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FROM THE DESK OF YOUR IMS ADMIN TEAM: DR. MICHAEL AND MS. MASTROPOLO

Happy October, Trojans!

Just like that, we find ourselves in the final seven days of the first quarter. You have likely spent these past months settling into your new classes and getting fully acclimated to your current grade level. Early on in Advisory, you took the time to set initial goals for yourself, and as you reflect on these opening months, we hope you look back with pride at the progress and growth you have achieved. Our entire staff is proud of your efforts, and we cannot wait to celebrate your hard work and achievements together at our grade-level awards assemblies right after fall break.

As we head into this final stretch, we have three simple asks of each of you: finish strong by giving your best effort on every assignment/assessment over these next seven days, have an amazing and restful fall break with family and friends, and come back recharged and ready to elevate or sustain your first-quarter accomplishments. Keep up the great work, Trojans!

Let's make this a great month! Everyday is a great day to be a Trojan!

Go Trojans!

COUNSELING CORNER

WITH MR. SCOTT AND MS. MEYER

October is here, and it's a great time to settle into routines and finish the first quarter strong. If things feel overwhelming, remember that you don't have to do it alone. Your teachers, counselors, and friends are all here to support you.

After fall break, we will kick off a brand-new quarter. Think of it like hitting the reset button: giving us a chance to start fresh, set new goals and try different strategies. Whether the first quarter was smooth sailing or a little bumpy, you get to begin again.

It is also a fantastic time to branch out and explore! Try a new club, sign up for a sport, or check out an activity that sparks curiosity. Getting involved is a fun way to meet new people and discover strengths you didn't know you had. Let's make this a season of growth, new experiences, and positivity!



WHY OCTOBER 2026 IS GOING TO BE EPIC

There will be 5 Fridays

There will be 5 Saturdays

One meteor shower

A Hunter's Moon

Halloween on a Saturday (won't happen again until 2037)

Clocks Fall Back on Halloween (We do not change our clocks)



ATTENDANCE MATTERS AT IMS

Attendance matters here at Ingleside Middle School and is important to the learning process. Firstly, being at school daily ensures access to a structured and comprehensive education. Regular attendance ensures you can benefit from Ingleside's unique & diverse curriculum, giving students the knowledge and skills necessary for personal and professional development.

Did you know that if you attend school regularly you are more likely to do better on reading and math assessments than someone who does not attend school regularly.



HAVE A GREAT DAY TROJANS, AND REMEMBER UR-IT!



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NP4H

October starts the first NP4H theme of the year. This month's theme is kindness. Some ways you can show kindness in school are sitting with someone at lunch, smiling at someone in the hallway, or even just helping clean up can make a big difference. Kindness could make someone's day just by smiling at them. Some other ways you can show kindness is handing out encouraging notes to kids or staff. You could also thank the teachers and staff and you can sit with someone who is alone at lunch. Kindness is one of the easiest things to show at school. Kindness is super easy to do. So whenever you see someone at school sad you should always try and bring them up. Never be mean to someone, it does not make you cool.

Being mean to someone can ruin your reputation. Kindness can add so much to someone's school experience and make it 10 times better. Always be kind to people. Make kindness part of your everyday routine.



NO PLACE
FOR HATE

OFFICER SHANE TO THE RESCUE

Halloween is quickly approaching! It is one of the best times of the year but it's also one of the most dangerous nights. To ensure your safety, I'm going to go over a few tips that will keep you safe during your journey on Halloween night. So let's get started.

1. Costumes: Costumes come in all shapes and sizes. If the costume is big, baggy, or loose, be careful when you walk up to houses with candle lit pumpkins. Costumes can catch fire, melt and possibly burn your skin. Similarly, if your pants/dresses are too long, this can cause you to trip and fall. And lastly, make sure you wear comfortable shoes for your long journey.

2. Be Visible: Being visible to cars and other pedestrians is a key to safety. Make sure you or your parents/guardians carry a flashlight while walking around the dark streets. Reflective tape, glow sticks, or any other lighted blinking object will also help. Even when we are visible, be careful crossing the street and look both ways. Remember, moving vehicles are easily distracted and may not be paying attention.

3. Going to house: This is probably the most dangerous part of Halloween night. Make sure you have a parent/guardian watching you as you walk from house to house. When you knock on a door, always take 2-3 steps back. Don't let anyone try to grab you and never go inside a house if they ask. By doing that, you could place yourself in a trap that you might have a hard time getting out. And always say 'please' and 'thank you' when asking for candy.

4. Candy and treats: Do you eat the candy while you're out walking around? STOP. Always wait till you get home before diving into that bag. Have your parents/guardians check the candy for any unusual marks, stains, or damage. Throw away any unwrapped candy. Homemade items such as popcorn balls, cookies, cupcakes, rice crispy treats should also be thrown away because people can put all kinds of different items in them to hurt you.

5. Parents/Guardians in cars: Always keep you parents nearby and within eyesight. If something should happen, they should always be able to see and hear you if you need help.

Have a SAFE night!



TROJAN SPORTS QUARTER 2



We are wrapping up Quarter 1 sports of girls volleyball and boys baseball before Fall Break! Second quarter sports will feature girls and boys soccer, boys basketball, spirtline, and girls softball. Remember tier one is everybody can play and starts after fall break on October 19. The district Tier 1 festival is on November 7th! After the festival all sports except for Spirtline will have tryouts! Spirtline tryouts were on September 16, 17, and 18.

Before trying out for a school sport you need to register on register my athlete, have your physical done, and pay the tier fee. NO PHYSICAL MEANS NO PRACTICE.

Make sure to bring your water, appropriate sports gear and clothing to tryouts.

If you dont make it to tier 2 keep your heads held high.



[Register my Athlete!](#)



COLUMBUS DAY/INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

Columbus Day is a U.S. holiday that remembers Christopher Columbus's 1492 voyage across the Atlantic. Many people point out that Indigenous peoples were already living in the Americas long before Columbus arrived. Indigenous Peoples' Day is observed in many places to honor Native communities, their cultures, and their history. Some communities celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day instead of Columbus Day because colonization caused serious harm to many Indigenous people.





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AWAY FOR THE DAY

Students please make sure to have your phones off during the whole school day and in your backpacks and it away from gate to gate meaning you don't bring it out before the end of the day.



**IMS consequences for violation
of Away for the Day Policy:**



First will be a verbal warning
Second will be taking your phone down to the office.
Third will be the phone will be in the office and your parents/guardians will be contacted.

POLL QUESTIONS

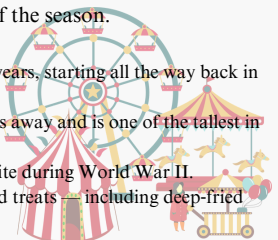
- What type of Halloween costume do you prefer: Funny, Scary, or Pop Culture
- Do you think Halloween candy should be allowed at school in October: Yes or No
- What's the best Halloween activity: Trick-or-treating, Haunted house, Costume party
- Which candy is the GOAT: Skittles, Snickers, KitKat, Candy Corn
- Should the school have a Halloween dress-up day: Absolutely, Maybe, No thanks

ARIZONA STATE FAIR

Get ready, students the Arizona State Fair is back this October 1- November 2, bringing three weeks of rides, games, concerts, and all the fair food you can imagine. From towering Ferris wheels and fast-paced roller coasters to livestock exhibits, art displays, and live performances, the fair has something for everyone. Families can enjoy special discount days, explore creative competitions, and check out stunt shows and cultural performances. With cooler fall weather and tons of activities packed into every corner of the fairgrounds, the Arizona State Fair is one of the biggest and most exciting events of the season.

DID YOU KNOW:

- The Arizona State Fair has been running for over 100 years, starting all the way back in 1905 (before Arizona was a state).
- The giant Ferris wheel at the fair can be seen from miles away and is one of the tallest in Arizona.
- The fairgrounds were once used as a military training site during World War II.
- The fair's food vendors serve over 50 types of deep-fried treats — including deep-fried Oreos, pickles, and even butter.

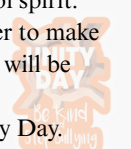


UNITY DAY

Finally, its fall and we can go outside and play! One thing that is happening is Unity Day. Unity Day is a day when we can come together to send a visible message of building community through kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. It is an event where all people and schools come together in one giant **ORANGE** message of hope and support. On this day, we wear and share **ORANGE** to color our nation, and even the world, to visibly show that our society believes that no child should ever experience bullying. So, you might be asking why **ORANGE**? The answer is that the color symbolizes the autumn season and is associated with safety and visibility. Finally, **orange** at the time was not being used by another known cause.

Unity day is celebrated on October 21. Since October is National Bullying Prevention month, it is a great way to show school spirit. Remember that if you are hurt you don't have to hurt other to make yourself feel good. Also at lunch our own Arcadia CMAS will be preforming for us on October 21.

Remember to wear **orange** in celebration for Unity Day.



FALL SCENTS ARE OUT

Fall scents often feel warm, cozy, and comforting, like nature is getting ready to slow down for the season. You might notice the crisp smell of cool air and dried leaves, along with earthy scents from wet soil and pine trees after a chilly morning. In many homes, you can also smell sweet spices like cinnamon, nutmeg, and clove from baked treats or warm drinks. Sometimes there's a smoky hint from a fireplace or a bonfire, mixed with the scent of wood. Some common scents you might smell in fall are pumpkin, cinnamon, pine needles, sandal wood, and chai. Most stores sell fall candles, soaps, hand sanitizer, body wash, and lotion. Some fall scented things bath and body works are selling this time of year are sweet cinnamon pumpkin candles and fragrance mists, pumpkin apple candles and hand soaps, white pumpkin body wash and candles, pumping pecan waffle candles and hand soaps, and leaves candle and hand soaps. Fall scents can also remind people of activities and memories that are connected to the season. The smell of apples can bring the mind to apple picking well cinnamon and pumpkin scents can remind people of baking. Woodsy scents such as pine, oak, and sandalwood can make a room feel like a walk through the woods. Overall, fall scents bring a warm, cozy feeling that makes the season even more special



OCTOBER SCHOOL CALENDAR

October 2: Pink Out Day
October 2: NP4H Assembly for 6th Grade in Advisory
October 6: Fall Choir Concert
October 7: Wear your college gear Wednesday for PBIS points
October 7: October NJHS Meeting
October 8: Last Day of First Quarter for students

October 9: District Recess No School for students
Report Cards sent home through Advisory by 2:20 pm
October 12-16: Fall Break No School
October 19: Tier 1 Sports Start
October 21: UNITY DAY **Wear Orange**
October 26-30: PTO Book Fair
October 29 and 30: Student Led Conferences/Early Release
October 30: Arcadia Homecoming Game and Parade





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TOP PUMPKIN PATCHES

Schnepf Farms- Queen Creek

One of Arizona's biggest fall festivals with rides, pumpkins, and a massive corn maze.

Vertuccio Farms- Mesa

A super popular Fall Festival with a giant corn maze and kid-friendly attractions.

Mortimer Farms (Dewey)

Huge pumpkin patch, hayrides, farm games, and cooler weather up north.

Mother Nature's Farm- Gilbert

A simple, charming pumpkin patch with hayrides and a big grassy play area.

MacDonald's Ranch- Scottsdale

A classic Old West-style pumpkin patch with pony rides, hayrides, and games.

Apple Annie's Produce & Pumpkin (Willcox)

Pumpkin patch + apple orchard = the ultimate fall combo.

Tolmachoff Farms (Glendale)

Pumpkin patch, corn maze, haunted maze, and family maze options.

THINGS TO DO ON FALL BREAK

Around Phoenix

Outdoor Activities:

- Desert Botanical Garden
- Papago Park & Hole-in-the-Rock
- Encanto Park
- Arizona Falls
- First Fridays Art Walk

Animal & Nature Fun:

- Phoenix Zoo
- Japanese Friendship Garden

Kid Friendly Attractions:

- Enchanted Island Amusement Park
- Arizona Science Center

Around Arizona

1. Grand Canyon
2. Sedona
3. Flagstaff
4. Prescott
5. Payson & Tono Natural Bridge
6. Petrified Forest National Park
7. Saguaro National Park
8. Bisbee
9. Tombstone
10. Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument

FALL THEME RECIPE CORNER

Pumpkin Spice Mug Cake

Mix ¼ cup cake mix + 2 tbsp pumpkin + a splash of water in a mug. Microwave 60-90 seconds. Top with whipped cream or cinnamon

Easy Caramel Apple Nachos

Spread apple slices on a plate. Drizzle caramel. Sprinkle chocolate chips and marshmallows.

Pumpkin Pie Dip

Mix 1 Cup pumpkin puree, 1 cup whipped topping, ½ cup vanilla yogurt, pumpkin pie spice in a bowl and mix until smooth. Serve with graham crackers or apple slices.

Monster Mash Trail Mix

- Mix pretzels, popcorn, M&Ms, Mini marshmallows, Candy corn (optional) in a big bowl.

Cinnamon Roll Bites

- Cut rolls into bite-size pieces. Toss in butter + cinnamon sugar. Bake at 350°F for 10-12 minutes.

JOKES

Why didn't the skeleton go to the Halloween party?

A: Because he had no body to go with

What do ghosts like in their coffee?

A: Scream and sugar

Why do mummies never take time off?

A: They're afraid they'll unwind

What's a vampire's favorite fruit?

A: Blood oranges

Why was the jack-o'-lantern afraid?

A: It had no guts

What do you call a witch who lives at the beach?

A: A sand-witch

What do you call a monster who loves math?

A: A count

What's a scarecrow's favorite fruit?

A: Straw-berries

Why was the leaf always getting in trouble?

A: It couldn't stop falling for pranks

WOULD YOU RATHER

- Would you rather turn into a pumpkin every night at 8 PM or have leaves fall off you whenever you laugh
- Would you rather have a talking scarecrow as your best friend or a magical broom that follows you everywhere
- Would you rather have glowing orange hair or bright green skin for the whole month
- Would you rather eat a mystery fall-flavored jellybean or drink a mystery fall-flavored soda
- Would you rather sleep in a haunted house for one night or walk through a pitch-black corn maze alone
- Would you rather eat only candy corn for a day or eat only chocolate for a week
- Would you rather have a friendly ghost follow you around or have a talking black cat that never stops giving advice
- Would you rather carve a pumpkin with your eyes closed or decorate one using only stickers



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RED RIBBON WEEK

Red Ribbon Week is celebrated on the 23 through the 31 of October. Red Ribbon Week is celebrated for a drug free life and people who do drugs can try their best to stop. This years theme for red ribbon week is “be a hero”, “stay drug free”, and “make a difference”. Red ribbon week is for youth and adults around the nation to learn about the destructive drugs and drug misuse so they don’t do drugs and live a drug free life.

Here at Ingleside there will be a Red Ribbon Spirit Week presented to us by our very own student council, so be on the lookout and participate in the days.



FUN FACTS

- October has two birthstones Opal and Ourmaline
- October’s full moon is called the “Hunter Moon” because it was a time when hunters would prepare for winter
- The Statue of Liberty was finished and dedicated in October 1886
- The first World Series baseball game was played in October 1903
- In Germany, October has Oktoberfest, a huge festival with food and music.
- October is full of special days like national taco day on October 4th and world smile day on the first Friday in October
- October come from the Latin word “octo” meaning eight
- October is National Bullying Prevention month in the United States

PBIS AT IMS

Positive behavior interventions and supports (PBIS) are points you get for good behavior in the classroom. You can get these points by following the UR-IT (Understanding, Respect, Inclusivity, Taking Ownership). You can buy items from the student store with these or even at your own teacher’s stores. Points are strategic way to make kids behave and following our UR-IT expectations daily at IMS.

PBIS is currently being used by 25,000 schools over the United States.



SCHNEPF FARMS

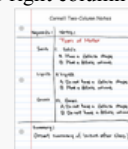
Hooray! it’s fall and we can finally go outside! Fall is a beautiful season in which there are TONS to do! Some activities are going on a walk in the crisp Autumn air, jumping in the freshly raked colorful leaves, and my favorite, going to the pumpkin patch! A pumpkin patch we love is at Schnepf farms! It is a cute little farm full of the brightest pumpkins you’ll ever see! They give out hot chocolate and even have a Chile contest! I hope you have an amazing experience like us! <https://schnepffarms.com/>.

AVID MONTHLY CORNER



AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination and helps empower every student to achieve success. At Ingleside, all students are AVID students and will get foundational skills in organization, notetaking, career/college exploration and more. We also have the AVID Elective class for grades 6, 7 and 8 where students dig deeper into these strategies and explore even further by taking field trips, listening to guest speakers, and making life pathways. A big focus in AVID is WICOR which stands for writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization and reading. Those are key concepts students are getting in all their classes on a regular basis that helps support our AVID mission and vision.

This month for October, we want to focus on how to appropriately take notes in the AVID form. One of those forms is two-and-three column notes. What does this mean? Two and three column notes is a note taking process in which notes are organized into two and three columns of the purpose of the lesson. The purpose of this is to be more organized with your writing. This style of notes is very useful when information is highly structured, it also good for these notes to be highly detailed to get all the information, it is a helpful way to record your ideas while you discover them and to make connections with your previous learning. So how do you structure your notes into two and three column notes? On the left column is where you can record main topics, questions, or terms, while the right side can be used to record details, answers, or definitions. In three column notes the far right column can be used for opinions, observations, thoughts, or even pictures. Try two or three column notes today in one of your classes and see the magic of how they will help you in the learning process. Don’t forget that students can wear their college shirts every Wednesday!



ARCADIA SPORTS



Arcadia October Football Games

- Bradshaw Mountain @ Arcadia
- Camelback Spartans @ Arcadia
- Moon Valley @ Arcadia
- Arcadia Vs. Deer Valley
- Arcadia Vs. ALA- West Foothills
- Arcadia Vs. Combs Coyotes
- Mesquite Wildcats @ Arcadia
- Poston Butte Broncos @ Arcadia
- Arcadia Vs. Eastmark Firebirds
- Snowflake Lobos @ Arcadia

Arcadia October Volleyball Games

- Arcadia @ Deer Valley
- Arcadia @ Saguaro
- Arcadia Vs. Mesquite
- Arcadia vs. St. Mary’s
- Arcadia @ Cactus Shadows
- Arcadia @ Cactus Cobras
- Arcadia Vs. Deer Valley

What is Home coming? Homecoming is a tradition celebrated by educational institutions to welcome back former students and inspire school spirit among current students, its also is a fun time of the fall year. This year homecoming will be October 30, 2026. Bring your best outfits and your best people.

Buy tickets and come and support at on .FAN.com !



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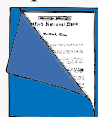
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STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

Student Led Conferences for semester one will be October 30 and 31. This is the time students start the important conversation about their grades, work, and experience in their classes. Student Led conference is to help demonstrate learning to teach students the process of reflection and self-evaluation, to facilitate the development of students' organisational and oral communication skills and to increase their self-confidence.

These conferences start in your advisory class and you can go to your other classes. The purple folder we have been working in all year will be there for you to show your parents your IXL, your smart goals, and your grades. You will present your folder to your parents or guardians and show them how much you have grown since the beginning of the school year. Remember that you have to have two artifacts/pieces of work you are either proud of or you need to improve on. you have to have 14 artifacts in all or 2 for every class.



RESTAURANTS

Are you hungry to try some new food in or around Arcadia. Here's a curated list of great spots right in our neighborhood!



The Vig-Arcadia (Contemporary American)

4041 N 40th St, Phoenix, AZ 85018

The Porch-Arcadia (American)

4017 E Indian School Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85018

Pita Jungle-Arcadia (Mediterranean)

4340 E Indian School Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85018

Din Tai Fung-Scottsdale (Taiwanese)

7014 E Camelback Rd, Suite 608, Scottsdale, AZ 85251

Sushiholic (Japanese)

3957 E Camelback Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85018

Nook Kitchen (Italian)

4231 E Indian School Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85018

Doughbird (Italian/American)

4385 E Indian School Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85018



SPOOKY SPIRIT DAY

This year on October 30th, which is an early release grab those school appropriate costumes because Spooky Spirit Day is BACK! This is the day you are able to wear your costume as long as it abides by the following rules made by Dr. Michael.

No face covering or face paint

No dangerous accessories

SUSD School Dress Code of Conduct applies

(Questions please ask ADMIN)

Costumes may not distract the learning environment in the classrooms as it is still a school day for learning. If a teacher asks your to remove an item or such, then it needs to be removed. Being a Trojan comes first, fun comes second.

Please follow all of these rules or you will leave no choice for Dr. Michael to discontinue spooky spirit day the following year.



PROFESSIONAL SPORTS

In professional sports, NBA basketball is back! The 2026-2027 preseason starts on October 3 with the Toronto Raptors playing the Miami Heat in Quebec City.

Preseason will end on October 16 with teams gearing up for the start of the regular season. The regular season will start October 20, 2026 with opening night matchups of: Boston Celtics vs Detroit Pistons, Philadelphia 76ers vs. New York Knicks, and Oklahoma City Thunder vs. San Antonio Spurs.

Our Phoenix Suns will have their first preseason game on October 5 against the Pistons. They will open their regular season on Wednesday October 21 against the Portland Trail Blazers on the road. Hope the Suns can make a push this year and make it to the finals.

In Major League Baseball (MLB), the playoffs began on September 29 with the four Wild Card Teams playing. Division series will begin October 3 followed by the League Championship series: NLCS beginning October 11 and the ALCS beginning October 12. Game 1 of the World Series will be on Friday October 23, hosted by the team with the better regular-season record. The Diamondbacks were eliminated on the last day of the season. There is always next year.

IN the WNBA the first round of playoffs were at the end of September. The semifinals best of 5 will start October 4 followed by the WNBA Finals starting October 17. Our Phoenix Mercury will not be participating this year.

I.D. AND SUSD POLICY

Did you know that the need to wear your student I.D. is not a school rule? In fact, your I.D. is actually part of the SUSD dress code. District policy or refuses to comply with wearing student I.D. card can lead to lunch detention, purchasing a new I.D. for \$5.00, or even invention from administration. The expectation is that all students and staff will wear their SUSD issued I.D. each day. The Governing Board approved a \$5 replacement FEE. All student IDs have a barcode that is used to scan for meals in the cafeteria and to check out books in the library. Safety is a top priority for the Scottsdale Unified School District. The district is committed to putting children first. You do not forget your phone at home so do not forget your I.D.



FREE ONLINE GAMES

New York Times Spelling Bee

New York Times Wordle

New York Times Connections

New York Times Strands

New York Times Tiles

