



**UAIS November Newsletter**  
**Friday, November 2, 2018**

Welcome to November! I cannot believe that we have already come to the end of the first marking period! This also means it's time to set our clocks back one hour late Saturday night. We gain an hour of sleep, but the days are definitely getting shorter and winter will soon make its arrival. With the first marking period complete, the vast majority of seniors have completed their college applications. As of November 1<sup>st</sup>, our 97 seniors have submitted 684 applications to 134 colleges and universities worldwide. A **BIG** thank you to our counselor, Mrs. Fitzsimonds, who has met with all of our seniors, helped process each of these applications for the Early Action deadline and orchestrated a celebratory pancake breakfast for them. Additionally, she and our teachers have written a combined 313 letters of recommendations that highlight our students' academic accomplishments, personal triumphs and their educational journeys thus far. There will be more to come during regular decision time frame, but not nearly as many. Kudos to Mrs. Fitzsimonds, our teaching staff and most of all, best wishes to all of our students during this grueling, yet exciting process.

The Extended Essay process for juniors has begun with their topic of interest form turned in to Mrs. Yeokum. Remember parents, if you want to keep in the loop with the EE process sign up for Mrs. Yeokum's Remind by texting @df8866 to 81010. For Seniors: their final copy of the EE is due this month! Congratulations, you are almost there.

## ***Report Cards***

During November, UAIS will distribute reports cards electronically. The first marking period grades will be sent electronically to families at the end of the day on Friday, November 9, 2018. No paper copies will be mailed home. Please be sure to check your email.

To receive the report cards, parents will need to have a secure PowerSchool account. Parents who do not have access to a PowerSchool account will need to register for one prior to Monday, November 5. The report cards will then be automatically e-mailed to the address that is used to register the PowerSchool account. If you already have a PowerSchool account, you do not need to take any further action. The report card will be automatically sent to you.

Please note: If you have a child in a UCS elementary school, those report cards will be issued at the end of the day on Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup> after scheduled parent-teacher conferences.

## ***ID Policy Reminder***

Our school ID policy is for the safety of ALL our students and staff. Wearing of ID badges creates a professional setting and promotes College and Career Readiness for all students. Wearing of IDs is required as part of many workplace environments, as well as on many college and university campuses. Furthermore, with Heritage/UAIS being such a unique school, the wearing of student IDs provides easy identification of students for both Heritage and UAIS staff alike.

### **The following guidelines must be adhered to when wearing student ID cards:**

1. Student ID cards must be worn on a lanyard.
2. Student ID cards cannot be worn on a shirtsleeve, pants, outside of pockets, under a shirt, coat, jacket or at the bottom of their shirt. The student ID card must be visible AT ALL TIMES (i.e. not kept in a purse, pocket or backpack).
3. The student ID card must be presented to any school staff member or person of authority upon request.
4. The front and back of the student ID card cannot be altered (i.e. no markings, other photos, etc.). Defacing or altering the student ID is prohibited.
5. Wearing another student's ID card is prohibited.
6. The ID card must be for the current school year.
7. Lost, stolen, altered, damaged and/or defaced student ID cards must be replaced **IMMEDIATELY**.

8. If the ID card is lost, a student may purchase a new student ID card from the office.
  - a. **There will be a \$3.00 fee to replace a lost ID badge and a \$1.00 fee to replace lost lanyards.**
9. Students are excused from wearing ID cards during classes only **IF** a teacher/administrator considers it to be a safety risk during identified classroom or other activities, including, but not limited to:
  - a. Science labs, equipment use, physical education, music, and other classes when wearing the student ID may cause entanglement or safety concerns.

Please discuss the ID policy with your student and make sure he/she follows the established guidelines. As the school year progresses, we should have fewer ID violations and consequences. Your support is much appreciated!

### ***Mark your calendars!!***

#### **November 6<sup>th</sup>-Election Day**

Please note...there is NO SCHOOL Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. This is ELECTION DAY, so don't forget to go out and vote! Classes resume Wednesday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars and plan accordingly.

**November 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> is Thanksgiving Break.** NO SCHOOL! I'm sure we are all looking forward to some good food, rest and relaxation. Enjoy this time with family and friends. Classes resume Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Student Development Day-SDD** Our next Student Development Day is scheduled for December 6<sup>th</sup>. Staff will be fine-tuning the details for this special day throughout the coming weeks. Stay tuned for updates in future Weekly Bulletins and/or the December Newsletter.

### ***Secondary Speciality Programs (UAIS, MST, CSI) Application***

The timeline for applications and testing for all UCS Secondary Specialty Programs for the 2019-20 school year is being constructed by our district administration. In the meantime, if you have questions relative to the enrollment requirements and procedures for UAIS, please contact our Diploma Programme Coordinator, Mr. Chris Layson at [christopher.layson@uticak12.org](mailto:christopher.layson@uticak12.org). We will release the most-up-to date

information concerning the application and testing process for next school year as soon as it becomes available.

***Parent Boosters Update***

The next IB Parent Booster meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. in the Media Center. We'll be discussing upcoming fundraising opportunities, including restaurant nights, merchandise sales and more. The parent boosters would love to see you there! Come out and be a part of this organization that is so critical to the success of the Academy.

Enjoy the first weekend of November!

Warm Regards,

***Mrs. Beebe***

Principal