



ACADEMY HIGH
CHAMPAIGN URBANA

WEEKLY NEWS

October 13, 2023



Cross Country team will run in regionals on October 21st

Upcoming Events

Friday, October 13th

End of 1st Quarter

Monday, October 16th

No School - Fall Break

Monday, October 23rd - Friday, October 27th

Halloween Spirit Week

Tuesday, October 31st

Halloween Costume Contest

Friday, November 3rd

Half Day - 12:15 Dismissal / Faculty Inservice

Tuesday, November 7th

College + Culture Tour (9th - 11th graders)

Wednesday, November 8th

Fall Fun Day
Making the Most of High School 6 - 7:30pm

Sunday, November 12th

Fourth Annual Care Fair 4 - 5:30pm

Student Council News

Student Council is hosting a Halloween Spirit Week the week of October 23rd through October 27th. Start the Spirit Week off strong by wearing your class color on Monday, October 23rd!

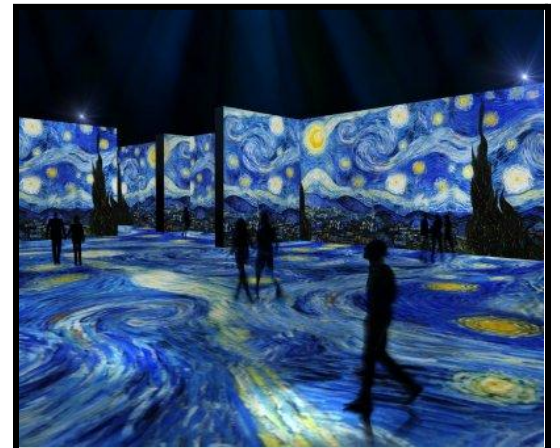


Upcoming Field Trip for 9th-11th Graders: College + Culture Tour

We are thrilled to announce our plans for the **College + Culture Tour**, a day-long field trip planned for all students in the 9th, 10th, and 11th grades, scheduled for **Tuesday, November 7th**. This exciting program offers a unique opportunity for our students to broaden their horizons, bond with peers, and explore various college campuses and cultural sites.

Itinerary:

- **Purdue University (West Lafayette):** Our students will have the chance to visit Purdue University, where they will experience a brief presentation and a guided tour to learn about academic programs, and get a taste of college life at a large, public research institution.
- **Newfields Museum (Indianapolis):** Next, we will visit Newfields Museum, where students can explore the many exhibits and be immersed in a unique art experience, fostering an appreciation for culture and creativity.
- **Butler University (Indianapolis):** Our final stop will be Butler University, providing a snapshot of the world of smaller, private universities. Combined with the visit to Purdue, this experience will help students get a feel for what college life might be like and explore potential options for their future education.



Academy High to Host “Making the Most of High School” on November 8th



Discover essential insights on academics, extracurriculars, personalized education, and college planning from experts **Lisa Micele**, Academy High's college consultant, and **Erin Schoonover**, Senior Assistant Director of Undergraduate Admissions at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

This event is structured to give Academy High's 9th and 10th grade families the opportunity to meet and greet with Lisa Micele between 6:00-6:30, before the community-wide presentation begins. We hope you can join us for an evening of insights and guidance to prepare both a successful high school journey and college planning.

Event Details:

- **Date:** Wednesday, November 8
- **Time:** 6:00 PM (for Academy High families), 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM (public event)
- **Location:** Academy High, 2001 Fox Dr, Champaign
- **Admission:** Free and open to families of current middle and high school students

RSVP to secure your spot and submit your questions in advance for an interactive experience. Spread the word to friends with middle or high school students - all are welcome!

Fourth Annual Care Fair: Sunday, November 12th

The Caring Crew is excited to hold our fourth annual Care Fair, a fundraiser benefiting Eastern Illinois Foodbank. The event will be taking place on Sunday, November 12th, from 4 pm to 5:30 pm at Academy High.

There will be food, games, contests, and more! During the week leading up to the fundraiser, there will be a silent online auction, where donated items will be auctioned off to the highest online bidder before closing time.

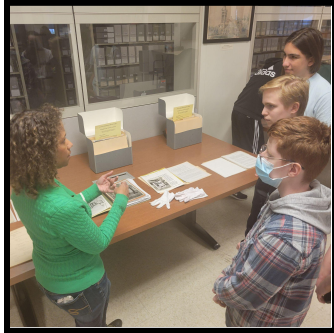
We would be grateful for any donations of silent auction items, from gift cards, baskets, lessons, services (i.e., snow shoveling for the first snowfall, car wash, etc). If you are interested in donating items, please email Mr. Conerty.



The Caring Crew is excited for the event, and please be on the lookout for more information coming soon!

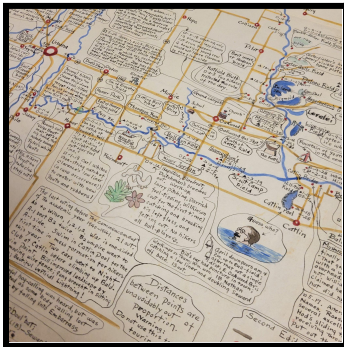
Digital Humanities Students Visit the University of Illinois Archives

After a recent field trip by the Digital Humanities class to the University of Illinois archives, Mr. Conerty had this to share:



In our quest to preserve and digitize historical treasures, our recent visit to the University of Illinois Archives was truly enlightening. With a rich collection of artifacts dating back centuries, we delved into the intricacies of artifact preservation and digitization, led by a panel of experts!

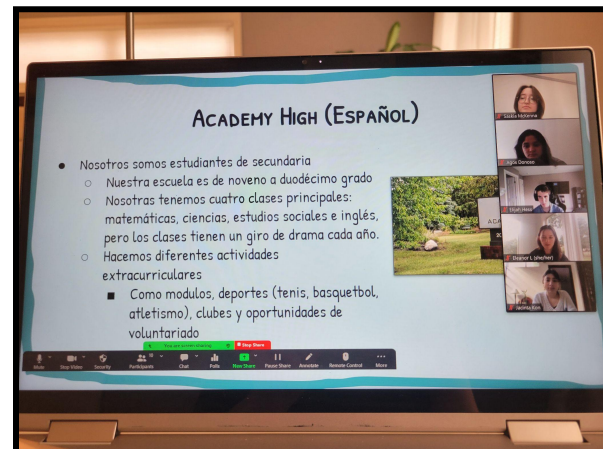
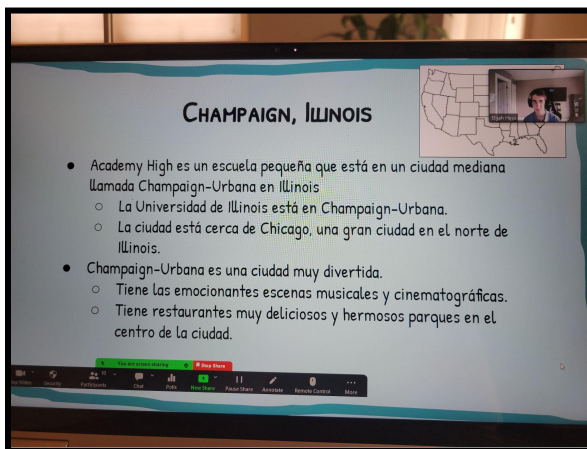
Nestled in the heart of academia, this treasure trove of history not only houses invaluable documents, photographs, and memorabilia but also serves as a hub of innovative preservation techniques. The experience was a fascinating journey where the past and future converged for Academy High students.



We were thrilled to receive an in-depth look at the preservation methods and cutting-edge digitization strategies that unlocked the secrets of our past, one artifact at a time. It served as a reminder that the preservation of our history was not just about the past—it was an investment in the future.

Spanish Classes Participate in Online Cultural Exchange Program

Advanced Spanish and Spanish IV students have the opportunity to participate in an online cultural exchange program with the [Instituto de Enseñanza Superior en Lenguas Vivas "Juan Ramón Fernández"](#). Senora Flores established this relationship with this prestigious school in Buenos Aires, Argentina to allow Academy High students the opportunity to practice their Spanish language skills, to help the students of the Institute de Enseñanza Superior en Lenguas Vivas to practice their English language skills, and to allow both sets of students to discuss different topics related to current challenges, responsible citizenship, among others.



Cross Country Team Is Moving Onward

Our cross country team competed in Monticello at Lodge Park on September 28th. Sophia Libman finished with a time of 20:45, Eleanor Laufenberg finished with a time of 21:59, and Jack Braun finished with a time of 21:45. We would also like to congratulate Jack Braun for earning a personal record!

The team also competed at Uni High's Twin City meet at the University of Illinois Arboretum on Tuesday, October 3rd. Sophia Libman finished with a time of 20:45, Eleanor Laufenberg finished with a time of 23:13, and Jack Braun finished with a time of 23:41.

On Tuesday, October 10th, the team competed at Paxton High School. Sophia Libman placed 1st with a time of 20:39, and Eleanor Laufenberg placed 2nd with a time of 21:13. Jack Braun finished with a time of 21:12, and Sorin Popescu finished with a time of 22:43.

Regionals will take place on Saturday, October 21st at Chrisman High School. Please come out to support our runners!



Next Upcoming Season: Girls Basketball

The Academy High Girls Basketball season will start with the first practice on Monday, October 30th. We are looking for more players to join the team; no experience is necessary. Joining the team can be a great way to connect with peers and represent our school. It is also a great way to join the athletic community in Champaign-Urbana by meeting and networking with student-athletes on other high school teams.

If you have any questions or are interested in joining, please reach out to Ms. Leskis.




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We're thrilled to announce a special visit from Millikin University's Admissions Officer! Mark your calendars for this fantastic opportunity to learn more about Millikin University, right here at Academy High.

 Date: October 26th, 12:15 PM - 12:45 PM

This is your chance to get all your questions answered about Millikin University's programs, admissions process, scholarships, and campus life. Whether you're a freshman planning ahead or a senior finalizing your college choices, this visit is sure to be informative and helpful.

Don't miss out on this golden opportunity to explore your options and take the next step towards your academic journey. We look forward to seeing you there!