



# CHANDLER PREPARATORY ACADEMY

## A Great Hearts Academy

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

MONDAY 9 DECEMBER 2019

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### Headmaster Note

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Even though it is still early, college acceptances and scholarships--particularly from our state universities—are coming in. At this stage I would like to thank our college counselors Ms. Schmitt and Mrs. Ruby for their invaluable guidance and wisdom that they share with our students throughout this process. I also want to thank our students and families, for representing us so well to the world of higher education. Lastly, thank you teachers for dedicating time outside of your normal duties to write so many letters of recommendation. These are some of the many unseen but meaningful gifts you so generously give.

As students and teachers ready themselves for the end of our first semester, I encourage us all to finish strong. Sometimes we come to believe that everything rides on these final moments of the semester. This just isn't true. Since final exams are never weighted more than 10 percent of the semester grade, the actual effect they have on a student's final grade is less than we often think.

Instead of focusing on getting the highest grade, encourage your student to focus on the pursuit of knowledge itself. Often the greatest teaching moments of the curriculum, especially in subjects that build on previously learned material, are at this stage of the year. Endurance driven by our fundamental desire to know are the most reliable guides. Additionally, reminding them that a focus on strong and lasting habits verses perfectionism will lessen unnecessary anxiety and in its place build lasting confidence. With wonder and depth of inquiry as charioteers, the grades will follow.

### Extra-Curricular Music Concert – December 9

The Chandler Prep Fine Arts department is proud to showcase the Extra-curricular ensembles of 2019 in concert on Monday, December 9, at 6:30 PM in the Michele Davis Theater. Families, students, and community members are invited to hear Orchestra, Jazz, and Choral music from the music clubs that meet one time per week on campus. As a special treat, this concert will conclude with the collaborative project of several ensembles performing G. F. Handel's majestic *Hallelujah Chorus* from "The Messiah" Oratorio. The Messiah was first performed in 1742 in Dublin, Ireland, and it is one of the most famous pieces of music from its era, especially performed around Holidays.

**Please contact your son's/daughter's director for specific questions regarding call time and dress for the concert:**

Brooke Stephens (Women's Choir and Schola Cantorum)  
Richard Ewer (Men's Choir and A Cappella)  
Amy Gottry (HS Orchestra)  
Josh Gottry (Jazz Ensemble)

### Girl Scout Gold Award Project: Better Bags, Better Desert

My name is Emily Stopher. I am a senior and the President of the Environmental Club at Chandler Prep. I am currently working to earn my Girl Scout Gold Award.

The Gold Award is the highest award a Girl Scout can earn. It must address an important community issue that can be affected through a sustainable Take Action project of 80 hours. I am targeting the mass usage of plastic grocery bags (non-recyclable, non-biodegradable) and how they pollute and endanger our native, desert environment.

Starting the first week of December, I will provide plastic grocery bag drop-off destinations before and after school in the Forum in exchange for a more environmentally safe solution. I am asking that each student turn in a **minimum of 30 plastic bags** to receive their replacement. Each bag turned in will be counted as a House Point!

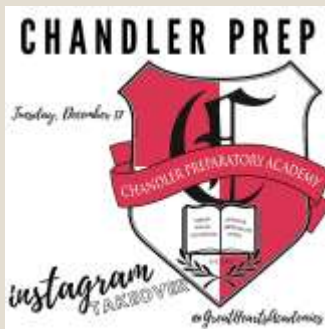
House schedule for bag drop-off:

- Wednesday 12/11 = all Houses welcome

## 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Drama Performances – December 12

Join us at 6:30 pm in the Michele Davis Theater on Thursday, December 12, to see the *Senior Showcase*

## Chandler Prep Instagram Takeover – Tuesday, December 17



Get ready! Chandler Prep will be taking over the Great Hearts Academies Instagram on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Join us as we share what we love most about our school! [Follow along on Instagram](#)

## 1st Semester Exams (Half-Day Release 12:30) – December 18 - 20

Students will have 2 exams each day. Please pick up your students promptly at 12:30.

## No School: Winter Break – December 23 - January 7

## January Parent Teacher Conferences – January 6 - 8

January parent-teacher conference appointments were emailed on Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you have received a January appointment and won't be able to attend, please send an email to Brynn Schmitt, [bschmitt@chandlerprep.org](mailto:bschmitt@chandlerprep.org).

## School Resumes (Half-Day Release 12:30) – January 8

Chandler Prep will resume classes on Wednesday, January 8. This will be a half-day, with parent-teacher conferences in the afternoon. Please pick up your students promptly at 12:30.

## SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Chandler Prep Open Enrollment Ends December 13

Open Enrollment begins on Wednesday, November 13 for all children who **DO NOT** currently attend Chandler Prep. Please **DO NOT** apply for any child currently attending Chandler Prep. **Re-Enrollment for current students will start in March 2020.**

Please only apply during this Open Enrollment period if you have a child who **does not currently attend** our Academy and you wish to enroll them for the 2020-21 school year. This includes 5th graders currently attending Archway Chandler or on the 5th grade waitlist for Archway Chandler. If you have any enrollment questions, please [email Miss. B Schmitt](#).

## Update Student Locker Information

We are missing locker combinations for many lockers. Please fill out the online form!

Please go to this link and fill out the Lock Combination Form for each of your students:

<https://tinyurl.com/CPALockers>

## 8th Grade Language Preference Form

All 8<sup>th</sup> grade families were emailed a link to the Language Preference Form on Wednesday, Oct. 30. If you need assistance with this online form, email Brynn Schmitt ([Email Miss B. Schmitt](mailto:Miss.B.Schmitt)) or stop by the front desk to enter your student's language preferences. Language assignments will go out in January.

## Great Hearts Upcoming Board of Directors Meetings

February 13, 2020
May 14, 2020

## COLLEGE COUNSELING

### FAFSA Opened

**SENIORS** - The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) opened October 1. You access the FAFSA at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>. Also check out the Chandler Prep [College Counseling webpage](#) for more information about Financial Aid and Scholarships. Note that some private colleges also require the [CSS Profile](#), in addition to the FAFSA for financial aid/scholarship consideration.

## ATHLETICS

Please check <http://www.chandlerpreppactivities.com/> for all Chandler Prep activities.

### Athletic Events This Week

Mr. Lytle will be sending out the athletic events for the week later this evening.

### Chandler Prep 2019-20 Yearbooks

The 2019-20 Chandler Prep yearbook is now available for pre-order directly from the publisher. [Order a 2019-20 Chandler Prep Yearbook.](#) Chandler Prep's order number is 16422.

For those who order personalization, names will be stamped into the cover for an additional \$5.

**Yearbook has a link to eShare**, a website where parents and students may share photos for potential use in the yearbook. Please share photos from events such as dances, sporting events, group outings, etc.

The link is: <http://www.hjeshare.com/eShare/>

Password is case sensitive: CPATitans2020

Thank you for supporting your children and the Chandler Prep yearbook!

## PARENT SERVICE ORGANIZATION (PSO)

[www.chandlerpreppso.org](http://www.chandlerpreppso.org)



**FYI:** The school's daily announcements will be posted every day on the [PSO Website!](#) **Don't miss any important updates!** Subscribe to the PSO website and get notified whenever there is a new posting: [Click here to subscribe.](#)



## Snowstorm Warning!

**What is it?** The [PSO Snowstorm Program](#) provides Chandler Prep families with an opportunity to shower our dedicated faculty and staff with gratitude through monetary gifts during the holiday season. Rather than purchasing individual gifts for teachers, the PSO provides this opportunity to join with other families in a contribution towards a monetary gift. 100% of the donations will be pooled and distributed among all teachers and staff members. This allows everyone to be appreciated and simplifies holiday gift giving.

***Our wonderful teachers and staff really look forward and are so grateful for the flurry of positive messages and bonus merriment.***

**How to participate:** Monetary gifts can be made on the [CPA PSO website](#) or by cash/check. Any amount is appreciated! The names of families who donate will be included in the cards given to each faculty and staff member on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> and will be acknowledged on the Chandler Prep PSO website. The deadline for donating is **Sunday, December 15th**.

If you have any questions, please email Erika at [president@chandlerpreppso.org](mailto:president@chandlerpreppso.org) or Jeni at [co-president@chandlerpreppso.org](mailto:co-president@chandlerpreppso.org)

**Your generosity and thoughtfulness are greatly appreciated! LET IT SNOW!**





**Please consider helping with the Snowstorm!!** It's a great way to show our teachers and staff how much we appreciate everything they do for our students! [Sign up here to help!](#)



### **Pizza for Finals**

**Streets of New York** will be offering **PIZZA** as a hot snack option for students on December 18th - 20th during finals. Orders must be placed 4 days in advance: **Order pizza [here!](#)**



### **Support the CPA Faculty Birthday Program!!**

[Sign up here!](#)

There are still CPA Faculty that need families to spoil them on their special day!!

Please contact **Erika Nelson** @ [FacultyBirthdays@chandlerpreppso.org](mailto:FacultyBirthdays@chandlerpreppso.org) with any questions. Thank you!!

*Chandler Prep PSO: Service ~ Community ~ Friendship*

#### **CPA PSO Board 2019-20**

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