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Changes coming next year in sections and schedules

By Nina Lin

I interviewed Dr. Porter about the changes that will be happening in 2016-17.

Q: What will change for 2016-17?

A: The schedule will increase the day by 15 minutes with school starting at 8 a.m. and ending at 3 p.m.

Q: What does Paideia mean?

Paideia is a Greek word referring to the rearing and educating of youth in the ideals of the beautiful and the good.

Q: What is Paideia?

It is additional time, along with making all passing periods five minutes long, that will allow us to have a 25-minute period immediately after lunch when students can get tutoring help from teachers, get a head start on their homework, or opt to run off some energy in organized physical activity on the basketball court or field. Other special meetings, assemblies, college counseling, and enrichment activities may also be scheduled from time to time during this time period.

Q: Any additional changes for 2016-17?

There will be smaller section next year. Instead of students in a particular grade being divided into three sections of approximately 22 students, they will be divided into six sections of approximately 11 students per section. In each class period of the day, two sections will join together to form a class of approximately 22 students. This small section structure will provide students the opportunity to be in class with a wider variety of students throughout the day than in years past. It will also provide the flexibility to pair up sections for particular classes as needed.



Mrs. Ashton, shown behind window, and Mr. Ashton accomplished the construction project for about \$80 in materials.

Economical front office renovation makes for more efficient traffic flow

By Lindsay Newfeld

Tempe Prep is currently undergoing a time of many changes, but a number of these changes are decided behind the scenes by the Board of Directors and are not always immediately visible to members of our community. However, Tempe Prep's front office has recently undergone a renovation, which has been positively received by students, parents, and faculty alike.

This renovation was originally proposed by Dr. Porter, who wanted "to rearrange the back office to make room for moving Mrs. Ashton's desk back there. This would allow us to make a more roomy entry that would be more welcoming to everyone who comes to TPA."

Now ideas are always free but the

execution of those ideas almost never is. Thankfully, Mr. and Mrs. Ashton made this vision a reality on a shoestring budget of less than \$80. So, as Dr. Porter says, "we have the Ashtons to thank for such an open, inviting front office with enough room to accommodate more than just a couple of people at a time."

So far everyone who has come to see the new front office has had very positive reactions to the change. While the front office is just a small part of our school, it is one of the first places new visitors see and these renovations are bound to make a good impression on anyone visiting TPA.

From Dr. Porter, "We hope everyone enjoys the new front office for years to come!"

Hope Crew finishes two fundraising projects intended to ease hardships

By Rachel Neglia

De Equitibus last spotlighted Tempe Prep's Hope Crew in the club's formative stages. Since the beginning of the semester, the club has grown in support among the student body.

Hope Crew – according to Ariana Cardoso, one of the club's founders – was established to provide a “safe space” for students to discuss their unique perspectives on issues often classified as controversial. From watching Ted Talks to holding group discussions, the club seeks to address social differences in order to “better understand them and promote respect,” says Erin Guiney, another founding student.

Recently, the club turned discussion into action. “We held two fundraisers in order to really take the discussions on tolerance that we were having, and actually DO something with them,” Erin says. In February, the club held a penny drive for the water crisis in Flint, Michigan, eventually raising \$350 that it sent to United Way, an international charity. More recently, it held a bake sale to raise money for refugee children displaced by the civil war in Syria, and ultimately sent \$150 to

Save the Children, a charity that delivers aid to refugees.

Due to the success of Hope Crew's first two fundraisers, rumors have spread that with time it could become a friendly rival to TPA's National Honor Society chapter.

“I honestly just hope to see the club continue next year,” Erin says. This prospect looks increasingly likely due to its dedicated members and partnership with the Herstory Club, which was founded by seniors Billie Nagy and Erin Guiney. Erin elaborates that “Herstory and Hope Crew want to do a joint effort to volunteer for Maggie's Place, a shelter for pregnant women and mothers that are homeless or running away from abusive partners.”

Hope Crew has also suggested initiatives to “increase tolerance” on TPA's own campus. “We were talking about creating some sort of survey to give to teachers and students to see how well they think diversity and tolerance is addressed in the classroom and on campus,” Erin explains.

The club meets on Mondays during high school lunch in the Spanish room. It will undoubtedly remain active through April and May, so stay tuned for more.



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Congressional Awards Club encourages students to set and achieve ambitious goals

By Jasmyn Genchev

These days many of us are looking for a way to “stand out” in the eyes of colleges. The Congressional Awards Club is a great opportunity to do so, without the hassle that one might think. Not only do the awards keep participants devoted to their goals, but colleges take a liking to the projects that are done. Better yet, the program is voluntary, non-competitive and requires a small, one-time \$15 fee.

What are the Congressional Awards? Once participants register, they are faced with levels and must set goals in four different areas of improvement: Volunteer Public Service, Personal Development, Physical Fitness, and Expedition/ Exploration. As goals are reached, participants will earn Congressional Award Certificates, Bronze, Silver, or Gold medals for their achievements. They are awarded by a local congressman or woman with a great amount of honor. The best part is that: you move at your own pace in your spare time or with your friends.

Earning awards can be a challenge as well as bring back self confidence. And if you already are doing something you love,



Jacob Massie received the Gold Medal from U.S. Rep. Kyrsten Synema two years ago.

such as volunteering for the community or playing sports, why not earn awards for it?

“I have been in the Congressional Awards since the summer before my freshman year,” says Jacob Massie (11C), president of the Congressional Awards Club. “I have actually just finished the program because I completed my gold medal. Any certificates or medals from the Congressional Awards look great on college applications, so it will give me an edge in the college admission process.”

My Fair Lady

Cast works on logistics as spring musical comes together

By Cole Klassen

Lights! Camera! Action! Soon, the Zelman Center will be filled with singing, as the musical kicks off into high gear. This year, the musical is *My Fair Lady*, which opened on Broadway in 1956. It was extremely popular and won many awards.

Mr. Sanderson chose this play “for several reasons. First, it really is one of the best musicals ever written. It’s got a great score, it’s funny, it’s dramatic, and it has a really interesting story with some very memorable characters. It is truly a classic, and deserves to be. We also knew that it would be a good fit for the school and that the community would enjoy it.”

However, is a small school such as TPA able to perform such a classic musical?



Last week cast members were assigned tasks such as moving furniture and other props during scene changes. Preparing for opening night is a complex, time consuming process.

Mr. Sanderson says: “It has been very difficult to pull off a show with so many period (early 1900s) costumes, sets, and

family.”

Please come out and enjoy. Performances are April 14-17.

props on a very small budget. It’s kind of incredible that as a small charter school, we’ve been able to do this. However, we’ve had the help of some truly outstanding parents, including Mrs. McIntosh, Mrs. Kniaz, Mrs. Stough, Mrs. Putrasahan, Mr. Harb, and Mr. Maza.”

It’s coming together well, and should be a blast to watch. If you’re still not convinced, I’ll leave you with this from Mr. Sanderson: “People should come see it because it is a wonderful musical that will offer some very impressive performances. It will delight your ears, eyes, and heart, and it is a great time for the whole

Junior Classical League

New club brings study of Latin language and Roman Empire to life

Harish Ilango

“I came, I saw, I taught.” This is what co-founder Carter Sampson said about the new Junior Classical League (JCL) introduced at TPA. A slight twist to the Caesar quote, Mr. Sampson decided to make a change in the TPA’s extracurricular activities. Carter said that he wanted to influence the younger kids to take their Latin to the next level, to not only mandatorily take the class but rather enjoy Latin as a whole.

“Mrs. Moffitt, our college counselor, told Emma (Moriarty) and I about the JCL, an organization dedicating to teaching people about the ways of the Romans.”

Emma furthers by saying, “With the JCL intact, kids from all over the state come together to compete and test who really has the superior Latin.”

Every Wednesday morning from 7:30-7:55, Emma and Carter are joined by other students that are passionate about Latin. They play games, eat food and have a blast. “I’m happy with the turnout. Every week that passes, more and more kids show up and it’s fun for everyone,” said Emma.

The club members play games like Jeopardy every Wednesday and learn about Latin grammar, but also learn about



During a recent meeting, Junior Classical League members formed teams to compete in a contest led by Emma Moriarty, center, to test members’ knowledge of Latin language and Roman history.

Roman history and their culture. “Mr. Enloe, along with our other previous Latin teachers, inspire us every day to learn about our history, and how portions of English have been brought up,” says Emma.

Overall, the two are very proud of all the work everyone is putting into the JCL and believe that as time passes, the club is only going to be growing stronger.

Seniors visit chief landmarks during Wash. D.C. trip

By Billie Nagy

Talking from experience, I believe one of the greatest perks to going on the Washington, D.C. trip during your Senior year of high school is having the opportunity to visit our nation's Capitol building and some of the greatest museums in the country. Was that a bit biased? Perhaps. But in all honesty, walking down the National Mall with friends and having the freedom to go explore different buildings and places (though the average 8 miles of walking daily are killer; wear your tennis shoes) was quite the fun experience!

After splitting into small groups, we had a few hours to basically walk all around the National Mall and Memorial Parks, hopping into and out of museums as we liked. For our group, though time was limited, we ended up hitting the main Smithsonian buildings, the incredible Natural History Museum, the Air and Space Museum, and the Museum of American History, all in the span of about 4 or 5 hours, taking into account the walking distance between each, as it is certainly worth the travel.

On other days that we happened to be in the Capitol Hill area, we had the chance to see the National Gallery of Art, home to some well-known Rodin and Degas sculptures among others. Also the National Archives Building, which houses the Bill of Rights, the Constitution, and the Declaration of Independence (where yes, there were some fangirl moments if you've ever seen the National Treasure movies).

Though not everyone had the chance to see all of these museums, and there are plenty more to visit if more time was available, everyone met together again as we visited the remarkable and sorrowful United States Holocaust Memorial Museum as a heartfelt way to wrap up the busy museums day.

Another one of my favorite parts of the D.C. trip was taking the day trip to visit the chilly snow-capped Capitol Hill, where we had the opportunity to enter and experience the United States Supreme Court, the Longworth House Office Building, where we met Arizona Congresswoman Kyrsten Sinema's staff members, and take a tour of the US Capitol Building (with some of us running over to the Library of Congress, US Botanic Gardens, and even doughnut and cupcake shops when we had free time after lunch).

Once inside the Capitol Building, we waited and walked around exploring the lovely statues and history sections before the tour began. We had a fantastic tour guide who took us all around the building,

The Senior Trip



Seniors pose for a group photo on the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Photo courtesy of Mr. Sweet

explaining the history of each of the rooms, and showing off the marvelous paintings and sculptures that surround the top of the building. Though as a class we were unable to see the Congress floor, a few of us on our free half day (the last day of the trip) were able to take the Metro to the Federal Triangle stop (Capitol Hill) and attend an actual Congressional Hearing with these special Senate passes we received from Rep.

Sinema's staff member. Though we had to go through at least 5 security checks, it was worth the time as we got to see the Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid speak on numerous topics.

Overall, visiting the Capitol, Supreme Court, and other significant buildings was an exciting, historical, and enlightening experience!

The Senior Trip



The seniors paid a visit to the historic Ford's Theatre where President Lincoln was assassinated.

Photo by Sarah Buchert

Besides experiencing history, seniors savor many fine eateries

By Rachel Neglia

Just like the foundation of the United States government, the senior trip struck a logical balance between security and liberty. Students participated in both guided tours and independent exploration, learning much along the way (most notably about the intricacies of public transportation and the importance of good walking shoes).

On the second night of the trip, for example, the seniors did what every first-time visitor to DC ought – they toured the monuments. The fact that we toured at night, when the weather was exceptionally cold by Arizona standards, did not diminish our appreciation of the magnificent structures that honor statesmen and victims of war.

Throughout the week we were allowed free time to explore much more than the distance between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial. Some attended political proceedings, some visited China Town, and all scouted out quirky local restaurants. Though a few communication issues caused temporary distress, everyone was safely accounted for in the end.

On one of the final full days of the trip, we were taken on a guided “Lincoln Assassination Tour,” during which we visited Ford’s Theater and other locations relevant to John Wilkes Booth’s fatal plot. The tour guides skillfully brought history to life, further enriching the educational aspect of the trip.

Perhaps one of the most memorable guided tours that we took, which was culinary in nature, spanned the entire week. We ate at a different highly-acclaimed restaurant each night, sharing multiple courses of delicious food at each. Popular locations included Zaytinya, a Mediterranean restaurant, Mandu, a Korean restaurant, and Il Canale, a pizzeria.

The many types of tours on the senior trip made the experience exceptional.



The trip included a visit to the Smithsonian Institution’s Fossil Lab.

Photo by Sarah Buchert



Mrs. Thurston near a lagoon in the Azores.

Photo courtesy of Mr. Thurston

Thurstons venture to Boston, Portugal during spring break

By Rachel Dinh

You survey your surroundings and notice streets densely packed with honking cars, huge buildings stacked side by side, historical monuments on any corner, the occasional squirrel scurrying around, and life booming on every city curb and street. Yup, you could only be in Boston, Massachusetts. This is precisely where Mr. Thurston and his wife spent their first two days of spring break. They left for Boston’s chilly 40-50 degree weather on the last Friday before spring break.

Mr. Thurston describes his attachment to Boston: “Boston is a great place to explore because it’s the start of the American Revolution. We walked around the city and did, well, our Boston thing. I made a two-week business trip to the Boston-area decades ago, and that was the start of my love for the area. My wife is of Italian descent, so we like the North End, which is the Little Italy area. We eat at Giacomo’s every time we visit. My daughter even ran the Boston Marathon in 2015. In short, I think it is the history, the people (Boston Strong), the Metro, and the seafood that make Boston one of my favorite places in the world.”

After their busy but fun weekend, Mr. Thurston and his wife took a nearly 6-hour flight to Lisbon, Portugal. This trip had been in the works ever since June of 2015, when Mrs. Thurston booked the trip from their hotel room in Paris. In Lisbon, they stayed in a hotel that was near government offices and the subway. They took a day trip by train 30 miles to a small, quaint, hilltop castle in the town of Sintra. This castle that was built by Islamic Moors was later retaken over by Christians, who used it as an important strategic point during the Reconquista.

The couple then flew to Ponta Delgada, San Miguel Island, in the Azores, which is part of Portugal. “One of my favorite memories is driving on San Miguel. The views were beautiful and it was just a very relaxing time. I had to be careful with the rental car because the roads are generally narrow. On top of that, I hadn’t driven a manual transmission in many years, and there was no back-up camera.”

Mr. Thurston noticed some key differences between Portugal and America. “The sidewalks aren’t just regular concrete sidewalks. The Portuguese have a different, intricate design for almost every street. People can speak multiple languages, such as Portuguese, English, French, and German. Also, there are fewer cars because most people travel by foot, bus, or subway, so it’s rare to see an overweight person.” There were some similarities also. “I was talking to this lady about their presidential election because the inauguration just occurred and she said, ‘New president, same old Portugal.’ It struck me that they’re the same as us; they hope for change in the country.”

Knights' small ball is winning formula against tough foes

By Carter Sampson

Tempe Prep Baseball has started off their season in literally the best way possible. The Knights won their first eight games, including three that came down to the last inning. Currently ranked first in their section and sixth in Division 4, the Knights have dominated the first half of the season.

When asked about the team's success, Gabe LeBeau said, "We keep putting the ball in play and we have really picked up our fielding. We pride ourselves in small ball, and we win because we are aggressive on the base paths."

That small ball was put on display in the Knights' nail-biting game against the Valley Christian Crusaders. TPA came into the final inning down by one run after a back-and-forth game. Thanks to clutch hits by the middle of the order, Sam Fowler and Griffin Bodow scored the winning runs. The Knights mobbed the plate, celebrating an important game to reach first place in the section. Jacob Brown described the game as the season's best moment, saying, "Valley Christian is a tough team with a lot of skill, but this year we played our best and pulled out a win."

Chandler Prep has been considered Tempe Prep's rival in baseball for several years now. However, it's hard to still think the game is rivalry after this year's bashing. The Knights absolutely shelled both of CPA's pitchers, and Cameron Pickard pitched a 13-0 shutout. That blowout was a great moment for the team.

With several last-second wins, our baseball team is putting on an exciting show. Come support the Knights as they work to extend their undefeated streak!



Max Rich eludes the tag as he scores against North Pointe Prep on Friday.



Jacob Brown connects.



Cameron Pickard pitched a shutout against Chandler Prep.



Running, strength training dominating

By Chris Moffitt

Our TPA Knights are excellent at being punished ... I mean track. Despite track's reputation as the most masochistic sport TPA has to offer, our runners fight through the pain and are determined to improve constantly.

The track participants work hard. Senior hurdler Connor Woltz explains, "We have practice about every day and lift twice a week. Our practices are mainly rigorous running programs. Our hardest practices can include sprinting a total of around 1600 meters or about a mile."

On some days, track practice is held at A Mountain where our runners have to repeatedly run up the unrelenting steep

incline. When asked what a practice like this might feel like, Junior Jacob Matsumoto simply replied, "It burns man, but knowing that we'll be running at State makes it worth it."

This is the attitude of most of our track participants. They practice hard, always keeping their next track meet in the back of their minds. This mentality has allowed the Knights to perform excellently. For just a few examples, TPA's 4x100, 4x400 (both run by Senior Isaiah Britain, and Juniors Jacob Matsumoto, Ahmad Jones, and Herman Flores), and 4x800 (run by Herman Flores, Jacob Matsumoto, Jacob Cryder, and John Paul Beguhl) are all ranked in the top 10 in the state. In fact, the 4x100 is currently

Softball team racking up impressive wins despite inexperience

Coaches, experienced players help newcomers perfect their skills

By Carter Sampson

Nobody expected our softball team to be successful. Well, nobody even expected Tempe Prep to field a softball team. But thanks to unexpected people stepping up, TPA softball is not only surviving, but thriving. Coach Lane Waddell stepped in as coach, and the 10 players have worked hard to be a competitive team.

The highlight of the season so far was definitely the team's victory against Alchesay High School. After a back-and-forth game, the Knights entered the final inning down by two. TPA started a rally that filled up the bases, and Freshman Alexis Massie hit an inside-the-park homer to win the game. You read that right, the Knights won a game off a walk-off home run!

With several players new to the game, TPA is at a disadvantage to the other, more experienced teams. However, the newcomers are quickly adapting to the sport, thanks to the help of their teammates and coaches. One of these rookies, Maria Zello, says, "They help me understand the rules and what I should do once the ball is put in play. If it wasn't for the coaches and my team, I would have quit after the first week."

The Knights are led by Seniors Celeste Muniz, Cat Coriell, and Clare Waddell. These upperclassmen brought the team to a 2-2 record in the Chandler Prep/Salt River tournament. In that tournament, the team's hard work paid off with wins against Alchesay and AZ College Prep.

Visit tpasoftball.com to see pictures of games, and to view the upcoming schedule. Come out to support the Lady Knights as they continue to make huge strides!



Lynn Fischer pitches as Celeste Muniz stands ready at third.



Mimi Newsome begins her swing.



Cat Coriell is a leader of the team.

track practices

ranked second in the state.

Other notable achievements have been made by Isaiah Britain in discus and shot put, Connor Woltz in hurdles, Emily Casey in the freshman sophomore competition in the 100 meter dash, Katherine Camberg in the pole vault, and many others.

Speaking generally about the team, Connor Woltz says, "Although this year's team is very small in number we have a number of excellent athletes, and our boys team is looking to be competitive at the state track meet. Our relay teams are looking great and we have a number of athletes competing to be number 1 in their respective events."

The track season will get more exciting as TPA prepares for State.



Jr Hi Basketball

Girls are undefeated so far this season

By Hayden Sampson

Mark Twain once said, "It's not the size of the dog in the fight, but the size of the fight in the dog." This is true for Tempe Prep's Junior High Girls basketball team. They have battled with teams much larger than them, and have made it through. They are currently undefeated, and are expecting to keep it going.

Maria Brittain, when asked what the team needs to keep the roll going, said, "We need to hustle down the court, and keep up the teamwork. The more we do to out-work the other team, the closer we are to a win."

The team is certainly working hard. Mrs. Flores, head coach, says, "The girls' basketball teams are doing great. Both teams, JV and Varsity, are undefeated at this time (3-0). Our quote for the season is 'games are won at practice, play as a team, win as a team.' We have incorporated timed shooting drills and running between drills for our warmups each practice. I believe this has helped us with our energy during the game and hitting those key layups on fast break opportunities."

This obviously hard working team is going places. Go Lady Knights!

8th graders keep boys team focused

By Hayden Sampson

Although basketball is a team sport, it's made up of individuals. It's made up of individuals that win, ones that lose, ones that show leadership, and ones that don't. Tempe Prep Junior High boys' basketball team is made up of the winners, the leaders, and the just outright skilled basketball players.

These skills have led them to a very successful season so far, and many more opportunities. This exciting team is on track for a great season. The eighth grade leaders keep the team focused and in the game.

With many games to go, the team is really shaping up. When asked about the main goal for this year, Coach Phelan says, "This year's team plays the game very hard and with joy. The boys are multi-sport athletes, dedicated weightlifters overall, and if we continue to work at our current pace, we have great potential to do well in the closing tournament."

Thanks to great leadership, the team is accomplishing great feats of teamwork and success. This team has really developed, and continues to develop over the season. Good luck, Knights!



Jr Hi Odyssey of the Mind team makes it to state competition

By Clara Moffitt

Odyssey of the Mind (OM) is a program that allows youth from elementary school to high school to get together in teams and compete in solving problems. There are "long term" problems that range from building a robot to carry out a given task, to writing a play involving music and dancing.

There are also short term "spontaneous" problems where the team has to solve a problem with only a few minutes to think about a solution. Some of the spontaneous problems are hands-on and the team has to build a structure, and some are verbal and the team has to tell a story, or come up with creative uses for everyday things. This year, Tempe Prep has only one team. They are an all-female team and all are in the 7th grade.

On March 12, our team competed in the regional Odyssey of the Mind competition at Hamilton High School. Team member Lexi Reis says, "I was super excited and really nervous; I had butterflies in my stomach!"

When our Spontaneous event was complete, we walked out confident of our performance. "We had great teamwork and made little mistakes," says another team member, Kylie Klassen. Spontaneous is extremely secretive, so nobody is able to know what the Spontaneous problem was until June, not even the coach.

Once Spontaneous was over, the team prepared to show their long term project to the judges. This year, our team decided to do a theatrical problem where we had to make a musical involving humor and dance. We all dressed as our characters and started to practice our skit. There were other team that were enjoying watching our team sing

and dance. Finally, we got to load all of our props into the place where we performed. The performance seemed to go so quickly to the girls. We were pretty worried, but hoped for the best.

Annie Meacham says, "After long-term all I did was worry and think about what I... did wrong." On the contrary, Coach Klassen says, "The girls did great in long term. They definitely focused on the scoring guide and how to maximize their points." Now the team had to wait for the awards.

Finally, the clock struck 4:30. All the teams loaded into a large gym. We were all so nervous! "We [all] had our pinkies locked," said Kylie Klassen, describing when the team was waiting for their place. The announcer began to announce our problem and division. 6th place, 5th place, 4th place, 3rd place, then ... "2nd place and going to state: Tempe Preparatory Academy." We screamed! We were so excited!

Coach Klassen says, "[I was] super excited! They improved so much from last year. I was happy all their hard work paid off." Later in the awards ceremony, Tempe Prep's name was called again for an Omer Award. An Omer Award is given when a team is nominated for showing kindness to another team. One judge noticed three Tempe Prep team members watching another team's long term project and encouraging them.

Coach Klassen says, "This year, the team was much more focused on making progress at each meeting. The team was more self-directed and took advantage of each team member's strength."

Tempe Prep's Odyssey of the Mind team will now be competing at the State Championship in Tucson on April 9. We are now modifying our performance and making it amazing!