



Dear Desert Vista Family,

Welcome back to the 2016-2017 school year! I hope your summer was all that you planned and more. I would like to thank all of you, in advance, for preparing and sending such amazing young adults to school every day!

I extend a warm welcome to our new and incoming students and families, and a BIG thank you for a great turn out on Thunder Day! We look forward to your involvement at DV.

Below you will find some information to help with the first few weeks of school. Please [click here](#) to visit our summer newsletter for more detailed information.

Schedules:

First Day Procedures:

- Sunday evening print most updated schedule from StudentVue.
- Follow the schedule as posted in StudentVue on Monday August 1st.
- Go to counseling only for the following priorities:
 - Missing class periods—holes in the schedules
 - No lunch periods provided (4th and 5th hour)
 - Add TA to schedule—get blue card for teacher and parent approval
 - Classes have already been completed in summer school
 - Seniors— schedule does not meet graduation requirements

All other schedule change requests:

- Email schedule change requests to the student's counselor no earlier than Monday, August 1st at 4:00 pm.
- Counselors will work on schedule requests in order of request, submitted after 4:00 pm.
- Schedules will be changed based upon seat availability in all classes. All seat maximums and minimums will be honored.

We are not able to honor the following requests:

- Teacher changes • Lunch changes • Movement of classes to other class periods to accommodate work schedules, activities or sports.

Student Drop Off and Pick Up:

Student drop off/pick up is coordinated at the student parking lot located off of Frye Road. We ask that you please allow plenty of time for this process as well as being extremely careful and cautious during drop off and pick up. I encourage early arrival so our students can frequent the library, get assistance from their teachers and/or attend our peer-to-peer tutoring program.

Curriculum/Senior Parent Night/NCAA Information Night, Monday, August 15th:

- Early release – 1:55pm – Scroll to the bottom of the letter to see the Bell Schedule
- Senior Night - 6:00pm-6:50pm Dr. Joe McDonald Auditorium
- NCAA Informational Meeting for freshmen, sophomore and juniors who are potential college athletes - 6:00pm-6:50pm Cafeteria
- Curriculum Night - 7:00 pm Storm Center (large gymnasium) Following a brief program, you will follow your son/daughter's class schedule.

Safety First:

Last school year we kicked off our 'Safety First' by communicating the importance of wearing ID badges during the school day for the safety of everyone on our campus. I ask for your continued partnership this year as we will be continuing with our efforts by requiring all students and staff to wear their ID badges during the school day. We will be implementing the following to assist in our efforts:

- Staff will be stationed at campus access points. If the student is not wearing their student ID, they will be given a name badge and will be expected to wear it all day. The student will be documented and given a first warning.
- Teachers and other staff members will hold students accountable to wear badges at all times while on campus.
- Consequences will be implemented upon further infractions after the first warning has been given.

We will provide friendly reminders the first three days of school and will implement the warnings and consequences beginning Thursday.

Practice Lock Down and Fire Alarm:

We have planned a few events, in regards to 'Safety First', to ensure we are prepared for a variety of circumstances that our community may un-expectedly encounter. We will be conducting a **PRACTICE** lock down drill on **Tuesday, August 2nd from 11:00am – 11:45am**. We believe in being proactive in preparing for any such event that may cause Desert Vista to go into a lock down mode and that practicing early will allow all to be prepared if such an event were to occur. We are required to practice lock down drills twice a school year and will inform you prior to the second lock down drill. **While we are practicing our fire and lock down drills, we are not allowed to let anyone leave or enter the school parking lots.**

Fire Alarm:

We will conduct our first fire alarm drill on **Thursday, August 4th from 11:00am – 11:45am.** **While we are practicing our fire and lock down drills, we are not allowed to let anyone leave or enter the school parking lots.**

Student Policy Book:

On Thursday, August 11th, we will be reviewing our Student Policy Handbook, which is now accessible online. Your child will be bringing home pages 27 - 30 for you to review, sign and return as soon as possible to his/her third period teacher. We ask that you please return signed form(s) no later than Monday, August 15th. [Click here](#) for the 2016-2017 policy handbook.

**Beach Bash II, chaired by Football, Cheer and Band parents:**

Friday Night, August 12th, 6:30pm-8:30pm in the DV Thunder Stadium

FREE EVENT

The gates open at 6:15pm for families to find seating in the stands.

The first 200 students to enter the gate will receive a free water soaker.

School ID's for School Bus Riders: Your school bus driver will be asking for your child's name and ID number in order to create a roster of those that are riding the bus. Please make sure that your child has his or her student ID. It is required that your child show their ID when riding the bus. We ask that your child cooperate and assist the driver so that the process can go as smoothly as possible for all involved.

Off Campus Parking

The City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation has requested DVHS students not park in the small lot at Vista Canyon Park (aka DV Park) at 16020 South 30th Street during school hours due to concerns by residents there are no available parking spaces.

Students who park in the neighborhood east of Desert Vista on 33rd Street north of Liberty Lane near the community pool are requested to leave enough space for the trash and recycle garbage cans to be put out on Tuesdays, per the HOA Property Manager.

We thank you in advance for assisting us in continuing to be respectful of our DVHS neighbors, their property and public access to the park. Please continue to follow all traffic laws, driving responsibly and not leaving any trash behind and for helping to keep our community clean and safe.

Skateboards and Bicycle Racks

We have skateboard and bicycle racks for students to secure their bike or skateboard. We ask that you have your child utilize this area and not lock their bike to fences and/or carry their skateboard around during school hours. We are not able to allow this for safety reasons. Please assist us by providing your child with a lock. We appreciate your assistance as we support their mode of transportation, but must adhere to the lock up and safety procedure.

Desert Vista Cafeteria Information

We are excited to share the following in regards to our cafeteria service to our families.

1. There is a point of sale system for Food Service. It is user friendly and very innovative. Even if we should lose network connection, we can continue to serve.
2. Families can go [online](#) and complete a free/reduced application which will be submitted directly into our system import.
3. We have an online payment site that will allow parents to set up an account and manage their student/s accounts. It will show current balances, transaction viewing and payments can be made into accounts for less of a service charge.
4. All the nutrition data for our menu items are on our website.

[Click here](#) for the link to Food & Nutrition on the district website.

Thank you for choosing Desert Visa High School. I look forward to another amazing year!

GO THUNDER!!

Respectfully,

Dr. Christine Barela
Principal



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.

BELL SCHEDULE
EARLY RELEASE MONDAY ~ AUGUST 15, 2016

Below is the bell schedule students/teachers will follow for early release.

Period 0	7:21-8:15
Period 1	8:20-9:05
Period 2	9:10-9:55
Period 3	10:00-10:50
Period 4	10:55-11:40
Period 4 (Lunch)	10:55-11:30
Period 5	11:30-12:15
Period 5 (Lunch)	11:40-12:20
Period 6	12:20-1:05
Period 7	1:10-1:55
