



# Nighthawk News

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## Message From the Principal: Dr. Oranté Jenkins

Communication between teachers and parents is critical to the success of our Nighthawks. Some benefits of open communication:

- It allows parents to build relationships with their child's teachers. Parents can feel comfortable coming to their child's teacher with any concerns they may have, and teachers can explain what is happening in the classroom in order to increase understanding.
- It helps parents better understand their child's progress. They can understand the journey that their child will go on during the year, what topics they will be studying and how different skills will be developed. They can appreciate that IRHS teaches their children life skills over and above just academia, as teachers have an opportunity to observe a child's academic growth as well as their emotional development and social needs. They can provide parents with important insight that can help them build their children into strong, confident learners. Ideally, there is an ongoing dialogue between parents and teachers.
- A positive mini community is created between the child, teacher and parents. This triangular approach to communication allows the child to play an active role in their own education, and it ensures that all parties involved are on the same page. It also gives ownership to the child to want to improve their knowledge and skill set. It makes them understand the importance of working together and utilizing other people's knowledge to develop their own. A positive relationship is able to develop when parents, children and teachers actively communicate with one another.
- It helps to make sure that there is consistency in the classroom and at home. Ultimately, both the parents and teachers need to work together to improve the personal, academic and social development of the child. Parents are offered ways of integrating opportunities at home with the experiences that their child has while at school. Through communication, both parties can use a consistent approach that will benefit the individual learner.



We always appreciate feedback and we encourage parents to be highly involved in their child's education and development. We encourage you to ask questions, attend school events and to communicate with our staff. Have a wonderful break!

Thanks,

Dr. Oranté Jenkins



## HIGH SCHOOL REACH STUDENT PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

SAVE THE DATE

# High School REACH Student Parent Information Night

January 25th, 7-8:30 pm  
Wetmore Center in the LAPDC

**REGISTRATION IS FREE; SEATS ARE LIMITED**

Hot cocoa will be provided!

***This is for REACH students and their families  
grades 8-11!***

Join us to learn more about High School REACH  
English Honors 9 and 10, Honors Seminar and  
Capstone, the International Baccalaureate and  
Cambridge University Programs.

Q&A to follow the presentations!

ZOOM option will be offered as well!

Contact Vanessa at [vhill@amphi.com](mailto:vhill@amphi.com) for  
more information

## ARIZONA STATE TAX CREDIT PROGRAM



### Your Tax Credit Donation Makes All the Difference

[Click here to make your donation online!](#)



The Arizona State Tax Credit program allows you to make a donation to a public school and receive a dollar-for-dollar credit against your Arizona state taxes. Married couples filing jointly can contribute up to \$400, and individuals can contribute up to \$200 and get that donation back in full on their tax returns, provided they have at least that much tax liability.

School tax credit donations are used to supplement education through extracurricular activities that enhance children's lives and extend their learning. Students who play sports in school are more likely to stay in school and succeed academically. Children who participate in fine arts do better in basic academic subjects, including math, reading, writing and science. Making a contribution is easy, and all donations have an incredible impact on student experiences.

#### A few notes:

- You can go online to make your contribution. You can direct your tax credit contribution to a specific school or program or even to an individual child's fees for extracurricular programs.
- If you would prefer to donate by check, you can visit any [school](#) or the [District offices](#) to make your contribution.
- The deadline for taking the tax credit on your 2022 return is the same as the deadline for submitting your tax return. Please be sure to make your donation before you file your tax return.
- Anyone who pays taxes in Arizona can make these tax credit donations. You do not have to have a child in school!
- We recommend you consult your tax professional for any questions about your particular situation and to be sure your donation qualifies for the tax credit.

For additional general information about the Tax Credit or for help with making a contribution, contact: Amphitheater Accounting Department at 520-696-5123 or e-mail [cwadhams@amphi.com](mailto:cwadhams@amphi.com).

## 2023-2024 REGISTRATION AND COURSE SELECTION

When we return from Winter Break, we will begin the student registration and course selection process for the 2023-24 school year. During January and February, we will provide students with information on course options, review graduation requirements, provide guidance on scheduling/course recommendations and pre-requisites.

To help students prepare for registration, we encourage students to complete the attached Four- Year High School Graduation Plan. Students can use their Student Tyler portal to check their academic history and complete the Four-Year High School Graduation Plan. Parents can support their student in reviewing completed and remaining graduation credits using the Parent Portal resources. To assist parents, we have created a short video providing directions on how to see their student's academic history. Parents and students will receive additional information after the Winter Break.

[PARENT PORTAL TUTORIAL VIDEO](#)



## WELCOME TO OUR IRONWOOD RIDGE HS FACULTY

### Ms. Brooke Perez



Ms. Perez will be joining the IRHS Faculty in the Science Department. She earned her BA in Chemistry and her MA in Analytical Chemistry. She loves the color green, swing dancing and camping near Sedona.

### Ms. Alison Passeck



Ms. Passeck will be joining the IRHS Faculty in the Science Department.

### Ms. Emily Bolthouse



Ms. Bolthouse will be joining the IRHS Faculty in the English Department.

## NEED HELP? YOU ARE NOT ALONE.

### *Mental Health Emergency Hotlines*

If you, or a person you know, **NEED** someone to talk to, you are **NOT ALONE!** Help is only a phone call or text away.

You do not need insurance to access any of these **FREE** support services:

[Mental Health Emergency Hotline: 988](#) | [Police emergency: 911](#) | [Crisis line: 866-495-6735](#) | [Crisis Mobile Team](#) (they will come to you): 9am-5pm: 520-622-6000; 5pm-9am: 866-495-6735

### *"Cool Down" Chat Hotlines*

[The Trevor Project for LGBTQ + Youth Crisis: 1-866-488-7386](#) | [Teen Life Line: 602-248-8336](#) (or) 1-800-248-8336 |

[The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Phone: 800-273-8255](#) or Text: HOME to 741741 |

[Tohono O'Odham Nation Crisis Line: 844-423-8759](#)

## MEET MS. KEATING—IRHS SOCIAL WORKER



Hello Nighthawk community! My name is Tracy Keating and I hail from the cold state of Wisconsin (Yes, I am a proud cheese head). I have spent most of my adult life in Wyoming. I received my undergraduate degree from the University of Wyoming and my graduate degree from Arizona State University. My family and I are thrilled to be a part of the Oro Valley community. My role at Ironwood Ridge allows me the opportunity to support students in their academic success. I can assist with everything from basic needs, community referrals, 1:1 counseling support and skill development. If you have any questions for me please do not hesitate to reach out. I look forward to serving the school community and building relationships with students and families. I wish you all a wonderful holiday season!



## SORA

To our students & staff,  
you've earned your break.  
Enjoy it with Sora!



Amphitheatre Schools offers an electronic extension of its library catalog through SORA, an app that allows students to access eBooks and Audiobooks from the district catalog and even local libraries. For more information visit the IRHS Library page for a tutorial on how to access this collection!

<https://www.amphi.com/Page/13473>


## ORO VALLEY CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT



Oro Valley Cup

### 20th Annual Oro Valley Cup Golf Tournament

HR Heidi Radtke

 [Contact](#)

Our Amphi, CDO and IRHS Project Grad Fundraiser, Oro Valley Cup, is quickly approaching! There are quite a few volunteer positions available. This year there will be golfing on 2 courses - 18 holes at OV Community Center and 9 holes at Pusch Ridge by El Conquistador Resort. Please review the Sign-Up Genius and help make our Friday, February 3rd event a fun and financial success!

Thank you,

Oro Valley Cup Committee

**OV Cup is a Community Events - All parents and community members are welcome to golf, donate or volunteer!**

**I'd love to be a sponsor and/or golf on Friday, Feb 3, 2023!**

[Golfing Details and Information](#)

**I'd love to volunteer on Friday, Feb 3, 2023!**

[Volunteer Sign Up Genius Link](#)

**I'd love to donate to the raffle or silent auction!**

[Donation Form](#)

## NIGHTHAWK NATION PTO

### —STAY IN TOUCH—

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Facebook: Nighthawk Nation PTO

Venmo: @IRHSNPO

Amazon Wish List:

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/39BPS2YBJTVNS/ref=nav\\_wishlist\\_lists\\_2](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/39BPS2YBJTVNS/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_2)

## The Nighthawk Nation PTO Needs *You!*

The PTO has a LOT of exciting things coming up in the second half of the school year. We need **YOUR HELP** to make our awesome plans happen. Come get involved with the PTO!

Please follow the Nighthawk Nation PTO page on Facebook for more information on signing up for the Hawk Eyes Volunteer Program and to assist with other events being held on campus.

### **Restaurant Nights:**

**January 17<sup>th</sup> @ Which Wich (4-8) and February 15<sup>th</sup> @ ZPizza (4-8)**

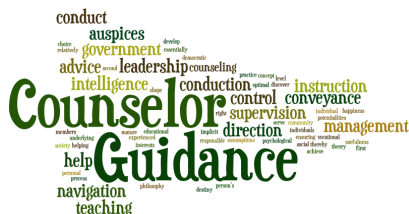
### **What is the “Hawk Eyes Volunteer” Program?**

Parent and community volunteers seeking to engage in school sponsored activities on a volunteer basis as needed. Activities may include, but are not limited to, the following: classroom volunteers, parking lot duty, campus volunteers during school sponsored activities. In doing so, Hawk Eyes hopes to build positive relationships among the community, students, parents, faculty and staff.

## COUNSELOR CASELOAD: SPRING 2023

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\*effective January 2023



# Welcome Ms. Miranda!

The Counseling team would like to welcome Ms. Jennifer Miranda to Ironwood Ridge. Ms. Miranda comes to us from another local high school where she has been the College and Career Advisor for the last six years. She has extensive experience at both the high school and post-secondary levels and we are excited to have her join us!

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Visit us on social media! Scan the following QR code to visit our official IRHS Social Media platforms where you will find important information pertaining to Ironwood Ridge High School.

### HOW TO SCAN A QR CODE WITH THE CAMERA APP:

- 1) Open the Camera app from the Home Screen, Control Center, or Lock Screen.
- 2) Select the rear facing camera. Hold your device so that the QR code appears in the viewfinder in the Camera app. Your device recognizes the QR code and shows a notification.
- 3) Tap the notification to open the link associated with the QR code.



## PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE—COMMUNICATION



### Amphitheater Public Schools students communicate clearly by:

- ◇ Expressing ideas through the creation of authentic products using a combination of words, symbols, data, behavior, and visual representations to inform, persuade, and entertain others.
- ◇ Preparing and delivering effective oral and written presentations and fielding questions to demonstrate conceptual understanding and knowledge with details about the inquiry process.
- ◇ Practicing communication techniques that share information in multiple formats to create meaning and foster mutual understanding.
- ◇ Listening effectively to decipher meaning, including knowledge, values, attitudes, and intentions.