



ACADEMY HIGH
CHAMPAIGN URBANA

WEEKLY NEWS

September 8, 2023



Students in microbiology are investigating soil health by seeing how fast underwear is consumed by microorganisms.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, September 9th

AHPA Fundraiser Mum Pickup 10-11 am

Thursday, September 14th

Cross Country Meet at 4:15 pm/U of I Arboretum

Friday, September 15th

Food for Purchase - Potbelly Lunch

Friday, September 22nd

Fall Dance 7-10 pm at Academy High

Wednesday, September 27th

Empower Illinois Donor Information Event, 6:30pm

Thursday, September 28th

No School/Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences

Friday, September 29th

No School/Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences

Sunday, October 8th

Prospective Family Event: Discover Academy High

Potbelly Lunch on Friday, September 15th - Food for Purchase

On Friday, September 15th, the Academy High Parent's Association will be picking up boxed lunch orders placed on behalf of students and faculty. The price for a boxed lunch is \$11.00.



The Boxed Lunch comes with a sandwich and chips. Please complete the Google form to place an order and submit payment (in person or via Venmo) no later than 4:15 pm on Wednesday, September 13th. For more information about the types of sandwiches available, please visit Potbelly's website. If you have any questions, please reach out to Mrs. Bodony.

Augustana College Admissions Rep to Visit Academy High

Our first on campus visit will take place on Tuesday, September 12th from 12:15-12:45 pm. An undergraduate admissions counselor from Augustana College will be at Academy High during the lunch hour. He will share information about Augustana and answer any questions students have. This event will take place in R4. All interested students are invited to attend.



Keep an eye out for information about additional college admissions rep visits this fall!

Fall Dance on Friday, September 22nd - Chaperones needed!



We are excited for the first dance of the school year to take place on Friday, September 22nd!

To make this event a success, we need parents and guardians to help with setting up, chaperoning, and tearing down. You can sign up to help here!

If you have questions about the dance, be sure to contact a member of the Student Council or Ms. Leskis.

3D Printing Field Trip to Illinois MakerLab at UIUC

Students in the 3D Printing & Design module had the opportunity to visit the Illinois MakerLab in the Gies College of Business this week. The three hour immersive experience included the opportunity to use the lab's Ultimaker printers, their top of the line computers, and learn from "Gurus" who work in the lab. Student's enjoyed taking the bus and spending an afternoon off campus!



Prospective Family Event: Discover Academy High on Sunday, October 8th

ACADEMY HIGH

DISCOVER YOUR FUTURE

Congratulations
PAULA
ACADEMY HIGH
CLASS OF 2023

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 8th
Discover Academy High
4:00-5:30pm

*Join us for an exclusive glimpse into the world of Academy High.
All prospective students and parents are welcome!*

www.academyhigh.org

On Sunday, October 8th from 4-5:30 pm, we are hosting our [Discover Academy High event](#) that is open to all prospective students and their families! Please share this event with friends, family members, neighbors, and co-workers - let them know we're accepting applications from current 7th and 8th graders as well as transfer students!

Academy High Mum Pick Up on Saturday, September 9th 10-11 am



Thank you to everyone who supported AHPA's fall mum sale fundraiser at Country Arbors! Proceeds will be used for school community events and teacher appreciation events.

You can pick up your plants at Academy High on Saturday, September 9th from 10-11 am at the Academy High parking lot.

Families - Let Us Know How You'd Like to Volunteer This Year!

One of the things that makes Academy High a special community is how many parents are involved in different aspects and activities of the school.

We ask that each family submit a response to our Volunteering at Academy High survey to help faculty, administration, and the Parent's Association understand ways that you and your family might want to get involved at Academy High this school year.



Upcoming College Counseling Workshops for Junior and Senior Families

Lisa R. Micele
LRM
College Consulting

AH College Counseling Workshops *with Lisa Micele*

Please save the date and watch for additional class level emails, registration directives and links in the coming weeks.

	Class of 2024 – SENIORS	Sept 13	Zoom 7-8pm
	Class of 2025 – JUNIORS	Sept 20	Zoom 7-8pm

Upcoming College Fairs



It's TIME to VISIT Your Area COLLEGE FAIR

IACAC IRCF
Illinois Regional College Fair

Parkland College
Donald C. Dodds Jr. Athletic Center
Wed., September 13, 2023
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
www.parkland.edu/regionalCollegeFair

PARKLAND COLLEGE

You'll get to meet admission representatives from many in-state and out-of-state colleges and universities; ask all your questions, and get answers from the experts.

Save Time and Register Now!
Go to www.strivefair.com to register. Get a barcode to show to colleges who will scan it to send you more information about their schools. *It's free and saves you time.*

STRIVE  SCAN

A project of the Illinois Association for College Admission Counseling. In cooperation with area schools, IACAC respectfully acknowledges that the lands we now call Illinois are the ancestral homeland of many Tribal Nations.

Students and parents will have the opportunity to explore a wide variety of higher education options at the Illinois Regional College Fair on **Wednesday, September 13th from 6-8 pm** in the Donald C. Dodds, Jr. Athletic Center at Parkland College.

The event is free and open to the public. You can find more information by visiting their website, and you can register to attend here.

Hundreds of colleges from across the United States will be present at the NACAC National College Fair on **Saturday, September 30th from 11 am - 3 pm** at McCormick Place in Chicago.

You can learn more about the event on their website. Registering online before the event is strongly encouraged!



NACAC National College Fair Chicago
September 30 @ 11:00 am - 3:00 pm CDT

Cross Country: Strong Start to the Season

Our cross country season has kicked off to a great start! Our team has been practicing and competing throughout the month of August and is excited for more upcoming meets.

Our team ran last Saturday at Chrisman High School's Cow Chip Classic meet. For our girls team, Sophia Libman placed 12th with a time of 21:33.3 and Eleanor Laufenberg placed 28th with a time of 22:51.0. For our boys team, Jack Braun finished with a time of 24:01.0 and Sorin Popescu finished with a time of 28:12.5. A big congratulations to our cross country team for doing such a great job last Saturday!



Our next upcoming meet is Saturday, September 9th at Peoria's First to Finish meet at Detweiller Park. The girls will run at 8:00am followed by the boys at 8:40am.

Our cross country team will also be competing at Uni High's Potluck meet at University of Illinois Arboretum on Thursday, September 14th. The start time for this event is 4:15pm. Please come out to support our cross country team!

Faculty Amazon Wish List

Our dedicated teachers are gearing up for an exciting semester of inspiring young minds, and they could use a little extra help to make it truly special! They've combined a wish list of classroom supplies, games, books, art supplies, and other items that will enhance student experiences. If you're able to contribute, please consider donating an item from the wish list to support our teachers and their incredible students on their educational journey.



Help Academy High Access \$50,000 in Matching Funds to Support Scholarships



EMPOWER ILLINOIS

Since 2017, Empower Illinois, through the Invest In Kids Scholarship Tax Credit Program, has connected donors with schools to provide funding for students whose families meet income requirements and attend qualified, non-public schools in Illinois - schools like Academy High!

Donors through this program are able to multiply their donations by four due to the program's 75% tax credit incentive. Meaning that on their state income taxes, donors are returned \$3 for every \$4 donated to the school. Check out the table below to see what that means for donors and for Academy High:

Donation	- Tax Credit	= Net Cost to Donor	x 4 =	Gift to Academy High*
\$500.00	- \$375.00	= \$125.00	x 4 =	\$475.00
\$1,000.00	- \$750.00	= \$250.00	x 4 =	\$950.00
\$5,000.00	- \$3,750.00	= \$1,250.00	x 4 =	\$4,750.00
\$7,500.00	- \$5,625.00	= \$1,875.00	x 4 =	\$7,125.00
\$10,000.00	- \$7,500.00	= \$2,500.00	x 4 =	\$9,500.00
\$25,000.00	- \$18,750.00	= \$6,250.00	x 4 =	\$23,750.00

**Empower Illinois retains 5% of donations to cover operational costs of the program*

Last school year, Academy High received \$94,000 from donors within our school community to support scholarships for Academy High students. Their generous efforts make Academy High accessible to all families, which strengthens all aspects of our community!

This year, previous donors to Academy High have offered to match gifts up to a total of **\$50,000** to help grow participation in this program. Gifts to this program need to be made before December 31, 2023.

Academy High is hosting a local Empower Illinois representative at the school on **Wednesday, September 27th from 6:30-7:00pm** to share more information about the program. Please plan to attend - and come with questions!

If you're interested in applying for scholarships or donating to this program you can learn more about the program's funding, eligibility, benefits and regulations by contacting advancement or visiting EmpowerIllinois.org.

Community Opportunity: Jazz Band



We are lucky to have local musician Josh Houchin leading our jazz band that meets each Tuesday during lunch. If your child is interested in joining, new members are always welcome. In addition, if your child is looking for an opportunity to play with a community jazz band, C4A: Community Center for the Arts has a jazz band starting this Tuesday, September 12th at 5:30 pm. Josh will be leading this group so feel free to ask him about this when you see him at Academy High or check C4A's website.