



BUFFALO FAMILY

August 12, 2022

Upcoming Dates:

August 12th - Club Rush Today

August 26th - Fall Sports
Assembly

September 1st - Parent Teacher
Conferences

September 2nd - Early Release

September 2nd - 1st Home
Football Game vs. Wickenburg

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

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

Please click the link to view our
Campus Bell Schedule:

[Tempe High Bell Schedule](#)

Free/Reduced Lunch
Application Link:

www.family.titank12.com

#1 WELCOME TO THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Tempe High families, welcome to the 2022-2023 school year. As of today, August 12, 2022 we have completed our 7th day of school. We are so excited our students have returned from summer break! We couldn't wait to see them and hear about everything they did over the summer. Some attended summer school. We had 17 additional students graduate through the *Tempe Union Summer Education Academy*. Some students vacationed in the state. Many left the state of Arizona to visit family, friends, and loved ones. In either case, we're glad our students are back!

#2 FOCUS ON CAMPUS SAFETY

This past Wednesday during our *Advisory Period* all students received a campus safety presentation from their Teacher. Please see the [Advisory Period 8/10/22--Safety and Campus Procedures](#) presentation that was shared with all of our staff and students. One of the new safety initiatives we will implement this year is 'See Something Say Something.' This new campus-wide protocol allows our students to report suspicious behavior anonymously. Campus signage with a QR code that says, "See Something Say Something" will be placed in all classrooms and other discrete locations around the campus. All students have to do is hover their cell phones over the QR code and the anonymous report form will appear. We will check this information daily and immediately follow up on the information shared by our students. *We are serious about Campus Safety!*

#3 STUDENT IDENTIFICATION

When our campus family (staff members included) are wearing their school issued ID. We are all safer! Please remind your student(s) of this daily expectation. We appreciate your support with this in advance. As students enter campus, our security staff will remind students of this expectation. Before students enter their classrooms, their Teachers will also remind them of this expectation. *We are serious about Campus Safety!*

#4 CELL PHONES, EARBUDS, AND HEADPHONES

When students enter their classrooms, these items are to be put away in students backpacks and personal bags to eliminate distractions during instructional time. We are happy to report, our students are responding favorably to this expectation. Families, we will need your help and support with this as we continue the school year. Like IDs please remind your student(s) of this important campus expectation.

#5 STUDENT CONNECTEDNESS

Student Connectedness is very important. We offer many opportunities for our students to get involved at Tempe High. There is something for every student. Please encourage your student(s) to join a club, team, sport, or extracurricular activity. This will enhance their experience as a Buffalo!

Staff Member Spotlight



STAFF MEMBER: Dr. Kate Helm

Position: General Education Behavior Interventionist

1) What was your favorite childhood experience?

I loved sitting on the porch with my dad whenever there was a thunderstorm.. we'd sit in silence and just watch the rain together.

2) Who do you look up to and why?

I had a principal early on in my career who was one of the most transformative leaders I ever had. He pushed me to take risks with my teaching and made it ok to fail. He challenged the status quo and was willing to make people mad if it meant putting into place new practices that would support our students. He believed in kids no matter where they came from or what skills they lacked and he demanded that all of his teachers do the same, relentlessly. I don't think I ever worked harder than when I was at his school, but it was amazing to be part of that culture.

3) What is your favorite Movie and why?

I'm terrible with movies.. I mostly fall asleep about 20 minutes in.. That being said, I'll never say no to *Goonies*.. Chunk is my favorite. Let's see that truffle shuffle!!!

4) Why did you want to be a part of the Tempe High family?

I love a school with history and traditions. There's real pride in this community. I love how much everyone cares.

5) What are the top five items on your bucket list?

1) Travel to Istanbul and soak every inch of it in; 2) Write a book; 3) Buy a little teardrop trailer and spend my retirement years on the road with Dan (my husband), sitting around a campfire under the stars.

Staff Member Spotlight



STAFF MEMBER: Don Baker

Position: Dean of Students

1) What was your favorite childhood experience?

Sitting in and talking to KITT, the car from the TV show Knight Rider. It was my favorite show as a kid.

2) Who do you look up to and why?

Dr. Ron Bonnsetter, future father-in-law. An amazing man, neuroscientist and former professor who taught me the importance of life-long learning and overcoming external and self-doubt to reach your goals.

3) What is your favorite movie and why?

The Big Lebowski. It's wonderfully quotable and helps me hang on to the nostalgic memories of my college days. But, that's just, like my opinion, man.

4) Why did you want to be a part of the Tempe High family?

In the past few years I had heard of the family atmosphere and culture at Tempe High School. From the moment I walked into the building for my interview the evidence of this culture was apparent and I wanted to be a part of it. I am honored to be a part of this family and am really looking forward to the relationships I get to develop here.

5) What are the top five items on your bucket list?

Attend a World Series Game 7

Travel all over the world (I got a taste this year and now I'm hooked)

Learn jazz and blues piano (They are the two genres I just haven't been able to figure out, and they happen to be my favorites to listen to)