



BUFFALO FAMILY

August 29, 2022

Upcoming Dates:

August 30th - Home
Badminton Match vs. Desert
Edge

August 31st - Home Girl's
Volleyball Match vs Saguario

September 1st - Family-
Teacher Conferences; Home
Badminton Match vs.
Shadow Mountain

September 2nd - Early
Release ½ day Schedule
12:30 dismissal

September 2nd - Home
Football Game vs.
Wickenburg

September 5th - No
School Labor Day

September 7th - Fr/So
Football vs. Carl Hayden

September 8th - Home
Football game vs. Carl
Hayden

Gear up!! -- [School Store
Link--THS Gear](#)

*If you are interested in
purchasing any Tempe
Apparel please click the link
above

#1 FAMILY-TEACHER CONFERENCES 9.1.22

Buffalo families, we are excited to welcome you to our *Fall Family-Teacher Conferences*, this *Thursday, September 1, 2022*. We will begin at *4:30 p.m.*, concluding at *7:00 p.m.* During this time you will have the opportunity to visit with each of your student's Teachers. *Please ask them how your student is performing in class. Are they showing up to class on time? Do they actively participate? Do you feel like you have a productive relationship with my child?* These are just a few examples of what you can ask your student's Teachers to find out how they are performing in their classes. Please also make it a point to stop by our *Library* as well. Here you can receive a copy of your student's schedule (if you do not have a copy, you will need this to see Teachers), receive training on *Parent Vue* (our family Grade-Check program), and receive information about other important campus items/events .

#2 WALGREENS, WELLS FARGO, AND MODERN SOCIAL

Families, as we have previously communicated, there is NO student parking or parent pick-up at *Walgreens, Wells Fargo, and Modern Social*. As we shared in our first edition of *The Buffalo Family* earlier this month, we wanted to share this reminder and expectation again. As of *September 1, 2022, The Tempe Police Department* will begin enforcement of these two important expectations. ALL parent drop-offs and pick-ups should occur within our Mill Avenue Parking Lot. We have plenty of room to accommodate additional circular traffic flow to pick up students.

#3 STUDENTS ARRIVING LATE

It is always important for students to be in school on time in all of their classes. Every school day students arrive late. During our first 7-day cycle of the school year, an average of 50 students were late to school. During our second 7-day cycle, this average increased to 80 students. Families, please make sure your students arrive at school on time. First hour begins promptly at 8:35 a.m. For students to be on time for the first hour, they must be on campus no later than 8:25 a.m. This gives them a 10-minute cushion to arrive at their first hour on time by 8:35 a.m.

#4 ACT PREPARATION

The Arizona Department of Education has determined the ACT will be the high-stakes assessments schools will undertake to determine in part school letter grades and other public school designations. With this in mind, we wanted to inform our families that we will begin preparing for this assessment immediately. Although the ACT assessment is given in the Spring, we can begin to prepare now so that our students are ready. To find out more about this assessment, you can click on [ACT.org](#)

#5 ACT PRACTICE; UPCOMING HORIZON TESTING

One of the ways we prepare as a school for the ACT is by practicing on other similar assessments. Our first opportunity to do this will be from September 19-30. We will be facilitating an ACT Practice Test called Horizon. It will be taken during this time in specific classes on your student's schedule. As we get closer to this date, please encourage your student(s) to do their best on this assessment as this information will be useful for future instruction and assessment planning.

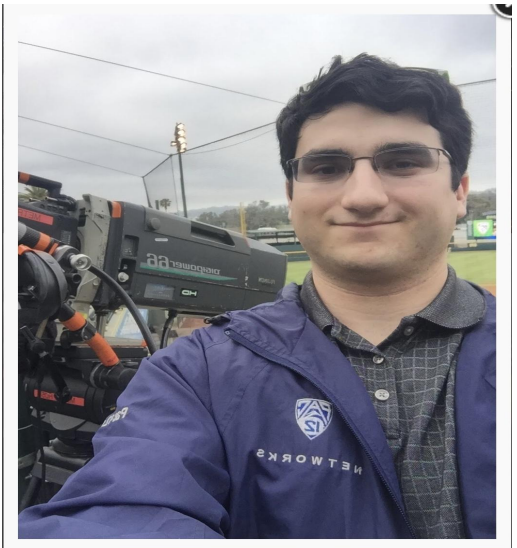
Staff Member of the Week



STAFF MEMBER: Nick Velde
Position: English Teacher

- 1) What was your favorite childhood experience?**
I used to camp and go fishing with my dad a lot. I still look back fondly on those memories.
- 2) Who do you look up to and why?**
I look up to the students we have who come from extremely tough backgrounds, but give it their all every day. It takes a lot of motivation, dedication, and pure willpower, and I find that extremely admirable.
- 3) What is your favorite Movie and why?**
My favorite movie is The Big Lebowski. It never ceases to make me laugh, and we all need a little of that, don't we?
- 4) Why did you want to be a part of the Tempe High family?**
During my interview, I got a very good idea of how supportive and welcoming everyone here is. I was also able to see that Tempe High values its educators as professionals and treats them accordingly. Both of these things meant a lot in making the decision to work here.
- 5) What are the top five items on your bucket list?**
Visit South America (particularly Peru, Argentina, and Brazil)
Hike Rim to Rim in the Grand Canyon, Learn French, Go sailing, and Go on a river trip

Staff Member of the Week



STAFF MEMBER: Justin Elkin
Position: CTE Teacher

- 1) What was your favorite childhood experience?**
When I was able to stand in the middle of the shut down street in midtown NYC and take a model photo that allowed me to be in a corn pops commercial.
- 2) Who do you look up to and why?**
My father taught me how to live my life with my acute autism.
- 3) What is your favorite movie and why?**
The Back to the Future movies. It created my passion for the film industry.
- 4) Why did you want to be a part of the Tempe High family?**
I wanted to be a part of it due to the fact that it is a family culture and I am able to create a program from the ground up.
- 5) What are the top five items on your bucket list?**
Go to the U.K, Rome, the Caribbean, Scotland and Greece.