

MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER



A MESSAGE FROM MR. ACCARDI

Dear UMS Families,

This edition of our newsletter feels important because we have officially made it to Spring Break! We hope that this break gives everyone a chance to relax, recharge, and spend some quality time with family and friends. When we return, the final stretch of the school year begins, and it is always one of our busiest and most exciting times together.

As we head into the break, this is also a reminder to our 8th- and 9th-grade families to be sure elective requests are completed. Information about these steps can be found on our website and in this newsletter. Please be mindful of important deadlines.

I also want to take a moment to say thank you to our families for your continued support in reinforcing our school's core values and student expectations. We have seen a strong improvement in students being respectful, responsible, and ready to learn, and that only happens when school and home are working together. Your conversations at home truly make a difference, and we appreciate the partnership more than you know.

When we return from break, we have several meaningful events ahead of us. We will be holding a special assembly to launch the 250th-anniversary celebration of the Declaration of Independence, which will kick off a series of activities connected to this historic milestone. Our students will also participate in grade-level service opportunities, including our 8th Grade Day of Service and our 7th Grade Care Day, both led by our outstanding HOPE Squad students. These experiences are designed to help our students grow not only academically, but also as leaders and members of a caring community.

Thank you, as always, for your support of our school. Enjoy the well-deserved Spring Break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for a strong finish to the year.

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

IMPORTANT DATES

- TUESDAY, 3/31 - MONDAY, 4/6
 - SCHOOL CLOSED - SPRING RECESS
- FRIDAY, 4/10
 - PTO SOCIAL @ IRON PEAK
- TUESDAY, 4/14
 - ASSEMBLY TO KICK OFF THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE
- FRIDAY, 4/17
 - 8TH GRADE DAY OF SERVICE
 - 7TH GRADE CARE DAY
- FRIDAY, 4/17
 - STUDENT COUNCIL DANCE - SILENT DISCO
- MONDAY, 4/20
 - MARKING PERIOD 4 BEGINS
- MONDAY, 4/27
 - MARKING PERIOD 3 GRADES POSTED
- THURSDAY, 5/7 - THURSDAY, 5/14
 - NJSLA TESTING
- FRIDAY, 5/22
 - SCHOOL IN SESSION DUE TO EMERGENCY CLOSING CONTINGENCY DAY 2





SPRING HAPPENINGS AT UMS



MISSION TRANSITION

- [Click here for important information for Rising 9th graders](#)
- [Click here for important information for Rising 8th graders](#)

LAUNCHING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

- On April 14th, students will attend an assembly led by Dr. Emily Sneff about the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Dr. Sneff is a historian who has dedicated her career to studying the Declaration of Independence & the remarkable stories behind it. As the country prepares to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration this summer, she will speak to our students about how the Declaration was communicated across the new nation, the hidden stories of the people involved, & what its promise of equality and liberty has meant to Americans ever since. It is an exciting opportunity for our 7th and 8th graders to connect with this founding document through one of its most passionate experts.
- [Photo Challenge Video](#)
- [Link to directions and Google Form](#)



8TH GRADE DAY OF SERVICE

- On April 17th, 8th graders will be participating in a Day of Service. Students will have the opportunity to sign up for various community service activities when we return from Spring Break.

NJSLA TESTING DATES

- Thursday, May 7th - Thursday, May 14th

CLASS FIELD TRIPS

- On Tuesday, June 16th, our 8th grade will spend the day at Frogbridge Day Camp, enjoying pools, lakeside activities, and much more!
- On Thursday, June 18th, our 7th grade will enjoy a feast and watch an epic tournament at Medieval Times!
- More information to come!



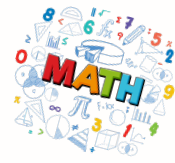
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UMS HIGHLIGHTS!



MATH COUNTS

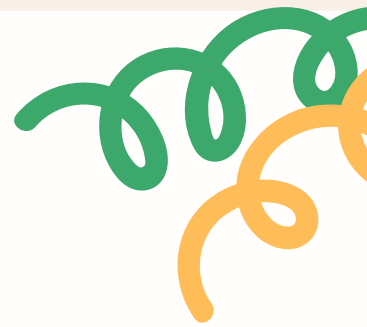


4 competitors from UMS participated in the NJ State Math Counts Competition at Monmouth University on Saturday, March 14th, 2026. Montgomery placed 5th overall in the team event!

Two of our 8th-grade competitors placed in the top 10! Rayansh Chakraborty placed 6th and Ashkan Syed placed 8th overall.



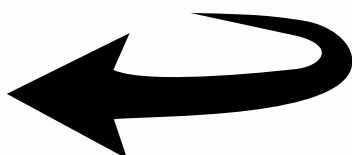
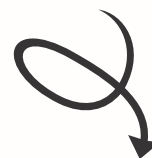
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COUGARCAST: VOICES OF UMS

TUNE IN TO OUR NEW PODCAST SERIES. EACH MONTH MR. ACCARDI AND MS. MOORE WILL BE SHARING AN EPISODE TO ACCOMPANY OUR NEWSLETTER. BE SURE TO COMPLETE THE COUGAR CHALLENGE EACH MONTH!

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PTO/SEPTA HAPPENINGS



MMS PTO & IRON PEAK UMS CLIMBING SOCIAL

FRI APR 10
6:30-8:30PM

\$20/STUDENT

CHECK OUT AERIAL ROPES COURSE
OR THE CLIMBING WALL!



LIMITED CAPACITY!



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