



Friday updates: news about high school re-entry and more

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Dear U. City Families:

We are entering a busy month with numerous things to celebrate. Monday marks the start of 4-day in-person instruction for our preschool students. The next week, on Tuesday, Feb., 16 grades K-8 will start their new 4-day instruction schedules.

We are also discussing a return to in-person instruction for our high school students. I encourage high school parents to attend the UCHS PTO Meeting this Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. to learn more and to share their thoughts. The meeting will be conducted in a webinar format. Please register [here](#) for a link and a password to attend. We look forward to exploring ways to gradually and safely return our students to increased in-person instruction.

Most of you know the Super Bowl between the Kansas City Chiefs and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers is this Sunday. It's even more exciting because UCHS Alum, Tershawn Wharton, Class of 2016, is a defensive tackle for the Chiefs. I urge you to be safe and avoid large Super Bowl parties, particularly those held indoors. Take a look at the flier at the bottom of this email for tips on how to remain safe from COVID-19 while watching the big game. And, go Tershawn!

Here are some key dates, reminders and District Black History Month events coming up in February:

- **Monday, Feb. 8** - Julia Goldstein begins 4-day weekly in-person instruction schedule.
- **Wednesday, Feb. 10** - Barbara C. Jordan all-parent webinar at 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Keep an eye out for emails from your school building leaders.
- **Wednesday, Feb. 10** at 6:30 p.m. - UCHS PTO Webinar to discuss return to in-person instruction plans. To register, [click here](#).
- **Thursday, Feb. 11** - Flynn Park, Jackson Park and Pershing individual all-parent webinars at 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Keep an out for emails from your school building leaders.
- **Monday, Feb.15** - President's Day, no school.
- **Tuesday, Feb. 16** - Grades K-8 begin 4-day weekly in-person instruction schedule

- **Tuesday, Feb. 23** at 5 p.m. - Safe, Healthy, Wise: Debunking COVID-19 Myths with Dr. Denise Hooks Anderson. To register, [click here](#).
- **Friday, Feb. 26, 5-7 p.m. - Fireside Chat—Elevating Black voices through Literature**, a physically-distanced outdoor event on the newly created UCHS courtyard. High School Families only due to social distancing protocols. More details coming soon.
- **Friday, Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. - Brittany Woods Virtual Black History Trivia Night**. Open to all. More details coming soon.

Listed above are just a few of the amazing events and student activities our teachers and staff have planned to celebrate Black History Month. One student activity includes an ongoing Brittany Woods podcast discussing young and powerful voices called **Voices of Brittany: 28 under 28**. You can listen to the first podcast featuring our own BWMS drama instructor, Lydia-Rae Wehmeyer now by [clicking here](#).

As always, feel free to contact me at shardin@ucityschools.org or on my cell phone at 314-399-0941.

In Service of Our Children,

Sharonica Hardin-Bartley, Ph.D., PHR
Superintendent



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Superintendent Sharonica Hardin-Bartley invites you to
A community meeting on the facts and benefits of getting the COVID-19 Vaccine
Safe, Healthy, Wise
Debunking COVID-19 Vaccine Myths
featuring **Denise Hooks-Anderson, M.D.**
specialist in family medicine at SLU
In order to dispel myths around the COVID-19 vaccine, Dr. Hooks-Anderson has been partnering with clergy leaders of all denominational backgrounds to build public confidence to successfully vaccinate our diverse community. During this hour-long Zoom meeting, she will share the facts about COVID-19 vaccines and why you should get the vaccine.
Denise Hooks-Anderson, M.D., is the Interim Assistant Dean for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Associate Professor, Family and Community Medicine at Saint Louis University.
Tuesday, February 23, 2021
5 p.m.
Submit questions by 8 a.m. Mon., Feb. 22
and/or register for Zoom link and password at
www.ucityschools.org/SLU022321

Safer Ways to Enjoy the Super Bowl

Gathering virtually or with the people you live with is the safest way to celebrate the Super Bowl this year. If you do have a small gathering with people who don't live with you, outdoors is safer than indoors. This year, choose a safer way to enjoy the game.

Host a virtual Super Bowl watch party

- Wear clothing or decorate your home with your favorite team's logo or colors.
- Make appetizers or snacks with the people you live with to enjoy while watching the game and share the recipes with your friends and family.
- Start a text group with other fans to chat about the game while watching.

Attend an outdoor viewing party where viewers can sit 6 feet apart

- Use a projector screen to broadcast the game.
- Sit at least 6 feet away from people you don't live with.



For more information, visit

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays/small-gatherings.html

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