



## **UAIS Update**

### **April 10, 2018**

Good Morning UAIS Parents,

I hope this finds you all well, rested and rejuvenated. April is here and spring has officially sprung, but the weather doesn't seem to be cooperating. Despite the frigid temperatures and snowflakes, the arrival of spring also brings on the beginning of the fourth card marking for all students. Please check PowerSchool for third card marking final grades, which should be available around April 15th. This last card marking brings a lot of important events and evenings that I will communicate to you either via the monthly newsletter or in grade-specific supplementary emails. The start of April also signifies our senior class review month for their IB examinations. While there should be no additional new instruction for our seniors before their May examinations, it is important for our senior parents to ensure that their senior student is taking full advantage of this time to study for these examinations and not resting solely on the class time we have in school.

### **Goodbye Miss Herrmann!**

Earlier this year, we welcomed a UAIS alum, Miss Herrmann, as our office clerk. I am pleased to announce that Miss Herrmann will be completing her Bachelor's degree in just a few short weeks and has already landed a position in her field. Congratulations to her! We wish her all the best and look forward to hearing of her future successes. Unfortunately, this leaves our office clerk position unfilled. We will begin interviewing viable candidates in the coming days and hope to share updates about a new hire soon.

## **Senior Reminders**

I hope our March Mandatory Senior Parent meeting was informative. Please remember to refer to the packet for important dates, reminders, and procedures. We are just days away from one of the most anticipated events of the senior year...PROM! The Boosters have been working so hard to ensure our seniors will experience a night they will remember for years to come. Saturday is going to be amazing! Don't forget... the window for requesting additional graduation tickets is officially open. We will **only** honor requests via email sent to Mrs. Russell within the designated time frame. Please send your ticket request to [debra.russell@uticak12.org](mailto:debra.russell@uticak12.org). Families who determine they do not need all of their tickets should return their tickets to Mrs. Russell by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **UAIS Freshman Honors Recognition Ceremony**

Our freshman honors recognition ceremony will be held this year on Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup> in the UAIS cafeteria from 7:30-8:30am. If your child has earned a 3.67 GPA for first semester and/or is receiving a department award, they will be excused from class to attend our ceremony in the cafeteria. Parents who wish to attend may sign in the main office and join us in the cafeteria.

## **State Testing Week**

We have completed the first day of state assessments for our 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders. PSAT 9 and SAT are complete. Tomorrow, our 10<sup>th</sup> graders will take the PSAT 10 and our 11<sup>th</sup> graders will be administered the ACT WorkKeys assessment. As a reminder to the earlier emails sent home, UAIS will run a modified, afternoon schedule following test administration. The adjusted schedule has been communicated to all students.

## **M-STEP Testing for Juniors**

This spring, all Michigan public school students in grade 11 will take the state summative assessment called M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress). The M-STEP is designed to measure student growth and progress on the Michigan Academic Standards ([www.Michigan.gov/academicstandards](http://www.Michigan.gov/academicstandards)). The M-STEP for juniors is the last required component for the Michigan Merit Examination, which is required for students to earn a Michigan high school

diploma. Therefore, all juniors must take the assessment to be eligible to graduate.

Eleventh graders will be tested in sciences and social studies using a computer in two consecutive hour-long sessions. UAIS juniors will take these assessments during the morning in the next few weeks. A specific date will be communicated to all affected students and families. M-STEP will provide an accurate view of your child's achievement levels and learning needs to help us identify areas where we can improve instruction and teaching. Juniors will return to class for the afternoon. 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade classes will remain unaffected, and classes will run their normal schedule for those grades.

As parents/guardians, you play an important role in your child's academic success. We are asking for your help to ensure he/she is prepared for this new online assessment series. Here's what you can do: Encourage your child to approach the M-STEP with a positive attitude. Please make sure your child gets plenty of rest the night before, has a good breakfast and comes to school **on time**. I would also ask that you refrain from any early dismissals for juniors that morning, if at all possible. Your child's attendance is vital to his/her achievement.

To learn more about the M-STEP assessments, please visit the Michigan Department of Education Web site: <http://www.michigan.gov/mde>.

### **Parent Boosters Corner**

Our Boosters would like to thank all the parents who came out on March 27<sup>th</sup> for the Mandatory Senior Parent Meeting and helped with collecting dues for the Senior Activities! We truly have amazing IB Parents!

Once again, the IB Parent Booster would like to thank all the parents who paid their Booster dues. We are still receiving donations!! However, for those who would *still* like to donate to the IB A Parent Boosters, please make your checks payable to IB A PARENT BOOSTER and have your student deliver the form and check to the office.

The next meeting is in April in the Media Center. I would like to encourage you ALL to attend at least one Booster meeting. The Agenda, Booster Minutes and other important information are always posted on our Facebook (UAIS IB Parents (*Join us!*)). You can also contact the booster president at: [jill082868@yahoo.com](mailto:jill082868@yahoo.com) or [uaisboosters@gmail.com](mailto:uaisboosters@gmail.com).

Please join the IB a Parent Boosters Facebook page at:  
<https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=uais%20ib%20parents>. You can find the meeting minutes and agendas there.

Have a wonderful evening!

Sincerely,

Shaun Greene-Beebe  
Principal