



UAIS Update May 2, 2017

Good Afternoon UAIS Parents,

On behalf of the entire UAIS staff, I want to express our collective gratitude for the outpouring of support and patience following the death of junior Matthew Marroki last Friday. Due to the relative size of our program, this terrible tragedy has affected so many students, staff and families in our community. To honor Matt, we will have a candlelight vigil this Saturday evening from 8:45-10pm in the senior parking lot at UAIS. Anyone wishing to attend is welcome. While we will do our best to have as many candles there as possible, we encourage attendees to bring their own candles as well. Because we expect a large turnout, we ask that you utilize the junior parking lot (southeast corner) or the parking lot at Plumbrook Elementary school, located adjacent to Heritage Junior High School.

While our thoughts and prayers continue to focus on Matthew's family, it is also important to recognize positive news as well. This past week, our HOSA team competed in Traverse City. Anthony Neubacher took 2nd place in the state for Medical Terminology. Rachel Steiber took 3rd place in Medical Reading, our Parliamentary Procedure group placed in the top 10. The Crevolution Robotics Team was not picked from the Elimination Round but ended up with a 6-4 record at World Championships in St. Louis. We've had an incredible number of UAIS students participating in spring competition over the past week as well. Mr. Battaglia and our Crevolution Robotics team spent last week in St. Louis at World Championship. Mr. Kuhlman's forensics team also performed wonderfully at state-level this weekend with a list of accomplishments that I'll place in the weekly bulletin this Friday. There's a lot to cover in this newsletter, so please read the important information below.

IB Testing Registration: Class of 2018

With the Class of 2018's transition into senior year, the International Baccalaureate examinations become one of the key events for our students and the fulfillment of the most important commitment that all families make when they accepted placement at UAIS almost three years ago.

The upcoming October deadline for the payment of your child's set of exams is only six months away! The remittance of payment is what solidifies your child as an IB Full Diploma Candidate on their college transcripts. Individual invoices will be sent home next fall during the third week of September. While we do not yet have a final scale of fees from the IBO for the 2018 examination session, we estimate the total cost for the exams to total just less than \$900. We will send an email notification to all families as soon as the exact price becomes available. If you have any questions regarding the IB examinations, which will take place in May of 2018, please contact Mr. Layson.

IB a Parent Boosters Corner/Election Information

The IB Parent Boosters would like to thank all the parents who paid their Booster dues and dues for Senior Events. The **IB Boosters will be holding elections** for the IB a Parent Board Member Positions at the May 9, 2017 Boosters meeting, to be held at 7:00 PM in the Heritage Jr. High Media Center. Positions include: **President / Vice-President/ Secretary/ Treasurer/ Trustee 1 / Trustee 2/ Trustee 3.**

All UAIS parents/guardians are welcome to nominate themselves or others for any of the positions, and are encouraged to attend the May meeting to cast votes to elect 2017-2018 board members. If parents wish to nominate themselves, or other parents for any of the board positions, they should email BOTH Shery Wojtara (President) and Jill de Jesus (Secretary) at swojtara@yahoo.com, and jill082868@yahoo.com by May 5, 2017. The following people have been nominated so far:

President: Shery Wojtara (Current President)
Jill de Jesus (Current Secretary)
Vice-President: Nurcan Ozdemir (Current Trustee)
Kellie Lynne
Treasurer: Shelly Smith (Current Treasurer)
Secretary:
Trustee1: Nurcan Ozdemir (Current Trustee)
Trustee2: Keith Carbary (Current Trustee)
Trustee3: Bob Stieber

For duties of Officers please check the Boosters By-Laws:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/115458459269/?hc_ref=SEARCH

The Agenda, Booster Minutes and other important information are always posted on our Facebook (UAIS IB Parents (*Join us!*)). You can also contact the president at: swojtara@yahoo.com, or uaisboosters@gmail.com

Sincerely,
Dr. Shery Wojtara
President
IB A Parent Booster
UAIS

College Application Training Process & Summer Responsibilities for the Class of 2018

Also looking ahead to next year, on Monday, May 22nd, all UAIS juniors will spend the day in the media center with Mrs. Fitzsimonds to be trained in the UAIS college application process. This is an informative and important training that provides all of our students with the information that they need to successfully apply to the colleges and universities of their choice. It is extremely important for students to be in school the entire day, so please mark in your calendars. Our juniors will have a lot to share following that training.

Following this training, parents, we ask for your help in making sure our incoming seniors are prepared for the beginning of senior year. We specifically ask that teachers do not give students homework outside the following responsibilities so that our seniors can attend to the important and time-sensitive work below. Here is a rough schedule of what students should be completing this summer:

June/July: Completion of the rough draft of the Extended Essay. This is due the first day of school in September. Mrs. Yeokum will share more specific information with students and you via email. If you have recently changed your email, please let me know.

August: We strongly encourage students to complete their EE rough draft by the end of July so they can begin working on college applications. The Common Application college application essays have already been released, so students have a golden window of opportunity to spend the important hours required to draft a superb essay and begin planning their application process on Naviance. The questions can be found here: <https://www.commonapp.org/whats-appening/application-updates/common-application-announces-2017-2018-essay-prompts>. Please ensure your student

does NOT wait until the beginning of senior year to begin these important tasks at the same time they will have significant homework.

Sophomore Training: Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS)

On Thursday, May 18th, all UAIS sophomores will attend a full-day workshop in the UAIS Media Center to receive training for the first of many IB Diploma Candidacy requirements. I will provide specific information about what to bring that day as I visit classrooms, but please make sure your child is in school that day. Any student who misses that training must see me immediately upon returning to make other arrangements.

Senior Honors Night

As discussed at the mandatory graduation meeting, Senior Honors Night will take place on Thursday, May 25th at 6:30pm at Henry Ford II's Performing Arts Center. Seniors who are IB Full Diploma candidates and/or are receiving a department/club/program award or local scholarship received an invite in late April to attend. The evening should conclude no later than 9pm. Dress is formal for this event. As a reminder, all seniors who received an invitation need to arrive no later than 6pm. Doors for seating open at 6pm. No tickets are necessary as the event is open seating. If your student cannot attend, please let me know as soon as possible.

Upcoming Travel Opportunities

As we move into next year, I want to provide families with the most up-to-date travel opportunities for our students. Below are upcoming educational trips that staff have shared with me. Please note these in your calendars and feel free to contact the appropriate staff member if you need more information:

FRANCE AND ITALY 2018

UAIS students will be travelling to Paris, the French Riviera, Florence and Rome during the **summer of 2018 (June 27-July 6)**. We will explore the main sights in the City of Lights including the Tour Eiffel, the Champs-Élysées, the Arc de Triomphe, the Louvre, Notre Dame, the Latin Quarter, Montmartre and much more. The trip continues to the south of France where students will soak up the Mediterranean culture of the Côte d'Azur and the hilltop village of Saint Paul de Vence. We move then from the French Riviera to the Italian Riviera via Pisa. Students will discover why Florence is called "the Cradle of the Renaissance" after a sightseeing tour of the Duomo, the Piazza della Signoria and Michaelangelo's "David". The trip ends up in the iconic eternal city of Rome where a local expert takes us through the Vatican, St. Peter's Basilica, the Sistine Chapel as well as the

Coliseum. There will be an informational meeting for parents and students next fall. In the meantime, do not hesitate to contact Madame Blain for more info at mary.blain@uticak12.org.

AMAZON AND ANDES 2018

Join Sra. Burak, Sr. Scalici and Mr. Multhaupt on our Amazon and Andes Adventure Student Tour to Ecuador that will take place over spring break, 2018. (Sorry, parents - students only!) The 9 day itinerary includes touring the capital city of Quito, visiting the center of the Earth, exploring the Amazon Rainforest and waterfalls, visiting an Amazon animal rescue center, relaxing in the hot springs, and hiking around volcanic craters. Students can practice their Spanish in authentic settings while volunteering at a rural school, and will have the opportunity to try the local cuisine. Students can also earn multiple CAS hours on the trip. For more information about the itinerary, fundraising, and scholarships, please visit Sra. Burak's website at <http://senoraburak.weebly.com/ecuador-2018.html>. To view the complete itinerary and sign up, visit www.explorica.com/burak-8733. The total cost includes round trip airfare, all ground transportation, hotel accommodations, site-seeing tours and site visits, 3 meals each day, and a full-time, multilingual tour guide. Any student who has previously traveled on an Explorica tour will automatically receive a \$100 discount. Sign up this spring and use voucher code **100showers** to **save \$100!** Please email Sra. Burak at annette.burak@uticak12.org if you have any questions.

NEW YORK CITY 2018

Mr. Burak is excited to announce that he is running a trip to New York over Memorial Weekend in 2018. This tour of the greatest city in the world includes 2 Broadway shows, a walking food tour in Brooklyn, art museums, Times Square, a Broadway Workshop, fabulous shopping and more! Email or speak to Mr. Burak (brian.burak@uticak12.org) for details. Sign up by April 30th to receive an extra \$50 off the cost of the tour!

SOUTH AFRICA 2019

Mr. Layson is hosting a South African Learning Safari trip scheduled for July 8-July 17, 2019. This ten-day trip takes students to Johannesburg to study reptile conservation and education before spending six full days and nights in Kruger National Park as students get to see an incredible number of animals in their natural habitat, including endangered species. Meet with locals and students to learn about the habitat during your trip. Early commitment now greatly reduces the monthly payments. Please contact Mr. Layson (christopher.layson@uticak12.org) for more information.

That's it for this month's newsletter. I will have one more newsletter in June before the school year comes to a close. I hope you have a good week.

Warm Regards,

Justin Spear
Program Director