



Read Head of School Alicia LaMagdeleine's Reflection on the First Two Weeks of School

It has been a great two weeks at University! Students – old and new – are making themselves comfortable in this space. They are talking with each other and with the adults in the building. They are celebrating successes and engaging in critical topics at community meeting. And they are having lunch in the sun all around the campus.

As we wrap up our first weeks back, I wanted to share a few highlights that showcase how University creates community. [Read more.](#)



This Monday, Aug. 29 is the Last

Complete Form for Testing With Accommodations

Are you taking a PSAT, ACT, SAT, or AP Exam in the 2022-23 school year? Do you wish to use accommodations (extra time, reader, large font, or computer) on any of these tests? If so, please fill out [this information form](#) for our Learning Support Services department so they can coordinate these accommodations.

Register Now for UHS Social Problem Solvers Group Beginning on Sep. 8

Beginning on Tuesday, Sep. 8, LSS is offering a weekly group for students to build social interaction skills. The group will meet each Thursday during flex time for eight weeks beginning on Sep. 8. See [this flyer](#) for more information. To register, complete [this form](#) and return it to [Ellyn Walerstein](#) as soon as possible. You may contact Mrs. Walerstein with questions.



Refresh your memory with these reminders from last week's Blazer Blast. Past editions of the weekly

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

Review Attendance Policy in Student-Parent Handbook

The [Student-Parent Handbook](#) is full of useful information. Pages 14-17 cover various aspects of attendance, including prearranged absences, emergency absences, make-up work, Zoom for extended absences, and the school's policies on managing absences and tardies. Please read this information to familiarize yourself with University's attendance practices.

You may download the Student-Parent Handbook at [this link](#) or in My BackPack under My Documents.



Host a Guatemalan Student for Eight Weeks This Fall

We are excited to announce that we once again have the opportunity to welcome Guatemalan students to our school this fall! We are **currently seeking host families for three students** who will arrive mid-October and remain with us through early December. This is a great opportunity to share your home with an enthusiastic young person, learn about a new culture, and make lasting memories

newsletters may be found on our website in the [Blazer Blast archive](#).

- Parents, if you have not done so, please log in to [My BackPack](#) to view media information and **complete immunization record and field trips/student driving permission forms**.
- Families who have not completed **consent to treat forms** should go to our [Final Forms page](#) and follow the instructions in [this document](#).
- People in crisis can call or text the **Suicide & Crisis Lifeline** at 988 or use the web chat available at [988lifeline.org](#) for compassionate, accessible care and support.
- **School pictures are on Friday, Sept. 30** from 9 a.m. to noon. Watch for additional details in future editions of the Blazer Blast.
- **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. Registration is required to attend. Email [Ellyn Walerstein](#) for information and to register. Daily attendance is required.
- **HW Club (Homework Club) begins on Monday, Aug. 29.** HW Club meets in room 110 with Jana Foster Monday to Thursday from 3:15 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. All students are welcome to HW Club and can select days for participation. Registration is suggested. Email [Ellyn Walerstein](#) for more information and to register. Need help remembering? Hang [this poster](#) on your bulletin board to remember.
- Contact [Ellyn Walerstein](#) for questions about **tutors and peer tutors** throughout the year.
- Students experiencing [symptoms](#) of COVID (fever, fatigue, sore throat, stuffy nose, congestion, cough, etc.) should

and connections. To learn more about hosting, please contact International Programs Director [Shannon Swann](#).

Longer-Term International Student Hosting Opportunities Available

Have you ever considered a longer-term hosting experience? Hosting an exchange student for the year through a student exchange organization is a chance to build a lifelong relationship and share your culture with a young person from another country. **Students from around the world are currently awaiting placement with local host families.** If your family would consider hosting a student for the 2022-23 school year, please contact [Shannon Swann](#) as soon as possible.

stay home and contact [Stacey Summitt-Mann](#) for more information.

- Family, individual, and grandparent Trailblazer Club passes are available [here](#).
- Seniors are asked to submit **senior portraits and baby pictures** to [Maddy MacAllister](#) by the end of October.
- **Join the [Awesome Trailblazer Parents! Facebook group](#)** to stay connected to other parents and keep up to date on PA information.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Pack The Stands on Thursday, Sep. 8

The University campus will be abuzz with fall sports on Thursday, Sep. 8. Let's show our school spirit and pack the stands! Break out your Trailblazer blue, pack your favorite snacks, and join us for fall sports fun!

Boys Tennis

vs. Covenant Christian High School
Varsity at 4:30 p.m.

Boys Soccer

vs. Anderson Preparatory Academy
Varsity at 5:30 p.m., JV at 7 p.m.

Girls Volleyball

vs. Shortridge
Varsity at 6:30 p.m., JV at 5:30 p.m.



All Parents Are 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.

UNIVERSITY NEWS

Auditions for the Fall Play

Begin on Sep. 12

Auditions for the fall play, *Fools* by Neil Simon, are on **Monday, Sep. 12 at 3:30 p.m.** Callbacks are on Tuesday, Sep. 13 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Students wishing to audition should get audition sides and sign-up outside the music room for a slot. Contact [Callie Hartz](#) with questions.

Fools follows Leon Steponovich Tolchinsky, a schoolteacher who takes a new job educating Sophia, the daughter of Dr. Zubritsky and his wife, Lenya. Leon soon learns that there is a curse on the village that makes everyone stupid, but complications ensue when Leon falls in love with his pupil. Show dates are Friday, Oct. 28 to Sunday, Oct. 30.



HBCU College Tour Info Session is on Tuesday, Aug. 30

Any students and families interested in attending the HBCU college tour to Spelman, Morehouse and Clark Atlanta University from Oct. 20 to 23, please join Lade Akande on Zoom for an information session on **Tuesday, Aug. 30 from 7 to 8 p.m.** Use this [link](#) to join. The meeting ID is 835 7529 3905, and the passcode is hbcu.



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. Register [here](#). Scan the QR code on [this flyer](#) to see an up-to-date list of colleges attending the evening.

College Evening with Junior Parents, Sep. 19

College Counseling invites all junior parents to join us for **College Evening with**

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

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.

HBCU College Fair at Crispus Attucks Medical Magnet, Sep. 22

Junior Parents on Sep. 19 at 7 p.m. to talk all things timeline, college visits, testing, and college list-building.

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.](#)

Academy Day, Aug. 29

High school students who are interested in learning more about attending one of the nation's service academies are invited to attend Academy Day on Monday, Aug. 29 at the Indiana National Guard Lawrence Armory. Representatives from the U.S. Military Academy, the U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Air Force Academy, and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy will be on hand to answer questions about these schools. Doors open at 3:30 p.m., with presentations at 4 p.m. Contact academy_nominations@young.senate.gov with any questions.

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.

The Indianapolis Black Alumni Council's (IBAC) 43rd Annual HBCU College Fair will be held Thursday, Sep. 22nd from 6 to 9 p.m. at Crispus Attucks Medical Magnet High School. See [flyer](#) for more information.

The Scholarship Opportunity Network for Seniors with a GPA of 3.0 or Higher will take place on Friday, Sep. 23rd from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Exploring College Options, Sep. 18 Through Oct. 3

Together, Duke, Georgetown, Harvard, Penn, and Stanford will be hosting virtual programs on Sep. 18, Sep. 19, Oct. 2, and Oct. 3. More info [here](#).

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 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 29** are Northeastern University and Johnson & Wales University.

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