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The IRISH Update

URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER — OCTOBER 2023

The 119th School Year at Ursuline High School

Dear Ursuline Families:

As we approach the end of the first quarter, I want to address the issue of school safety, which remains a high priority for the administration, faculty, and staff at Ursuline. Safety measures on campus include:

Relationships: As with every matter pertaining to our students' education and well-being, trusted adult and student relationships are a critical component of school safety. In the past, students and parents have been instrumental in reporting concerns allowing the administration to defuse situations. Please help us keep Ursuline safe by reporting any and all concerns to a member of the Ursuline administration so that potential threats can be addressed.

Drills: There are monthly fire drills each year, as well as tornado and lockdown drills. Drills are evaluated by the administration in collaboration with first responders in an effort towards continuous improvement.

Security Cameras: 65 security cameras are installed throughout the building to prevent unwanted behaviors and as an investigative tool.

Training: All faculty, staff, and coaches undergo VIRTUS (children safety/proper relationships) training through the Diocese of Youngstown and have also received training in the use of EpiPens, AEDs, and other first aid procedures. Additionally, faculty members completed A.L.I.C.E. and Stop the Bleed Training.

Door Access: Ursuline has a door-access system, which includes the ability to monitor who enters the building and notifies staff when the doors are propped open. Only Ursuline students with a proper identification can enter the building. All other visitors report to the main office.

Equipment: The Ursuline campus has a total of five AEDs and two Epinephrine stations. Communication equipment includes walkie talkies in each classroom. There also are safety buckets and first aid/lock down kits in every classroom and office.

Police Officers: Members of the Youngstown Police Department patrol our campus each morning and afternoon to ensure the safe arrival and departure of our students. We also maintain a relationship with the Youngstown State University Police Department.

Safety Plan: Our current safety plan was developed with assistance from the Ohio Schools Safety Council and includes plans for evacuation if ever necessary and family reunification.

Mental Health Counselors: Certified mental health counselors from Alta are available to help students deal with minor mental health issues, including relationship issues and anxiety.

We will continue to evaluate safety procedures and invest in products to improve the safety of Ursuline. We appreciate your continued support. Please call with any questions or concerns.

Go Irish!

Matthew Sammartino

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Principal

Advanced Placement Excellence

AP Literature & Composition

Ursuline High School has a long-standing tradition of academic excellence and is proud to announce 100% pass rates on the Advanced Placement (AP) 2D Art, Chemistry, Psychology, Seminar, English Literature and Composition, and Research Exams taken in May 2023. Ursuline's overall pass rate on all Advanced Placement tests taken is 84% compared to the the average global pass rate of 61%.

Advanced Placement Biology, Calculus, Computer Science Principles, and United States Government and Politics pass rates exceeded the Ohio and Global pass rates by significant margins. Ursuline students scored above the global mean score in each subject area's test.

Furthermore, 22 students were named Advanced Placement Scholars. Joseph Criscione '23 and Allison Riddle '23 earned the prestigious AP Diploma. To receive the AP Diploma, a student must earn a score of 3 or higher in both AP Research and AP Seminar, and on 4 additional AP exams of their choosing. 31% of the Class of 2023 graduated Ursuline High School passing at least one AP exam with many students passing multiple tests. AP Scholars are photographed on this page and page 3.

Continuing with the tradition of AP excellence, Ursuline High School has added AP PreCalculus to the curriculum for the 2023-2024 school year. This course will allow high achieving math students to take an additional AP course. It is taken during one's junior year. According to The College Board, the course curriculum includes polynomial and rational functions, exponential and logarithmic functions, trigonometric and polar functions, and functions involving parameters, vectors, and matrices. The course is being taught by Mr. Russ Nalepa '73 and Dr. Tom Wakefield '98.

Joselyn Bishara
AP Scholar

Jon Chahine
AP Scholar

Marissa Clegg
AP Scholar with Honor

Joseph Criscione
AP Scholar with Distinction
AP Diploma

Aldan Evans
AP Scholar

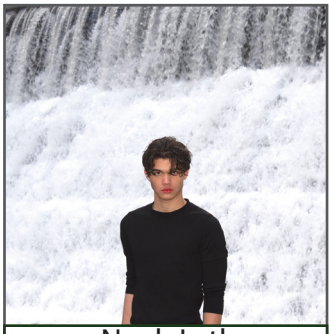
Francisca Gatica
AP Scholar wih Honor
AP Seminar & Research Certificate

Thomas Hull
AP Scholar wih Honor
AP Seminar & Research Certificate

Mackenzie Kelly
AP Scholar
AP Seminar & Research Certificate

The College Board sponsors the Advanced Placement (AP) program. Following each testing administration, students with high scholastic achievements are named AP Scholars. Tests are scored on a 1-5 scale. AP Scholars earn a 3 or more on three or more AP exams. An AP Scholar with Honor are students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. An AP Scholar with Distinction is awarded to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exam taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. The AP Capstone Diploma is granted to students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on 4 additional AP Exams of their choosing.

Casey Leugers
AP Scholar



Noah Lytle
AP Scholar with Honor

Ethan Macabobby
AP Scholar with Distinction

James McGlone
AP Scholar with Distinction

Casey Peart
AP Scholar
AP Seminar & Research Certificate

Graciella Pesa
AP Scholar

Gino Pilolli
AP Scholar

Olivia Puhalla
AP Scholar with Distinction

Luca Ricchiuti
AP Scholar

Allison Riddle
AP Scholar with Distinction
AP Diploma

Armaan Sheik
AP Scholar with Distinction

Reagan Smith
AP Scholar with Honor

Andrew Stoneman
AP Scholar with Distinction

Aidan Tomhave
AP Scholar with Distinction

AP Capstone is an innovative diploma program from the College Board that equips students with the independent research, collaborative teamwork, and communication skills that are increasingly valued by colleges. AP Capstone is built on the foundation of two AP Courses, AP Seminar and AP Research, and is designed to complement and enhance the in-depth, discipline specific study experienced in other AP courses. In AP Seminar, students investigate real world issues from multiple perspectives, gathering and analyzing information from various sources in order to develop credible and valid evidence based arguments.

Attention 7th & 8th Grade Families!

Prospective Family Night 2023

October 26, 2023

6:00 p.m.

Registration at 5:45 p.m.

Deibel - Morley Arts Center

Please park in the Bryson Street Parking Lot.

Please visit www.ursuline.com/rsvp to register and learn more information about the event.

*Learn about Ursuline's college preparatory curriculum and instructional technology program, including the 1:1 Chromebook program and the Honors/ Advanced Placement (AP) Curriculum.

*Receive information about Ursuline's extensive financial aid program.

*Discover the social and spiritual benefits that await the Ursuline student.

*Meet the Ursuline administration, faculty, coaches, extracurricular advisors and students.

*Take a tour of Ursuline's first-rate facilities.

*Students are welcome to attend with their parents, but student attendance is not required.

Welcome Ursuline Class of 2028!

*Eighth Grade Celebration - October 28, 2023 (5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)

Join the Ursuline Student Ambassadors and Faculty to learn about the many things that make Ursuline the right place for your high school career. Students will have the opportunity to participate in whole group activities, as well as visit several sessions for Ursuline classes, athletics, arts, and extracurriculars of their liking. Dress is casual and participants can sign up at www.ursuline.com/rsvp. You may also view a complete listing of the sessions at this site. This event is open to any prospective eighth grade student. The registration session will be held from 5:00 - 5:45 p.m. The program will begin at 5:45.

*Eighth Grade Scholarship & Placement Test - November 18 or December 9 (8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)

Registration is now open for the 2023 Ursuline Scholarship and Placement Exam. There are two available test dates in 2023, November 18 and December 9. Both tests will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude around 12:00 p.m. Students will be taking the Scholastic High School Placement Test which tests in mathematics, English, reading, and science. All students seeking admission to Ursuline HIgh School must take this exam. We encourage all prospective students to take the exam this fall so that students are eligible to apply by the first application deadline, February 6, 2024. There is no cost to take the test. Students are asked to bring several sharpened #2 pencils and water for the test. A light lunch will be provided. Casual dress is encouraged. The test will be given in the UHS Cafeteria. Students may be dropped off on the ramp outside of the cafeteria on the test date. You will receive an email the week of the Scholarship and Placement Test with additional test day details. You may register for the test at www.ursuline.com/rsvp.

*Shadow Days - December 5, 2023 - April 26, 2024 (7:55 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.)

Shadow Days may be scheduled by contacting Ursuline High School at 330-744-4563. Prospective students will be paired with a freshman with similar academic and extracurricular interests. Shadow Days appointments will be scheduled beginning November 27. A limited number of spots per day are available.

An Update from The Athletic Office

Hello Irish Fans!

As we approach the end of the fall sports regular season, I would like to share a few reminders. First quarter report card grades will dictate eligibility for students in the second grading period. Students must pass a minimum of 5 classes (not including Physical Education) in order to be eligible during the second grading period. Students must also earn a passing grade in religion and conduct to be eligible.

Tickets for all playoff games in every sport will be purchased from ohsaa.org/tickets. Most events will no accept cash at the gate. The process will be much more efficient if tickets are purchased online beforehand.

The conclusion of fall sport regular seasons signals the onset of winter sports. If your child plays a winter sport, please make sure he or she has a current Pre-Participation Physical Exam on file in the Ursuline Athletic Office. Students will not be permitted to participate without a completed physical.

Coach Kristina Dugan and Coach Dan Reardon have taken charge of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Program at Ursuline. This group meets monthly before school and reads and reflects on scripture together. If your child is an athlete and is interested in participating, have them see Coach Reardon or Coach Dugan during school for further information.

Go Irish!
John DeSantis
Athletic Director

Celebrate Our Legacy Gala Auction

New This Year!

Auction After-Party in the UHS Gym with live

Dear Ursuline Families:

The 2023 Celebrate Our Legacy Auction will take place on Saturday, November 11. Tickets for the event are now on sale and can be purchased at www.bidpal.net/ursulineauction23. Included in the cost of your dinner ticket is appetizers, dinner by Chrystal's Catering, open bar, dessert, entertainment before and after the auction, and special auction and raffle items just for in person attendees. If you can't attend, you can still participate by registering to bid, buying a 50/50 ticket for $10, a Key West Marriott Beachside Resort Raffle Ticket for $10, or a Spotlight Raffle Ticket for $25. All proceeds benefit the students of Ursuline High School. You do not need to be local to bid. Delivery on all raffle items and most auction items are available. Please scan the QR code or visit the link listed above to buy your auction ticket, raffle tickets, or bid!

Vacation Packages

Premier Seating at Graduation

Household Items & Services

Several One-of-a-Kind Ursuline Items

Tickets for Sporting Events, the Arts & Restaurant Experiences

Gucci Ophidia Bag

Gifts for all ages!

Electronics

Special raffles include a trip to The Key West Marriott Beachside Resort, a Gucci purse, 50/50 Raffle, $500 cash, Gourmet Liquor Basket, a trip to the Fairmount Scottsdale Resort, $500 Apple Gift Card, and more!

From the Guidance Office

Web Based Resources

Ursuline High School subscribes to several on-line databases for student research when completing papers, projects, or homework assignments. These resources provide students with credible information from reliable, unbiased sources. The user names and passwords listed below may be utilized from home or school to access the databases.

Facts on File http://online.infobaselearning.com (Includes Issues & Controversies)
Username: uhsoh
Password: fdc4148

CQ Researcher www.library.cqpress.com
Username: ursuline1
Password: cqel

Infotrac
Username: none
Password: youn_adm

Infohio www.infohio.org
No log-in information needed

Public Library www.libraryvisit.org
Access: personal library card number

Study Island www.studyisland.com

Study Island is an on-line learning and test preparation program. The site is divided into five sections based on the five sections of standardized tests: writing, reading, math, science, and social studies. Each section consists of approximately 15-30 topics, and each topic corresponds to a standard from the state of Ohio which forms the basis of the Iowa Tests. Students may also utilize the site for ACT and SAT preparation. The site includes lessons and practice in the specific areas of both tests, as well as practice tests. The AP resources on Study Island will be used in each AP program. Finally, Study Island offers review and enrichment in a number of subject areas, including math and science courses.

On To College www.ontocollege.com

On To College is a comprehensive online ACT/SAT curriculum. The program allows students to view online lessons and complete online practice for the ACT/SAT tests. Live lessons are available before each nationally scheduled exam. Teachers in the core subjects will incorporate On To College into their classes. Students who completed the curriculum have seen on average a two point jump on the ACT. User names and passwords were distributed to juniors and seniors in their English classes. Any sophomore who is interested in the program should stop by the guidance office for log-in credentials.

Rosetta Stone ursulinehighschool.rosettastoneclassroom.com

Rosetta Stone is an on-line language-learning program used by the government, universities, and secondary schools throughout the country. The program provides reading, writing, listening, and speaking practice through an immersion method using native speakers. Foreign language teachers will be utilizing the program to supplement instructional activities and assignments. Students will receive user names and passwords from their foreign language teacher in November. Students may also request a user name and password for enrichment study in any of the multiple languages offered through Rosetta Stone.

Power School www.powerschool.com

The PowerSchool parent and student portal is open and usernames and passwords were mailed home in early September. If you did not receive your information, please call the school office, 330-744-4563. Again this year, PowerSchool provides access to a student's current average in each course, as well as the specific grades for assignments, quizzes, projects, and exams. In addition, teacher comments, attendance and tardiness records, and the student's conduct grade can also be accessed through PowerSchool. The email component of the program is not being used at this time, but parents may contact any teacher using the diocesan e-mail addresses provided to parents.

AP Classroom myap.collegeboard.org/login

AP Classroom is a resource for any student enrolled in an AP course. This site provides course resources, including helpful test prep resources. There is no charge to use this site and teachers will use the resources in the classroom to assist with classroom instruction. Students create one AP Classroom account for all AP courses and will receive class codes from their teachers to join classroom pages.

Ursuline News & Notes

The first quarter will end on Friday, October 20. **Report cards** will be mailed home the following week. Please contact Mrs. Michelle Carosella with concerns regarding report cards.

The **Feast of Saint Ursula Mass** will be held on Tuesday, October 24 at 10:30am in the school gym. Our 2023 Distinguished Alumni will be honored and the Senior Eucharistic Ministers will be commissioned. Please plan to attend this beautiful Mass to honor our Patron Saint.

If you are interested in volunteering to help **Ursuline's Home & School** with Open House on February 4, 2024 or the Senior Family Dinner on March 21, 2024, please email Michelle Carosella at mcarosella@youngstowndiocese.org. If you are interested in volunteering to help with Ursuline Home & School's annual Reverse Raffle on March 2, 2024, please email Michelle Pacella at michelle_pacella@hotmail.com.

Picture Retake Day will he held on Friday, October 27. Students who were not photographed during the August session and students who were not pleased with their photos are welcome to wear a non-uniform top with their uniform bottom to have their photo taken. All students are be photographed for school records.

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, November 2 from 3:30 - 5:00pm and 5:30 - 7:00pm. No appoinmtents are necessary.

Senior pictures are due to Mrs. Lisa Devlin and the Ursuline Yearbook staff by December 1, 2023. No late photos will be accepted. If a student does not turn in a picture, the yearbook will use the picture on file from school picture day. All photos or questions about senior photos should be emailed to Mrs. Devlin at ursulineirishyearbook@gmail.com.

Ursuline - Mooney Week Events

Students are working hard to prepare the halls for Mooney Week!

Saturday, October 14 - ALL STUDENTS WELCOME!

Decorating	11:00 Ursuline Halls

Monday, October 16

Irish Cottage Sale	11:00 - 1:00 Cafeteria

Tuesday, October 17

Irish Cottage Sale	11:00 - 1:00 & 5:00 - 7:00 Cafeteria
Ticket Sales	10:00 - 1:00 & 5:00 - 7:00 Gym Lobby

Wednesday, October 18

Irish Cottage Sale	11:00 - 1:00 Cafeteria
Ticket Sales	10:00 - 1:00 Gym Lobby

Thursday, October 19

Irish Cottage Sale	11:00 - 1:00 Cafeteria
Ticket Sales	10:00 - 1:00 Gym Lobby

Extended Irish Cottage hours to purchase all of your UHS gear!

Friday, October 20

Irish Cottage Sale	11:00 - 3:00 Cafeteria
Ticket Sales	10:00 - 2:30 Gym Lobby
Rally	12:30 Ursuline Gym
Tailgate	4:30-6:30 Bryson Street Lot
	Tailgate lots will open at 4:00 p.m.
Kickoff	7:00 p.m. Youngstown State University's Stambaugh Stadium

Please note that Cardinal Mooney is the home team for the game.

The Food Cruiser and Auntie Anne's Food Trucks will be back again for the tailgate.

Non-perishable food items will be collected all week, including the rally and tailgate for the Saint Vincent DePaul Food Kitchen. Thank you for your generosity. Over the years, we have been able to donate thousands of pounds in food in the name of The Ursuline Family to Saint Vincent DePaul.

Advanced Placement (AP) Excellence at Ursuline High School

Ursuline's pass rate of 84% far exceeds the and the global pass rate of 61%.

Ursuline High School offers 17 AP courses taught at Ursuline, 8 AP courses online & College Credit Plus courses.

Mrs. Jennifer DePizzo's AP Chemisry Class earned a 100% pass rate on the May 2023 exams. Read more about Ursuline's impressive test results and 22 AP Scholars on pages 2 and 3 of the newsletter.

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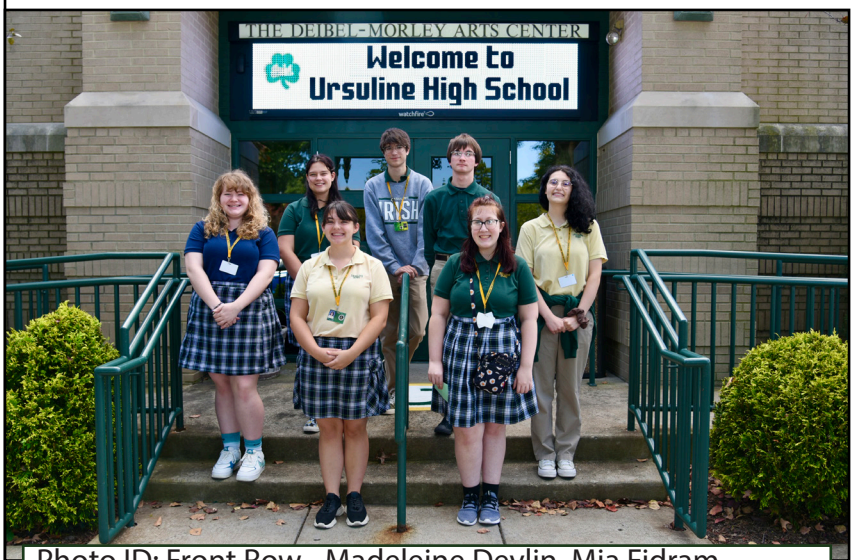

Photo ID: Front Row - Madeleine Devlin, Mia Fidram, JoAnna Ladd
Back Row - Emma Boughner, Isaiah Warren, John McNally, Fallon Blackshire Missing - Joli Skruck

The Ursuline High School Theatre Department is proud to present the 2023 Student Directed One Acts. The show will be performed on Sunday, October 15 at 2pm in the Deibel Morley Arts Center. The following shows will be staged:

Honey, We Forgot Christmas written and directed by Emma Boughner

Locked In Forever written and directed by JoAnna Ladd

Multiverse of Johns (Part 2) written and directed by John McNally and Isaiah Warren

The Bench written by Fallon Blackshire, directed by Fallon Blackshire and Joli Skruck

The Shrine-ing written and directed by Madeleine Devlin and Mia Fidram

Admission is a canned food item for a local food pantry.