



Queen Creek High School

Home of the Bulldogs

July 5, 2016

Dear Bulldog Family Members,

Before the summer comes rapidly to an end, I wanted to let you know that we are excited that another school year is about to begin, eager to show off all of the changes our campus has undergone, and especially glad you have chosen Queen Creek High School as the school from which your student will graduate.

As I stated in my letter to parents in May, Queen Creek High School is a comprehensive school that strives to meet the needs of all of our students. Our goal-now and in the future-is to see that all of our students reach a high level of achievement while we provide a safe, caring environment for them. In attempting to reach this goal, we have a broad set of classes from which our students choose. Whether a student wants to take a rigorous academic course load, a rigorous set of our Career and Technical Education courses, or both, we have many opportunities for our students to reach their career and academic goals. I consistently work to provide an environment full of rigor, relevance and relationships. When these three things are in place, I believe students will be successful here and well prepared for success as they transition to their lives outside of high school.

Families and our school must work together in order for your child to be successful during these important years. The school only sees your child for one small part of the day, so it is vital that you are an active participant in your child's education. You can begin your involvement by looking at their schedule, talking with their academic counselor, and asking about the content of their classes. All of these conversations should help ensure your student is being provided with an education of which all stakeholders are proud.

As you gear up for the school year, the information below will help you become involved in your child's course of study:

Our academic counseling caseload is as follows:

Mr. Romanowski-Class of 2020
Mr. Harmon-Class of 2019
Mrs. Chicci-Class of 2018
Mr. Petersen-Class of 2017

Dates to Remember:

- a. Bulldog Days will take place on July 19-21 from 1:00-8:00pm. This is an opportunity to pick up class schedules, pay fees, and take care of any other necessary items before school starts. July 19 is for students with a last name that begins with A-G, July 20 is for students with a last name that begins with H-O, and July 21 is for students with a last name that begins with P-Z.
- b. Freshman Orientation will take place on Wednesday, July 20 and will begin at 8:00am in the QCHS Large Gym. The event will conclude at 12:00pm.
- c. Open House will take place on July 25 starting at 6:00pm beginning in the Performing Arts Center. Parents and students can then walk about the campus and meet their teachers and our staff.
- d. Our first day of school will be Tuesday, July 26.

The other pages that follow include our school calendar and bell schedule, where you can find our student handbook, and dress code information. I look forward to seeing you and your student at Queen Creek High School.

Sincerely,

Paul D. Gagnon
Principal

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Queen Creek High School Reminders for the 2016-2017 School Year

Parking:

We're excited to note that there are several changes to the parking infrastructure and procedures this school year. First, we're excited to inform you that, pending Governing Board approval, we will have an additional 240 parking spots at the Queen Creek North Stake. This will help relieve some of the overcrowding we have been experiencing over the last couple of years. Additionally, parking permits will only be available to 11th and 12th grade students at QCHS as we have a limited number of spaces in our parking lot. Permits will be available to 12th grade students first, followed by 11th graders during QCHS Bulldog Days until the passes are sold out. Seniors will be able to purchase permits on July 19-20, while Juniors will be able to purchase passes on July 21. A small number of permits will be available starting on January 6, 2017 for students who obtain a driver's license during the year. Students not parked in an authorized area will receive a parking ticket, parking boot, and fine. Parking permits will be color coded by lot. Students and parents will be given a map color coded by lot once the parking permit is purchased. Remember, students are not allowed to leave campus during breaks or lunch hour without specific, written approval from QCHS administration.

Achievement Hour:

You will notice that our Achievement Hour (A-Hour) has been placed back within the school day. Achievement Hour will take place Monday-Friday for 10 weeks during Semester 1 and 10 weeks during Semester 2. In select English and Math courses, students will be given a short assessment consisting of 5 questions at specific time periods within the curriculum. Based on the results of the assessment, students will go to a teacher for additional time and support if their results show they need the additional time to master the standard on which they were assessed. The goal of this time period is to provide the additional time students need during the school day. Updates will be provided throughout the school year.

AzMERIT:

We were excited to see marked improvements in our AzMERIT scores from the previous school year and look forward to seeing how our school stacks up against other schools in the East Valley. Individual AzMERIT scores should be mailed home soon so please keep a lookout for your student's scores from the previous year.

Athletic Eligibility:

As a reminder the following policies are in effect for our students involved in athletics and activities at Queen Creek High School:

- We have a No Pass, No Play Policy
- Students have to be enrolled as a full time student (Seniors are permitted to be enrolled in 5 classes)
- Students are required to have a grade of 65% or above in order to be eligible for athletic and activity events
- While ineligible, students may practice with their team or group; however, they will not be able to travel or compete in athletic or activity contests.
- All students must submit an athletic packet prior to participating in any sport/season. Students will receive a Gold Card that will be issued signifying their eligibility to participate.

If you have specific questions about eligibility, please contact the Queen Creek Athletic Office at 480-987-5973.



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Student Dress Guidelines

Most students dress neatly and appropriately, recognizing that everyone feels more at ease when properly dressed and groomed. To uphold the image of the school as a place of business, the following dress policy has been adopted:

- Clothing should not be revealing.
- Shorts/Skirts must come to the end of your fingertips when you are standing.
- Dress should be clean, neat, and appropriate in materials and styles for a businesslike atmosphere. No visual distractions in dress or accessories will be permitted, such as, but not limited to:
 - Any attire such as, but not limited to: exposing chest, cleavage, abdomen, genital area, or buttocks.
 - Any attire deemed to be gang related or affiliated with a negative group. This includes any altered clothing such as, but not limited to: bandannas, memory shirts, cuffed pants, long belts and headgear, including do-rags and hairnets.
 - Any "in memory" attire.
 - Any attire that is deemed to be vulgar, profane, racially or sexually suggestive, or obscene or promotes violence threats or intimidation.
 - Any attire that presents a risk to the health, safety or general welfare.
 - Any attire that creates a threat, intimidation, or undue pressure.
 - Jewelry that presents a safety hazard to self and/or others, this includes spiked jewelry, chains or other potentially dangerous accessories.
 - Clothing or patches that advertise, display, or encourage the use of alcohol, tobacco (in any form), drug paraphernalia, weapons, violence and/or illegal substances of any type.
 - Low-cut shirts, see-through shirts, bare-midriff shirts, or clothing that is backless or razor-back shirts that are revealing (No visible spaghetti straps showing).
 - Pajamas and/or slippers.
 - Hats worn in any building.
 - Tank tops with shoulder widths less than 1 1/2 inches.
 - Muscle shirts, undergarments worn as outer garments, tube tops, short skirts or short shorts (minimum hemline of shorts & skirts is to the end of fingertips), excessively baggy and/or sagging pants or shorts, trench coats, any clothing that allows your underwear to show.
 - Visible tattoos that are considered inappropriate.

Students who volunteer for extracurricular activities, such as athletics, band, chorus, et cetera, are subject to the standards of dress as defined by the sponsors of such activities.

School administrators will make the final decision regarding the appropriateness of any student's appearance. Any apparel which the administration determines to be unacceptable in light of community standards is prohibited.

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QUEEN CREEK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 2016-2017 CALENDAR

Elementary = K-5 GPA K-7 MS = 6-8 HS = 9-12

July '16						
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July

18 New Teachers Report
21 Returning Teachers Report
21 Elem & GPA Meet the Teacher
25 MS & HS Meet the Teacher
26 First Day of School for Students

August

10 All Schools Early Release
24 All Schools Early Release

September

5 Labor Day - No School
14 All Schools Early Release
28 Elem & GPA Early Release
29 Elem, GPA & MS Early Release
30 All Schools Early Release
30 End of First Quarter

October

3-14 Fall Break - No School
17 School Resumes

November

2 All Schools Early Release
11 Veterans Day - No School
23 All Schools Early Release
24-25 Thanksgiving - No School

December

7 All Schools Early Release
21 MS & HS Early Release
22 All Schools Early Release
22 End of Second Quarter
23-30 Winter Break - No School

January

2-6 Winter Break - No School
9 School Resumes
16 Civil Rights Day - No School
25 All Schools Early Release

February

8 All Schools Early Release
20 President's Day - No School

March

1 All Schools Early Release
9-10 Elem, GPA & MS Early Release
10 All Schools Early Release
10 End of Third Quarter
13-24 Spring Break - No School
27 School Resumes

April

5 All Schools Early Release
14 April Break - No School
19 All Schools Early Release

May

10 All Schools Early Release
24 MS & HS Early Release
25 All Schools Early Release
25 End of Fourth Quarter
25 Last Day for Students
26 Last Day for Teachers

January '17						
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LEGEND:

Back to School

NO School

Early Release

Last Day for Students