

# 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

### Wednesday, November 2

- USPA General Meeting at 7:15 p.m.  
Program: Testing - SAT IIs and APs

### Thursday, November 10

- Fall Sports Dessert, 7:00 p.m., Stouffer Dining Hall

### Friday, November 11

- International Dinner, 6:15 p.m., Stouffer Dining Hall
- Fall Play, "Enter Laughing," 8:00 p.m., Gund Auditorium

### Saturday, November 12

- Fall Play, "Enter Laughing," 8:00 p.m., Gund Auditorium

### Tuesday, November 15

- Admission Open House, 8:00 – 10:30 a.m.

### Wednesday, November 16

- Sophomore Parents' College Program, 7:00 p.m.

### Saturday, November 19

- Parent/Sponsor Conferences, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Glee Club performing in KSU Men's Chorus Day Concert, 7:30 p.m., Kent State University Auditorium

### Wednesday, November 23

- Thanksgiving Recess Begins

### Monday, November 28

- Classes Resume

### Saturday, December 3

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

### 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.

Check [www.us.edu](http://www.us.edu) for a complete calendar

## Thanksgiving Food Project

The Thanksgiving holiday brings into sharp contrast the bounty of many in the US community with the needs of the less fortunate. A US Thanksgiving tradition has been for all the boys to contribute both financially and of their time in packing and delivering approximately 250 Thanksgiving baskets to needy families.

Families will be identified with the assistance of the Mt. Pleasant Now Development Corporation, which is directed by Thomas Stone, father of Kevin '04 and Jonathan '06. Instead of donating food items, each boy is expected to contribute \$15 to the food drive. The Nov. 22 lunch will be a 'sparse' lunch, with the

money that would have been used to provide their normal lunches being donated to the food drive. The money will be used to purchase turkey, potatoes and the canned goods that make a traditional Thanksgiving meal. On Nov. 22 the baskets will be packed by the US community within an hour! The following day, the baskets will be delivered by US boys.

US families who wish to extend their support for the Thanksgiving Food Project can make a monetary contribution. Checks payable to the University School Thanksgiving Food Project should be sent to Monica Boczek. It is a great way to share the holiday spirit.

## Kudos to the Class of 2006 National Merit Scholars

University School is honored to have 22 seniors recognized in the 2006 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Eleven seniors qualified as National Merit Semifinalists. They are: Benjamin H. Braverman, Blair E. Cathcart, Wen D. Chen, Sebastien A.R. Dothey, Ian A. Gutierrez, Michael P. Jancsy, Timothy M. Markman, Gregg J. Sadowski, John T. Smetona, Robert R. Stenson and Andrew E.L. Youngstrom.

National Merit Letters of Commendation were awarded to: Brent D. Ballard, Emerick J. Corsi, Tyler C. Coverdale, George M. Dise, Anthony M. Hilal, Alex W. Locke, Michael T. Murphy, Chuck L. Petrey, Fady S. Riad and William D. Wolf.

In addition, the National Achievement Scholarship Program recognized Geoff J. Banker.

Congratulations to all the aforementioned for their outstanding achievement!

## Senior Section

SAT I & II exams are offered on the following Saturdays:

- November 5, 2005
- December 3, 2005
- January 28, 2006

Daily announcements are made regarding college visits and area meetings in morning assembly. There is also a college board (near the foreign language wing) where monthly and daily college visits are posted.

College visits can change, so check the web site, [www.us.edu](http://www.us.edu), for a comprehensive up-to-date schedule.

### Is Your Senior Still Undecided About College? Is Your Junior Exploring Opportunities?

Campus visits often help clarify priorities and discover the ambiance undisclosed in the college handbook. While visiting college campuses, please stop at the campus bookstore and consider a prize donation for the After-Prom. After-Prom prizes are almost exclusively dependent upon donations. College insignia items – especially ball caps, T-shirts, water bottles, athletic shorts, pajama pants, sweat pants and hooded sweatshirts – make very popular prizes for our sons and their dates at the After-Prom.

We especially appreciate parents remembering that some donations should be suitable for girls. Other sug-

gestions for “girl” prizes are the “free gift” of make-up from MAC or Clinique or Estee Lauder that may be acquired during holiday promotions. Anyone interested in donating prizes for After-Prom or needing ideas, feel free to contact the After-Prom Prize Committee: Michele Demetriou at 216.225.9808, Debbie Evans at 440.543.0821, Maureen Howell at 440.951.1187 or Corinne Suresky-Bednarik at 330.278.2227.

All donations are appreciated and tax deductible and can easily be dropped off with Ms. Janice Kalman at the school reception desk or arranged for pick up by contacting a member of the prize committee.

## International Dinner

November 11

U S's annual International Dinner is Friday, Nov. 11, in the Upper School Stouffer Dining Hall. Please join us for this casual, gastronomical event! The dinner will be 6:15-7:45 p.m., preceding the fall play. All Upper School, eighth grade and faculty families are invited. On the enclosed flier/RSVP, indicate the type of dish you will bring to share (enough to feed 12). Dishes can be dropped off at Stouffer Dining Hall any time after 3:15 p.m. on Nov. 11. Volunteers will be available to assist you. Label your dish with its name, country of origin and level of spiciness. Make sure to pick up your container

when you leave! Cost for the International Dinner is \$15 per family to cover expenses.

Please send your RSVP and checks by November 1 to:

Sandy Erlanger  
5215 Ramblewood Ct.  
Solon, OH 44139

Questions?

Contact International Dinner co-chairs: Sandy Erlanger, 440.349.2444 or [kurlanger@adelphia.net](mailto:kurlanger@adelphia.net); or Clare Paquetel, 330.659.3973 or [cmpaquelet@aol.com](mailto:cmpaquelet@aol.com). Volunteers are welcome to help set up and clean up. Contact us if you would like to help.

### Last Chance For Lottery Raffle Tickets

N ovember 30 is the deadline for buying raffle tickets to benefit After-Prom 2006. Each ticket gives you 27 chances to win \$100. Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25. Check

out the enclosed flyer and mail your order soon. Thank you to all the families who have purchased tickets already... We appreciate your support!

## Junior Section

**Wednesday, November 16**

Juniors & Davey Fellows to Cleveland Playhouse, 10 a.m.

**Wednesday, January 11, 2006**

Mark your calendar – 11th grade USPA Parent Coffee

## Parent/Sponsor Conferences

**P**arent/Sponsor Conferences are scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 19, 2005 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Conferences are planned to be one-half hour in length and must be scheduled no later than Wednesday, Nov. 16.

Appointments with sponsors can be made by calling Ann Friebertshauser at 216-831-1984 ext. 7358. Parents who are unavailable on Nov. 19 may contact the student's sponsor directly to schedule a conference on an alternate, mutually convenient date.

## Glee Club News

**K**SU Men's Chorus and four high school men's groups, including the US Glee Club, will be participating in the KSU Men's Chorus Day on Saturday, Nov. 19th. The day will be filled with small-group coaching, private lessons and rehearsals and conclude with a massed chorale of 250+ singers from KSU and the participating schools. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at KSU's University Auditorium. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students with ID. Come and hear the US Glee Club perform in this exciting program.

## Freshman Section

**Friday, January 6, 2006**

Mark your calendar – 9th grade USPA Parent Coffee

## Take Your Seats, Please!

**U**niversity School Alumni, Parents, Grandparents, Students and Friends have a unique opportunity to join The University School Committee of a Thousand by endowing one of a thousand seats in Conway Hall at the Shaker campus or Gund Auditorium at Hunting Valley.

For a one-time, tax-deductible donation of \$1,000, acknowledgement will be engraved on the arm of your endowed seat for the life of the chair.

To become a Seat Endower, simply call Nancy McGinty at 216.831.6323 or e-mail her at [NCM03@aol.com](mailto:NCM03@aol.com). She will contact you to arrange a convenient time to review seat availability. Seats will be distributed on a first-come, first served basis as payment is received and seat selection confirmed by Nancy McGinty.

We hope you will take this opportunity to recognize someone important to you and support the arts at University School.

## Sophomore Section

**Thursday, October 27**

Sophomore Donut Day for the boys, Callow Room during break, 10:00 a.m. – 10:24 a.m.

**Wednesday, November 16**

Sophomore Parents' College Program, 7:00 p.m.  
An introductory information session with University School's college counselors aimed at providing an overview of the college admission process.

**Monday, January 9, 2006**

Mark your calendar – 10th grade USPA Parent Coffee

## Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale

**Save the Dates!**

Saturday, December 3  
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](mailto:ginger@vanwagenen.net)

## Twice as Nice

One of the ingredients of a good yearbook is a variety of candid shots that official yearbook photographers cannot capture by themselves. In light of this, the *Mabian* staff would like to solicit copies of any photographs you may have of your son and other students during US-related activities. Photographs taken at sports events and dances are especially appreciated. Please

note that the return of your photos is not guaranteed, so send in your duplicate copies! The *Mabian* staff cannot possibly include every photo submitted in the yearbook due to space constraints, but every effort is made to include the greatest variety possible. Please send your duplicate copies to *Mabian* faculty advisor, Dr. Jonathan Briggs. Thanks in advance for your help.

## Mabian Pick-Up Brunch

Members of the Class of 2005 may pick up their copies of the *Mabian* from the Alumni Office prior to the annual Alumni Holiday Luncheon on Saturday, Dec. 17. Pickup will start at 11 a.m.; lunch begins at noon in the Stouffer Dining Hall.

## What's New in the Prep Shop?

Come visit the Prep Shop and pick up these new items! Lanyards to hold your keys, US wristbands in black, maroon and white to show your school spirit, class T-shirts, new zipper sweatshirts, and Under Armour for the cold weather!

If your son will be receiving his first varsity letter on Nov. 17, have him stop in the Prep Shop to be custom fitted and to place an order for his varsity jacket before the holiday rush.

The Prep Shop is open every day during the lunch period and will be open during Conference Day, Nov. 19.

### ANNUAL "FUND" FACTS

#### Did You Know?

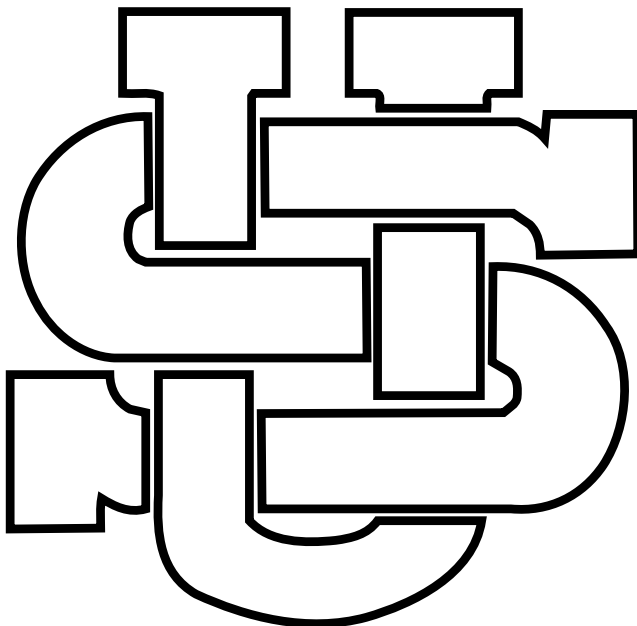
Tuition does not cover the cost of educating your son.

There is a \$5,039 gap per student!

Gifts to the Annual Fund help US make up the difference.

Please consider making a gift to the 2005-2006 Annual Fund.

Thank you!



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