



Coyote Connections

Parent Newsletter

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MARK THESE DATES

- April 2**
Spring Concert, 4pm
- April 4**
AGHFE DCB & athletic early release day
Anatomy class at BCU
- April 8**
AZMEA State Concert, 3pm
- April 12**
Athletic early release day
- April 13, 14 & 17**
No school - Easter break
- April 19**
ACT test at ALA for all juniors, 8am

Help desk session - STO application help at ALA, 6:30pm
- April 22**
Junior/Senior Prom
- April 24**
Senior night for baseball and softball
- April 26**
ABGHF EDC & athletic early release day

Re-enrollment help session, 6:00-7:30pm
- April 27**
Theater performance for elementary students
- April 28**
Theater performance, 7pm
- April 30**
Theater performance, 3pm

The Way

Principal Kurt Rosenbaum

I won't suggest it was an impossible existence, but I have a hard time imagining what early settlers of Arizona did to manage the harsh conditions and topography of our home state. Making connections with other people or transporting goods to trade was done mostly by mule-pulled freight wagons or burros, and the going was certainly not easy.

All that began to change in 1877 when the railroad first appeared in Yuma, Arizona. In rapid fashion thereafter (though the process was risky, dangerous, and grueling), the railroads were built to cross the state from east to west and then linked from north to south. Suddenly what had been an overwhelming challenge became easy, and economic strides were made leading to eventual statehood 35 years later. Mining products, fresh fruits and vegetables, and fattened cattle could be transported with convenience and speed.

Once the way became possible, life changed. How much more of a change occurred when Jesus, the Way, walked his journey to Calvary and the garden tomb! The way to heaven and God's good graces was truly impossible for humans to travel. It was simply too difficult to avoid each and every pitfall and quagmire that lay in the path. For thousands of years there was hope in a promise that a way would be paved that would reconcile God with sinful human beings. When God determined the time to be right, "he sent his Son,...born under law, to redeem those under law."

The life resulting from the arrival of railroads in Arizona was significantly improved; however, the life that results from the grueling walk of our Savior through the sin-sick world to atone for our sins is dramatically more so. It is truly the difference between death and life. While some may have managed to survive around 1900 without the benefit of the rails, none can travel the path to God's family in any other way. Jesus says: "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." What's more, Jesus has assured each that his journey is a *fait accompli* for us as well and that his presence and protection will guide us through the pitfalls and quagmires that Satan still leaves along our way.

This message is fundamental to our life as Christians, and we ensure that our students hear this important, life-giving truth throughout their days at ALA. Our prayer is that you families might grow together around this same essential message and have reassurance that Jesus is your Way.

THANKS to our GALA VOLUNTEERS!
95 volunteers. WOW! We had such a great crew! Parents and students, you all were a blessing serving at the Gala. We could not have done it without all of you. Thank you. The Gala was a tremendous success for our ministry to students. God is good! We'll send out the final numbers as soon as we are able. Until then,

- Take a moment to share your feedback at ALAcoyotes.org/Gala.
- Enjoy the photos on ALA's Facebook page.

Tuition News & Dates for 2017-18

- Financial Agreement for 2017-18.
- Please carefully read the letter because there are policy changes that will affect ALL families.
- Return the enclosed **Financial Agreement** form to Mr. Mueller **by April 30**. Please refer to the letter as you work through this agreement form.
- ALA tuition assistance applications (not to be confused with the AZ Tuition Tax Credit) are still available on the Parent Resource page. These are due by May 15.
- There are two enclosures for returning families: a letter of explanation and a

POINTS OF INTEREST

Spring Concert

All choir and band members will present a concert on Sunday, April 2, at 4pm. Friends and family are invited to this free concert of sacred music of the season.

Tuition Assistance Help Desk Session - April 19

6:30pm in ALA Media Center Help will be provided to parents who would like to apply to various STOs.

ALAcoyotes.org/helpdesk

Course Selection

For the past few weeks, students in grades 9, 10 and 11 have been selecting courses for next year, and parents have been approving and submitting these selections. If you have not yet completed yours on Plus Portals, please contact Mrs. Steinmetz.

Scrip

Contact Mr. Mueller to purchase Scrip if you want plastic cards that we do not have on hand. Mr. Mueller will order twice a month. The two deadlines this month are April 13 & 27.

QUESTIONS?

Contact John Mueller
Mueller@ALAcoyotes.org
602-268-8686 ext. 13

ALA Sundays

The ALA Sunday at Emmanuel, Tempe, has been rescheduled for May 21 in the 7:45am and the 9:15am services only. The ALA Sunday at Grace, Vail, has been rescheduled for June 4.

Children's Theater Production

The Snow White Variety Show will hit the ALA stage this month! All the fun of just about every TV-show genre you can imagine is jam-packed into this wild and fast-paced comedy! The audience becomes the live studio audience on a talk show, *Real Talk with Fairytale Legends*, where the seven dwarves tell the story of Snow White. At any given moment, the story can be anything—romance, comedy, home improvement show, suspense, western, epic poetry, mystery, cooking show, stand-up routine, or blockbuster action movie! There's even a "Miss Fairest of Them All" beauty pageant! It all culminates in a mad-dash ending that sets the record straight on Snow White's happily-ever-after.

Performances will be Thursday, April 27, for elementary students, Friday, April 28, at 7pm, and Sunday, April 30, at 3pm. Tickets at the door are \$4 for adults, \$3 for children 14 and under.



New Student Enrollment, 2017-18

Please keep in mind the enrollment process for new students may change from year to year. If you have another son or daughter ready for high school but you haven't attended an enrollment information session this school year, please contact Admissions Coordinator, Michelle Meyer at 602-268-8686 x40 or Admissions@ALAcoyotes.org.

New Student Events

- April 1 - Deadline to submit applications to be eligible for ALA Future Coyote \$1000 Scholarship (random drawing)
- April 7 - Class of 2021 Mixer & Course Selection (drawing for scholarship takes place)
- April 28 - Course Selection (option 2, if unable to attend April 7)
- May 13 - Optional Incoming Freshman Testing

Student Updates

Coyotes Character Awards/Winter

JV Boys Basketball: Marcus Perez
Varsity Boys Basketball: Nick Naber
JV Girls Basketball: Emma Wendt
Varsity Girls Basketball: Greta Solofra
Soccer: Frank Cossio
Wrestling: Nico Hayes
Cheer: Liza Mizukami

State Cheer

Congratulations to our cheer team who recently competed in year-end competitions. All-girl stunt took 6th place and show cheer took 6th place at the Spring It On competition. Junior Liza Mizukami placed 3rd in "solo cheer" at the Arizona State Cheerleading Tournament.

Wrestling

Congratulations to Coyote wrestler Weston Milnes-Bowers for becoming a two-time High School All-American, finishing 5th place at the National High School Coaches Association national championships in Virginia!

April - Re-enrollment Month

Parents of all returning students need to complete re-enrollment for next year online **between April 1-30**. Please watch your email for a link—the email is sent to ONE parent. If you receive it, but you are not the one who will complete re-enrollment, **please forward the link** to the correct person! In the past, re-enrollment (registration) was completed in the summer. This year we are requesting that it be done earlier. Thank you for completing this promptly.

If you need assistance with this process, there will be a help session held at ALA on Wednesday, April 26, from 6-7:30pm in ALA's room 10. You may use an ALA computer or bring your own device. We ask that you sign up for this session at ALAcoyotes.org.

Staff Updates

Mrs. Erin Favorite is holding the call to serve as our art teacher next year. Mrs. Favorite is married to CrossWalk worship leader Mr. Jonathan Favorite.

Rev. Dan Solofra, pastor of CrossWalk Ministries and a member of the ALA Board of Directors, has declined his call to serve as pastor of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Knoxville, Tennessee, and will remain serving at CrossWalk in Laveen.

On March 10, **Mrs. Virginia Steinmetz** was happy to become a grandmother once again to Calvin Gene, born to her daughter and son-in-law in Colorado.

ALA Golf Classic

Saturday, April 29, 2017, 1:30pm
Legacy Golf Resort (32nd St & Baseline)
Golf! Contests! Dinner!

Register as an individual or a foursome. Use the enclosed form and return to Mr. Meyer, or register online at ALAcoyotes.org/golf.

Guidance at a Glance

Seniors

Keep in mind that most colleges have deadlines for making a final decision and for sending in initial payments or reserving housing, if needed. Very often this deadline is May 1. Make sure you are aware of your college deadlines and that you meet them.

Scholarship info needed

Not all colleges alert ALA about scholarships awarded, and they don't always send us certificates to present. However, we would like to present or announce any awards or merit college scholarships that our students will be receiving.

Please give a list of your information to Mrs. Jaehnig **by May 10** so this can be included in our May 16 awards program. We are requesting all merit scholarships—not just the ones that are being accepted or used. We are not looking for grants (federal or school) or any need-based aid reports. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Jaehnig at Jaehnig@ALAcoyotes.org.

Spring RMACAC College Fair

(Rocky Mountain Association of College Admission Counseling)

Sunday, April 30, 2017

12–2:30pm

Arizona State University

Tempe Campus, Memorial Union

Register and print a barcode at gotocollegefairs.com. Juniors and their parents should consider attending this free college fair.

ACT Date for Juniors

Juniors are taking the ACT during the school day at ALA on April 19, 2017. All juniors are registered for this test.

Now is the time to be preparing for the test at actstudent.org.

Juniors need to be at school on time that day, rested and well-fed. They should bring plenty of #2 pencils (not mechanical), an approved calculator, a picture ID, a snack and a lunch for the day. Do not count on the lunch truck that day as the test will run into the normal lunch time.

SAT for Juniors

It is recommended that juniors take the SAT this spring. This test is not given at ALA this year. Students must register on their own for a date and location of their choosing.

Online test prep is free for this test through Khan Academy. More information can be found at collegereadiness.collegeboard.org.

SAT Subject Tests

Some colleges may require them. Some may recommend them or just consider them. SAT subject tests can help a student stand out in the college admissions process and can give a college a more complete picture. The best time to take a subject test is right after completing a course in that subject. Subject tests are one hour in length, so it is possible to take more than one on a given date.

See the complete list of tests available at collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat-subject-tests/subjects.

Class Rotations

When several teams must leave early, we enact what we call an **Athletic Early Release (AER)** day. The school day still goes until 3pm. Buses leave at the usual time.

DATE	ROTATION/SCHEDULE	
April 4	AGHFE DCB	(AER)
April 12	No rotation	(AER)
April 26	ABGHF EDC	(AER)

Advanced Placement Exams

Students taking Advanced Placement (AP) classes will be testing on the national dates in May.

- Monday, May 1, noon - AP Psychology
- Wednesday, May 3, 8am - AP English Literature and Composition
- Monday, May 8, 8am - AP Biology
- Tuesday, May 9, 8am - AP Calculus AB and BC
- Friday, May 12, noon - AP European History

Students must plan to be at school according to this schedule. Morning exams start at 8am, so students may need to arrive earlier than usual.

Service Hours Due April 18

Student service hours are a graduation requirement at ALA. Each student must complete the given number of hours listed on the student service form. If you have questions about a service activity, speak with Pastor Bode.

Students who volunteer on a regular basis and have more than enough required hours can receive additional service credit on their transcripts. The forms for student service are found on the Parent Resources page of the ALA website. Since the usual due date falls on Easter weekend, students are given until Tuesday, April 18, to turn in their hours to Pastor Bode. Make sure the form includes the needed signatures.

NATIONAL TEST DATES

Test	Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration (w/late fee)
ACT	April 8, 2017	March 3, 2017	March 4-17, 2017
	June 10, 2017	May 5, 2017	May 6-19, 2017

All ALA JUNIORS will take the ACT at school on Wednesday, April 19, 2017.

actstudent.org

SAT	Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration (w/late fee)
	June 3, 2017	May 6, 2017 May 9, 2017	April 7, 2017 April 25, 2017 May 24, 2017

collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat

Please include ALA's high school code—030262—on all test registration. Without this code, ALA will not receive test results.

April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 4:00 PM Spring Concert	3 4PM H JV BB vs Bourgade Catholic	4 **Schedule-AGHFE DCB Athletic Early Release 10:30 -11:30AM Anatomy class visit to GCU (cadaver) 1:45 PM H Golf vs Payson, Paradise Honors 3:30 PM LES 5-8 Track Meet (BC) 4:00 PM A BB & SB @ Phoenix Christian	5 Chapel - Pastor Foxen 4PM H JV SB vs Bourgade Catholic 5PM A Tr @ Phoenix Christian	6 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">A BB @CPA Tournament (Tempe Diablo Complex & Stadium)</div>	7 4PM A SB @ Joy Christian 5:30PM Class of 2021 Mixer 7PM Course Selection Event - option #1	1 ALA Applications due for Future Coyote Scholarship LES Spelling Bee & Math Bowl 8 K-2 track meet 9AM A Tr @Sentinel Invite (Seton Catholic HS) 12PM H SB vs Horizon Honors 3:00 PM AZMEA State Concert (Choir@5pm)
9 Palm Sunday	10 3:30PM A Golf @ Paradise Honors (Falcon Golf Club) 4PM H BB & SB vs Bourgade Catholic 5PM Board of Directors meeting	11 4PM H JV SB vs Bourgade Catholic 6-7:30PM A Cappella Practice	12 **Schedule-NO ROTATION-Athletic Early Release Chapel - Staff Minister Mike Mundstock 3:30PM A SB @ Scottsdale Prep (Papago Park) 3:30PM A Tr @ Ray HS 6PM A BB @ Scottsdale Prep (Papago Park)	13 Maundy Thursday <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">NO SCHOOL - Easter Break</div> 12PM Scrip card order deadline - BY NOON	14 Good Friday	15
16 Easter Sunday	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">NO SCHOOL - Easter Break</div>	18 3PM A Golf @ Desert Christian (Dell Ulrich) 3PM A Tr @ Lost Dutchman Invitational (Apache Junction HS) 4PM A BB @ Scottsdale Christian 4PM H SB vs Scottsdale Christian	19 ACT test for all juniors at ALA 6-7:30PM A Cappella Practice 6:30 PM Help Desk STO application (ALA Media Center)	20 12PM GCU Future Lopes lunch 3:30PM A Golf @ Horizon Honors (Foothills Golf Course) 4PM H SB & BB vs Glendale Prep	21 4PM H SB & BB vs Phoenix Christian	22 7PM Junior/Senior PROM (Downtown Hyatt, Phoenix)
23 <div style="text-align: right; padding-right: 10px;"> 30 3PM Drama Performance </div>	24 4PM H SB & BB vs Joy Christian (Senior Night)	25 12PM GCU junior meeting 4PM H JV BB vs Phoenix Christian 4PM H SB vs Scottsdale Prep	26 **Schedule-ABGHF EDC Athletic Early Release Chapel - Pastor Albrecht A Tr @West Valley Regional Championships (PC) 4PM H JV BB vs Tempe Prep 6-7:30 PM Re-enrollment Help Session	27 9:30AM Drama Performance for LES guests 12PM Scrip card order deadline - BY NOON	28 5:30PM Course Selection Event - option #2 7PM Drama Performance	29 1:30PM ALA Golf Classic