



# Nighthawk News

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### DEVELOPING STRONG STUDY HABITS

Good study habits are essential because they contribute to better learning, improved academic performance, and overall success in your studies and beyond. Effective study habits help you absorb and retain information more efficiently. By utilizing strategies like active reading, note-taking, and reviewing, you can improve your understanding and recall of concepts. Good study habits render higher grades and academic achievement. When you learn effectively, you are better prepared for exams, assignments, and other assessments.

Effective study habits help you manage your workload and stay on top of deadlines, reducing stress and anxiety associated with academic pressure, which we have all felt at one point or another. When you develop strong study skills, you gain confidence in your ability to learn and succeed, which positively impacts your self-esteem and overall well-being. Strong study habits teach you how to manage your time effectively, prioritize tasks, and plan your study sessions, leading to better organization and increased productivity.

The skills you learn through effective study habits, like critical thinking, problem-solving, and information retrieval, are valuable assets for life-long learning and personal growth. When you have effective study habits, you are more likely to feel motivated and engaged in your learning process, leading to greater satisfaction and enjoyment of your studies.

Fundamentally, refining good study habits ensures you have the tools and strategies to succeed academically, manage your time effectively, reduce stress, and build a solid foundation for future success.

## PROUD TO BE AN **A** SCHOOL!



## PASTRIES WITH THE PRINCIPAL



Amphitheater Public Schools' Promise of a Graduate is a visionary expression of the qualities and skills the district seeks to develop in all students who earn a diploma from the Amphitheater school district.

The Promise of a Graduate contains eight areas that are important to ensure that students complete their school experience, are ready for college and their careers, and are prepared to contribute to the world around them. They are: Scholarship, Communication, Critical Thinking, Creative Thinking, Problem-Solving, Collaboration, Citizenship, and Caring.

The Amphitheater School District community came together to create this vision for our students' futures. Each quarter, teachers meet as a department to nominate students based on their representation of one or more of the eight characteristics identified above. During our quarterly celebration, these students and their parents are invited to join Principal Jenkins for a breakfast of pastries as we honor our Nighthawks.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### January 2025

- January 6th to 10th MAP Window continues through January 10
- January 10th Pep Assembly
- January 11th Winter Formal at TCC
- January 15th Make-Up Civics Exam (Students will be issued passes to attend.)



## WINTER BREAK



## PARENT SQUARE

### Download the ParentSquare app today!

Stay involved with your student's learning and activities at school. From anywhere.



**ParentSquare is the primary platform for school-home communication in Amphitheater Public Schools.**

With ParentSquare families can:

- Receive messages from school via email, text or mobile app.
- Choose to receive information as it comes (Instant) or all at once at around 6 pm (Daily Digest).
- Communicate in your preferred language.
- Send two-way texts with automated translation between staff and families.
- Receive attendance notifications



## NIGHTHAWK NATION PTO

**Thanks to your generous donations the Nighthawk Nation PTO was proud sponsor of the following events this quarter:**



- **Wacky Wednesday** - A special delivery of treats and drinks to each teacher's classroom and administration.
- **Weekly Lounge Restocks** - Each week a member of the Nighthawk Nation PTO restocks all THREE of the teacher's lounges with goodies to keep the staff caffeinated and feeling appreciated.
- **November Staff Event**- A delicious competition of chili chiefs combined with an amazing potato and dessert bar. A special CONGRATULATIONS and gift card went to first place winner Ms. Ruiz! A well earned second place finish and gift card was presented to Ms. Rini!
- **Pastries with the Principal** - Once a quarter, students who have been nominated as exhibiting Promise of a Graduate traits are recognized with their parents in attendance. These Nighthawks and their guests got to enjoy breakfast with Principal Jenkins.
- **December Holiday Lunch** - We are looking forward to our Holiday lunch event on December 19th. Thank you to Dominick's Real Italian of your gracious sponsorship of lunch for 115 teachers, staff and administrators.
- **Teacher Wish List Items** - \$1,500.00 in classroom supplies. Kleenex, dry erase markers, professional education memberships etc.. All resources your students' teachers have requested for use in their classroom.

**GET INVOLVED!**

**BECOME A  
SPONSOR**

- Join us at our monthly PTO Meeting at 6:00 PM in the Library Lecture Hall
- Sponsorship Opportunities
- Nighthawk Nation PTO is looking for business sponsorships! For only \$150.00 we will make sure all THREE staff lounges are properly stocked with goodies to thank the entire staff!

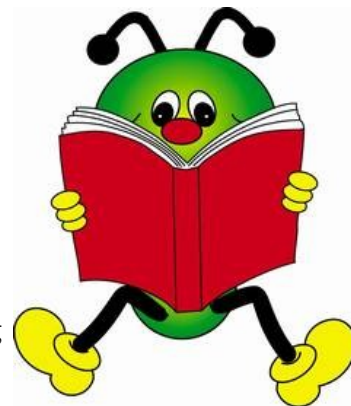
You provide the cash, we provide all the muscle, and your IRHS staff members know what business supports them! It's a win win! Don't own a business, but want it to say, "The Jones family (or your last name) LOVES you!"

## LIBRARY NEWS

The Library is open from 7:30am-4:30pm every day except Wednesdays. Most Wednesdays we close at 2:30 pm for faculty meetings or training. All students are welcome in the library during these times. We have plenty of new Fiction, Nonfiction, Memoirs and Manga titles to choose from before your break.

We also have a dedicated jigsaw puzzle table and plenty of chess boards to use if you would like to relax. Reminder that we host the Chess Club in the Library on Fridays at 8am, and everyone is welcome to play.

Finally, as we close out the semester, the Librarian is happy to help you with any research questions you may have. Stop by to get help with narrowing topics, using the Arizona digital databases, properly citing resources, and any other research related questions you may have. We are here to help!



## CREATIVE WRITING CLUB

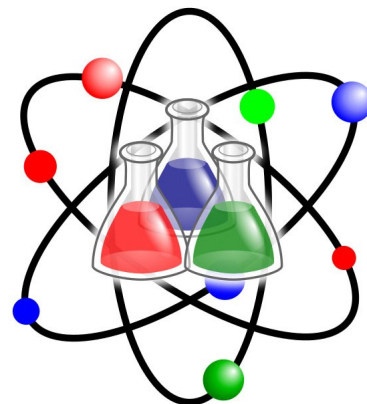


Come join us for the creative writing club on Wednesday Fly Days in either Mr. Vissichelli's room (A248) or the Library! New writers are always welcome! We practice writing, learn about technique, have presentations from writers, submit work to contests, and even interview authors! Next semester we are going to interview a national author at the Tucson Festival of Books! Remember to bring a journal or ask Mr. Rick-er for one, but show up and have fun!

## IRHS SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM

This will be our second year competing in the Arizona Science Olympiad. We are finalizing our team rosters, as each team can have only 15 members, and seniors can only account less than half a team. If student interest is high enough, we may need to pay for a second team. We'll be preparing for our regional competition on March 1, 2025, as soon as we return from our Winter Break. We are trying to build on our regional and state competition success last year, and believe we can field a team (or two) to compete, and possibly make it to the National Science Olympiad event in late May 2025.

However, we need your help with tax credit donations to help purchase supplies and materials for our events, and travel costs to the State competition, at Arizona State University in Tempe, in April 2025. Please consider making a tax credit donation to the "IRHS – Science Club" to help with our costs.



## SAVE THE DATE



**FUTURE NIGHTHAWK NIGHT**  
**FEB 5 @ 6:00 PM**





# The 22nd Oro Valley Cup

## February 7th, 2025



El Conquistador Golf and Tennis  
Conquistador and Canada Courses

8:00 am Registration and Skills  
Challenge Opens  
11:00 am Range Opens  
11:30 am Box Lunch Served  
12:30 pm Program / Shotgun Start  
5:00 pm Dinner Banquet and Scoring

## Featuring the \$100,000 Lisa Bayless Shootout

The Oro Valley Cup benefits Project Graduation and provide Alcohol Free Graduation Night Celebrations for Amphitheater, Canyon Del Oro, and Ironwood Ridge High Schools

**Foursomes: \$750**

**Individuals: \$190**

**Corporate Sponsorships: \$1,000+**

**Tee/Green Signs: \$300**

**REGISTER TODAY**

<http://www.ovcup.org>

**OR use QR Code below:**



### ENTRY INCLUDES

Box Lunch, Dinner, Cart, Range  
Balls, Tee Prize, Goodie Bag

### OTHER FEATURES

Marching Band Performance,  
Golf Cart Decorating Contest,  
Raffle, Silent Auction, Live  
Music, Longest Drive, Closest to  
the Pin, Putting Contest

**ALL GOLFERS ENTERED IN A  
Pre-Round Skills Challenge  
(Putting, Chipping, Driving)  
w/ Coffee and Donuts**

For full schedule visit [www.ovcup.org](http://www.ovcup.org) | Questions? Email [dnewell@ovcup.org](mailto:dnewell@ovcup.org) | 503-957-6559  
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