

New Way Senior Newsletter

February 3, 2016

MRS. MORGAN'S CORE

Mrs. Morgan's homeroom continued to focus on their financial literacy lessons while on New Way's campus this week. They explored different living expenses and differentiated between needs versus wants. The students also selected their car and living arrangements, including housing applications and roommate agreements as they further progressed through the "Game of Life." These financial literacy lessons are a great way for students and their families to engage in discussions about real-life expenses and plans for the future as they quickly approach high school graduation! In their CPD150 class the students explored different opportunities for engagement on PVCC's campus. They also learned about the brain and how it develops throughout adolescence and into young adulthood.

HALF DAY PVCC TRANSPORTATION

While Thursday, February 9th is a half-day at New Way, students will still be responsible for attending CPD150 at Paradise Valley Community College. Students will need to pack their lunches as Subway will not be delivering the usual orders. Transportation will be provided to and from class. The van will leave campus at 12:55pm per usual and will return shortly after 3pm.

MRS. KEATHLEY'S CORE

This week, we put our Game of Life curriculum on hold to further advance through the Rio Salado's online curriculum. With half days next Thursday and Friday, followed by the Pali Trip on February 15 through 17, students were given an opportunity to work ahead on their course assignments and activates. Students are encouraged to continue to progress through the course at an accelerated rate to compensate for the three days they will be without their computers at the Pali Institute. Mrs. Keathley is closely monitoring student progress and is happy to meet before or after school should students need additional supported work time. This online course format continues to be a valuable learning opportunity for our students.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held Thursday and Friday, February 9th and 10th, from 12:30 - 4:00 p.m. Students will be released at 12noon for a half day (unless they are attending PVCC on Thursday). If you are interested in setting up a conference, you can click on this [link](#).

ABSENCE EXPECTATIONS

With winter colds and travel, we have seen an increase in school absences this semester. Just as a friendly reminder, students are responsible for communicating with their teachers to make up all missing work. Even with excused absences, students are responsible for all content and grades that they missed while out of school. The high school education team updates RenWeb frequently; we encourage our students to utilize this resource. Additionally, students are asked to pro-actively email their teachers about scheduled absences. This is a wonderful opportunity to practice written communication and self-advocacy. In both the post-secondary and professional setting, communicating with your boss or professor about absences will be a key to success. Students enrolled in Paradise Valley Community College's CPD150 course will need to email their professor if they miss a Tuesday or Thursday class.

TRANSITION WORKSHOPS

Each month, the New Way Transition Team hosts a Transition Workshop on a Wednesday evening from 5:30pm to 6:30pm in the Library. Families and students are invited to attend as leaders in the community share important information about various aspects of transition.

February 22 | Guardianship, Special Needs Trusts & SSI
Presented by [Emily B. Kile, Esq.](#)

March 29 | Independent Living Experience
Presented by [ILE](#)

April 12 | Post-Secondary Accommodations
Presented by [NorthBridge](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

February 9-10 | Parent/Teacher Conferences – Noon Dismissal

February 15-17 | Trip to [Pali Institute](#)

February 20 | Presidents' Day Holiday – No School

February 22 | Transition Workshop: Guardianship, Trusts & SSI

March 13-17 | Spring Break

March 29 | Transition Workshop: Independent Living Experience

April 14 | April Recess – No School

April 12 | Transition Workshop: Post-Secondary Accommodations

May 18 | Senior Dinner

May 17 | Senior Field Day

May 25 | Graduation