

# Imagine Preparatory at Superstition Newsletter

November 1st, 2010

## The Principal Press



Dear Parents,

Imagine Preparatory @ Superstition is so proud of the academic focus of our school this year. Our students scored 46% higher than last year on the 1st benchmark assessment we administered. That growth is amazing, but we still have some work to do. We are working to establish an after school peer tutoring program on Tuesday - Thursday after school. Students needing assistance with coursework should contact Mr. Stevens.

Students and teachers at Imagine Prep are also working to get our students prepared for college, career and life, but being college ready means being academically strong as well as informed. On November 17th all juniors and seniors will be spending the day in Tucson at the University of Arizona. They will observe college classes, meet with counselors, and tour the school. This opportunity will give our students insight into college life. In addition, all Imagine students over the age of 16 who are currently on track for graduation receive a scholarship from Central Arizona Community College through the Early College Program. Twenty-six students currently attend college classes on the CAC campus with 24 more starting in January.

There are many opportunities for success at Imagine Prep. We are anxious to grow with you and your students.

Cordially,

Sonia Gonzales

Principal of Imagine Prep



### Dates to Remember:



<i>Fresh &amp; Easy Night</i>	Wed. Nov. 10th 4-8pm
<i>PTO Meeting</i>	Thursday Nov. 11th 6-7pm
<i>Veterans Day NO SCHOOL!</i>	Thursday Nov. 11th
<i>Carrington College</i>	Friday Nov. 12th 11am-12pm
<i>University of Arizona Field Trip</i>	Wed. Nov. 17th 7am -6pm
<i>Everest College</i>	Friday Nov. 19th 11am-12pm
<i>"Can" Dance</i>	Friday Nov. 19th 4-6:30pm
<i>Thanksgiving Break—NO SCHOOL!</i>	Nov. 24th— 26th
<i>Financial Aide Night</i>	Tuesday Nov. 30th @ 6:30 pm
<i>Early Release Day</i>	Friday Dec. 1st 12:30 pm

## DATA CORNER...

Having a difficult time getting information about school from your teenager? Imagine Prep has a solution! Each teacher at Imagine Prep has a website that contains vital information regarding their class and expectations of your child. If your child is out sick it is easy for them to be a responsible teenager and go to their teacher's website to see what they missed in class, so they do not fall behind. It is also great to see what deadlines are approaching. In the near future, your child will be receiving an email address that is for academics only, where they can submit homework assignments and projects via email. This will also give the students the opportunity to have a discussion board about a particular topic in class. Not all students have the courage to vocalize, in class, their opinions, but having a discussion board, gives them the opportunity to express their opinions in words. All aspects of technology at Imagine Prep is preparing them for culture that is in colleges and universities across the world. If you have any questions or concerns about the educational technology at Imagine Prep, please feel free to contact the school at 480-355-0530 or contact a teacher's website below for information.

- James Adams**-<http://sites.google.com/a/imaginedprep.com/adams/>
- Shawn Blin**-<http://sites.google.com/a/imaginedprep.com/blin/>
- Barbara Toledo**-<http://sites.google.com/a/imaginedprep.com/Counselor>
- Denise Geisler** -<http://sites.google.com/a/imaginedprep.com/denise-geisler>
- Alex Ivan**-<http://sites.google.com/a/imaginedprep.com/english-12>
- Angela Falk**-<http://sites.google.com/a/imaginedprep.com/falk>
- Girish Joshi**-<http://sites.google.com/a/imaginedprep.com/girish-joshi-math>
- Kirk Rundle**-<http://sites.google.com/a/imaginedprep.com/mr-kirk>
- Anson Purdy**-<http://sites.google.com/a/imaginedprep.com/mr-purdys-english-7-8-9/>
- Rick Relinger**-<http://sites.google.com/a/imaginedprep.com/mr-relinger/>
- Byron Stevens**-<http://sites.google.com/a/imaginedprep.com/mrstevensmath/>
- Jessica Kim**-<http://sites.google.com/a/imaginedprep.com/ms-kim/>
- Sarah Moskaitis**-<http://sites.google.com/a/imaginedprep.com/ms-moskaitis/>
- Janeen Ashcroft**-<http://sites.google.com/a/imaginedprep.com/performingarts/>
- Brad Gerber**-[http://sites.google.com/a/imaginedprep.com/smartlab\\_at\\_superstition/](http://sites.google.com/a/imaginedprep.com/smartlab_at_superstition/)
- Gloria Encinas**-<http://sites.google.com/a/imaginedprep.com/spanish-class/>
- Sonia Gonzales**-<http://sites.google.com/a/imaginedprep.com/ms-gonzales>

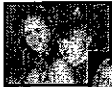




**Homecoming Queen  
Sterling Kelley**



**Homecoming King  
Bryce Gardner**



## Academic Advising Information from Mr. Adams

Mr. Adams has moved locations! He is now located in the front office.

Juniors and Seniors will be taking a trip November 17th to visit University of Arizona's campus. This is a great way for our students to see and enjoy college life for a bit. The trip will take an entire day. We will be leaving school at 7am and hopefully return by 5:30 pm. Please contact Mrs. Toledo or Mr. Adams for more information.

ACT Testing information can be found at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

SAT Testing information can be found at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

## HOME COMING RESULTS...

Last month Student Council put on Imagine Prep's Homecoming Dance and it was a huge success! The students were able to come dressed in their fancy clothes and get their groove on as "DJ Sinjin" rocked the house! The winner for homecoming King was Bryce Gardner & homecoming queen was Sterling Kelley. Congrats to the both of you—you did an outstanding job!



## Used Print Cartridges -School Wide Fundraiser...

Starting this month Imagine Prep will be collecting used print cartridges (please deliver to Mrs. Geisler) as a part of an ongoing fundraiser. The cartridges will be sent to the recycling company which will pay the school for each cartridge received anywhere from \$5-\$30. This is a great opportunity to raise funds to better our school. This fundraiser is most successful with corporate support. So please ask your employer to support Imagine Prep by donating their cartridges.

## P.E. Pivotal Points

Hello Parents and Students...

This school year is flying by so quickly! Here are a few upcoming events that we will be covering in Physical Education for the month of November... Football, Basketball, Scooter Soccer, and Scooter Hockey. It is my job as a physical educator to keep the students moving and engage them in as much physical activity as possible. My door is always open, so if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me via email at :

[Denise.Geisler@imagineprep.com](mailto:Denise.Geisler@imagineprep.com)

Please remember that if your child cannot participate for a single day in PE to please send or email me a written note. If the child had a medical condition that he/she needs to be excused for they must have a doctors note for the amount of time that they are required to be excused. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter. If is greatly appreciated. Make it a great "physical" day!

## Musical Message

Hello Parents/Guardians —My name is Janeen Ashcroft and I am the newest edition to the Imagine Prep team! I come to Imagine with 20+ years of music background and teaching experience. I am excited to have been made a part of this fabulous team and look forward to working with all the of students here on campus.

### Upcoming events:

Hey Panthers! This month in Performing Arts we are making preparations for our December Performance. Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 6:30p.m. is the date. Mark you calendars now! You don't want to miss it!



## News About Art

There is a new addition to the Art Room at Imagine Prep: A brand new laser color printer! Ms. Moskaitis submitted a project proposal on the DonorsChoose.org website over Fall Break & her project was funded by donors in less than a week. The new printer arrived at the school last week and the IT dept. already has it set up and ready for action! The lessons to come in Art Class are going to be even more colorful than ever before! Check out DonorsChoose.org to support teachers like Ms. Moskaitis who want to enhance the school experience for their students.



## Office Information Student Council

### DEAR PARENTS:

PARENTS: During the school day our students are instructed not to use cell phones. We have had several instances of parents attempting to text or call students during class. If you must communicate with your student during school hours, please do so via the front office. We will be glad to communicate any messages to them. If your student attempts to call or text you, please encourage them to adhere to the guidelines we have set for cell phone use.



Student Council is signed up for student receipt night at Fresh and Easy on Crismon and Southern Rd in Mesa Wednesday Nov. 10th from 4-8pm. Please show your school support by shopping at Fresh and Easy now through Dec 31st and turning in your receipts to the front office For every \$20 spent, Imagine Prep receives a \$1.00 in return. Its "easy" and free money for our students and school!

## Girls Volleyball

Girls Volleyball has now come to an end. Thanks to all of the parent support that we had this season. The girls did a fantastic job and came along way since the first day of practice. The team went 4-6 within our division (3rd place out of 5 teams) and we went 0-2 out of conference. Coach Geisler and Coach Nyberg are very proud of them. This year Imagine Prep will be having their first ever Volleyball Team Banquet. On Thursday November 4th at 5:30 pm. It is being held at Bella Pasta & Pizza in Mesa on Ellsworth & Guadalupe. Great job lady Panthers! Hope to see you all next year!



The school prohibits discrimination against current or prospective students and employees on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, or any other legal protected characteristic.



In compliance with the No Child Left Behind legislation, Imagine Prep at Superstition teacher resumes are available for review upon request in the front office.



## BASKETBALL BLING...

Imagine Prep's basketball tryouts were a huge success! We had a lot of young men who came out and put forth an effort and tried out this year. The team will be practicing four times a week throughout the month of November and the schedule will go home with each team member to the parents. Our first game of the season will be held on December 7th, 2010. Please make sure that your child has a completed physical turned into the Athletic Director Mr. Stevens immediately. We have a great leadership base of seniors with a tremendous amount of young freshman and sophomore talent. Mr. Blin is the head coach for the Imagine Prep Team this year and he has high expectations for the season. We hope that each and everyone of you will come out and show your school support and spirit by attending at least one game. Congratulations to this year's 2010 Imagine Prep's Boys Basketball Team! We are all looking forward to a great season! "GO PANTHERS!!!!"

## STUDENT ABSENCES...

Please be aware of the allowable number of days that your child/student can be absent—whether it be excused or unexcused. Arizona State Law will allow 4 unexcused absences. On the 5th unexcused absence, the student has exceeded the limit and may be cited. Arizona State Law requires student attendance 90% of the total days school is in session.—Imagine Prep is in session 180 days each school year. So... this means 90% equals 162 days in school, 10 equals 18 days absent, and 10 consecutive days equals DROP! Parents/Guardians may be cited to court for their student with 18 or more absences a school year. Each of the 18 absences, the parents are expected to call the school. If you do not have a phone and it is possible, please send a note each day with the sibling or neighbor. Especially if your child will be out more than one day. Thank you for your help and cooperation in your child's education!

## ATHLETIC ANNOUNCEMENTS...

The basketball season has officially started for all Imagine Prep students-Yahoo! Please make sure you reference the Athletics board in the front lobby of the school for the November practice schedules. Games will begin in early December. Please contact Mr. Stevens at Byron.Stevens@imagineprep.com with any questions or concerns! Looking forward to a great start to the season!

### WEATHER...



With colder weather approaching, we are also revisiting dress code. Students are to wear plain black (no logo) jackets. These do not have to be purchased at

the uniform store however, they must be plain solid black. The students are also welcome to wear their panther jackets that were purchased at Colettes.

### TARDY VS ON TIME?

In order to minimize the number of tardies we are experiencing, we are in the process of reviewing our tardy policy. You can help us in this area by having your student at school by 8:00 am. We will keep you informed once the policy is in effect. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

### STUDENT SCIENTISTS!

Imagine Prep has begun the process of the student science fair. This year our science fair will be held on February 2nd, 2010. Every student who is enrolled in a science class here at Imagine Prep, will be completing a project. Judges will be selecting the best projects from our student body and from there those students will go on to the regional and state science fairs. More information will follow—if you have any questions between now and then, please feel free to contact your child's science teacher directly.



# GO PANTHERS!