ACADEMY HIGH
CHAMPAIGN URBANA

WEEKLY NEWS

November 11, 2022

Students had a blast yesterday at the Fall Fun afternoon!

Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 13th	**Fall Admissions Open House 4:30-6:00 pm**
Wednesday, November 16th	**School Picture Makeup Date 12:45 pm**
Friday, November 18th	**Augustana College Visits Academy High** **Athletics Social Event: UIUC Volleyball Game**
Tuesday, November 22nd	**Morning Coffee Open House for Parents 8:30-10 am** **Last day to turn in Photo Order Form**
Wednesday, November 23rd - Friday, November 25th	**No School/Thanksgiving Break**

Advancement

The **"Reaching Higher" Capital Campaign** is an effort to raise $2.2 million by 2026 to pay for the purchase and renovation of our new facility at 2001 Fox Drive. More than funding the bricks and mortar of the building, all funds raised will allow us to deepen our commitment to collaborative spaces, state-of-the-art classrooms, and other features that enrich student learning.

As of November 1st, 2022, many of our current families and 100% of our faculty have made a pledge or a donation to this fund. To date we have secured $1.1 million in pledges or donations from members of our local and school community.

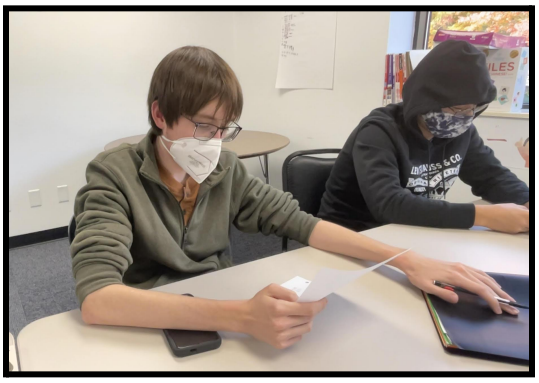
If you're interested in making a pledge or a donation, please visit our website to learn more or reach out to advancement@academyhigh.org with any questions!

Morning Coffee Open House for Academy High Adults

Tuesday, November 22nd

From 8:30 until 10 am on Tuesday, November 22nd, we invite parents and guardians to join Mr. Conerty for coffee and snacks in the faculty lounge. Drop off your child and stick around to chat with our Interim Head of School and other Academy High parents before the Thanksgiving break.

Academics & Student Life



Curriculum Focus: Chinese

The Chinese Language Association of Secondary-Elementary Schools (CLASS) is holding its annual writing competition. Chinese 3 and Advanced Chinese Students submitted essays based on what they learned in class. This is excellent practice and an opportunity to improve students' writing skills. Students have a sense of accomplishment after their efforts and should feel proud of their participation.

Our Chinese 1-4 students have started their first fundraising activity for our bubble tea sale. They created Chinese language posters to advertise their sale. Chinese 2 worked on the hospitality unit and learned about different drinks. This relates to our class because students can apply their skills in interaction, foods, and hospitality in Mandarin. They also apply their creative skills through poster making and marketing/sales pitches. All the proceeds will go to our next study tour. This time, we plan to travel to Taiwan to meet with high school students over spring break.

Lunch and Learn Series: Mr. James Barlow

The Lunch and Learn series invites professionals from diverse backgrounds to talk with students about their career fields, career paths, and everyday work lives during the lunch hour on Thursdays. Last week the Career Explorations class invited Mr. James Barlow. Mr. Barlow's career path took him from a degree in Computer Science Engineering at the University of Illinois to a position as leader of a computer security team that worked with the FBI to track hackers to his current position managing development teams at Yahoo.

Student Council Results

We are thrilled to share the results of the student council elections that took place last week. We had a wonderful slate of candidates and 87% of students turned out to vote!

Congratulations to our newly elected student council representatives:

Aiden Harms-Aronoff

Breanna Patten

Esti Ellis

Sage Windus

Eleanor Laufenberg

Emma Rypka

Elliot Emsweiler

Ian Weible

Human-Centered Design Workshop

This past Wednesday, Academy High students were invited to participate in a human-centered design workshop, to learn more about this problem-solving approach. Human-centered design is when you focus on the human perspective when solving a problem, which leads to a more effective solution. We were grateful to have Dr. Shehab from the Siebel Center for Design at the University of Illinois join us. There will be another workshop next Wednesday, November 16th.

Athletics

Interested in Track and Field?

On Tuesday, November 15th at 4:15pm, we will be holding an informational meeting about the upcoming Track and Field season. This meeting will be held in the social studies room here at Academy High School. This meeting will explain what the season will look like and how practices and meets will be structured.

Both our Athletic Director and Track and Field Coach will be at this meeting to answer any questions you might have!

Cross Country Sectional Recap

Eleanor Laufenberg and Sophia Libman competed at the IHSA Sectional Meet on October 29th at Dodds Park. This 2.95-mile race concluded with Eleanor Laufenberg finishing with a time of 20:32, and Sophia Libman finishing with a time of 20:57. This was an exciting day for Eleanor and Sophia as they both achieved personal bests during this race.

A huge congratulations to the girls who competed at Sectionals and to the entire cross country team for having such a successful season. We are very proud of our team and can't wait to see what they accomplish next year. We are excited for both new and returning athletes to compete on behalf of Academy High!

Girls Basketball

Our Girls Basketball team has been working hard at practice in order to prepare for their upcoming games. They also received new warmups and duffel bags to represent Academy High!

Please come out to support the team in their first game on November 22nd at Blue Ridge High School in Farmer City at 6pm.

Admissions

Fall Admissions Open House Sunday, November 13th

We would love your help in spreading the word with neighbors and friends about our Fall Admissions Open House this Sunday, November 13th from 4:30 - 6 pm. Most prospective families hear about us from a friend, so *YOU* are our best advertising! There is a flyer attached with this email that you can share with your contacts and social networks.

2023-2024 Application: 100% Online!

We are excited to share that application for the 2023-2024 application is available online! Prospective families can begin the application process on our website by requesting more information. All application materials are due by Wednesday, March 1st, 2023.