

# Crittenton Youth Academy Newsletter

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## Welcome!

Welcome to the Crittenton Youth Academy (CYA) newsletter! It is our pleasure to bring you all of the news, events and important happenings that are taking place at CYA. We hope this newsletter is informative and assists you in helping make our students successful in everything that they do!

## Graduation

The Crittenton Youth Academy staff would like to extend congratulations to all of our hardworking students this school year. We are also very proud to announce our 2009-2010 Block 2 graduates:

**Ariel Acosta**  
**Giovanni Aparicio**  
**Katherine R. Bluff**  
**Christina N. Butterfield**  
**Matthew L. Dougherty**  
**Veronica Rentas**  
**Yesenia Ruiz**  
**Jose M. Urias**

**Samantha Wybranski-McKey**



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**We are Responsible**  
**We are Respectful**  
**We are Successful**  
**We are CYA**

## Important Dates

- ◆ **Jan. 11-29:** Pennies for Patients
- ◆ **Jan. 18:** MLK/Civil Rights Day (No School)
- ◆ **Feb. 2:** Spring Open House/Parent Teacher Conferences



## "Pennies for Patients"

Beginning Monday January 11<sup>th</sup>, students at Crittenton Youth Academy will be working together to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The homeroom classes will be competing against each other to see who can raise the most money. The contest runs from January 11<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. The winning class will receive a catered lunch from the Olive Garden! If you are interested in donating money, please bring in your spare change or bills to the school. More information about the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society can be found at [www.leukemia-lymphoma.org](http://www.leukemia-lymphoma.org).



## The Principal's Office

Greetings,

Welcome back from winter break, and happy New Year! We are halfway through the school year now. The spring stretch of block 3 and block 4 promises to be challenging and rewarding as we continue to raise the bar for academic realization and high quality student conduct. To celebrate our student accomplishments for block 2, we will be holding a Student Awards Assembly on Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. Parents and family members are encouraged to attend.

A few changes have been put into place for block 3. First, we are proud to introduce our two new Math teachers Sherrie Tatreau and Mary Bailey. Both Sherrie and Mary have successful years of teaching experience. Another change we are proud to offer is our new Physics class lead by Crittenton Youth Academy veteran Science teacher Robert Martz. Robert is also teaching an Ecology class during block 3. Both classes will be demanding, but students enrolled in these classes will be better prepared for post-secondary Science classes. Robert is excited to take our students to an elevated level of Science curriculum. Finally, during this block, we will be inviting parents to participate in Arizona State University's American Dream Academy (ADA). ADA's focus is to help parents instill the value of education in themselves and their children. Through ADA, parents are given the tools to guide their children through K-12<sup>th</sup> grades and into higher education. This type of school-based intervention empowers and trains parents to become effective advocates and partners in their children's education. More information will be sent to parents soon or can be accessed at: <http://cdcr.asu.edu/news-1/american-dream-academy-education-academy>

These changes are a few examples of our commitment to excellence in all we do.

Most sincerely,  
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## Middle School (Residential)

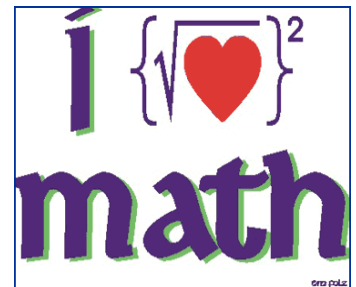
The Residential Middle School students have been out and about touring Phoenix. On Wednesdays, they take educational field trips. During the last block they went to the Stuffington Bear Factory, the Phoenix Zoo, The McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park in Scottsdale, the Bead Museum, AMF Bowling and the movie adaptation of the book written by Chris Von Allsburg, *The Polar Express*. All activities are connected to a weekly theme with the curriculum. They are looking forward to an exciting third block with AIMS preparation, our weekly field trips and our study of the Scientific Method. The Residential Middle School program is taught by Ann Bingham, Classroom Teacher, and Joy Solomon, Education BHT. The classroom is located in the Marley building.

## Math Department

We are very proud to introduce our new math teachers at CYA, Mary Bailey and Sherrie Tatreau.

"I am Mary Bailey and I am teaching Algebra 2, Geometry, and Algebra 3&4. I have come from Teacher Prep High School at Phoenix College where I taught the same subjects. I am a Phoenix native, having graduated from Camelback High and ASU. I love pigs, and my daughters are both taller than me. I am looking forward to working with the magnificent CYA staff and students." – Mary Bailey

"Hi Parents! My name is Sherrie Tatreau and I am one of the new Math teachers here at Crittenton Youth Academy. I have been teaching students just like your children for about 10 years, with a year off to teach college. I am so excited about being back in the classroom teaching Math to high schoolers who have "never understood it" before. My goal for your students is to help them pass their AIMS test in April, especially if it's their first time taking it. I encourage you to contact me any time you would like to discuss your child's progress and future here at CYA." – Sherrie Tatreau



## English News



### Mrs. Inmon's English Literature 11/12 Classes

- Attention all National Honor Society members: Save the dates and mark your calendars. Meeting dates for January are as follows:
  - 1/7: 3-3:30pm
  - 1/14: 3-4:00pm
  - 1/21: 3-3:30pm
  - 1/28: 3-4:00pm
  - In addition to the above dates and times, any members without a 4<sup>th</sup> period will meet as a small group during 4<sup>th</sup> period on 1/7 & 1/28 in room 200.
- Block 3 Graduates: I will be working with a group of seniors who are scheduled to graduate during block 3 to complete a number of items. We will meet on 1-28-10 in room 200 from 1:45-3:15pm to discuss future College trips, graduation paperwork, FASFA paperwork, SAT registration, ACYR paperwork for assistance after graduation. See Mrs. Inmon with questions.
- Any students (11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade) that have Mrs. Inmon for an English teacher may receive 4<sup>th</sup> period or after-school unofficial AIMS prep (tutoring). See Mrs. Inmon to set up an appointment.

### Ms. Westrick's English Literature 09/10 Classes

Two very important groups at CYA are headed for boot camp! That's Right! In Ms. Westrick's English Prep. classes, students are working toward mastery in all areas of English: genres, elements, and techniques. If your student is in one of these classes, take time to ask what they are learning about and listen when they want to vent their stress on you. AIMS time is right around the corner. Your student needs your help too. Teachers cannot do it all. Rest assured, here at CYA your student has excellent professional resources to meet their needs.

## Sports

The CYA Lady Scorpions are moving from a very successful volleyball season to what is expected to be an incredible basketball season! Our ladies have held numerous tryouts and now have their team ready for competition. Below is the basketball schedule. Please come out and cheer them on! LET'S GO SCORPIONS!!!



### Girls' Basketball Schedule

Date	Home Team	Away Team	Time	Location
01/07/10	ACA	<b>C.Y.A.</b>	4:30 PM	16011 N. Dysart Road, Surprise AZ 85374
01/13/10	Teacher Prep	<b>C.Y.A.</b>	6:30 PM	1202 W Thomas Road, Phoenix AZ 85013
01/14/10	Southridge	<b>C.Y.A.</b>	5:00 PM	1122 S. 67 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, Phoenix AZ 85043
01/19/10	<b>C.Y.A.</b>	Southridge	7:00 PM	1202 W Thomas Road, Phoenix AZ 85013
01/26/10	<b>C.Y.A.</b>	Genesis	7:00 PM	1202 W Thomas Road, Phoenix AZ 85013
02/01/10	<b>C.Y.A.</b>	Crestview	7:00 PM	1202 W Thomas Road, Phoenix AZ 85013
02/04/10	<b>C.Y.A.</b>	Teacher Prep	7:00 PM	1202 W Thomas Road, Phoenix AZ 85013
02/08/10	Glendale Prep	<b>C.Y.A.</b>	4:30 PM	7201 W. Beardsley Rd., Glendale AZ 85308
02/09/10	Crestview	<b>C.Y.A.</b>	7:00 PM	1202 W Thomas Road, Phoenix AZ 85013