



# Arizona Cultural Academy & College Prep WOLVES WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

September 12th, 2025

## Leadership Message

Salam Alaikum,

Alhamdulillah we wrapped up another successful week. Masha Allah we collected more than 1,000 food items for the food drive. May Allah bless all of our students who donated, insha Allah. We got ACA's first-ever volleyball win on Monday- great job to our Junior High team! Keep up the hard work and great improvements.

As part of our commitment to student safety, we want to make you aware of several popular apps that can expose children to inappropriate content, online predators, or unsafe interactions. We encourage you to review these apps, check your child's devices regularly, and have open conversations about online safety. By staying informed and involved, we can work together to protect our children from harmful digital influences.

You can view the full post here: [ACA Parent Awareness Post](#)

Academic Updates



### Upcoming Exams

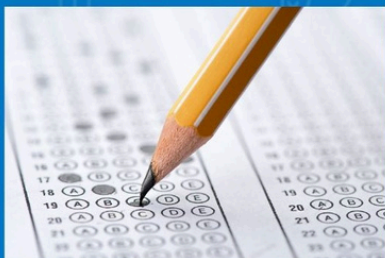
Grades 10 and 11

PSAT/NMSQT®

(Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test)

**October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2025.**

This important assessment provides several benefits to support students on their path to college including scholarship eligibility.



How to study for the PSAT

Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy

IXL PSAT Practice

Apps & Online Tools

### Topics Covered

- Evidence-based reading passages
- Command of evidence
- Words in context
- Informational graphics
- Grammar and usage
- Expression of ideas
- Word choice and concision
- Analyzing data and arguments
- Editing for standard English conventions
- Algebra: linear equations, systems of equations, inequalities
- Problem Solving & Data Analysis: ratios, percentages, statistics, proportional reasoning, interpreting graphs/tables
- Advanced Math: quadratic equations, polynomials, exponential functions
- Geometry: angles, circles, right triangles, basic trig functions
- Real-world applications of math

**Early dismissal for all students at 12:05 PM on Wednesday, Sep 24.**

# Staffing Update

We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Rawia Gaffar has been appointed as the new Instructional Coach at Arizona Cultural Academy. With over a decade of service at ACA, Mrs. Gaffar has made a lasting impact as a teacher and leader, supporting both students and colleagues.

She brings extensive experience in education, leadership, and the business sector, along with strong skills in problem-solving and data analysis. As a teacher, NJHS advisor, parent of ACA alumni, and member of the discipline committee, Mrs. Gaffar has shown her dedication to student growth, academic excellence, and family engagement.



## ACA Zoo Field Trip

Students will explore animals, connect science lessons to the real world, and create lasting memories!

October 31-\$25 per Student

Topics: Plants & Animals, Ecosystem Restoration, Defenses, Vision & Light.



**THIS TRIP ISN'T JUST A DAY OUT—IT'S A CHANCE TO SEE SCIENCE COME TO LIFE! STUDENTS WILL EXPLORE AMAZING ANIMALS, CONNECT CLASSROOM LESSONS TO THE REAL WORLD, AND MAKE MEMORIES THEY'LL NEVER FORGET.**

**DATE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31**  
**COST: \$25 PER PERSON**

 Needs of Plants and Animals	 Vision and Light
 Ecosystem Restoration	 Plant and Animal Relationships
 Animal and Plant Defenses	 Inheritance and Traits



## ACA Seniors Fundraising

Support our Seniors by buying from Honey 2 A Bee on Thursday, Sept 18th, from 5–8 PM!

25% of all sales go toward ACA Senior Funds. Let's make it a sweet success!



**ACA SENIORS**  
**X**  
**HONEY 2 A BEE**

**HONEY 2 A BEE**  
Coffee & Crepes

**Thursday September 18th**  
**5pm-8pm**  
**1000 E Apache Blvd**  
**Tempe, AZ 85281**

**25% of sales go to our Senior Funds!**

**Fall Break Reminder!**

**ACA Fall Break will take place from October 6–14**



# The Latest Buzz from ACA



## Senior Photos

September 15, 2025 8 AM

202 N Lindsay Rd, Suite #101, Mesa, AZ 85213



# ACA Sports & Club Updates

- Don't miss today's Jr. High game at 4 pm here at ACA, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> away games, and another home game on the 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Varsity will be playing here on Monday, the 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and away on the 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Student Athletes' Registration: All athletes must register at [gobound.com](http://gobound.com) before tryouts.
- Chess Club Registration: Registration is now open. Interested students should see Coach Harper in Room D201.
  - Chess Club Schedule: The club will run from October 20th to November 28th.

## Soccer Shots at ACA Fridays, Oct 17 to Dec 12 3:30–4:05 PM

**Classic:**  
3–5 years old



**Premier:**  
5–8 years old



## Early Childhood



Taking just 10–15 minutes each night to read with your child is one of the most valuable routines you can create.

Reading aloud helps children develop language skills, build vocabulary, and improve comprehension. It also sparks imagination and curiosity, encouraging meaningful conversations between you and your child. You don't need to be an expert—your presence and attention are what matter most. Let your child pick a favorite book, ask questions, or simply enjoy listening to your voice.

Thank you for supporting your child's learning and growth every day. If you'd like book ideas or tips on reading together, please reach out!



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