

MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER



A MESSAGE FROM MR. BARBOSA

Dear UMS Community,

This will be my first monthly newsletter to the school community. I plan to send it out in the first week of each month. I hope it keeps you informed about all the great things happening at UMS.

I continue to learn about and be impressed by the UMS students, staff, community, and program. I can see why many staff members refer to themselves as the UMS family. This is an excellent school and a wonderful place for young people to learn, grow, and explore.

Like in any family, communication is key and conflict and questions will arise. The best person to contact for classroom-related concerns is your child's teacher. Teachers understand best what is occurring in the classroom. If, after speaking with the classroom teacher, you still have concerns, I recommend the following steps:

- For academic concerns, reaching out to the academic supervisor is the best course of action.
- For non-academic concerns, or if additional support is needed, the next step would be to connect with your child's school counselor.
- If, after speaking with your child's teacher, school counselor, or academic supervisor, you still have a question, you should contact the Principal or Vice Principal.

Following these steps acknowledges the important roles different staff members play in your student's lives and allows questions to be answered at the source. The UMS staff strives to make your child's school experience a great one and are always willing to help.

Sincerely,

M. Barbosa
Interim Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

- UMS SPRING MUSICAL
 - FRIDAY, 2/28 @7PM
 - SATURDAY, 3/1 @2PM & 7PM
- SPRING SPORTS FORMS
 - DUE TO NURSE BY MONDAY, 3/3
- SPRING SPORTS START DATE
 - MONDAY, 3/17
- YEARBOOK ORDERING IS NOW AVAILABLE. PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE OR CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO ACCESS THE JOSTENS WEBSITE:



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THANK YOU...



Thank you to all who attended our first Principals' Roundtable. We were grateful for the opportunity to share how UMS approaches all students in a compassionate and restorative way. During this program, we shared our staff's training and how it connects to our school's code of conduct. Mr. Accardi did a wonderful job explaining everything to the attendees.

REMINDERS

RAMADAN

Ramadan starts at the end of this month. If your child needs accommodations to meet their Ramadan obligations, please have them see their school counselor. They would be happy to assist them. As a school community, we want to remain responsive to the needs of our students. If there is a religious or cultural need that you feel is important for the school to be aware of, please contact your child's school counselor.

STUDENT IDs

Please remind students that their IDs must be visible at all times during the school day and while on transportation. Moving forward, any student without an ID will be required to wear a temporary ID until their school-issued ID is replaced. Replacement IDs can be ordered [here](#).

INFORMATION REGARDING TRANSITION

Our 7th grade students will attend a Flex Assembly on March 13, 2025, to learn about how to make elective requests for 8th grade. Following this assembly, directions will be shared with families as the process is completed via the Parent Portal on Genesis.

Our 8th grade students will attend a Flex Assembly on March 26, 2025, to learn about their transition to Montgomery High School. The Rising 9th Grade Parent Night is March 26, 2025 @ 6:30pm at MHS. Please refer to Principal Pino-Beattie's email for more information.

STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICK UP

The parent drop-off doors, located at the rear of the building, are open from 7:55 AM to 8:15 AM. Please do not drop students off prior to 7:55 AM. Arrivals after 8:15 AM should report to the Main Office, not the rear of the building. We ask that when you are using the parent drop-off/pick-up driveway, you move up as close as possible to the car in front to make as much room as possible. Additionally, when exiting and making a right onto Burnt Hill Road, the UMS parking lot is NOT to be used as a U-Turn.

LOST & FOUND

Students and families: all items in the lost & found will be donated at the end of this month. Please check and retrieve all of your belongings before it's too late.



COUGAR PRIDE

The Montgomery Library is featuring the UMS Photo Club's work in a glass case in their Children's Library for the month of February.



UMS BOYS BASKETBALL

The boy's basketball team completed their quest in defending their title with a thrilling 71-61 victory on our home court. The team had previously defeated Ridge and Hillsborough in the runup to the championship game. They completed the season with a 14-1 record and a 29-2 record during the two championship runs. This is the school's 3rd championship and 4th finals appearance in the past eight years. Congratulations!

UMS SPRING MUSICAL-HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL JR.

Come watch to see what happens when Troy Bolton, the High School Star Athlete, meets new student and brainiac Gabriella Montez. The two contemplate the implications of breaking free from social norms at school to audition for the school musical. But, once the star studded sibling duo Sharpay and Ryan Evans get wind of their interest, Sharpay and Ryan try everything to stop Troy and Gabriella from auditioning. Will the students of East High succumb to social pressure and stick to the status quo, or will they work together to support their peers and encourage them to try new things? You will have to come to UMS to find out! Use the QR code or link below to purchase tickets.



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