

**GLENDALE UNION
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

7650 N 43RD AVENUE, GLENDALE, AZ 85301
SERVING BOTH PHOENIX AND GLENDALE COMMUNITIES

BRIAN CAPISTRAN, SUPERINTENDENT

GOVERNING BOARD
VICKI JOHNSON
PATTY KENNEDY
SUSAN MALAND
PAM REICKS

INDEPENDENCE HIGH SCHOOL
6602 N 75TH AVE GLENDALE AZ 85303
623-435-6100
INDEPENDENCE.GUHSDAZ.ORG

PRINCIPAL: ROB AMBROSE
FOLLOW US AT
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GUHSDAZ
WWW.TWITTER.COM/GLENDALEUNIONAZ
#WeAreGUHSD

Public Notification of Nondiscrimination
Annual Public Notification of Nondiscrimination
Glendale Union High School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability in admission to its programs, services or activities, in access to them, in treatment of individuals, or in any aspect of their operations. GUHSD provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. GUHSD Career & Technical Education Department does not discriminate in enrollment or access to any of the programs available, such as business, applied technology, FACS, nursing, and fire science. The lack of English language skills shall not be a barrier to admission or participation in the district's activities and programs. GUHSD does not discriminate in its hiring or employment practices. This notice is provided as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Questions, complaints or requests for additional information regarding these laws may be forwarded to the designated compliance coordinator(s), call 623-435-6006 or 623-435-6067, 7650 N. 43 Ave., Glendale, AZ 85301

Notificación Pública Anual de No Discriminación
El Glendale Union High School District (GUHSD) no discrimina en base a raza, color, nacionalidad, género, edad, o discapacidad de admisión a sus programas, servicios, o actividades, en acceso a ellas, en el tratamiento a individuos, o en ningún aspecto de sus operaciones. GUHSD provee el acceso igual a los Boy Scouts y otros grupos designados para los jóvenes. El departamento de Educación Técnica y de Carreras de GUHSD no discrimina en su matriculación ni en el acceso a cualquier de sus programas disponibles, como negocios, la tecnología aplicada, FACS, enfermería, y formación para bomberos. La falta de habilidades con el inglés no será una barrera a la admisión ni la participación en las actividades del distrito y sus programas. GUHSD tampoco discrimina en sus contratos o prácticas de empleados. Esta noticia es provista y requerida por el Título VI del Acto de Derechos Civiles de 1964, Sección 504 del Acto de Rehabilitación de 1973, Título IX de la Enmienda Educativa de 1972, en el Acto de Era de Discriminación de 1975, y el Acto de los Estadounidenses con Habilidades Diferenciadas de 1990. Ud. puede comunicarse con el coordinador de cumplimiento sobre preguntas, quejas, o para más información con respecto a estas leyes. Director de Operaciones y Admisión, 623-435-6006 Directora de la Educación Especial 623-435-6067, 7650 N. 43rd Ave. Glendale, AZ 85301.

INDEPENDENCE

A Proud Member of the Glendale Union High School District

DECEMBER 2016



Independence High School <http://independence.guhsdaz.org> 623-435-6100

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

MESSAGES FROM THE PRINCIPAL
HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM IHS!
P1

TAX CREDIT
How to donate to your favorite sport or club
P2

BAND
Band receives excellent rating at invitational
P2

OVER THE EDGE
Donate now to see Mr. Ambrose rappel 22 stories and help IHS Special Olympics!
P2

FEATURED ARTISTS
Artists of the month for October and November
P3

ANNUAL SURVEY
Please take our annual survey to let us know how we are doing
P3

UPCOMING EVENTS
Check out the calendar of upcoming events for the school year
P4

MESSAGES FROM THE PRINCIPAL BY ROBERT AMBROSE, PRINCIPAL



Happy Holidays from Independence High School !

As we approach the end of the first semester and the upcoming holiday season, I wanted to reach out and say how much I appreciate the chance to get to work with the students and staff at Independence High School. It is great to be part of something where so many people work so hard together to achieve a common goal. I want to wish everyone a safe holiday break and a very Happy New Year so you can come back to us ready for a fresh start in 2017!

I want to encourage all parents and guardians to be involved in the success of their teenager.

You should know that it is probably very rare that there is not some sort of work that students need to do after school. Sometimes there may not be specific homework due tomorrow, but studying, reviewing, and working ahead on projects are all beneficial activities your student can be involved in each day after school.

Our data system, Synergy, has the capability for you to check your student's grades from any computer or handheld wireless device. **Parent VUE** is the program that will allow you to see real-time grades and attendance for your student. You can communicate with your child's teachers and check progress daily by looking at gradebooks that are updated live as teachers post new grades. It is an excellent way for you to stay apprised of how your student is doing. With your computer, tablet, or smart phone, go to **independence.guhsdaz.org** and scroll down to the Parent VUE tab that is on the left side of the page. Follow the directions posted there. If you have any difficulties signing up, please call the front desk at 623-435-6100 and we will be happy to assist you.

Your involvement in your teenager's education is extremely important. Thank you for doing your part by staying involved and actively interacting with your student about school and checking his or her grades regularly.

Have a wonderful winter break Patriots!

Rob Ambrose
Principal
Independence High School

BELOW ARE THE IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Semester Finals: December 21-22

No students/Office OPEN: December 23

Winter Break: December 24-January 8

MLK Jr. Day: January 16

President's Day: February 20

Create Your Own ParentVUE Account

Check your student's grades

To activate your ParentVUE account:

Log on to <http://parentvue.guhsdaz.org>

Click [I am a parent.](#)

Click [I have an activation key to create my account.](#)

Read the Privacy Statement and click [I accept.](#)

Enter your name and activation key and click [Continue to Step 3.](#)

Choose a username (at least 6 characters) and click

[Complete account activation.](#)

Need an activation code? Call 623-435-6153.

Please visit the school website for Sports Schedules.
<http://independence.guhsdaz.org>

INDEPENDENCE TAX CREDIT

Your contribution costs you nothing and will immediately go to support the high school and program of YOUR choice.

The Arizona tax law (ARS 43-1089.01) allows taxpayers a TAX CREDIT on their state taxes.

The TAX CREDIT maximum contributions are:

- \$400 for married couples filing joint returns
- \$200 for single individuals and head of household
- \$200 for married couples filing separate returns

It is NOT a requirement that the taxpayer have a child enrolled in a public school to donate.

***100% of your donation comes back to you on your state income tax return, up to the donation limit of \$200 for individuals and \$400 for married taxpayers filing jointly.**

OVER THE EDGE

BY JENNIFER PERRY, COMMUNITY BASED TEACHER

Over the Edge is an exclusive opportunity for individuals to take their support of local athletes of Special Olympics Arizona to new heights by collecting pledges. In exchange for raising money, participants will earn the rare experience of stepping Over the Edge and rappelling down the CityScape Building, located in the heart of downtown Phoenix. This event is a unique combination of thrill and philanthropy!

The staff and students of Independence High School will be working together to put our principal, Mr. Ambrose, Over the Edge!

The Independence Unified Special Olympics team (comprised of athletes and peer tutor partners) will raise \$1000 with the help of the staff and student body to make this happen.

Mr. Ambrose's donation page

<https://www.classy.org/fundraise?fcid=823091>

SOAZ is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Your donation is 100% tax deductible.

If you are unable to donate, please help us to spread the word via email and social media.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Perry at jennifer.perry@guhsdaz.org.

BAND HAS HISTORIC YEAR

BY IVAN ESCOBAR, STUDENT

Band recently achieved an excellent mark in state! This has, truly, been a historic year for the Independence marching band.

William Meldrum, the band's director, said, "Our goal from the beginning of the year was to make it to state."

Independence's marching band gained an excellent rating at the Goldwater Marching Invitational. With the excellent rating, the marching band qualified for the Arizona State Marching Festival, something the marching band has not done since 2005.

Whenever the football team is working for a victory, you can always appreciate the band keeping the morale of the audience up. The halftimes are always complex with good choreography and great instrument playing. Even when in the stands, the band does a great job to keep the excitement alive during a game.

Donna Juarez, sophomore and marching band's flag girl, said, "We are all strong; I could listen to them play all day."

The marching band is just like any other sport team filled with a cohesive unit and are always determined to better themselves with every practice.

As a physical representation of school spirit, the marching band really deserves the support and appreciation that is given.

Meldrum continued, "We are a smaller band, but the kids wanted to compete with the bigger bands."



ANNUAL PARENT SURVEY

How satisfied are you with the following:

1. Academic standards set by teachers	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Unsatisfied
2. Quality of instruction	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Unsatisfied
3. Leadership the administration provides	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Unsatisfied
4. Communication from the school	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Unsatisfied
5. Safety and security the school provides	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Unsatisfied
6. Extracurricular activities provided	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Unsatisfied
School overall	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Unsatisfied

Thank you again for your feedback! Completed surveys may be mailed to the school or returned directly to the main office.

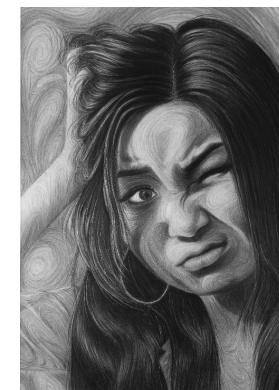
ARTISTS OF THE MONTH

BY LYNNETTE CRAMER, ART TEACHER

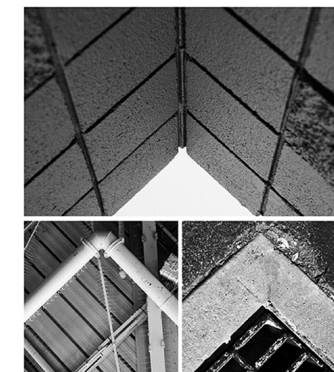
The Visual Arts Department is proud to announce that Ceasar Pacheco was selected as the Visual Arts highlighted artist of the month for October. Ceasar is a photography 3-4 student who has impressed us with his creative planning, attention to detail, and purposeful execution of ideas. Congratulations, Ceasar, and thank you for sharing your artistic talents with IHS!

The Highlighted Artist for November was Tun Soe. Tun is a third year Advanced Art student who has incredible ability and drive to become a respected artist. Tun has challenged herself and worked hard to create high quality work for all of her assignments in the past three years. She has an eye for detail, is never afraid to try something new and produces art with a strong work ethic. Tun was one of the artists selected to have her work hung at the district office to represent Independence this year.

The Visual Arts Department is excited to see what these two artists create in the remaining semester this school year. Congratulations to you both!



Tun Soe



Cesar Pacheco