

New Way Senior Newsletter

December 9, 2016

CAREER CORE

Career CORE had an exciting first semester as they explored different opportunities for job skills development both at New Way and in the local Phoenix community. Students started the semester learning and refining their resume and cover letter skills as they explored how their strengths could be applied to careers of interest. At mid semester, The Bulldogz Jolt coffee business debuted with a huge success. The students were a part of every detail including choosing labels, preparing multiple styles of drink, creating sales projections, and marketing their product to the New Way staff and seniors. Students noted that they loved delivering the morning coffee to their favorite teachers each week. Career CORE also partnered with SMILE Biscotti to learn about the steps of running a business from creation, packaging, and sales perspectives. They also visited the SMILE office and participated in a mock job interview with the team. The students shared that they learned a lot from the SMILE team about patience and creativity within their business. Both of these projects required teamwork and independent growth as the students used their unique strengths and abilities to see an idea grow from a vision into actual products that are now part of the New Way community.



COLLEGE CORE

College CORE students have successfully completed their first college course! While students learned valuable lessons about college readiness at Scottsdale Community College, they received strategic supports here at New Way. Each week, students diligently completed SCC assignments while also practicing two-column notes. Students drafted resumes and practiced interview skills to prepare for post-secondary application procedures. We explored diverse post-secondary pathways including community college, trade schools, vocation support programs, and universities while gaining a better understanding of cost and funding opportunities. Students gained a deeper understanding of their behavior and thinking preferences through the Emergenetics Program and made connections of how these qualities impact post-secondary experiences. With this first semester of experience, students are well prepared to take on an online academic college course next semester.

SENIOR PSYCHOEDUCATIONAL TESTING

As we prepare for the spring semester, Marilyn Michie will be in touch with students and families (who have not yet completed testing) about scheduling senior testing. We recommended that all students complete psychoeducational testing on adult scales before graduating from high school. This ensures that students will meet all documentation guidelines on the post-secondary level. Please contact michie@newwayacademy.org with any questions.

IMPORTANT DATES

January 3 | Spring Semester Begins
January 6 | Senior [Yearbook Tribute](#) Deadline
January 11 | Transition Workshop: UofA & SALT Spotlight
January 16 | Martin Luther King Holiday – No School
February 9-10 | Parent/Teacher Conferences – Noon Dismissal
February 15-17 | Trip to [Pali Institute](#) – Please Sign Up [Here](#)
February 20 | Presidents' Day Holiday – No School
February 22 | Transition Workshop
March 13-17 | Spring Break
April 14 | April Recess – No School
May 25 | Graduation

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 13
8:10am-8:30 – Homeroom
8:35-10:05 – 1st Period Final
10:05-10:20 – Morning Break
10:25-11:55 – 4th Period Final
11:55-12pm – Homeroom & Dismissal

Wednesday, December 14
8:10am-8:30 – Homeroom
8:35-10:05 – 2nd Period Final
10:05-10:20 – Morning Break
10:25-11:55 – 5th Period Final
11:55-12pm – Homeroom & Dismissal

Thursday, December 15
8:10am-8:30 – Homeroom
8:35-10:05 – 3rd Period Final
10:05-10:20 – Morning Break
10:25-11:55 – 7th period Final
11:55-12pm – Homeroom & Dismissal

Friday, December 16
8:10am-8:30 – Homeroom
8:35-10:05 – 8th Period Final
10:05-11:55 – Semester Celebration
11:55-12pm – Homeroom & Dismissal