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Winter Performing Arts Concert
 December 14, 2011
 6:00 P.M.
 Multi Purpose Room



Early Dismissal
 December 14
 2:40 PM
 Last Day
 before
 Winter Break
 December 16
**WINTER
 BREAK**
 12/19/11 to
 1/2/12
 School
 Resumes
 January 3,
 2012

The Andre Agassi College Preparatory High School Staff
 would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
 We're thinking of you this time of year,
 Wishing you happiness, joy and cheer.
 May all your days be warm and bright
 And your nights enhanced by holiday light.
 Enjoy your delectable holiday foods,
 As parties and gifts create holiday moods.
 Favorite people play a meaningful part,
 While treasured rituals warm your heart.
 You are special to us in many ways,
 So we wish you Happy Holidays"

By Joanna Fuchs

English Department

Please Meet AACPA High School English Instructors

Ms. Wake—Director of College Writing & AP English

Mr. Young—9th and 10th Grade English

Mr. Gillis—11th and 12th Grade English



Mr. Steve Gillis

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Steve Gillis hails from Seattle, Washington—home of delicious coffee, months of dark lead-gray days and no professional basketball team. He is honored and humbled to join the stellar staff at AACPA. Truth be told,

he is tickled pink. How well one communicates and how well others understand, often determines success. To this end, a class objective in Mr. Gillis's room will be speaking with conviction, writing with clarity and reading with complete comprehension—because these skills can make all the difference.

Gillis shares 18 years of teaching experience—from training collegiate volleyball athletes to reminding students the correct spelling of “infinitely beautiful.” He resided in four foreign countries, attended three Olympics and was held gunpoint in a Turkish shanty. Using these life experiences along with a love for teaching, he aspires to equip students with the necessary English knowledge and skills for their successful college experience.

To instill humility and a modicum of depression he maintains devotion to WSU athletics and the NY Times daily crossword. Other semi-worthwhile passions include razor clamming in Oregon, steelhead fishing in Washington and the pursuit of the perfect apple fritter, wherever. He is married to his Brazilian bride of 27 months and two days. Together they resided in Brazil for most of their first two years of marital bliss. Both are enjoying their new desert home. If you have the opportunity, Mr. Gillis would be pleased to make your acquaintance. Please swing by Room #421 and say hello.

Ms. Anne Wake

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Anne Wake comes to Agassi Prep after a ten-year teaching career, which began on the other side of the world! She grew up in Rochester, NY, where she spent her entire childhood with her older brother, Mike. In college, she earned her first degree through the University of Delaware Honors Program in Foreign Languages and Literatures (Italian, Spanish and Russian) before she joined the United States Peace Corps. As a US Peace Corps volunteer, she taught English in Novosibirsk, Russia (this is in Siberia, yes, Siberia). After an inspiring experience there, Ms. Wake realized that teaching is her passion and calling in life. As a result, upon returning to the States, she promptly earned a second BA in English literature, joined Teach For America, and moved to Los Angeles to begin teaching there. In LA, she earned a Masters degree in Education from Loyola Marymount University, and her Reading Specialist Certification from The University of Southern California.

Ms. Wake is thrilled to be here in Vegas now and teaching at Agassi Prep. She loves the fact that she is able to enjoy her love of the outdoors through hiking, rock-climbing and cycling here in her free time. When chilling at home, she likes to be a total nerd and read, with her two dogs on her lap, or sitting lovingly at her feet. At school, she is honored to have been invited here to work with Mr.

Sanders and Mr. Piscal, with whom she worked in Los Angeles before coming to Agassi Prep. She loves the students and staff at AACPA and is looking forward to helping design a strong English program as Director of College Writing, 6-12.

Mr. Neal Young

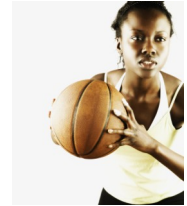
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Mr. Young's family moved all over the world while growing up, but he likes to consider the San Francisco Bay area as his home. While attending the University of California, Davis, Mr. Young earned two bachelor's degrees: one in English and one in Communication. After some time as a writer, editor, truck driver, chef, and movie editor, he began his teaching career here in Las Vegas three years ago. Mr. Young and his wife Abby (a physician in the Air Force) enjoy rock climbing, skiing, and biking when they're not doting over their dog, Noodles. Mr. Young also volunteers for the Mt. Charleston Ski Patrol and the Las Vegas Metro Police Department Mountain Search and Rescue team.

As a teacher of freshmen and sophomores, Mr. Young's focus this year will be to set a strong foundation of active reading and powerful, logical writing. This foundation will serve Agassi Prep students well as they prepare for the rigors of AP courses they will take as upperclassman, and for successful college careers.



Agassi Basketball



2011 - 2012 AGASSI PREP BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Nevada AA - SOUTHERN LEAGUE



TUESDAY DEC. 6, 2011

FRIDAY DEC. 9, 2011

TUESDAY DEC. 13, 2011

WEDNESDAY DEC 14, 2011

MONDAY DEC. 19-22

MONDAY DEC. 26 - 29

TUESDAY JAN 3

FRIDAY JAN 6

SATURDAY JAN 7

TUESDAY JAN 10

FRIDAY JAN 13

MONDAY JAN 16

FRIDAY JAN 20

SATURDAY JAN 21

TUESDAY JAN 24

FRIDAY JAN 27

SATURDAY JAN 28

FRIDAY FEB 3

FRIDAY FEB 10

SATURDAY FEB 11

WORD OF LIFE @ AGASSI

AGASSI @ SUNRISE MTN.

AGASSI @ LAUGHLIN

AUSTRIALIAN TEAM

MTN. VIEW XMAS TOURNEY

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LINCOLN @ AGASSI

LAKE MEAD @ AGASSI

AGASSI @ MTN. VIEW

INDIAN SPRINGS @ AGASSI

NEEDLES @ AGASSI

RANCHO @ AGASSI

CALVARY @ AGASSI

AGASSI @ MEADOWS

AGASSI @ LINCOLN

AGASSI @ LAKE MEAD

MTN. VIEW @ AGASSI

AGASSI @ NEEDLES

AGASSI @ CALVARY

MEADOWS @ AGASSI

JV BOYS @ 3:30

VARSITY GIRLS/BOYS @ 5:00 & 6:30

JV GIRLS/BOYS & VARSITY GIRLS/BOYS
@ 3:00, 4:30, 6:00, 7:30

VARSITY BOYS & JV BOYS @ 4:00 & 6:00

VARSITY GIRLS

VARSITY BOYS

VARSITY GIRLS & BOYS @ 4:30 & 6:00

JV BOYS, VARSITY GIRLS & BOYS @ 4:30, 6:00 & 7:30

JV BOYS/VARSITY GIRLS & BOYS @ 4:30, 6:00 & 7:30

VARSITY GIRLS @ 5:00

JV GIRLS, BOYS/VARSITY GIRLS & BOYS
@ 3:00, 4:30, 6:00 & 7:30

BOYS - MLK ANNUAL GAME @ 3:00

JV GIRLS, BOYS/VARSITY GIRLS & BOYS
@ 3:00, 4:30, 6:00 & 7:30

JV, BOYS/VARSITY GIRLS & BOYS @ 12:00, 1:30, 3:00

VARSITY GIRLS & BOYS @ 4:30 & 6:00

JV BOYS, VARSITY GIRLS & BOYS @ 4:30, 6:00 & 7:30

BOYS/VARSITY GIRLS & BOYS @ 4:30, 6:00 & 7:30

GIRLS, BOYS/VARSITY GIRLS & BOYS
@ 3:00, 4:30, 6:00 & 7:30

JV GIRLS, BOYS/VARSITY GIRLS & BOYS
@ 3:00, 4:30, 6:00 & 7:30

JV, BOYS/VARSITY GIRLS & BOYS @ 12:00, 1:30, 3:00

GO AGASSI STARS

Accessing EDLINE

- Access the school website: www.agassiprep.net
- Click on the EdLine icon at the bottom right of the page.
- Click on “Click Here if you have a New Activation Code”.
- Enter your activation code – see the attached slip of paper! Do NOT include dashes. Press ENTER!
- Your name will appear on the screen. Press “Activate This Code”.
- Click on: “I Agree” to the privacy policy.
- Click on: “New Account”.
- Select a Screen Name and Password. They must be at least 4 characters long. Write down and keep in a safe place. Now CONTINUE!
- Next, click on the following:
 - Yes - to Display Your Email, make sure you add your email address.
 - No - to allow the School to send your email through EdLine.
 - (Optional – enter in a suggested question and answer for security purposes)
- Select Update -> Done -> Logout → OK
- Exit and now sign on with your new EdLine Screen Name and Password.
- Check your child’s grades, test dates, teachers’ assignments on a daily basis.

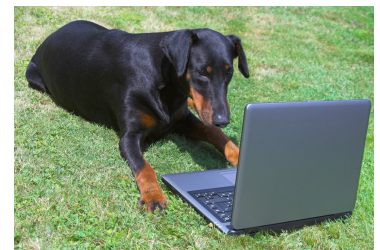
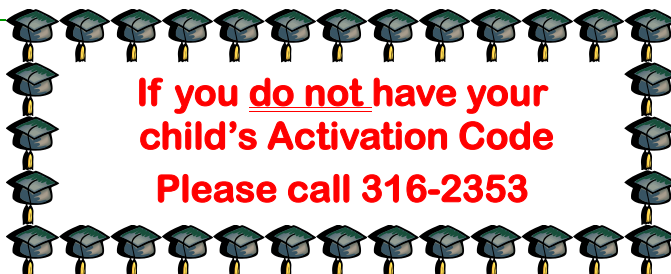
How to see your child's grades for all classes!

From your child’s *Private Reports Page*, you can see all grade reports from classes in one list.

1. **Display your child’s shortcuts.** In the upper left corner of the page, you should see a box labeled “Shortcuts”. Each of your children is listed here. Click on the name of the child whose grades you want to see.
2. **Go to your child’s Private Reports Page.** The *Private Reports Page* lists all private reports posted for your child throughout the school. Click the “Private Reports” link inside the *User Contents* box. This box is on the left side of the page.
3. **Open a grade report.** Click the “View” button next to any grade report in the list to read it. The reports are grouped by date with the new reports at the top of the list.
4. **Close the report and open the next one.** When you are finished reading the report, click the “Done” Button at the bottom of the report page. You will come back to your private reports list.

Checking your child's grades in a particular class!

1. **Display a list of your child’s classes.** In the upper left corner of the page, you should see a box labeled “Shortcuts”. Each of your children is listed here. Click on the name of the child whose grades you want to see. When you do this you will see his or her classes, clubs, and other activities listed in shortcut boxes on the left side of the page.
2. **Go to the class you want to see.** Your child’s classes are listed on the “Classes” shortcut box (on the left side of the page). Click on the name of a class to go to the home page for that class.
3. **Open the folder that holds the class grades.** The teacher has put your child’s grades in a folder. This folder is listed in the Contents box on the class home page. Click on the name of the folder to open it (look for a folder names Grades or something similar to that).
4. **Open your child’s grade report.** If there is only one grade report for your child in this folder, it will be displayed automatically when you open the folder. When you are finished reading the grade report, click the “Done” button at the bottom of the page.
If there is more than one grade report for your child, you will see a list of them. The most recent one should be at the top. Click on a report to see it.
5. **Redisplay your own shortcuts.** Click on the “My Shortcuts: option in your Shortcuts box. Now all of the shortcuts to your own classes and activities are redisplayed.



Inexpensive Gift Giving Ideas!

1. Gourmet coffees with a personal coffee cup
2. Pound of pistachios
3. Child's artwork, framed
4. Journal with special inscription inside
5. Teacup with box of herbal tea
6. Deck of cards and book of card game rules
7. Homemade cocoa mix in a pretty jar
8. Collage of special photos
9. Gel pens and pretty stationary
10. Home baked bread, include recipe
11. Disposable camera or rolls of film
12. Basket filled with deli cheese and fruit
13. Holiday serving bowl or platter
14. Pretty basket filled with special jams or mustards
15. Fancy chocolate bars tied with a ribbon
16. Gardening gloves with a plant or flower seeds
17. Photo album, hand decorated is even better
18. Homemade cookie mix with instructions for baking
19. Special coffee cup filled with candy
20. Fancy magazines tied together with a pretty ribbon
21. Gourmet popcorn and flavored oil
22. Locally made barbeque or steak sauce with basting brush
23. Movie theater gift certificates
24. Note cards and book of stamps
25. Specialty cookbook
26. Pretty glass jar filled with candy
27. Muffin mixes with muffin pan
28. Books, there are still a few for under \$10
29. Video rental gift certificates
30. Handwritten copies of your favorite recipes
31. For the pets, gourmet dog biscuits or cat treats
32. Colorful Post-It notepads
33. Address book
34. Christmas ornaments
35. Favorite quote embroidered on a nice handkerchief
36. Makeup brush set
37. Expensive socks, still under \$10
38. Special soaps and bath puff
39. Magazine subscriptions
- and
- 40. My absolute favorite... home baked cookies!**

Remember, it's not the cost, it's the thought!!!