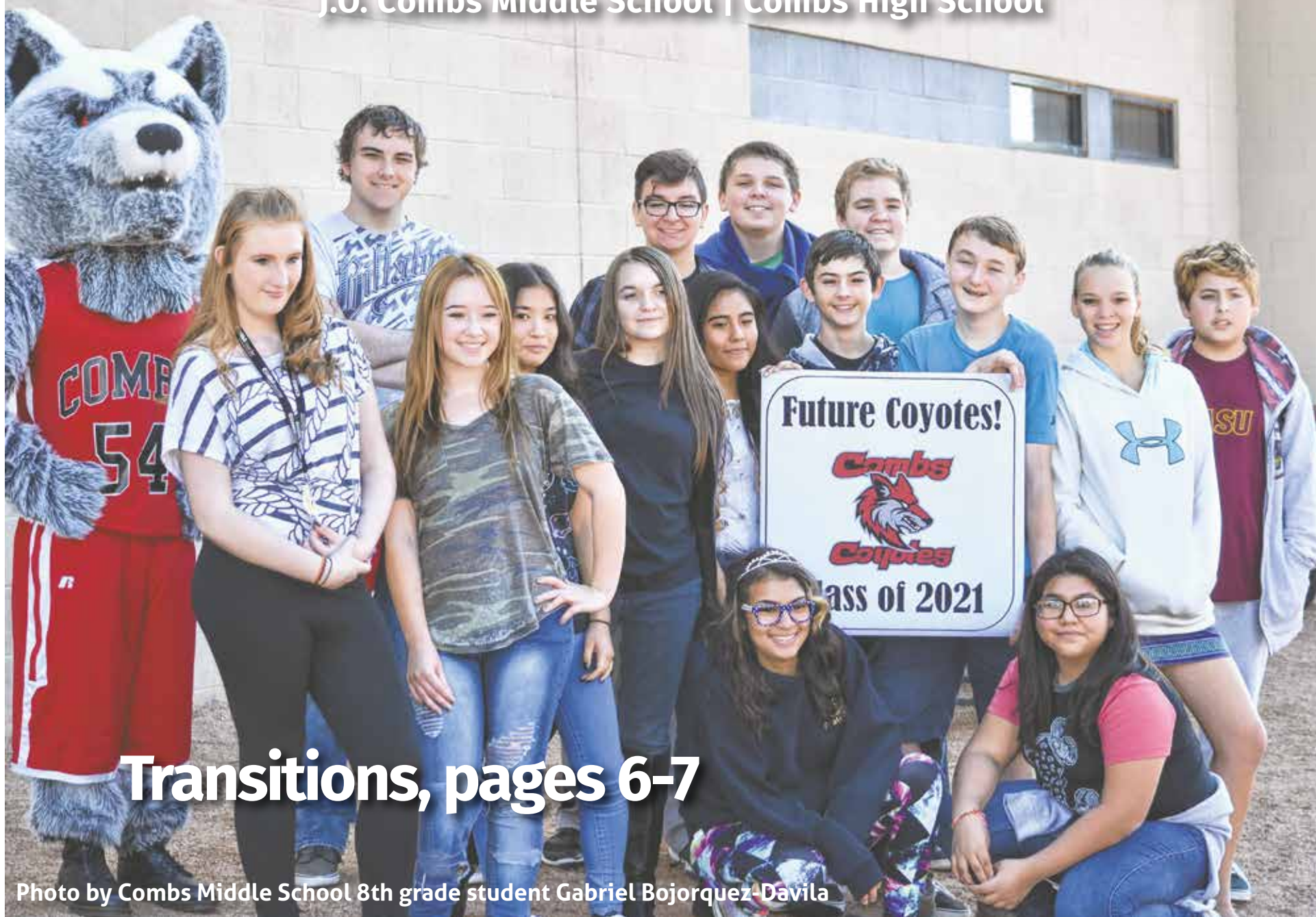


# Combs

J.O. Combs Unified School District

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**Transitions, pages 6-7**

Photo by Combs Middle School 8th grade student Gabriel Bojorquez-Davila

# Combs Education Foundation launched in June

*Supporting the vision of the school district through scholarships and grants*

The Combs Education Foundation officially launched on June 23, 2016 with six board members comprised of community members and school district employees.

The mission of the Combs Education Foundation is to

support educational opportunities for students, staff, and families by funding the development and implementation of quality programs, establishing strong community partnerships, and supporting the goals of the J.O. Combs Unified School District.

“The Combs Education Foundation has been in the works for a number of years, and I am very proud to see its official launch,” said Superintendent Gayle Blanchard. “The foundation supports the vision of the school district by providing scholarships

to our graduating seniors and classroom grants for our teachers.”

The six members are:

- Sharon Lind, President and Chief Executive Officer of Banner Ironwood
- Charles Newman, Vice President and Pastor of Crossroads Lutheran Church
- Ed Boot, Secretary and Capital Manager with the Governor’s Office of Strategic Planning and Budgeting
- Karla Slovitsky, Treasurer and Director of Business Services J.O. Combs Unified School District

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- Gary Kemp, Member at Large and Governing Board Member of J.O. Combs Unified School District
  - Lester Chow, Member at Large and Civil Engineering Section Chief of Pinal County
- Charles Newman shared what the Combs Education Foundation

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## PRESCHOOL NOW ENROLLING!

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## ↑ INAUGURAL MEMBERS

Members of the Combs Education Foundation are, from left: front, Kelly Guerra, Gayle Blanchard, Karla Slovitsky; back, Ed Boot, Sharon Lind, Karissa Patefield, Charles Newman, Gary Kemp and Lester Chow.

## FOUNDATION

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means to him and the reason he got involved: “Being part of the Board of Directors is a way to serve and give back to the community. By its very nature, it brings the community together to support our children and provides a strong foundation and commitment to education.”

## STAY CONNECTED WITH J.O. COMBS



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# J.O. Combs recognizes staff for continuous years of service

## *Mrs. Sue Kruse honored for 25 years of service to the district*

On Jan. 4, J.O. Combs recognized staff who have served in the district for 10 years or more for their dedication to students. Superintendent Dr. Gayle Blanchard and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Patty Roger presented each of the awardees with a special gift and certificate.

Ranch Elementary Principal Mrs. Sue Kruse has served in the district for 25 years.

### **Tell me how you first got involved with J.O. Combs.**

In the winter of 1989 I decided that

I had enough of the cold, icy Midwest weather and started looking for somewhere to move that had a warm climate. I visited Arizona a few times and made Mesa, Arizona my new home during the summer of 1990.

I was shocked to learn that AZ started school late in the summer so I decided that I would substitute until I got to know the area and choose a school district. A friend of mine saw an ad in the paper for substitutes at the J.O. Combs Elementary School District.

The pay listed was much better than

the other school districts. Being that I was unemployed at the time, I grabbed all of my documents and headed out for a new adventure!

I was amazed with the scenery along the route. Miles and miles of desert landscape and then out of nowhere there would be farmland. I was also shocked by the lack of traffic and over all peacefulness during the drive. When I finally reached the one-school school district at the corner of Vineyard and Combs Road, I knew that this unique little place was calling my name. I had never seen such a small school nor had I ever seen a school with outdoor entrances to classrooms....and this is where the journey began!

### **What's your first memory of joining the team/district?**

My first contracted job with the school district was teaching 2nd grade. I was the only second grade teacher and at the time there was only one teacher for each K-6th grade. We shared a classroom aide between two teachers. The Jr. High consisted of 3 teachers; math/science, reading, and social studies. We did have a full time PE teacher and each grade level had PE two times a week. There was a beautiful library in one of the classrooms and the students loved to check-out books.

I remember everyone being so friendly and willing to share academic knowledge as well as information about the community and families. We all ate lunch at the same time (45 minutes) and this made for a great opportunity for collaboration. Speaking of lunch...lunch was free for teachers and it was always the most amazing homemade entrées. You could smell the food cooking the minute you arrived on campus especially when the cooks were making bread, rolls and cinnamon rolls. The cooks were particularly known for their

chimichangas.

Other interesting memories include having no air-conditioning in the classrooms during my first few years of teaching, watching cattle graze in the court yard as they had escaped from the neighbor's yard and not being able to teach when the crop dusters flew overhead. I also knew that we were nearing the end of the day when through the upper windows in the classroom I would see parents arriving to school on horseback to pick up their children.

### **What is your favorite community cause and why?**

I have been a member of the Gilbert Optimist Club for 12 years. I love this organization as it supports youth in the community through service programs and student recognition. The Gilbert Optimist Club has been a strong supporter of Ranch Elementary through scholarships, academic competitions, recognizing outstanding students and staff and sponsoring honor award assemblies.

### **What do you do when you are not working?**

I love to read for pleasure and share books with family and friends. I love to browse antique shops as I have a collection of Strawberry Shortcake items. I love to swim and exercise in our swimming pool. Whenever I can, I find a way to get to a beach as often as possible.

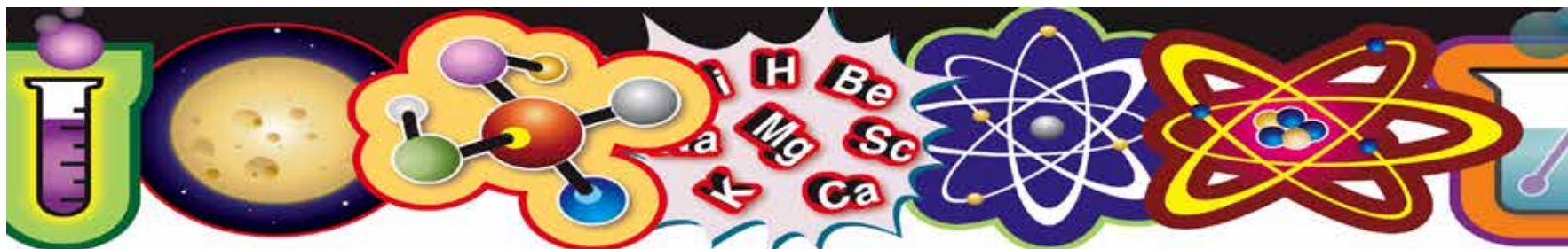
### **What is one thing that I want students and parents to know about me?**

I care about each and every student as an individual. I keep students safe and assure that they receive an excellent education in order to achieve their full potential. I love coming to work each and every day and look forward to working with students, parents and faculty. It's an honor to serve the students and community at Ranch Elementary.



### **LONG-TIME EMPLOYEE**

Mrs. Sue Kruse is pictured with students at Ranch Elementary.



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## From Junior High to High School:

*Young students make the trek from sixth grade to middle school and eighth grade to high school*

**Kelly Guerra**  
Community Education

Recently, J.O. Combs Middle School students were invited to Combs High School to learn about opportunities to get involved, tour the campus, and meet some of their future teachers. As part of the transition plan, the tour often relieves nerves about what is in store for the future freshman. Most of the programming for the morning visit and tour is done by Student Council. Students watched performances by the band, cheer squad, and pom and dance teams and student leaders shared information about sports and clubs on campus. Then it's off for a tour of the campus.

Macy Milligan, current CHS 9th grader, said the tour helped calm

her anxiety and put her mind at ease. It helped for her to see that the high school was set up similar to the middle school so she wasn't scared about getting lost.

Freshman Azalea Booze shared a similar sentiment that the field trip to Combs High School helped her nerves. "I felt like I knew my way around since I had already been on the campus."

Combs Middle School students were asked what they are most looking forward to at Combs High School.

"I'm most excited to just look at what we have in store for the future and what are our experiences are going to be here at the high school," says Julien Bowers.



### FIRST LOOK

Future Coyotes visit Combs High School. The tour helps transitioning students feel more comfortable at their new school.

## making the transition less scary

Ethan James said, “I’m excited to start a career plan and being able to help my parents when they grow old.” Sounds like that young man already has a plan.

Elementary students also visited J.O. Combs Middle School in January to meet student leaders, teachers, and administration. Students were welcomed by cheerleaders and the Cougar as they entered the cafeteria. Band members kicked off the morning with a lively number and the drama students performed a short skit.

Alec Martinez attended the CMS visit as a 6th grader last year and has a piece of advice for incoming 7th graders: “Make new friends and don’t be afraid.”

Parents of both future freshman

and 7th graders had the opportunity to visit the campuses during open house events. “We like to take an active role in our child’s learning and having the opportunity to walk the school, meet the teachers, and see what their learning environment is like gave us a better feel on what the year will hold for them,” says Jessica Milligan, parent to current 9th grader Macy Milligan.

Parents and students will be invited back during open house event in the fall before school starts.

“We want everyone who steps on our campus to feel welcome and have a positive experience,” said CHS Principal Brooke Davis. “We take every occasion to demonstrate the excellence and the opportunities we have on our campus.”



### HOWDY

Sixth grade students are enthusiastically greeted by cheerleaders and the Combs Middle School Cougar.

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## Simonton Stallions LEAD the pack

*Elementary school in its second year  
as a 'Leader in Me' school*

**Chasity Cruz**  
Simonton Principal

Simonton Elementary was one of the first modern schools built in the J.O. Combs district, and currently serves approximately 650 prekindergarten through 6th grade students. We are proud to be an academically diverse campus with mainstream and accelerated programs for students. Simonton also is home to the district's elementary life skills and emotionally disabled programs, as well as preschool programs for autistic and special education students.

Simonton is in its second year as a Leader In Me School which has a strong alignment to Steven R. Covey's *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*. At Simonton our mission is to **LEAD** –Learn, Empower, Achieve and Dream, and we are a community of learners that empowers every student to be a leader. Our students apply and are selected for a variety of leadership roles around campus fostering a feeling of ownership and community. Students have over 20 clubs in which to participate, from chess club to Lego robotics there is something for everyone.

In addition to empowering leaders, we are empowering students to grow academically. Students set academic goals and track their progress in leadership notebooks. The student goals are aligned and supportive of classroom goals. Scoreboards track classroom and school goals and are

posted around campus. At Simonton everyone plays a part in achieving academic success!

At the heart of Simonton's success are the classroom teachers. Through continued learning, and a passion for teaching, they work tirelessly to assure the academic success of every student.

Simonton is a wonderful place to learn and succeed. We welcome all friends, family and community members to our school.



### **JOB WELL DONE**

Fourth grade Simonton student Rebekah Hargrave, pictured with Principal Chasity Cruz, receives a Student of the Month award.



## Students of the Month honored

*Character Counts Program helps guide choice of which students to name each month*

The J.O. Combs Unified School District continues to partner with Banner Ironwood in a Student of the Month program which recognizes one student every month from each of our schools. There is a selection process in place where students are recognized for the

various pillars of the **Character Counts Program** which include Responsibility, Trustworthiness, Citizenship, Caring, Respect and Fairness.

The presentation takes place each month at the J.O. Combs Regular Governing Board Meeting.



### ⬆️ DECEMBER CARING

In December, 'Caring' students were (in no order): Jessica Salas (CHS, 12th grade), Maylee Lunt (CMS, 7th), Jillian Barbeau (CTA, 2nd), Andrew Brooks (Ellsworth, 6th), Adalyn Nunez (Harmon, 3rd), Paislee Hatch (Ranch, 3rd), Tahlia Roach (Simonton, 2nd).



### ⬆️ JANUARY RESPECT

In January, 'Respectful' students were (in no order): Gabriel Price (CHS, 12th grade, not pictured), Freddi Anderson (CMS, 8th), Aeden Curtis (CTA, 5th), Brea Cortinas (Ellsworth, K), Troyhn Lipford (Harmon, 2nd, not pictured), Kaylee Hurley (Ranch, 2nd), Abigail Brokaw (Simonton, 6th).

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Combs Traditional Academy is a school of choice. What makes us unique is our "Back-to-Basics" philosophy; we view the acquisition of basic skills, primarily through direct instruction, as the foundation of the learning process. We prioritize the fundamental tools of learning in the core academic areas of phonics and reading, grammar, spelling and writing, mathematics, history and geography, and science.

At Combs Traditional Academy, our students learn in a structured environment that minimizes instructional distractions in order to provide them with the strongest opportunity for academic and lifelong success.

## Rigor, Responsibility, Respect



## Agricultural Science

Do you enjoy the outdoors? Want to learn more about the art/science of growing plants and other crops? Do you want to learn how to raise animals for food and other human needs? This program is for you. Students will develop an understanding of these concepts through hands-on activities with the animal and plant sciences. Students enjoy working with animals, growing plants, and understanding the importance of natural resource and environmental management.

Visit [bit.ly/2j6yflr](http://bit.ly/2j6yflr) for more info.

## Business Management & Administration Services

Dream of being in charge of a business or owning your own someday? Learn how real businesses operate and what it takes to be successful in the challenging but rewarding field of business. Business Management is designed to help you understand the nature and purpose of business while developing needed technical knowledge and skills. Whether you realize it or not, you are actively involved in business organizations. Simply buying an item from the store, visiting an amusement park, or working a job makes you a part of the business world. You will gain a better understanding of how business management will affect the rest of your life.

Visit [bit.ly/2k23mEd](http://bit.ly/2k23mEd) for more info.



## Digital Communications & Mass Media

Did you know that students who work on their high school newspapers get better grades in high school, earn higher scores on ACT and get better grades as college freshmen?

Be a part of a class that is about so much more than writing. Learn about and explore the world of news media. Students will study interviewing, story structure, page layout, photojournalism media law and much more.

Upon completion of the program, students will have been a staff writer on the campus newspaper for two years and have a portfolio of printed work that is great to add to your college resume.

Visit [bit.ly/2jTiHVO](http://bit.ly/2jTiHVO) for more info.

## Digital Photography

Enhance your skills and creativity with the technology of digital photography. Digital photography helps to prepare students for a career in photography as well as Multimedia Technologies such as digital communications and graphic design.

Students are exposed to a variety of digital cameras, flash and studio lights, light modifiers as well as Adobe Lightroom and Photoshop.

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## Early Childhood Education (NEW!)

Our Early Childhood Education program is designed for students who are interested in a career working with children. Students will have an opportunity to work directly with young children and gain an understanding of how children develop and how caregivers can encourage children's development.

This two year program covers parenting, prenatal development, experience with an infant simulator, and a focus on how to be an early childhood educator. This includes working directly with young children and planning a preschool experience. Second year students can earn college credit.

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## Education Professions

If you enjoy helping others learn or maybe even want to be a coach someday, this is the program for you. Our Education Professions program is designed for students who are interested in a career working in education. Students will have an opportunity to work directly with children of various ages and gain an understanding of how children learn, as well as best practices used by educators to facilitate learning.

Info coming soon.

# Career and Tech



Today's cutting-edge, rigorous and relevant Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs provide students with the academic and technical skills, knowledge and training necessary to succeed in high-wage, high-skill, high-demand careers. In total, about 12.5 million high school and college students are enrolled in CTE across the nation.

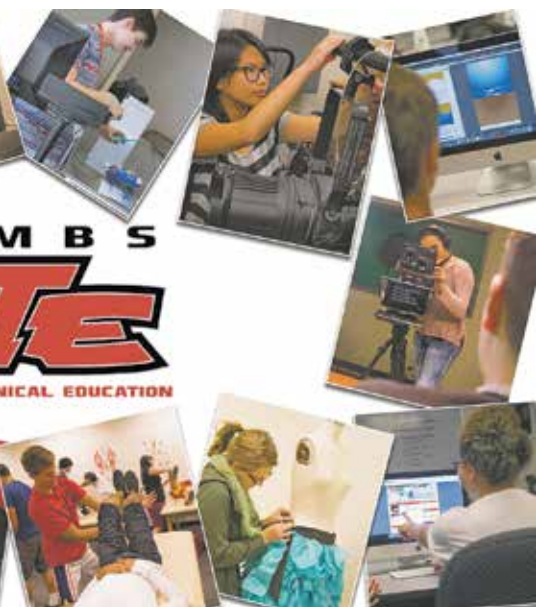
Combs High School offers twelve programs that help students better prepare for their future beyond high school. These programs take two to three years to complete and many programs offer industry accepted certifications that better qualify students for employment.

Additional programs are also offered to Combs High School students at the East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT) located in Mesa and Apache Junction.

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# Technical Education



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## Graphic Design

Graphic Design is all around us but it often goes unnoticed. From poster designs, signage, logos, branding, identity, t-shirt design and more, graphic design is everywhere we look.

You can learn how to communicate a message and problem- solve by using programs within the Adobe Creative Suite (Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign). Digital drawing and photo manipulation are skills learned in the Graphic Design sequence.

Students create portfolios of digital work that can help them apply for jobs in the field or further their education in college.

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## Medical Professions

Interested in a profession in the health field? First year students learn medical terminology, anatomy and disease processes, vital signs, CPR, and visit local hospitals as a professional shadowing opportunity. Second year students will expound on this knowledge and apply it to patient care, basic nutrition, patient safety, and preventing infections.

Students who successfully complete the program and pass the Arizona Board of Nursing exam obtain their CNA certificate or LNA license soon after high school graduation. Second year students can earn college credit.

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## Software Development

This program introduces students to the many career opportunities in today's digital workforce. Students will leave this course with the personal, analytical, technical and communication skills they need to compete in this field. In this course, students are presented with the basic concepts of Information Technology, including various career paths as well as the impact of Information Technology on the world, people and industry.

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## Sports Medicine & Rehabilitation Services

Sports medicine students learn how to prevent, recognize, manage and provide rehab as a result of injuries related from physical activity. First year students will use learned skills in a laboratory environment where they will practice first aid for athletic injuries, knowledge of the human body and its functions, procedures used in common athletic injuries, and information on diets for athletes. Second year students will expound on this knowledge and explore medicine and physical therapy, exercise science and implementation of sports medicine.

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## Technical Theatre

Do you love theatre and film? Do you want to know more about how things work behind the scenes? JOIN STAGECRAFT! Students in the technical theatre program at Combs High School will experience theatre first-hand. Students are given the opportunity to work hands-on with power tools and electrical equipment as they bring school plays to life!

Continued work in the program allows students to design and craft their own theatrical projects. Excellent career opportunities abound in the entertainment industry, so don't miss your chance to hit your mark in technical theatre!

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## Programs offered at Combs High School

- Agricultural Science
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- Digital Communications and Mass Media
- Digital Photography
- Early Childhood Education
- Education Professions
- TV Production & News Broadcasting
- Graphic Design
- Medical Professions
- Software Development
- Sports Medicine & Rehabilitation Services
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# Elementary students

*Learning goes beyond academics  
and the classroom*

Inspiring a passion for learning extends beyond the academic classroom walls for J.O. Combs Unified School District's elementary students. Beginning in Kindergarten and continuing through 6th grade, elementary students are exposed to weekly classes in music, physical education, technology, and library.

**Music**

Students in grades Kindergarten through fourth grade attend general music classes for 30 minutes weekly. Mr. Porterfield, Elementary Music Teacher, shares: "I believe that one of the biggest priorities is to foster a love for music by making each class enjoyable and fun through singing, dancing and playing instruments. After all, if a child does not enjoy music

early on, can we really expect a child to be excited to pick an instrument for band or orchestra when they get to fifth grade?"

Band and orchestra in the J.O. Combs District begins in fifth grade at all elementary schools. Students are able to choose flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, or percussion as a beginning band instrument or violin, viola, cello or bass as a beginning orchestra instrument.

School and community concerts featuring the band or orchestra give students the opportunity to show off the hard work and practice it takes to learn an instrument says Guido Lavorata. Students also collaborate with the high school music program to perform in a district-wide concert.



## MAKING MUSIC

Harmon 5th grader Haley Tibben prepares for the Orchestra Concert

# in Combs District exploring electives

These performances result in positive interactions among high school students and elementary students as the high school students mentor the younger students.

“Study of an instrument also helps develop important academic and interpersonal skills. Research has proven that musical study can improve student performance in other academic subjects. The music program allows students to develop cross-curricular skills such as persistency, teamwork, and critical thinking while encouraging student responsibility. These skills combine to help the students strive to be self-reliant life-long learners,” states Keith Pennington, Orchestra Teacher.

## Technology

In their weekly technology class, students use computers to become aware of all the various tools, software, and online mediums that they can use

to express their thoughts. Instructional time is focused introducing units using Microsoft Suite, Google Suite and SketchUp, with other programs to enhance learning opportunities. In addition, instruction is focused on digital technology safety and navigating digital media sources effectively. Cross curricular support is provided to enhance the standards and units that are being taught in the classroom.

“Through these lessons, students learn to use technology but we also promote collaboration, critical thinking, communication, and creativity skills,” shares Suzanna Battaglia, Technology Teacher.

## Library

“Time in the library is not just about learning the Dewey Decimal system or using reference materials, but it is about inspiring a lifetime love of reading,” says Santa Dunker,

Coordinator of Curriculum and Instruction.

To support classroom instruction, students learn about books that are directly related to what the grade level is studying at that time and how to find more information on interesting topics. During read-aloud times, students are encouraged to participate in the discussions about

their own comprehension of the book and discuss different literary elements such as fiction versus nonfiction, predictions in the book, and point of view and perspective.

## Physical Education

The Physical Education department exposes students to a large variety of physical activities in and out of school.

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## JINGLE JOG

Ranch students participate in the annual Jingle Jog.

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**Combs Traditional Academy**  
**A Back to Basics School**  
**Using Spalding Phonics & Saxon Math**  
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# Academic Decathlon debuts at Combs High School for 2016-17

*Motivated students push to start club to help round out academic resume*

The Academic Decathlon club was started by some very motivated students looking to add to their college resume.

“I joined because it looks good for college and for the chance to win state as being the first team created. This would begin a legacy for Combs academics,” shared Combs Senior Nicholas Lee.

Students who belong to Academic Decathlon are studying 10 different contest categories that include: art, economics, literature, science, mathematics, music, speech, interview, social sciences, and impromptu speech.

Asked how this helped in their day to day course work, Senior Kaymen

White said, “It made it easier to understand the concepts that I was learning in school as I studied them in greater depth during Decathlon meetings.”

These students continue to learn from each other and learn about what it takes to be a team. “I enjoy learning in this club because we all have certain strengths in different subjects and we are all able to teach each other,” shares Hailey Smith.

Our Combs Decathletes have already participated in their first scrimmage against Mesa USD, and will go on to official competitions in January. Ms. Whitson is the main academic coach with Mrs. McKee as assistant coach. We are so proud of our first group of amazing decathletes!



## SMART KIDS

The Academic Decathlon team prepares for a meet.



## J.O. COMBS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Honors Classes – English Language Arts, Math, Science & Social Studies  
Career & Technical Education • High School Credit Options in Algebra & Spanish

Electives – Art, Physical Education, Spanish & Yearbook

Music – Band, Choir, Guitar & Orchestra • Competitive Sports • Tutoring

Student Clubs – Aerospace Challenge, Chess, Drama, Student Council, Yearbook, National Junior Art Honor Society, National Junior Honor Society, Journalism Club, Social Studies Club

New Electives for 2017-2018 school year - Coding, Graphic Design, Introduction to Medical Professions, Leadership Development, Photography, Teens 'n Teaching, TV/Film, Production, Weight Training



## COUGARS CONNECTING WITH CHARACTER

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# WHY CHOOSE COMBS?



"We Love Harmon because you make us feel like family. From the first day, you welcomed us with such kindness and love." - Mrs. Lyon, Harmon Elementary parent



"Ellsworth is the best school for my kids because the teachers and principal are the best at putting our children first and making them feel like family." - Mrs. Gonzalez, Ellsworth Elementary parent



"My son shows Rigor, Responsibility, and Respect daily at CTA. He loves school and it shows!" - Ms. Lord, Combs Traditional Academy parent



"My children have had incredible teachers who have gone above and beyond to help my children be successful in their education and prepare them for their futures." - Mrs. Wendt, Combs Middle School & Harmon Elementary parent

"We choose Combs to help build stronger sense of community; they provide diversity in preparation for a real world environment, preparing my family for the future. I love the staff at Simonton!" - Mrs. Nichols, Simonton Elementary & Combs High School parent



"Ranch Elementary is my second home; all the teachers and staff are caring, friendly and so helpful." - Ms. Warren, Ranch Elementary parent



"We Love the sense of community at JO Combs." - Mrs. Elrod, Combs High School & Ellsworth Elementary parent



# Combs

J.O. Combs Unified School District

Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow



# Combs hosts Leadership Academy for teachers, staff

## *District fostering aspiring leaders*

In 2015, the J.O. Combs Unified School District formed a new **Leadership Academy program** to nurture and strengthen tomorrow's leaders. Recognizing the need to provide employees with the skills and support necessary to prepare them for future leadership positions, Dr. Gayle A.

Blanchard, Superintendent, and Dr. Patty Rogers, Assistant Superintendent, work with district employees who aspire to become leaders and administrators.

"I enjoy working with the **Leadership Academy** participants. They are eager to experience leadership lessons and develop their own potential," shares

Physical Education also incorporates programs outside of the class. Students have the opportunity to participate in the community Turkey Waddle, recreational soccer club as well as their schools' Jingle Jog and Jump Rope for Heart.

J.O. Combs is proud to offer a variety of opportunities to explore special topics at an early age.

Dr. Blanchard.

Participants in the **Leadership Academy** represent all seven campuses of the district and are recommended by their site administrator. The goal of the program is to provide aspiring leaders an opportunity to develop skills and explore their own potential.

To date, two cohorts of future leaders have completed the program. Janey Ramirez participated in the inaugural cohort. "Participating in the Leadership Academy was a wonderful experience which gave me the opportunity to reflect on my strengths as a leader as well as learn new skills that directly impacted my career. I worked with other leaders in the district to discuss what was happening locally in education and how we could continue to

be ambassadors for our district." Since completing the Leadership Academy, Janey transitioned from a classroom teacher to an Academic Coach and is applying those leadership skills.

Laura Ridge, Dean at J.O. Combs Middle School, says, "Leadership is defined as 'a process by which a person influences others to accomplish an objective and directs the organization in a way that makes it more coherent and cohesive.' Combs Leadership Academy has given me a great foundation to my start as an administrator in this district."

"This is one more way Combs is dedicated to 'grow our own'," states Dr. Rogers. "These future leaders will take the baton and continue the great work of educating our students."

## ELECTIVES

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During classes students experience and participate in fundamentals of soccer, football, basketball, softball, hockey, tennis, tumbling, team building, cooperative games, fitness exercises and many other activities. Exposure to a variety of activities educates students about personal well-being as well as sports concepts with an emphasize on finding lifelong fitness.

# FOR RENT

## Rent Our Facilities Seven Sites Available to Rent

- Classroom Space
- Gyms
- Fields
- Media Centers
- Parking Lots



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J.O. Combs Unified School District  
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Contact Community Education for pricing at 480-987-5310 or [communityed@jocombs.org](mailto:communityed@jocombs.org)  
Or visit [www.jocombs.org](http://www.jocombs.org)  
Click on "Rent Our Facilities" Button



### DISTRICT LEADERS

J.O. Combs Leadership Academy  
Participants Cohort 1



### MORE LEADERS

J.O. Combs Leadership Academy  
Participants Cohort 2







# Combs High School

An AEF™ A+ School of Excellence™



## ACADEMICS:

- Advanced Placement/Dual Enrollment Courses • Honors Classes
- Art & Physical Education • Foreign Languages (French, German & Spanish)
- Career & Technical Education (Agriculture, Business Mgmt., Digital Photography, Early Childhood, Graphic Design, Journalism, Medical Professions, Software Development, Sports Medicine, TV/Film & Technical Theater) • Music (Band, Choir, Guitar & Orchestra)

## PROGRAMS:

- After School Tutoring • Award Winning Drama Program • International Travel Opportunities
- Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) • Nine Computer Labs • Free Transportation to EVIT

## SPORTS:

- Badminton • Baseball • Basketball (Boys/Girls) • Cross Country (Boys/Girls) • Football
- Golf (Boys/Girls) • Sand Volleyball • Soccer (Boys/Girls) • Softball • Spiritline/Pom
- Swim/Dive (Boys/Girls) • Tennis (Boys/Girls) • Track & Field (Boys/Girls) • Volleyball (Boys/Girls) • Wrestling

## STUDENT CLUBS & ACTIVITIES:

- Anime • Art Club (National Art Honor Society) • Athletic Training • AZ Ancient Cultures • Band
- Best Buddies • Choir • Class Clubs (Freshmen, Sophomore, Junior & Senior) • Drama Club
- Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) • Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)
- Future Farmers of America (FFA) • Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA)
- Journalism • Magic Club • Math Club • National Honor Society (NHS) • Orchestra
- SkillsUSA • Student Government • Travel Club • Yearbook

**TOGETHER WE CAN. TOGETHER WE WILL.**

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# Combs High School Sports Schedules

## Baseball

Date	Opponent	Level	Time
Feb. 23	@Mingus Union	JV/VAR	3:45 PM
<b>Feb. 28</b>	<b>Seton Catholic</b>	<b>VAR</b>	<b>3:45 PM</b>
Feb. 28	@Seton Catholic	JV/FROSH	3:45 PM
Mar. 2	@Higley	JV/FROSH	3:45 PM
<b>Mar. 7</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>JV/FROSH</b>	<b>3:45 PM</b>
Mar. 7	@St. Mary's	VAR	6 PM
Mar. 9	@Casa Grande	JV/FROSH	3:45 PM
<b>Mar. 9</b>	<b>Casa Grande</b>	<b>VAR</b>	<b>3:45 PM</b>
Mar. 10	@Bradshaw Mtn.	JV/FROSH	3:45 PM
<b>Mar. 10</b>	<b>Bradshaw Mtn.</b>	<b>VAR</b>	<b>3:45 PM</b>
Mar. 14	@Dysart	JV/VAR	3:45 PM
<b>Mar. 16</b>	<b>Estrella Foothills</b>	<b>JV</b>	<b>3:45 PM</b>
Mar. 16	@Estrella Foothills	VAR	6 PM
<b>Mar. 21</b>	<b>Washington</b>	<b>JV/FROSH</b>	<b>3:45 PM</b>
Mar. 21	@Washington	VAR	3:45 PM
<b>Mar. 22</b>	<b>Casteel</b>	<b>JV</b>	<b>3:45 PM</b>
<b>Mar. 22</b>	<b>Higley</b>	<b>VAR</b>	<b>3:45 PM</b>
Mar. 23	@Washington	JV/FROSH	3:45 PM
<b>Mar. 23</b>	<b>Washington</b>	<b>VAR</b>	<b>3:45 PM</b>
<b>Mar. 27</b>	<b>Marcos de Niza</b>	<b>VAR</b>	<b>3:45 PM</b>
Mar. 27	@Marcos de Niza	JV/FROSH	4/3:45 PM
Mar. 28	@Coronado	VAR	3:45 PM
<b>Mar. 30</b>	<b>Coronado</b>	<b>VAR</b>	<b>3:45 PM</b>
<b>Apr. 4</b>	<b>Dysart</b>	<b>VAR</b>	<b>3:45 PM</b>
Apr. 4	@Dysart	JV/FROSH	3:45 PM
<b>Apr. 6</b>	<b>Dysart</b>	<b>FROSH</b>	<b>3:45 PM</b>
<b>Apr. 11</b>	<b>Cortez</b>	<b>VAR</b>	<b>3:45 PM</b>
Apr. 11	@Cortez	JV/FROSH	4 PM
<b>Apr. 13</b>	<b>Cortez</b>	<b>JV/FROSH</b>	<b>3:45 PM</b>
Apr. 13	@Cortez	VAR	4 PM
<b>Apr. 18</b>	<b>Apache Junction</b>	<b>VAR</b>	<b>3:45 PM</b>
Apr. 18	@Apache Junction	JV	4 PM
<b>Apr. 20</b>	<b>Apache Junction</b>	<b>JV</b>	<b>3:45 PM</b>
Apr. 20	@Apache Junction	VAR	4 PM

### BOLD DENOTES HOME GAME

Check [JCombs.org](http://JCombs.org) for wrestling, track & sand volleyball schedules.

## J.O. Combs Middle School



### GIRLS BASKETBALL



Feb. 7	vs. Benjamin Franklin QC	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 9	vs. Cactus Canyon	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 14	vs. Maricopa Wells	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 16	@ Hohokam	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 23	@ Benjamin Franklin QC	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 28	@ Cactus Canyon	4:30 p.m.

Tournament begins Thursday, Mar. 2.

Site TBD by High Seeds.

## Softball

Date	Opponent	Level	Time
<b>Feb. 23</b>	<b>Mingus Union</b>	<b>JV/VAR</b>	<b>3:45 PM</b>
Feb. 28	@Seton Catholic	VAR	3:45 PM
<b>Feb. 28</b>	<b>Seton Catholic</b>	<b>JV</b>	<b>3:45 PM</b>
<b>Mar. 1</b>	<b>Estrella Foothills</b>	<b>VAR</b>	<b>3:45 PM</b>
Mar. 1	@Estrella Foothills	JV	3:45 PM
<b>Mar. 2</b>	<b>Higley</b>	<b>JV/FROSH</b>	<b>3:45 PM</b>
Mar. 2	@Higley	VAR	3:45 PM
Mar. 7	@St. Mary's	JV/FROSH	3:45 PM
<b>Mar. 9</b>	<b>Casa Grande</b>	<b>JV/FROSH</b>	<b>3:45 PM</b>
Mar. 9	@Casa Grande	VAR	3:45 PM
Mar. 10	@Bradshaw Mtn.	JV/FROSH	3:45 PM
<b>Mar. 10</b>	<b>Bradshaw Mtn.</b>	<b>VAR</b>	<b>3:45 PM</b>
<b>Mar. 14</b>	<b>Dysart</b>	<b>JV/VAR</b>	<b>3:45 PM</b>
Mar. 21	@Washington	JV/FROSH	3:45 PM
<b>Mar. 21</b>	<b>Washington</b>	<b>VAR</b>	<b>3:45 PM</b>
Mar. 22	@Casteel	JV	3:45 PM
<b>Mar. 23</b>	<b>Washington</b>	<b>JV/FROSH</b>	<b>3:45 PM</b>
Mar. 23	@Washington	VAR	3:45 PM
Mar. 27	@Marcos de Niza	VAR	3:45 PM
<b>Mar. 27</b>	<b>Marcos de Niza</b>	<b>JV/FROSH</b>	<b>4/3:45 PM</b>
<b>Mar. 28</b>	<b>Coronado</b>	<b>VAR</b>	<b>3:45 PM</b>
Mar. 28	@Coronado	JV	3:45 PM
<b>Mar. 30</b>	<b>Coronado</b>	<b>JV</b>	<b>3:45 PM</b>
Mar. 30	@Coronado	VAR	3:45 PM
<b>Apr. 4</b>	<b>Dysart</b>	<b>VAR</b>	<b>3:45 PM</b>
Apr. 4	@Dysart	JV/FROSH	3:45 PM
<b>Apr. 6</b>	<b>Dysart</b>	<b>FROSH</b>	<b>3:45 PM</b>
Apr. 6	@Dysart	FROSH	3:45 PM
Apr. 11	@Cortez	VAR	4 PM
<b>Apr. 11</b>	<b>Cortez</b>	<b>JV/FROSH</b>	<b>3:45 PM</b>
Apr. 13	@Cortez	JV/FROSH	4 PM
<b>Apr. 13</b>	<b>Cortez</b>	<b>VAR</b>	<b>3:45 PM</b>
Apr. 18	@Apache Junction	VAR	4 PM
<b>Apr. 18</b>	<b>Apache Junction</b>	<b>JV</b>	<b>3:45 PM</b>
Apr. 20	@Apache Junction	JV	4 PM
<b>Apr. 20</b>	<b>Apache Junction</b>	<b>VAR</b>	<b>3:45 PM</b>
<b>Apr. 25</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>VAR</b>	<b>3:45 PM</b>

## Girls Tennis

Date	Opponent	Level	Time
Feb. 23	@Sierra Linda	JV/VAR	3:30 PM
<b>Feb. 28</b>	<b>McClintock</b>	<b>JV/VAR</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
Mar. 1	@Maricopa	JV/VAR	3:30 PM
Mar. 2	@Shadow Mtn.	JV/VAR	3:30 PM
<b>Mar. 8</b>	<b>Greenway</b>	<b>JV/VAR</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
Mar. 21	@Coconino	VAR	3:30 PM
<b>Mar. 22</b>	<b>Arcadia</b>	<b>JV/VAR</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
Mar. 23	@Seton Catholic	VAR	3:30 PM
<b>Mar. 28</b>	<b>Mesquite</b>	<b>JV/VAR</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
Mar. 29	@Higley	JV/VAR	3:30 PM
Apr. 4	@Williams Field	JV/VAR	3:30 PM
Apr. 6	@Marcos de Niza	JV/VAR	3:30 PM
<b>Apr. 11</b>	<b>Casa Grande</b>	<b>JV/VAR</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
Apr. 13	@Apache Junction	VAR	3:30 PM

## Boys Volleyball

Date	Opponent	Level	Time
<b>Feb. 28</b>	<b>Betty H. Fairfax</b>	<b>JV/VAR</b>	<b>4/5 PM</b>
Mar. 2	@Sunrise Mtn.	JV/VAR	4:30/5:30 PM
Mar. 7	@NW Christian	JV/VAR	4:30/5:30 PM
Mar. 9	@Westwood	JV/VAR	4:30/5:30 PM
<b>Mar. 23</b>	<b>Tempe</b>	<b>JV/VAR</b>	<b>4:30/5:30 PM</b>
<b>Mar. 28</b>	<b>Dobson</b>	<b>JV/VAR</b>	<b>4:30/5:30 PM</b>
<b>Mar. 30</b>	<b>AZ College Prep</b>	<b>JV/VAR</b>	<b>4/5 PM</b>
<b>Apr. 4</b>	<b>Queen Creek</b>	<b>JV/VAR</b>	<b>4:30/5:30 PM</b>
Apr. 5	@Deer Valley	JV/VAR	4:30/5:30 PM
<b>Apr. 6</b>	<b>Mesquite</b>	<b>JV/VAR</b>	<b>4/5 PM</b>
<b>Apr. 11</b>	<b>Higley</b>	<b>JV/VAR</b>	<b>4/5 PM</b>
Apr. 13	@Casteel	JV/VAR	4:30/5:30 PM
Apr. 18	@Williams Field	JV/VAR	4:30/5:30 PM
<b>Apr. 20</b>	<b>Poston Butte</b>	<b>JV/VAR</b>	<b>4:30/5 PM</b>
<b>Apr. 25</b>	<b>Leading Edge</b>	<b>JV/VAR</b>	<b>4/5 PM</b>
Apr. 27	@Campo Verde	JV/VAR	4/5:30 PM
<b>May 1</b>	<b>Ben Franklin</b>	<b>JV/VAR</b>	<b>4/5:30 PM</b>



## Boys Tennis

Date	Opponent	Level	Time
<b>Feb. 23</b>	<b>Sierra Linda</b>	<b>JV/VAR</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
Feb. 28	@McClintock	JV/VAR	3:30 PM
<b>Mar. 1</b>	<b>Maricopa</b>	<b>JV/VAR</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
<b>Mar. 2</b>	<b>Shadow Mtn.</b>	<b>JV/VAR</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
Mar. 7	@Greenway	VAR	3:30 PM
<b>Mar. 8</b>	<b>Notre Dame</b>	<b>JV/VAR</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
Mar. 22	@Arcadia	JV/VAR	3:30 PM
<b>Mar. 23</b>	<b>Seton Catholic</b>	<b>VAR</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
Mar. 28	@Mesquite	JV/VAR	3:30 PM
Mar. 29	@Higley	JV/VAR	3:30 PM
Apr. 4	@Williams Field	JV/VAR	3:30 PM
<b>Apr. 6</b>	<b>Marcos de Niza</b>	<b>JV/VAR</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
Apr. 11	@Casa Grande	JV/VAR	3:30 PM
<b>Apr. 13</b>	<b>Apache Junction</b>	<b>VAR</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>

# J.O. Combs Calendar of Community Events

**Feb. 7, 2017**

Kinder Round Up  
@ Ranch, Harmon,  
Ells. & Sim. Elem.  
6-7 p.m.

**Feb. 9, 2017**

Kindergarten  
Round Up  
@ CTA  
6-7 p.m.

**Feb. 17, 2017**

SciTech Festival  
District Wide  
@ CHS  
6-7 p.m.

**Feb. 20, 2017**

Presidents' Day  
NO SCHOOL!

**Feb. 23, 2017**

CHS Orchestra  
Concert  
@ CHS  
6 p.m.

**Feb. 27, 2017**

CMS Orchestra  
Concert  
@ CMS  
6 p.m.

**Feb. 28, 2017**

CMS Band  
Concert  
@ CMS  
6 p.m.

**March 1, 2017**

CHS Band  
Concert  
@ CHS  
6 p.m.

**March 2, 2017**

Harmon/CTA  
Concert  
@ Harmon Ele.  
6 p.m.

**March 3, 2017**

Read Under the  
Stars @ Combs  
Traditional Aca.  
6-8 p.m.

**March 7, 2017**

Ells./Sim.  
Concert  
@ Ellsworth  
6 p.m.

**March 13-20,  
2017**

Spring Break!  
NO  
SCHOOL!

**March 21, 2017**

Combs Job Fair  
@ Combs High  
School  
4-7 p.m.

**April 18, 2017**

Ranch Orch.  
Concert  
@ Ranch Elem.  
6 p.m.

**April 21, 2017**

CHS Band  
Concert  
@ CHS  
6 p.m.

**May 3, 2017**

All District  
Orch. Concert  
@ CHS  
6 p.m.

**May 4, 2017**

All District  
Band Concert  
@ CHS  
6 p.m.

**May 16, 2017**

CHS Senior  
Awards Night  
@ CHS  
7-9 p.m.

**May 23, 2017**

CHS  
Graduation  
@ CHS  
7 p.m.

**J.O. Combs welcomes the community to a variety of events happening around the district. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us!**

**J.O. Combs  
Unified  
School  
District**

**Job Fair**

**Positions Available  
July 2017**

- ◆ **Teachers**
- ◆ **Special Education Teachers**
- ◆ **Teacher Substitutes**
- ◆ **Classroom Aides/  
Paraprofessionals**
- ◆ **Bus Drivers**
- ◆ **Custodians**
- ◆ **Food Service**
- ◆ **Support Staff Substitutes**

**Walk-Ins  
Welcome!**

**March 21, 2017**  
**4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.**

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