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MARK THESE DATES

September 1

First home volleyball matches vs. Tonopah Valley
Fr-4pm/JV-5pm/V-6pm

September 5

Labor Day - NO SCHOOL

September 12

First home JV football game vs. Gilbert Christian, 6pm

September 15

Student Council meeting, 6pm

September 16

Pep Band plays at home FB game

September 23

Pep Band plays at home FB game

September 25

ALA Sunday at Good Shepherd, Phoenix

September 27

Picture Retake Day

September 29-October 1

MLC Focus on Ministry trip

October 2

Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4-7pm

October 9

Fall Concert, 4pm

October 14

End of Quarter One

October 17-22

Homecoming Week

October 19

PSAT testing at school

October 24

Fall Break Day - NO SCHOOL

We Will Never Forget

Principal Kurt Rosenbaum

It's been fifteen years since that tragic morning in 2001 when the USA felt the full brunt of a terrorist attack. Most of us vividly remember just where we were and how we felt when we watched the towers crumble to the ground. Helpless. Confused. Uncertain. Yet oddly united.



Indeed, you might agree that we are living in an America in which it's difficult to be patriotic. The Rio Olympics seemed to generate some of that, but when one considers all of the other events of the past several years and the ease with which people seem to take offense, patriotism itself becomes an attack.

Death and destruction were all around, and it shook our nation—the world, really—to its core. Life would never be the same in this country; things we had taken for granted throughout our history were no longer assured. Using a clause not original with him, President Bush announced, "We will never forget."

It's been fifteen years. I realized as I wrote this that 25% of our student body was not even born when Osama bin Laden attacked. How can they possibly remember? The rest of the student body were mere toddlers at the time. What is perhaps vivid for us must seem like ancient history to them. How can they possibly remember? In all honesty, however, how true is it that we have not forgotten?

Patriot Day is September 11. This year it's a Sunday. I wonder how that day will be different from any other Sunday this year.

But somewhere, someone needs to take a stand for what is right and put aside what amounts to foolishness. How about here? Who better to realize just what a blessing God has provided to us in this nation, the United States of America? Who better to include in our thanksgiving to our God this great country, that, while not perfect, is a beautiful and free place for us to live and enjoy God's bounty. Who better to pray for our leaders, take part in the democratic process, and speak words in support of our public servants and the land that we love? Who better to ensure that the next generation of Americans (and they're at ALA right now) "will never forget" the sacrifices and the costs associated with the freedoms we enjoy?

May our God, who has never forgotten us, lead us as proud Americans to be grateful and to "never forget."

Fall Concert - October 9

This year's Fall Concert is Sunday, October 9, at 4pm in the ALA gym. The admission to the concert is free, and all families and friends are invited to this first concert of the school year.

Attendance is mandatory for all students involved in choirs and band. All participants are to be at ALA by 3pm.

Following are the dress codes for each group:

Freshmen

Boys: Shirt and tie (bowtie is fine) and dress pants. NO JEANS.

Girls: Nice dress. Must follow ALA dress code. NO FLIP FLOPS

Concert Band

Boys: Shirt and tie (bowtie is fine) and dress pants. NO JEANS.

Girls: Nice dress. Must follow ALA dress code. NO FLIP FLOPS

Concert Choir

Boys: Dress pants. NO JEANS.

Girls: Nice dress. Must follow ALA dress code. NO FLIP FLOPS.

A Cappella Choir - To be determined.

POINTS OF INTEREST

Picture Retake Day

The school photographer will be available at ALA to retake pictures for those students who missed the first day or for those whose pictures were not satisfactory. If you are having RETAKES done, please have the original pictures at school to turn in.

Scrip

Remember that there are still some plastic Scrip cards available in the ALA office. See Mr. Mueller or Mrs. Solofra to purchase Scrip. Also, please keep ordering through ShopWithScrip.com.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Conference times will be available for all students on Sunday, October 2, 4-7pm. We do not schedule times for each parent. Parents may come to the ALA gym at any time between 4pm and 7pm to speak with any teacher they would like to see. As always, feel free to contact any of your child's teachers at any time with questions or concerns.

Medications at School

If your student needs to take medications during the school day—over-the-counter or prescription—the meds should be brought to the school office along with the proper permission form. Inhalers should be carried by the student, but a permission form should be on file in the office. Forms are found on the Parent Resources page of ALAcoyotes.org.

Daily Parent Emails

We have been notified that there may be some issues with our daily email reaching everyone. If you are not receiving the daily email of parent announcements, please check your spam folder and/or add info@ALAcoyotes.org to your contacts, your safe-sender list or however your email carrier works. If you still don't receive them, please contact Mrs. Jaehrig in the ALA office, and she will check her email list. Thank you.

PlusPortals for Parents

There are still some parents who have not yet activated a PlusPortals account. Once on this portal, you can keep up with your child's grades, attendance, and assignments. Please look for the email that was sent out on August 15. If you can't find the email, please contact the ALA office to send it out again.



Marine Biology Trip in March '17

Plans are being made now for the Marine Biology trip to Catalina Island, California, during our spring break.

The trip involves driving to southern California on March 12, 2017, staying the night in Garden Grove, California, followed by a boat trip to the island on Monday morning. There will be educational marine biology classes, fun activities like snorkeling and kayaking, and a return to the mainland and ALA on Wednesday, March 15.

Students may sign up in the following order:

- AP biology students
- seniors
- juniors
- underclassmen

A letter of information was made available to all students.

The total cost is approximately \$320, and a non-refundable deposit of \$80 is due early this fall with the remaining balances due in December and January. The letter of information has many more details.

Chaperones for the trip will be Mr. and Mrs. Gray. A minimum of 13 students must commit to going, and the maximum number of travelers will be 24. A student is officially signed up when they have made the initial deposit.

Please check daily announcements and other publications for future news about this exciting student travel opportunity.

Fine Arts

Coyote Pep Band is on the prowl! Students will be playing during the Friday night football games on September 16, September 23, and the Homecoming game on October 21. Alumni are welcome to join us and play on October 21. All concert band students not involved in football or cheer are required to attend.

A Cappella Choir kicks off its 2016-17 tour season on Sunday, September 25, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Phoenix. In addition to their performance in the fall concert, the choir also plans to travel to Yuma on Sunday, October 16, to lead worship at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

Family Passes

Passes are included in this mailing for those who did not pick up a pass at the first football game. This pass provides free admission for regular season home athletic events all year for the student's immediate family. Please have your pass with you to show at the entrance of each event; our volunteers may not know all of our ALA parents, and this will make their job a bit easier.

Annual passes are available at the gate or ticket table for friends and relatives who might be attending games regularly. It's a deal at \$25 for the entire year!

Mr. Meyer

Mr. Doug Meyer, who concluded twenty years as ALA's Athletic Director last May, will receive two awards this month from the state's association for athletic directors: the 2A Conference Athletic Director of the Year 2015-2016 and the Distinguished Service Award in recognition of length of service and special accomplishments and contributions. Congratulations!

Summer Vandalism

Many of you heard that ALA was severely vandalized on July 2 with spray paint that covered many parts of the campus. Our painting project has essentially taken care of the problem, but events like these can be unnerving. We, like any other institution, may be susceptible to people's rage, but we want you to know that we are first investigating this in cooperation with the Maricopa Sheriff's Department, and second we are installing surveillance equipment to monitor activity both during and outside of school hours. Keep ALA in your prayers as we continue to work for his purposes.

Guidance at a Glance

Seniors - Apply to colleges now
Colleges are now accepting applications for undergraduate study beginning in fall 2017. This means that seniors should be applying to colleges now.

- Just because you apply does not mean that you are committing to attend. Many seniors apply to three or four schools and more, just to keep options open.
- You will not be considered for school scholarships until you apply.
- If the application fees are a problem, ask the college to waive the fee. It doesn't hurt to ask, and many will.
- Part of the application process is requesting your high school transcript. This is done by you (not the college) via Parchment.com. You should request that the official transcript be delivered to the college, not to you. Remember that your ALA account must be in order before official transcripts will be sent.
- If your plan is to attend a community college, it is recommended that you apply during the second semester of your senior year.

College Planning Opportunities

Colleges That Change Lives (CTCL)

Wednesday, August 31 at 7pm
Point Hilton Tapatio Cliffs Resort
At least 40 colleges are expected to be represented.
Event details at ctcl.org/info-sessions

Information Session for Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Rice & University of Chicago

Wednesday, September 14
RSVP at exploringeducationalexcellence.org

Information Session for Dartmouth, Northwestern, Princeton, UC Berkeley & Vanderbilt

Thursday, September 15, 7-9pm
Register at coasttocoasttour.org

Greater Phoenix National College Fair (This is the big one of the year and includes in-state schools.)

Sunday, October 23, 11am-3pm
Phoenix Convention Center
Register at nacacnet.org/fallncf

Grand Canyon University Health Sciences, Engineering & Technology Day

Thursday, November 10, 7am
Registration begins September 1, and spaces fill quickly.
Register at gcu.edu/events.

College Scholarships

There are many college scholarship opportunities becoming available this time of year. While it is recommended that seniors spend time right now on college applications and studying for retaking the ACT or SAT, there may be some scholarships that may interest seniors and others.

One option for finding scholarships is to look at free scholarship listings such as the one found on the College Depot website at phoenixpubliclibrary.org/collegedepot.



When applying for college or scholarships, be sure you are aware of deadlines and stick to them. Late applications are usually not accepted.

If you need a recommendation letter written, follow these rules of courtesy:

- Very often you will need to select your recommender while completing

an application online and then the writer will receive an email. It's good to let that person know to expect the email. If possible, ask ahead of time.

- Let your recommender know when the letter of recommendation is needed and how to submit it.
- Give your recommender at least two weeks' notice.
- Once the process is completed, a written note of thanks is always appreciated.

October Testing

On Wednesday, October 19, many of our students will be testing during the school day.

- Freshmen - PSAT 8/9
- Sophomores - PSAT 10
- Optional for juniors - PSAT/NMSQT

The PSAT 8/9 and PSAT 10 are tests that will help you and your teachers figure out what you need to work on most so that you're ready for college when you graduate from high school. It tests the same skills and knowledge as the SAT and the PSAT/NMSQT, but at the appropriate levels.

For resources and practice, please visit khanacademy.org/sat.

NATIONAL TEST DATES

Test	Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration (w/late fee)
ACT	September 10, 2016	August 5, 2016	August 6-19, 2016
	October 22, 2016	September 16, 2016	September 17-30, 2016
	December 10, 2016	November 4, 2016	November 5-18, 2016
	February 11, 2017	January 13, 2017	January 14-20, 2017
	April 8, 2017	March 3, 2017	March 4-17, 2017
	June 10, 2017	May 5, 2017	May 6-19, 2017

The late fee is \$25. Other fees apply to change dates, locations, to test standby, etc.

actstudent.org

SAT	Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration (w/late fee)
SAT	October 1, 2016	September 1, 2016	September 20, 2016
	November 5, 2016	October 7, 2016	October 25, 2016
	December 3, 2016	November 3, 2016	November 22, 2016
	January 21, 2017	December 21, 2016	January 10, 2017
	March 11, 2017	February 10, 2017	February 28, 2017
	May 6, 2017	April 7, 2017	April 25, 2017
June 3, 2017	May 9, 2017	May 24, 2017	

The late fee is \$28. Other fees apply to change dates, locations, to test standby, etc.

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 to include on transcripts.

September 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
Abbreviations: H = home A = away FB = football VB = volleyball CC = cross country Fr = freshman JV = Jr. Varsity V = Varsity						1 H VB vs Tonopah Valley Fr4/JV5/V6 7PM A FB @ Paradise Honors (played at The Odyssey Institute)	2	3 9- 11:30AM Jr. Coyote Volleyball Club
4	5 Labor Day NO SCHOOL	6 H VB vs Gilbert Christian Fr4/JV5/V6	7 4PM A CC ALA Invitational @ Cesar Chavez Park	8 A VB @ Valley Christian Fr4/JV5/V6	9 Chapel - Pastor Gran 7PM A FB @ Benson HS	10 A VB @ Ceil Billings Tournament (Greenway HS) 9- 11:30AM Jr. Coyote Volleyball Club		
11 Patriot Day	12 7- 8:30AM Cheer Tumbling Practice 5PM Board of Directors meeting 6-7:30 PM A Cappella Practice - Girls only 6PM H JV FB vs Gilbert Christian	13 11:20AM Lyceum H VB vs Phoenix Country Day JV5/V6	14 Chapel - Pastor Spaude A VB @ Bourgade Catholic Fr4/JV5/V6 3:15PM A CC @ Horizon Honors (Pecos Park) 6-7:30 PM A Cappella Practice - Guys only	15 6-7:45PM Student Council meeting	16 5:30 PM Pep Band 7PM H FB vs Willcox	17 A CC @ Adobe Invitational (Victory Lanes Sports Complex) A VB @ Scottsdale Christian Fr2/JV3/V4 9- 11:30AM Jr. Coyote Volleyball Club		
18	19 7- 8:30AM Cheer Tumbling Practice 12-1PM Colorado Christian on campus 12-1PM Bethany - Lunch w/int'l students A VB @ Bourgade Catholic Fr 4/JV 5 6-7:30 PM A Cappella Practice - Girls only 6PM H JV FB vs Pima	20 A CC @ Valley Christian Invitational (Kiwanis Park, Tempe) A VB @ Desert Christian JV5/V6 4PM A FrVB @ Casteel HS	21 Chapel - Pastor Ahlers 6-7:30 PM A Cappella Practice - Guys only	22 First Day of Autumn H VB vs Phoenix Christian JV5/V6	23 A VB @ Payson Tournament 5:30 PM Pep Band 7PM H FB vs Phoenix Christian	24 A VB @ Payson Tournament 9- 11:30AM Jr. Coyote Volleyball Club		
25 ALA Sunday - Good Shepherd, Phoenix 3PM FDA Meeting	26 6-7:30 PM A Cappella Practice - Girls only 6PM A JV FB @ Phoenix Christian	27 Picture Retake Day A VB @ Scottsdale Prep Fr4/JV5/V6	28 Chapel - Pastor Gunn 6-7:30 PM A Cappella Practice - Guys only	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">MLC Focus on Ministry Trip</div>		4PM A CC @ Desert Twilight (Grande Sports Complex, Casa Grande) 7PM H FB vs Joy Christian		

Please refer to the online calendar at ALAcoyotes.org/calendar for updates to the calendar.