A Word From Dr. J

PSAT Information for Tuesday, October 26, 2021

Last week, Sara Johnson, Assistant Principal for Student Services sent information on our annual PSAT testing day. Here is a quick summary of that communication:

*On Tuesday, October 26, 2021 Arcadia will be administering the PSAT exam to all 10<sup>th</sup> grade students as well as select 11<sup>th</sup> graders who opted into taking the exam. Please review the schedule below, and direct any PSAT questions to Ms. Johnson, sarajohnson@susd.org or Ms. Hochstatter, khochstatter@susd.org.*

## Grade Level Information:

- 9<sup>TH</sup> Grade- Do not test—All freshmen arrive on campus no earlier than 11:30 A.M., period 1 begins at 11:50 A.M.
- 10<sup>TH</sup> Grade- Do test—All sophomores arrive at the assigned testing room before 7:45 A.M. Students will receive their testing room assignments via email by Friday.
- 11<sup>TH</sup> Grade- Do test if they signed up—Testers arrive at the assigned testing room before 7:45 A.M—students will receive their testing room assignments via email by Friday. Non-testers arrive on campus no earlier than 11:30 A.M.
- 12<sup>TH</sup> Grade- Do not test—All seniors arrive on campus no earlier than 11:30 A.M., period 1 begins at 11:50 A.M.

<b>PSAT Late Start Schedule:</b>	
<b>Tuesday, October 26, 2021</b>	
<b>Testing Sessions</b>	<b>7:45am- 11:15am</b>
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>11:15am-11:50am</b> <b>(Includes passing time to 1<sup>st</sup> period)</b>

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<b>Period 1</b>	<b>11:50am-12:10pm</b>
<b>Period 2</b>	<b>12:16pm-12:36pm</b>
<b>Period 3</b>	<b>12:42pm-1:02pm</b>
<b>Period4/5</b>	<b>1:08-1:28pm</b>
<b>Period 6</b>	<b>1:34pm-1:54pm</b>
<b>Period 7</b>	<b>2:00pm-2:20pm</b>
<b>Buses will make two runs: the first at the usual time for test takers and the second run will be 4 hours later.</b> <b>**Non-testers should not arrive on campus before 11:30am**</b>	

### Homecoming Schedule

Homecoming will take place next week, October 25-29. Additionally, please review the lineup of events for next week.

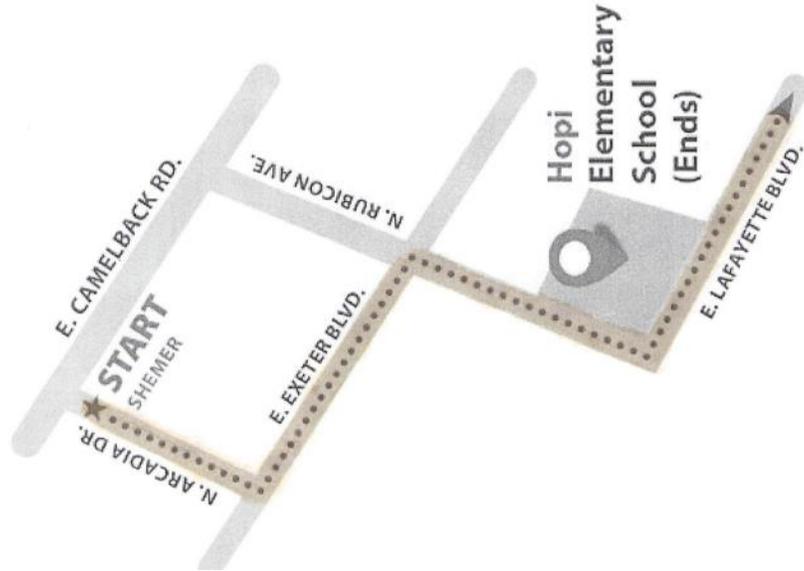
- Throughout the week Homecoming tickets will be sold via the bookstore for \$25 for presale. Students may still purchase tickets at the dance on Saturday, 10/30 for a fee of \$30 (cash ONLY).
- Thursday, October 28, 2021
  - Homecoming Guest Permission Slips/Guest COVID Waivers are due to Student Services by 3:00 PM
- Friday, October 29, 2021
  - Homecoming Assembly for students during 2nd period

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- Homecoming Parade, 4:00-5:00 pm (open to the public). Please see the parade route below.



- Homecoming Football Game, 7:00-9:00pm at AHS Football field
- Saturday, Oct 30, 2021
  - Homecoming Dance, 7:00-10:00pm at AHS Main Gym
  - Presale tickets are on sale at the bookstore for \$25, tickets are \$30 at the door
  - Guest Forms can be picked up from the front office or Student Services and must be turned in before Thursday, October 28 at 3:00pm

### **Next Coffee With the Principal Zoom Information: 11/10/2021, 9 am & 5 pm**

Please consider joining us for Coffee With Dr. J, which occurs every three weeks. This is an opportunity to learn more about Arcadia High School, share feedback, and make new friends.

*Join Zoom Meeting*

<https://zoom.us/j/96203700508?pwd=SENadVFRU3Z6eTRqRjdDMXBXS0lvdz09>

### **A Word From Mrs. Pinto**

## **Senior Information**

### **Senior Checklist**

- [Order Cap & Gown](#) Extended deadline is November 1, 2021

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- [FAFSA](#) (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) opened October 1, 2021. We will host FAFSA nights for families both in English and Spanish. More information will be sent later in the month.
- [Senior Scholarship Questionnaire](#) - ASAP
- Portraits ([Prestige](#) Portraits) - make-up dates are set for November 2 - 3, 2021
- [ASVAB](#) - Click on the link to sign up - Test is on November 4, 2021
- [Yearbook Senior Ad](#) Deadline is December 31, 2021
- Check college application deadlines (early acceptance is October & regular deadlines are November - January depending on the university/college)
- Recommendations for college applications (academic or counselor) - ask for them 3 weeks prior to deadline
- [Transcripts](#) official copies are \$5 per transcript
- [College Visits](#) - on campus in the College and Career Center
- *Remind* text messages from College and Career Center - SENIORS text "pmyrn" to 81010
- [SAT](#) or [ACT](#) - sign up
- [Scholarships](#) - via Naviance (apply for November - January; watch for local deadlines February - May)
- Senior Survey (TBA)
- Cap, Gown & Graduation Ticket Distribution (TBA)
- Senior Honors & Awards (TBA)
- Senior Breakfast (TBA)
- Senior Parade (TBA)
- Send FINAL TRANSCRIPT to college/university
- Graduation - Arcadia Field - May 25, 2022
- Project Grad - May 25, 2022 - Immediately following the Graduation Ceremony

### Senior Parent Group

Fill out the [form](#) if you are interested in joining a senior parent group that will meet at least once monthly to plan senior events, discuss senior issues and support one another during your student's last year at Arcadia!

### 504 Information:

My assistant, Lisa Richards, is scheduling 504 review/initial meetings for the 2021-2022 school year based on their review date. If you want to schedule a meeting, please contact her.

### Important Dual Enrollment dates for 2021-2022

- **Spring 2022 Deadlines:**

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- 2/11/22 - Deadline to submit Enrollment Steps Form
- 2/25/22 - Deadline to pay tuition

### **Athletics: A Word From Mr. Sherren-**

On 8/17/21 the Scottsdale Unified School District Governing Board voted to reinstate a mask requirement indoors on all SUSD properties with the exception of those engaged in physical activity. This indoor mask requirement has been extended for at least two weeks after return from fall break. As a result, Student-Athletes, Coaches, Officials and Spectators will be required to wear a mask indoors at all times at Arcadia, Chaparral, Coronado, Desert Mountain, and Saguaro. Athletes warming up, or involved in the game, may remove their mask but are required to wear them while on the bench. We appreciate your understanding and support during these challenging times.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- ★ Homecoming and AIA game of the week is 10/29/2021
- ★ Winter Sports Begin 11/1/2021 communications on tryouts will be forthcoming.

Any student athlete participating in tryouts, practices, or offseason workouts needs to be coded “ready for tryouts” in Register My Athlete.

Athletes and families should communicate with coaches about offseason workouts.

All tickets for sporting events will be sold through [GoFan](#) again this year. No cash will be accepted.

Activity passes can be purchased through Intouch or at the Arcadia bookstore.

### **A Word from Ms. Johnson**

#### **Testing**

The 2021-2022 testing calendar can be found [here](#).

#### **Civics Exam (Senior Update)**

If you have a senior who has **not** taken or **passed** the Civics Exam you received an email from Ms. Johnson with information on how to take the exam. Here is a [link](#) to that letter.

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Please note that passing the civics exam is a requirement for graduation in the state of Arizona. A 60% passing rate (60 out of 100 questions) is necessary to meet this graduation requirement. If you would like to schedule an appointment to take the exam independently please contact Ms. Hochstatter, [khochstatter@susd.org](mailto:khochstatter@susd.org), or Ms. Johnson, [sarajohnson@susd.org](mailto:sarajohnson@susd.org).

## Test Prep Opportunities

Arcadia is partnering with our friends at Revolution Prep to provide our students with the opportunity to practice taking college admissions exams. A proctored practice exam is the best way to get a real-time snapshot of testing performance in order to create a testing plan. Please see below for a list of our test prep opportunities for the fall semester. Please register [here](#) for any test prep sessions.

<b>ARCADIA HIGH SCHOOL TEST PREP ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES</b>			
Please note that all events are virtual unless otherwise indicated as in person. Each event requires registration. You may register at this link: <a href="https://www.revolutionprep.com/partners/14468/">https://www.revolutionprep.com/partners/14468/</a>			
<b>Fall Semester Events</b>			
<b>Test/Presentation</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<b>Insider's Guide to College Admission Testing Parent Presentation Event</b>	Wed, November 17, 2021	6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	FREE
Practice SAT/ACT Exam	Sat, November 6, 2021	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	\$10.00
Practice SAT/ACT Exam	Sat, November 13, 2021	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	\$10.00
<b>PSAT/NMSQT®, Now What? Parent Presentation</b>	Tues, December 14, 2021	6:00 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.	FREE

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### **Student Clubs and Activities Updates**

You may visit our school website to find a list of our current clubs, here is a direct [link](#). Please note that new clubs may be added throughout the year and students are welcome to join clubs at any time.

### **Counseling Update**

- Our freshman & sophomore evening will be held in person on Wednesday, October 27th at 6pm. Due to numbers, this is a parent-only event.
- Now that the first quarter is complete, please be sure to check your student's grades in ParentVue. We strongly encourage any students who are failing one or more classes, or who have grades lower than desired, to attend FAST (Free After School Tutoring) or a Saturday Catch-up session. FAST is held Monday through Thursday, 2:30-3:30, in the library and all are welcome. The next Saturday Catch-up session will be held this Saturday, October 23rd.
- Seniors who are completing their college applications through the Common App or Coalition App need to select their application due dates in the system they are using. If they need a recommendation letter from their counselor, they need to inform their counselor as soon as possible. We require the completion of a rec letter questionnaire and a minimum of three weeks notice prior to the due date to write a recommendation letter.
- We are now well past the deadline for schedule changes. Any class change will now result in an **F** being entered on the transcript for the dropped class, regardless of whether or not the student was passing the class at the time it was dropped. No credit will be earned for the new class.

### **Social and Emotional**

Our school district, in an effort to continue to be data driven, is asking that every campus administer the Fast Bridge screener to help us better understand the social and emotional needs of our Arcadia students. For high school students – the students can take the screener themselves. We are planning to use the Arcadia News Network time during 2<sup>nd</sup> hour on October 28<sup>th</sup> to take a short 1-3 minute questionnaire.

Across all content areas (reading, math, other academic areas, physical health, etc.) educators use assessments to determine strengths and needs so they can plan how to best teach and support their students. Just as in universal screening for these content areas, SEL screening provides an indicator of strengths and needs.

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## Screening is a proactive approach in that it:

- Identifies universal strengths and needs (Tier 1)
- Informs strategy decisions for Tier 1 instruction and multitiered supports for higher levels of need
- Provides data to make informed decisions within a system aiming to improve student outcomes

## Screening can help answer the following questions:

How are our students doing? Are there certain groups whose needs are not being addressed? What do we need to do to improve our educational system for all students? (e.g., materials, scheduling, professional development).

### SUSD statement on Fast Bridge

This social emotional screening program, which the Board voted to adopt, is used to evaluate students' overall general behavior, including, but not limited to, social, academic and emotional behavior. Screening is typically completed within three minutes, with results available immediately to parents and staff. These findings enable our teachers, social worker and guidance counselor professionals to help identify students who may be in need of additional support and intervention programs and to make that support available as early as possible.

This screening tool is optional and one that parents have the choice to authorize for use with their children each school year.

Notwithstanding this, SUSD's initial parent acknowledgment form *incorrectly* stated that the FastBridge screener might ask for personal information about income, family matters, medical or family medical history, mental health history and other categories of private information.

**To be clear, the FastBridge screener does not and has never sought this information. The waiver form that initially appeared in ParentVUE as part of parents' annual acknowledgements was a standard waiver form that had not yet been properly tailored to SUSD's use. The form has since been amended to reflect the information that is *actually* collected. We apologize for this oversight and offer our assurances that SUSD does not support, endorse or collect any family personal history information through FastBridge.**

Our first responsibility as a school district is to protect the safety and well-being of our students and staff. We have been reminded during the pandemic that students are sensitive to the events going on around them, especially those events that require us to alter our daily routines. This past year and a half, particularly, has been a stressful one for them.

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We also recognize that students do not fully engage in their learning when they do not feel safe or secure. Further, in two years of Hanover surveys, SUSD parents have stressed to us how important it is for schools to support their students' social emotional learning.

Our sole goal in acquiring FastBridge is to be able to support the whole child and offer help to students sooner when we see that academic and behavioral issues in the classroom are limiting their opportunities to learn and grow. To learn more about the FastBridge program, we invite you to visit <https://www.fastbridge.org/saebrs/>.

For any questions, comments, or concerns in regards to the Fast Bridge screener, please contact Shannon Cronn at [scronn@susd.org](mailto:scronn@susd.org) or Mathew Lins [matthewlins@susd.org](mailto:matthewlins@susd.org)

**Este Programa de Diagnóstico Socioemocional, el cual la Junta votó para que se aprobase, se emplea para evaluar en general el comportamiento total del estudiante, incluido, pero no limitado al: comportamiento social, académico y emocional. Normalmente, el diagnóstico se completa en tres minutos, con resultados disponibles de inmediato para los padres y el personal. Los resultados les permiten a los maestros, al trabajador social y a los consejeros profesionales ayudar a identificar a los estudiantes que pudiesen tener la necesidad de apoyo adicional y programas de intervención y hacer que tal apoyo esté disponible lo más antes posible. Esta herramienta de diagnóstico es opcional y es una que los padres tienen la opción de autorizar para usarla con sus hijos cada año escolar. A pesar de esto, la hoja inicial del Distrito, en que los padres aceptan el programa, establecía incorrectamente que el diagnóstico FastBridge pudiese pedir información personal sobre ingresos, asuntos familiares o historial médico, historial sobre la salud mental y otras categorías de información privada. Para aclarar, el diagnóstico FastBridge no pide o nunca ha pedido o solicitado esta información. Esta hoja de exención que originalmente apareció en ParentVUE, como parte de aceptación anual de los padres, era una hoja estándar de exención que todavía no se ha adaptado apropiadamente para el uso del SUSD. La hoja ha sido, desde entonces, modificada para que refleje la información que se recopila actualmente. Les pedimos disculpas por este descuido y les aseguramos que el SUSD no apoya, promueve o recopila ninguna información del historial personal de la familia por medio de FastBridge. Nuestra principal responsabilidad como distrito escolar es proteger la seguridad y el bienestar de nuestros estudiantes y el personal. Se nos ha recordado durante la pandemia que los estudiantes son sensibles a los eventos que se suscitan a su alrededor, particularmente los eventos que hacen que tengamos que alterar nuestras rutinas diarias. Este año pasado y medio, en particular, fue estresante para ellos. Además, reconocemos que los estudiantes no participan a plenitud en su aprendizaje cuando no se sienten seguros o confiados. Asimismo, en los años de las encuestas de Hanover, los padres del SUSD nos enfatizaron cuán importante era para las escuelas que se apoyase el aprendizaje socioemocional de sus hijos. Nuestra única meta en obtener el FastBridge es el poder brindarle apoyo al niño en su totalidad, y ofrecerles ayuda a los estudiantes lo antes**

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posible cuando veamos que los problemas académicos y del comportamiento en el aula les limiten sus oportunidades de aprender y desarrollarse. Para enterarse más acerca del Programa FastBridge, los invitamos a que revisen la página web: <https://www.fastbridge.org/saebrs/>.

Whitney Hess MSW  
Arcadia High School Social Worker

### Mrs. Mynars - College and Career Center

#### Upcoming College Visits:

Monday October 25th - Loyola University Chicago, Washington State University, New York Film Academy and Seattle University.

Tuesday October 26th - Clemson University, Eastern New Mexico University, University of Colorado Boulder and University of California.

Wednesday October 27th - Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and Scottsdale Community College.

Thursday October 28th - US Air Force and Swarthmore College.

#### Scholarship Opportunities:

(You can find the list of all current scholarships on the [Arcadia College and Career Website](#).)

### **The AZ Milk Producers Reel Moments Video Scholarship Contest**

Simply create a "Reel" Milk Moment video, lasting 30 seconds or less, featuring your favorite real dairy product(s). \$18,000 in college scholarships: 1st Place-\$8,000, 2nd Place-\$6,000, 3rd Place-\$4,000.

**Contest deadline runs through November 7th, 2021**

For more details visit: [az.milk.co/contest](http://az.milk.co/contest)

### **AZ School Counselor Assoc. High School Scholarship**

The Arizona School Counselors Association awards three high school seniors a \$1,000.00 non-renewable scholarship to assist with post-secondary education costs.

Eligibility:

- Must be a high school senior attending a public or private secondary school in the state of Arizona.

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- Must be a permanent resident of the state of Arizona.
- Must plan to attend a post-secondary institution during the 2022-2023 school year.
- Must have a school counselor employed by your school who is an Arizona School Counselors Association member. (Arcadia's counselors are all members of this association.)
- 500 Word Essay

**Deadline: November 12, 2021 @ 11:59pm**

To apply, click [here](#)

## Cooke College Scholarship

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation

The Cooke College Scholarship Program is an undergraduate program available to high-achieving high school seniors with financial need.

Eligibility:

Graduate from a U.S. high school in spring 2022

- Intend to enroll full time in an accredited four-year college beginning in fall 2022
- Earn a cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.5 or above
- Demonstrate unmet financial need. We will consider applicants with family income up to \$95,000. Last year's cohort of new college scholarship recipients had a median family income of approximately \$35,000.

**Deadline to apply: November 18, 2021 at 11:59pm**

For more information click [here](#). To apply, click [here](#).

## Understanding FAFSA:

Q: Why is the FAFSA application important? Do I need to fill it out?

A: The FAFSA (or Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is important because completing this form is the only way to receive state and federal financial aid.

Completing the FAFSA is the single most important step that you can take to get financial aid. By completing the FAFSA, you are applying for most types of financial aid.

Completing the FAFSA does not obligate students or parents to accept student loans or any other form of financial aid.

The FAFSA can be a bit complicated and most students will need help from a parent in order to complete the form.

The best way to complete the FAFSA is online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

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By completing the FAFSA online you will have access to help when you need it and you can cut weeks off the amount of time it takes to process the form.

Although tax information from last year is required to complete the form, you do not have to wait until you and your parents have filed your tax returns. The FAFSA allows applicants to estimate the information and correct it once taxes are completed.

The FAFSA Application opens on October 1st each year. Students do not have to wait to apply for financial aid until they have been accepted for admission to the college.

Students should not assume they are not eligible for financial aid. The FAFSA is necessary for many scholarships and student loans as well. Most families can qualify for federal financial aid regardless of income or assets. **Everyone should apply.**

## **Student Government**

### CURRENT PLANS:

- Homecoming Week 10/25-10/29
- Homecoming Assembly 10/29
- Homecoming Parade 10/29 @ 4pm
- Homecoming Dance 10/30