



Continue to Monitor for Covid Symptoms & Stay Home When Sick

Please continue monitoring for COVID [symptoms](#) (fever, fatigue, sore throat, stuffy nose, congestion, cough, etc.). Students experiencing symptoms should stay home and contact [Stacey Summitt-Mann](#) for more information.

Monday is a U Day, Classes Begin at 9:15 a.m.

For the duration of the school year, except for January Term, Mondays will be U Days, with classes beginning at 9:15 a.m. and ending at 3:15 p.m. Learn more about the [daily schedules](#) or view the [school calendar](#).

University High School opens at 7:20 a.m. each day that school is in session. Students can be dropped off as early as 7:20 a.m. regardless of the start time for classes that day.

Parents, Ask Students to See Course Policies

During the pandemic, teachers were more lenient with class policies, including policies on late work. Teachers are now returning to higher expectations for timely work and other class behaviors. Ask your student to log in to Google Classroom to share course policies for each class.

All Parents Should Complete Consent to Treat Forms Online



Students Have Limited Phone Access During Classes

As we start the new year, teachers are emphasizing that cell phones should not be accessed during class. However, students' cell phones can be in the classroom (in case of emergencies) but won't be at arm's reach.

Please help your student by not expecting a quick response to a text during the school day. You can read more on page 11 in the Student-Parent Handbook, which can be downloaded from [My Backpack](#) under My Documents.

As the year starts, all students must have consent to treat forms on file so that our athletic trainer can see students injured on campus, even when the injury is not related to athletics. To complete the form, we ask that one parent or guardian from each family please go to our [Final Forms page](#) and follow the instructions in [this document](#). Families who have completed consent to treat forms through a Final Forms account for athletes do not need to repeat this step. Please email [Dave Vesper](#) with any questions.

Updates Needed on Field Trip & Immunization Records Permissions

Parents, please log in to My Backpack this week to view media information and complete immunization record and field trips/student driving permission forms.

In [My Backpack](#), click My Forms under Forms/Documents. You can give the school permission to update your student's immunization records with the State of Indiana (via CHIRP). Note that this is about all immunizations, not just COVID-19.

Permission for students to ride with faculty and staff on field trips is already in the enrollment contract. However, if you want your student to be able to drive themselves or other students or ride with student drivers, we need parent permission via the form in My Backpack. This includes permission for senior lunch.

Only one parent per family needs to complete these permissions. Please let [Dave Vesper](#) know if you have questions.

Monday, Aug. 29 is the Last Day to Add Classes

The last day to add classes for the fall semester is Monday, Aug. 29 at 3:15 p.m. To make changes or get more information, students should first talk with their mentor and then email [Carolyn Bradley](#). Please



Seniors, Submit Pictures to Maddy MacAllister

Seniors are asked to submit senior portraits and baby pictures to [Maddy MacAllister](#) by the end of October. Don't wait until the last minute to schedule your photo shoot and find the perfect baby pictures!



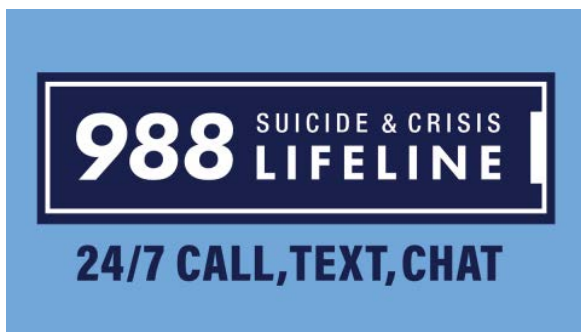
Trailblazer Club Athletic Passes are Available

Family, individual, and grandparent Trailblazer Club passes are available [here](#). Passes are good for any home athletic event during the regular season and are not valid for PAAC or IHSAA tournament events. Because UHS does not have the facility to charge admission for outdoor events, the purchase of this pass supports all athletic teams.

School Pictures Are on September 30

School pictures are on Friday, Sept. 30 from 9 a.m. to noon. Watch for additional details in future editions of the Blazer Blast.

keep in mind that many classes are full. Schedule changes may be difficult to make.



National Suicide & Crisis Lifeline Launched

9-8-8 is a 3-digit dialing code for the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, where compassionate, accessible care and support are available for anyone experiencing mental health-related distress. People in crisis can call or text 988 or use the web chat available at 988lifeline.org.

The goals for the Lifeline are to:

- Provide immediate, confidential counseling to someone in distress.
- De-escalate suicidal or distressed thoughts.
- Connect people with local resources when appropriate.

Learn About Honor Rolls & Career Academic Honors

University High School has honor roll and high honor roll.

- A student earns a place on the honor roll when their unweighted semester grade point average is at least 3.30 but lower than 3.70.
- A student earns a place on the high honor roll when their unweighted semester grade point average is 3.70 or higher.



Refresh your memory with these reminders from [last week's Blazer Blast](#). Past editions of the weekly newsletter may be found on our website in the [Blazer Blast archive](#).

- **Parents must notify the school of any absences, tardies, or appointments taking students out of school for any part of a day.** To submit a request for prearranged absence, you may email School Secretary [Kathy Davis](#) or fill out [this Google Form](#). When a student must be absent due to illness or emergency, a parent or guardian should notify the school attendance line (call 317-733-4475 and choose 2 from the main menu or extension 501) or email us at attendance@universityhighschool.org by 8:30 a.m. on the day of the absence.
- Visit this link if you'd like to order **lunches** from Schoolhouse Fare. See [this document for instructions](#). The password for new families is "UHS." Students may also bring lunch. However, no other food can be ordered from or delivered to school during school hours by restaurants or other services such as Door Dash or Uber Eats.
- **Subscribe to Emergency & School Closing Notifications via [EventLink](#).** See [this updated document](#) detailing instructions.
- **AM Check begins on Monday, Aug. 29** and meets in room 110 from 8:45 to 9:15 a.m. on U Days and 8 to 8:30 a.m. on all other days.

Read further details in the [2022-23 Course Guide](#).

Three different Career Academic Awards are awarded upon graduation:

- Highest honors (given to graduating seniors who earned high honor roll status all eight semesters of high school)
- High honors (given to graduating seniors who earned either high honor roll or honor roll status for all eight semesters of high school)
- Honors (given to graduating seniors who earned either high honor roll or honor roll status for six or seven semesters of high school)

Read more about Career Academic and other awards on our [website](#) and in the Student-Parent Handbook, which can be downloaded from [My Backpack](#) under My Documents.

- **HW Club (Homework Club) begins on Monday, Aug. 29.** HW Club meets in room 110 with Jana Foster on Mondays from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. and Tuesdays through Thursdays from 3:15 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

- Please contact [Ellyn Walerstein](#) for questions about **tutors and peer tutors** throughout the year.
- The Parent Association invites parents and guardians to **join the [Awesome Trailblazer Parents! Facebook group](#)** to stay connected to other parents and keep up to date on PA information.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Back to School Night is Wednesday

Parents, please join your student's mentor and teachers for **Back to School Night this Wednesday, Aug. 24 at 6:30 p.m.** At Back to School Night, you can get a sense of your student's day and workload. After opening remarks in Andrews Hall, parents meet with their student's mentor and then rotate through their student's schedule, visiting each

College Counseling Hosts Financial Aid Evening on Aug. 31

Have questions about financial aid for college? Come learn more on Wednesday, Aug. 31 from 7 to 8 p.m. in Fairbanks Hall. At this presentation, a financial aid representative from the University of Indianapolis will go over the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), talk about the prior-prior FAFSA deadlines, and answer any questions you may have on financial aid. Watch your email for a link from College Counseling.

Evening with Colleges at University High School, Sep. 13

Please join College Counseling on Tuesday, Sep. 13 at 6 p.m. for our Evening with Colleges event. More information will be sent out later this month.

classroom.

While there isn't time for individual parent-teacher meetings, parents may arrange for later meetings, if needed. Knowing your student's mentor's name when you arrive will expedite the night, but we'll have lists to help if needed!

This event is designed for parents and guardians only.

Last Chance! New Parents RSVP for Head of School Reception

New parents and guardians are invited to a reception with Alicia LaMagdeleine prior to Back to School Night on Wednesday, Aug. 24 at 5 p.m. in the outdoor lounge. RSVP by the end of today by emailing [Adrienne Glidewell Smith](mailto:Adrienne.Glidewell.Smith).

All Parents Invited to Attend the Insider's Guide to UHS on Sep. 12

The UHS Parent Association will hold its first public meeting of the year featuring the Insider's Guide to UHS on Monday, Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. New and experienced parents and guardians are invited to participate in UHS trivia and learn tips for being a parent at UHS.



The 2022 Trailblazer Awards Gala is on Nov. 12

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



University Junior Selected for the 2022-23 Mayor's Youth



The Chris Center is Enrolling Participants for Fall Alpaca Program

The fall session of The Chris Center's Alpaca Adventure Program will run for

Leadership Council in Indianapolis

Junior Samriddhi Patankar has been selected to serve on Mayor Joe Hogsett's Indianapolis Mayor's Youth Leadership Council (MYLC).

The MYLC is made up of a diverse group of teens in their junior or senior year of high school representing all nine Indianapolis townships. The group advises Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett and the city government on issues that impact young people and helps shape strategies to improve their communities.

three weeks in September.

The Alpaca Adventure Program is a unique experience that helps teens learn about wellness and mindfulness while exploring nature, spending time with amazing alpacas, and having fun with friends.

Saturday and Sunday options and limited scholarships are available. More information and registration information are available on [The Chris Center's website](#).

The Chris Center, Inc. offers an innovative approach to teen wellness by connecting adolescents to nature and providing opportunities for human-animal interaction.



Center for Leadership Development College Prep Conference & College Fair, Aug. 27

The Center for Leadership Development invites students and parents to the Indiana Convention Center on Saturday, Aug. 27 for their College Prep Conference & College Fair. [Learn more](#).

IU & Purdue Night Via Zoom, Aug. 30

Please join us for a virtual IU and Purdue information session on Tuesday, Aug. 30 from 6 to 7 p.m. Please visit [this link](#) and use the password "Boilers" to join the event.

HBCU College Fair at Carmel High School, Sep. 8

Come learn more about 12 HBCU colleges at Carmel High School in their Freshman Cafe on Thursday, Sep. 8 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Colleges in attendance are Morehouse, Howard, Fisk, Tennessee State, Tuskegee, Alabama A&M, Delaware

Columbia Engineering Experience 2022, Applications Due Sep. 9

CE2 was created to encourage high-achieving high school seniors from historically underrepresented backgrounds to explore an engineering education at Columbia. It is a selective virtual program designed for high school seniors and will take place Oct 8-9. Apply [here](#), due Sept 9.

Scholarship Resources

It's never too early for seniors to start searching and applying for scholarships. Here are several scholarship resources that UHS recommends: [goingmerry](#), [Central Indiana Community Foundation \(CICF\)](#), [fastweb](#), [scholarships.com](#). As always, be on the lookout for [scholarship scams & swindles](#).

College Rep Visits

College representatives have started scheduling their visits to UHS. Juniors and seniors are eligible to attend a maximum

State, Talladega, University of Arkansas Pine Bluff, Alabama State, Lincoln State, and Central State.

of five visits, must register in advance via SCOIR to attend, and must check in with their teacher before missing class. On the calendar for the week of August 22 are Wabash College, University of Louisville, and Johnson & Wales University (Providence).

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