

# The Amphitheater

Amphitheater High School

January 7, 2019

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Amphi Families –

Welcome back for the Spring 2019 semester! This semester there are a range of new goals and events that our school will be taking on. Please help us reach these goals by discussing them with your student, helping them plan their success, and helping them consistently and purposefully attend school each day!

**School Letter Grade** – Our final school letter grade issued from the AZ Department of Education was a C and our final rating left us only 0.37 points short of a B. We were disappointed to be so close to a B, but are focused on making this a reality for the next school year. Our largest area of growth is in our passing rate on the AzMERIT test. Students that are in Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, and English 9, 10, and 11 will be taking the AzMERIT test in April. Our goal is to make sure that each student is prepared with the skills to pass this test and understands that their effort on this test directly impacts our school rating.

**College & Career Readiness** – Our school's college advisor, Rob Young ([ryoung@amphi.com](mailto:ryoung@amphi.com), 520-696-5437) coordinates many different programs and resources for our students. His services include: college application, applying for FAFSA, scholarships, educational DACA issues, ASVAB / ACT / SAT assessments and anything related to post high school programs and career employment.

**11<sup>th</sup> grade ACT** – The ACT test is one of the key assessments that colleges use for admissions, scholarships, and recruitment for prospective students. For example, a high school student with a 3.5 GPA and a good ACT score can easily earn \$5,000 - \$10,000 in scholarships (<https://financialaid.arizona.edu/types-of-aid/scholarships/freshman-transfer>). To maximize our students access to this test and to begin their planning for college, **Amphi High School will be providing this test for free to all of our 11<sup>th</sup> grade students, during the school day on April 2, 2019.** More information about the ACT test can be found at <http://www.act.org/content/act/en/students-and-parents.html>.

**Family Matters Workshop** – The Amphitheater School District will be providing a series of workshops for families that address laws related to juveniles, cybersecurity, bullying, drug trends, and strengthening the family. Please consider attending one of these events. Information can be found at [www.amphi.com](http://www.amphi.com).

**Vaping** – One of the current challenges facing teenagers nationwide is the easy access to e-cigarettes and vaping devices. Last year, nationally, 1 out of 5 high school students reported using an e-cigarette in the last month. Students vape by using an electronic cigarette (e- cig) or other vaping device (e.g., Juul ). There are now hundreds of different devices for vaping. Some common styles look like a thick pen or a flash drive. These devices have the ability to hold a variety of substances including nicotine, marijuana, THC wax, and other drugs. Information for families can be found at this site - <https://e-cigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov>.

Due to the increased access to these devices, it is necessary for me to remind all families that vaping devices and substances are defined in our Student Code of Conduct as a drug (*Inhalants, including any substance inhaled through an e-cigarette or similar device used for vaping*). The minimum consequence for having a vaping device at school is suspension and a recommendation for expulsion from school.

Jon Lansa, Principal



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# NEWS for Amphi Families

## Online Information & Social Media

School website (calendars, schedules, updates) - <https://www.amphi.com/AmphiHigh>



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## AzMERIT Test

As a reminder, our students take the state AzMERIT assessment in the following classes – Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, English 9, English 10, and English 11. To provide enough time to take these tests we will be on a modified testing schedule on the following days.

**April 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>      April 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, & 18<sup>th</sup>**

A copy of our daily testing schedule can be found on our website.

## ACT Test

This test will be given for free to all of our 11<sup>th</sup> grade students, **during the school day on April 2<sup>nd</sup>!**

## Graduation Information for Seniors

**Graduation will take place on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm!      More information will come!**

**Cap & Gown** - Attached to this newsletter is information about graduation ordering options and pricing. At a minimum all graduating seniors need to order a “Cap & Gown Unit (includes tassel)” which costs \$39.95. For more information about graduation orders you can visit the following website – [www.rembrandtgrad.com](http://www.rembrandtgrad.com).

## Commemorative Tile Fundraiser

Commemorative tiles can be purchased for individuals, alumni, special events, and recognition. These will be permanently displayed on the Ring of Honor at Friedli Field. These make great presents, graduation gifts, and alumni reunion projects. Order forms for these tiles can be found on our school website.



**Create a memory!**

Order forms are available in the office or on our website.



# EVENTS at Amphi High School

The most current calendar of school events can always be found on our school webpage.

\*Spring Sports Schedules have not yet been finalized and are not included on this list\*

2018-2019 Year-At-A-Glance	
January 7 <sup>th</sup>	Beginning of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter/2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester
January 11 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day to Change Classes (without penalty)
January 14 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup>	Spirit Week
January 18 <sup>th</sup>	Pep Assembly
January 21 <sup>st</sup>	Martin Luther King Day—No School
January 29 <sup>th</sup> -Feb 1 <sup>st</sup>	Student registration and class selection for next year
February 8 <sup>th</sup>	Honors Reception (by invitation)
February 8 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Progress Reports (4 ½ week)
February 15 <sup>th</sup>	Amphi Awaits (middle school students visit AHS)
February 15 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup>	Regional Honor Band, Orchestra and Choir Festival
February 21 <sup>st</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Rodeo Break—No School
February 27 <sup>th</sup> - March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Panther Invitational Baseball Tournament
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Future Freshmen Night (middle school families visit AHS)
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Progress Reports (9 week)
March 18 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup>	Spring Break—No School
March 21 <sup>st</sup> - April 19 <sup>th</sup>	AIMS Science Window (9 <sup>th</sup> graders & untested 10 <sup>th</sup> graders)
March 25 <sup>th</sup>	Beginning of 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter
March 26 <sup>th</sup>	District Choir Festival
March 28 <sup>th</sup>	Feeder Pattern Band Festival (elementary, middle schools, & AHS)
April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	ACT Testing (all 11 <sup>th</sup> graders)
April 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup>	AzMERIT Writing Test
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Blood Drive
April 8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	Spirit Week
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Pep Assembly
April 15 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup>	AZ Merit Reading and Math Test
April 18 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup>	All School Play
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Progress Reports (4 ½ week)
April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Prom at Westin La Paloma
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	College Decision Day Celebration (12 <sup>th</sup> graders)
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Honors Convocation (by invitation)
May 16 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Final Exams (regular school day schedule)
May 21 <sup>st</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Final Exams (modified school day schedule)
May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	End of 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter / 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester
May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Graduation (7pm, Friedli Field)





# Family Matters

*A Free Parenting Workshop Series for Amphitheater families*

## **Session One: When children make poor choices**

Kate Spaulding, Teen Court Program Coordinator, provides an overview of what happens when a child makes a questionable choice that involves the law. This presentation will educate parents and guardians on the potential legal implications of such choices - and help us help our children.

When: January 22, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.,

Where: Wetmore District Office (701 W. Wetmore Road)

**Register today at [www.amphi.com](http://www.amphi.com)**  
(First come, first serve. Seating is limited)

**COMING FEB. 13: CYBER SAFETY**

*Workshop series brought to you by the Amphitheater Public Schools Equal Opportunity Office*

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