



PANTHER PRIDE

JANUARY 2025

WELCOME BACK PANTHERS!



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DATES TO REMEMBER

1/7	School Back in Session
1/13	Early Release 2:21PM
1/20	Martin Luther King Day - No School
1/21-24	Spirit Week
1/25	Winter Semi-Formal
1/25	Academic Saturday School
1/27	Early Release 2:21PM
2/5	Celebration of the Arts
2/17-21	Presidents' Week- No School

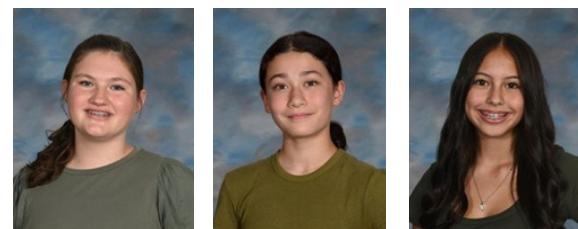
STUDENTS OF THE QUARTER

2024-2025 SECOND QUARTER



HIGH SCHOOL

Jack Ampí, Gracie Anderson, Russell Comas, Reece Denham, Kai Fuentes, Sean Kim, Lucy Mehr, Alana Parisot, Catherine Parker, Isabella Ramos, Madisyn Rubalcava, Sarah Saavedra, Nicolas Simpson, Bradley Solberg, Emery Sullivan, Reese Whitaker, Parker Whitlow, Luke Wilkinson



JUNIOR HIGH

Kaitlyn Boic, Harper Braden, Elijah Brasher, Lucas Chamorro, Carmen Cox, Elly Deng, Carter Halloran, Ralf Hamilton, Austin Huang, Addison Imhof, Nora Maire, Lela Mifsud, Avalia Mosher, Carolyn Salter, Ava Xaypanya

Winter Spirit Week

Tuesday 1/21
Jet Lag

Airport attire, pajama, loungewear. Get comfy!

Wednesday 1/22
Lost Luggage
Anything but a backpack

Thursday 1/23
Travel the U.S.

Srs: Texas (Cowboy)

Jrs: Hawaii (Hawaiian)

Sophs: Colorado (hiking/athletic)

Frosh: Alaska (Winter/cold clothing)

JH: Carolinas (twin day)

Friday 1/24
Home Sweet Home

Extreme UPrep Gear

Saturday 1/25
First Class Flight

Homecoming Dance



COOKIES & CRAM

The stress of finals can be overwhelming, especially for freshmen facing their first round of final exams. Recognizing the need for support, Link Crew and the Freshman teachers organized cram sessions in classroom spaces across campus over two mornings (special shout out to Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Oberlander, Mrs. Crawford, Mr. Love, Mrs. Hurley, and Mrs. Ampí for hosting and Ms. Clements for organizing). Equipped with study guides, flashcards, and a strong sense of camaraderie, these morning sessions offered a comfortable environment for freshmen to tackle their coursework. The Cookies and Cram tradition stands as a testament to U Prep's commitment to student success and community building. Beyond the textbooks and exams, it's the shared moments of sweetness and solidarity.



BAND & CHOIR *Winter Concert*

Following the school musical production of "Once On This Island", the music department was keeping busy with a series of events. The Winter Concert Series started with the combined choirs, bands, and orchestra setting the mood for the holiday season. The Strings and Drum Corps followed up with their own spirited performance later in the week while the Concert Choir braved the wind and rain to sing at the Garden of Lights. All in all, it was a wonderful concert season and we're looking forward to the New Year!

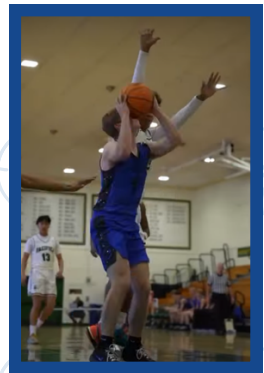
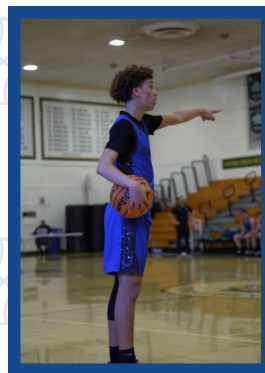
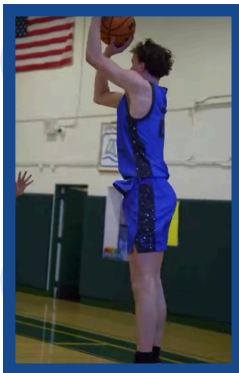


BOYS BASKETBALL

A huge congratulations to our freshman team for taking home the championship at the Foothill Tournament! Their hard work, dedication, and teamwork were on full display, and they've set the bar high for the rest of the season.

Over the holiday break, our varsity team took on fierce competition during their trip to Santa Barbara. Despite facing tough Division 1 schools with student populations over 2,000, they finished with an impressive 2-1 record! It was a challenging, yet rewarding experience, and we're proud of how our players represented the program.

We were thrilled to host our first-ever alumni game, bringing together past players and current athletes for a fun, competitive event. It was a fantastic opportunity to reconnect, celebrate our basketball community, and inspire the next generation of players.

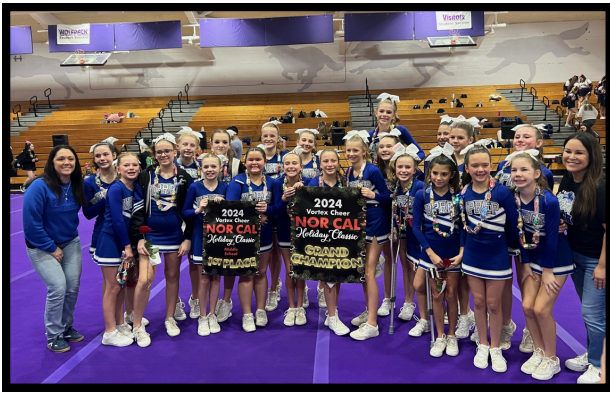


Girls BASKETBALL

Our girls basketball team is on fire this season with a 13-1 record and a championship win at the Red Bluff Tournament! JoAnna was named MVP of the Red Bluff Tournament, with Maddux and Layne earning All-Tournament honors. On top of that, JoAnna recently became only the 10th girls' basketball player in Northern Section history to surpass 2,000 career points—a remarkable achievement! Notable victories over Shasta and Enterprise have helped us secure the #2 spot in the state for Division IV, according to MaxPreps.

Meanwhile, our JV girls also took home the championship at the CV Tournament, edging out Foothill with a 42-41 victory. With already impressive records, this is sure to be an incredible season for the girls program! Go Lady Panthers!





Junior High Cheer

The UPrep Junior High cheerleaders' participated in the NorCal Holiday Cheer Competition December. UPrep Junior High Cheer not only took first place in their division but also received Grand Champion, earning the highest overall score across all teams.

This win is a true testament to their hard work, determination, and teamwork.

Way to go UPrep Cheer!

Wrestling

UPrep Wrestling started off at the Doc Peterson Tournament in Orland; in which Asher Edwardson, Ramon Chamorro and Kennedy Russell all won individual titles. In addition, Asher was voted most outstanding upper weight wrestler of the tournament. All of the novice wrestlers started the season at the Corning Kickoff and they were lucky enough to have 3 individual champions, Cici Edwardson, Allison Hanagan and Ariana Woodbury .

Next , they headed to Modoc where they finished 5th as a team bringing home some hardware. They also had 3 individual champions, Asher Edwardson, Cici Edwardson and Kennedy Russell. Kennedy had a great showing, beating the 10th ranked girl in the state in the finals.



After this we were off to the Sierra Nevada Wrestling Tournament in which most weight classes had 64 wrestler brackets and over 100 schools participate at. The highlight of the weekend was Kennedy Russell winning the 120 lb weight class- besting 48 other wrestlers in her weight and was voted most outstanding female wrestler.

Most recently they competed at the Nor Cal Championships in Anderson and had 5 individual tournament champions: Asher Edwardson, Ramon Chamorro, John Lane, Kody Zaffarano and Kennedy Russell. At this meet, Asher and Ramon were voted most outstanding wrestlers which is voted on by the coaches. What an amazing start to their season!

University Preparatory School 2024-2025

Academic School Year Calendar

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July 24						
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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)