



# UYA Parent Newsletter

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE TO FAMILIES

DEAR UYA FAMILIES,

WE HOPE YOU ALL ENJOYED A RESTFUL AND RELAXING WINTER BREAK SPENT WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AS WE RETURN, PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT QUARTER 2 ENDS ON JANUARY 30, AND SCHOLARS HAVE LIMITED TIME TO IMPROVE ACADEMIC STANDING IF NEEDED.

IT IS CRITICAL THAT FAMILIES STAY LOCKED IN AND CONNECTED BY MAINTAINING COMMUNICATION WITH TEACHERS AND REGULARLY MONITORING POWERSCHOOL AND DEAN'S LIST FOR GRADES, ATTENDANCE, AND BEHAVIOR.

## ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS

SCHOLARS ARE REQUIRED TO:

- COMPLETE DAILY MATH (C3) AND READING (R&R) HOMEWORK WITH THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF ACCURACY
- **MIDDLE SCHOOL ONLY** EARN 10 EXACT PATH TROPHIES PER WEEK IN BOTH MATH AND READING USING THEIR HOME COMPUTERS AND DURING CLASS TIME

BECAUSE SCHOLARS HAVE ACCESS TO MULTIPLE ACADEMIC RESOURCES TO HELP THEM GET THE CORRECT ANSWERS, ALL REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET TO RECEIVE CREDIT. SEE EXACT PATH REQUIREMENTS ON THE NEXT PAGE. SCHOLARS WHO DO NOT COMPLETE HOMEWORK WILL RECEIVE:

- A PHONE CALL HOME
  - A ZERO FOR THE ASSIGNMENT
  - NO OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE UP MISSED HOMEWORK
- CONSISTENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ARE ESSENTIAL TO STUDENT SUCCESS.

## ATTENDANCE & ENGAGEMENT

SCHOLARS ARE EXPECTED TO:

- BE PRESENT EVERY DAY
  - ACTIVELY TAKE NOTES IN EVERY CLASS
- STRONG NOTE-TAKING SUPPORTS ASSESSMENT PREPARATION, ASSIGNMENT ACCURACY, AND DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF CONTENT.

## UYA MATH SUPER BOWL

ON JANUARY 12, SCHOLARS WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE UYA MATH SUPER BOWL. GRADE-LEVEL WINNERS WILL ADVANCE TO COMPETE AGAINST OTHER GRADE-LEVEL CHAMPIONS AT DEPSA HIGH SCHOOL LATER THIS MONTH.

## STAY CONNECTED

PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE ACCESS TO POWERSCHOOL AND DEAN'S LIST. STAYING INFORMED ALLOWS FAMILIES AND STAFF TO SUPPORT SCHOLARS IN REAL TIME.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP AS WE PUSH TOWARD THE END OF QUARTER 2.  
ONE TEAM. ONE MISSION. EXCELLENCE DEFINES OUR VISION.

**MLK TRIBUTE AT UYA**  
**K-3: FREE DRESS DAY PASSES FOR THOSE WHO**  
**ATTEND**



**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated<sup>®</sup>**  
**Tau Alpha Omega Chapter**  
**Strengthen Our Sisterhood Committee in**  
**collaboration with the Membership Committee**



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**“WE ARE ONE”**

**AKA**

*Service*  
**DAY**

*Come join us for fun activities to celebrate MLK legacy! This is for K-3rd grade students and each will receive a goody bag with hats and gloves.*

**Monday, January 19, 2026**  
**10:00 am - noon**

**At University YES Academy**  
**with All New Paradigm for Education Schools**

**14669 Curtis Detroit,**  
**MI 48235**

**Lynda Dandridge - President**  
**Tammi Jenifer - Vice President & Program Chairman**

**Wenday Edwards - SoS Chairman**

# **TRIPLE THREAT OF ILLNESS AS STUDENTS RETURN FROM WINTER BREAK**

**AS STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL AFTER WINTER BREAK, METRO DETROIT IS EXPERIENCING AN INCREASE IN FLU, COVID-19, AND RSV CASES. HEALTH EXPERTS ARE ENCOURAGING FAMILIES TO TAKE EXTRA PRECAUTIONS TO HELP KEEP STUDENTS AND STAFF SAFE AND HEALTHY.**

## **HELPFUL REMINDERS FOR FAMILIES:**

- PLEASE KEEP STUDENTS HOME IF THEY ARE SICK OR HAVE A FEVER.**
  - ENCOURAGE FREQUENT HANDWASHING WITH SOAP AND WATER.**
  - REMIND STUDENTS TO COVER COUGHS AND SNEEZES.**
  - AVOID CLOSE CONTACT WITH OTHERS WHEN FEELING UNWELL.**
  - ENSURE STUDENTS GET ENOUGH REST, EAT NUTRITIOUS MEALS, AND STAY WELL HYDRATED.**
  - REGULARLY CLEAN HIGH-TOUCH ITEMS SUCH AS WATER BOTTLES, LUNCH CONTAINERS, BACKPACKS, AND ELECTRONICS.**
- BY WORKING TOGETHER AND PRACTICING THESE PREVENTATIVE MEASURES, WE CAN HELP REDUCE THE SPREAD OF ILLNESS AND KEEP OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY HEALTHY.**

**TO LEARN MORE, PLEASE READ THE FULL ARTICLE HERE:**

** [HTTPS://SHARE.NEWSBREAK.COM/GLV1M49B](https://share.newsbreak.com/GLV1M49B)**

# URGENT MUST READ

## EXACT PATH CREDIT REQUIREMENTS (MIDDLE SCHOOL – MANDATORY)

TO RECEIVE FULL CREDIT FOR EXACT PATH, MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHOLARS MUST MEET ALL REQUIREMENTS BELOW. THESE EXPECTATIONS ARE NON-NEGOTIABLE.

### WEEKLY TROPHY REQUIREMENTS

- 10 MATH TROPHIES + 10 READING TROPHIES = 20 TOTAL TROPHIES PER WEEK
- TROPHIES ARE DUE EVERY FRIDAY BY 3:00 PM
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### IMPORTANT:

SCHOLARS WILL NOT RECEIVE FULL CREDIT BY EARNING TROPHIES ALONE. DUE TO THE AVAILABILITY OF AI AND ONLINE TOOLS THAT CAN PROVIDE INSTANT ANSWERS, SCHOLARS MUST SHOW THEIR LEARNING THROUGH HANDWRITTEN NOTES.

### NOTE-TAKING REQUIREMENT (MANDATORY)

- SCHOLARS MUST TAKE WRITTEN NOTES WHILE COMPLETING EXACT PATH LESSONS
- NOTES MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THEIR TEACHER EVERY FRIDAY
- WITHOUT NOTES, SCHOLARS WILL RECEIVE HALF CREDIT ONLY, EVEN IF ALL TROPHIES ARE EARNED
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### REQUIRED NOTE COMPONENTS

#### EACH SET OF NOTES MUST INCLUDE:

- STUDENT NAME
- DATE NOTES WERE TAKEN
- EXACT PATH LESSON/SECTION TITLE
- WORKED EXAMPLES AND EXPLANATIONS THAT SHOW UNDERSTANDING
- IN SOME CASES, SCHOLARS MAY BE QUIZZED ON THEIR NOTES TO CONFIRM MASTERY.

### TECHNOLOGY ACCESS

- SCHOLARS WILL HAVE TIME TO WORK ON EXACT PATH DURING THE SCHOOL DAY
- THE MAJORITY OF TROPHIES WILL BE EARNED AT HOME
- FAMILIES MUST SIGN OUT A SCHOOL LAPTOP IF ONE IS NOT ALREADY AT HOME
- NOT HAVING A LAPTOP AT HOME WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AS AN EXCUSE
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THESE EXPECTATIONS ARE IN PLACE TO ENSURE SCHOLARS ARE TRULY LEARNING, NOT JUST COMPLETING LESSONS. NOTE-TAKING HELPS SCHOLARS LOCK IN THEIR THINKING AND BUILD LONG-TERM ACADEMIC SUCCESS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND PARTNERSHIP IN HOLDING SCHOLARS TO HIGH EXPECTATIONS.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

School Day Starts at 8am and ends at 3:30pm Daily

1-5: School starts back

1-5: Laptops continue to be signed out by parents

1-19: No School

1-30: Last day of Q2

## HOMework

READ AND RESPOND



C3 MATH

HW

CLICK THE READ AND RESPOND OR C3 HOMEWORK LINK TO GET A COPY OF THE HOMEWORK. FOR C3 IT IS NOT SEPARATED SO YOU MUST SCROLL TO THE CORRECT GRADE LEVEL.

## UNIFORM REMINDERS

### SHOES

- Must be solid color only.  
Allowed: Red, White, Black, Brown, or Navy Blue.
- No patterns, logos, or multiple colors.

### LADIES: SKIRTS & LEGGINGS

- Tights or leggings must be worn under skirts.  
Allowed colors: Black, Red, White, or Blue.
- No jogging pants or regular pants under skirts.

### BOOKBAGS

- Only clear or mesh bookbags are permitted.  
All other bookbags will be held by Mr. Cummings k-5 and Ms. Bowie 6-8.
- Need a clear bookbag?  
Scan the QR code below to purchase



SCAN THE QR CODE TO PURCHASE A CLEAR BOOKBAG

[K-5 LINK](#)

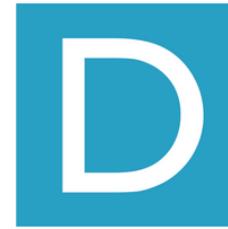
[6-8 LINK](#)

[Click Link for full Policy.](#)

# GET CONNECTED

MISSED THE ICE CREAM SOCIAL? YOU ALSO MISSED OUR QUICK SETUP FOR DEANSLIST AND POWERSCHOOL—YOUR ONE-STOP TOOLS TO TRACK YOUR SCHOLAR'S GRADES, BEHAVIOR, ATTENDANCE, AND REWARDS. PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL AND YOUR SCHOLAR'S BOOKBAG FOR CONNECTION INSTRUCTIONS. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT THE SCHOOL. WE'RE HERE TO HELP YOU GET CONNECTED.

Deanslist



Powerschool



## ATTENDANCE

Regular school attendance is essential for your child's academic success. Please remember:

- Call the school if your child is absent and/or send a note when they return.
- 10 days absent in a row with no parent contact = student dropped.
- 3 days absent in a row = doctor's note required.
- No pick-ups after 3:00 PM.
- Only listed adults with ID can pick up students.
- Only adults 21+ can pick up early. No exceptions.
- Early, frequent pick-ups hurt grades; may lead to attendance contract and losing spot.



**Reminder: Those with perfect attendance weekly will be entered into a giveaway!!!!**

## CELL PHONES/ELECTRONICS



Students may not have cell phones, headphones, earbuds, iPads, or electronic games during school hours.

All cell phones must be turned off and stored in the assigned cell phone locker (not hallway lockers) at the start of the day.

If a student is seen or heard with any electronic device, it will be taken and consequences will be given immediately.