

# The Amphitheater

Amphitheater High School

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A Tradition of Excellence

Amphi Families -

Welcome back! We are ready and excited to begin another successful school year at Amphi High School. Last year was a banner year and we look to build on this success.

- Students who took the AzMERIT test achieved the highest scores ever at Amphi High!
- 77% of graduating 12th graders were accepted into a post-secondary program!
- The senior class accepted \$3.9 million dollars in grants and scholarships!
- Multiple students and teachers were recognized with awards - Region & State Championships, AIA Unified Sports Athlete of the Year, Regional Player of the Year, Unified School recognition and several Teacher of the Year awards – Legendary Teacher, Earth Science, Computer Science, English!
- And we're growing! Amphi's enrollment increased to over 1,300 students.

One of the key things that we continually strive to provide for our students are relevant and meaningful opportunities that will help them as they prepare for life and careers after high school. **My goal as a principal is to not only help students achieve a high school diploma, but more importantly make sure they are prepared for the day after graduation!** Following are several programs that are available to Amphi students that will help take learning beyond the regular high school experience.

- **Dual Enrollment Classes** - Dual enrollment classes allow students to earn college credit for a class while taking the class in high school. These classes are mostly taught by our high school teachers and most are free to students. A full listing of these classes can be found on the third page of this newsletter or can be found at the following link - <https://www.amphi.com/amphihigh>. Our goal is to eventually be able to provide enough classes for students to earn an associate's degree while in high school!
- **Internship Classes** - There are several internship programs available to our students. These programs allow students to learn about careers and the work place by personally experiencing them. To find out more about internships you can contact - Sumaya Frick ([sfrick@amphi.com](mailto:sfrick@amphi.com)) or Sally Miller ([smiller1@amphi.com](mailto:smiller1@amphi.com)). Our goal is see every student experience an internship to help them understand their career choices and to develop key workplace skills. Internships can occur during the school day, outside of the school day, and in the summer. Following is a story about two Amphi High students who experienced an internship this summer - <https://www.facebook.com/amphi.high.37>
- **Trades Internship Program** - Another opportunity for our students has been developed within our own school district. Our school district has developed a Trades Internship program that allows high school graduates to be employed by our district facilities or technology departments while working towards a trades degree at Pima Community College. Our district will pay for these graduates to attend Pima while employing them to work in their defined trades area. It provides real experience (and a job) while they develop skills in college. For more information call 696-5144 and ask about Trades Internship.

*Jon Lansa, Principal*

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## Online Information & Social Media

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



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## Open House – Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm

Families are invited to hear about our programs, goals, expectation, and visit with teachers! Events begin at 6pm in the Performing Arts Center and followed by classroom visits.

## Homecoming – Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 7pm vs. Buckeye

Come join the Amphi alumni and community as we all cheer on the football team. Current students are invited to attend the Homecoming Carnival right after the game until 11:30pm. Hang out with your friends, play some games, eat some awesome food, listen to music & dance! The cost is \$5 per person, which includes some tickets to use. Additional carnival tickets can be bought at the event.

**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.



## Dual Enrollment Classes!

This year, Amphi will be able to expand student access to college level curriculum by offering several Dual Enrollment classes that students can take to earn college credit from Pima Community College and the University of Arizona, while also earning high school credit. Through these partnerships students will be able to simultaneously earn high school and college level credits. Classes will be taught on the Amphi High School campus during the school day. Dual enrollment classes through Pima will be free to Amphi students. Dual enrollment classes (ASL 101) through the University of Arizona will have a cost of \$595.

Below are the new Dual Enrollment classes that we plan to offer this year. If you are interested in your child enrolling in any of these classes please call 520-696-5372.

- **Writing 101 (WRT 101) – English Composition I** (available to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders, taught online)
- **Writing 102 (WRT 102) – English Composition II** (available to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders, taught online)
  
- **History 101 (HIS 101) - Introduction to Western Civilization I** (available to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders)
- **History 102 (HIS 102) – Introduction to Western Civilization II** (available to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders)
  
- **History 141 (HIS 141) - History of the United States I** (available to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders)
- **History 142 (HIS 142) – History of the United State II** (available to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders)
  
- **Game Design 101 (GAM 101) – Game Design 1** (enrollment in Computer Science Discoveries)
- **Game Design 120 (GAM 120) – Introduction to Game Programming** (enrollment in Computer Applications II)
- **Computer Information Systems 129 (CIS 129) – Programming and Problem Solving 1** (enrollment in AP Computer Science A)
  
- **Automotive 101 (AUT 101) – Automotive Maintenance** (enrollment in Diesel Automotive III, IV)
- **Automotive 105 (AUT 105) – Light Line Maintenance** (enrollment in Diesel Automotive III, IV)
  
- **American Sign Language 101 (ASL 101) –** (enrollment in ASL I or II, University of Arizona, \$595 fee)



The most current school calendar & athletic events are found on our school website.

## 2019-2020 Year-At-A-Glance

August 8	First Day of School/ 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter
August 21	Last Day to Change Classes (without penalty)
August 27	Open House
September 2	Labor Day—School Holiday
September 6	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Progress Reports (4 ½ weeks)
September 11	Arizona College Consortium College Fair (12 <sup>th</sup> grade only)
September 20	Fall Honors Reception
October 11	Homecoming and Pep Assembly
October 11	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter—Progress Reports (9 weeks)
October 14-18	Fall Break—No School
October 21	Beginning of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter
October 30	PSAT (Juniors and AVID Sophomores)
November 1 – 30	Nat'l College Application Month (Senior Success Conference: 11/12)
November 11	Veterans Day—School Holiday
November 22	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Progress Reports (4 ½ weeks)
November 26	ASVAB (11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> grade only)
November 28 and 29	Thanksgiving—School Holiday
December 4 and 5	CIVICS Test (in US History classes only)
*December 10	CIVICS Test (11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> grade only) * early out
December 17, 18,19	Final Exams
December 19	End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter/ 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester
December 23 –Jan. 3	Winter Break—School Holiday
January 6	Beginning of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter/ 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester
January 10	Last Day to Change Classes (without penalty)
January 17	Pep Assembly
January 20	Martin Luther King Day—School Holiday
February 6	Honors Reception
February 7	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Progress Reports (4 ½ weeks)
February 20 and 21	Rodeo Break—School Holiday
March 10	ASVAB (11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> grade only)
March 13	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Progress Reports (9 week)
March 16-20	Spring Break—School Holiday
March 23	Beginning of 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter
March 2 <sup>d</sup> - April 17	AIMS Science Window (all biology students/ untested biology students)
<b>March 24/April 7</b>	<b><i>PENDING approval: ACT Spring test/makeup test (11<sup>th</sup> grade only)</i></b>
April 10	Pep Assembly
April 17	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Progress Reports (4 ½ weeks)
May 1	College Decision Day (Seniors only)
May 11	Senior Honors Convocation
May 14 and 15	Senior Final Exams (regular schedule)
May 15	Graduate March (field trip) AND Senior Luau (12 <sup>th</sup> grade only)
May 19, 20, and 21	Final Exams
May 21	End of 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter / 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester
May 21	Graduation

