



For and about University City High School

January 23, 2012

A Word From Our Principal

Hello UCHS parents;

First semester has come to a close. I must say I am not sure what went faster, first semester or winter break! As we begin the second half of the school year, I want to remind you that enclosed with this newsletter are your student's attendance report and transcript. Please double check both documents for any errors. Be sure to call the respective offices if you have any questions.

With second semester also comes a plan for the summer and next year. If your student is in need of summer school classes please contact his/her counselor before February 3. Next year's course choices will be made beginning the week of February 6. Please double check that your students have their Academic Planning guide and are making choices accordingly.

The February ACT is just around the corner. If you have signed up please make sure you are attending the Saturday prep sessions. See Ms. DuBose or myself for more information.

On March 7 UCHS will be hosting a Career Fair. There will be representatives from over 70 businesses. Students will be able to move around the gyms and speak with prospective employers about what it takes to work in that industry. KMOV, HOK engineering, St Louis Community College and Royal Bank are just a few of the businesses that will be with us. If you are available March 7 from 8:00-11:30 and would like to help out, we would love to have you. Please call me if you want to be a part of this amazing morning.

In closing, just remember we are only half way through the year. If you have questions do not hesitate to contact us, we are here to help. Also please continue to monitor your student's grades and attendance.

Have a great three weeks!

Dayle Burgdorf

Lifeplan Program Open for Freshmen

We are accepting applications from freshmen for a second session that will be held from February through April during seminar. Please encourage your student to participate in the Lifeplan program by submitting an application to Mr. Carter's office by February 4.

UCHS Calendar

January

28 7 pm, Athletic Boosters Trivia Night

February

2 7 pm, Athletic Boosters meeting in the library
9 7 pm Visiting Artists Reception in UCHS library
11 7 am ACT test at UCHS
16 7 pm UCHS PTO meeting in the library
17 NO SCHOOL (teacher professional day)
20 NO SCHOOL (Presidents Day)
21 6:30 pm Senior College Night

SSD News

The next U City SSD PAC Parent-to-Parent Coffee is February 6 , 7:00 pm in the library at Flynn Park. Sandra Kempf, SSD Transition Facilitator for University City will be there to facilitate discussion about transitions: year-to-year, school-to-school and after.

Spring Break Camp, sponsored by St. Louis Arc, provides programs & support for children and adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities. <http://slarc.org/> or contact Lisa Miller 314-817-2235 or llmiller@slarc.org

FREE TESTING by University of Missouri, St. Louis Psychological testing for St. Louis County residents who are 19 years of age and under. Includes Post High School Testing in order to receive accommodations at the college setting and additional evaluations, such as, Vocational Assessment, ADHD Evaluation, Cognitive Assessment, etc. call Community Psychological Services at UMSL 314-516-5824 <http://www.umsl.edu/services/cps/>

Questions? Call Shelley Shray 863-1918 or sshray@sbcglobal.net

A+ Program Update

Linda Pritchard is the new student volunteer and A+ coordinator. She is inviting parents, guardians and interested adults to become a member of the A+ Advisory Committee. The A+ program provides scholarship funds to eligible graduates of A+ designated high schools who attend a participating public community college, vocational/technical school, or certain private two-year vocational/technical schools.

The A+ advisory committee will meet once a month, starting in January 2012, to provide input as we begin the A+ certification process. One of the first tasks will be to

provide input into the development of our citizenship policy. If you are willing to serve on this committee, please e-mail lpritchard@ucityschools.org. Once the committee is confirmed, I will contact you with the date, time, location and agenda for the first meeting. If you are unable to serve, will you please suggest one or two other people who may be interested in serving?

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Pritchard at (314) 290-4000, ext. 2101.

College Financial Aid Information

The FAFSA is the FREE Application for Federal Student Aid. This form is used to determine the amount of money a family is expected to contribute to the price of attending a postsecondary institution. Students and parents need to request a PIN number at www.pin.ed.gov so they can electronically sign the FAFSA. Beginning January 1, 2012 you may complete the FAFSA form at www.fafsa.ed.gov The FAFSA is not available until January 1, 2012 and should be completed as soon as possible. Aid is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. In order to be eligible for Missouri aid, including the Access Missouri Grant, schools must receive the FAFSA before April 1, 2012. Students are encouraged to submit by March 15, 2012 The Scholarship Foundation has FAFSA Completion Clinics-call 314-725-7990 to register for an individual 30 minute appointment on the following dates:

- Saturday February 11, 10:00 a.m.-1:00p.m.
- Saturday February 18, 10:00 a.m.-1:00p.m.
- Saturday February 25, 10:00 a.m.-1:00p.m.

2012 FAFSA FRENZY EVENT

Sunday February 12, 2012 2:00-4:00pm
Harris Stowe State University
3026 Laclede Ave, St. Louis, MO. 63103

Seniors, please bring your scholarship awards and college acceptance letters to Ms. Miller in the guidance office.

Did You Know...

For the 27th year, the U. City Commission on Arts and letters will welcome back two alums; musician Sallie DuMaine, ('81) and actor Darwin Harris, ('91). They will spend the week of Feb. 6-10 visiting classes at many of our schools sharing their career stories as well as engaging the students in meaningful experiences that show them the connections between drama and music as Arts disciplines. The artists will be at the high school visiting Mr. Stuart's Broadcasting classes, Ms. Williams' Newspaper class, and Ms. Ibnabdeljalil's Concert Choir class.

Please join us for any of the classes and be sure to attend the reception for the artists at the high school on Thursday, Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. in the high school library where you can visit with them, enjoy some light refreshments and mingle with the community. If there are any questions please call Diane Davenport-863.5961.

Athletic Report

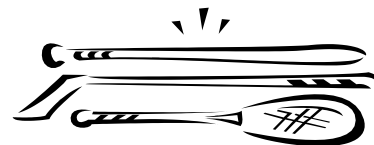
The Wrestling team recently competed at the All-Suburban Conference Championships at Hazelwood Central. This tournament includes all 30 teams from the four suburban St. Louis conferences. The grapplers finished 20th as a team and Tarique Jefferson placed 2nd, losing his first match of the season in the championship round 6-4. Tarique, after winning the St. Charles tournament last weekend, is now 30-1 on the season and currently ranked 5th in the state in his weight class.

Girls Swimming recently competed against Parkway Central at the Natatorium. Paris Billups had a great time for her first meet and Kayla Holmes took :58 seconds off her personal best in the 200 freestyle. The Lady Lions are off to Cape Girardeau this weekend to participate in the City of Roses meet at Cape Central Middle School.

Friday, January 20th, was a special night for the University City community. Between basketball games the School District honored former basketball coach Ed Crenshaw and alum Hasan Houston. Coach Crenshaw was the Boys basketball coach for over 20 years and will have the gymnasium named after him. Hasan Houston was a 1976 graduate who went on play college ball at Kansas State and was drafted by the Houston Rockets in the NBA. The court is dedicated to him. Superintendent Joylynn Pruitt, Councilman Arthur Sharpe, Interim Priincipal Dayle Burgdorf, and Mr. Redditt Hudson of the U-City Alumni Association presided over the ceremony.

Get information on all UCHS sports game times and locations at www.highschoolsports.net

Get all the latest in school news, sports and photos available at utimesonline.com



Athletic Boosters Trivia Night

Featuring All Sports Trivia

Saturday, January 28

UCHS Cafeteria

\$10 per person or

\$64 for table of 8

Doors open at 6:30 pm, program starts at 7:00pm
PRIZES for top two teams

This event is open to the public. Adults and students are encouraged to attend.

This is a great opportunity for school sports teams and clubs to compete with adult teams to determine who are the smartest sports jocks.

Bring your own food and drinks. (no alcohol)