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UHS Weekly Update: Sept. 25 (Week 4)

Dear Utica High Families,

It's been another great week to be a part of Utica High. We have a lot of news in this Weekly Update! As we end week four I'm reminded that next Friday Oct. 2, is the half way point of our first marking period.

In **athletics**, we had a lot going on this week. Congrats to Utica Volleyball who had a Program sweep on Tuesday with all three levels winning against GPN and varsity won the quad last night. Well done. Girls swim also had their first meet and was victorious over HFII. Well done ladies. Varsity soccer lost a tough match earlier this week by a point to Romeo HS. Tennis dropped its match against Stevenson HS on Wed. 5-3. JV Football and Girls golf played last night. Girls golf had three matches and won all three. JV Football took a tough loss after heading into the half tied up against Anchor Bay but played very well. The Varsity football team starts their season tonight on the road at Anchor Bay. The game will be [streamed online](#) tonight. Boys and girls UXC head to Anchor Bay tonight today for the Cleaverly Invitational and Tennis has the Ike Quad tomorrow. Good luck all!

We had roughly 140 seniors take **the SAT** on Wednesday which went exceptionally well! We have a second session on Oct. 14 coming up. Those families who signed up for that will receive communication to parent email accounts in coming weeks with more instructions.

We are now moving into finalizing our **PSAT/NMSQT Signup**. This is both a practice test and, for juniors, an opportunity to qualify for the [National Merit Scholarship](#). Sophomores and juniors had the opportunity between August 21st and September 11th, to indicate if they would like to take the PSAT/NMSQT test. Students who requested to test received a confirmation email earlier today with further directions to secure their testing date. Sophomores will test on Thursday October 29 and Juniors will test on Tuesday, January 26, 2021. All students families have received an email encouraging them to take the PSAT/NMSQT for free on their perspective testing date. **Students must sign up by October 1st to secure a seat on that testing date.** If you have any questions about the PSAT/NMSQT you can reach out to me or Dr. Perry, or call (586) 797-2200.

AP Registration for first semester or all year courses opens on Monday, September 28, 2020 and closes on Sunday, October 25, 2020. All AP courses both at the junior high and high school will follow the attached registration process. AP Registration for Second Semester courses will in January.

[UHS AP Registration 2021.pdf](#)

Finally, Mrs. Smale and the Warrior Yearbook Staff want to make sure they're getting **yearbook pictures** by submitting pictures through forms for [sophomores](#), [juniors](#) and [seniors](#). The deadline to submit yearbook photos is Sept. 30 for all grades. This is different than the Senior Portrait which is due December 10th. These "selfies" will be a placeholder for seniors and must be submitted for the staff to begin building the yearbook. All photos must follow these guidelines:

- Photos must be at least 300x400 pixels but no larger than 1200x1500 pixels
- A color photo on a solid, neutral color background (suggestion: an empty wall)
- Photo in .JPG format, with no borders and no filters
- Photo must show your full face, the top of shoulders to the top your head, with some blank space above the head
- Photo must show you looking straight at the camera (No side profiles or extreme close ups!)
- Straight face or smile – no funny faces please
- Photo should not include other people, animals, props, etc.
- No hats, sunglasses, jewelry, or garments that obstruct the view of your face
- School Pictures must be respectful of school rules for appropriate dress code. If you do not know what those are, please consult the [student handbook](#).
- Selfies are ok as long as you meet the above criteria!

Additional information on Senior Portraits can be found below.

[Senior Portraits 2021 \(1\).pdf](#)

That was a lot! Thank you for getting through it. If you have any questions, as always, please reach out!

Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

Tom Lietz
Principal



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Empowering students to reach their full potential as members of a global community.

Utica High School Mission Statement:

The mission of Utica High School is to develop successful learners with the support of our community of educators, students, and parents. Our diverse student body will have an equitable, rigorous, and comprehensive education in a

safe and supportive environment that promotes self-discipline, motivation, and excellence in learning. We aim to cultivate individual learners with active and creative minds, and a sense of understanding and compassion for others.

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