



ARCADIA SMOKE SIGNALS

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FROM THE DESK OF DAVID VANNASDALL

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At Arcadia High School, we always look forward to welcoming our new families and students to the school. We have so much to offer and your students only help to make us stronger.

While a 9th grade counselor in a large comprehensive high school, I learned to appreciate and validate the challenges associated with transitioning from middle school. Each student leaves middle school with a different experience, and enters high school with different ex-

pectations, compounded by various levels of anxiety and fear. The same could be said about us, as parents. Our experiences are very different with each child, and that can be both a blessing and a curse. Our goal is to work with you, as partners, to ensure our kids make a smooth transition to high school.

I invite you to visit AHS to see first-hand the facilities and the programs available to your child. Current students and staff will be available to speak with



you and answer any questions you might have. Preview Day for eighth grade parents will be Saturday, November 3, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Arcadia High.

We look forward to working with you as we prepare for the arrival of our Class of 2012.

David Vannasdall

*AHS class of
2008 has*

19

*National Merit
Semifinalists;*

and

54

*Commended
Students*

**Advanced Placement
(AP)**

Arcadia High School continues to be extremely proud of its Advanced Placement program. Currently AP examinations are offered in twenty-three subject areas.

APACHE PREVIEW DAY

You are cordially invited to attend the fourth annual Apache Preview Day on

Saturday, November 3rd

2- 4 p.m.

Meet in the North Gym at Arcadia High School

Come between 2 and 3 for a campus tour!

HOW WILL MY CHILD TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL?



From Elementary
to Middle School
to
AHS!

Welcome to the Arcadia High School community. We, as parents of current high school students, understand the anxiety of choosing the best high school for your student.

We have a transition plan for your family! First, it starts with the Apache Preview day on Saturday, November 3rd, 2006 from 2-4 p.m. There will be tours of the campus and members of many campus organizations. You will learn about a the wonderful opportunities that our students have at AHS.

Later in the fall, David Vannasdall, principal, will conduct a meeting with you at the Middle Schools. A parent panel will join in so that you can have the perspective of parents with students involved in a variety of activities. Of course, there will be time for questions and answers.

In January or February, we will host Parent-to-Parent meetings. An experienced parent panel will present general information about the transition to high school in an informal setting followed by questions and answers.

In February, the counselors with the bridge counselors will go out to each middle school and conduct assemblies covering all the programming options at the High School. The parents will attend their own programming assembly in the AHS North Gym at 7p.m. sometime in March. Date to be announced. You and your child will then have about a week to review the Curriculum Guide and choose classes for their 9th grade year. The counselors will meet individually with each 8th grade student at their middle school. The student will bring their final class selection sheet home for your approval.

Along the way, we will send more information in these 'Smoke Signals' newsletters. We will be providing extra information to the AHS Liaisons as well. The liaisons are:

Dana -Lisa Huff
448-1667

First Ave. -Kathy Yamane
574-1858

Foothills -Mary Beth Haney
355-0025

However, if you have questions along the way, please give any of us a call!

Kay Kinsler - 355-4834

Myrna Dekker - 447-1196

Farah Ahmad—355-6734

"THERE ARE OVER
60 CLUBS AT
AHS, RANGING
FROM LARGE
SERVICE CLUBS
TO CULTURE
CLUBS AND CLUBS
THAT COVER A
VARIETY OF
INTERESTS"

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

There are many sports in which our Student Athletes can compete:

Cross Country, Football, Golf, Basketball, Tennis, Volleyball, Water Polo, Soccer, Baseball, Softball, Swimming, Track and Field.

AHS also offers intramural sports for the entire student body!

LIST SERVE

Do you want to get a jump start in knowing what goes on at AHS? Sign up for our List Serve and receive regular e-mail updates of what is happening at AHS?

Signup at

<http://listserv.ahspta.com>

WHERE DID THE CLASS OF 2007 GO?

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[UCD - Davis](#)

[UCI - Irvine](#)

[UCLA - Los Angeles](#)

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[UCR - Riverside](#)

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lina, Chapel Hill](#)

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cisco](#)

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California](#)

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St. Louis](#)

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sity](#)

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Arcadia High School Band will be marching in the Rose Parade on January 1, 2008. We are proud to have been chosen as one of the eleven bands from all over the world, to participate in the 2008 Rose Parade.

“THERE ARE MORE THAN 9 ACADEMIC TEAMS THAT VIE FOR NATIONAL RECOGNITION HERE AT ARCADIA HIGH SCHOOL!”

“Our teachers bring an average of 14 years of teaching experience to their classes. More than half of the teaching staff hold Masters Degrees and/or professional experience in the fields they are teaching”



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR INCOMING 9TH GRADERS

October	19	Varsity football home game (Pasadena) – 7 p.m. - Homecoming
	23-27	Fall Drama Production (Rumors by Neil Simon)
	25	Orchestra Fall String Concert at PHS 7:00 p.m.
November	1	PTSA Meeting – <u>8:30 a.m.</u> – Apache Pit
	2	Varsity football home game (Burroughs) – 7 p.m.
	3	AHS Preview Day – 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
	17	Arcadia Festival of Bands
December	6	PTSA Meeting – <u>8:30 a.m.</u> – Apache Pit
	11-15	Winter Drama Production
	13	Choral Holiday Concert
	14	Holiday Music Concert – 7 p.m. – San Gabriel Civic
	20	Orchesis Charity Show – 7 p.m. – North gym
January	7	PTSA Meeting – <u>8:30a.m.</u> – Apache Pit
	19	Band Spaghetti Dinner – 5 –10 p.m.
February	7	PTSA Meeting – <u>8:30 a.m.</u> – Apache Pit
	23	Orchestra Benefit Dinner– 6 p.m. – Arc Community Center
	26-3/1	Spring Drama Productions
March	6	PTSA Meeting – <u>8:30 a.m.</u> – Apache Pit
	TBA	Parent meeting 8th graders (Spring Family Orientation)-7 pm-N gym
	26	Orchestra Vertical Concert – 7 p.m.27
	27	<i>Spring Concert (Band 1&2, Orchestra) – 7 p.m.</i>
	28	Band Vertical Concert – 7 p.m
April	3	PTSA Meeting – <u>6:30 p.m.</u> – Apache Pit
	11/12	Arcadia Invitational Track Meet - AHS
	30-5/3	Orchesis Show
May	1	PTSA Mtg/Installation/Hon Service–<u>10:00 a.m.</u>
	2	Athletic Boosters Golf and Dinner–6 p.m.– Comm Center
	3	SAT I/SAT II – www.collegeboard.com
	5-16	AP testing
	10	Color Guard Spring Show
	28-31	Choral Show
June 5 PTSA Meeting - 8:30 a.m. - Apache Pit -Special Welcome Incoming 9th Grade Parents!		