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FEBRUARY 2011 NEWSLETTER

NEW! NEW! NEW! SUMMER 2011

Scottsdale Unified School District Middle School Summer School 2011 Classes will be provided by Scottsdale Education Center in partnership with the SUSD Community Schools Department on the Mountainside Middle School and Coronado High School campuses. There are two sessions that will be offered June 13 to June 30 and July 11 to July 28, Monday -Thursday 8am to 1pm.

Cost per sessions per student: \$ 250
(Scholarships may be available)



Designed to allow 7th graders to accelerate through Pre-Algebra during the Summer and start Algebra in 8th grade.



Increase speed of reading/comprehension & enhance writing abilities along with confidence training in Language Arts/Public Speaking.



From Einstein to Hawking, identify constellations, make a telescope, get the latest NASA updates, learn to love the cosmos and much more. (continued on page 2)

Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors: ARE YOU READY?

JUNIORS

SAT: Only three SAT test dates left before the end of the school year. Sign up NOW for a spot in our highly successful test preparation classes. Only 3 slots left in our prep class for the March 12 test date. In planning which test you want to take remember, the March 13 date is the first Saturday of SUSD and NDP Spring break. The May date is right before AP testing for many courses and the June 4 date is at the beginning of summer. Plan to be in town and focused. There are no additional SAT test dates during the summer after the June 4 date. The next date will be in the fall...usually in October.

SEC SAT Test Prep dates: **SAT Official Test:**
Feb 15 - March 9 **Saturday, March 12**
April 12 - May 4 **Saturday, May 7**
May 2 - May 26 **Saturday, June 4**

Call SEC at 480-538-0828 for details. Classes taught by AZ Certified teachers. 4 tests available. Intense, comprehensive, 16 hour class preparation, \$495. Learn the tricks and traps of the SAT. Semi-private and private tutoring sessions also available for SAT Preparation. Sign up for the SAT at www.collegeboard.com.

ACT: Only three **ACT test dates** left this academic year: **Saturday, Feb 12, Saturday, April 9 and Saturday, June 11. SEC classes will be held** for the April ACT starting March 7- April 7, and intensive preparation May 31-June 10 for the June test. Students who are strong in math/science and weak in vocabulary may find the ACT to be a better test on which to focus. Free ACT diagnostic available with sign up. ACT will not be offered again until Fall 2011. Sign up at www.act.org.

Make certain to sign up early to get your choice of test locations and aren't hit with a late registration fee. Don't miss the registration cut off date for the test.
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SEC High School Reading Program

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: GPA and standardized test scores not matching? Concerned because you student is not a reader? Come to SEC for a reading assessment and reading program designed to improve reading speed and comprehension. Skills taught during our 8 to 12 hour program focus on building strong underlying reading skills and pushing students to college level reading abilities. We have had GREAT success in increasing ACT/SAT reading scores by combining this program with either ACT/SAT prep classes or semi-private tutoring. Call 480-538-0828 TODAY to set up the hour long assessment and get your student scheduled ASAP!



Joaquin Bustoz ASU Math/Science Honors Program

Go to www.msph.asu.edu for information about the ASU Math-Science Honors Program, an intense academic program allowing student participants to reside on the ASU Tempe campus for a 5 or 8 week summer session while enrolled in a university-level mathematics course for college credit. (continued on page 2)



Math Olympics: Race to Excellence

Fun, motivating math camp helping students with strong math preparation, critical thinking, & "mind gymnastics". Gain a new appreciation & love for math!



Spanish: Translation, "Excel"eration and Pronunciation

Teaching students Spanish basics with fluency & flare. Pronunciation games, conversational Spanish and beginning English to Spanish translation.



Mandarin: Exploration, "Excel"eration and Translation

Explore the Chinese culture and delve into the basics of Mandarin Chinese. Learn this ancient language with a fun, lively twist!

For more information or early registration, please contact Jessica Kulish at 480-538-0828. Registration will be available on the SEC website (WWW.SECTUTORING.COM) in mid-February.

FALL 2010 "ENERGIZER" AWARD

Congratulations to **Kelsey Wallace** for earning the SEC "Energizer" Award for her dedication, diligence and motivation resulting in a 4.4 GPA for the first semester! Way to go, Kelsey!



SOPHOMORES

SUSD AIMS High School Writing test is on Tuesday, March 1st and the AIMS High School Reading test is on Wednesday, March 2nd. The Math AIMS test will be Tuesday, April 5th and the Science AIMS test will be Wednesday, April 6th. Be Prepared to score big...pass or exceed...the first time through. SEC has outstanding AIMS tutors with a great track record for moving students to "Passing" or from "Passing" to "Exceeding". Give yourself the best chance to excel! (Make-up dates will be available for the SUSD AIMS testing)



SENIORS

If you have deficiencies for high school graduation or acceptance to an in-state university or need to replace a course to up your GPA...SEC can help. We have hundreds of students who have gotten through last minute course needs with their counselor's approval. We have helped students quickly and successfully complete online courses with focused tutoring. Time is running out. Make sure you give yourself enough time to complete any needed courses and get them on your transcript. Ideally you want to shoot for course completion (including taking the final) before mid-April-stay out of the panic zone. Just completing the course is not enough-you need to make sure the grade is recorded and is transferred onto your transcript. Only about 8 weeks left. Call 480-538-0828 for details.



* **SEC is CLOSED for President's Day - Mon, 2/21**

* **Do you have a favorite teacher?** Nominate him/her for the "Silver Apple Award" program sponsored by Channel 3 by **March 4**. Go to www.azfamily.com keyword: Silver Apple Award and fill out the nomination form!

Call Scottsdale Education Center at 480-538-0828 TODAY to sign up or email us at admin@sectutoring.com!

The program is intended for mature high school sophomores, juniors, or seniors who demonstrate the academic potential to pursue university studies in math or science. MSHP at ASU pays all student expenses (I.E. tuition, meals, supplies, etc.) See website for application requirements and details. Applications must be postmarked by Friday, March 4 and students are notified of their acceptance to the program during the last week of March. Program is selective.

Up to 4 college credits in math may be awarded. Scholarships are available.



SCHOLARSHIP UPDATES: SENIORS

Two scholarship programs to know about:
1. **Go Daddy**- Scottsdale based Go Daddy is launching a scholarship program offering TEN \$ 10,000 scholarships to graduates of the class of 2011. Seniors must have a 3.0 GPA and score at least an 860 on the SAT (Reading and Math) or 18 on the ACT, 2 letters of recommendations and a 500 word essay are required. Deadline 3/31/11. www.godaddy.com/MEscholarship
2. **Kohls Cares**- Nominate a kid who cares! TOP winners receive \$ 10,000. Nomination deadline: 3/15/11. Program honors volunteers (ages 6-18) who have made a positive impact on their communities. Visit the [website](http://www.kohlscares.com) for more details!

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