

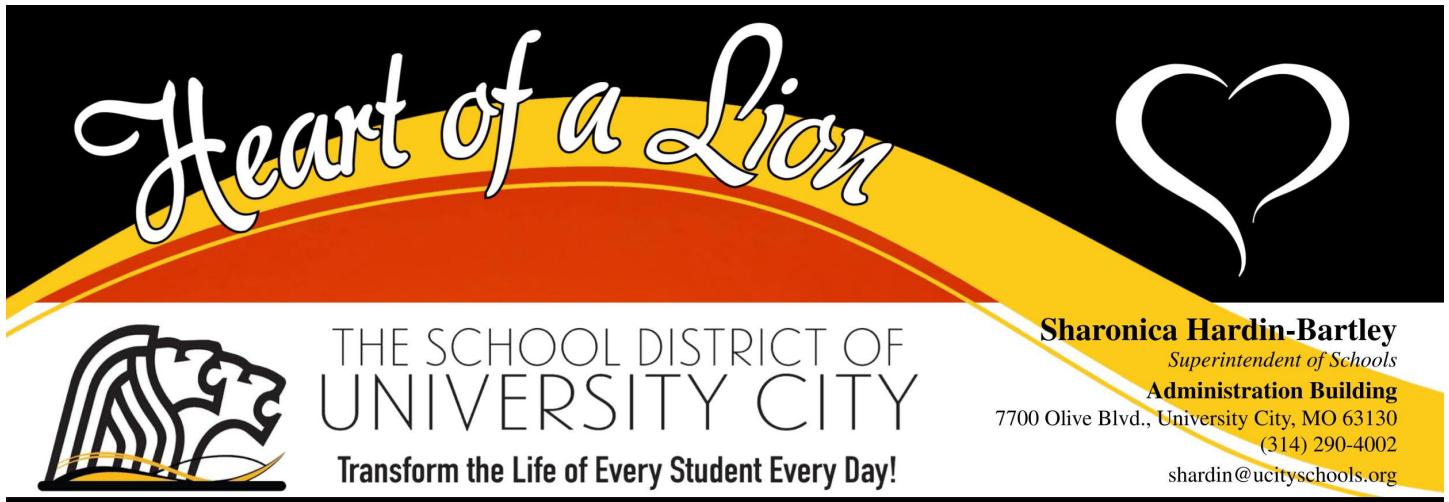


SDUC updates, video, a new blog post and more

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From the Desk of Sharonica Hardin-Bartley

Greetings School District of University City Community:

So much can change in a month. Since I last wrote to you, our regional community has dealt with a violent tragedy in one of our neighboring school districts. And yet, when it comes to living in service of our children, there is no choice but to live on with hope, courage and joyful intention. Recently, our high school football players went to the district championships. One of our cross-country runners made all-state. John Trotter, a University City High School sophomore, was awarded the Air Force JROTC national Silver Valor Award medal ([see the news coverage here](#)). Last week, we welcomed hundreds of students, parents and caregivers to our marvelous STEAM Expo. One of our notable alums, Scott Black, came back to his roots to share his musical talents with our students as part of the annual Returning Artist series. And, six of our community partners donated enough food and gift cards to provide our families in need with 200 turkeys and fixings for the upcoming holiday break.



Schools must be vessels of love nurturing our students, staff, and families. When they are, they become more than their walls and their people - they become sacred. Last month, I felt firsthand the rich intensity of what learning and thriving in schools can mean for a student during the greater span of a lifetime... ([read more](#) in the Superintendent's Blog)

News and Updates

Holiday Break Video

I am so very grateful for the University City Community. [Click here for my annual Fall Break Video.](#)

District Closed for Thanksgiving Break November 23-25

There are no classes, and district offices are closed Wednesday through Friday, Nov. 23 to 25. Classes resume on Monday, Nov. 28.

Holiday Appeal Giving Campaign Underway

Every year, the District's social workers organize a donation drive for families needing TLC during the winter holiday season. You can help a student have a better holiday season by donating a gift card from Schnucks, Aldi, Walmart, Target, Walgreens, Old Navy, Visa, or MasterCard. You may drop off your donation in a sealed envelope or mail it to Social Worker Christine Woodward, University City High School, [7401 Balson Ave. \(63130\)](#). If you have any questions, please contact Woodward at cwoodward@ucityschools.org or 314-290-4114.

Trunk or Treat and Pumpkin Stroll

Congratulations to One U City on hosting a wonderful Trunk or Treat, Pumpkin Stroll, and pumpkin carving event for families and the community on October 29. They did an amazing job bringing hundreds of people together for a wonderful day of fall fun. I encourage you to learn more about this fantastic community organization designed to build equity among all schools regarding family enrichment and student/staff opportunities. If you have questions, contact 1UC@ucityschools.org.

Tis the Season

Schools have many seasonal activities coming up that include parents, caregivers, and other loved ones. Please make sure to check emails from your school, so you don't miss out on the fun.

Key Dates

Nov. 23-25 - District Closed - Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 1 - District-Wide Bookfair - 5-7 p.m. Barnes and Noble in Ladue Crossing Shopping Center, [8871 Ladue Road, St. Louis, MO 63124](#), or shop online at www.barnesandnoble.com/h/bookfairs. Use code 1263489 at checkout for a percentage of your purchase to be donated to U. City Schools

Dec. 3 - District Elementary Math Equations Practice - 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the UCHS library

Dec. 6 - All Elementary Strings Concert - 6:30 p.m. in UCHS Auditorium, [7401 Balson Ave.](#) Students should report to UCHS at 6 p.m.

Dec. 7 - UCHS PTO Meeting - 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Dec. 8 - Brittany Woods Middle School Band & Orchestra - 6:30 p.m. at Brittany Woods Middle School, [8125 Groby Rd.](#)

Dec. 9 - Brittany Woods Middle School & University City High School Choirs - 6:30 p.m. in UCHS Auditorium, [7401 Balson Ave.](#)



Dec. 10 - ACT Testing

Dec. 13 - Barbara C. Jordan Elementary School Music Concert - 6:30 p.m. at Barbara C. Jordan Elementary School, [1500 82nd Blvd. \(63132\)](#)

Dec. 13 - Pershing Elementary School Music Concert - 6:30 p.m. at Pershing Elementary School, [6761 Bartmer Ave.](#)

Dec. 14 - University City High School Band, Orchestra & Strings - 6:30 p.m. in UCHS Auditorium, [7401 Balson Ave.](#)

Dec. 15 - Board of Education Meeting - 7-9 p.m. Registration link: www.ucityschools.org/BOE121522

Dec. 16 - Brittany Woods Middle School Winter Dance Concert - 6:30-8 p.m. at Brittany Woods Middle School, [8125 Groby Rd.](#) Tickets \$5 at the door (5 and younger free)

Dec. 21 - Winter Break begins

Jan. 3 - Classes resume

In Closing

I can be reached with questions or concerns at shardin@ucityschools.org or on my cell phone at 314-399-0941. I wish you a wonderful break with loved ones and friends.

In Service of Our Children,

Sharonica Hardin-Bartley, Ph.D., PHR
Superintendent

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