



ACADEMY HIGH
CHAMPAIGN URBANA

WEEKLY NEWS

January 27, 2023



Juniors hard at work on an Environmental Science lab

Upcoming Events

Monday, January 30th

Home Girls Basketball Game

Sunday, February 5th

Spring Admissions Open House

Tuesday, February 7th

AHPA Meeting at 7 pm

Thursday, February 9th

No School/Student-Led Parent Teacher Conferences

Friday, February 10th

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Wednesday, February 15th

Town Hall for Current Families

Friday, February 24th

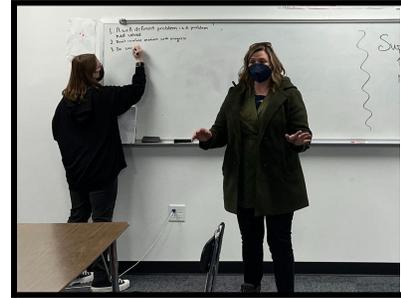
Film Club Movie Night

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

Academics & Student Life

Intro to Entrepreneurship Module Taught by Lori Davidson

Our Intro to Entrepreneurship has started strong! The students are learning characteristics and practices that successful entrepreneurs use to develop, test, and launch a business. In the first few weeks we've grounded ourselves in how business ideas are sparked, the basic tenets any successful business needs to have and started to dive into learning how economics drives and influences the success of a business.



They had a chance to simulate their own "online coffee shop" and practice managing supplies and cost. In the coming weeks we'll be learning about product innovation, pricing, and marketing and leadership skills. When we are ready, students will work together to create and launch their own classroom company!

Join us for a Movie Night on Friday, February 24th!



The Film Club is excited to plan a Movie Night for students, faculty, administration, and families at the Savoy Theater on Friday, February 24th at 7 pm.

We will be showing *Back To the Future*, and the theater will be reserved for the Academy High community. Join us for an evening of cinema, food & drinks, and friends.

Updates from the Caring Crew



The Caring Crew is excited to partner with the Business Club to sell candy grams on Valentine's Day, Tuesday, February 14th. All the money raised from the candy grams will be donated to the Human Rights Campaign. Please be on the lookout for more information coming soon, including an order form!

The Caring Crew is excited to announce that the second annual Caring Carnival will be on Saturday, April 1st. Academy High has been collaborating with Uni High, Centennial, Central, Urbana, and STM.

The event will include games, food, a volleyball tournament, and more! All money raised will benefit the Eastern Illinois Foodbank. We look forward to sharing more details soon!



Athletics

Girls Basketball



The Academy High Girls Basketball Team played against Normal Calvary Christian on Saturday, January 21st at the Savoy Rec Center. The game ended in a victory for Academy High, with a final score of 46-38. Way to go girls! Thank you to everyone who came out to cheer them on.

Our basketball team will have two more home games this season on Monday, January 30th at 5:30 pm and Saturday, February 4th at 2:00 pm. Both games will be held at the Savoy Rec Center. Please wear green if you plan to attend these games! We will also play Uni High on Thursday, February 2nd at the Kenney Gym Annex at 6pm. We hope to see you at these upcoming games!

Track and Field

Track and Field practices have started, and our student-athletes are excited to start competing in the upcoming months.

Practices are held Monday to Thursday from 4:30-5:30 pm at the school. If you would like to compete in track and field this season, please plan to attend these practices. There is still time to join!



Tennis



Our boys tennis season starts soon! If you are interested in playing tennis, please contact Ms. Leskis by Monday, January 30th.

Academy High Signs Cooperative Agreement for Girls Softball

We are pleased to announce that Academy High is cooperating with Heritage High School for softball this season. This means that both Heritage High School and Academy High will be combining their female students in order to create a girls softball team. Heritage High School will be the host school. If you are interested in softball, please contact Ms. Leskis by February 1st.



Now Hiring: Golf and Volleyball Coaches!

If you know anyone who would be interested in coaching our owls to victory in either golf or volleyball, [please send them the position descriptions on our website](#) and encourage them to apply!



Summer Camp

Share with your friends and neighbors! Academy High will be hosting summer camps in early June. The camps will be open to rising 6th through 8th grade students and will be taught by our faculty and module instructors. Registration will open on February 15th.

Admissions



Tell your friends and family about our upcoming Open House!

Spring Admissions Open House Sunday, February 5th 4:30 - 6 pm

Our admissions open houses are an opportunity for prospective students and families to interact with faculty, students, and Academy High parents and experience first hand what makes Academy High a wonderful place for students to learn. Prospective families can register for the Spring Open House on our [website](#).

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.

AHPA Meeting Schedule Set for Spring Semester

All parents and guardians are welcome to join us for upcoming AHPA meetings this semester! They will meet on the following days: If you have any questions about the AHPA, please reach out to Katie Stafford

- February 7th, 7-8pm
- March 7th, 7-8pm
- April 4th, 7-8pm
- May 2nd, 7-8pm



Town Hall Scheduled for February 15th



On February 15th from 6:15-7:15 pm, current students and their families are invited to attend a Town Hall at 2001 Fox Drive. The gathering, led by Mr. Conerty and Ms. Bodony, will be an excellent opportunity to celebrate the successes of the last six years and look ahead to Academy High's future.

After a brief presentation, there will be refreshments and opportunities for fellowship among students and families. Students and families will have the opportunity to submit questions ahead of the event. More information will be shared in the future!

Alumni Spotlight

Mayank Hirani, Class of 2021



Hometown: Champaign, Illinois

University: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Degree/Major: Computer Science

Expected Year of Graduation: 2026

Tell us a little about what you've been up to since you graduated? After graduating from Academy High, I have been attending the University of Illinois, studying Computer Science. I've really enjoyed my first year and a half here, and I am now living in my first apartment. I have had the opportunity to take well-taught computer science and mathematics

courses. This past semester I worked as a course assistant for a computer science introduction course and will continue the position in the Spring. Last summer I learned a lot working on research about SARS-CoV-2 variants with CS faculty Prof. Mohammed El-Kebir. This summer I will be joining Wells Fargo for a software engineering internship. I am looking forward to what lies ahead.

When you look back on your time at Academy High, what do you remember most about your experience? There are a lot of things I remember from Academy High. When I think back to it now, the many events and field trips remain very memorable to me. For example, the trip to China, Cahokia mounds, and Springfield to name a few. I will always remember the fun modules we had like augmented reality and stop motion. In addition to these great events I also remember the cozy vibe of the school, indoor soccer, Murphy the rat, and 10-person Brawl Stars showdowns during lunch.

What advice would you give a freshman student as they begin their Academy High journey? My best advice to a freshman student beginning at Academy High would be to do whatever looks fun to them. It is important to not worry too much about the stressful things in high school and focus on what you will remember after 10 years. Academy High can be pretty different and unique from a typical high school environment but you can use that to your advantage. Make sure to take time and utilize all the great opportunities you have.

In The News



Families who live in Southwest Champaign!

Keep an eye out for an article about Academy High in the latest edition of *Neighbors of Southwest Champaign*. Be sure to share your copy of the magazine with a friend when you're finished reading so that everyone in our community can see what we're up to!