

# NEWSLETTER- Quarter 1

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Carpe Diem Collegiate High School and Middle School, (928) 317-3113



## Dates to Remember

10/14- End 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

10/22- Quarter 1 Awards Ceremony/PAC Meeting

10/27- Fall AIMS Writing

10/28- Fall AIMS Reading

Middle School Halloween Dance  
At 6:00 PM

10/29- Fall AIMS Math  
Early Release 1:00 PM

11/11- 11/12- Veteran's Day  
**No School**

11/23-11/26- Thanksgiving  
Vacation  
**No School**

12/16- End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter  
Semester 1

12/17- Early Release 1:00 PM

12/21-1/1- Christmas Break  
**No School**

1/4/2010- School Resumes  
Quarter 3  
Semester 2

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## REPORT CARDS

One quarter completed,  
and 3 more to go. Quarter

1 report cards have been  
released to the students on

Oct. 15, 2009.



We hope that the first  
quarter was a success. If  
there are any questions or  
concerns please contact  
the front office for  
appointments.

Please keep in mind that  
Student Led Conferences  
will be held on October 29,  
2009 from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00  
P.M. (**Early release day at  
1:00 PM**). This would be a  
great opportunity for the  
students to show their  
parents/guardians their  
work here at Carpe Diem.  
Then if any parents have

any questions they may  
speak to any available  
teacher. Remember high  
school students, every  
quarter credit does count  
towards your graduation  
plan. The grading scale  
has been adjusted and  
may be viewed on our  
website under the 09-10  
Parent/Student handbook.

## FALL AIMS RETEST ATTENDANCE

**10/27**  
AIMS Writing  
**10/28**  
AIMS Reading  
**10/29**  
AIMS Math

The AIMS tests are given  
ONE subject per day  
because it is taken by  
students state-wide.  
It is very important that  
your student attends school  
*on time and prepared*  
during these days. Please  
make sure that your  
student is well rested and  
has eaten a healthy meal.  
**ALL students must MEET  
standards on all parts of the  
AIMS test in order to  
graduate high school.**

Great job parents and  
students! We have had an  
average of 95 % of daily  
attendance for the high  
school and middle school;  
however, student's tardies  
are at a high. Just a  
reminder that school begins  
at 7:30 AM. If your student  
will be absent please notify  
the attendance clerk by  
9:00 AM. or the absences  
are considered **truant**. For  
more information on  
truancies or school  
attendance policies you  
may contact the  
attendance clerk at Carpe  
Diem, view the policies in  
our 09-10 Parent/Student

handbook or additional  
information on the **state laws**  
you may contact the **Yuma  
County Juvenile Justice  
Center**. Friday School is held  
only for those who need to  
make up an absence. Those  
who are absent during the  
school week are to make up  
the absence that immediate  
Friday or that absence will  
remain on their attendance  
record. Our school does  
participate in the Fisher  
Chevrolet's Stay In School  
program. Please encourage  
your student/s to attend  
school daily, so they can be  
entered to win a car for  
perfect attendance.



- "*Carpe Diem*" Latin for "seize the day," a common motif in lyric verse throughout the history of poetry.

Here are some definitions from a few students on what *Carpe Diem* means to them...

"*Carpe Diem* means you can grab hold of a day and make the best out of it. Making your day the best it can be, and working hard no matter what you do!"

- Austin Rudolph  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade

"I think *Carpe Diem* means to reach your daily goal."

- Ciara Penunuri  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade

"*Carpe Diem* means more than just 'Seize the Day', it also means do all of your work and more if possible, finish your day feeling accomplished!"

- Austin Elwood  
11<sup>th</sup> Grade

## Reminder on School Policies

**Dress code-** Student must have their shirts tucked in at all times. Students may wear only a black or brown dress belt; large buckles, studs, or any other color will not be acceptable. Due to the change in the weather students may wear either a navy blue Carpe Diem hoodie or a plain navy blue hoodie, jacket, and or sweater. Long-sleeved undershirts can either be a blue long-sleeved for high school students or red long-

sleeved for middle students, any other color will be asked to be removed. Z-Trends should have Carpe Diem zip up hoodies in stock or you may bring in a navy blue hoodie/jacket to be embroidered. You may also contact Mrs. Modeen who holds a lending locker. Mrs. Modeen takes in new/old uniform shirts, pants, and sweaters. Please feel free to contact her at (928) 342-2770.

**PE uniforms-** Carpe Diem PE uniforms have arrived. Each set includes a Carpe Diem T-Shirt and Shorts for a total of \$12.00. PE uniforms are required for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and the remaining of the year. Please contact the school about payment options.

**Student ID-** Students are required to have their student ID's daily for identification, attendance, and buss transportation purposes. Replacement ID's are **\$15.00**; this fee will be **charged** to the student's **activity fee account**.

## Community Outreach

Part of the mission of Carpe Diem is to equip our students for life. To meet this goal we have begun developing partnerships with many businesses and non-profit groups within the community to provide work experience through volunteer community service. The students will receive .5 credits for each 40 hours of volunteer service within a semester

During a mini job fair held at the school on October 1<sup>st</sup> the students were given the opportunity to sign up for both long term and one

time volunteer opportunities. Informational meetings are now being scheduled with students to familiarize them with filling out job applications and participating in job interviews.

26 of our juniors and seniors attended a job fair sponsored by YPIC at the Yuma Civic Center on Tuesday, October 6. We were very proud of the maturity and professional behaviors the students exhibited and they gained valuable experience in

meeting with potential employers.

On October 14 our graduating seniors attended another job fair at AWC which included a tour of the campus.

If you would like more information on student community events please contact Mrs. Pam Dusek at (928) 317-3113 Ext. 252.



### NATIONAL AND JUNIOR HONORS SOCIETY

On Monday October 19, all students will be shown a power point presentation which will give information about the Honor Society and the requirements for membership. If you have good grades and looking to do more for your school and your community, this program is for you!

### COUSELOR'S CORNER - MR. CRAIN

It's only October, but our Carpe Diem Seniors have been busy going to job fairs and preparing for the future!

All seniors have been given information from Jostens about rings, announcements, and graduation robes.

It's not too soon to log on and register for the SAT on [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)  
Scholarship information can be found on [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

Senior packets (including resume, letters of recommendation, personal essay, and ect.) may be obtained from Mr. Crain. These are helpful when filling out college and employment applications. College applications will begin after Christmas break