



UAIS November Newsletter
Thursday, November 2, 2017

I cannot believe that the end of this week marks the end of the first card marking! This also means it's time to set your clocks back one-hour, late Saturday night. We gain an hour of sleep, but the days are getting shorter and winter will soon make its arrival. With already one-quarter of the school year complete, the vast majority of seniors have completed their college applications. As of last Monday, our 94 seniors have submitted over 661 applications to at least 132 colleges and universities worldwide. A **BIG** thank you to our counselor, Mrs. Fitzsimonds, who has met with all of our seniors and helped process each of these applications. Additionally, she has written 90 letters of recommendation that highlight our students' academic accomplishments, personal triumphs and their educational journeys thus far. Kudos to Mrs. Fitzsimonds and best wishes to all of our students during this grueling, yet exciting process.

Our junior students have begun their CAS experiences and projects and are currently constructing their Extended Essay proposals with the help of Mrs. Yeokum. Our sophomores are successfully preparing for the rigors of their upcoming junior year. During our last Student Development Day and in the spirit of our focus on internationalism, our sophomores constructed posters and presented information about how other countries around the world provide public education to their students. These posters are now hanging in our main IB hallway. Finally, our freshmen participated in team building activities with their grade level cohorts and have enthusiastically joined extracurricular clubs and activities here at UAIS during their first ten weeks, and it's been a fabulous show of commitment from our youngest students so far in their short time at the Academy.

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 10, 2017. 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 Tuesday, November 7. 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 elementary school, those report cards will be issued at the end of the day on Tuesday, November 21 after scheduled parent-teacher conferences.

UAIS Graduate and Alumni Banquet

On Friday, November 24th, we will host the UAIS Graduate and Alumni Banquet at Cherry Creek Banquet Center in Shelby Township to award our 2017 graduates with their official IB Diplomas. Information in a separate email was sent to parents who have alumni from the class of 2017. Additionally, an announcement has been made on the UAIS Facebook page and UAIS Alumni Facebook page. Registration and payment are due no later than November 10th. Please submit payment through the Boosters PayPal link: <https://www.paypal.me/ibaparentbooster>. The completed form and all inquires should be forwarded to Stacy Cerget: UAISAlumnibanquet@gmail.com or fax form to 586-884-0568.

Mark your calendars!!

November 7th-Professional Development & Election Day

Please note that Tuesday, November 7th is a professional development day for all staff. This means NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS! This is also election day, so don't forget to go out and vote! Please mark your calendars and plan accordingly.

Student Development Day-SDD Friday, November 17th will be an important day for all students at UAIS as we complete a variety of important activities at each grade

level without running our traditional classes and schedule. All seniors will have A lunch and 9th-11th grade students will have B lunch. Please see the relevant descriptions below.

Freshmen and Sophomores: Teachers and students will spend the morning focused on activities that address the IB Learner Profile (individual and small group activities). After lunch, topics include Growth vs. Fixed Mindsets and Grit. Students should come prepared to participate and collaborate.

Juniors: All juniors will be working with Mrs. Yeokum (EE coordinator) and various subject area teachers on the Extended Essay. This time will be dedicated to more focused research on their Extended Essay topic prior to their first meeting with their new supervisors. More to come...

Seniors: All seniors will work with Mrs. Fitzsimonds and Ms. Kasperek on various senior related topics. More details to following in an upcoming bulletin.

November 22nd-24th is Thanksgiving Break. NO SCHOOL! Enjoy this time with family and friends. Classes resume Monday, November 27th.

Secondary Speciality Programs (UAIS, MST, CSI) Application

The timeline for applications and testing for all UCS Secondary Specialty Programs for the 2018-19 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. 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

Now that the classroom supplies we have ordered are rolling in and the Powderpuff game is in the books, we are relaxing a bit. In mid-December, we will be sending out a SignUp Genius link where you can donate food for the teacher/staff luncheon. The theme will be cultural, so families can donate entrees, sides, and desserts that are representative of what they serve for the holidays. We love feeding the teachers and staff to thank them for everything they do, and it's especially nice to do right before

everyone leaves for the holidays. Our next restaurant night fundraiser will be happening on January 17th from 5 – 9 PM at Chipotle in the Lakeside Circle. Chipotle donates 50% of proceeds from this event, so we should all take the opportunity to go. A flyer is required either on paper or on your smart phone, and it will be sent out and posted a couple of weeks in advance.

We are always accepting dues, and are hoping for more participation this year than the under 50% we have received so far. We ask for \$50 to cover your child's share of special equipment, events, and opportunities, and we can accept checks made out to IB a Parent Booster, cash, or PayPal donations using this link paypal.me/ibaparentbooster Booster dues are critical to the success of the program, and if you aren't sure why they are needed, or what the dues are used for, please email Jill de Jesus at jill082868@yahoo.com If you are uncertain about how your dues will directly benefit your own child, we can demonstrate exactly how that happens.

The next parent booster meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14th in the media center from 7 – 8 PM, and we would love to have you. If you haven't received email from the Boosters, but would like to be invited to participate in future SignUps, or just stay informed, please send us your email address. Check out our Facebook Page at facebook.com/UAISBoosters/ our website at ibaparent.weebly.com/ and email us at uaisboosters@gmail.com.

Enjoy the first weekend of November!

Warm Regards,

Mrs. Shaun Greene-Beebe, Principal