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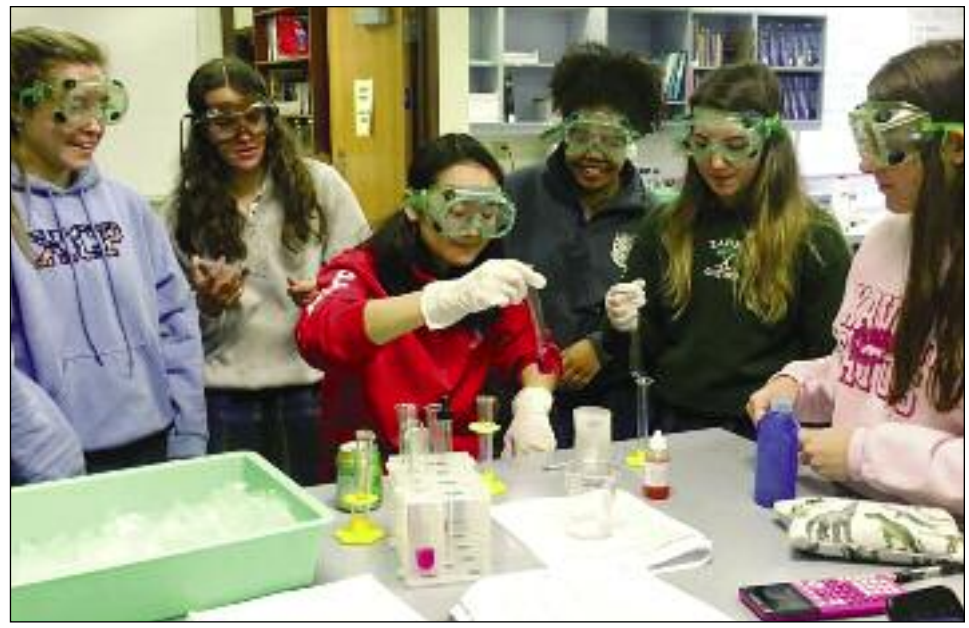

Students in Xavier College Preparatory teacher Nicole Mabante's AP Chemistry classes will use custom booklets, created by their teacher, in class their year. Photos from the classes, including this one, grace the cover of each custom booklet—this one is the cover for the AP Chemistry 2 text (submitted photo).

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Athletes can earn varsity and junior varsity letters at the end of the year.

Lisa Fischer, who also coaches at Xavier, will lead the program as head coach. She is a certified NASP basic archery instructor and a certified level 2 USA archery instructor.

Xavier teacher creates custom texts for students

Xavier College Preparatory teacher Nicole Mabante has introduced a "working text" for instruction in her honors and AP Chemistry classes. After years of making up her own handouts for student instruction that would allow the concepts of chemistry to be more understandable and approachable, Mabante teamed up with Edvantage Interactive to customize working texts for her Xavier classes.

An example of the customization that Mabante is incorporating is QR codes that link to videos of her teaching a lesson.

"If students miss class for any reason, they will be able to access the lesson being taught so work can be made up and they don't fall behind," Mabante said.

Xavier Principal Sr. Joan Nuckols said the school is "blessed to have Ms. Mabante as a member of our faculty." "The innovation that she has brought to our science curriculum is exactly what we strive for in all of our classes—innovative teaching that forms our students for excellence in learning," Nuckols added.

With AP textbooks changing every few years per the College Board, these customized books serve as textbooks and workbooks generating a cost savings of more than 50 percent per student.

"The cost savings is great for the student," Mabante shared, "But as a teacher, customizing the concepts and problems for maximum learning potential for the students is what I appreciate most."

Academy welcomes new Rabbi principal

Menachem Mendel Academy (MMA) in Phoenix has named Rabbi Yoseph Wernick asiprincipal. Born and raised in Australia, Wernick learned in Yeshivot and graduate programs in Australia and New York and he earned an MBA after returning to Australia.

MMA opened in August 2018 for boys in grades 1-6, with an integrated curriculum of Torah and English studies, built around customized learning for each child. This fall it will expand through grade 8 for boys and will add a separate girls' division, grades 1-6, to its Central Phoenix campus, which is located inside the synagogue facility at 6516 N. 7th St. The school is in the process of securing its own building.

Wernick has nearly 25 years of experience as a teacher and principal in both traditional and innovative settings. with limited facilities and students of diverse ages.

Registration information is available at www.mmafamily.org or by calling 480-909-6942.