

Armstrong's Agenda

San Tan Charter School Power Campus

JULY CALENDAR 2019

- 1-5 Office Closed
- 16 New Teachers Start
- 17 Teachers Return
- 23 HS Main Event Social
- 24 JH Main Event Social
- 30 Open House

AUGUST CALENDAR 2019

- 1 First Day of School
- 5-16 MAP Testing
- 21 Fall Pictures
- 22 Dr. Sippel's Birthday
- 22 Paper Drive Begins
- 28 Half Day Teacher In Service
- 30 Home Varsity Football Game

For a detailed calendar of events, visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/yxuoxrmz>



July News

The countdown is on! Thirty Days until school starts! Our administrative and support staff have been hard at work, preparing for the new school year. Walls have been painted, classrooms deep cleaned, furniture purchased and placed, and of course textbooks are making their way into the classrooms.

Over the next four weeks, we will continue to prepare for your precious children through professional development and setting up the classrooms.

Whatever adventures fill your summer days, I hope that the pages of your story are filled with meaningful moments that capture the joy and beauty of summer.

Mrs. Armstrong



Staffing

With the additional enrollment, we have hired more teachers. Please help me welcome our new staff members for the 19/20 school year:

Mr. Richardson – Culinary Arts

Ms. Armstrong – Electives

Ms. Jungkind – English

Ms. Warren – English

Mr. Calame-Ray – Math

Ms. Huang – Science

Mr. Newton – Science

After an exhaustive search for a new assistant principal, we are privileged to have Mr. Tauscher join us as Assistant Principal. On the next page, you will find a little more about Mr. Tauscher.



Meet your new Assistant Principal



Brandon Tauscher joins the San Tan Charter School family as Assistant Principal at the Power campus with experience as a junior high and high school teacher, varsity athletics coach, college instructor, non-profit leader, and public relations official. He has master's degrees in English from Northern Arizona University and in Educational Leadership from Arizona State.

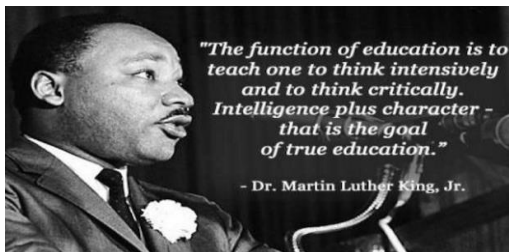
Prior to joining the San Tan family, he served as district level athletics director for Salt River Schools, where his programs won 19 individual and team state championships, in four years, while staying committed to academic accountability and fiscal responsibility.

Mr. Tauscher is married to his wife Lauren of 17 years who works as a school administrator for the Phoenix Union High School District.

They are the proud parents of four boys: Peter, Lewis, Andrew and Henry. The couple stays active volunteering with youth sports programs in the East Valley and finds time on occasion to enjoy the outdoors, travel, and play USTA mixed-doubles tennis.

Raised in a small community and on working tree farm in the Pacific Northwest, Brandon remains connected to his roots given his systems thinking philosophy and place-based approach to education:

"Actions affect each part of the system. Just as sound forest practices play out economically and socially within a family and community, when high standards in education for accountability meets social-emotional needs of students we find balance and build something lasting," said Tauscher.



Main Event Socials

We have two fun events planned for our students. Please sign up for either the Junior High Social or the High School Social at Main Event Below:

High School Social

Save the Date: July 23th, 2019
Time: 5:00-9:00
Location: Main Event at Greenfield and Ray
Fee: \$25 at the door- cash only please
To sign up please click the following link:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0545A9AE2AA7F49-main>

Jr. High Social

Save the Date: July 24th, 2019
Time: 5:00-9:00
Location: Main Event at Greenfield and Ray
Fee: \$25 at the door- cash only please
To sign up please click the following link:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054aa4ab22a6fc1-main3>
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<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054aa4ab22a6fc1-main3>

Feel Free to bring a friend!

Using devices in the classroom can be distracting to students and lead to lower grades.

A study published in the journal Educational Psychology found that students who had cellphones or laptops present while a lesson was being taught scored five percent, or half a letter grade, lower on exams than students who didn't use electronics.

Researchers separated 118 college students enrolled in the same course into two groups. Each group was taught the same material by the same professor, but one group was allowed to have cellphones and laptops open for **non-academic** purposes, while the other group was not. While the students allowed electronics didn't score lower on comprehension tests during lectures, they scored lower on exams at the end of the term.

For the full article, please view <https://www.usnews.com/news/education-news/articles/2018-07-27/study-cellphones-laptops-in-the-classroom-lead-to-lower-test-scores>



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- Athletics Main Page - <https://www.facebook.com/STCSAthletics/>