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Parent Information Meeting 2018

# Welcome from Administration



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# Agenda

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# 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:**

<https://www.tempeunion.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=3078>

# 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

## THUNDER DAY AGENDA

Freshmen: August 3, 2018

<b>Club Fair</b>	<b>Cafeteria</b>	<b>7:45 - 8:15</b>
<b>Opening Assembly</b>	<b>Large Gym</b>	<b>8:20-9:45</b>
Thunder Links arrive at 7:00 AM SET UP Doors open at 8:20 Large group presentation Small group activities		
<b>Link Leader Activities</b>	<b>Classroom</b>	<b>9:45-11:45</b>
Tour/Activities: Group Numbers... Activities/Tour: Group Numbers...		
<b>Links Closing Assembly</b>	<b>Gym</b>	<b>11:45-12:20</b>
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Cafeteria</b>	<b>12:20 - 1:00</b>
<b>Find your Classrooms</b>		<b>1:00 - 2:40</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> hour: 105 - 115 (8 minutes) 2 <sup>nd</sup> hour: 116 - 126 (8 minutes) 3 <sup>rd</sup> hour: 131 - 201 -- Canvas/StudentVue Lesson (30 minutes) 4/5 <sup>th</sup> hour: 206 - 214 (8 minutes) 6 <sup>th</sup> hour: 219 - 227 (8 minutes) 7 <sup>th</sup> hour: 232 - 240 (8 minutes)		
<b>StuCo Closing Assembly</b>	<b>Gym</b>	<b>2:45 - 3:10</b>

# LINKS CREW

- ▶ 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
- ▶ Woodburn Press, A Student Success Company, *Starting High School, A Guide for Parents*

# 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
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# 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

# Academics

- ▶ 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



# Contact Information

- ▶ 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 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:20am
- Fire Alarm Drill - Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> - AcLab
- Student Handbook Distribution - Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> - AcLab
- Lock Down DRILL - Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup> - AcLab
- Curriculum Night- Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm (early release schedule)
- Picture Day- August 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>
- Welcome Back Beach Bash - Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm-Practice Field
- PSAT- Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> 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!!!**