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| Upcoming Dates:  December 13th Orchestra, Mariachi, Guitar Concert 7:00p.m. THS auditorium  December 15th Band, Choir Concert 7:00p.m. THS auditorium  December 20-22 Semester 1 Finals  December 24-January 6th  Winter Break  January 9th  Semester 2 Begins  Gear up!! -- [School Store Link--THS Gear](https://www.game-one.com/school/tempe-high-school/)  \*If you are interested in purchasing any Tempe Apparel please click the link above | #1 The 2023-2024 School Year As the holiday season begins, we wanted to provide an additional reminder regarding the changes that will occur in our school calendars for the 2023/2024 school year. After a year of collaborative planning with our Tri-District partners, Kyrene and Tempe Elementary, and carefully considering input from a wide variety of stakeholders, our respective Governing Boards approved the new calendars. We hope that this will be a step in the right direction for our families who have students in multiple districts. You can find the calendar on our website by clicking on “[Calendars and Schedules](https://www.tempeunion.org/Student-Calendars)”. Please remember that this does not affect the current school year but will begin in July 2023. #2 Student Course Requests; 2023-2024 School Year Families, annually we engage our students in a process to prepare for the upcoming school year (2023-2024). All 9th grade through 11th grade students received what is referred to as a ‘*Course Request*.’ The *Course Request* is a form that students complete to sign up for classes for the following school year. Based on student selections, we use this process to drive the preponderance of our master schedule. Please have a conversation with your student(s) about what courses they selected for next year. A small percentage of our students were not able to complete the *Course Request* in a timely manner. When this occurs, our diligent counseling team will place students into classes they need to graduate. Proud to communicate that our students' choices matter and we use these choices to make important decisions about the classes we offer! #3 COVID-19, Flu, and RSV As the Fall and Winter seasons occur, we are experiencing increases in Flu, COVID-19, and RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus). The Number of positive cases for all three of these viruses has increased within the community. Various media and news outlets have reported this as a ‘*Tripledemic*.’ Buffalo Families, please be aware, be vigilant, and take the necessary precautions to ensure the health and safety of your family. Student attendance matters, if students are sick, attendance at school becomes challenging. Please take care and caution. #4 Winter Sports and Upcoming Fine Arts Performances As we finish up the semester, our Winter Sports programs are in full swing. Boys and girls basketball, boys and girls wrestling along with boys and girls Soccer. Please join us in supporting our student-athletes. As well, we have scheduled two orchestra and dance concerts remaining. Please come out and support our talented musicians and dancers. They are amazing and continue to gain greater recognition/awards in competitions. #5 The Dangers of Fentanyl Buffalo Families, please be vigilant with your students. Everyday, we hear more and more about Fentanyl and its prevalence within our community. This deadly drug comes in a pill form, a liquid form, and even a ‘spray/mist’ form. Drug cartels are using this deadly drug as a ‘cutting’ or ‘mixing’ agent to enhance the effect of most street drugs. A miniscule amount the size of two rice grains is enough to kill. If you are interested in learning more about this please click: <https://youtu.be/zu_WtBrmScs>. |
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