



The Valley Voice

A publication of the USPA developed by parents and staff to provide information of interest and import to US families

Future Dates

Saturday, December 3

- USPA After-Prom Tree Sale, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 6 – Friday December 9

- USPA Book Sale at Shaker Campus (see article for details)

Saturday, December 10

- USPA After-Prom Tree Sale, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 11

- USPA After-Prom Tree Sale, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 13

- Holiday Jazz Jingle Jam, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 15

- Glee Club Holiday Concert, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 16

- Winter Recess Begins – Classes dismissed at noon

Saturday, December 17

- Alumni Holiday Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, January 3, 2006

- Classes resume

Tuesday, January 17 - Friday, January 20

- Semester Exams

Check www.us.edu for a complete calendar

Time For Service

As a way to help our sons become well-rounded, contributing members of society, US provides a number of opportunities for service to the school, as well as to the larger community.

Each year, Upper School boys are required to perform school service. This consists of one week each semester where students stay after school for about 15 minutes to straighten classrooms and common areas.

Boys are also expected to perform four hours of Cadmean service – service to the school community – each year. Cadmean service can include assisting at athletic events as a timekeeper or ball boy, or working the concession stand. It may also include assisting the Theater

Department by ushering, set painting, or serving on stage crew. Boys who perform eight additional hours of in-school service, above the required four hours, can become members of the Cadmean Society. Documented Cadmean hours need to be turned into Ms. Kalman who maintains the Cadmean Society log.

The Aurelian Society, headed by seniors Ryan Mayes and Tony Hilal, organizes several school-wide community service projects. To earn membership in the Aurelian society, boys need to perform eight hours of community service per year beyond the time spent in school-sponsored activities. Documented Aurelian hours need to be turned into the student's housemaster.

Katrina Relief Effort

The Le family has returned to New Orleans to pick up the threads of their life again. They thank the US community for so generously donating gift certificates, clothing, kitchen items, etc., as they worked to get

back on their feet after Hurricane Katrina. They were extremely grateful for the help they received.

On behalf of Headmaster Steve Murray and the school community, thank you for your help.

Senior Section

CCIS Financial Aid Program (a program designed to explain financial aid for college) Monday, December 5, 7:00 p.m. at Laurel School.

USPA Parent Coffee and Discussion with Doug Lagarde and Margaret Mason, Friday January 13, 2006, at 8:30 a.m. in the Callow Room immediately following morning assembly.

In December, the parent representatives for the senior class are planning to sponsor a long break for the seniors including bagels and refreshments (date to be announced).

December 16: Firm Deadline for Graduation and Yearbook Forms

With the flurry of excitement that prevails as the holidays approach, it is imperative that important documents get completed and returned to School before winter break. Please be mindful of the need to attend to these forms in a timely manner, as it ensures that the long lead times for printing and production can be met.

Graduation Forms

Please turn in the form you should have already received requesting your input on how you would like your son's name to appear on his diploma. In addition, please return the order form for University School invitations to graduation. These two forms need to be returned to Ann Friebertshauer, who can be contacted at ext. 7358. Call her if you have any questions or need a replacement for any forms lost in the ever-growing pile of papers on your desk! If the School does not receive your diploma form by December 16, your son's name will appear on his diploma as it is listed in the US directory.

Yearbook Forms

Seniors received their *Mabian* senior page information packet in October, so they should be getting pictures and/or quotes gathered for their pages. December 16 is the absolute deadline! All materials for your son's page can be turned into Andrew Singer, editor. Please don't send in original photographs (copies are used) as the *Mabian* staff cannot guarantee the return of these pictures from Jostens. Text should be submitted on a piece of paper or disk.

Alumni Holiday Lunch

The 2005 Annual Alumni Holiday Luncheon will be held on Saturday, December 17 at the Hunting Valley campus. Traditional paddle tennis will be held starting at 9:00 a.m. at a location to be determined. Squash courts on the Hunting Valley campus will be open for play at 9:00 a.m. Wassail will be served starting at 11:30 a.m.; lunch begins promptly at 12:15 p.m. with Alumni Association business to follow. This luncheon is free to all US alumni, faculty and the Class of 2006.

The 2004 Alumni Holiday Luncheon was another

rousing success. Almost 300 US alumni and faculty members, past and present, met on a snowy Saturday for wassail, lunch and news about the school and the US Alumni Association.

All members of the Class of 2005 are encouraged to pick up their copies of the 2005 *Mabian* that morning, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

We hope all US alumni and the current members of the Class of 2006 will attend this festive event. Contact Jeffrey Starrett in the Alumni Office at 216.831.2210 or at jstarrett@us.edu to RSVP.

Faculty/Staff Appreciation

Please remember to donate any "unable to use" event tickets to the Faculty/Staff appreciation lottery.

Contact Paula Polakof
216-464-6682
ppolakof@yahoo.com

It's never too late to donate, An appreciative US faculty or staff member will be chosen.



Junior Section

Mark your calendar:

Wednesday, January 11, 2006, 8:30 a.m. in the Callow Room immediately following morning assembly - 11th grade USPA Parent Coffee & Discussion with Doug Lagarde and Margaret Mason

Christmas Tree and Wreath Sale

The holiday season is upon us, as is that long-awaited event: the Christmas Tree and Wreath Sale. Saturday, December 3; Saturday, December 10; and Sunday, December 11 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Smythe Pavilion. We will have an excellent assortment of trees, wreaths and pine roping.

Profits from this sale support the Junior-Senior After-Prom. Our goal is to make the After-Prom a fun,

safe and memorable event for all our boys and their dates. Show your support and pick a great tree in the process! Satisfy your holiday decorating needs and share holiday cheer with other US families.

Volunteers are still needed to prepare and help with refreshments on the days of the sale and with the sale itself. If interested, contact Ginger VanWagenen @ 216.371.2228 or ginger@vanwagenen.net.

Upcoming Spring Trips

Three US athletic teams are organizing spring trips for March 2006. The varsity baseball, varsity lacrosse and varsity tennis teams are going to Florida during the second week of spring break.

Baseball is tentatively departing for IMG Academies in Bradenton on Friday, March 24 and returning on Thursday, March 30. Tony Iliano (extension 7336 - tiliano@us.edu) is the contact person.

Lacrosse is tentatively departing for Disney Lacrosse camps in Bradenton on Saturday, March 25 and returning on Friday, March 31. Jack Fisher (extension 7409 - jfisher@us.edu) is the contact person.

Tennis is booked for the Evert Tennis Academy in Boca Raton. They arrive on March 27 and return on March 31. The trip is already full. Paul Gibbs is the contact person (extension 7486 - pgibbs@us.edu).

Sophomore Section

Mark your calendar:

Monday, January 9, 2006, 8:30 a.m. in the Callow Room immediately following morning assembly - 10th grade USPA Parent Coffee & Discussion with Doug Lagarde & Margaret Mason

Freshman Section

Mark your calendar:

Friday, January 6, 2006, 8:30 am in the Callow Room immediately following morning assembly - 9th grade USPA Parent Coffee & Discussion with Doug Lagarde & Margaret Mason

The USPA Book Fair Is Coming

Simplify your holiday shopping this year and support University School at the same time!

Mark your calendars... Tuesday, December 6 - Friday, December 9, at the Shaker Campus~Conway Hall from 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. *Note:* Extended Hours on Wednesday, December 7 until 6:00 p.m.

Books for all ages, classic games, creative gifts and more provided by Barnes and Noble at Eton Collection. You can make your purchases in person at the Book Fair or shop at Barnes and Noble, Eton Collection, between

December 6 and December 13, reference that you're from US at the checkout counter and USPA will get credit for your sale. It's that easy to support our boys!!!!

Should you have any questions, please contact Barbara Arison 216.283.5573, Aleksandra Tomich 216.751.8535 or Debbie Donley 440.247.4030.

The Book Fair is open to all so bring your family, bring your friends... the more the merrier!!!!

TOGETHER, we can all make a difference here at University School.

Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale

Save the Dates!

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Saturday, December 10
Sunday, December 11
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Questions?
Want to volunteer?
Call Ginger Van Wagenen
216-371-2228
ginger@vanwagenen.net

Testing and Education Reference Center

The Wean Research Library now has a new database called Testing and Education Reference Center and it is designed to help boys studying for the SAT, SAT II Subject Tests, ACT and AP Tests. To access the site you need to start at the Upper School website (<http://upper.us.edu>) and click on the link for Academics, then the link for Library, and finally on the link that says Testing Center. Then you click on Test Preparation and select which test you would like to practice. Each test site allows students to read study manu-

als and take practice tests, which are scored, online. Feedback is given about incorrect answers. The only caveat is that most tests take several hours to complete, but students can save their work and go back to their saved test by clicking on the personalized toolbox that will allow them to create a username and password. Contact Head Librarian Lisa Ulery if you would like additional information. She is very excited to spread the word about this great resource and can be contacted at 216.831.2200 ext. 7347.

Prep Shop Features Holiday Gifts

Great holiday gifts with a US touch are available for students and family members at the Prep Shop.

Hours: 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m., Monday - Friday.

Location: Adjacent to the Stouffer Dining Hall (accessed through the Dining Hall; ask anyone for directions!).

What to buy: Zipped, hooded, colored sweat-shirts; Under Armour garments; cold weather gear; stadium blankets; class T-shirts; travel mugs; play-

ing cards; and US boxers. All make great stocking stuffers. It is not too late to order varsity jackets.

Payment methods: School accounts, cash, checks and credit cards.

Prep Shop Online: You can also shop online at <http://upper.us.edu/prep-shop/>.

Interested in volunteering? Contact either Kelly Biggar 440.442.9866 or biggarrmb@adelphia.com; or Olivia Demas 330.659.3001 or oliviapd@aol.com.

ANNUAL "FUND" FACTS

Did You Know?

Our Goal is 100% Parent Participation in the Annual Fund.

EVERY gift counts, no matter the amount.

To date, 20% of US families have pledged or made a gift to the Annual Fund.

Your gift today will bring us closer to our goal of 100% participation.

Thank You!

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