

# Parent Newsletter



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## **Black History Message from Principal**

Juneteenth was declared a federal holiday in 2021

On June 17, 2021, President Joe Biden officially established Juneteenth National Independence Day as a federal holiday, the first since Martin Luther King Jr. Day was designated as a federal holiday back in 1983.

Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865, the day that legalized slavery officially ended in Texas, the last of the Confederate states to abolish the practice.

Though the holiday wasn't made official until 2021, Juneteenth has been commemorated in the U.S. and countries around the world for decades and represents Black citizens' fight for equality, as well as honoring family and community.

**As we continue to move as full speed through the school year, focused on academics it's important to not lose sight of the Academy expectations around respect and kindness. While it's not always easy to connect with another person, it is always expected that students treat each other with respect. While at UYA we will continue to practice being good human beings. Calling each other names, harassing others via Social Media etc. will not be tolerated and will only result in consequences.**

Title I Ice Cream Social Power Point  
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**Sample Parent Compact**

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**DeansList for Families website**

<https://youtu.be/bS54-TbScY8>

**DeansList for Families Mobile App**

<https://youtu.be/PofOGNOF0Rg>

The Legacy Handbook will be sent home via Deanslist and parents need to sign up for Deanslist. There will be a few hardcopies at the front office.

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

**February 26, 2024** Mandatory Attendance Meeting @4:30 pm at UYA

**February 26, 2024** Afterschool tutoring

**February 27, 2024** Afterschool tutoring

**February 28, 2024-** Black History Program

**February 29, 2024-** Afterschool tutoring

**March 1, 2024** Top 50 Field Trips

**March 4, 2024-** Parent Possible Retention Meeting

**March 13, 2024-** Parent/Teacher  
Conference 4:30pm -7:00 pm

### Upcoming Parent Engagement Activities

Science Exploration 1<sup>st</sup> week in March

Week of March 11 2024 Career Week

February 28 2024 Black History Culminating  
Literacy and Math Night April

## Uniform Policy

UYA parents please be reminded that our grace for scholars to be in uniform ends on October 1, 2023. Scholars are expected to be in full uniform starting Oct 2 2023. If scholars are not in full uniform starting 10-2-23 they will receive a uniform violation.

<b>PRIMARY ACADEMY Grades K - 2</b>	<b>GIRLS</b>	<b>BOYS</b>
Clear or Mesh Bookbags Only!!!!	White Round Collar Blouse (long or short sleeve)	White Button-Down Oxford Shirt

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Clear or Mesh Bookbags Only!!!!	NO polo shirts at all	(long or short sleeve) NO polo shirts at all
	Navy Jumpers or skirts ( <b>ONLY</b> ) <b>No Pants for Girls</b>	Navy Pants
	Navy or Red Cardigan Sweater	Navy or Red Cardigan Sweater
	Red, Navy Blue or White Tights /knee socks	Navy, White, or Black Socks
	Solid Black, Brown, Navy Blue, Red Causal shoes * <b>NO GYM SHOES</b>	Solid Black, Brown, Navy Blue, Red Causal shoes * <b>NO GYM SHOES</b>
<b>ELEMENTARY ACADEMY Grades 3 – 5</b>	<b>GIRLS</b>	<b>BOYS</b>
Clear or Mesh Bookbags Only!!!!	White Round Collar Blouse (long or short sleeve) NO polo shirts at all	White Button-Down Oxford Shirt (long or short sleeve) NO polo shirts at all
	Navy Jumpers or skirts ( <b>ONLY</b> ) <b>No Pants for Girls</b>	Navy Pants
	Red Cross Tie	Navy Blue Boys Tie
	Navy or Red Cardigan Sweater	Navy or Red Cardigan Sweater
	Red, Navy Blue or White Tights /knee socks	Navy, White, or Black Socks
	Solid Black, Brown, Navy Blue, Red shoes	Solid Black, Brown, Navy Blue, Red shoes

**ALL STUDENTS:** At all times, students must wear Solid Black, Brown, Navy Blue, Red Causal shoes ...sandals, mules, boots, crocs, yezzys etc. are not acceptable. Sweaters may be worn if they are solid red (girls) or navy (boys)...hooded sweatshirts/sweaters are not permitted

**\*Earrings are not allowed for boys under any circumstance.**

<b>JUNIOR ACADEMY Grades 6 – 8</b>	<b>GIRLS</b>	<b>BOYS</b>
Clear or Mesh Bookbags Only!!!!	White Button-Down Oxford Shirt (long or short sleeve only)	White Button-Down Oxford Shirt (long or short sleeve only)
Clear or Mesh Bookbags Only!!!!	Regulation Navy, red, white Plaid Skirt <b>No Pants for Girls</b>	Khaki Pants
Clear or Mesh Bookbags Only!!!!	Regulation Navy, red, white Plaid Cross Tie	Navy/Red Striped Tie
	Red Cardigan Sweater	Navy Cardigan Sweater

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	Navy, Red, or White Tights /knee socks	Navy, Black, Tan or White Socks
	Solid Black, Brown, Navy Blue, Red shoes	Solid Black, Brown, Navy Blue shoes

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## Attendance

Students who are chronically absent—meaning they miss at least 15 days of school in a year—are at serious risk of falling behind in school.

For example, if we have been in school for 30 days and if your scholar has 3 or more absences they are considered chronically absent and could potentially be retain.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Runner ups

The 3-4 basketball team did a wonderful job this season coming up 4pts short in the championship game on Saturday. See pictures below.



## Immunizations

Immunizations also need to be up to date or student will be excluded from school

## Important Reminders

### Arrival and Dismissal

DOOR 1– K Bussers and Middle School  
DOOR 2 – 1 – 5 Arrival  
7:30 – 8:00 - BREAKFAST  
8:00 - CLASS BEGINS  
8:05 - STUDENTS TARDY  
(Parents bring in through office door)  
3:35 - DISMISSAL

### Transportation

Parents if you are in need of bus transportation please click the link below to sign up. You must sign up in order for your child to ride the bus.  
[UYA Transportation Form](#)

### Grading Policy

Grades for all students\* will be calculated based on the following scale:  
Quiz/Formative Unit Tests (40%)  
Classwork/Projects (25%)  
Homework (20%)  
Journals/Notebooks (15%)

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## Late Pick Up Information

Parents school ends at 3:30 PM. Parents/Guardians you must be here to pick your child up on time. Going forward families of students who are not picked up on time will be charged a late pick up fee.

## Homework Schedule

### ELA

Monday - Thursday

### Math

Monday - Thursday

### Science

Wed/Friday

### Social Studies

Tuesday and Thursday

## Cell Phones

Students are **NOT** to have the following in their possession while in school: cell phones, iPod, Walkman's, electronic games, etc. Unless the teacher has required it for an activity.

All students upon entering the building are required to turn their cell phones off and store their cell phones in their assigned cell phone locker until the end of the day.

Scholars who decide not to follow these expectations consequences will immediately be issued.

**If an electronic device is seen or heard, it will be confiscated and consequences will follow**

**Which Academy will Win the Exact Path Challenge this week?**

**Congratulations  
C3 Champion Mr. Apostol Math Class  
83%**

**Congratulations  
Read and Response Champion  
Mr. Mayuga's Reading Class  
100%**