



**I WILL ACHIEVE**



**DECEMBER**

**4 & 18:** Salt River Schools Education Board meeting, 5:15PM

**6, 13 & 22:** Early Release at Noon (*note—the 22nd is a FRIDAY*)

**7:** College Day—wear your college gear!

**7:** Soda With Security, ALA Lecture Hall, 5:30-7PM

**12:** NYCP Reading All the Way Drive-Thru event, ALA North Parking Lot, 6-8PM

**21:** FACE Family Circle, time TBD

**22:** Jingle Jog Fun Run, 9-10AM

**Dec. 25-Jan. 8:** Winter Break/No Students

**JANUARY**

**Jan. 9:** First Day of 3rd Quarter/Students Return

**10, 17, 24 & 31:** Early Release at Noon

**15:** Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day/SRS Closed/No Students

**16:** Salt River Schools Education Board meeting, 5:15PM



**O'odham/Piipaash  
Phrase of the Month**

S'he:kig Jioş 'alidag ma:sig taş!  
*O'odham*

Yoos xumay nyshnyaash xotk!  
*Piipaash*

Merry Christmas!  
*English*

**A Special Message from Dr. G**

The first semester will end Friday, Dec. 22, which is an Early Release Day. Although this time of year seems to go quickly, the school keeps moving forward, while keeping the focus on learning. As always, as a school in School Improvement, there is more to do, and you will see many positive changes to our great programs. I would like to thank all our stakeholders for making SRES such a wonderful place.

The weeks leading to Winter Break go quickly. Teachers and staff are planning many different activities for students. **Check out this newsletter, our school website/social media, and Class Dojo to stay updated about our events.**

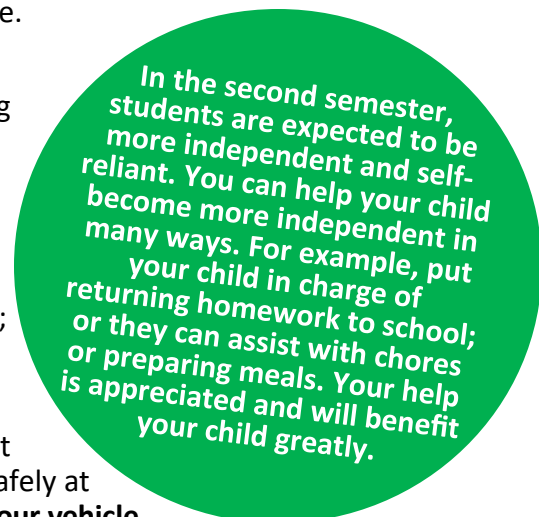
Report cards are scheduled to go home with students on Friday, Dec. 22; contact your teacher with any questions.

The safety of our children is our utmost priority and we thank you for driving safely at and around school. **If you are driving your vehicle around our school or parking lot, please remember these safety tips:**

- During drop off/pick up, pull all the way forward to allow for the maximum number of cars in line. Students should exit on the curb side only. When dropping off, please make sure your child already has their backpack.
- Drivers should not park and get out of their cars if they are dropping off in the morning. When drivers stop, get out, open the back seat or trunk, they slow down the drop off lane.
- Drive no faster than 5 mph in our parking lots. This will give you enough time to react if something unexpected happens.
- Those who choose to park and walk their child into school, please use the school's front parking lot off of Center Street.

I hope everyone has a wonderful month and an excellent Winter Break. **We will see everyone when school resumes on Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2024.**

Sincerely,  
Dr. Amanda Guerrero, SRES Principal



*In the second semester, students are expected to be more independent and self-reliant. You can help your child become more independent in many ways. For example, put your child in charge of returning homework to school; or they can assist with chores or preparing meals. Your help is appreciated and will benefit your child greatly.*



... [B]eing open and amenable to new ideas, ways of thinking, and new opportunities is imperative if we are to continue to thrive. — *SRPMIC President Martin Harvier*

**COVID-19 vaccine clinics** are also available by appointment and open to SRPMIC-enrolled children and Community resident children. Call the COVID-19 Hotline at 480-362-2603.

**ENROLL IN FACE TODAY**

We are now enrolling for the Salt River FACE program. We have two programs to choose from:

- Home Base for families with children ages 0-3
- Early Childhood Preschool for 3/4 yr olds

Family And Child Education (FACE) is an early enrichment program at Salt River Elementary School that focuses on parent and child engagement, child development, and early literacy.

Enrollment is open to any family of any federally recognized tribe, living within a 15-mile radius of SRPMIC (they do not have to live within the Community).

For more information, call 480-362-2400 or visit [sres.saltriverschools.org/services/face\\_sres](https://sres.saltriverschools.org/services/face_sres).

Winter Break is not a time for worksheets and textbooks, but your child should continue to learn. The best way is just to read a little bit every day. And that means reading more than text messages! Here's how:

- Link movies to books. Your child, like many others, may enjoy watching movies during winter break. Encourage them to watch at least one based on a book--and read the book first.
- Give books for gifts. If your child will receive a gift this month, consider giving them a book or a gift card to a bookstore. Suggest this to other family members as well.
- Read for a purpose. Practical reading--the kind you do to learn a skill--is both fun and informative. If your child enjoys cooking, they could read a recipe and try it out. If they like gadgets, they could read the instruction manual and put one together. If they likes sports, they could check out the newspaper for a look at how their favorite teams are faring.



Check out the Library webpage, which you can access by scanning the QR code or typing in the following web address: [https://sres.saltriverschools.org/services/library\\_\\_media\\_center](https://sres.saltriverschools.org/services/library__media_center).

**MRS. YUREK'S LIBRARY CORNER**

**SCAN THE QR CODE TO VIEW OUR MONTHLY SCHOOL MEAL MENUS!**

[www.saltriverschools.org/departments/food\\_services](https://www.saltriverschools.org/departments/food_services)



Once your child returns from Winter Break on Tuesday, Jan. 9, the school year will be about half complete! This is a great time to review the first part of the year and make plans for the next. Looking at your child's school attendance should be part of this important process.

Did your child attend school every day unless they are sick or there was a family emergency? If so, congratulations! Let your child know you're proud of their strong attendance. Help them keep up the good work for the rest of the year and beyond.

Strong attendance is one predictor of success in school. Here are some tips to consider with regard to your child's attendance:

- Remind your child that regular school attendance is a priority.
- Emphasize the need for rest, nutrition, and exercise to stay healthy and in school.
- Consider the reasons you take your child out of school. Can you make some appointments outside school hours?
- Create consequences. Let your children know that consistent attendance at school is important to you and to them.

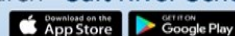
**REVIEW YOUR CHILD'S ATTENDANCE**

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# NOVEMBER STUDENTS/FAMILIES OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following student and family, who will be recognized at the Dec. 4 Education Board meeting:

The Burns Family, FACE Home Base: I am honored to watch Grandma Shannon and her two granddaughters grow. Shannon is a busy grandma. She put her heart and soul into raising wonderful kids and grandkids. Shannon is a loving and nurturing grandparent. She is currently teaching them their O’odham culture and travels with them to different events. Jasmine and Anya have grown so much. They are beautiful little girls and so smart. Jasmine has taken her first few steps and Anya is learning her colors and numbers. I am proud to see my Burns family grow so beautifully. *(Nominated by Lindsay Cuch)*



Madisen White, 6th Grade: Madisen pays attention, does her work, treats others with kindness, and sets a good example for others. Teachers know Madisen will always give her best. Madisen is such a great student; we know she will do well in her future classes. *(Nominated by Ms. Yellowhair)*

View the other nominees for Student of the Month at [https://sres.saltriverschools.org/news/announcements/SOTM\\_1123](https://sres.saltriverschools.org/news/announcements/SOTM_1123).

Decorate your sleigh (vehicle!) and join us for a drive-thru holiday celebration filled with literacy, merriment, and holiday cheer.

The theme is “The Twelve Days of Christmas in Arizona,” based on the book by Jennifer J. Stewart. There will be lots of gift giveaways and prizes awarded for best car decorations!

This event is free and open to the public. Enter the ALA north parking lot heading east along Chaparral Road.

# READING ALL THE WAY

*A Drive-Thru Holiday Celebration*

**Tuesday, Dec. 12 | 6-8PM**

ALA North Parking Lot

**SALT RIVER SCHOOLS**

GENERATION OF LEADERS  
Community | Education & Literacy | Culture

480-362-2500 | [SaltRiverSchools.org](http://SaltRiverSchools.org)

#AIMHIGHER

# MOCK INTERVIEW MONDAYS

WITH HIGHER EDUCATION

- Test your answers to tough questions
- Enhance your communication skills and delivery of responses

APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE | VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS  
9 AM - 4 PM

CONTACT JOYLA GATES TO REGISTER

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# COLLEGE CORNER



ATTENTION SENIORS  
GET HELP WITH:  
Completing your FAFSA  
College applications  
Scholarships  
Picking your major

## ADVISING APPOINTMENTS

Higher Ed is offering advising appointments for SRPMIC-enrolled high school seniors.

Virtual appointments are also available for students who live out of state.



QUESTIONS? CONTACT DAVINA LEON

480-362-2551 | Davina.leon@saltriverschools.org

**FIRST FRIDAY CHATS**

Ask questions, get advice, learn from the experts & feel confident about your higher education goals.  
Email HigherEd@saltriverschools.org to register!

**Friday, Dec. 1**  
**10-11AM**  
via Microsoft Teams

**HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM FUNDING APPLICATION DEADLINES**

*the journey begins here.*

Higher Education is there to uplift you every step of the way.

<b>VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS</b> → APR 30: School start date in May, June & July → JUL 30: School start date in Aug., Sept. & Oct. → OCT 30: School start date in Nov., Dec. & Jan. → JAN 30: School start date in Feb., March & April	<b>COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY</b> → Fall Semester: JUN 30 → Spring Semester: NOV 30 → Summer Semester: APR 30
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*If deadlines fall on a weekend, applications will be accepted on the following business day.*

480-362-2500 | HE.SaltRiverSchools.org

To receive text messages from Salt River Schools, text "opt-in" to 67587.  
Opt-out at any time.

**SODA with SECURITY**

**Thursday, Dec. 7**  
Suicide Prevention//Awareness  
Teen Lifeline **\*\*Adults only\*\***

SALT RIVER SAFE SCHOOLS & SECURITY

480-362-2010  
Esteban.Lopez@saltriverschools.org

Soda With Security will take place at the Accelerated Learning Academy from 5:30-7 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided.