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|  Upcoming Dates:December 20-22Semester 1 FinalsDecember 24-January 6thWinter BreakJanuary 9thSemester 2 BeginsJanuary 16thMLK Holiday-No SchoolJanuary 23rd and 24thHorizon ACT Practice Test for all Freshman and Sophomore StudentsJanuary 25thHorizon ACT Practice Test for all Juniors. Digital Learning Day (DLD) for all 9th, 10th, and 12th grade cohortsJanuary 26th-27thHorizon ACT Practice Test Make-ups for all Freshman and Sophomore StudentsGear up!! -- [School Store Link--THS Gear](https://www.game-one.com/school/tempe-high-school/)\*If you are interested in purchasing any Tempe Apparel  | #1 The 2023-2024 School YearBuffalo families, as we close out the first semester of the 2022-2023 school year, we want to continue to share reminders about the 2023-2024 school year. Next school year we will be transitioning to an alternative calendar. This new calendar is referred to as a ‘222’ calendar meaning after each significant break (Fall break, Winter break, and Spring break) we will pause for a two-week break. The transition to this calendar creates a couple of anomalies that require early and consistent communication. The most important item we want to continue to remind our families about is the 2023-2024 school year begins *Wednesday July 19th, 2023.* Please mark your calendars and adjust your Summer plans accordingly to begin school earlier. To see the full-year 2023-2024 school calendar, click [Calendars and Schedules](https://www.tempeunion.org/Student-Calendars). #2 Horizon ACT Practice Assessments In JanuaryWe are looking forward to another ACT Horizon practice assessment for our Juniors Wednesday, January 25, 2022. This practice assessment will produce quality lead data to inform our subsequent instruction, interventions, and ACT preparation plans until we officially test in April. Families, it's important we ensure a 95% or above student participation percentage to ensure valid and usable performance data. The 25th will be a *Digital Learning Day* (DLD) for the 9th, 10th, and 12th grade cohorts. *January 23rd-24th* and *26-27* will be a testing window for our 9th and 10th grade students. #3 Student Tardiness First SemesterThere were 18 total weeks of instruction connected to the first semester. During these 18 weeks, our highest weekly average of students arriving late to campus was 75. For the 18 week semester we averaged 66 students arriving late every day. Please ensure your student(s) arrive to campus on time. Our first hour bell rings promptly at 8:35 every morning. Logistically students should be on campus no later than 8:25. This gives them 10 minutes to transition to their first hour class. *To be early is to be on time!* #4 Big THANK YOU and SHOUT OUT to our TeachersWe wanted to share a warm THANK YOU to our Teachers and staff for their hard work this semester. Many intentional actions were performed by our staff to help our students be successful. At the conclusion of the second grade progress reporting period we had a total of 2,206 failing grades. By the conclusion of the first semester this number has been reduced to 904. Both our Teachers and students have made a tremendous effort to finish the semester as strongly as possible. It was a total team effort to support our students. #5 Campus Reset for the Second SemesterFamilies, when we began the first semester, written correspondence was shared communicating 4 student expectations that we want to re-share as we begin 2nd Semester. 1) *All students must wear their school ID*, 2) *No cell phone, earbuds, or headphones during instructional time*, 3) *On-time matters, students should arrive at all classes on time,* and 4) *Student Parking - All students who drive must park in the Broadway parking lot*. These campus-wide student expectations have helped to improve campus behaviors and our overall academic performance.  |
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