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**IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

- Walter Sampson, Principal: 623.915.8209
- Brian Gallbreath, Operations/Resources: 623.915.8204
- Steve Threadgill, Student Services: 623.915.8207
- Leif Barnes, Attendance/Discipline: 623.915.8208
- Bookstore: 623.915.8214
- Counseling Office: 623.915.8220
- Psychologist: 623.915.8231
- Nurse: 623.915.8203
- Social Worker: 623.915.8230

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**PARENTS:** Please remember to call the Attendance Office if your student will be absent: 623.915.8201 or 623.915.8211

**ADMINISTRATION**

http://coroz.guhsd.org

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**CORTEZ HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS HIGHLIGHTS**

**Proud Member of the Glendale Union High School District**

**“Win The Day!”** That has been the mantra for Cortez High School for the 2016-2017 school year and boy has it taken Cortez by storm. It starts with the Academic Decathlon team. The team, led by Mr. and Mrs. Standem, had a great year of competition by increasing their standing by almost 8,000 points and bringing home the “Most Improved Team of Region I” award. Student Council, who is sponsored by Omar Sultani, attended the state leadership conference in Lake Havasu, Arizona where they received the “Outstanding Council of Distinction” award; which is the highest award you can earn for commitment and service to school as well as their community. Student Council also won the district award for the top STUCO in the district for the second year in a row. On February 1st, Cortez High School had its school’s Achievement Above All ceremony at district office, which recognizes distinguished members of Cortez. This year’s AAA Teacher is David Daoust, a special education teacher who has dedicated 16 years to our campus. Not only does Mr. Daoust coach Tennis and Basketball, but he has coached Track and Field and Cross Country in past years. Our AAA Student recipient is Fernando Corona Chavez. Fernando is in the top 1% of his class and is considering colleges such as MIT and Harvard. Casey Bouldin received the AAA award for being the Volunteer of the Year. Ms. Boland has put in many long hours with our theater department, helping our students with their makeup and constructing their costumes. The AAA Staff Recipient is Leslie Loudmirel. She is a Cortez graduate and has worked here for over 25 years. She currently works in the bookstore and is a welcoming and helpful mainstay on the Cortez campus. Lastly, our AAA Student Group is the National Honor Society, Mrs. Jennifer Rogers and Mrs. Joyce Fredericks sponsor NHS and they have a growing group of 62 students. All together, they will have achieved over a thousand of community services hours before the year is up.

Staying with the idea of “Win the Day!” our athletic programs from the Fall and Winter season had many athletes win region and state awards in many of our sports programs. I have no doubt our Spring season will be just as successful in all of our sports. We have Baseball, Softball, Boys and Girls Tennis and Track and Field coming up. Please check our school website for dates and times for our Spring events.

Jerry Sohn also won a special award from The Arizona Republic titled Academic All-Star of the Week for his grades and athletic achievements in Wrestling. Here are some of his achievements that were talked about in the newspaper. Jerry has a 4.23 weighted GPA. He wrestles at 152 pounds. Four-year varsity wrestler. He also played Football (middle linebacker/offensive lineman). In the top 2 percent of his class. Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Math Club and Link Crew. Poetry Club President. National Honor Society officer. Student Body Treasurer of Student Council...Volunteer at Maryvale Baptist Church and as math tutor for Cortez...Became a U.S. citizen on Jan. 19...Plans to attend ASU for psychology with classes in music production and theater...And Jerry says, “My parents are really hard-working people. That’s why I’m so involved in the ways I can.” Way to go Jerry! **Way to go Jerry!”**
On Friday, January 27th, 2017, a select group of Cortez students got to explore and learn about Grand Canyon University. Not only did students get to check out the dorms, but they also had an opportunity to learn about different colleges and degree programs. The event was hosted by Cortez’s own Jerry Sohn, who was recognized by AZ Central as the Academic All Star of the Year. Jerry is a 4-year varsity wrestler and is currently in the top 2% of his year's graduating class of 246 students. Jerry has a weighted GPA of 4.23.

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**G O   J E R R Y !**

Cortez High School is offering FREE physicals at Sunnyslope High School on April 1st. Physical forms are available now in the CHS Bookstore. Please call 623-915-8246 with any questions.

**F R E E   P H Y S I C A L S**

**GRADUATION:**

**MON. MAY 22, 2017**

**4:30 PM @ GCU**

The Annual Cortez High School Spring Art Show will be held on Thursday, May 11th in the North Gym all day from 8am to 2pm. Parents can get a pass from the office to attend this fantastic show!

**ART NEWS**

The Annual District Art Show will be held in the ASU West library this year. Come join us for the opening reception and awards presentation on Thursday, April 13th, from 5pm to 7pm. Other viewing times coincide with the library hours. Outstanding artwork from all 9 high schools in the district will be on display.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION NEWS**

On Friday, April 7th, Link Crew is hosting a Silent Auction in conjunction with the Sunnyslope Spring Art Show. There will be several donated items for parents, students, faculty, and staff to bid on throughout the week.

**FLOORBALL WINNERS**

A big CONGRATS goes to our Special Education Department and students for not only participating, but dominating in the 2017 Floorball Championship! Our team received a well deserved SILVER MEDAL!

**STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS...**

Cortez Student Council sure has been busy! Not only did they recently take the prize at the GUHSD StuCu district conference, they also attended the Arizona Associations of Student Councils Leadership Conference at Lake Havasu High School in Lake Havasu City, Az. The three day conference consisted of motivational speakers, workshops, & small group idea sharing for our students in addition to numerous leadership lessons and student bonding activities. Our team won yet another award, the “Outstanding Council of Distinction”. As if they weren’t busy enough, they also put on a FANTASTIC Spring Sports Assembly on Friday, February 17th, 2017. Cortez wouldn’t be who we are without the dedication of this phenomenal group of students!

**L I N K   C R E W**

This year, Cortez is hosting the Glendale, Union High School District’s Celebration of Poetry. This is a free event, billed as “an evening of award-winning student poetry readings.” The event is on Tuesday, May 9th in the Cortez Media Center and begins at 6:30 PM. There will be student musicians prior to the start of the event and light refreshments provided.