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Dear U-Prep Families,

We hope your son or daughter is off to a great start this year! New challenges posed in secondary school place a different demand on a student's need to perform, and contribute to the college readiness process. We hope that in addition to academics your student is enjoying the many other dimensions of school life, such as the arts, student activities and clubs, and sports. These experiences not only support their overall development as young adults, but often provide the balance necessary to sustain times of challenging intellectual and social-emotional growth as parents well understand.

Home-school Communications

We are pleased to share this newsletter with you as one source of home-school communications. Given the context of the high tech world we live in our goal is to reach our families and students through diverse venues, including being personally accessible as a staff, the School Messenger (via email and phone) system, apps such as Remind 101, classroom and school newsletters, and our school website. Please do not hesitate to call our office if you have questions; we are here to help!

State Test Scores – In The Spotlight

Please take note of the 'In the Spotlight' article which proudly highlights U-Prep's spring 2015 state testing data. Our students did exceedingly well in all areas and grade-levels! Their performance exceeded all other local schools, but perhaps more exciting was how well their performance measured up against some of the top schools in California. For more information, see In The Spotlight on page 14.

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Who We Are - Our Vision

University Preparatory School is a small, grades 6-12, college preparatory school committed to university level preparation in fine arts, literature, languages, history, mathematics, science, and philosophy. Working together University Preparatory School staff, parents and community will offer students learning experiences needed to achieve their leadership and academic potential, to become creative thinkers, compassionate human beings, and ethical participants in a multi-cultural, democratic society. Students will be immersed in rigorous academics and meaningful extra-curricular activities and supported by a close-knit community of teacher/advisors, which will enable them to choose any course of post-secondary education.

Principal's Corner continued...

College Readiness Assessments – The PSAT/NMSQT

As a part of the college planning process at U-Prep, all 9th grade students take the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) compliments of the school. This test will help students determine what they need to work on most and it serves as a baseline measurement of college and career readiness. This test also provides firsthand practice for the SAT. This year, the PSAT will be administered by freshmen teachers on Wednesday, October 14th during first through fourth period.

Many sophomores and juniors choose take the PSAT again as an additional precursor to their actual SAT test experience, which is wise. Additionally, we encourage upper classmen to take both the SAT and ACT admission exams. Fall parent information nights are scheduled (see Page 5) to ensure parents have access to important information on college-going activities. Be sure to follow our school website and peruse the monthly newsletters for more information on these events.

College Readiness – The New SAT

The College Board is set to roll out new changes to the SAT in March 2016. The U-Prep faculty is up-to-speed with these changes and working to further enhance and already outstanding instructional program. The College Board website (collegereadiness.collegeboard.org) is a wonderful resource for those interested in learning more about the changes. Notably, the College Board and KHAN Academy have partnered to create an official SAT practice experience for students and it free! Comparisons of the major feature of the current SAT and redesigned SAT are noted below:

| Category | Current SAT | Redesigned SAT |
|---|---|---|
| Total Testing Time (subject to research) | 3 hours and 45 minutes | 3 hours (plus 50 minutes for the Essay optional) |
| Components | a) Critical Reading b) Writing c) Mathematics d) Essay | a) Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Section b) Math Section c) Essay (optional) |
| Important Features | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Emphasis on general reasoning skills * Emphasis on vocabulary, often in limited contexts * Complex Scoring (a point for a correct answer and a deduction for an incorrect answer; blank responses have no impact on scores) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Continued emphasis on reasoning, alongside a clearer, stronger focus on the knowledge, skills, and understandings most important for college and career readiness and success * Greater emphasis on the meaning of words in extended contexts and on how word choice shapes meaning, tone, and impact * Rights-only scoring (a point for a correct answer but no deduction for an incorrect answer, blank responses have no impact on scores) |
| Essay | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Required and given at the beginning of the SAT * 25 minutes to write the essay * Tests writing skill; students take a position on a presented issue | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Optional and given at the end of the SAT, postsecondary institutions determine whether they will require the essay for admission * 50 minutes to write the essay |

Assistant Principals Corner

By Mrs. O'Leary, Mr. Carlson & Mrs. Cabral

Welcome back to school! We have had a great first month and it is wonderful to see all the smiling and sometimes sleepy faces! In this month's newsletter, we have a few friendly reminders regarding dress code and student safety/supervision:

Pages 20 and 21 of our Student/Parent Handbook provide detailed information on our **school dress code**. To support students in being successful with the dress code, and other school rules and procedures, we held brief assemblies in the Marr during their ASAP classes. If ever in doubt about whether or not apparel is suitable for school, please feel free to contact us.

In an effort to support a safe and secure learning environment, students were also reminded of permissible locations during the lunch and break periods. Because classes are still in session during each of the three lunch periods, students are to be in the Quad area, in the Food Court, or in the Hoosier (if it's raining). There are naturally exceptions with students who have pre-arranged a meeting with a teacher or are working on school assignments in Room 299.

We recognize that the entrance and egress points before and after school are challenging. With student safety as the priority, we appreciate your support in **picking up/dropping off students** only in the designated areas. Eureka Way is a street we would like our students not to cross. Our students may be following the rules when crossing the street, but it's the drivers that can't always be counted on to be paying attention. Additionally, we need your help in being good neighbors with our local business by *not* parking in their parking lots (e.g. ACE, doctor's offices). Your support is appreciated!

Immunizations

Beginning January 1, 2016, parents or guardians of students in any school or child care facility, whether public or private, will no longer be allowed to submit a personal beliefs exemption to a currently-required vaccine. For further information on these requirements please refer to this website; <http://www.shotsforschool.org/7th-grade/>. For complete information as well as FAQs please visit the California Department of Public Health at: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/>.

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE SCHEDULES

Academic Conferences are being held September 30th and October 1st. For this schedule and all other bell schedules look to uprep.net under the **Current Students** tab. The Counseling Center staff schedules conferences with parents of students not passing classes with a C or better. If your student is passing, but you would still like to schedule a conference, please contact your student's teacher individually.



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College & Career Corner + Counseling News

By Miss Haworth, Mr. Williams, & Mr. Maiteranz

Students are now in full-swing with activities, sports, and academic coursework. During this busy time it is important to create and maintain a healthy routine for homework, extracurricular activities, and family time. There are many opportunities to take part over the next few months. Please take a look at the events below and make sure to stay informed through the Paw Prints bulletin and website.

The Freshman class is settling in to their new routine as high school students. They are encouraged to be working on academics, building strong and healthy relationships with their peers and finding their niche here at U-Prep! Getting involved now will set the tone for their years to come. The freshman trip to Patrick's Point is a great opportunity to start connecting with class members.

Campus Visits: Admissions representatives from various universities will be on campus! If you are interested in attending information sessions, please sign up in the counseling center. Space is limited. Check out the website (uprep.net) and refer to the dates below of scheduled visits. Stay up-to-date on future campus visits at our website!

University Representatives on Campus



UC San Diego – September 14th during lunch Room 210

University of the Pacific (UOP) – September 21st during ASAP Board Room

Pacific University – September 22nd during ASAP Room 210

Southern Oregon University – September 25th during ASAP Room 210

Oregon institute of technology (OIT) – September 29th during ASAP Room 210

Northwest Christian University – October 6th during ASAP Room 210

CSU Chico – October 29th during ASAP Room 210

College & Career Corner + Counseling News, continued...

Intramurals & Games Club

Jr. High students have been having lots of fun by participating in intramural basketball on Wednesdays and Fridays, and our Games Club on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Both of these events are designed to provide opportunities for our students to meet each other and get to know their classmates better. Intramural basketball takes place in the Quad and the Hoosier gym. Our Games Club takes place in Mrs. Isheim's room during 6th grade lunch and Mrs. Gaddy's room during Jr. High lunch. Next month, the Games Club will continue, but intramural basketball will shift to intramural dodgeball.

This year we are very excited about our new Peer Tutoring Program. Our **Peer Tutoring** schedule is;

6th grade Tue-Thurs. during lunch (tutoring provided by junior high peer mentors)

7th & 8th grade Tue-Thurs. during lunch (tutoring provided by high school peer mentors)

High School Tutoring Mon-Thurs. 3:30-5:00 (tutoring provided by high school juniors and seniors)

All tutoring takes place in Club 299.

We are ecstatic about providing U-Prep students with these extra opportunities to improve their academic talents. Please contact the counseling center if you have any questions regarding our Peer Tutoring Program.

FALL COLLEGE TRIP

It is fall and that means the annual fall college trip is upon us. On October 8th & 9th, Mr. Murphy and Mrs. Oberlander (plus an extra chaperone or two) will serve as guides for 42 high school students as they travel down to the Bay Area and explore a variety of colleges and universities. This year they will be touring CSU Chico, UC Davis as well as UC Berkeley.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Senior/Junior Parent Information Night is on Wednesday, September 23rd from 6-8:00 PM in the Marr Auditorium. We will discuss California colleges and universities, application procedures, entrance exams, financial aid and much more!

Attention Junior/Senior Parents: We will host a **Scholarship Information Session** for parents on Wednesday, October 28th from 6-7:00 PM in the Marr Auditorium. Buffy Tanner, from College OPTIONS, will be our guest presenter.

The **PSAT** will be administered on Wednesday, October 14th at U-Prep. The PSAT is the best preparation for the SAT, which is a college entrance exam that assesses academic readiness when applying to a 4 year college. Sophomores and Juniors planning to attend a 4-year university should take the PSAT. The fee is \$15 and students register through the ASB office.

Historically, students who take the PSAT/NMSQT score higher on average on the SAT than those who do not. Please see page 2 for more information on test prep and the SAT.

More College & Career News...

What are the A-G requirements?

The purpose of this article is to introduce what are called the "A-G" requirements. A-G refers to the minimum high school courses required for entrance to the University of California and California State University systems. They are labeled as such because there are seven general subject areas. The California State University system requires a minimum of a "C" grade in all A-G courses whereas the University of California system requires a 3.0 Grade Point Average in the A-G courses (a "C" grade can be balanced by an "A" grade in another class). Students must earn a "C" or better in these designated areas in order to be eligible to apply for admission to the University of California and California State University school systems. Taking the recommended number of courses versus simply the recommended number of courses positively impacts a student's chance of being admitted.

At U-Prep, the A-G course requirements align to the high school graduation requirements. **Eighty-five percent of the graduates from the Class of 2015 were A-G eligible**, which is significantly more than any other local high school program. Congratulations, Class of 2015!

The UC/CSU Required "A-G" Courses

A. History/Social Science:

U.S. History, U.S. Government, Civics, World History, Cultures and Geography

Years required: Two (2) years; 1 year U.S. History or 1/2 year of U.S. History and 1/2 year of U.S. Civics or American Government; and 1 year of World History, Culture, and Geography

B. English

College preparatory English composition and literature

Years required: Four (4) years

C. Mathematics

Algebra, Geometry, Intermediate Algebra, or higher level mathematics

Years required: Three (3) years required, Four (4) years recommended

D. Laboratory Science

Three (3) years required (two of the following: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, or other approved college preparatory science)

E. Language other than English

Two (2) years required; Three (3) years recommended
(at least two years of the same language)

F. Visual and performing arts: Dance, Drama/Theater, Music, Visual Art

Years required: 1 year

G. College-Preparatory Electives

One (1) year of academic courses in addition to "a-f" courses beyond those used to satisfy the requirements above, or courses that have been approved solely in the elective area.

JUNIOR HIGH SPORTS

www.uprepathletics.net

The Fall sports are upon us! **We have nearly 350 students from both junior high and high school participating on 18 different teams.** New with California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) this year is to increase the awareness of Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) in order to further protect our student-athletes. Coaches are trained on recognizing the signs and risk factors of SCA and have a protocol to follow if a student-athlete is removed from play. More information is available in the new U-Prep High School Sports Athletic Clearance Packet under Keeping Their Heart in the Game pages or online at http://www.cifstate.org/sports-medicine/sca/SCA_PARENT_REVIEW_FORM.pdf

MONICA CABRAL - ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATOR

CORY REAGAN - ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

SARAH KENDALL - ATHLETIC SECRETARY

Flag Football

Coach Schuster

Tues. 9/22 ~ 4:00 Juniper @ Juniper
 Thurs. 9/24 ~ 4:00 vs Black Butte @ U-Prep
 Tues. 9/29 ~ 4:00 @ Sequoia Gold
 Thurs. 10/1 ~ 4:00 vs Bella Vista @ U-Prep
 Tues. 10/6 ~ 4:00 vs Turtle Bay @ U-Prep

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

COACH PRICE ~ A TEAM

COACH DEAN ~ B TEAM

COACH KENDALL ~ 6TH GRADE

9/22 ~ 4:00 6TH SEQUOIA @ U-PREP
 9/23 ~ 4:00 A&B SEQUOIA @ U-PREP
 9/24 ~ 4:00 6TH BUCKEYE @BUCKEYE
 9/28 ~ 4:00 A&B PARSONS @PARSONS
 9/29 ~ 4:00 6TH BETHEL @ U-PREP
 9/30 ~ 4:00 A&B GRANT @ U-PREP
 10/1 ~ 4:00 6TH GRADE VS TURTLE BAY @ U-PREP
 10/1 ~ 4:00 A & B @ ANDERSON
 10/2-10/3 ~ HAPPY VALLEY TOURNEY
 10/5 ~ 4:00 A & B VS PARSONS @ U-PREP
 10/6 ~ 4:00 6TH GRADE VS MISTLETOE
 10/7 ~ 4:00 A & B @ SEQUOIA
 10/8 ~ 4:00 6TH @ SEQUOIA
 10/8 ~ 4:00 A & B @ VISTA
 10/13 ~ 4:00 6TH VS BUCKEYE @ U-PREP
 10/15 ~ 4:00 6TH VS BETHEL @ U-PREP

CROSS COUNTRY

COACH GADDY

10/24 ~ 5:00 @ SHASTA LAKE SCHOOL
 10/1 ~ 5:00 @ MTN VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL
 10/8 ~ 5:00 @ SHASTA LK. MIDDLE SCHOOL-LEAGUE FINALS
 10/13 ~ 4:00 THREE BRIDGE RELAY @ SAC RIVER TRAIL

JUNIOR HIGH CO-ED SOCCER

COACHES SMITH & NICHOLS

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|-------|----------------------|------|-----|
| 9/23 | SEQUOIA @ U-PREP | 4:00 | (A) |
| 9/24 | BUCKEYE @BUCKEYE | 4:00 | (B) |
| 9/28 | PARSONS @PARSONS | 4:00 | (A) |
| 9/29 | BETHEL @U-PREP | 4:00 | (B) |
| 9/30 | GRANT @ U-PREP | 4:00 | (A) |
| 10/1 | TURTLE BAY @RSP | 4:00 | (B) |
| 10/1 | ANDERSON @ANDERSON | 4:00 | (A) |
| 10/5 | PARSONS @ U-PREP | 4:00 | (A) |
| 10/6 | MISTLETOE @MISTLETOE | 4:00 | (B) |
| 10/7 | SEQUOIA @ SEQUOIA | 4:00 | (A) |
| 10/8 | SEQUOIA @SEQUOIA | 4:00 | (B) |
| 10/8 | VISTA A @ VISTA | 4:00 | (A) |
| 10/13 | BUCKEYE @ U-PREP | 4:00 | (B) |
| 10/15 | BETHEL | 4:00 | (B) |

WINTER SPORTS OFFERINGS

BOYS BASKETBALL

GIRLS BASKETBALL

JH GIRLS SOCCER

HS SOCCER

WRESTLING

Students are encouraged to listen to the daily bulletin, Paw Prints, for soon- to -be released try-out information.



High School Athletics

www.upreathletics.net

MONICA CABRAL ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATOR

CORY REAGAN ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Volleyball - Coaches: Kramer, Rickey & Haworth

Thurs. 9/24 ~ F/JV/Var. vs Willows @ 4:30/5:30/6:30
 Sat. 9/26 ~ Sutter @ Sutter TBA
 Tues. 9/29 ~ F/JV/Var @ Central Valley 4:30/5:30/6:30
 Thurs. 10/1 ~ F/JV/Var. @ Lassen @ 4:30/5:30/6:30
 Sat. 10/3 ~ JV @ Foothill Tournament
 Tues. 10/6 ~ JV/Var @ Hamilton @ 5:30/6:30
 Thurs. 10/8 ~ JV/Var vs. Durham @ U-Prep 5:30/6:30
 Tues. 10/13 ~ F/JV/Var. @ Willows @ 4:30/5:30/6:30
 Thurs. 10/15 ~ JV/Var vs. Pierce @ U-Prep @ 5:30/6:30
 Tues. 10/20 ~ JV/ Var vs. East Nic. @ U-Prep @ 5:30/6:30
 Thurs. 10/22 ~ JV/Var vs. Hamilton @ U-Prep @ 5:30/6:30
 Tues. 10/27 ~ JV/Var @ Durham @ 5:30/6:30
 Thurs. 11/5 ~ JV/Var @ East Nicolaus @ 5:30/6:30

FOOTBALL

COACHES: BAKER, WILLIAMS, ANDERSON, TRACY & DEAN

9/25 ~ 7:00 VS ROCKLIN ACADEMY @ U-PREP
 10/2 ~ 5:30/7:00 @ WEED
 10/16 ~ 5:30/7:00 @ HAMILTON
 10/23 ~ 5:30/7:00 VS TRINITY @ U-PREP (HOMECOMING)
 10/30 ~ 5:30/7:00 VS WILLIAMS @ U-PREP (SENIOR NIGHT)



Cross Country - Coach Reagan

Wed. 9/23 ~ 2:30 @ West Valley HS
 Sat. 9/26 ~ 7:30 @ Westmoor HS, Daly City
 Fri. 10/2 ~ 3:30 @ West Valley HS
 Wed. 10/7 ~ 3:30 @ Williams HS
 Sat. 10/10 ~ 10:30 @ Granite Regional Park, Sac.
 Fri. 10/16 ~ 3:00 @ Hooker Oak Park, Chico
 Wed. 10/21 ~ 2:30 @ Hamilton HS
 Wed. 10/28 ~ TBA @ Trinity HS, Weaverville



Girls Tennis - Coach Pire

Tues. 9/22 ~ 3:30 @ Live Oak
 Thurs. 9/24 ~ 3:30 vs. Colusa @ U-Prep
 Tues. 9/29 ~ 3:00 vs. Mercy @ U-Prep
 Tues. 10/6 ~ 3:00 @ Willows
 Thurs. 10/8 ~ 3:00 vs. Live Oak @ U-Prep
 Tues. 10/13 ~ 3:00 @ Colusa

Swimming - Coach Johnson

Fri 9/23 - 3:30 Anderson @ U-Prep
 Fri. 10/2 ~ 10:00 Norcal Invite @ Anderson
 Sat. 10/3 ~ 10:30 Norcal JV Invite @ Anderson
 Wed. 10/7 ~ 3:30 @ U-Prep
 Wed. 10/14 ~ 3:30 @ Shasta
 Wed. 10/21 ~ 1:00 NAL Championships @ West Valley
 Wed. 10/28 ~ 1:00 Division II Championships @ West Valley
 Sat. 10/31 ~ 1:00 Masters @ Shasta college

Girls Golf - Coach Lowden

Thurs. 9/24 ~ 1:00 @ Mt. Shasta Resort
 Thurs. 10/1 ~ 1:00 @ Diamond Mtn.
 Thurs. 10/8 ~ 1:00 @ Tierra Oaks
 Thurs. 10/15 ~ 1:00 @ West Valley
 Thurs. 10/22 ~ 10:00 @ Mt. Shasta Resort
 Thurs. 10/26 ~ TBA @ Lake Shastina

Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do.

~ John Wooden

Meet the 2015-16 High School Leaders



ASB President: Evan A.

ASB Vice President: Cody P.

ASB Treasure: Trent K.

ASB Secretary: Mackenzie G.

Senior Class President: Grace V.

Senior Class Vice President: Logan B.

Junior Class President: Arjun K.

Sophomore Class President: Levi K.

Freshman Class President: Niah P.

Student Store Manager: Madison T.



LEADING THE LEADERS

Dance Committee:

Chris J.
Claire P.
Remi B.
Cameron H.

Rally Committee:

Jason B.
John B.
Katelyn W.

Community Outreach:

Haakon S.
Emily E.
Bella E.

Sound and Tech:

Beau F.
Katie S.

Advertisement:

Kiley W.
Derek Y.

Social Media:

Parker S.
Lauren A.
Heath V.

Clubs Council:

Hannah W.
Morgan M.

Welcome, C.A.S.L.

In an effort to grow student leadership in our school and community, U-Prep Associated Student Body organization hosted a California Association of Student Leaders (CASL) Leadership Development Day for Middle School Delegates on Tuesday, September 15. Including U-Prep Jr. High ASB leaders, more than 100 students were engaged in a day-long, research-based, interactive leadership training. U-Prep's high school ASB program provided support to the CASL experience for our middle grade students, which served to develop their leadership as well. Participating student leaders were led by inspiring CASL staff member who taught practical leadership skill development. We are proud of U-Prep's student leaders for seeking opportunities to develop their own leadership alongside their peers in our community. Way to go, ASB Panthers!

ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY



Robyn Johnson

High School Advisor



Jaspal Gaddy

Junior High Advisor

Meet the 2015-16 Junior High Leaders

7th GRADE

President: Madison K.

VP: Gideon N.

Secretaries: Madison M. & Cara R.

Treasurer: William T.

Commissioners:

Abbie G. (Assemblies & Rallies)
Adam B. (Clubs, Sound & Tech)
Addy B. & Amber A. (Dances)
Grace G. (Athletics)
Karlie M. (Assemblies & Rallies)
Kylie H. (Athletics)
Natalie B. (Assemblies & Rallies)

8th GRADE

President: Kennedy K.

Vice President: Madi F.

Commissioner: Maile Gillis

(Assemblies & Rallies, Sound & Tech)

UPCOMING ASB EVENTS

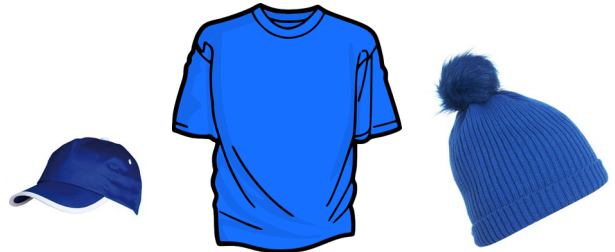
HOMECOMING WEEK FESTIVITIES

Tues.- 10/20: Buff Puff in the Main Gym - 6:00

Wed.- 10/21: Powder Puff on Football Field 6:00

Fri. - 10/23: Tailgate in the quad for all students! Starts at 3:15, ends at start of JV Football Game.

Dutch Bros will be there!!



****SPIRIT GEAR SALE****

All spirit gear will be 25% off during homecoming week. Please come fast before it is gone!

**** ALL STUDENTS WHO ATTEND THE HOMECOMING GAME ON FRIDAY OCT. 23rd WILL RECEIVE A FREE HOMECOMING SHIRT**

HOMECOMING WEEK OCTOBER 19TH - 23RD

There's no place like homecoming week!

Wizard of Oz Theme

Monday: Munchkin Monday (dress as a kid)
 Tuesday: Twister Tuesday (a fashion disaster)
 Wednesday: Which is witch?? (twin day)
 Thursday: Lions, Tigers and Bears! Oh My! (Jungle Day)
 Friday: There is a storm BLUE-IN! (Wear ALL blue)



There's No Place Like Homecoming Week...at U-Prep

Paw Prints

Left out of the loop? Always the last to know? **Subscribe to Paw Prints to keep up on all the fun events happening at U-Prep!**

Go to **uprep.net**, scroll to bottom of homepage, click on target icon in lower right hand corner. Enter your email address and follow the prompts.

Never be left behind again!

BOOSTER NEWS

Athletic Boosters are seeking new members. By becoming a member you will receive individualized discount entry fees to sporting events and your fees go directly to the athletic programs. In addition, if you have a Senior athlete they will be eligible for Athletic Booster Scholarship - one female athlete and one male athlete. Funds support team fees for tournaments, equipment and other miscellaneous items specific to the sporting event. In order to support a competitive athletic program, there is a need for increased parent support. Even if you are not able to be an active participant by donating your time, your membership is necessary to support the program. If you have time to do both that is a bonus for the athletes. Please ask any of the current board members how to join!

Next Athletic Boosters Meeting

October 5th @ 6:30

THANK

U-Prep wishes to sincerely thank all of our parent volunteers. We appreciate your time and your donations. We are grateful to have you as part of the U-Prep family. Working together makes a difference !

Eagle Scout Project

Thank you, Eric O., for choosing U-Prep's Boys Locker Room for your Eagle Scout project! Becoming an Eagle Scout is no easy task, but through commitment, dedication, leadership and service to one's community anything is possible. We wish to congratulate Eric on his positive contributions to the Boys Locker Room and our school-community. Making a difference in the community is worth celebrating – way to go, Eric!

MUSIC BOOSTERS

U-Prep Music Boosters provides volunteer and other support services to all of the U-Prep music programs: Beginning Strings, Choraliers, Concert Band, Concert Choir, Drum Corp, Jazz Band, Jr. High Orchestra, Mixed Choir, Prep Band, and Symphonic Orchestra. Support may include set-up and clean up for music concerts and the "Celebration of the Arts" held every February and fund raising activities.

Music Boosters works to raise money to enhance all music programs and the music experience for all U-Prep students. This includes assisting in the purchasing of performance uniforms, musical instruments and other items that cannot be purchased with school funds. Funds raised by Music Boosters also contribute to trips taken by the various music groups.

Membership in Music Boosters is automatically extended to all parents and legal guardians of students participating in the Music Department at U-Prep. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month during the academic school year. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 6th at 6pm in the Band Room (room 128). Everyone is welcome!

Please contact the main office for more information.



THEATRE ARTS BOOSTERS

The U-Prep Theater Arts Boosters was created to support the amazing Fall Musicals. Our parent volunteers work together to build the sets, help with costumes and props, coordinate advertising, create the program, provide snacks and food for the Saturday practices during tech week and at the cast party, as well as providing support for the shows by selling tickets, running concessions and supervising backstage. It is our pleasure to serve behind the scenes and allow the students' talents to shine. We always welcome new volunteers, hope to see you soon! Please contact the main office for more information!

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION NEWS

OPERATION WALLACEA

This past June, twenty of our high school students traveled down to Honduras through Operation Wallacea. They explored the cloud rain forest and coral reefs as well as shared in research experiences with researchers from around the world. They spent a week trekking through the rainforest collecting frogs, lizards, snake, bats, and insects, collecting vital data used to help preserve more tropical forest lands. They spent a week on the island of Utila learning about coral reef and mangrove ecology.

Current high school students interested in a great summer adventure focused on science with college credits optional, we are currently deciding on our next location for the summer of 2017 and will be promoting it shortly. For more information on this adventure, please visit opwall.com and talk with Mr. Love in Room 101.

The mission of the University Preparatory School Educational Foundation is to enhance the educational environment through academic and physical improvements.

Thanks to the Educational Foundation, U-Prep has received two new water fountains/bottle fillers. The students and staff are thrilled with these enhancements to their campus. The water fountains are just the latest gift that the foundation has provided us; the media center/Club 299 was added last school year as well as many other additions.

It is through the generosity of community members like you, that the Foundation is able to achieve outstanding results year after year. This consistent commitment to excellence will enable us to continue our focus on achieving excellence for our students and the community.

Current Foundation Members

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| Mike Vincelli | Chairman |
| Open Position | President |
| Kelly Hamilton | Vice-President |
| Christy Anderson | Secretary |
| Mary Downey | Treasurer |
| Lane Carlson | Member |



U-Prep Scrip Program

Scrip is gift cards and certificates for your favorite places to shop. They look and spend just like you bought them in the store. By purchasing scrip from U-Prep, you are helping the school earn needed funds for our school and you are reaching your donation goal for the year. The great thing about scrip is you never buy anything you don't need and you never pay more than face value of the gift card or certificate.

You can also place your order online at www.shopwithscrip.com or email your order to uprepscrip@suhsd.net or call/text Sylvia Hill at 356-3944. Checks are payable to U Prep Scrip.

For complete information go to uprep.net



VAPA NEWS

BRAD FOWERS ~ DEPT CHAIR/BAND & CHOIR

ROMNEY CLEMENTS ~ FALL MUSICAL DIRECTOR

ELIZABETH JOHNSON ~ STRINGS & PERCUSSION, SPRING PLAY

MARISSA KINNEAVY ~ DANCE

LURA WILHELM ~ VISUAL ART

VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

DANCE DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Dance Department welcomes two new wonderful teachers for the 2015/2016 school year. Vickie Zittle and Rebecca Quilala-Holt join Marissa Kinneavy in teaching multiple styles of dance to almost 120 U-Prep students. The focus of the dance department at this time of the year is technique in ballet, modern, and jazz.

We held auditions last week for a Dance Ensemble for U-Prep's Fall Musical, Cinderella. Sixteen dance students were chosen to be a part of this ensemble. They will add an exciting element to the upcoming musical.

The U-Prep Dance Team spent four days at UCSC this summer at the USA Dance Team Camp, learning a lot of new choreography they are eager to share with the school. The team is rehearsing weekly to perfect their camp dances, as well as learn new competition choreography. They will perform for the school at the Homecoming Rally in October.

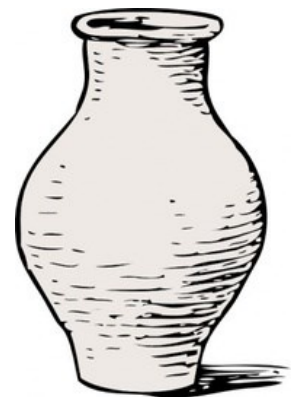


Cinderella

U Prep's current production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella" is in the full swing of rehearsal. This production brings to life all of your favorite memories from childhood: a prince, a fairy godmother, transforming dresses, animals and carriages. Cinderella will grace the David Marr Auditorium stage on November 13th, 14th, 20th and 21st at 7:00 with matinees on the 14th and 21st at 2:00. Tickets will be available in the U Prep ASE office and at the door 30 minutes before show time. Don't miss out on what is sure to be a family favorite!

Visual Art Welcomes a New Kiln

Miss Wilhelm's Visual Art program is the proud recipient of a new kiln! It is currently being installed and we are pleased to announce that ceramics will be included in the fine arts curriculum during 4th quarter. All art classes and art clubs will have access to firing their work in the new kiln. Please look forward to seeing ceramic work created by art students in this year's upcoming art shows!



In the Spotlight

State Testing Results

Way to go, U-Prep!

In the spring of 2015 California secondary students in grades 6, 7, 8, and 11 were administered the new state assessments online. Scores from this spring serve as baseline scores moving forward with the new online Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments. Each test, English language arts/literacy (ELA) and math is composed on two parts: (1) a computer adaptive portion and (2) a "Performance Task" component. In addition to the new state assessment, students in grades eight and ten were administered a STAR California Standards Tests in science. The grade eight science test covered science content standards only from grade eight curriculum whereas the grade ten test covered middle school life science and high school biology content standards.

State test scores provide a glimpse into a much bigger picture of student performance. They add perspective to other pieces of data such as Advanced Placement scores, academic grades, student involvement in fine arts and athletics/activities, A-G eligibility figures, and the master schedule course offerings set within a schedule that is designed to meet students' needs. Next steps with the state test data include drilling down into the patterns of performance in specific areas of English language arts/Literacy (ELA) and math. Performance scores for ELA are reflected in the following areas: Reading, Writing, Listening, and Research/Inquiry. Performance scores for math are as follows: Problem Solving & Modeling/Data Analysis, Concepts & Procedures, and Communicating Reasoning. Staff analysis of this data will serve to inform classroom instruction.

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The data below provides some perspective in terms of how our students are performing both locally and alongside two of the top ranked high schools in California.

RSD: Redding School District

DSJ: David Starr Jordan Middle School in Palo Alto; feeder school to Palo Alto High School

SUHSD: Three sister comprehensive high schools in the Shasta Union High School District

Lowell: Located in San Francisco, National Rank #50 by U.S. News & World Report

| | U-Prep | U-Prep | U-Prep | RSD 6th | RSD 7th | RSD 8th | DSJ | DSJ | DSJ |
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| ELA (6th-8th) | 76% | 74% | 76% | 41% | 32% | 46% | 78% | 82% | 78% |
| Math (6th-8th) | 66% | 69% | 61% | 25% | 33% | 36% | 77% | 84% | 85% |
| Science (8th) | n/a | n/a | 72% | n/a | n/a | 65% | n/a | n/a | 93% |

| | U-Prep | SUHSD | SUHSD | SUHSD | Lowell High | Palo Alto |
|-----------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|-----------|
| ELA (11th) | 89% | 71% | 66% | 75% | 92% | 82% |
| Math (11th) | 63% | 33% | 37% | 35% | 85% | 78% |
| Science (10th) | 89% | 79% | 61% | 76% | 93% | 88% |

(source: <http://caaspp.cde.ca.gov/sb2015/Search>)

CONGRATULATIONS U-PREP STUDENTS AND STAFF!!

University Preparatory School

2015-2016 School Calendar

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PLEASE NOTE:

Revised Open House date
is March 23rd, 2016

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| Early Release Days |
| Academic Conference |
| Final Exams |
| Back-To-School Night |
| Open House |
| Graduation |

HOLIDAYS/RECESSES

Labor Day Sep 7
 Veteran's Day Holiday Nov 11
(by law must be Nov 11 if a weekday)
 Thanksgiving Break Nov 23-27
 Winter Break Dec 18-Jan 4
 Martin Luther King Day Jan 18
 Lincoln Day observed Feb 8
 Washington Day observed Feb 15
 Spring Break Mar 25-Apr 4
 Memorial Day May 30

Easter - March 27

CERTIFICATED DATES

School Starts: August 17
 School Ends: May 26; **Graduations May 27**

School Work Days ○ Aug 14
 May 27
 Jun 1

Staff Development Days △ Aug 13
 Jan 4
 April 4

Snow Day Makeup: Apr 4

(If snow day makeup is used, then April 4th Staff Development day will be moved to May 31st.)