



### SCHOOL NEWS

October 2020

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Monthly newsletter for Accelerated Learning Academy students, families, and our Community.

## I WILL ACHIEVE

# UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **OCTOBER**

5-9: Fall Break; No School

**5 & 19:** Education Board Mtg via Skype, 5:15 p.m.

**8**: Flu Shot Clinic @SRHS from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

12: Second Quarter Begins

21: Early Release

**30**: Boo-Thru: A Halloween Drive-Through Event, 5-7 p.m. @ECEC

#### **NOVEMBER**

4 & 25: Early Release

11: Veterans Day; No School

**26-27:**Thanksgiving Break; No School

# FALL BREAK TUTORING!

Teachers will be available during Fall Break to assist students with online work Mon-Fri from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Questions? Call 480-362-2130.

## O'odham/Piipaash Word of the Month

Ban O'odham Xathlywe Piipaash Coyote

English



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello, students and families! It's the end of the first quarter and we have learned so much these past nine weeks. We have learned that many of our students exhibit great effort and are driven to finish their courses. We have learned that some students struggle with online learning and are more successful in an inperson teaching model. Both are important points to understand that each student is an individual with varied needs. ALA staff continually strive to work with students and families to support them where they are at, not where we think they should be.

We know families are eager to know when we'll return to in-person learning. Stay updated with the latest information by attending the Education Board meetings and visiting **www.SaltRiverSchools.org**. We will communicate with families as soon are there is new information to share.

We hope everyone is safe and continues to be in good health.

Jama Nacke, ALA Principal

### THE IMPORTANCE OF THE GROWTH MINDSET

What is a Growth Mindset? It is a body of research and professional development that focuses on the belief we can develop our abilities, intelligence, or talents with persistence, effort, and a focus on learning. Smart is not something "we are;" rather, smart is something we can become. ALA staff will be reading the "Growth Mindset" book and participating professional development. We hope to create a school-wide system that empowers our students to believe they can learn and succeed no matter their past experiences.



# Test scores and measures of achievement tell you where a student is, but they don't tell you where a student can end up. — Carol Dweck



# Student & Family Success Tips

#### Students

- Communicate with your teachers!
- Ask for assistance!
- Don't give up—we are here to help!

#### **Families**

- Ask your student to show you their Edgenuity progress report. Look at the Actual Grade for information on how they are doing.
- Staff are always available for questions & assistance. A contact sheet is in your black ALA orientation folder. Or, call us at 480-362-2130.

#### Student & Family Support

We are focused on supporting students & families. If you need assistance, please contact Dianna Washington, ALA Academic & Career Counselor, at 480-362-2133 or email Dianna.Washington @saltriverschools.org.

### **ALA CONTACT**

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### ALA INTERNSHIP INFORMATION

The ALA Internship Program is looking for students interested in employment. This is an opportunity not only to gain work experience and earn a paycheck, but also to earn elective credit towards graduation. Mr. Peters, the program coordinator, is ready to help any interested students, and he can assist you through each step of the employment process, from applications to the first day on the job and beyond. Reach Mr. Peters at 480-362-2169, email <a href="mailto:seneca.peters@saltriverschools.org">seneca.peters@saltriverschools.org</a>, or send an email via Edgenuity by searching "Seneca Peters."

### **NEW ALA FIRST THINGS FIRST PROGRAM**

ALA will offer a 6-week course where students can earn 1 credit at Scottsdale Community College; they will also gain an elective credit. The course is intended to foster a love of reading and books for children. Students with children of their own, as well as students with an interest in working with children are encouraged to enroll. Stay tuned for more information. Questions? Contact Ms. Nacke: 480-362-2132.

### ALA DAILY STUDENT SCHEDULE & ATTENDANCE

**Daily Student Schedule:** Students in the **AM session** should be working on their computer from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. weekdays; students in the **PM session** should work from 12:30-4:30 p.m. Students may also work outside of the above hours in order to get ahead and finish courses in a shorter amount of time.

**Attendance** is taken each period and teachers monitor student work while they are in their scheduled period. **It is VITAL students complete work each weekday**. If something occurs and they cannot attend their session, please contact the ALA at 480-362-2130 for the attendance line (leave a message, if prompted). Staying in communication with us helps us understand student needs and provide support, if needed.



# FREE school meals for ALL youth age 18 & under!

Take advantage of the amazing breakfast and lunch meals prepared fresh daily by

our Food Services team for ALL youth age 18 and under. Pick up your meals weekdays from 10-11:30 a.m. at the ECEC along Center Street OR call our Transportation team at 480-362-2127 and leave a message that you'd like to have your student meals delivered. Learn more at shorturl.at/gnOR3.

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# DRIVE UP FLU SHOT CLINIC

Thursday, Oct. 8, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the SRHS roundabout (north end of campus). For more information, call the Salt River Ask-A-Nurse at 480-362-5555.



## **Stay Healthy**

- •Wear a mask!
- Wash your hands!
- •Stay 6 feet apart from others (social distance)!