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Parent Information Meeting 2018
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*Visit our summer presentation for more information and related details.*
Tempe Union High School District

**Mission:** Excellence in Teaching and Learning

**Vision:** All students will graduate with the skills necessary for success in college, career and life.

**Core Values:**
Desert Vista High School

- **DVHS Mission**: Desert Vista inspires a community of learning by demonstrating excellence in academics, arts and extra-curricular activities.

- **DVHS Vision**: We strive for excellence by engaging our community, promoting accountability, fostering responsibility, and encouraging life-long learning.

- **Motto**: Excellence Through Performance
Growth Mindset

- Appropriate struggle
- Carol Dweck, Ph.D. - Stanford Professor
  - Mindset-The New Psychology of Success- How can we fulfill our potential
  - Ted Talk
  - You Tube

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d0jEF66xSBA
### Thunder Day Agenda

**Freshmen: August 3, 2018**

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**Notes:**
- Thunder Links arrive at 7:00 AM; SET UP
- Doors open at 8:20
- Large group presentation
- Small group activities
- Tour/Activities: Group Numbers
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**Find your Classrooms**

1st hour: 1:05 - 1:13 (8 minutes)
2nd hour: 1:16 - 1:26 (8 minutes)
3rd hour: 1:31 - 2:06 (10 minutes)
4th hour: 2:08 - 2:34 (8 minutes)
5th hour: 2:35 - 2:55 (8 minutes)
6th hour: 2:56 - 3:22 (8 minutes)
7th hour: 3:23 - 4:00 (8 minutes)
Links leaders (Thunder Force) were chosen by teacher recommendations based on their leadership abilities.

All freshman will be assigned a Links Leader for the entire year.

They will be invited to participate in major events throughout the year such as a football game, study session, spring activity, and end of year study session.

There will be mini lunch time activities throughout the year as well for your student to participate in.

They will have regular contact with your student through the year.

https://vimeo.com/26720251
High School vs. Middle School

- “The school is bigger with more students”
- “Over all workload is more, and more challenging” “Don’t procrastinate”
- “Parents should be supportive and involved in high school”
- Grades matter = credits earned, college, NCAA and scholarships- SAT and ACT
- Work load - 6 teachers to keep track regarding how they run their class.
- Athletics and extra-curricular competitive programs- attendance matters.
- Peer pressure - positive and negative
- High School gives more opportunities to explore interests
Some Concerns Your Teenager May Have

- Being Late to Class
- Getting Lost
- Making New Friends
- Being Teased, Bullied or Not Accepted
- Having Someone to Sit With at Lunch
- Remembering Their Schedule
- Class That Are Challenging
- Dressing for PE
- More Homework
Guiding your Teenager

- Encourage after school activities
- Maintain family activities
- Build self-esteem - growth mindset
- Expect friendship shifts
- Discuss bullying
- Promote independence
- Social media responsibility

Communication

- Recognize your child’s concerns
  - Something small to you may be BIG to your teenager
  - Listen to your teenager attentively and help him or her figure out how to deal with it and move forward.
- Pay attention to nonverbal communication
  - Teenagers are not always able to verbalize their feelings
  - Pay attention to body language, change in mood, change in behavior, eating and sleeping patterns

Communication

- Ask open-ended questions
  - “Tell me about your day.”
  - “What are you studying in science?”
  - “What’s that book about?”
  - “What did you have for lunch?”

- Be available to listen
  - Timing is important
  - Look for times when most likely to open up---driving in the car, fixing dinner, before bed, etc.
More involvement

- Many studies have shown that parental involvement is a major factor in their children's success so stay involved. It is not time to back off.
  - Peer pressure
    - Positive and negative
  - Social Media
    - Watch for multiple accounts
    - Monitor
  - Get to know their friends and families
  - Sleep and nutrition is important for emotional well being and learning
The increased workload -- combined with the stress of new environments, schedules, expectations, teachers and classmates -- can really throw some kids for a loop, so it's especially important for parents to be on their game during this transitional time.

- 6 classes, teacher expectations and styles to keep track of

Learning and Grades matter

- 23 credits to graduate-earn 6 per year
- College acceptance and scholarships
- NCAA eligible for Division I and Division II Colleges/Universities
- Better prep for SAT and ACT
- Community colleges and Universities have placement tests for math and English
Attendance

- Follow state laws in regards to seat time
- 11 total absences (not including school related activities) are allowed per student
- Credit may be lost and or not granted if miss over 11 days per semester
- Communication by calling the attendance line is required
- If we do not get an excused absence by a parent or guardian, the student will serve an after school detention
Encourage and coach up your student to directly talk to the teacher however you know your child best and we respect what that looks like for you and your child.

- Teacher
- Department Instructional leader
- Assistant Principal
- Principal
- Counselors can always be contacted as well.
Get to Know Desert Vista

- Be proactive-being here today!
- Desert Vista and Tempe Union Websites
- Daily Bolt-Announcements - found on website
- Social media- Facebook, twitter, etc.
- School calendar
- Principal letters
- Quarterly newsletters
- Get involved in your child's extra-curricular activities by joining the Booster Club
- Know the eligibility rules to participate in extracurricular activities
- Know school rules and policies-review student handbook online
- Class schedule, grades and courses-Parent Vue and Canvas
Social Responsibility

- Know who your child communicates with on all social media accounts.
- Have access to your child’s social media accounts.
- Check your child’s social media accounts on a regular basis.
- Please do not fall for “Everybody is doing it, so why can’t I”.

- Dress Code
- Badges
Activities and Athletics

- Badminton
- Golf
- Volleyball
- Cross Country
- Swim
- Football
- Basketball
- Wrestling
- Soccer
- Track and Field
- Softball
- Tennis
- Sand Volleyball
- Tennis
- Baseball
- Band
- Cheer
- Dance
- Choir
- Color Guard
- Engineering
- DECA
- FCA
- HOSA
- Speech and Debate
- NHS
- Thunder Buddies
- Winterguard
- Rugby
- Lacrosse
Drop-Off and Pick-Up
Important Dates

- First Day of School - Monday, August 6th at 8:20am
- Fire Alarm Drill - Tuesday, August 7th - AcLab
- Student Handbook Distribution - Tuesday, August 14th - AcLab
- Lock Down DRILL - Thursday, August 9th - AcLab
- Curriculum Night - Monday, August 20th at 6:30pm (early release schedule)
- Picture Day - August 28th and 29th
- Welcome Back Beach Bash - Wednesday, August 29th at 6:30pm - Practice Field
- PSAT - Wednesday, October 24th during the school day
More Information....

Click here for June Power Point
Thank you!

Thank you for partnering with us to help your child reach his or her optimal potential!

GO THUNDER!!!