

# Crittenton Youth Academy Newsletter

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Principal



## Welcome!

Welcome to the Crittenton Youth Academy (CYA) newsletter! It is our pleasure to bring you all of the news, events and important happenings that are taking place at CYA. We hope this newsletter is informative and assists you in helping make our students successful in everything that they do!

## Student Council News

The Student Council has worked hard every week to help make our school successful. During the month of November they organized a school-wide **Food Drive** to help families in need within the school and community. Congratulations to Mr. Martz's homeroom for bringing in the most cans/food items. Thanks to everyone who donated for making Thanksgiving a little brighter for those in need!



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**We are Responsible**  
**We are Respectful**  
**We are Successful**  
**We are CYA**

## Important Dates

- ◆ Dec. 15: ASSET Testing for Seniors
- ◆ Dec. 18: Teacher Work Day (No School)
- ◆ Dec. 21-Jan 1: Winter Break (No School)
- ◆ Jan. 4: First Day of Block 3

## Healthy Relationships:

What are the reasonable expectations?



Each month the Student Council informs the students about a prevention topic to help us all make wise decisions. The prevention topic for the month of December is **Healthy Relationships**. Check out the Student Council bulletin board for information on how to foster healthy relationships in all areas of our lives.

## Tax Credits Help You and CYA

Claim up to \$400 (married, filing jointly) or \$200 (single). Tell your friends and family to support Crittenton Youth Academy through a tax credit donation. With a gift to CYA, you may receive a **dollar-for-dollar reduction** in your state tax liability and may also qualify for a federal tax deduction. Your gift helps fund sports programs and extracurricular activities, such as field trips to learn about college opportunities, service learning projects and more.

Donate online ([www.flocritaz.org](http://www.flocritaz.org)), by mail (715 W. Mariposa, Phoenix 85013) or by phone (602-288-4555). **Donations must be received by Dec. 31.**



## The Principal's Office

Greetings,

On November 3, 2009, Crittenton Youth Academy successfully completed its North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement site visit and was recommended for continued accreditation. We are all very honored by this achievement and are equally excited about the benefits that this accreditation brings our students. NCA is a distinctive mark of quality recognized internationally and it affords external recognition of the school's commitment to quality. Students who attend a school accredited by NCA can rest assured that the school is committed to raising student performance and accountable for improving student learning on a continual basis. The NCA visiting team provided recommendations for continued improvement and growth. Crittenton Youth Academy is committed to improvement in our pursuit to be an elite educational institution.

Most sincerely,  
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## Service Learning News

The Service Learning classes at Crittenton Youth Academy are a chance for students to step out of their comfort zone and make a difference in all of the communities they are a part of. The Service Learning 2 class is doing just that. Students have developed their own Service Projects and put them into action. One group created fliers about the safety of Halloween and passed them out in their communities. Another group created cards and made cakes that they took to a local firehouse to show appreciation to those who risk their lives for us every day.

Students also went on a field trip to St. Vincent de Paul. Every day St. Vincent de Paul preps and serves free food to those in the area who cannot afford a meal. Our students worked together to prepare, serve and clean up the dining hall for those in need. Everyone enjoyed themselves and was positively impacted by the entire experience.

Not only are students working in groups, but individually as well. Our class is working together with the CYA Middle School students, who have each been assigned a high school mentor. This gives each student a chance to give back and provide advice and help to their younger peers. Each week the students meet together, talk about what is happening in their lives and complete an activity. - Scott Larter

***"Life is just a chance  
to grow a soul."***  
- A. Powell Davies



## English News



### Mrs. Inmon's English Literature 11.5/12.5 Classes

- On Dec. 4, Mrs. Inmon's English Literature students will be taking a trip to the Harkins Theater to see *New Moon* (all permission slips have already been collected). If you have not already done so, please provide Mrs. Inmon with your \$3.00 ASAP.
- On Dec. 14, from 9:30-11:00 the junior class (11<sup>th</sup> graders) will have a College 101 presentation (presented by the College depot) in the Café.
- Also on Dec. 14, in the afternoon all seniors will have a presentation on Scholarship Essay Writing (thanks to the College Depot) from 12:00-1:30.
- On December 15, Mrs. Inmon will be taking any graduating seniors to Phoenix Community College to take the ASSET test (College Placement).
- National Honor Society will meet Dec.3 and Dec. 12, 3:00-3:30 in room 200. We will be voting for our chapter officers and setting up our committees.
- Are you going to college? Do you need to take your Pre-SAT, SAT and/or ACT tests? If so, help is here! Please see Mrs. Inmon with any questions or if you want to register for a test.

## Sports

The CYA Lady Scorpions are moving from a very successful Volleyball season to what is expected to be an incredible basketball season! Our ladies have held numerous tryouts and now have their team ready for competition. This season the Lady Scorpions will be led by Coach Jeannine Colwell, and she is expecting big things. Below is the basketball schedule. Please come out and cheer them on! LET'S GO SCORPIONS!!!



### Girls' Basketball Schedule

Date	Home Team	Away Team	Time	Location
11/30/09	<b>C.Y.A.</b>	VARHS	7:00PM	1202 W Thomas Road, Phoenix AZ 85013
12/03/09	VARHS	<b>C.Y.A.</b>	6:30 PM	3005 E. Fillmore Street, Phoenix AZ 85008
12/17/09	Genesis	<b>C.Y.A.</b>	6:00 PM	525 E. McDowell Rd., Phoenix AZ 85004
01/07/10	ACA	<b>C.Y.A.</b>	4:30 PM	16011 N. Dysart Road, Surprise AZ 85374
01/13/10	Teacher Prep	<b>C.Y.A.</b>	6:30 PM	1202 W Thomas Road, Phoenix AZ 85013
01/14/10	Southridge	<b>C.Y.A.</b>	5:00 PM	1122 S. 67 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, Phoenix AZ 85043
01/19/10	<b>C.Y.A.</b>	Southridge	7:00 PM	1202 W Thomas Road, Phoenix AZ 85013
01/26/10	<b>C.Y.A.</b>	Genesis	7:00 PM	1202 W Thomas Road, Phoenix AZ 85013
02/01/10	<b>C.Y.A.</b>	Crestview	7:00 PM	1202 W Thomas Road, Phoenix AZ 85013
02/04/10	<b>C.Y.A.</b>	Teacher Prep	7:00 PM	1202 W Thomas Road, Phoenix AZ 85013
02/08/10	Glendale Prep	<b>C.Y.A.</b>	4:30 PM	7201 W. Beardsley Rd., Glendale AZ 85308
02/09/10	Crestview	<b>C.Y.A.</b>	7:00 PM	1202 W Thomas Road, Phoenix AZ 85013