

CGCS Newsletter

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STATE TESTING/AASA/AzSCI/ACT

State testing will be April 4 – 8 for Grades 3rd – 8th for AASA in writing, reading, and math. Grades 5th, 8th, and 11th will be taking the AzSCI the week of April 11th and Grade 11 will also be taking the ACT on April 5th. 9th Grade will take the ACTAsprier on April 19th. Please do not schedule appointments during these weeks. Testing starts first thing in the morning so please make sure your children come to school by 8am and that they have had breakfast. Students arriving before 8am can buy small breakfast items at our café. Students who are NOT ABSENT during testing days will receive ice cream from the café once testing is completed. We need 100% of our students taking the test!!

ALPHA SOCIETY GRADES 4 – HIGH SCHOOL

Students who pass all AASA and AZSCI assessments with a proficient or highly proficient will qualify for ALPHA SOCIETY during the next school year. (ALPHA is for 5th – 12th grade) Students requalify annually.

GRADE ENHANCEMENTS for GRADES 7, 8, & 11.

All students in grades 7, 8, and 11 who take the AASA and or AzSCI can earn one grade higher if they score proficient or highly proficient for AASA or exceeds or meets for AzSCI for final grade (each semester grade for 11th). Be sure your child tries their best. Students must score a highly proficient or exceeds to have a B changed to an A.

HOMEWORK OVER SPRING BREAK

Please make sure your child is completing their homework over the break. Students in all grades need to be reading nightly. Students can go to <https://home.testnav.com/>, click on Arizona and then click on Mic check & Sample tests at the bottom of the page to try some sample AASA test for preparation. This is great practice and a good way to prepare your student for the tests.

SUPER HERO FIELD EVENT – MARCH 25

Students can dress up as their favorite super hero on March 25th. We are having a field event. \$5 wristbands get students into all the activities and bounce houses. We sell yummy concessions too so don't forget your money!!! Students can pay for their wristbands with a credit card but all concessions need to be paid for with cash.

KG & 12TH GRADE CAP AND GOWNS

Kindergarten and 12th Graders need to pre-pay for their caps and gowns in order to participate in the graduation ceremony at the end of the year. Letters home with this info will go out on March 29th and money will be due by April 6th.

LOST & FOUND ITEMS

Make sure you label all your child's items (jackets, sweatshirts, lunch boxes). We are finding items all over campus with no names and no way to return to students. If your child leaves items on the playground, lunch area, or in a classroom, the items stay there!! They do not get brought up. Only items lost on the bus get brought up to the office.

APRIL IS STANDARDIZED TEST MONTH

Grades 3-8 will take Arizona's Academic Standards Assessment (AASA-formally the AzM2) the week of April 4-8. Our school will be doing paper/pencil testing for the AASA.

Grades 5, 8, and 11 will take the Arizona Science Test (AzSCI). April 11, 12 & 14, respectively. Our school will be doing computer-based testing for AzSCI.

Grade 11 will be taking the ACT Parts 1 and 2 on April 5 and 12. Our school will be doing computer-based testing for the ACT.

Grade 9 will be taking the ACTAspire on April 19. Our school will be doing computer-based testing for the ACTAspire.

Please make sure that you provide a healthy breakfast for your child during testing. We will still serve breakfast on test days but the café will close right at 8AM so that students can get to class on time to test. Students will be taking assessments in writing, reading and math for AASA. Alpha Society members must maintain passing scores and new students must pass these assessments to qualify for Alpha Society. Lunches will work on a modified schedule and students will not be able to get money from siblings during testing, make sure each student has their own lunch or lunch money.

Important Dates

March 10	Re-enrollment forms are due
March 4	Movie Madness K-1 & 2-3/4 class
March 4	Free Game Day Gr. 8-12
March 10	Free Game Day Gr. 5-7
March 11	Movie Madness Gr. 4-7 & 8-12
March 14 – 18	Spring Break
March 25	SUPER HERO Field Event K-12
March 29	Graduation info goes home