



SCOTTSDALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

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Dear Scottsdale Prep Families,

This week we crept back into the swing of things with half days, and we have been so delighted to support the first round of student-led conferences each afternoon. The ownership that students have in their own growth process is fundamental to their success, and with the parents and teachers alongside them, they are crafting goals that will support this success in the weeks and months to come.

On Wednesday, the PSO and school presented a Food Truck Festival in the back, and we thank you for your willingness to adapt to a different pick-up route and schedule. Students, parents, and staff took advantage of the four food vendors, with some upbeat music and conversation surrounding them! We are immensely grateful to Mrs. Julie Robertson, who spearheaded this event on our campus, and we look forward to hosting a few more throughout the year.



As we approach the coming full week, I encourage everyone to attend our PSO-sponsored presentation Wednesday October 23rd, entitled "Turning Distress into Success." You may use [this link](#) to sign up. In recent years, schools across the nation have seen a rise in students with severe anxiety-related disorders, and many factors may contribute to this issue. A powerful article from the New York Times came across my desk recently, and I encourage you to read more about this important health issue for our children [here](#).

Onward Spartans!

Alison Chaney

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