

OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



IMPORTANT DATES

- WEDNESDAY, 10/29 & THURSDAY, 10/30
 - NJSLA FIELD TESTING
- FRIDAY, 10/31
 - HALLOWEEN
- SUNDAY, 11/2
 - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
- MONDAY, 11/3
 - MAKE-UP PICTURE DAY
- TUESDAY, 11/4
 - PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES
 - EARLY DISMISSAL
- WEDNESDAY, 11/5
 - EARLY DISMISSAL
- THURSDAY, 11/6 AND FRIDAY, 11/7
 - SCHOOL CLOSED - NJEA
- FRIDAY, 11/7
 - WINTER SPORTS FORMS DUE



A MESSAGE FROM MR. ACCARDI

Greetings UMS Families,

October has been a busy and exciting month for our UMS Cougars!

Our 7th graders celebrated Pumpkin Day, a fun, fall-themed event focused on community building and connection. Students signed up for activities with friends, carved and decorated pumpkins, and worked together to strengthen their sense of belonging here at UMS. We hope all of our 7th graders are feeling connected, valued, and proud to be part of our community.

Our 8th graders returned from their legendary trip to Camp Mason! A little rain at the start of the week didn't dampen their spirits; students embraced the outdoors, took risks, and collaborated through a variety of challenges. One highlight was the Action Socialization Experiences program, which helped them build communication, collaboration, and problem-solving skills. These experiences prepared students for a week filled with teamwork, resilience, laughter, and lasting memories. The trip concluded with the traditional bonfire — a special moment for reflection, connection, and celebration — as our 8th graders look ahead to the next chapter of their middle school journey. Ask any 8th grader, and you'll hear all about the fun they had!

We wrapped up the month with our first Student Council Social: Fall Fun Night, and it was wonderful to see so many students attend. Looking ahead, mark your calendars for the Fall Dance on November 14 and the PTO Iron Peak Social on November 21.

We enjoyed all of the spooks and thrills our UMS Cougars brought to the halls on today! Be sure to follow our Instagram to catch some of the creative costumes and fun moments.

Finally, a friendly reminder: students will have half days on November 4 and 5 for conferences. While conferences are by invitation, families are always welcome to reach out to teachers for a check-in or connect with their child's school counselor to schedule a team meeting.

Thank you for your continued support — we're proud of our students and the strong sense of community that makes UMS such a special place to learn and grow.

With C.A.R.E.
-Mr. Accardi



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COUGARCAST: VOICES OF UMS

TUNE IN TO OUR NEW PODCAST SERIES.
EACH MONTH MR. ACCARDI AND MS. MOORE WILL BE SHARING
AN EPISODE TO ACCOMPANY OUR NEWSLETTER.

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PRINCIPAL ROUNDTABLE TOPIC INPUT

Last year, Building Principals hosted Roundtable events to share information with the families of our schools. As we begin planning this year's Roundtable events, we'd love your input!

Please take a few moments to share what topics you would find most meaningful for future discussions by completing this brief form.

[Click here for the form.](#)



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REMINDERS

MORE IMPORTANT DATES

- THURSDAY, 11/13 AND FRIDAY, 11/14
 - COUGAR CARE DAYS
- FRIDAY, 11/14
 - MARKING PERIOD 1 ENDS
- MONDAY, 11/17
 - MARKING PERIOD 2 BEGINS
- FRIDAY, 11/21
 - PTO SOCIAL AT IRON PEAK
- MONDAY, 11/24
 - MARKING PERIOD 1 GRADES POSTED
- WEDNESDAY, 11/26
 - EARLY DISMISSAL
- THURSDAY, 11/27 AND FRIDAY, 11/28
 - SCHOOL CLOSED - FALL RECESS
- WEDNESDAY, 12/3
 - WINTER CHOIR CONCERT
- FRIDAY, 12/12 AND SATURDAY, 12/13
 - MUSICAL--BEAUTY AND THE BEAST, JR
- THURSDAY, 12/18
 - WINTER BAND CONCERT



happy
thanksgiving



NEWS FROM THE NURSE



SPORTS FORMS

UMS offers Basketball and Wrestling in the winter season. Please be advised that the nurse and the athletic department must clear athletes to participate. All forms are due to the nurse's office NO LATER than October 31st. Please visit the [MTSD Athletics](#) page for all information regarding Winter Sports, including sign-up and registration details.



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PTO & SEPTA HAPPENINGS



PTO PIE FUNDRAISER

Purchase a sweet pie for Thanksgiving or a savory pie for when you are tired of cooking -- all while supporting the PTO! There are also options to donate a pie (sweet or savory) to a family in need or to purchase cider donuts as a thank you to our teachers! www.montypto.org/pie



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GRIGGSTOWN FARM

Chicken Pot Pie
Turkey Pot Pie
Vegetarian Pot Pie
Shepherd's Pie
Pecan Pie

COUNTRY GARDENS

Apple • Apple Crumb
Blueberry Crumb
Lemon Crumb
Pumpkin • Key Lime
Coconut Custard
Lemon Meringue
Banana Cream
No Sugar Added Apple
No Sugar Added Blueberry

PRE-ORDER

your pies anytime between
now and **November 8th**

PICK-UP

your pre-ordered pies on **Monday,**
November 24th from 2pm-5pm at LMS.



We are *thankful* for our **TEACHERS!**

Let's treat our teachers with cider donuts!
Purchase a pack of cider donuts, and we'll deliver it
to the faculty lounges on Tuesday, Nov. 25th!

www.montypto.org/pie

Consider donating a pie to a family in need!

(Donated pies will be delivered to the Princeton Elks.)

UMS PTO SPORTS NIGHT @ IRON PEAK

Come out for a fun Sports Night @ Iron Peak! PTO has rented the dome turf—just for UMS! Don't miss out!
Friday, November 21 @ 6:30-8:30 PM (No Tickets Sold at the Door).

<https://montypto.membershiptoolkit.com/form/m/337593>. Must be signed in on MTK (and have a UMS student) in
order to purchase tickets. Please contact president@montypto.org with any questions.

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@ IRON PEAK

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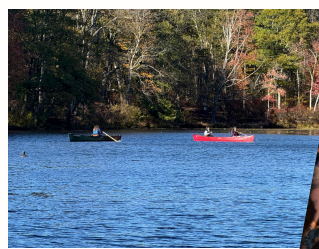
\$20 PER STUDENT

CONCESSION STAND WILL BE OPEN FOR FOOD PURCHASES

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CAMP MASON



PUMPKIN DAY

