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ANNOUNCEMENTS

School Resumes
January 5

Early Release Days:
January 19th (Tues)
February 1
February 22
March 8
March 22

*Panther Afternoon
Changed to Jan. 13th*

SCHOOL CLOSED:

January 19
Martin Luther King Day

February 8-12
February Break

February 15
President's Day

ACADEMIC AWARDS NIGHT

January 21
6:00: 6th-8th
6:45: High School

Dance Performance
February 26

Academic Conferences
March 4 and 5

University
Preparatory School
2200 Eureka Way
Redding, CA
96001990
(5300 245-2790)
uprep.net

Superintendent/Principal's Corner... Erin Stuart

U-PREP AWARDED SILVER MEDAL by US NEWS & WORLD REPORT

In December we found out that ***US News & World Report***, in its annual "America's Best High Schools" evaluation, ranked U-Prep in the Silver Medal Category, which puts our high school in the **top 3% of the country**. Of the 21,786 public high schools in the United States that were analyzed for the evaluation, one hundred schools were awarded a Gold Medal—20 of which are in California. In the silver category, 461 high schools nationwide received that ranking; 25 of those are charter schools. *US News & World Report*, in partnership with School Evaluation Services, developed a ranking system based on the central principles: "that a great high school must serve all its students, not just those who are college-bound, and that it must be able to produce measurable academic outcomes to show the school is successfully educating its student body across a range of performance indicators" (p. 75, *US News & World Report*, Jan. 2010). Using data primarily from 2007-08, the publication looked at state test performance in reading and math for all students as well as the percentage of economically disadvantaged students and their performance on state tests. If both the disadvantaged student group as well as the overall student population were performing better than the state average, a school then became eligible to be judged on college readiness. The number of seniors who took and passed at least one AP test during or before their senior year was divided by the number of 12th graders at the school to determine the school's "college readiness index" (CRI).

As soon as the news "broke," several of our teachers began researching the rankings and determining U-Prep's statistics:

- U-Prep ranks 28th of 110 California Gold (20) and Silver (90) Medal High Schools on the college readiness index
- All high schools with a college readiness index greater than 20 were awarded Silver Medals; U-Prep's CRI is 59.4—very close to the lowest gold school score of 63
- U-Prep is one of three Silver Medal schools north of Sacramento (there are no gold schools)
- Half of our 2008 graduates entered college with credits earned based on AP scores
- Nationally, U-Prep is in the top 3% of high schools

This information is available online at <http://www.usnews.com/sections/education/index.html>; you may also access data on our website in "Featured News." Dr. Cheng put together a spread sheet of statistics organized by nation, state, and Shasta County. Kudos to our community of supportive parents, dedicated educators and hard-working students.

Speaking of students...various groups have raised money, collected food, performed community service, and (literally) given blood for the benefit of others: In November, Jr. High Student Government spearheaded the most successful canned food drive to date while the Interact Club worked with Redding Rotary filling and delivering food boxes for Thanksgiving. The high school Student Government class ran a blood drive with another planned for second semester. Both Interact and the Peer Mentoring class adopted families for Christmas, and Mr. Baker's 8th graders raised \$1248 for charity. The 8th grade gave \$510 to the Peer Mentoring students for their adopted family and \$710 to the Good News Rescue Mission for Holiday meals. The balance (\$28) went into a Salvation Army tin. AP Environmental Science students have been busy with restoration work on Clear Creek and writing garden grants to grow native plants for restoration purposes. Clearly we have a student population who cares about other people, their environment, and each other. As always I am in awe of the students who lead these efforts and the faculty who support them; I'm also grateful to the families who send us students who are ready to contribute on every level. I hope your holidays were fun and family filled. Happy New Year!

Viva LAS VEGAS 2010

MARK YOUR CALENDAR !

**FOR A FUN EVENING OF
LAS VEGAS STYLE GAMING,
ENTERTAINMENT,
FABULOUS FOOD AND
EXCITING AUCTION ITEMS!**

Saturday, March 20th, 2010

**Look for your
auction invitation in the
Winter Break school mailing.**

**Any questions?
Contact Diane Hurner at
dianehurner@yahoo.com**

**Do you need a 2009 tax deduction? End of Year Donations,
cash or items, can be mailed or dropped off to:
University Preparatory School, Educational Foundation,
2200 Eureka Way, Redding, CA 96001.**

Interact Club Update

(Service Above Self)

Interact has had a busy fall semester. In October, students volunteered at Healthy Shasta Walk this Way and Trick or Treated for UNICEF. In November, the club assisted Rotary in filling food boxes for 250 needy families in Shasta County. The students then picked a family to adopt for Christmas; they really got into the spirit of the season selecting and buying gifts and cheerfully wrapping them in hopes of making a family's holiday a little brighter. On January 28, the club will host a Riverfront Playhouse Buy Out of the production ***Murder Me-Murder Me Not*** (no actual murder takes place in this comedy). Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased from any Interact member or from Sally vonDachenhausen.

Interact appreciates your support. All funds raised by the club help to fund their community projects and their District Project which this year is PACE-Promise of Assurance to Children Everywhere.

The club's officers are Brianna O'Leary, President; Tennyson Jones, Vice President; Francesca LiVolsi, Secretary; and Cynthia Yee, Treasurer. Heading up our *Environmental Project* are Sapphire McFarland and Emily Wright, the *Health Project*: Kimmy Micheletti and Susannah Ryan, and the *Community Project*: Nikole Knak and McKenzie Hoffman.

For more information, contact Sally vonDachenhausen (faculty adviser) at 530-245-2790 or svond@suhsd.net.

Murder Me-Murder Me Not

By Bill Springer

Riverfront Playhouse January 28, 2010

This is great and appropriate fun for the whole family. Funds will go toward community and international service projects.

Tickets are on sale now for only \$20. Contact: Sally vonDachenhausen: svond@suhsd.net or any Interact Club member.

Spring College Trip

March 9 and 10, 2010

Students will leave school at approximately 5:30 a.m. Tuesday morning and arrive at **CSU Sonoma** for a guided tour of the campus. After lunch, they will proceed to the **University of San Francisco** for a tour. Students and chaperones will have hotel accommodations at The Courtyard Marriott at Fisherman's Wharf. The next morning, students will tour the **deYoung Museum** and the **King Tut Exhibit**. From there they will travel to **Santa Clara University** for a tour and then return home.

Cost will *probably* be around \$120.00

SOBER GRAD 2012

Did you know that since 1992 when the Sober Grad program started in Shasta County, there has not been an alcohol related crash due to a graduation celebration? Please help us keep this year's U Prep seniors safe and entertained on their graduation night, June 10th. Sober Grad certificates are being sold for \$100.00, with 100% of the proceeds going directly to this year's celebration. In addition, the \$100 is tax deductible and everyone who purchases a certificate will be entered into a drawing for a \$1000.00, \$500.00, or \$250.00 prize. Several families can go in to purchase one certificate too!

To buy your certificate, fill out the form included in this envelope or call Terri Pickering at 242-0178. Senior class parents could also use donations of food, beverages, prizes, gift certificates, or just about anything to give out as a raffle prize. Call Vicki Singer at 245-0344 for donations to this year's Sober Grad Event. The seniors and their families thank you for helping to keep them safe.

Terri Fields Hosler

Sober Grad Chair

Ashland Trip

(for high school students)

Information coming soon!

Pride and Prejudice

Friday, March 19, 2010



Help Students Visit College Campuses

Buy Coffee

UNIVERSITY
PREPARATORY
SCHOOL



THANK YOU
FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

BREAKFAST BLEND

Custom Roasted by
Humboldt Bay Coffee Company
www.humboldtcoffee.com
800-787-JAVA
Net Weight: 12 oz



UNIVERSITY PREPARATORY SCHOOL

100% of the proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to fund college visits to state and private universities.

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Coffee

Help support our cause by drinking
the Top 1% of the World's Coffee—Fresh
Roasted by our Master Roaster!

Each 12oz bag is only \$10.00

DarkRoast

A blend of Central and South American coffees roasted to produce a strong, smoky flavor with tantalizing aroma. Perfect for those who add cream and sugar.

BreakfastBlend

This coffee is a rich, smooth blend of medium-roasted Indonesian, Central, and South American beans. It has a rich, clean taste and pleasurable aroma. Perfect for your morning cup of coffee!

EspressoBlend

Three of the world's best coffees have been masterfully roasted Vienna-Style for an espresso experience that's both sweet and rich with very little bitterness and a complex flavor.

OrganicBlend

A delightful blend of coffees have been masterfully roasted Sicilian-Style for a flavorful experience that's dark and rich, with complex taste that is very smooth.

DecafDarkRoast

Colombian Supremo beans have been processed to remove 98% of the caffeine content, roasted at high temperatures to a continental style, preserving the rich, sweet flavor, with smoky French roast overtones.

DecafEspresso

Latin American and Indonesian coffees have been carefully roasted and blended for lively, intense flavor with a mellow finish. Suitable for all brewing types.

CUSTOM ROASTED BY
HUMBOLDT BAY COFFEE COMPANY



Coffee is \$10
per bag.

(Coffee is ordered every two weeks once school starts in August)

U-Prep 15oz,
Mugs are \$15

(Mugs are in stock)

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