Penguin Families,

I hope that your spring break was wonderful! Our AP Art History Students are on day #8 of a 6 day trip—they were stuck in NYC due to a huge snowstorm but were able to keep their spirits, even in the snow. I hope all of your spring breaks were just as memorable (in the best way possible)! Remember that next week is a short week—we will not have school on Friday, but we will still be running a modular schedule on Monday and Tuesday.

We only have 9 weeks until the school year ends! I have an expression that I will share with you all: “Beware the 9 weeks of April!” April is a big month—between AZMerit Testing, the last push to get ready for AP exams and many many many spring athletic and fine arts events—it can be intense. Please let us know how we can be of help during this busy month.

On Monday we kick off spring testing season with AIMS Science (Freshmen only). I wish I could eliminate all testing—I know our kids get exhausted and we could better use our time. Until the day happens when we don’t test, I need your help: AIMS and AZMerit testing is extremely important for many reasons.

#1 Our teacher’s salaries depend on our students passing and showing growth on these tests. While cumbersome, please help us support our teachers. The state uses the scores from these tests to evaluate teachers and their salaries. I don’t want students losing sleep over these tests, but they are fully capable of not only passing these tests, but also showing growth. Please let your student know the impact of these tests and encourage them to do their best. We are encouraging teachers and students to have a fun attitude about them—have a class breakfast potluck the day of the test, do a team cheer etc... to make it less stressful and encourage everyone to do their absolute best. Students have as long as they need—most of our students should be able to finish within a class period without any problem. Please encourage your student to take their time and not rush through it.

#2 Our school’s letter ranking depends on AZMerit Scores. I am confident that all of our students will pass these tests without any stress or agonizing, but we want our school’s letter grade to accurately represent our school—again—please ask your student to take it seriously and take their time! :) Seniors: Sign up for Grad Night! We are running out of town for all of our seniors to register for the night of their lives! At the senior parent meetings, the Grad Night committee will be available to take checks or charge credit cards to pay for the event. Please remember: you will NOT receive tickets to attend graduation for your family if you do not attend these important graduation meetings!!!

Please support our counseling Center!! In order for us to continue to have extended support in our counseling office including Ms. Lori Minor, we have set a goal to raise $45,000 this spring! Help us in our “Drive for 45” to continue to support our UHS students!!!

www.bit.ly/UHS-MOP-2018

Enjoy your last two days before the 4th quarter begins!

Amy Cislak, Principal
Obtaining extra academic support and college guidance is an important issue for all UHS students. The UHS Parents’ Association provides funding for two essential staff members in the College and Career Counseling Center. We provide a grant for Ms. Lori Minor to work with our students and parents in a variety of areas including writing college applications, scholarship essays, DBQs, FRQs, test taking skills, note taking skills, PSAT, SAT and ACT preparation, and running student study groups. Here is what a former UHS student had to say about working with Ms. Minor:

“As a senior, I find Ms. Minor has been a priceless asset for editing college application and scholarship essays. At UHS, students strive for excellence, and Ms. Minor’s adept skill and experience in college administration and creative essay writing enable us to achieve our full potential. Additionally, she is a much needed addition to the beloved counseling and student support team for all grade levels.”

– Rachel Done, UHS Class of 2015
Current Student at Yale University

Please consider make a donation to the UHSPA March of the Penguins campaign for the UHS College and Career Counseling Center Sustainability Fund. With your contribution, we will continue to provide grants for the positions occupied by Ms. Lori Minor and Ms. Paty Hanzlick so that they may continue to provide individual attention to UHS students with their college planning.

Here’s a link to make a tax deductible, charitable contribution:


Or send your UHSPA March of the Penguins contribution to:

University High School Parents’ Association
5425 E. Broadway Blvd #451
Tucson, AZ 85711
Thank You For Generously Supporting the UHS College and Career Counseling Center

Donor Name(s):___________________________________________

Student Name (s): _______________________________________

Graduation Year(s):_____________________________________

Address: _______________________________________________

City:________________ State:_________ Zip:_______________

Phone:_________________________________________________

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☐ Please check only if you wish your gift to anonymous and not
   publically recognized by the UHS Parents' Association

Yes! I am supporting the
UHS College and Career Counseling Center
for the following amount:

☐ $1,000  ☐ $500
☐ $250  ☐ $150
☐ $100  ☐ $_______

☐ Check enclosed made payable to
   UHS Parents' Association
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All Parents, We Need Your Help!
Donations desperately needed!

Keeping our Kids Safe, Making Memories for a Lifetime
Graduation Night is one of the most dangerous nights of the year for teens.
Please help us give them a party that is better than any other!
This Event is entirely privately funded - no School District subsidy

Without Student Registrations and Corporate and Parent Donations, we can’t make it happen!

$35,000 Party for 248 people for 8 hours of Outrageous Fun!
We have less than 50% of the donations made by this time last year!

TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Grad Night Ticket Scholarship Fund
No student should miss this party because of financial constraints!
Scholarships are available for financially challenged students.
Students: see Ms. Volkening.
Those scholarships are made possible by parent donations.
Please, Sponsor a student

Donate Here!
OR
mail Checks to:
UHSPA Grad Night
5425 E Broadway # 451
Tucson, AZ 85711

Checks payable to UHSPA-GNP
TAX DEDUCTIBLE
501 (c) (3) Tax ID # 94-2848207

DONATIONS OF $200 OR MORE GET A LOGO OR NAME ON THE PARTY T-SHIRT!
Advertise your business!!
To Make your tax credit donation online please see the following steps:

1. Visit [https://az-tucson.intouchreceipting.com/](https://az-tucson.intouchreceipting.com/) You can either sign in directly under your student’s account or you can just make a direct donation (see the red circle!) without logging in. Guests who do not have students at the school will find making a direct payment without an account easier.

2. When you get to the general payment page (without logging in) you will notice you can select the school who receives your donation. Because we share a Finance manager, UHS is listed with Rincon “Rincon University” (don’t worry though! UHS has their own accounts—please check carefully to ensure you click on the correct school account. Please consider applying your tax credit to “University Undesignated”. This is the general account that helps pay for field trips, competitions, band instruments and much much more! Under the memo you can apply the student’s name you want your tax donation applied to benefit (AP Exams, Sports fees, Travel Club, Band, Choir, etc... etc... etc...)
Back to School Open House:
August 15th, 6-7:30 p.m.

Parent Teacher Conferences
Thursday, September 14th, 4-6 p.m.
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**March 2018**

**Sun**

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**Sat**

| 1 | V Baseball w/Mountain View 4 PM  
| 2 | JV Baseball @ Mountain View 4 PM  
| 3 | V Softball w/Mountain View 4 PM  
| 4 | JV Softball @ Mountain View 4 PM  
| 5 | B Tennis @ Salpointe 3:30 PM  
| 6 | RUHS Orchestra Spring Concert 7 PM  
| 7 | Track Meet @ Empire 3:30 PM  
| 8 | B Volleyball w/Red Mountain 4, 5 PM  
| 9 | RUHS Spiritline Banquet 6 PM  
| 10 | Choir Spring Concert 7 PM  
| 11 | V Baseball @ Salpointe 4 PM  
| 12 | JV Baseball w/Salpointe 4 PM  
| 13 | V Softball w/Salpointe 4 PM  
| 14 | B Tennis @ Desert View 3:30 PM  
| 15 | G Tennis w/Douglas 3:30 PM  
| 16 | B Volleyball w/Pueblo 4, 5, 6 PM  
| 17 | B Tennis @ Catalina 4 PM  
| 18 | V Softball w/Desert View 3:30 PM  
| 19 | G Tennis w/Desert View 3:30 PM  
| 20 | B Tennis @ Mtn. View Marana 3:30 PM  
| 21 | V Softball w/Mtn. View Marana 3:30 PM  
| 22 | G Tennis w/Mtn. View Marana 3:30 PM  
| 23 | B Volleyball w/Catalina 4, 5, 6 PM  
| 24 | Primavera Spring Dance Concert 7 PM  
| 25 | V Baseball @ Sahuaro 4 PM  
| 26 | JV Baseball w/Salpointe 4 PM  
| 27 | V Softball @ Sahuaro 4 PM  
| 28 | JV Softball w/Sabino 4 PM  
| 29 | V Softball w/Sabino 4 PM  
| 30 | G Tennis @ Vista Grande 3:30 PM  
| 31 | B Volleyball w/Palo Verde V 6 PM  

**Spring Break—No School**

**AIMS Science**

V Baseball @ Catalina 4 PM  
JV Baseball w/Catalina 4 PM  

**AIMS Science**

B Tennis @ Ironwood Ridge 3:30 PM  
G Tennis w/Ironwood 3:30 PM  
B Volleyball @ Gilbert 4, 5:15 PM  
UHS Senior Parent Mtg. 6:30 PM  
UHS Student of the Month 7:30 AM  

**Track Meet @ Rincon 3:30 PM**

**V Softball @ Tucson 6 PM**

**JV Softball w/Tucson 4 PM**

**B Tennis @ Marana 3:30 PM**

**G Tennis w/Marana 3:30 PM**

**Choral Auditions (Middle School Students) 5:00 PM**

**GRADING DAY**

V Softball @ Gracie Lee Haught Classic  

**GRADING DAY**

Lancer Track Invitational @ Salpointe  
V Softball @ Gracie Lee Haught Classic  

**SPRING BREAK—NO SCHOOL**