



Editor's Note: Welcome to the 2022-23 Blazer Blast, the official newsletter of University High School. The Blazer Blast is published every Friday during the school year except on holidays and breaks. If you wish to change or add an email address for delivery of the Blazer Blast or have any other questions about its publication, please get in touch with [Nila Nealy](#). Thank you!



A Message from Head of School Alicia LaMagdeleine

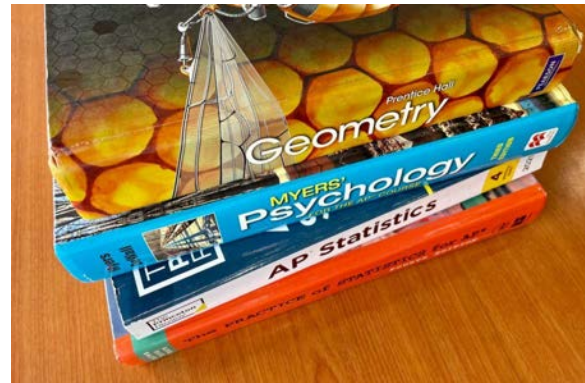
I often say that our school is a living thing, created each year by the people who come here to learn and to work, to play and to share. In this way, each year is unique.

Many people (about 1,000 of them actually) have had a freshman year at University. But if this is *your* freshman year at University, this is it. The only one. Same if you are a senior, or a sophomore, or a junior.

There will never be another 2022-23 school year at University High School. Some of us were here last year, and some of us will be here in the next one. But for all of us together, ***this is our one shared time.***

I'm excited for the year ahead. Get ready.
Let's make it a great one!

Welcome Back to University High School!



Order Textbooks in Time for Classes

[View the textbook list](#) for 2022-23. Books are listed by course, and information about ISBNs, authors, and editions is included. Please search by the ISBN to ensure you're purchasing the correct book. **Students should have their first semester books with them on the first day of school.**

Families may purchase textbooks from any source they like, including the [Awesome Trailblazer Parents! Facebook group](#), where parents will often sell textbooks to one another at a discounted price. We encourage families who shop on Amazon to use the [Amazon Smile](#) service and designate University High School as their charitable organization.

A good resource for finding your textbooks at the best price is [ISBNsearch.org](#). Simply enter the ISBN of the book you're looking

We are excited to see everyone back at University High School! **School officially begins on Monday, Aug. 15 at 8:30 a.m.**, with many activities before and after the big day. Mark your calendar for these important dates:

Mandatory College Application Boot Camp & Essay Writing Workshop (Seniors Only) on Friday, Aug. 12 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Our College Counselors will work with members of the Class of 2023 to create a Common Application and complete an essay writing workshop with English teachers. Please contact [Maddy MacAllister](#) with questions.

New Student & Family Orientation on Sunday, Aug. 14 from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

All new students and their families are asked to attend orientation. Parents will meet in Andrews Hall, and students will go to Fairbanks Hall. Freshmen, please bring your [retreat permission forms](#) to this orientation.

Welcome Back Celebration on Sunday, Aug. 14 from 4 to 6 p.m.

All students and their families are invited to attend our Welcome Back Celebration. Food trucks will be on-site for food purchases. In addition, the UHS Parent Association is providing complimentary ice cream for all. Come out to see your mentor, talk with community members, and enjoy games, inflatables, and more!

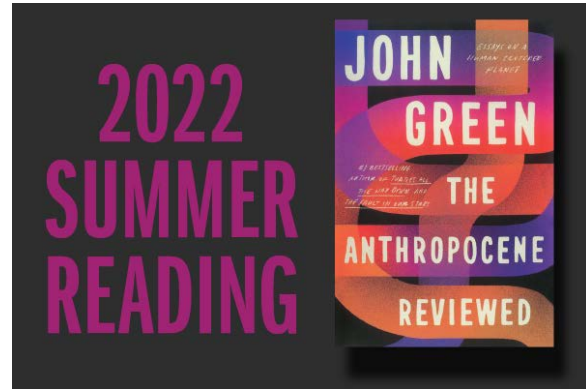
First Day of School on Monday, Aug. 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Parents are invited to go online to watch the Opening Day Assembly that begins at 8:30 and ends at 9:25 a.m. After the Opening Assembly, each class period will meet in a modified E schedule. Parents, look for a link in next week's Blazer Blast.

Freshman Retreat from Tuesday, Aug. 16 to Wednesday, Aug. 17

Our freshmen will attend their retreat at

for to see multiple vendors and their prices.



Students, Have You Finished Summer Reading?

Before the first day of school, all students should have **read the required selections in our [summer reading guide](#)** for *The Anthropocene Reviewed* by John Green. The summer reading guide includes a note from Head of School Alicia LaMagdeleine and questions to consider as you read.



Schoolhouse Fare is Taking Lunch Orders for August

[Schoolhouse Fare](#) is the lunch provider for University High School. **Online ordering for 2022-23 is now open.** [Download instructions](#) on setting up your Schoolhouse Fare account. The password for new families is "UHS."

Please note that orders must be placed at least five days in advance of a selected lunch date. You may order from a limited 24-hour menu by noon the day before a selected lunch date.

Jameson Camp in the first week of school. View our [Freshman Retreat web page](#) for details.

Head of School Reception for New Parents on Wednesday, Aug. 24 at 5 p.m.

New parents and guardians are invited to gather prior to Back to School Night activities for a reception with Alicia LaMagdeleine. Watch your email for an invitation in the coming days.

Back to School Night on Wednesday, Aug. 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Parents will visit students' classes in an abbreviated schedule. This event is for parents only.

Insider's Guide to University High School on Monday, Sep. 12 at 7 p.m.

The UHS Parent Association will hold its first public meeting of the year featuring the Insider's Guide to UHS. New and experienced parents and guardians are invited to participate in UHS trivia and learn tips for being a parent at UHS.

Start the 2022-23 School Year off Right

Visit the [Back-to-School Resource Center](#) on the University High School website for information on **required textbooks, summer reading, ordering lunch**, and more.

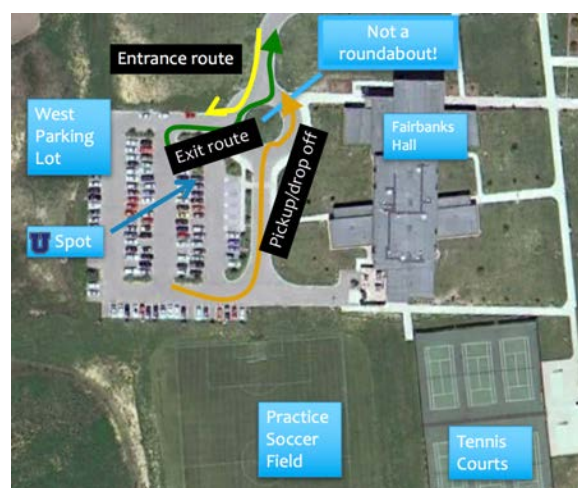
The 2022-23 academic calendar may be viewed [online](#), and a calendar of daily events may be found on the [calendar page of our website](#). See schedules and mentor contact information in [My Backpack](#).

Students may also bring their lunch. Microwaves are available on campus, as are vending machines with snacks and drinks.

Subscribe to Emergency Notifications via EventLink

University High School uses EventLink to organize all school events, including athletic and academic events. Additionally, emergency notifications are delivered via [EventLink](#).

Please subscribe to the School Closings & Emergencies Calendar. [Download this PDF](#) for information and instructions.



Navigate Traffic at Fairbanks Hall

The traffic flow around Fairbanks Hall can be confusing, especially at the end of the day when student-drivers are leaving campus and parents are picking up students.

[Visit our website](#) to learn more and see a larger version of the above illustration.

Save These Contacts for Quick Use

Many questions can be answered on our website's Back-to-School Resource Center. For specific questions, comments, or exchange of information, contact one of the staff members below by email or phone at 317-733-4475.



New Trailblazers – Bring in Your Laptops for School-Ready Set Up!

New Trailblazers should **schedule a computer set up appointment** before the first day of school. Click [here](#) to view available appointment dates.

Our technicians will connect your computer to the school's Wi-Fi, link you to printers, and ensure you have the programs you need.

With questions, please contact Director of Technology [Mike Syrek](#).

- Reporting attendance – School Secretary Kathy Davis at kdavis@universityhighschool.org or ext. 150
- Student concerns and COVID reporting – Assistant Head of School Stacey Summitt-Mann at ssummittmann@universityhighschool.org or ext. 157
- General concerns – Associate Head of School Dave Vesper at dvesper@universityhighschool.org or ext. 128

UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the Date for the 2022 Trailblazer Awards Gala

Please mark your calendar for **Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022 from 6 to 10 p.m.** to join us for the biennial Trailblazer Awards Gala!

The Trailblazer Awards Gala is a celebration of University High School, its students, its families, and its core values. The event features a silent auction, a wine pull, a dinner, and an awards presentation honoring community leaders whose work represents the core values of University High School.



UNIVERSITY NEWS

Play by University Faculty at IndyFringe Festival August 18 - September 4

University's Head of School Alicia LaMagdeleine and Theatre Director Callie Hartz are directing their play **Women's Work** at the IndyFringe Festival Aug. 18-Sep 4.

Women's Work explores "the complexities women face as they navigate external and internal challenges in the workplace." The show features four characters at the beginning and end of their careers in medicine, education, business, and raising children, showing how their stories evolve over a 50-year span.

Women's Work will be on stage on Thursday, Aug. 18 through Sunday, Sep. 4 at various times. More information and tickets are available [online](#). Use the code BETTYRAGE32 for discounted tickets.



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