



## MCAS Yuma School Liaison Program Family Update for December 2020

### Upcoming School Dates for Fall/Winter

- Yuma School District One
  - Winter Break (No School): Dec 14-Jan 1
- Crane School District
  - Winter Break (No School): Dec 14-Jan 1
- Somerton School District
  - Winter Break (No School): Dec 21-Jan 8
- Yuma Union High School District
  - Winter Break (No School): Dec 21-Jan 5
- Desert View Academy
  - Winter Break (No School): Dec 21-Jan 1
- Yuma Catholic High School
  - Winter Break (No School): Dec 21-Jan 5
- Yuma Lutheran School
  - Winter Break (No School): Dec 21-Jan 5

### News from Schools

- *Yuma School District One, Crane School District, and Yuma Union High School District have all announced that their schools are returning to remote learning until further notice.* Families should be aware that per Arizona Governor's Executive Order 2020-50, all children who need a safe place to learn can physically attend a public/charter school 5 days a week for the entire school day. Contact your child's school for more information as well as information regarding transportation offerings.
- Yuma Union High School District libraries are offering curbside pick up to students who would like to check out library books. Students should access their school's library course on the Canvas Learning Management System to fill out a book request form. The program is expected to continue until students return to learning on campus.

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- Yuma Union High School District has made all of the content and resources (including college/military speaker videos) from this year's College, Career, & Military online event completely available online for students and families to browse. Learn about scholarship opportunities, completing the FAFSA application, and hear from colleges and job and military recruiters. You'll find it all here at <https://www.yumaunion.org/domain/2498>
- Yuma Catholic High School has published their testing dates for incoming freshmen. Academic testing for all incoming students is a routine component of YC's application process. Testing dates are December 5<sup>th</sup>, January 16<sup>th</sup>, and February 20<sup>th</sup>. Find more information and register for testing here: <http://www.yumacatholic.org/admissions/freshman.cfm>
- Gowan Science Academy will begin accepting applications for new K-7 students beginning December 14, 2020. All applications are due to the school by February 15, 2021. Contact Mrs. Bernice Villarreal at [bvillarreal@craneschools.org](mailto:bvillarreal@craneschools.org), registrar at GSA, if you have any questions. Please note: this application process is unique to GSA and is not a required component of registration for all Crane School District schools. Find the application and information at [https://www.gowanscience.craneschools.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC\\_ID=1910689&type=d&pREC\\_ID=2117206](https://www.gowanscience.craneschools.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1910689&type=d&pREC_ID=2117206)
- Holiday spirit weeks are taking place at schools all around Yuma, typically during the week of December 7-11. Check with your child's school to see how they're celebrating this year and have fun!

### **Holiday Resources & Fun for Families**

- Stop by FOCUS Project Yuma on base to participate in their "chocolate kisses counting jar" game and make your guess! Families have by December 31<sup>st</sup> to make their guess. Winners will be contacted by FOCUS to pick up their prize. Contact FOCUS for more information at (928) 269-4288 or [yuma@focusproject.org](mailto:yuma@focusproject.org).
- Crane School District will be offering free grab-and-go meals for children age 18 and under throughout the 3 week long winter break at several of their school campuses. Meal pick up times will be 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday, starting December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The only days meals will not be available for pick up are Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day. Families can pick up grab-and-go meals at the following Crane School District Campuses:
  - Gary Knox Elementary School – 2926 S 21<sup>st</sup> Dr.
  - H.L. Suverkrup Elementary School – 1590 S. Avenue C
  - Mesquite Elementary School – 4451 W. 29<sup>th</sup> St.
  - Pueblo Elementary School – 2803 W. 20<sup>th</sup> St.
  - Ronald Regan Elementary School – 3200 W 16<sup>th</sup> St.
  - Salida Del Sol Elementary School – 910 S. Avenue C
  - Valley Horizon Elementary School – 4501 W. 20<sup>th</sup> St.

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- Harvest Preparatory Academy is having the grand opening of their Christmas Around the World and Tunnel of Lights Drive-Thru event on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at 350 E. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, 85364. This event will continue through Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>.
- For families whose service member is deployed, check out this article from Military One Source for tips on creating new traditions to celebrate the holidays while your service member is away. They've got some creative and practical ideas!  
<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/military-life-cycle/friends-extended-family/creating-new-holiday-traditions/>

### **New Youth Center BYSOD Policy**

- All children can bring a school-owned device into the Youth Center to use if parent/guardian signs BYSOD policy during times when school is in session (i.e. not breaks).
- YESD1 children will have internet access provided by mobile hotspots that are owned/operated by the school district within the Youth Center.
- Devices are for academic use only and will only be accessible to children during established YC "power hour" times. These times are scheduled by Youth Center staff in accordance with their center programming. Parents whose children's devices are experiencing technical issues while in use at the Youth Center are encouraged to contact their school campus and speak to their school's device manager for assistance.

### **Military Child Education Coalition - Webinar Series for December**

- 9 Dec 2020 @ 0800 MST - Virtual Learning for Families with Children with Exceptional Needs
- 9 Dec 2020 @ 1000 MST – Mid Year Moves
- 15 Dec 2020 @ 1000 MST – Cybersecurity: What Your Kids Need To Know
- 16 Dec 2020 @ 1000 MST – Helping Your Teen Develop Independency Skills
  - Register at <https://www.militarychild.org/webinars>

### **AZ Executive Order 2020-51: On-Site Support Services Mandate**

- E.O. 2020-51 mandates that public schools continue to provide a place for children to go, 5 days a week for full school day hours, free of charge. This E.O. has been in effect since July 23, 2020 and will remain in effect until June 30, 2021.
- The only exception to this E.O. is if a school experiences an outbreak. If the county health department declares that a school is experiencing an outbreak, the school may apply to have the requirement to provide on-site support services waived. *No school in Yuma County has applied for a waiver to provide on-site support services as of 1 December 2020.*

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