

September

high school

October 2011 Newsletter

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Fall Trip Recap

We had a wonderful time with ApexEx at the White Ranch Park. Here is what the kids had to say:

- I loved the blind/deaf activity
- Thank you Corey for being with our group, it was very fun!
- The climbing was really fun
- Great job overall!
- Thank you for all the fun activities. Thank you again for an awesome time!
- The blind, deaf, dumb game was awesome
- Having a climbing course and Tyrolean Traverse set up at the amphitheater was awesome!
- The team building activities were cool and fun to do. It brought me closer to the people around me.
- Thank you Apex Ex!



Important Dates

OCTOBER

- 1-2 Open Studios Artist Tour
- 8 Fall Clean Up Day
- 8-9 Open Studios Artist Tour
- 10 Columbus Day—NO SCHOOL
- 12 Testing Day—NO Late Start
- 21 Staff Work Day—NO SCHOOL
- 27-8 Evaluations

NOVEMBER

- 11 Veteran's Day—NO SCHOOL
- 21-5 Thanksgiving Break

EXPLORE • PLAN • PSAT October 12, 8:30AM

NO Late Start

Freshmen—EXPLORE Sophomores—PLAN Juniors—PSAT

These exams are designed to help both the staff and students determine strengths and challenges they may want to address before taking the ACT or SAT. ***These tests are required for all students (except Seniors).***

Students must arrive at **8:30 AM** to obtain room assignments. If a student is late, they will **NOT** be able to participate in the testing and will be given other tasks to complete.

Seniors will be meeting for Senior Mysteries while the testing takes place.

Fall Cleanup Day

Saturday, October 8

9:00am—4:00pm

All are welcome!
Feel free to come for as long as you can at any time during the day.

What you can bring with you:

- Carpet Cleaner
- Painting Supplies
- Yard Tools

Please bring a side dish to share for lunch!

Mid-Semester Evaluations

Our first Mid-Semester Evaluations are coming up on **October 27-28**. These appointments are mandatory for our students and we strongly encourage at least one parent/guardian to be present as well. Evaluations are an important part of our program and provide the opportunity for the student, their family, and the instructors to discuss how the student's school experience has progressed so far.

Call Ashley (303-443-9933) to set up an appointment.
All appointments are scheduled on a first come, first serve basis.

We need candy for the Munchkin Masquerade!
Please bring donations to the office!

Bonus Referral

Do you know a teen that would benefit from our program? Refer September School to a friend—and receive a \$500 discount off of this year's tuition for every referral that attends for at least one semester!

Thoughts from the Staff

Hello to Our Parent Community -

The staff at September High School have always valued the whole student, focused on the development of each individual student in all aspects, including but not limited to: intellect, creativity, physical, social, and emotional. As the school counselor, my focus is often to understand and support what is sometimes called their emotional intelligence. In the theory of multiple intelligences there are two in particular- *interpersonal intelligence* and *intrapersonal intelligence* that relate very closely with emotional development.

We recently had a Gladys facilitated by Brus Westby, former September School principal and psychotherapist, that focused on emotional development. Brus states, "In all human development, perhaps the least considered and most important is emotional development." Brus guided us through various exercises that helped us to recognize and work with our emotions, particularly in times of stress and difficulty.

I encourage you to ask your student about this Gladys and what their thoughts are in regards to the concepts explored. Please feel free to contact me at leslie@septemberschool.org with any questions, comments or concerns.

Wishing you a wonderful autumn,
Leslie

Natural Highs

Parent Information Night
October 6, 2011
6:00-8:00pm

"Smart Strategies for the Adolescent Brain,"
Avani G. Dilger, LPC, CACIII

In this interactive presentation we will explore how our bodies and minds function in sobriety, under the influence of drugs and alcohol, and in recovery.

Open Arts Studio

October 8-9
12:00pm—6:00pm



Autumn Art Workshop

October 8, 15, 22, 29
10:00am—12:00pm

This class is designed for any adult who wants to explore the process of making art
No previous experience is necessary
Space is limited to 5 students

For more info:
<http://angelabeloian.wordpress.com>