

CREST Coordinator's Report DEC 2022

Congratulations on approaching the finish line of your first semester of the 2022-23 school year. Freshmen parents, I am sure your kids have been very busy and a "bit" stressed while completing their STEM Collaborative projects. Most of the projects seem reasonable, some of them work, but all were the result of lots of hard work, research, team building, and full of new knowledge and skills. I am very proud of the 9th grade students as they rose to the challenge. In addition to the freshman work, projects from 12th grade Bioscience and Engineering, 11th grade Computer Science projects and Engineering house designs, 10th-grade Bioscience disease research projects and Engineering PLTW POE competition projects were also completed. **The CREST Fall Project Symposium** was held Dec 7 and 8, featuring over 225 projects over the two nights.

Just a quick update on recruiting...it's going very well. **We are full in Bioscience and 75% full in both Computer Science and Engineering.** Applications are up 150% of last year at this time. 138 students have been accepted as of today with 33 on a waitlist.

At the AP Capstone Information Night, January 9th, ninth-grade students and parents will be able to hear from current students and teachers about this diploma program from College Board based on two, yearlong AP courses: AP Seminar and AP Research.

In January, students will be meeting with their counselors to select their courses for next fall.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a great winter break, happy holidays for whatever holiday you celebrate or commemorate. Try to relax over the break because the kids will be back at it on January 2nd.

Best wishes to all,

Pamela

CREST Events

- **AP Capstone Information Night**, Monday 1/9/23, PVHS Auditorium, 6-7:30 pm ● **PVSEF**, Saturday 1/21/23, PVHS Small Gym, 8-11 am, for interviews (awards ceremony at 12pm in the PVHS Auditorium)
 - Judges - time commitment of approximately 2 hours prior to 1/21/23 and would interview same teams that reviewed content for prior. [Register to be a judge!](#) This form is being used to gauge interest and availability.
- **CREST Internship Night**, Monday 1/30/23, 6-7:30 pm, Media Center
 - This meeting is geared toward Juniors but 10th grade families are also welcome

CREST Requests from CPG

- Breakfast catering for CREST Advisory Board Meeting 1/6/23, providing a continental breakfast (Einstein bagels, cream cheese, possibly breakfast pastries, fruit salad, coffee, waters, napkins, utensils)
- Breakfast catering for PVSEF judges 1/21/23, providing a continental breakfast
- Judges for PVSEF (see [flyer](#)) **Register to be a judge!**
 - This form is being used to gauge interest and availability.
 - Who Can Judge?
 - Professionals and Technicians
 - High School and College students
 - High School and College professors

Upcoming Calendar

- **CREST Advisory Board Meeting**, 1/6/23, 8:00 am, CREST Presentation Hall ● **AP Capstone Information Night**, Monday 1/9/23, PVHS Auditorium, 6-7:30 pm ● **CREST Parent Group Meeting**, Tuesday 1/10/23, CREST Presentation Hall ● **CREST Acceptance Night** (incoming 2023-24 students), Tuesday 1/24/23 (Bioscience) and Thursday 1/26/23 (Engineering and Computer Science), 4 - 6 pm, Media Center
- **CREST Internship Night**, Monday 1/30/23, 6-7:30 pm, Media Center
- **Spring Break** 3/13-18/23
- **AZSEF** (Arizona Science & Engineering Fair) 3/30-3/31/23
- **HOSA State Leadership Conference** 3/29-3/31/23, Tucson, AZ
- **SkillsUSA Championships** 4/11-4/12/23, Phoenix, AZ
- **CREST Advisory Board Meeting**, 4/14/23, 8:00 am, CREST Presentation Hall ● **CREST New Student Information Night**, Monday, 4/17/23, PVHS Auditorium, 5-6:30 pm ● **CREST Senior Banquet**, Monday, 5/1/23, Orange Tree Resort, 6-8:00 pm