



# Arizona Cultural Academy & College Prep

## WOLVES WEEKLY

### Newsletter



AUGUST 7TH, 2026



### Leadership Message

Alhamdulillah, what an incredible first week!

It has been a joy welcoming our students back to ACA. Throughout the week, our classrooms have been filled with excitement as students settle into new routines, reconnected with friends, and begin building relationships with their teachers. We've had A smooth and successful start to the school year thanks to the partnership of our families and staff. A special thank you to our amazing ACA PTA for welcoming students back with Friday morning donuts. Volleyball Training Camp officially kicked off, and we are excited to cheer on our Wolf Pack athletes this season.

As we move into next week, we look forward to continuing to build routines, fostering a love of learning, and helping every student grow academically, socially, and spiritually. MAP testing for Grades K-9 will begin this upcoming Monday, helping ensure a strong start to the academic year.. Jazakum Allahu Khairan for your continued partnership and support. We pray Allah ﷻ blesses our students, families, and staff with a successful and rewarding school year. Ameen.

**Thank You, PTA, for Treating Our Students & Staff!**

**There's Still Time to Enroll — Secure Your Child's Spot Today!**



## NOW ENROLLING

LIMITED SEATS FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

|                                   |                            |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Small Class Sizes                 | College Prep Curriculum    |
| Daily Prayer on Campus            | Qur'an & Islamic Studies   |
| Positive Behavior Supports (PBIS) | Safe Nurturing Environment |
| 100% University Acceptance Rate   | Competitive Sports Teams   |

**100% of students receive at least one scholarship**

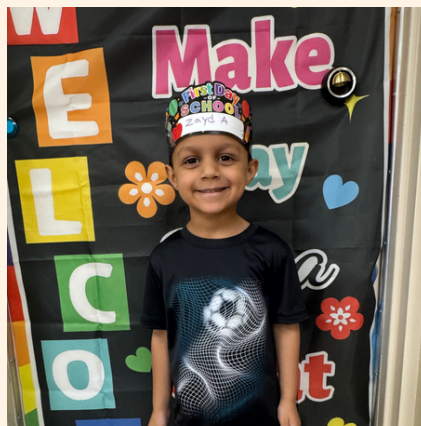
# First Day Glimpses: Smiles & New Beginnings



## Early Childhood

Our classrooms are ready with engaging activities, caring teachers, and endless opportunities for children to explore, create, and grow. We know the first day can bring a mix of excitement and nervousness, but we are committed to making every child feel safe, loved, and valued from the moment they walk through our doors.

Together, we look forward to building confidence, nurturing curiosity, and creating joyful memories that will last a lifetime.



# School Counselor Note

## PBIS at ACA: A quick guide for families

At ACA, we use PBIS — Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports — to help create a positive, consistent, and supportive school environment for all students.

Our schoolwide behavior expectations are rooted in Islamic character and are called our Sunnah Expectations:

### Respect • Responsibility • Compassion

Throughout the school day, students are taught, reminded, and encouraged to practice these expectations in classrooms, hallways, shared spaces, and interactions with others.

When students demonstrate our Sunnah Expectations, staff may recognize them with a Sunnah Star. Sunnah Stars help us celebrate positive choices and reinforce the behaviors and character we want to see grow in our school community.

PBIS is about more than rewards—it gives students clear expectations, consistent support, opportunities to practice positive behavior, and guidance when they need help getting back on track. Our goal goes beyond students following expectations at school—we want these values to become part of who they are at their core.

Throughout the year, we'll share simple ways families can reinforce these values at home and support students in putting our Sunnah Expectations into practice beyond the classroom. Together, school and home can help our students grow into respectful, responsible, and compassionate members of our community.



## School Nurse Note

### Back-to-School Sleep Tips

A good night's sleep helps students stay focused, energized, and ready to learn. As the new school year approaches, begin adjusting your child's bedtime and wake-up time by 15 minutes each day until it matches the school schedule.

#### Recommended Sleep

- Ages 6–12: 9–12 hours each night
- Ages 13–18: 8–10 hours each night

#### Healthy Sleep Habits

- ✓ Keep a consistent bedtime—even on weekends.
- ✓ Turn off electronics at least 1 hour before bed.
- ✓ Keep phones, tablets, and TVs out of the bedroom.
- ✓ Avoid caffeine in the afternoon and evening.
- ✓ Create a relaxing bedtime routine, such as reading a book or taking a warm shower.
- ♥ A well-rested child is better prepared to learn, stay focused, and have a successful school year.





## 2026-2027 JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

*Let's Go Wolves!*





**NEW STUDENTS – WE WANT YOU!**  
If you are a new student (Grades 5<sup>th</sup>–8<sup>th</sup>) at ACA for the 2026–2027 school year, and would like to play Junior High Girls Volleyball, please reach out to Coach Harper at [aca.athletics@azacademy.org](mailto:aca.athletics@azacademy.org)



**JH GIRLS' FIRST GAME**  
The first game of the season for the JH Girls' Volleyball Team will be on **MONDAY, 8/17 @ 4:30PM** versus South Pointe, here at the ACA Gym.



**JH VOLLEYBALL PRACTICES**  
The Junior High Girls' Volleyball Team will begin practices for the 2026 season, from 2:30PM – 4:30PM in the ACA Gym.



**JH VOLLEYBALL GAMES**  
The Junior High Girls' Volleyball Team will have games throughout the season on **MONDAYS, TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS** at various locations.



**VOLUNTEER OR TEAM MANAGER**  
If there are parents willing to volunteer, or any students interested in being a team manager for the Junior High Girls Volleyball Team, please see Coach Harper or email [aca.athletics@azacademy.org](mailto:aca.athletics@azacademy.org)



**ANNUAL SPORTS PHYSICAL**  
All athletes must complete the annual sports physical. The form can be found here: [azcaa.nyc3.digitaloceanspaces.com/26-27-canyon-athletic-physical-form.pdf](https://azcaa.nyc3.digitaloceanspaces.com/26-27-canyon-athletic-physical-form.pdf)

**ONE TEAM  
ONE GOAL**

**WORK HARD  
PLAY HARDER**

| DATE     | OPPONENT                               | TIME   | LOCATION                        |
|----------|----------------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|
| Mon 8/17 | vs South Pointe                        | 4:30PM | Arizona Cultural Academy        |
| Tue 8/25 | vs Summit School of Ahwatukee          | 4:30PM | Arizona Cultural Academy        |
| Fri 8/28 | @ Tri City Christian Academy           | 4:00PM | Tri City Christian Academy Gym  |
| Mon 8/31 | @ Skyline Gila River Schools           | 4:00PM | Skyline Gila River Schools Gym  |
| Tue 9/01 | vs Tri City Christian Academy          | 4:15PM | Arizona Cultural Academy        |
| Thu 9/03 | vs South Pointe                        | 4:50PM | Harmon Park                     |
| Thu 9/10 | vs AZ Compass Prep School              | 4:30PM | Arizona Cultural Academy        |
| Mon 9/14 | @ Summit School of Ahwatukee           | 4:30PM | Kiwanis Recreation Center Gym   |
| Wed 9/16 | @ AZ Compass Prep School               | 4:00PM | Arizona Compass Prep School Gym |
| Mon 9/21 | vs Caritas Christian Classical Academy | 4:30PM | Arizona Cultural Academy        |

## Mark Your Calendars!

The new school year brings exciting milestones, learning opportunities, and ways to stay connected. Please save important dates and check our communication platforms regularly for updates and announcements:

- ACA Calendar
- Social Media
- Google Classroom
- ClassDojo
- Wolves Weekly Newsletter
- School Website
- Lilio (Early Childhood)
- Occasional Email Updates

In shā' Allāh, we look forward to a year filled with growth, learning, connection, and barakah as we welcome you back to ACA.





### UPCOMING AT ACA

|       |                      |          |                         |
|-------|----------------------|----------|-------------------------|
| 07-30 | BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT | 08-12-26 | EARLY DISMISSAL (12:05) |
| 08-03 | FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL  | 08-27    | PICTURE DAY             |



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