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As the end of 2023 quickly approaches, we'd like to wish a joyful holiday season to your family and loved ones. Take time and reflect on the milestones and successes of the year. Celebrate with laughter and making memories. All of us at SDPA look forward to seeing you in 2024!!

Elizabeth Flores

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SAVE THE DATE

December 1st

- Senior FAFSA opens

December 3rd

- Happy Birthday - Mrs. Aizaz

December 4th

- iReady Math Diagnostic #2 begins (K-8)

December 13

- K-5 DIBELS testing

December 14

- SHS Hybrid Final Exams

December 15

- WGHS Hybrid Final Exams

December 18

- Get Ahead Final Exams

December 19-21

- SDPA Final Exams

December 20th

- Senior Cap and Gown orders DUE

December 22nd

- Winter Break begins

December 25th

- Happy Birthday Mrs. Smith

January 8th

- School Resumes, Q3



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K-5 DIBELS TESTING

Wednesday, December 13th
Drop In between 8am - 10am
Professional Learning Center

- No Live Sessions in this day.



Park in the district office parking lot, and the building is on the west side of it. The testing is in the same location as all testing. No vision/hearing screening this time.

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**DECEMBER HAWK
OF THE MONTH**

We are super excited to recognize

Scarlet King

as our **HAWK** of the
Month!

Thank you for working hard, having a positive attitude, persevering through challenges, and making SDPA a great school!

CONGRATS!

Scarlet is not only an active participant in our daily homeroom meetings, but they also have taken the initiative to do the research for and start an e-sports team and club. Not only does Scarlet contribute to our school activities, they also are diligent with their academics and don't hesitate to ask for help when needed. Scarlet is a great role model for our Hawks.

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Student COUNCIL

WE WISH EACH FAMILY A SAFE AND BEAUTIFUL HOLIDAY SEASON. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO STARTING CLUBS IN JANUARY/FEBRUARY. WE ARE GREATFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT THIS YEAR. THANK YOU!

Parent SHOUTOUT

**Leon and Alayna Brown
(Parents of Leoni Rose Brown)**

They are always on top of things. They know when to give Leoni Rose independence. They are willing to give a helping hand when needed. They even participate in classroom activities including GoNoodle. We really appreciate their hardwork and support.





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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday!



**Happy Birthday to our SDPA
students and teachers who are celebrating a birthday
in December!**

• **Ms. Aizaz** •
• **Mrs. Pierotti-Smith** •

• Alexandra Walker • Antonio Flores Jr.
• Caille Rodriguez • Dabi Valdovinos-Blanco •
• Davion Burns • Gavin Pond • Isaiah Kenyon •
• Jackson Williams • Josiah Garcia •
• Magdelyn Monroe • Mark Vieweg •
• Natalie Hanline • Olivia Piotrowski •
• Osmar Figueroa Jimenez • Paige Demorest •
• Piper Green • Ramon Castillo •

And a big Happy Birthday to our
Learning Coaches at home who are celebrating a birthday this month!

We hope that you enjoy your special day!

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Wow, can you believe it's already the end of the quarter? Time flies! Just a friendly reminder to all the amazing learning coaches and students out there - please don't forget to keep up with and complete all your work for ALL your classes. I totally understand that with the holiday season approaching, it's easy to get caught up in all the festivities and forget about our school work. But let's make sure we stay on top of it so we can fully enjoy the well-deserved winter break. Wishing you all a fantastic winter break and looking forward to seeing you again in the New Year!



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Kudos to the kiddos for an incredible job working with Ms, Karla and following her instructions while I was away. With the holiday season soon approaching I want to remind both learning coaches and students to stay on top of the assigned work; as social engagements increase things can sometimes start to slip. If you have any questions, reach out. Encourage your child to join after-school help if they have incomplete or missing work so we can help them catch up.



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It's that time of year when you could use a little extra help with major writing projects in every subject (including math). Please double-check that you are enrolled in a Google Classroom for each of your subjects, as well as the Hawks' Nest. Teachers provide support in the Google Classroom for each major Edgenuity writing assignment/project. When students check the Classwork section in their Google Classrooms, they will find sample outlines, graphic organizers, and even sample essays/projects so that students can feel more confident about their work. Please note that the materials are presented as assignments to make them more accessible, but are not required for a grade. Please note that for middle school essays Mrs. McCarthy will hold writing classes for each upcoming essay. Students can use their course reports to help them plan for upcoming projects and essays in all their subjects. If you need help on an essay or project and there is no resource in a Google Classroom get a hold of your teacher... We are here to help you!



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Happy December! As you finish up the last couple of weeks of first semester, please remember that if you need help with assignments, quizzes, projects, or tests you should do the following: check Google Classroom for additional resources, come get help from your teachers in the Hawks' Nest, or email your teacher. It is very important for you to get through all the material in your classes before finals week. Historically, almost all (98% last semester) of the students who got all the way to the final passed the class with a D (60%) or above. Even better, the majority (72% last semester) earned a B (80%) or above. I'd like to reassure my students that if they complete the class, they are almost guaranteed a passing grade. Additionally, if students reach the final early and are not happy with the grade they've earned so far, they are welcome to ask their teachers to reset assignments or give a retake on a quiz or test they wish to retake. Lastly, to help students prepare for the finals, I am happy to reset any math unit test reviews students wish to redo as review. The questions on the final will be very similar to those on the unit tests, so redoing the reviews will be excellent practice for the final exam. As always, please let me know if you need any help with your math classes.

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MR. EVES SOCIAL STUDIES

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Hello social studies students, and welcome to December, the last month of the semester! This month you need to be finishing up your classes and turning in all of your projects and writing assignments. Once you have your courses finished, you will be able to take your finals and then it is time for winter break! Have a great December!

Major moments in history for December:

December 1, 1955

The birth of the modern American civil rights movement occurred as Rosa Parks was arrested in Montgomery, Alabama, for refusing to give up her seat to a white man and move to the back section of a municipal bus.

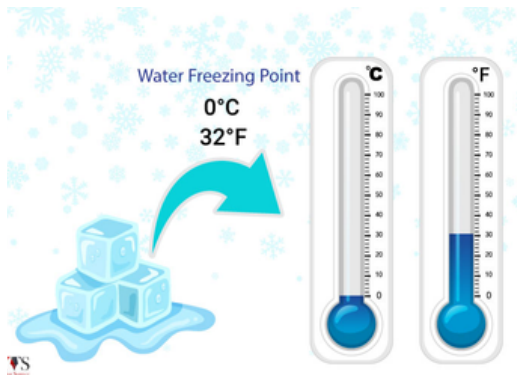
December 15, 1995

European Union leaders announced their new currency would be known as the Euro.

December 31, 1879

Thomas Edison provided the first public demonstration of his electric incandescent lamp at his laboratory in Menlo Park, New Jersey.





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Welcome Winter Ice!

Ice is water in its frozen, solid form. Ice often forms on lakes, rivers and the ocean in cold weather. It can be very thick or very thin. It occurs as frost, snow, sleet and hail.



Water will freeze at zero degrees Celsius (32 degrees Fahrenheit). Once it gets close to its freezing point, water molecules begin to expand. In a small space, these expanding molecules can create a lot of pressure. This is why freezing water can burst even the heaviest of metal pipes in the winter. This is also the reason your ice tray at home can look like it's overflowing with ice, even though you only filled it halfway with water. If water freezes in a crack in rock, the ice can eventually break the rock apart. Because of these powerful properties, ice is very important in the processes of weathering, where rocks are broken into smaller bits, and erosion, where rocks and earth are washed or moved to other locations.

The expanded molecules make ice a lot lighter than liquid water, which is why ice floats. An iceberg that weighs several tons can still float easily in the ocean, just like a piece of ice floats easily in your cup of water or soda.

A few different types of ice:





Ice Sheets

Glaciers that cover more than 50,000 square kilometers (19,305 square miles) so land are called ice fields.

Sea Ice

Frozen ocean water is called sea ice. Polar bearus (Ursus maritimus) hunt for seals under the cover of the Hudson Bay's old sea ice.



Black Ice

When water hits a cold road and quickly freezes, a thin, clear layer of ice called black ice forms. It's called black icce because unlike snow, which is whtel, black ice is transparent, revealing the black road below.



All information from National Geographic
<https://education.nationalgeographic.org/resource/ice/>

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December's birthstone is turquoise.
Good fortune and success are
associated with this stone.

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We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. Please keep working on your classes even if you are behind. Email your class instructors if you receive a 0% on an assignment. Please be patient for replies.

Mrs. Hammer and Mrs. Collins both have in-person classes as well. You can email us with any questions or comments. Thank you.

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Happy Holidays! Seniors, just a quick reminder that we will have a FAFSA prep FSA ID night at 6pm in the SHS Library on Dec 5th. If you want assistance prepping for your Free Application for Federal Student Aid FAFSA.

We will have the UofA representative on campus and others to assist. FAFSA will open around December 31st this year. The FSA ID username and password must be set up for student and one for parent(s) before the application opens.

Please go to fafsa.gov All other scholarships are being listed on the SHS and WGHS counseling webpages other than SDPA announcements.

Thank you and have a wonderful holiday season and good luck on your finals.



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K-5 DAILY SCHEDULE

K-5 Typical Day

Start Time: 8:05am

8:05am-11:50am Class Time

11:50am-12:50pm Lunch Time

12:50pm-2:50pm Class Time

End Time: 2:50pm

K-5 Early Release Wednesdays

Start Time: 8:05am

8:05am-11:50am Class Time

11:50am-12:50pm Lunch Time

12:50pm-1:50pm Class Time

End Time: 1:50pm

K-5 Half Day Schedule (See District Calendar for Dates)

Start Time: 8:05am

8:05am-11:50am Class Time

11:50am-12:50pm Lunch Time

End Time: 12:50pm



6-12 DAILY SCHEDULE

6-12 Typical Day

Start Time: 8:50am

8:50am-11:50am Class Time

11:50am-12:50pm Lunch Time

12:50pm-3:35pm Class Time

End Time: 3:35pm

6-12 Early Release Wednesdays

Start Time: 8:05am

8:50am-11:50am Class Time

11:50am-12:50pm Lunch Time

12:50pm-2:50pm Class Time

End Time: 2:50pm

6-12 Half Day Schedule (See District Calendar for Dates)

Start Time: 8:50am

8:50am-11:50am Class Time

11:50am-12:50pm Lunch Time

12:50pm-1:50pm Class Time

End Time: 1:50pm

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ATTENDANCE REMINDERS

Sahuarita Digital Pathways Academy is officially its own school this year! As an approved online school, we have **mandatory attendance guidelines** that we have to follow in order to operate. We are required to report daily attendance minutes for our SDPA students. A strong home-school partnership is needed in order to complete this required task. We need your help each school day to meet this guideline.

All SDPA students will need a **Daily Attendance Log** completed by a parent or guardian EACH school day.

Sahuarita Digital Pathways Academy
AOI Daily Attendance Log: K -12

Each school day, you will submit the Google Form to report the total number of minutes that your child engaged in their school-related activities including:

- Time spent in live Google Meets (including lessons, Homeroom, Academic Enrichment, and Elective Enrichment).
- Time spent working on asynchronous activities in Google Classroom, Seesaw, i-Ready, Edgenuity, or another online platform.
- Time spent working 1-on-1 with a teacher or learning coach.
- Time spent working on projects, independent reading, writing, or completing offline assignments.
- Time spent working on special activities like Library, Music, PE, Computer Lab, Counseling, etc.

A separate Google Form needs to be completed for each child. Per board policy, students with 10 consecutive absences will be withdrawn. Forms are due each school day by midnight. Thank you so much for your partnership in this process!

