



News From PAGE HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Sand Devil Family Member,

It's hard to believe, but the end of the third quarter is nearly a week away. Below are some highlights from February and a look ahead at the events taking place in March.

As some of you know, the graduation requirements for the graduating class of 2017 and beyond have been changed by the Arizona State Board of Education. Beginning with the Class of 2017 and continuing for each graduating class beyond that, all students will have to take and pass the Arizona Civics Exam with a score of 60 out of 100. Page High School proposed its plan to meet this requirement to the Page Unified School District Governing Board on Tuesday, February 9th. The plan was approved and so as of the date of this letter, the students have taken the test through their US History or AP US History course. While official numbers are still rolling in, the good news is that we have had great success as between 70 and 80 percent of the students have passed the test. If you have questions about the content of the Civics exam, please go to http://www.azed.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/civics-test-administration-manual_final.pdf

February marked the beginning of our pre-registration process for the 2016-2017 school year. As a reminder, our goal this year is to get a pre-registration schedule into the hands of every student so that you and your student can review the courses selected for next school year. Upon reviewing your son or daughter's courses, please sign the pre-registration schedule and return it to Page High School by March 11th.

One of the highlights of March besides the return of warmer weather is Parent/Teacher Conferences. You should have received a post card in the mail about Parent/Teacher Conferences at Page High School, but in case you did not, conferences will take place in the Page High School Main Gym on Wednesday, March 9th from 6:00-8:00pm and Thursday, March 10th from 1:00-4:00pm. Please make it a point to join us as we want to see as many parents taking an interest in their child's education as possible. We will also have a presentation during conferences from Coconino Community College about Dual Enrollment for next year on Wednesday, March 9th. Please join us!

Finally, another highlight of March is the Annual Special Olympics Track Meet, which will take place on Friday, March 11th at 8:30am. Please come to Cyclone Field at Sand Devil Stadium to cheer on our Special Olympics Athletes from Page and the surrounding communities.

Thank you for taking the time to be involved in your student's education by reading this letter and by attending school events.

Yours in Education,

Paul Gagnon




Page High School Calendar 2015-2016

Red Day - Periods 1-4

Black Day - Periods 5-8

MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		BLACK DAY	RED DAY	BLACK DAY	RED DAY	
		1	2	3	4	5
	BLACK DAY	RED DAY	BLACK DAY	RED DAY	BLACK DAY	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
						
	RED DAY	BLACK DAY	RED DAY	BLACK DAY	RED DAY	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	BLACK DAY	RED DAY	BLACK DAY	RED DAY		
27	28	29	30	31		

APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					BLACK DAY	
						1
	RED DAY	BLACK DAY	RED DAY	BLACK DAY	RED DAY	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	BLACK DAY	RED DAY	BLACK DAY	RED DAY	BLACK DAY	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	RED DAY	BLACK DAY	RED DAY	BLACK DAY	RED DAY	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	BLACK DAY	RED DAY	BLACK DAY	RED DAY	No School	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	BLACK DAY	RED DAY	BLACK DAY	RED DAY	BLACK DAY	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	RED DAY	BLACK DAY	RED DAY	BLACK DAY	RED DAY	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	BLACK DAY	RED DAY	BLACK DAY	RED DAY	BLACK DAY	
	~ Finals Week ~				Students #2 day	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
					PHS Graduation 7:00 PM	



PHS took first place in our division: Scholastic Local A – with a score of 73.05 – the student’s score improved by 5.7 points from last week. (That’s a big jump!) We will be putting the fully completed show out for competition at the competition at Casa Grade High School the end of February.



Choir
 PHS/PMS
 Choir Concert
 Wednesday, March 2nd
 6:30-7:30pm in the CAB
 (Doors open at 6:20pm)



Benny Fowler placed Third at the SkillsUSA Region 4 Automotive Tech contest in Show Low in January.

Student of the Week



LeLisa Watson
~ GIRLS BASKETBALL ~



Christy Robinson
~ GIRLS Soccer ~



Tyson Neztosie
~ Boys Basketball ~



Maurice Chee
~ WRESTLING ~



Nailoni Bitsinnie
~ GIRLS BASKETBALL ~

way To Go!

Physical packets for the 2016-2017 school year will be available at the Athletic Office starting March 4th, 2016!



Get your physical done early and miss the long lines!!

Sana Devil State Wrestling News



2ND PLACE

Dakota Richardson 11th Grade
Weight Class: Heavyweight

5th PLACE

Kamron Whitewater 10th Grade
Weight Class: 106 lbs.

Page High School

Behavior **Parent** **Teacher** **Conferences** **Progress** **Goals** **Achieve**
Teamwork **Grades** **Communication** **Homework**

When:

March 9, 2016 from 6-8PM

March 10, 2016 from 1-4PM

Where: PHS Gym



What Does AZMERIT mean for students?

AZMERIT replaces AIMS for reading, writing, and math. This means students will no longer take AIMS for these subject areas.

Students will take AZMERIT End-of-Course (EOC) tests in English Language Arts (ELA) and Math that will test their **proficiency** in these subjects. The ELA tests include a writing portion and a reading portion.

AZMERIT End-of-Course tests are ELA 9, ELA 10, ELA 11, and Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II. Students take AZMERIT while in the appropriate course.

AZMERIT goes beyond multiple choice questions. This means that the test results provide a **better indicator** of what students have learned during the school year. A passing score on AZMERIT is not required for graduation.

AZMERIT will allow for faster score reporting. However, the initial year's results will be delayed.

Writing

The writing portion will require students to read a few passages and then write about them. This type of task requires students to think deeper about topics and use evidence to support their thinking.

Reading

The reading portion will be administered in two parts. This will ensure students have ample time to read and answer questions.

The test will also contain editing tasks to measure student awareness of fundamental skills like spelling and grammar.

Math

The math portion will be administered in two parts. This will ensure students have ample time to read and answer questions. The test will ask questions that check a student's conceptual understanding of math as well as their procedural skills.

www.azed.gov/azmerit

TESTING DATES:

Writing: March 28-April 1, 2016

Reading: April 4-8, 2016

Math: April 18-22, 2016