

DECEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



IMPORTANT DATES

- TUESDAY, 12/23
 - EARLY DISMISSAL
- WEDNESDAY, 12/24 - FRIDAY, 1/2/26
 - SCHOOL CLOSED - WINTER RECESS
- THURSDAY, 1/1/2026
 - HAPPY NEW YEAR! 
- MONDAY, 1/5/26
 - BACK TO SCHOOL!
- TUESDAY, 1/13
 - WINTER ORCHESTRA CONCERT
- MONDAY, 1/19
 - SCHOOL CLOSED - MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR DAY
- THURSDAY, 1/29 - FRIDAY, 1/30
 - COUGAR CARE DAYS
- FRIDAY, 1/30
 - END OF MARKING PERIOD 2
- MONDAY 2/2
 - MARKING PERIOD 3 AND SEMESTER 2 BEGIN



A MESSAGE FROM MR. ACCARDI

Dear UMS Families,

As we head into our Winter Break and prepare to welcome 2026, I hope you and your families can take some time to slow down and enjoy moments together.

We at UMS want to celebrate all that has occurred so far this school year. The month of December was a busy one! Our Choir and Band students performed their winter concerts, and the Orchestra students will perform theirs in January. A huge congratulations to the cast, crew, and production staff of Beauty and the Beast Jr. We are proud of the strong start to the season our winter athletes have had. This past month was also busy with competitions. Our Robotics Teams performed well at the county level, we had ten students qualify for the Spelling Bee Finals next month, and we are proud of our three students who received awards for their performance on the American Math Competition. Congrats to all!

As we prepare for 2026, we are asking for your support to help keep our students engaged and focused in school. When students return from our break, Ms. Moore and I will hold student assemblies with essential community reminders about expectations at UMS. Please review the brief reminders in this newsletter and refer to our Student Handbook as needed. We are a team working to raise these excellent students, and thank you for your support!

Wishing you and your family Happy Holidays, a restful break, and a Happy New Year!

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

COUGARCAST: VOICES OF UMS

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

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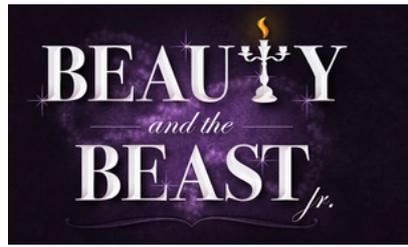
GOOD LUCK IN RETIREMENT, MR. SANCHEZ... THANK YOU FOR YOUR 25 YEARS OF SERVICE!



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REMINDERS

RESPECTFUL LANGUAGE

To keep our school community welcoming and safe for all, students should be mindful of the words they use daily. It is important for students to remember that jokes can often put another student down.

PHYSICAL ALTERCATIONS

All students should keep their hands to themselves throughout our hallways, classrooms, the cafeteria, and on our buses. We have zero tolerance for physical altercations at UMS.

PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

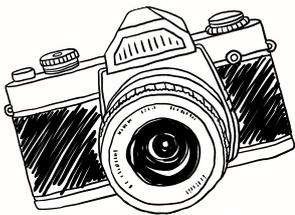
Students must power down and store their phones, earbuds, and smartwatches in their lockers from 8:15 am-3:05 pm. Any communication from home can be directed to our Main Office.

STUDENT IDS

New ID cards were distributed to students on December 2nd. Students must have their IDs and team-color lanyards visible at all times. Replacement IDs, lanyards, and cases can be ordered through our school website.

SCHOOL CHROMEBOOKS

School Chromebooks must be charged and ready for school each day. These devices are for school purposes only.



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