

# Crittenton Youth Academy Newsletter

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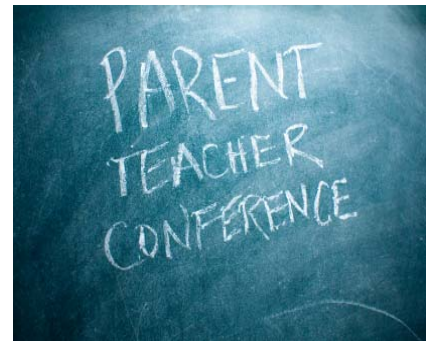
## Welcome!

Welcome to the Crittenton Youth Academy (CYA) newsletter! It is our pleasure to bring you all of the news, events and important happenings that are taking place at CYA. We hope this newsletter is informative and assists you in helping make our students successful in everything that they do!

## Open House/Teacher Conferences

Crittenton Youth Academy faculty and staff invite you to join us for open house and Teacher Conference Night.

**Tuesday August 24, 2010**  
**6:00 pm - 7:30 pm**  
**Crittenton Youth Academy**  
**715 W. Mariposa Street,**  
**Phoenix AZ 85013**



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**We are Responsible**  
**We are Respectful**  
**We are Successful**  
**We are CYA**

## Important Dates

- ◆ **Aug. 2:** First Day of Block One
- ◆ **Aug. 20:** Staff Work Day (No School)
- ◆ **Aug. 24:** Parent Teacher Conferences
- ◆ **Sept. 6:** Labor Day (No School)

## Crittenton Girl's Leadership Academy Update

Crittenton Youth Academy is transforming and expanding into Crittenton Girls' Leadership Academy, Fall 2011. This transformation creates a learning community where girls discover their unique strengths and maximize their own potential. Our enhanced core curriculum, social and emotional program and leadership discovery series will provide young women with opportunities to learn, live, and lead. Opportunities will include college and career readiness programs, personalized one on one guidance and support, athletic participation, civic engagement and fine arts opportunities.



Every girl has the potential to be a leader and Crittenton Youth Academy provides a safe and nurturing environment for each girl to explore and connect with the world around her. Crittenton Youth Academy enrolls, throughout the year, academically promising and motivated young women in grades 7 through 12 and is the first, free public all girls school in Arizona.



**For more information please contact:**  
**Jennifer Miller: 602.288.4552**

## The Principal's Office



Dear Students, Teachers, Parents and Community Members,

The 2011 school year has officially begun, and I want to welcome everyone to Crittenton Youth Academy. As a result to our commitment to student academic success, I am proud to report that Crittenton Youth Academy has received a "Performing" academic level from the Arizona Department of Education for student academic performances in the 2010 school year. Equally impressive was data that confirmed Crittenton Youth Academy has a purposeful, positive and productive school culture and climate. These results validate our recent school-wide conception of the Socially and Emotionally Enhancing the Development of Students (SEEDS) program. I would like to thank guardians, parents, students and teachers for these excellent outcomes. Now that we have demonstrated that "students can learn because of what we do here," we are ready to raise our goals and outcomes for the new school year.

My first goal for 2011 is to ensure high quality education and engagement in meaningful classroom instruction is provide to your child with laser-like focus on your child's learning.

My second goal for 2011 is ensuring fidelity of strategies and action steps outlined in our School Improvement Plan. The Crittenton Youth Academy School Improvement Plan is based on standards set in the eight elements of school improvement as follows:

- Rigorous curriculum and instruction
- Assessments and accountability
- Teacher quality and professional development
- Student and family support
- Stakeholder engagement
- Leadership and governance
- Organization and structure
- Resources for sustainability

I am committed to accomplishing these goals by both following our strategic Performance Management Plans and reporting the results.

What does this all mean to you? We will be working with the state of Arizona Department of Education to improve student academic performance. We will be upgrading and developing our school infrastructure and resources. We will be training our teachers to use new, research based, techniques best suited to your student. It means that while at the school, your student is an individual; socially, academically, and emotionally, with the right to an education that is best for them. Finally, it means I will oversee these changes and be accountable to our teachers, parents, students, and stakeholders as we make this school year the best in the school's history.

I encourage you to contact me if you have any questions, recommendations or concerns. I look forward you meeting with you.

Educationally Yours,

William Bressler M.Ed.  
Principal



## English News

Welcome back. Are you ready to hit the ground running? High expectations, a full class load, and loads of learning are waiting for you. If you can handle it, you will pass AIMS and graduate for sure. Are you ready to take the next step towards your future? It's flying right at you, whether you want it or not. I will see you in class.

- Amy Westrick

I am Mr. Seay and I am the new 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade English teacher at Crittenton Youth Academy. I look forward to the start of the 2010 to 2011 school year and expect great things from the junior and senior students at CYA. Students can expect to study American and British Literature and writing while they build the skills necessary for college.

- David Seay



## Math News

The high school math department welcomes Buzz Buemeler. He will be teaching economics, Pre-Algebra and Geometry for block one. Mary Bailey is returning and will be teaching Algebra 1, Algebra 2, and AIMS Prep Math for the 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> graders that have not yet passed the math AIMS test. The math department is gearing up to prepare all students for success on AIMS in October (for upper grades) and April (all students 10<sup>th</sup> grade and beyond). In addition to focused math instruction, we will be looking forward to some fun and motivational activities including a "Math Monday" question of the week for prizes! More info to come!

-Mary Bailey and Buzz Buemeler

## Science News

Welcome back! My name is Robert Martz and I am one of the science teachers at CYA. Starting off in block one students working in science can look forward to inquiry based science enlightenment. Students will have multiple opportunities to participate in a variety of hands-on activities and labs that will work to enforce the materials presented in their classes all while investigating the natural world around them.

- Robert Martz

Hello! My name is Barbara Engle and I am the new science teacher at Crittenton Youth Academy. This is my first year at CYA and my 14<sup>th</sup> year of teaching high school students. I teach science and vocational classes, mostly Biology, Environmental Science and Horticulture. I have 2 grown children of my own with my husband of 35 years. We are recent transplants to the Phoenix area but have lived in Arizona for 17 years. I look forward to meeting and working with you, your students and our wonderful staff as this new school year unfolds.

- Barbara Engle

*"The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet."*  
-Aristotle

## P.E./Health News

Hello and welcome! I am the health, physical education teacher and athletic director. In health we will be discussing great health choices and healthy living behaviors. We will be exploring all seven aspects of wellness in a fun, unique and in depth setting. In physical education we will be reaching personal goals, working as a team for common goals and learning the muscular structure of the body. Volleyball is our first sport of the new school year. We had a great season last year and we are looking to improve in all aspects this coming season. The season schedule will be available soon. Go Scorpions!

- Coach Kevin McCormick

Welcome back everyone! My name is Scott Larter and I am the health teacher for the Residential Students here at Crittenton Youth Academy. Throughout this year we will be looking into how to make ourselves healthy in all aspects of our lives, physically, mentally, socially, emotionally, spiritually, and environmentally. This is my fourth year teaching at CYA and love teaching the girls who live on campus. It is my personal duty to help make everyone successful to the best of my ability. I look forward to the challenges we all will face this year and hope to make a positive impact in all of our student's lives!

- Scott Larter



## Technology News

Hello! My name is Mr. Byars and I am the technology teacher for the residential students here at Crittenton Youth Academy. I would like to take the time to welcome all of you back from your summer vacation. I am looking forward to seeing you again or maybe for the first time, this new school year. If you have any questions of me feel free to ask. And remember "Keep Your Eye on the Goal!!!"

- Mr. Byars



## Social Studies News

Welcome back! I'm Greg Freiler and I am the social studies teacher. Throughout the school year, I will be teaching World History, US History, US Government & various electives. I look forward to meeting each and every one of you. If you need to reach me at anytime, my email address is [gfreiler@flocrit.org](mailto:gfreiler@flocrit.org).

- Greg Freiler

## Middle School News

Welcome to the Community Middle School! My name is Ms. Ann Bingham. I am a veteran teacher of middle school Math, Science, and Reading. I joined Florence Crittenton in October of 2009 as a Residential Middle School Teacher. We will be studying 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade math, Social Studies-Government and American History, Reading-middle school novels and literature, and the writing skills necessary for composing narrative, persuasive, and how-to essays. Ms. O'Sick the Residential Middle School Teacher will be teaching Science. In addition, you will be participating in Health, P.E., Art and Character Education lessons. We are going to have a great year! My direct school phone number is 602-274-7318 and my extension is 180. My email is [abingham@flocrit.org](mailto:abingham@flocrit.org). Parents, please keep in touch!

- Ann Bingham

Welcome! My name is Patti O'Sick, the Residential Middle School teacher on campus. Joining me again this year in the classroom will be Joy Solomon, our Behavioral Health Technician. Both Joy and I are excited as we begin the school year and look forward to many hands-on activities to learn new concepts in the areas of Math, Reading, Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies. Our residential students will also have the opportunity to work with Ms. Ann Bingham, the Community Middle School teacher. Ann and I will be moving between classrooms to provide instruction in the areas of Science and Social Studies. We look forward to the educational opportunities that lay ahead for both the students and us!

-Patti O'Sick

*"All our dreams  
can come true, if  
we have the  
courage to pursue  
them."  
-Walt Disney*



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Hello, and welcome to a new year at Crittenton Youth Academy. My name is Sherrie Tatreau and I have changed roles from math teacher to **Academic Advisor**. This position was developed this year to help our students succeed in both pre- & post-graduation. In other words, my question to your child will be, "So, what are you going to do after you graduate?" Here at Crittenton Youth Academy we take your child's future very seriously, but we also realize many students may not be making any long term plans, i.e., college, because they either don't know how to plan for it or don't have the financial means. That's where I come in. I will be working very closely with your child this year to help him/her explore options for their future and to help them achieve their dreams. I am very excited about my new position and the promise of helping your child grow beyond what they believe can be accomplished. Oliver Wendell Holmes said, "The great thing in this world is not so much where we are, but in what direction we are moving." I believe this to be true and will do everything in my power to help your child move in the right direction!

~ Sherrie Tatreau, Academic Advisor



## BOX TOP\$ for Education

### You Can Make a Difference for Our School with Box Tops!

We've recently launched our 2009-2010 Box Tops for Education fundraising campaign. This year we've set a goal of earning \$500.00 through Box Tops to fund various school activities/projects.



Since 1996, Box Tops for Education have helped America's schools raise **over \$300 million** to buy the things they need. School budgets are tighter than ever, and Crittenton Youth Academy is asking for the support of families and community members.

Here's how you can help:

- **Clip** Box Top coupons from favorite products and send them to our school.
- **Sign up to support** our school on the Box Tops website at [btfe.com](http://btfe.com)
- **Shop** at over 100 favorite online stores through the Box Tops Marketplace® ([btfe.com/marketplace](http://btfe.com/marketplace)); our school earns up to 15% of your qualifying purchases, at no additional cost to you!
- **Purchase books** through the Box Tops Reading Room<sup>SM</sup> at Barnes & Noble; our school earns up to 6% of your purchases.
- **Help a classroom** by purchasing needed items through the My Class Essentials<sup>TM</sup> registry.

Sign up to support our school today at [www.btfe.com](http://www.btfe.com). You'll get updates on our school's Box Tops earnings, money-saving coupons, family-pleasing recipes, chances to win Bonus Box Tops for our school and the latest Box Tops news!

For more information on how you can help our school earn cash through Box Tops, contact Ann Bingham our Box Tops coordinator, at [abingham@flocrit.org](mailto:abingham@flocrit.org) or visit [btfe.com](http://btfe.com).

## Labels for Education

### You Can Make a Difference for Our School with Labels for Education!

We've recently launched our 2010-2011 Labels for Education fundraising campaign. Just like the Box Tops for Education campaign, we are raising money to fund various school activities/projects.

All you need to do is peel off labels for participating items, turn them into the school, and then our school will earn points which will help our school get free stuff! Please see the attached pages to see the eligible products and what to save. Please contact Ann Bingham at [abingham@flocrit.org](mailto:abingham@flocrit.org) for more information.

