Future Dates

**Tuesday, January 3**
Classes resume

**Friday, January 6**
9th Grade USPA Parent Coffee

**Monday, January 9**
10th Grade USPA Parent Coffee

**Wednesday, January 11**
11th Grade USPA Parent Coffee

**Friday, January 13**
End of Semester I
12th Grade USPA Parent Coffee

**Monday, January 16**
Martin Luther King Jr. Day – No classes

**Tuesday, January 17 – Friday, January 20**
Semester Exams

**Monday, January 23**
Semester II begins

**Wednesday, February 8**
USPA General Meeting at 7:15 p.m.
Topic: Presentation of the Strnad & Davey Fellows opportunities

**Friday, February 17 – Monday, February 20**
Mid-Winter Break – No Classes

**Tuesday, February 21**
Classes resume

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

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January Coffees

In lieu of a general meeting this month, the USPA will offer four separate grade-level coffees. Be sure to attend these informative discussions with guest speakers Doug Lagarde, Associate Headmaster, Head of the Hunting Valley Campus, and Margaret Mason, Upper School Dean of Students.

Coffees will begin at 8:30 a.m. immediately following morning assembly, which you are welcome to attend. The coffees will be in the Callow Alumni Room, located across from the squash courts in the Kilroy Field House.

USPA Coffees
9th grade
   - Friday, January 6
10th grade
   - Monday, January 9
11th grade
   - Wednesday, January 11
12th grade
   - Friday, January 13

Semester Exam Week

Semester exams are scheduled for January 17-20 this year. During exam week, regular classes will not be in session, and days will be of varying lengths for each boy. Please look for a letter in the mail from Doug Lagarde explaining the procedures and providing times and room assignments for exams. Lunch will be offered only by sign-up for boys who need to be at School during lunchtime (see exam schedule). Shuttles will run between the two campuses; check exam schedule for times. According to Mr. Lagarde, the best advice for our sons during exam week is to get a good night's sleep and pace their studying.

US Faculty/Staff Appreciation

You have season tickets to the Cleveland Orchestra, Great Lakes Theater Festival, the Cavs, etc. You can’t go at the last minute. What do you do? Contact Paula Polakof, 216-464-6682 or [ppolakof@yahoo.com](mailto:ppolakof@yahoo.com)

She will find a US faculty or staff member who would love to use the tickets!
Senior Section

Friday, January 13
12th Grade Parent Coffee and Discussion
with Doug Lagarde and Margaret Mason, at
8:30 a.m. in the Callow Room immediately fol-
lowing morning assembly.

Saturday, January 28
SAT I & SAT II (other sites)
Senior class parents will be providing snacks for
the first day of semester exams

Junior Section

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

Wednesday, January 25
CCIS Junior College Panel, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., at
Fairmount Temple
The panel will include deans of admissions from Cornell, U. Penn., Kenyon and OSU to
examine a wide range of topics pertaining to
college admission. Due to space limitations,
this program is for juniors only.

Thursday, February 9
Junior College Night (Parents only), 7:00 p.m.,
at US
This program will familiarize parents of US
juniors with college admission procedures and
guidelines as they are handled by University
School.

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!

Politics as Usual
A highlight on the
winter calendar
this year is the
21st annual Class of ’35
Political Awareness Essay
Contest. The contest is de-
signed to foster the habit of
clear thinking about politi-
cal issues past and present
and to reward distinction
in the art of expository
writing while providing
the opportunity to under-
take original research. The
competition is open to all
Upper School students and
the winners are announced
at a morning assembly.
Each year a noted commu-
nity leader addresses the
students. Congresswoman
Stephanie Tubbs Jones was
the keynote speaker at last
year’s assembly. Details to
follow.

Davey and Strnad Fellowships
The Strnad and Davey
Fellowship programs
offer significant op-
portunities to a unique
group of ambitious stu-
dents to pursue indepen-
dent projects under the tu-
telege of a faculty advisor.
These projects allow for
exploration of a topic at a
college level.

The Strnad Fellowship involves projects of
advanced research, study
or inquiry well beyond
classroom work. To qualify,
a student must have taken
the available advanced
academic courses offered
by the School that relate
to the topic. To participate,
a student must submit a
detailed application in the
spring that demonstrates
his interest in a topic and
his ability to complete the
necessary research. The
Strnad Fellowship Head is
David Devore.

The Davey Fellowship is
designed to offer a variety
of opportunities to an elite
group of creative writers.
The program is open to
boys in the 10th through
12th grades. A student
applies to the program in
the spring, filling out an
application and presenting
a portfolio of his work,
which is then reviewed by
Jan Fazio, who makes the
decision to accept his pro-
sal. A boy has the option
of exploring his creativ-
ity in writing short stories,
poems, plays, novels, song
lyrics, or essays under the
advisement of a faculty
member who has a special
expertise in the area of
interest.
US Publications: The Write Stuff

The University School literary magazine, The Record, has been published since the School’s founding (1890). In its present form, it publishes the creative work of US students whether it be short stories, poems, photographs or drawings. Once the editorial staff has sifted through the material and selected what is to be published, they use Photoshop and PageMaker software to format the impressive book. The editor is Douglas Smythe and the faculty advisor is Jonathan Briggs.

The School’s yearbook, the Mabian, derives its name from the school colors of maroon and black and has been published every year since 1919. The Mabian staff strives to create the most visually stunning book possible. The editor is Andrew Singer and the faculty advisor is Jonathan Briggs.

The boys have also started new publications over the years. This year, Res Publicae, a publication devoted to politics and current events was founded. The political forum’s editor is David Opatrny. The faculty advisor is Alan Cate.

Sophomore Section

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

Freshman Section

Friday, January 6
9th Grade USPA Parent Coffee and Discussion with Doug Lagarde and Margaret Mason, 8:30 a.m. in Callow Room immediately following morning assembly.

Daniel W. Lopresti ’03 Philanthropic Board

To educate students about the importance of philanthropy and to give them first-hand experience in the process, University School has established The Daniel W. LoPresti ’03 Student Philanthropic Board, in memory of alumnus Daniel LoPresti who died in an automobile accident last year. It was created in the fall of 2005 with an initial grant from Marty and Gerry Conway ’49, and is supported by funds donated by the family and friends of Daniel LoPresti in his memory.

The LoPresti Board is unique because it is school-based and empowers high school students to become actively engaged in the philanthropic process. The directors will learn the nuts and bolts of charitable giving while gaining skills in group decision-making, leadership, and communication and returning something tangible to the community.

The current officers are seniors Jeremy O’Reilly, President; Chris Knox, Financial Officer; and Tony Hilal, Secretary.

In its inaugural year, the Board is soliciting proposals originating from the University School community that serves Northeast Ohio. The Board’s intention is to improve the quality of life of children in poverty – with an emphasis on education.

It is expected that more than $5,000 will be allocated during the 2005/2006 program year. Grant proposals are due by January 10. The Board will meet on February 13 to consider grant requests. If you are interested in submitting a grant request, an application form and brochure are available from Mrs. Wendie Forman, Associate Director of Advancement and LoPresti Board Advisor at 216.831.1984, ext. 7319 or by e-mail at wforman@us.edu.
This February, US boys will participate in the annual American Mathematics Competition. In the 75-minute contest, sponsored by the Mathematical Association of America, students answer challenging, open-ended problems covering a wide range of mathematical concepts. In general, the complexity of the questions is extremely high, far beyond those found on the SAT, for instance.

The contest recognizes the highest scoring student and other high scoring students from each school and provides statewide awards. The MAA regularly receives requests from top colleges and universities for the names of high scoring students. According to US Math Department Chair Peggy Wielenberg-Ajagu, the best parts of the competition are the discussion the contest generates among students and faculty as well as providing the boys with different yardsticks for measuring their ability and gauging their performance against a larger world.

This is only one of several math competitions available to US students.

Mabian Ads and Pictures

There is still time to send in candid photos of your son and his schoolmates engaged in US related activities! Parents take some of the best photos. The Mabian staff is especially interested in ones where the essence of the moment is most evident. Some wonderfully expressive moments caught on film have already been submitted, so if you have some photographic time capsules you’ve been meaning to send in, the time is now!

Please consider supporting the Mabian by purchasing a business or personal ad sending your best wishes and congratulations to our seniors in a memorable way. The yearbook staff would be most grateful for this type of support.

Ad space is available in sizes ranging from business cards up to a full page and can be reproduced in either black and white or color. Want to participate but need help with ideas? Have an idea but need some guidance on the “next step” details? Please contact Mabian faculty advisor Dr. Jonathan Briggs at 216.831.2200 ext. 7434.

USPA Thank You

On behalf of all the boys at the HV campus and their parents, I want say a public “Thank You” to the following parents who have chaired USPA activities for the first half of this school year. There are many other parents who have worked with these chairpersons helping to organize and staff the events. Because all of you have donated so generously of your time and talents, we are all more informed and connected with each other and our sons’ school. Hats off to...

Kelly Biggar & Olivia Demas ..........................................Prep Shop
Sandy Erlanger & Clare Paquetel .................................International Dinner
Hilary Bell, Kathy Marsh & Deborah Perkins.................Welcome Coffees
Elizabeth Stover Starrett & Jeff Starrett ............................Blazer Bargain Sale
Anne O’Shaughnessy .......................................................Shaker Campus Fall Reception
& After Prom Lottery
Donna Vadnais ...............................................................Homecoming
Linda Chittock & Myra Hughes .....................................School Decorating
Audrey Morris, Jane Peterson, Betsy Stueber,
Terry Stoller & Jane Meyer ..............................................Valley Voice
Ginger & Stu VanWagenen, Colleen Goss & Ed France .........................................Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale
Susan Althans .............................................................9th Grade Parent Party
Cyndi Hatch .................................................................10th Grade Parent Party
Jane Pinkas .................................................................11th Grade Parent Party
Noha Ryder .................................................................12th Grade Parent Party

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