Future Dates

**Tuesday, February 28**
- Sherman Prize Speaking Contest 8:05 am in Gund Auditorium
- Spring Sports Teams Parents Meeting, 7:00 pm

**Monday, March 6**
- No Classes – Faculty Work Day

**Thursday, March 9**
- Winter Sports Dessert 7:00 pm in Stouffer Dining Hall

**Friday, March 17**
- End Interim III - Spring Break begins after last class

**Monday, April 3**
- No Classes – Professional Development Day

**Tuesday, April 4**
- Classes resume

**Saturday, April 8**
- Parent/Sponsor Conferences 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

**Wednesday, April 19**
- USPA General Meeting 8:05 am; Attend assembly then meet in Lecture Room.
  Topic: Course selection for upcoming year.

**Tuesday, April 25**
- Service Day – No Classes

**Friday, April 28**
- Last day of classes for Seniors

**Saturday, April 29**
- Junior/Senior Prom

**Sunday, April 30**
- US Jazz Ensemble and Combo plays at Nighttown at 5:30 p.m.

Check www.us.edu for a complete calendar

### Senior Speech

Major William Gunn established the senior speech program at University School in 1904. It offers the experience of public speaking to every boy and is intended to imbue each speaker with the confidence and prowess necessary to engage and impress an audience.

All Upper School boys are asked to develop their skills in public speaking. In English 9, boys give brief presentations in class. In English 10, they orally defend a term paper by delivering a formal synopsis of their work and by fielding questions from one or two examiners. In English 11, students give a 6-8 minute speech to classmates and it is typical that more than half the junior class goes on to participate in the Sherman Prize Speaking Contest. The culminating experience of University School’s public speaking program is the Senior Speech.

The speech is viewed as both a requirement and a privilege that must be given before the assembled school community in order for a senior to graduate. The school, confident in the student’s maturity, depth of experience, and cumulative skill in public speaking, offers each boy the opportunity to speak on a topic of his choosing. Students are encouraged to invite family members and friends to morning assembly to hear their speeches.

The process for giving a speech follows structured guidelines that begin three weeks before the student steps to the podium in morning assembly. Students can expand upon a subject they previously may have used before. However, it must be an extension of the topic to a more substantive level and not just a revisiting of the same idea. The speeches commence three weeks into the school year and continue with about two or three speeches given a week until May 1 when senior projects begin.

Boys who are Sherman Prize Speaking Contest finalists, Strnad Fellows working on individual projects, and varsity captains (who traditionally speak in morning assembly and at the Sports Dessert held at the end of each athletic season) are considered to have fulfilled the senior speech requirement.

The speakers receive an assessment from the Head of the English Department, Dr. Kokotailo, and their faculty advisor. Students who earn honors marks for their speeches will receive the Senior Speech Award on Honors Day.
Senior Section

Wednesday, April 12
Cum Laude Investiture, Gund Auditorium, 8:05 a.m.

Friday, April 28
Last day of classes for seniors

Saturday, April 29
Junior/Senior Prom

Monday, May 1
Senior Experience Begins

Monday-Friday, May 1-12
AP Exams

Tuesday, May 30
Honors Day
Graduation rehearsal (following Honors Day assembly)

Friday, June 2
Commencement

After-Prom

Anyone visiting college campuses between now and April 25 can make a much appreciated contribution to the Junior/Senior After-Prom by making a purchase at the campus bookstore.

College insignia apparel, T-shirts, ball caps, gym shorts, sweatshirts and, most especially, “hoodies” (hooded sweatshirts) are much appreciated prizes for the boys and their dates at the After-Prom.

Gift certificates to popular restaurants like Chipotle or stores like Best Buy make very popular prizes. Cash donations are also very welcome as the prize committee will soon be shopping for After Prom prizes.

If you have an item you would like to donate, you may drop it off with Ms. Janice Kalman at the reception desk or call a member of the prize committee (Michele Demetriou at 440.319.1500 or Deb Evans at 440.543.0821 or Maureen Howell at 440.951.1187).

Junior Section

Saturday, April 8
Parent/Sponsor Conferences 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 11
CCIS College Fair 6:30 p.m. at the upper campus of Hawken School.

For sophomores and juniors and their parents to familiarize themselves with approximately 100 colleges and universities.

Tuesday, April 25
Service Day – No Classes

Saturday, April 29
Junior/Senior Prom

IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO VOLUNTEER FOR AFTER-PROM!!

If you have not signed up and would like to help with preparations before, set-up, and/or be there that evening, please e-mail Janeen Frank at janeengf@aol.com or call 440.338.6441.

PACT Update

The PACT Committee of 2005-2006 has been busy coordinating activities with member schools. Last fall, all CCIS families should have received a Common Sense Courier, which includes information on local curfews, the Internet, stress management and more. Remember to check out the PACT website (www.ccis-ohio.org – link to PACT) for the RoadMap (under publications). You will find valuable parenting information for navigating through the teenage years. If you still wish to purchase a set of 4-school directories, you can download an order form from the PACT website.

Car Notes

It is imperative that parents with students of driving age remind their sons to observe the stop signs and the 20 m.p.h. posted speed limits on school property and to be mindful of driving safely at all times. For those parents who drive their sons to school, please serve as good role models by observing that speed limit as well. If a student does not obey the stop signs or the posted speed limits on the Hunting Valley campus, his on-campus driving privileges may be revoked.
Summer Programs at US

Summer 2006 at University School offers programs in athletics, recreation and academic enrichment that you may want to consider looking into now. The Boy’s Day Camp, which is held at the Shaker campus, is now in its 81st year; it has been a familiar program along with the ever-popular Space Science Adventure and the more recent computer and technology camp, Comp-Unique.

The Upper School uses its outstanding athletic facilities and grounds to offer a variety of sports clinics, some of which are coed (tennis, golf). Please note that these clinics do fill quickly, so parents are encouraged to sign up early. In addition to the sports offerings, the Hunting Valley campus offers academic programs designed to help boys and girls prepare and review a variety of subjects; some even offer University School course credit. Also, for the second year there is a physics class that prepares a student to take KAP physics his junior year. This facilitates a boy’s option to then take another AP science class (biology or chemistry) as a senior, thus getting two advanced science courses on his resume. Also new on the roster is the All-American Sports Camp, run by Jeff Starrett and five other US varsity coaches. The two-week camp runs from July 17 through July 28 (one-week sessions are available). It is for boys entering grades 6-8 and provides athletic skill-building in football, baseball, basketball, swimming and wrestling. Two-thirds of the camp will be devoted to skill-building and one-third to organized game play.

In the words of Margaret Mason, director of Summer Programs, “There is something for nearly everyone.” Interested parents and students can find out more on the US website: www.us.edu, or by calling Toby Lagarde at 216.321.8260 ext. 8416.

Parent/Sponsor Conferences

Parent/Sponsor conferences will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8.

Appointments for half-hour time slots should be scheduled by Wednesday, April 5 by calling Ann Friebertshauser 216-231-2200, ext.7358 or email afriebertshauser@us.edu.

Freshman Section

Saturday, April 8
Parent/Sponsor Conferences 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 25
Service Day – No Classes

Want to Know What’s Going On?
Check the website: http://upper.us.edu

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Sophomore Section

Saturday, April 8
Parent/Sponsor Conferences 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 11
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Spring Cleaning Tips

Are outgrown blue blazers and good condition khaki and white graduation pants cluttering closets in your home? An excellent way to make room in those cramped closets is to donate these unused items to the US Blazer Bargains Sale. Donated items may be dropped off with receptionist Ms. Janice Kalman, Mr. Jeff Starrett in the Alumni Office, or turned in at the Prep Shop. Please mark all items with the size.

The Annual Blazer Sale is held during orientation week each fall, but contributions are welcome throughout the year.

Community Service Day

The prefects and housemasters are planning this year’s Community Service day. Each house does something unique and different. Activities may include construction work at Habitat for Humanity, helping out at the Cleveland Food Bank or various outreach programs, and lending a helping hand at Metroparks, the Zoo, and a variety of other organizations. Students arrive at school at the normal time and return between 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Letters from the Director’s office will be mailed to parents with more specific information as the date draws nearer.

Reminder from Ms. Kalman

Please remember that anytime a student misses school, leaves school during the day, or is late to school for any reason, a parent must either call school or send a note to Ms. Kalman. The student must sign out as well. Seniors only need to sign out for lunch.

The Prep Shop

New items have arrived in the Prep Shop, including lots of merchandise for all kinds of spring weather. Since warm weather doesn’t usually arrive early for our spring sports, be sure and get an Under Armour shirt for those cold and wet games, whether playing or watching. For spring sports, the Prep Shop has new T-shirts and caps, and for warm weather spring break vacations, check out the US visors and windbreakers. The shop is open daily during the boys’ lunch period.

ANNUAL “FUND” FACTS

Did You Know?

...the average gift from parents to last year’s Annual Fund campaign was $496?

...that every gift, regardless of size, is critical to the Annual Fund’s success?

...that YOUR gift truly matters?

Please contribute today and help bring us closer to our goal of 100% parent participation.

Your gift online (www.us.edu), by phone (call Mary at 216-831-1984 x7316) or in the mail will be gratefully received.

Annual Fund gifts have an immediate positive impact on the lives of US boys. Please make your gift today.

Thank You!