



As many of us head out of town for the holiday, PAWS would like to wish you a safe, pleasant holiday. We are very thankful for all our volunteers and for the staff of Horizon HS who make it such a wonderful experience for our young adults. Happy Thanksgiving!

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Next Week's schedule:

- Monday - regular schedule
- Tuesday - Early Release (Horizon HS only)
- Wednesday through Friday - no School

GRΣΣK CLAY OLYMPICS - *Volunteers Needed*

Horizon HS will host the **Greek Clay Olympics** on **Thursday, December 1st**, from 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM. This year's theme is in support of the Horizon Drama Department's Fall Production "The Iliad, The Odyssey, and All of Greek Mythology." Ceramic students from Horizon and Desert Shadows Middle School will be participating in the event with the potters' wheel competitions featuring tallest and widest pots, "Raku" firing demonstrations, and a wonderful display of Greek-themed art. In addition, there will be individual sculpture contests.

Todd Parten, the Ceramics teacher is looking for volunteers to help out with this event, and donations of decorations. If you have any items your willing to donate or loan that have a Greek theme, please let Todd know. They are also looking for donations of prizes (t-shirts, hats, movie tickets, grab bags, pens, pencils, gift certificates, etc.) Parent Volunteers are needed to help with set-up and protecting the artwork on display during the event. If you are able to participate or make a donation, please contact Todd Parten at tparten@pvschools.net or leave a voicemail at 602-449-7779 X-36036.

PAWS CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

*Order Christmas Trees Now, Save Money, Fund Student Programs with PAWS
and Get the Freshest Tree in the State!*

You won't find a fresher tree in Arizona unless you cut it yourself! Our tree grower in Oregon delivers Noble and Douglas Fir trees that are cut just days before being delivered in Arizona (other lot trees can be up to a month old when you buy them!) Place your order to be picked up from Horizon High School on Saturday, December 10 or anytime the following week at their tree lot at Thunderbird and Scottsdale Roads in the Thunderbird Mall. **Call 800-610-8309** to place your order (be patient if you have to listen to the on-hold music, it's a busy time in the Christmas tree forests! If you get voicemail, leave a message - they call back!)

To learn more about Santa's Little Helpers, visit <http://santaslittlehelpers.us/> or [click here](#) for the flyer.

POM COMPETITION RESULTS

Below are the results of the Varsity and Junior Varsity Pom lines at two recent competitions.

On Saturday, November 12, Horizon High School **Varsity Pom** under the direction of Coach Katrina Harrold placed as follows:

- #1 in Pom at the 2011 AIA Spiritline Agua Fria State Qualifier
- #2 in Jazz at the Universal Dance Association Desert Southwest Regional Competition
- #3 in Pom at the Universal Dance Association Desert Southwest Regional Competition

Junior Varsity Pom under the direction of Coach Colleen Hoernig placed as follows:

- #1 in Pom at the Universal Dance Association Desert Southwest Regional Competition
- #1 in Hip Hop at the Universal Dance Association Desert Southwest Regional Competition

We are very proud of our pommies!

THE ILIAD, THE ODYSSEY AND ALL OF GREEK MYTHOLOGY . . .

Horizon High School's 56th St. Players and Department of Drama will present *The Iliad, The Odyssey and all of Greek Mythology in 99 Minutes or Less!* by Jay Hopkins and John Hunter. The show runs from **Thursday, December 1 to Saturday, December 3** with performances at 7:30 p.m. in the Horizon Auditorium. In this hilarious spoof of all the classic stories, a few actors play the many roles of mythology. Each actor playing a god of Olympus begins the show on a simple stage, with the clock ticking in front of everyone's eyes, as the cast speeds through all of Greek Mythology. It is funny, updated, and made easy to understand. The gods do everything from walking the Red Carpet to having love stories on a dating show along with two of the greatest stories every told, *The Iliad* and *The Odyssey*. All the silly decisions, the absurd destinies, and the goofy characters are presented lightning-bolt fast with hysterical results as the clock is stopped with only seconds to spare.

Tickets will be on sale at the box office for **\$7.00 general seating**.

CAREER CONVERSATIONS

Special note: In the previous blast, the address to send your response to was incorrect. Please use the address below and if you sent something in before, please send again.

It is that time again to request speakers for **Career Conversations** happening on **January 10, 2012**. There has been a change to the format this year. January 10 is an early release day, so **Career Conversations** will actually take place throughout the day in English and Social Studies classes. So speakers will need to be here from 7:30am-11:30am. We would like them to arrive at 7:00am and stay for lunch from 11:30 am-noon. The speaker time commitment is longer and students will hear two, rather than three speakers. Here's a list of desired careers:

actor/director

broadcaster/journalist

chef

dentist

engineer

graphic designer

investigator/forensics

nurse

physical therapist/athletic trainer

police officer

attorney

business/sports management

cosmetologist

doctor/surgeon/anesthesiologist

firefighter

interior designer/fashion designer

marine biologist

nutritionist

pilot

professional athlete

psychologist/counselor
singer/musician
veterinarian

public relations specialist
teacher
video game designer

Please ask anyone interested in volunteering as a speaker so contact Susan Ruby at 602-449-6051 or sruby@pvschools.net . She will give them the link to more information. If you have any questions, please ask.

Thanks!

Susan Ruby

College & Career Specialist

SCHOOL CENTS - HOLIDAY SHOPPING

Holiday Shopping at PV Mall Helps Our School! School Cents continues throughout the holiday season, so bring your list to Paradise Valley Mall and show your receipts to Guest Services. They will record the amount and return your receipts. New ways to earn points (which equal cash) for Horizon student activities:

- Midnight Madness -- **Friday, November 25** from Midnight to 6 am. More fun than Black Friday, this all night shopping event earns us 1,000 points just for signing in at Guest Services and 50 points for every dollar spent!
- Calling all Santa believers -- Meet Mr. and Mrs. Claus on **Friday, December 2** from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for milk, cookies, story time and a visit with the big guy, himself. Sign in at the event and we earn 1,000 bonus points. We also earn 1,000 bonus points when you purchase a photo package from the Santa set in Dillard's court from November 12-December 2.
- Get into the holiday spirit with the Sounds of the Season **Friday and Saturday, December 2 and 3** and earn 1,000 bonus points when you sign in.
- Buy a Mall Gift Card and earn 2,000 bonus points! And don't forget, receipts for Costco and Costco Gas are allowed!
- [Click here](#) for flyer with incentives and more!

JCC & TYREE STRENGTH SYSTEMS

Do you want to start a fitness program but don't like the feeling of a gym? Or want to take your current program to a new level?

The JCC and Tyree Strength Systems have created a fundraising program for PAWS that benefits families and individuals looking for a place to call home for fitness. It's a super deal for Horizon students who want to start a personalized weight training program with Coach Tim Tyree - and a great deal for families who want to join the JCC for all they offer -weight training, cardio, basketball, racquetball, swimming, yoga, Zumba, Pilates, massage, steam/sauna and lockers plus a full service Café. For all Horizon students and families who join the JCC and mention Horizon High School, the JCC will give PAWS the normal registration fee. It's a great time to get on a fitness program - before the temptations of the holidays! Advance your game, whatever sports you and your student play. [Click here](#) for details or contact Lisa Owens, Membership Director at the JCC at lisao@vosjcc.org or 480-483-7121 ext. 1287 for a tour and a complimentary guest pass.

PLAN TEST INFORMATION

The test will be administered at Horizon High School on **Saturday, November 19th** from 8:30am to 12:00pm. Students should arrive no later than 8:15am. The registration time has closed. If you have any further questions, please feel free to call the Counseling Department at 602-449-6015.

SPEAKUP 2011

PVUSD is asking all students and parents to complete the SpeakUp 2011 survey. Please access the survey at the following link: <https://sites.google.com/a/pvlearners.net/speakup2011/>

The secret word to access the SpeakUp 2011 survey is "thinkers". It is on the main/home page of the survey.

Thank you!

CHOIR CAROLERS

Horizon Choir students can be hired to perform at your corporate holiday functions and private parties. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Kouns at kkouns@pvschools.net . The cost is \$200 minimum donation for 4 carolers and can be paid in Tax Credit donation.

CHOIR EVENTS

- Feeder Festival at Horizon, **Wed, Dec 7th** at 7 PM. Town Criers and Step on Stage will perform.
- Choir Winter Concert is **Thurs, Dec 8th** at 7 PM. All choirs will perform.
- Step on Stage and Show Divas will perform at Desert Ridge, **Sat, Dec 10** at 4 PM (on the stage outside Dave & Busters) - *note date correction*

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