



UAIS October Newsletter
October 2, 2017

Dear UAIS Parents,

Thank you for taking the time to read our monthly newsletter. I do realize everyone has a packed schedule, but please take the time to read the entire document. The newsletter is the best way to keep you up-to-date with all that is happening at UAIS. This one is full of a lot of important information for you.

PSAT/NMSQT Registration

Mrs. Fitzsimonds sent letters home with current juniors interested in registering for an optional Saturday PSAT/NMSQT to take place at all home high schools (Henry Ford II, Stevenson, Eisenhower, and Utica) on October 14th, 2017. **UAIS is not a test site for this PSAT/NMSQT.** The PSAT/NMSQT has many benefits for juniors, including the opportunity to compete for scholarships and prepare for the upcoming SAT that is scheduled for April. Eligible juniors will automatically be entered into scholarship and recognition competitions by taking the test as a junior. These competitions include the prestigious National Merit Scholarship Program. Scholarships not only help you pay for college, but they can also help you stand apart from other students in the college admissions process. Any junior interested in taking this test may sign up for the test on **their home high school's** PaySchools site. The cost of the test is \$20.00. Students must register online for this test no later than Monday, October 9th, 2017.

UAIS Student Spotlight-Congratulations National Merit Scholars!

UAIS is proud to acknowledge Farrah Afify and Moira Carrigan as semifinalist in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program. These students are among 16,000 students in the country to be recognized as semifinalist and will now have the opportunity to compete for a National Merit Scholarship. Yufeng Wang, Isabella Williams and Mary Zylinski were listed among 36,000 students who are identified as commended students. We are proud of all of you and wish you the best in your academic pursuits!

UAIS Parent-Teacher Conferences

This year, fall conferences will take place much earlier than in the past. The progress report window ends October 6th and conferences are scheduled as follows:

- Thursday, October 12th between 11:30am-2:30pm & 4:00-7:00pm

Please mark your calendars. We hope to see you there!

IB Exam Registration

A reminder to senior parents: all invoices for the May 2018 senior IB exams have been sent home with students. **The due date is Friday, October 27th.** Any outstanding invoices as of this date will result in removal of your student from said exam. Checks and money orders are payable to UAIS. Please add “ May 2018 Exams” in the memo line. If parents wish to pay online with a credit card, the signed invoice form still needs to be returned to verify exams are correct. The PaySchool site for online credit card payment can be found by clicking on link: [IB Exam Registration](#). If you are having trouble accessing the link, please follow the steps below:

1. Go to uais.cticak12.org
2. Click the “How do I?” tab
3. Select Access PaySchools
4. “Available Products” (left side of page-blue link)
5. “IB Exam Registration-2018”
6. Select the appropriate exams.....you’re done!

Please direct all exam and invoice questions to Mr. Layson at 586-797-3250.

Parent Contact Information/SchoolMessenger Announcements

Recently, I have received several emails and/or phone calls from parents who have not been receiving my phone messages or email messages through SchoolMessenger. After verifying contact information, I learned that 70 parents had their contacts

“blocked” in SchoolMessenger. I have provided the list to our IT department and the blocked emails are being reset. It is very easy to inadvertently hit the “unsubscribe” button when scrolling through a message. This will block you from our mailing list. Please keep this in mind to ensure that all school communications are delivered.

Student Development Day: October 12th

Thursday, October 12th will be an important day for all students at UAIS as we complete a variety of important activities at various grade levels without running traditional classes. The staff is finalizing details to present meaningful activities for each grade level. A description for each student group will be provided in an upcoming weekly bulletin. Stay tuned....

Upperclassmen Dues Reminder

Beginning this school year, all upperclassmen (sophomores, juniors and seniors) are required to pay class dues to help defray the cost of classroom consumables. “Thank You” to all who have paid their dues. (*Class dues are NOT the same as Booster Club dues). The class dues are used to help cover the cost of items that are needed and reordered every year to implement the curriculum. Such items include, but are not limited to: canvases, watercolor paints, water color paper, Matt board, Mosaic adhesive, charcoal paper, acrylic paint, disposable lab coats, gloves, household and lab grade chemicals, adhesives, glue sticks, all lab perishable items, etc. If dues are not submitted for your son/daughter, the appropriate fine will be added to their account and reflected in PowerSchool. This will prohibit involvement in homecoming, senior week activities, (i.e. breakfast, picnic), schedule pick up at registration in the fall, and transcript requests. Cash or checks accepted. Make checks payable to “UAIS” and include your student’s name(s) on the memo line. You may also pay using our PaySchools account. Simply click on the blue link: [Class Dues](#) and follow the chart below.

Grade	Class Dues
10	\$10.00
11	\$15.00
12	\$20.00

Group 4 Mandatory Project

Attention all junior parents: the mandatory junior Group 4 (sciences) project will take place on Tuesday, February 27th, 2018. The project lasts the entire school day and requires that students stay after school to give group presentations. This project is an IBO requirement. Please mark this date in your calendars now, being aware that this date is the Tuesday following mid-winter break for students. We select this date because it is the week between winter and spring sports and avoids the most conflicts. More specific information will be forthcoming. Please contact your student's science teacher if you have questions or a potential scheduling conflict.

Parent Boosters Update

A huge thank you to those families who have donated to the IB a Parent Booster Organization through the payment of dues. Our program, **IB a Parent Booster**, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to raising funds to enrich the educational experience of the students while attending UAIS. This fall, the Boosters have renewed the UAIS subscription to *Questia*, an online research library with access to books, journals, articles and other college-level material critical to the required work for all of our students. The Boosters is also volunteering to help with the setup of UAIS Homecoming. Throughout the year, the Boosters run many different fundraisers to assist the students and their academic clubs and other activities and competitions regionally, at the state-level, and nationally. They also sponsor school-wide social events. In order to continue to provide this high-level of education, it is necessary for the Parent Boosters to take an active role in funding some of the resources to help ensure our children, their teachers and staff achieve success. They annually request a donation from UAIS parents in the amount of \$50 per student. The Boosters need your help to continue to provide financial support for the academic clubs, teacher supplies and student activities. **Your donation is tax-deductible!**

Please mark your calendars...The Boosters is having a restaurant night fundraiser on **Wednesday, October 18th, 4-8pm at Teriyaki Madness.** The restaurant is located at 15619 Hall Road, Macomb, MI. 48044. Everyone who dines that evening will receive a scholarship entry and we will earn 20% of every UAIS dinner.

If you are interested in volunteering or joining the Boosters or wish to pay dues so that all of our students continue to benefit from supplementary resources and experiences, please visit: www.ibaparent.weebly.com for more information on how you can help our students! Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at school at 7:00pm. The next meeting is October 10th in the Media Center. I would like to encourage you ALL to attend at least one Booster meeting and to be an active part

of your daughter's /son's education. We are always searching for volunteers for a variety of tasks throughout the year! We also need donations!

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That's it for now! Let's have a fantastic October. ☺

Warm Regards,

Mrs. Shaun Greene-Beebe, Principal