



ACADEMY HIGH
CHAMPAIGN URBANA

WEEKLY NEWS

April 13, 2023



On Wednesday, April 12th, students in the People of Color club welcomed black educators from around the local community to Academy High for an appreciation event. Kudos to Jamari, Jazz, Esti, and Ben for leading a wonderful event!

Upcoming Events

Friday, April 14th & Monday, April 17th	No School
Saturday, April 22nd	State Competition for Science Olympiad Team
Wednesday, April 26th	PSAT for 9th & 10th Graders Local Field Trip for 11th & 12th Graders
Saturday, April 29th	Prom 6 - 10 pm at iHotel
Friday, May 12th	Jimmy John's Food Truck on Campus
Monday, May 15th - Friday, May 19th	Finals Week
Saturday, May 20th	Graduation at 11 am

Check out the [calendar](#) on our website to stay up to date on school events!

Academics & Student Life

Caring Carnival Doubles Amount Raised From Last Year



The Caring Crew would like to thank the Academy High community for all of its support with the Caring Carnival. Thank you to club members for helping to plan the event, the students for playing in or cheering for the volleyball tournament, and the families and faculty who attended the carnival. Also a big thank you to our gold sponsors, Busey Bank and Picture Perfect Technologies! This year's carnival raised more than double than last year's event, with over \$3,500 for the Eastern Illinois Foodbank to help alleviate food insecurity in our community.



Yearbooks On Sale!

Academy High's yearbook will be on sale through Wednesday, April 19th. This year's hardcover edition of the yearbook, featuring photos from throughout the school year, will cost \$30 each. Students can pay with cash, check, or via Venmo (@AcademyHigh).

Film Club invites you to join us at Ebertfest!

The Film Club is excited to share that Ebertfest will be taking place this month. We hope that you will join us for the [Ebert Symposium](#) on Wednesday, April 19th, at the Illini Union, and for [Ebertfest's](#) Short Film Program with CU International Film Festival on Saturday, April 22nd, at the Virginia Theater. Hope to see you there!



New Program Announcements

College and Culture Tour for Class of 2025 and 2026



In the early fall of 2023, students in the 10th and 11th grades will take a day trip to visit different college campuses and explore cultural and historical sites. Academy High is excited to make this College and Culture Tour Program an annual trip for the sophomore and junior classes. They will be an excellent opportunity for students to step outside of the local community, to bond with their peers, and to learn about different college contexts. More information will be forthcoming as plans are solidified over the summer!

Senior Milestone Trip for Class of 2024

A senior trip is a memorable event for high school students as they celebrate their impending graduation and the end of their academic journey as a class. The Senior Milestone Trip is an opportunity for seniors to travel and bond with their classmates before they embark on their individual paths. This trip will take place in the spring of the senior year. More information will be shared in the early fall!

AHPA Spring Fundraiser - Order By May 1st!



We have once again partnered with Country Arbors Nursery to help you plan your spring garden! Please place your order and submit payment here:

countryarbors.com/events/academyhigh-spring23

Plant pick up will be at Academy High between 10:00 - 11:00 am on Saturday, May 6 (alternative pick up arrangements can be made). Proceeds will be used for teacher appreciation events and school community events. If you have any questions, please reach out to Carla Caceres.

Good Luck to Everyone Taking the PSAT 8/9 and PSAT 10 This Month!

The "P" in PSAT stands for practice, and that is exactly how we plan to treat it! On Wednesday, April 26th, students in the 9th and 10th grade will be taking the PSAT; this will be an excellent opportunity to take a standardized test in a familiar environment before the college admission process begins.

While Academy High does not prioritize standardized tests and scores in its everyday studies, the school uses the aggregated results internally to better understand how it is preparing students for college-level studies and make adjustments to its curriculum!



Academy High Business Club: Field Trip to Surface 51



The Business Club enjoyed a field trip to Surface 51, a marketing agency, in downtown Champaign. Academy High students had the opportunity to hear from a variety of Surface 51 representatives who shared about their educational and career paths, including computer programmers, graphic designers, project managers, human resource administrators, and digital marketing creators. Thank you to Surface 51 for providing our club with this experience to see broad career possibilities and a fun work environment, with a talking robot!

Athletics

Tennis

Our boys tennis team has been holding practices after school at Morrissey Park to prepare for their upcoming matches. The next match will take place on Friday, April 14th at 4:30pm at Morrissey Park. Max Libman will be competing against a University High School player. Please come out to support!



Track and Field

This past Saturday, our girls track team competed at Urbana High School, and our boys track team traveled to Rantoul High School. Sophia Libman ran the 3200m and the 1600m, Shannon Weible ran the 200m, and Jack Braun ran the 1600m. Both meets had beautiful weather and were successful! Our next meet will be this coming Saturday, April 15th at Urbana High School. This meet will be boys only and will start at approximately 9:30am. Please come out to support the boys track team!

Next week, our girls will be competing at Danville on Tuesday, April 18th at 4:15pm and also on Friday, April 21st at Gibson City at 5:15pm.

Girls Basketball Camp



We are hosting a Girls Basketball Camp this summer at the Savoy Recreation Center!

Our camp is designed for young female athletes who are passionate about basketball and want to improve their skills in a fun and supportive environment. At our camp, we have experienced high school players who will work with each player to enhance their individual abilities, as well as

develop their team skills through a variety of drills and exercises.

We will focus on building the fundamentals of basketball such as dribbling, shooting, passing, rebounding, and defense, as well as advanced techniques for those who are ready for more challenging training. Learn more at our website: <https://www.academyhigh.org/bball>

*****Between April 12 and April 22, if you use the code SLAMDUNK you will save \$10 when registering!*****

Faculty and Students Complete Drills in New Storm Shelter



As part of the inservice on March 31st, faculty practiced using the newly completed Storm Shelter. Faculty then led the students in a drill in the Storm Shelter last week.

Next School Year - See What Faculty Are Excited About!

If you missed the first installment of faculty sharing thoughts about next year, please check out the March 31st newsletter!



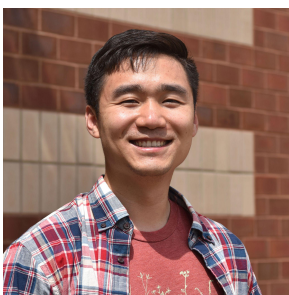
Sra. Flores

I am excited about having the opportunity to work with great faculty and staff members as well as assisting students on their learning journeys by encouraging critical thinking, connecting with them, and promoting their joy of learning.



Dr. McJunkin

I am most looking forward to teaching core classes next year! I am excited to be at school on a regular basis and get to know the Academy High family more.



Mr. Song

I am excited about seeing students back from summer break and their growth. I am also excited about challenging my students and improving my curriculum.



Mrs. Capell

I am excited about adding Anatomy and Physiology and Experimental Design to my teaching load, continuing to build out our Science Olympiad team, and working with faculty to make our building a more colorful, creative, and collaborative space.

