



## UAIS Update May 3, 2018

Good Morning UAIS Parents,

### **IB Testing Registration: Class of 2019**

With the Class of 2018 starting the rigorous IB exam period this week, it seems appropriate to initiate the conversation about exam registration as our juniors begin the transition into their senior year. The International Baccalaureate examination period is 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 deadline for the payment of your child's IB Diploma Exams is less than 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 2019 examination session, **we estimate the total cost for the exams to total just over \$900.**

In order to assist families, the district has approved UAIS to accept installment payments towards the total cost of your student's IB exams. Families that would like to take advantage of installment payments are asked to submit payment by check or money order to the lockbox outside of Mr. Layson's office or directly to Mrs. Rathke in the front office by the dates listed below. Students will receive a receipt for monies received. Junior families can pay in any installment amount by the dates listed below or as a lump sum at any time before the October 26<sup>th</sup> deadline.

- Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> 2018: Recommended Payment \$185
- Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> 2018: Recommended Payment \$185
- Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018 (at registration) Recommended Payment \$185

- Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018: Recommended Payment \$185
- Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Balance Due: Exact amount will be noted on September invoice for each student.

If there are any questions regarding the IB examinations, which will take place in May of 2019, please contact Mr. Layson. **Lastly, if your child is eligible for the free/reduced lunch program, please make sure your status is updated with UCS food services and contact Mr. Layson as soon as possible!**

### **College Application Training Process & Summer Responsibilities for the Class of 2019**

Also looking ahead to next year, on Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, all UAIS juniors will spend a ½ day in the afternoon 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 for this important session, so please mark 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>. Be sure to look out for upcoming college essay writing workshops. UCS generally offers several early in the fall. 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 Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 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. Mr. Spear will visit classrooms and provide specific information about what to bring that

day, but please make sure your child is in school that day. Any student who misses this training on May 15<sup>th</sup> must see Mr. Spear 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 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Eisenhower High School Performing Arts Center. Seniors who are IB Full Diploma candidates and/or are receiving a department/club/program award or local scholarship received an email notification 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:

**Iberian Adventure Tour:** Experience the beauty, history, and culture of the Iberian Peninsula on a trip to Spain and Portugal during spring break of 2020 (Sorry, parents – students only!). Highlights include touring Real Madrid's stadium, visiting the Roman aqueduct and the famous Alcázar in Segovia (the inspiration for the Walt Disney World castle), exploring centuries old university campuses in Salamanca and Coimbra, eating lots of delicious local cuisine, enjoying multiple UNESCO World Heritage sights, and taking a cooking class in Lisbon in addition to practicing our Spanish in authentic settings. Other stops include sightseeing in Ávila, Toledo, Fátima, and Porto. For more information about the itinerary, fundraising, financial aid, and how to sign up, please visit <http://senoraburak.weebly.com/iberia-2020.html>. The total cost includes round trip airfare, all ground transportation, breakfast and dinner daily, hotel accommodations, site-seeing tours and site visits, and a full-time, multilingual tour guide. Please email Sra. Burak at [annette.burak@uticak12.org](mailto:annette.burak@uticak12.org) if you have any questions. Our discount has been extended, so sign up by **June 21** and use voucher code **2020EarlyBird** to save \$200!

**Iceland Tour:** Take in the natural beauty of Iceland's diverse landscapes with a trip to one of Europe's trendiest tourist destinations. Heat up in the hot springs of the Blue Lagoon and the Grábrók lava field, cool down at the breathtaking waterfalls, and explore Iceland's beginnings as a Viking settlement at museums and city tours. See Ms. Webb or Mr. Battaglia about this Iceland trip scheduled for June 2019 or visit: <http://webb-iceland2019.weebly.com/>.

**Canada Tour:** Madame Blain, Mr. Kuhlman, and Mr. Layson are pleased to announce the first UAIS trip to Canada! The trip will take place July 29<sup>th</sup> – August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 and will explore the cities of Montreal and Quebec. This trip is open to ALL UAIS students. Your chaperones have carefully selected the attractions and activities, which include ice skating at

the amphitheater of glass, a murder mystery dinner, a night of dancing at the maple sugar shack, a visit to the Olympic village, Montmorency Water Falls, Notre Dame Basilica and much more! Registration is now open. See the chaperones with questions.

That's it for this month's newsletter. I hope you enjoy the rest of the week.

Warm Regards,

Mrs. Beebe  
Principal