

PANTHER PRIDE

FEBRUARY 2025

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- 2/14 Talent Show
- 2/15 Academic Saturday School
- 2/17-21 No School- President's Week
- 2/24 Early Release 2:21PM
- 3/4 8th Grade Trip to Simpson
- 3/5 SAT School Day-Juniors
- 3/12 2025-2026 School Lottery
- 3/14 Just Dance Performance
- 3/15 Academic Saturday School
- 3/15 Just Dance Performance

CARDBOARD ART COMPETITION



Our talented art students recently participated in the Cardboard Art Contest, where imagination and craftsmanship came together to create amazing sculptures and objects entirely from cardboard. From intricate designs to whimsical structures, the students truly outdid themselves!

Celebration of the ARTS



Our annual Celebration of the Arts was an incredible success, as students from both our visual and performing arts groups came together to showcase their extraordinary talents! The event featured a stunning array of performances and breathtaking visual art displays.

The evening was filled with creativity, passion, and talent, and it was amazing to see our students shine in their artwork. We are so proud of each and every participant for their dedication and hard work.

Thank you to all who attended and supported our young artists!

A round of applause for all our performers and artists—your hard work continues to inspire us all!

MATH COUNTS

We are thrilled to announce that our Mathcounts team has earned First Place at the regional competition! Congratulations to our amazing team members Micah, Jaehee, Sam, and Zach, who will be heading to the state competition to represent U-Prep!

In addition, Dan Anderson (not pictured) will also be competing at state—way to go, Dan! 🏆

A special shout-out to the individual achievements:

Zach earned an impressive 5th place overall!

Micah secured 4th place!

Jaehee claimed 2nd place!

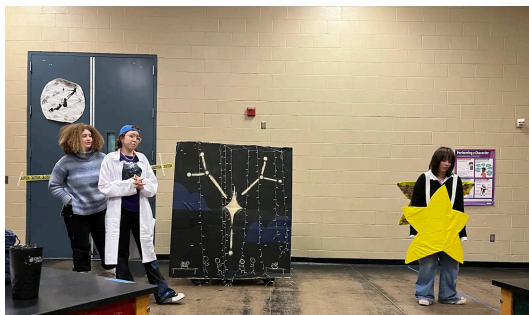
This is a remarkable accomplishment, especially considering the competition from 11 schools!

Congratulations to all of our Mathcounts participants for their hard work and determination.

Best of luck to our state competitors—we know you'll do us proud!



ODYSSEY OF THE Mind



A huge congratulations to our high school Odyssey of the Mind team for their dedication and hard work this season! After many months of preparation, these 7 seniors competed in Brentwood this month. While they didn't place this year, their effort and commitment were truly outstanding, and we are so incredibly proud of them.

Keep up the great work, team, and we can't wait to see what you'll achieve in the future!



LIONS CLUB SPEECH CONTEST



UPrep had 3 students participate in the Lions Club Student Speaker Contest with the prompt: "Artificial Intelligence (AI): Friend or Foe?" Rafaela Sodre (12) delivered a thoughtful speech, weighing AI's potential in certain fields against her concerns about it replacing human creativity in art. In contrast, Jude McAbee (12) shared his enthusiasm for AI as a tool to inspire creativity, rather than hinder it.

While all three speeches were impressive, the Lions selected Freshman Ember Braun's speech on the importance of using discernment when incorporating AI to move forward to the Zone competition later this month! Congratulations to Rafaela, Jude, and Ember for their excellent presentations and for representing U-Prep so well! Best of luck, Ember, at the upcoming competition!

POETRY *Out Loud*



We are thrilled to share that our U-Prep poetry team had an outstanding showing at the recent competition, sweeping the top three spots! Congratulations to Mackenzi Reagan (11) for earning third place, Lauren Rudolph (12) for second place, and Grant Kopania (11) for taking first place! Grant will now advance to the State Level Competition—a huge achievement!

Throughout the fall, our team met every 2-3 weeks to dive deep into their poems, discussing meaning and refining delivery. It was such a joy to watch the team grow, uncovering new layers of meaning and nuance in each poem, while enjoying the process together. We couldn't be prouder of their hard work and dedication. Let's cheer on Grant as he heads to State!



Dance



The Upre School Dance Team has been bringing high energy and school spirit to every home Varsity Boys Halftime performance! The team is proud to share their love for dance and their school with the Upre community. This past Saturday, the Dance Team hosted their annual dance clinic, welcoming 25 younger dancers. The team taught a fun and exciting routine, which the young dancers will perform alongside the team during the Wednesday evening JV halftime. This event is always one of the team's favorites, and it's a wonderful opportunity to connect with the next generation of dancers. On the competitive side, the Upre Competitive Dance Team kicked off their season with a strong performance at the USA Northern Dance Regional in Sacramento on February 1st. The team brought three routines to the competition, placing with all of them and earning a well-deserved spot at Nationals! Their hard work and dedication are truly paying off as they head to San Francisco for their next competition this weekend.



CHEER



UPrep's cheer team continues to enjoy performing and cheering our basketball teams on to victory at our home games, and will be sad to see our season come to a close in a few short weeks.

Upre's competition team has always challenged themselves to be more than just typical sideline cheerleaders. Three of our seniors, Kaly Hodayun, Maddison Lockhart and Sienna Young started their competition dreams in 6th grade, and they are leading our team at Disneyworld at the National High School Cheer Championships this coming weekend. This team has set the bar high for future UPrep teams and are model cheerleaders to look up to. Two of our three competing seniors plan to extend their cheerleading experience into college. This team is looking forward to representing our school at the NHSCC! Go Panthers!

Rotary Honor to Youth Award



We are excited to announce that Acacia McDaniels and Zoe Taylor have been honored with the prestigious Rotary Honor to Youth Award! This award recognizes their exceptional leadership, service, and dedication to making a positive impact on our community. Acacia and Zoe's hard work and commitment to excellence make them outstanding representatives of U-Prep, and we couldn't be more proud of them.

Please join us in celebrating their achievements—congratulations, Acacia and Zoe!



SPRITWEEK RECAP

Our Winter Spirit Week was a blast, full of fun, energy, and unforgettable moments! Here's a quick review of the exciting events:

- Jet Lag Day (Tuesday): Staff and students rocked pajamas and lounged in style, while a Rock Paper Scissors Beads Challenge kept the competition fierce and fun!
- Lost Luggage Day (Wednesday): Creative bag replacements took over campus, with roller skates, scooters, and more—plus the Panther's Lost Baggage Scavenger Hunt kept everyone on their toes!
- Travel the U.S. Day (Thursday): Staff represented Oregon, showing off flannel and hippie vibes, while students enjoyed some sweet treats from the Baggage Claim candy giveaway.
- Home Sweet Home Day (Friday): The day wrapped up with Extreme Spirit Wear, a Schoolwide Trivia Challenge, and the always-popular Staff vs. Student Basketball Game—which had everyone cheering!

Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make this Spirit Week a success! Your enthusiasm made it truly unforgettable!

CAREER FAIR

**UNIVERSITY PREPARATORY
SCHOOL**

**MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025
STUART GYMNASIUM**



8:30-9:30 AM: 11th Grade

9:30-10:20 AM: 12th Grade

10:20-11:00 AM: 10th Grade





COME AND JOIN US

NON SCHOOL DAY CAMPS OFFERED TO UPREP FAMILIES

Please click on the QR Code for more information

Registration opens October 25 2024

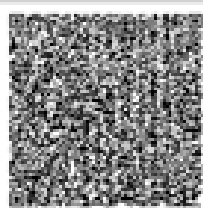
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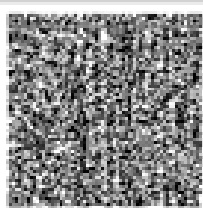
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Students!

Fall Camp



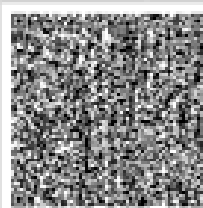
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25-27

December 19-20



December
19 & 20

Winter Camp

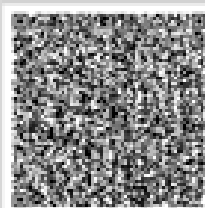


December
23, 26, 27, 30, 31
January
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Transportation
from the YMCA
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the YMCA on
Eureka Way)
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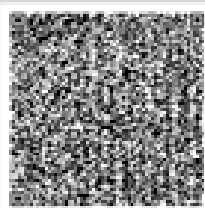
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January 20th



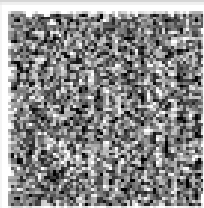
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President's Camp



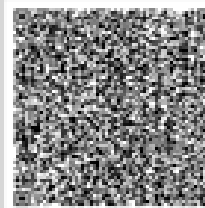
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Spring Camp



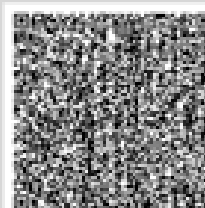
April
14-18

May 30th



May
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June Camp



June
2-6

University Preparatory School 2024-2025

Academic School Year Calendar

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1st Quarter Ends	October 11	42
1st Semester Ends	December 18	42
3rd Quarter Ends	March 21	48
2nd Semester Ends	May 29	43

August 24						
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Student Attendance Days (175)						
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Academic Conferences						

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HOLIDAYS/RECESSES



Labor Day	Sep 2
Veteran's Day Holiday	Nov 11
(by law must be Nov 11 if a weekday)	
Thanksgiving Break	Nov 25-29
Winter Break	Dec 19-Jan 6
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Jan 20
Washington Day Observed	Feb 17
Lincoln Day Observed	Feb 18
President's Week	Feb 17-21
Spring Break	April 14-18
Memorial Day	May 26
Juneteenth	June 13
Easter - April 20	
Thanksgiving - November 28	

CERTIFICATED DATES

School Starts: August 14
School Ends: May 29

Staff Work Days



August 13
December 19
May 30
June 2

Staff Development Days



August 12
January 6

Snow Day Makeup: May 30
(If snow day makeup is used, then May 30 work day will be moved to June 3)