

# THE PINNACLE POST

**Attendance:** 602.449.4001

**Nurse:** 602.449.4003

**Counseling:** 602.449.4015

**Registrar:** 602.449.4012

**Transportation:** 602.449.2251

**Athletics:** 602.449.4023

## SCHOOL NEWS

- ★ **YEARBOOKS** The 20th anniversary edition is currently on sale! A yearbook can be purchased from Jostens at [www.JostensYearbooks.com](http://www.JostensYearbooks.com). The price increases as the year progresses. If you would like to purchase a senior recognition ad for your 2020 graduating senior, please visit [www.JostensYearbooks.com](http://www.JostensYearbooks.com) to see sizes and prices.
- ★ **AP TESTING** AP testing is May 4th through May 15th.
- ★ **FOOD DELIVERIES** Per school policy, and for the safety of you and your student, we only accept individual food deliveries from a student's parent/guardian or emergency contact. Students will not be able to wait in the front office area or anywhere else for food deliveries. Items may be left in the front office by parents in the shelving area provided. Putting items in the shelving unit is done at your own risk, as the school is not responsible for lost or stolen items. To minimize classroom disruptions, we do not deliver items or messages to the classroom, or call students out of class.
- ★ **ATTENDANCE** Regular attendance is the key to student success. Students should remain out of school only when absolutely necessary, such as in the event of an illness. Students must be fever-free without medication for 24 hours before returning to school. Pinnacle High School Attendance Line: (602) 449-4001

General Attendance Procedures: Parents of absent students are expected to notify the attendance office by phone on the day of absence and before 3:00pm. If notification is not made to the school before 3:30pm, the absence will be considered unexcused. A phone dialer system will notify parents of unexcused absences.

- Pre-planned absences can be reported to the attendance office by phone in advance of the day of the absence.
- Notify the attendance office on the morning of a pre-planned early departure. The attendance office will prepare a Request for Student permit that will allow a student to leave the classroom for excused early dismissal. Students are responsible for picking up the Request for Student permit before school or in passing periods. Students will not be called out of class when prior notification has not been given to the attendance office, or if the student fails to pick up the Request for Student permit.
- Always check in and check out through the attendance office when arriving late or leaving early. Failure to check out through the attendance office prior to leaving

school during school hours is a violation of leaving school grounds without permission and the absence will be recorded as unexcused. A person picking up a student must be listed on the student's emergency card and show valid photo I.D. A parent must call ahead for a student to be excused and released to an emergency contact.

- If a person not listed on the emergency card is coming to pick up a student(s), the parent must call ahead of time to inform the attendance office. That individual will need to present a photo ID in order for a student to be released to that person.
- Check in with the Health Center to report illness or injury that occurs during school hours. Only the school nurse can determine if a student is too ill to remain on campus. The Health Center will notify attendance when students are released early because of illness or injury.

★ **DRESSES & TIES CLOTHING DRIVE** The Paradise Valley Educators Association (PVEA) is holding a clothing drive in preparation for the 2020 Pinnacle Prom. PVEA is collecting the following items:

- Dresses, women's shoes, necklaces, purses, earrings, tuxedos, bowties, formal vests, & men's shoes.
- Gift cards for dinner, hair styling, nails, photography, and tuxedo rentals are also welcomed, and will be raffled off to students.
- Donations can be dropped off at the PVSchools District Administrative Center 15002 N 32nd St, Phoenix, AZ 85032.
- PVSchools students will be invited to boutique nights prior to prom to select the outfit of his or her dreams! Thank you for your support!
- For questions please contact Rosemary Jakub at [rjakub@pvlearners.net](mailto:rjakub@pvlearners.net)

★ **PINNACLE'S FINEST** The annual "Pinnacle's Finest" show (formerly known as "Mr. Pinnacle") will be held on Friday, March 6 at 7:00pm in the auditorium.

★ **ACT/AZM2/AIMS TESTING ACT Test - Junior Class Only: PVUSD will be providing a free ACT test to all high school Juniors on March 24, 2020.** The juniors do not need to register or pay for the ACT test. The funding for the ACT is being provided by the Arizona Department of Education as part of the new Menu of Assessment options that are being offered to Arizona schools. The ACT is a standardized test and one of the assessments colleges and universities use for admissions decisions. We are excited to be able to provide this opportunity to our PVUSD 11th grade students. **"ACT - Preparing for the ACT Test" booklets will be handed out to the juniors during their mentoring session on January 8th.**

- The ACT Practice and Preparation Information Letter can be found [here](#).

★ **2020 - ACT/AzM2/Aims Science Test Schedule**: Please view the attachment for the modified school schedule for the following tests:

- **ACT** - Only Juniors Testing (late start schedule **TBA**)
- **AzM2** - Only Sophomores Testing (modified school schedule)
- **AIMS Science Test** - Only Sophomores in a biology class testing (modified school schedule).
- 2020 ACT/AZM2/AIMS Testing Schedule can be found [here](#).

- ★ **PSAT/NMSQT - HARD COPY OF TEST RESULTS:** Please Note: On January 22, 2020, during mentoring, sophomores, and juniors that took the PSAT/NMSQT test in October 2019, will receive the hard copy version (paper) of their PSAT/NMSQT score report, along with their PSAT test booklet and an information sheet: "Understanding the 2019 PSAT/NMSQT Results".
- ★ **BLUEPRINT MAGAZINE** The first edition of Pinnacle's school magazine will be distributed to all students the week of February 14. The Blueprint staff is accepting ads from local businesses. If you would like to support the school and advertise with our school magazine (which has the potential of reaching over 2000 households), please see the [attached flyer](#) or contact the magazine adviser, Teresa Smith at [tsmith@pvlearners.net](mailto:tsmith@pvlearners.net). Pinnacle families receive a 10% discount. Ads due to us by January 27.
- ★ **PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES** On Monday, February 10th 2020 Pinnacle High School will hold Parent Teacher Conferences. The conferences will begin at 5:30 pm concluding at 7:30 pm. Please plan on attending this wonderful event with your students teacher.
- ★ **PROM 2020** Prom will take place on Saturday, April 18th from 7:00-11:00pm. **Please note that outstanding fees/fines must be paid through the PHS Webstore to be eligible to purchase a prom ticket.** Only one ticket will be sold per student and tickets are non-refundable/non-transferable. Guest contracts will be available for pick up from Dr. Strevell's office beginning Feb. 18th. Guest contracts are required for Administration approval for non-PHS students and underclassmen and are due by Tuesday, April 14th. Tickets will go on sale for upperclassmen to purchase (Juniors and Seniors) beginning Friday, March 13th. Tickets will NOT be sold at the door and can ONLY be purchased online ahead of time, so please plan accordingly. We look forward to a wonderful evening!
- ★ **HOOPCOMING** "Bounce Back in Time" week begins January 27th-January 31st. The week includes various lunchtime activities as well as a spirit week. On Friday, January 31st PHS will host its Spring Assembly. Please come out and join us Friday night on Jan. 31st as we host the Girls Varsity and Boys Varsity Basketball games beginning at 5:30pm and 7:00pm respectively. After the games, we will complete our Hoopcoming activities with a Hoopcoming Dance for students from 9:00pm-11:00pm. Tickets are \$20 and are on sale now for all grade levels through the webstore. Guest contracts are currently available from Dr. Strevell's office and are required for Administration approval for non-PHS students. All guest contracts are due to the office for approval prior to purchasing guest ticket by 3:30pm on Wednesday, January 29th. Additionally, Hoopcoming t-shirts will be available for purchase Jan. 27th-Jan. 31st in the bookstore and the webstore for \$20 each. All proceeds from t-shirt purchases go directly to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund.



## SENIOR BUSINESS

- ★ **GRADUATION FEE** Just a friendly reminder to please pay your Graduation fee for the Class of 2020. The \$35.00 fee each student pays helps cover the cost of the Pinnacle High School graduation ceremony. The cost includes rental of chairs, fireworks, designing and printing of the program, sound system, music before and after the ceremony, bus transportation for the graduates from Pinnacle High School to the Peoria Sports Complex, printing of the diploma and cover, to name a few. The fee may be paid online or in our bookstore. The \$35.00 fee does not cover the cost of the cap, gown and tassel. The cap and gown are ordered through Jostens. If a student decides not to walk at graduation, the fee is not charged.
- ★ **SENIOR CAP & GOWN ORDER REMINDER** Graduation will be here before you know it! You should have received your Jostens graduation packet on October 29th. If you have not ordered your Cap & Gown, Announcements, or other graduation materials, NOW IS THE TIME! Order online at [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com). Graduation is quickly approaching so please do not miss this opportunity to order your Graduation Supplies.

## SOPHOMORE PARENTS NIGHT- JOSTENS

- ★ **SOPHOMORES:** Jostens will be hosting a parent night for all sophomore parents on Wednesday, February 12, 2020. This will be an opportunity for parents to learn about the many options Jostens has to offer (class rings, class bracelets, class lockets, letterman jackets, and much more). Please join Jostens Wednesday, February 12, 2020 from 5:30-7:30pm in the PHS Cafeteria.  
In addition, Jostens will be on campus Thursday and Friday, February 13th and 14th to collect Pinnacle Class of 2022 Ring orders! Students be sure to stop by on February 13th and 14th during lunch to turn your order! Orders may be designed online at [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com)

## PARKING

- ★ **PARKING UPDATE** Please be aware that any students whose car registration is set to expire will need to provide a copy of a *new, valid* AZ Vehicle Registration prior to or at the time of expiration, per policy. Any student whose vehicle registration has expired may not

park on PVUSD property until valid registration is obtained. Students who need to submit a renewed vehicle registration should bring their documentation to the office for us to update their file.

- ★ **GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY** Pinnacle would like to remind all stakeholders that we practice a “good neighbor policy.” We ask that everyone be mindful of where you can and cannot park in the surrounding neighborhoods. Parking in these areas during the day, or during drop off and pick up can cause a safety concern if too many cars are parked or moving in areas that have high foot traffic.
- ★ **STUDENT DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP** As a reminder: Student drop-off and pick-up occurs through the entrance to the East student parking lot and along the school-side of Mayo Blvd. only. Pedestrians should only cross in designated crosswalks. We understand traffic can be frustrating, however we ask that all drivers follow these practices to ensure the safety of all students. Please refrain from dropping off or picking up students on the North (desert) side of Mayo, and remind your student to use the pedestrian bridge to cross Black Mountain Blvd. as students not using the crosswalks create significant safety hazards and are close to being hit on a regular basis.

## ATHLETICS

### COME SUPPORT PHS ATHLETICS

**BOYS BASKETBALL, JAN. 21ST VS. CHAPARRAL HIGH SCHOOL!**

**GIRLS BASKETBALL, JAN. 17TH VS. LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL!**

**BOYS SOCCER, JAN. 17TH VS. TUCSON HIGH SCHOOL!**

**GIRLS SOCCER, JAN. 21ST VS. XAVIER PREP!**

**WRESTLING, JAN. 29TH IN A MULTI MEET TOURNAMENT!**

- ★ **PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING GAME DAY EXPECTATIONS:**
  - Prohibited items include, but are not limited to: backpacks or unsealed drinks (sealed water bottles only), vape/vape products, alcohol, illegal substances, weapons, air horns, and other sporting equipment such as footballs, etc...
  - For the safety of all attendees please do not throw any items in the gym, engage in horseplay, remove any clothing, or block aisles. Please be respectful to the other patrons in attendance in the stadium and follow all instructions/requests made by Pinnacle staff.
  - Please note, that once a student leaves, they can not re-enter the game. There is **NO** re-entry or moving between home and visitor sides even if purchasing a new ticket.
  - Students from elementary and/or middle schools must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.
  - For your safety do not enter any areas of campus that are considered to be off limits. Off limit areas include, but are not limited to: academic buildings, the quad, athletic fields, East parking lots, and the desert areas.
  - For the safety and well being of all patrons attending school events/activities, Pinnacle High School reserves the right to remove any person at any time for any reason.

- If students do not wear their valid school ID , they will be charged the Adult ticket prices.
- ★ **FAMILY & STUDENT PASSES** Family Pass: Allows 2 adults, 2 grandparents and 3 kids (K-8 Only) entry to regular season games at all PV District High Schools (Horizon, North Canyon, Paradise Valley, Pinnacle & Shadow Mountain) for one school year. EXCLUDES All Invitational, Regional and State AIA Games.
  - Cost \$95 per school year.
- ★ Student Pass: Allows Pinnacle student only entry to all Pinnacle regular season games only. This pass is not valid at other PV District or Non PV District High Schools. EXCLUDES All Invitational, Regional and State AIA Games. These can be purchased through the [Webstore](#) or in the Bookstore inside the ITC.
  - Cost \$50 per school year.
- ★ **ATHLETICS NEWS FLASH** Pinnacle High School is now utilizing an online registration tool for athletes registration: [see Register My Athlete Instructions.](#) Register My Athlete Parent Training Presentation available here: [View the Register My Athlete Parent Training Presentation](#)
  - [Access the Register My Athlete website.](#)

## HEALTH OFFICE

- ★ **EMERGENCY/MEDICATION CARDS:** Students, who do not have updated emergency cards on file, were called down last week to get a new card to take home. Please make sure to sign off on the emergency card and have your student turn it into the counseling office, ASAP.
- ★ Pinnacle High School is a **DRUG-FREE CAMPUS.** All prescription and nonprescription/over-the-counter meds must be kept in the Nurse's office stored in their original container.
- ★ If a student needs to leave campus due to illness, they will need to make their way down to the Nurse's Office to be evaluated. If the Nurse feels it is necessary for the student to leave campus, arrangements will be made with a parent/guardian. If your student suffers from allergies, asthma, diabetes, seizures, or carries an EpiPen, inhaler or insulin please come by the Nurse's Office to fill out an Action Plan which needs to be completed and updated each school year.
- ★ If you have any questions please reach out to the Pinnacle Nurse's Office at 602.449.4003

## POINTS OF PRIDE

- ★ **THE ARTS ON DISPLAY** Senior, Sedona Jerome and Junior Kayla Tanita have art in the New Horizons High School Student Art Exhibition. The exhibition is at Shemer Art Center and runs from January 8 through Thursday February 13. An awards ceremony and reception will be held on Saturday January 18 from 10-2. Congratulate these Pioneers!

- ★ **DECA** PHS DECA students, once again, did an amazing job at the District Competition. PHS sent 88 students to ASU for the District 6 competition against DV Schools, Scottsdale Schools, Basis and Cactus Shadows. 120 medals were earned in 25+ different business areas. 63 medals were from their 100 question comprehensive exam they took in class last month. We are very proud of their accomplishments. Please be sure to congratulate them for their hard work and recognition. They're excited to move on to the next step, the state competition in late February.



## STUDENT RESOURCES

- ★ **COUNSELORS** Counselors guide and advise students with academic courses, plans, and goals. They will periodically meet with students throughout the year to ensure they are on the path to graduation. For more information about counseling services, please see the [Counseling Website](#), also found in the Quick Links section on the last page of this newsletter. Counselors are assigned by the student's last name.

B-D	Cindy Willittes	cwillittes@pvschools.net
E-G, N & P	James Marshall	jmarshall@pvschools.net
H-L	Mella Williams	mwilliams@pvschools.net
M	Brett Paige	bpaige@pvschools.net
O, & Q-S	Chrissy King	cking@pvschools.net
A & T - Z	Susie Allazetta	sallazetta@pvschools.net

- ★ **TUTORING** Pinnacle offers several tutoring options for those students in need of additional support, or to simply strengthen academic skills and prepare for future challenges. Options range according to preference and need.

After school tutoring (2:15-3:15pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) by teachers for ANY 9th, 10th, 11th grader is available. Students MUST have a permission slip signed to attend to attend tutoring. Forms can be obtained in the counseling office and returned to the counseling office to be put on the tutoring list.

### NHS TUTORING

NHS students are available before school

### PRIVATE TUTORING

Private tutoring is available for a negotiated

(6:45-7:25am) & after school (2:15-3:00pm) in the ITC for FREE tutoring. Please go to the Counseling Office for more information.

## TECHNOLOGY TIDBITS

- ★ **DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP & A DIGITAL FOOTPRINT** When your student interacts with social media and online resources they need to understand the digital footprint they are creating and what this footprint reveals about them. Help them to create a digital footprint they can be proud of. Guide your student to comment, post, and upload responsibly by reading [these four tips suggested by Common Sense Media](#).

## PARENTS OF PINNACLE (POP)

Parents of Pinnacle Membership Drive is still in full swing!



### Parents of Pinnacle

**POP** is the main booster club on the PHS campus. We work to make each student's experience at PHS special. In order to be successful, we need the support of ALL of our Pinnacle families. POP's Mission is to support Pinnacle as a whole by offering various programs to benefit our students, teachers, and staff, as well as the individual booster clubs on campus.

- ★ **MEMBERSHIP** To join, see the [membership flyer](#) or go to the POP website at [parentsofpinnacle.org](http://parentsofpinnacle.org). Membership costs just \$25 per family. ***All families that turn in membership forms by September 3rd will be entered into a drawing to win a \$25 Gift Card! Don't hesitate; Join Today!***
- ★ **SOCIAL MEDIA** Like us on Facebook - POP (Parents of Pinnacle), and follow us on Twitter - POP@POP\_PHS

### HOW YOU CAN YOU HELP POP THIS YEAR:

- ★ **Turn in your membership form along with your dues/donation.** With over 2500 students at Pinnacle, we should be able to easily reach our fundraising goal. If each family were to join POP, (memberships fees are \$25), we would raise \$60,000. It would eliminate the need for other fundraisers.
- ★ **Support a Program:** If you would like to support a specific program with your monetary donation.
- ★ **Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer:** To have successful programs, we need the help of parents. The great news is we do all of our work behind the scenes so your students won't see you on campus.
- ★ **Watch for our POP Online Auction** for some amazing items to bid on.
- ★ **Participate in our monthly restaurant fundraiser nights.**
- ★ **Register and support our Rewards Shopping Programs.**

## UNITED PARENT COUNCIL

- ★ **UNITED PARENT COUNCIL** Paradise Valley United Parent Council is a district-wide



parent group that has been active in Paradise Valley Unified School District for more than 30 years and is a 501(c)(3) organization. Looking out for the interest of students is our primary goal. We do this by offering parents support, information, and opportunities to be influential voices in the decisions that affect their children's education.

★ If you have any questions or need additional information please contact Jen Mozilo, PHS UPC Representative.

★ **GIFTED IN PARADISE**



with Dr. Laura Wingers  
Monday, February 3, 2020  
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

PVSchools District Administrative Center- Governing Board Room

In this engaging, interactive presentation, Dr. Laura Wingers will shed light on essential skills parents can promote and practice with children. She will provide tips for addressing anxious, defiant and avoidant behavior at home and school. Learn more about healthy emotional development in gifted children and practical, proactive approaches to handling life's difficulties.

There is much that can be done. Learn when to take action and how to get help.

- [Click here for more information!](#)

★ **SPECIAL NEEDS PLANNING**



**Special Needs Planning:  
How to Plan for Your Child's Future**

**Tuesday, February 4, 2020**

**6:30-8:00 p.m.**

**PVUSD District Administrative Center  
East/West Conference Room**

Resolve to plan for your child's future this year! Join us for an educational seminar presented by Emily Kile, Esq. about financial planning for the future, tailored specifically to families with a child with special needs.

[Click here for more information!](#)

★ **PRESENTATION: MATH & SCIENCE CURRICULUM** All parents are invited to this informative presentation on recent changes to the math and science curriculum. Learn about the district's process for selecting new curriculum. PVSchools' Science Curriculum Specialist, Janice Mak, will begin the presentation with information about new science curriculum. PVSchools' Math Specialist, Kaylen Miller, will provide information about changes to the math curriculum and resources to support your child's learning at

home. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions!

February 5, 2020

6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

District Administrative Center

[Click here for more information!](#)

## IMPORTANT DATES

JAN 20	MLK/Civil Rights Day Recess
FEB 4	K-12 Early Release (11:30am)
FEB 10	Parent Teacher Conferences
FEB 14	High School Early Dismissal (11:30am)
FEB 17	Presidents Day Recess
MAR 6	Pinnacle's Finest
MAR 16-20	Spring Break
APR 7	K-12 Early Release (11:30am)
APRIL 10	Spring Recess
MAY 4-15	AP Testing
MAY 20	High School Early Release (11:30am) - Final Exams
MAY 21	<b>Last day of classes/K-12 Early Release (11:30am)/Final Exams/Graduation</b>

★ **VERY IMPORTANT!** Finals are scheduled on May 20th and 21st 2020. NO EARLY FINALS WILL BE GIVEN. Please plan accordingly. Thank you!

### QUICK LINKS

Infinite Campus (Grades)  
<https://ic.pvschools.net>

PHS Policies and Procedures  
<https://www.pvschools.net/schools/pinnacle-high/services>

Pinnacle's Website  
[www.pvschools.net/pvs](http://www.pvschools.net/pvs)

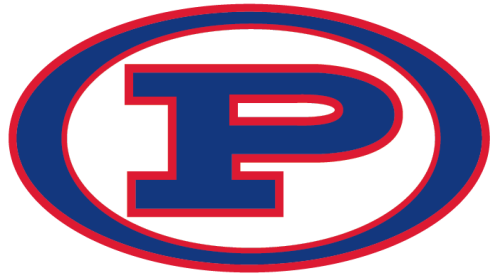
Online Meal Payments  
[www.ezschoollpay.com](http://www.ezschoollpay.com)

PVUSD Parent/Student Handbook  
[www.pvschools.net/Page/3194](http://www.pvschools.net/Page/3194)

Pinnacle's Calendar  
[www.pvschools.net/Page/90](http://www.pvschools.net/Page/90)

Webstore  
<https://az-paradisevalley.intouchrecepting.com/>

PHS Counseling Dept  
<https://sites.google.com/a/pvlearners.net/pvs-counseling/home>



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