



ACADEMY HIGH
CHAMPAIGN URBANA

WEEKLY NEWS

September 22, 2023



Environmental Studies Class at Clearview Farm

Upcoming Events

Friday, September 22nd

Fall Dance 7-10pm 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

Tuesday, October 3rd

AHPA Social at Sunsinger 7-8:30pm

Sunday, October 8th

Prospective Family Event: Discover Academy High

Wednesday, October 11th

PSAT/NMSQT for Juniors

Friday, October 13th

End of 1st Quarter

Environmental Studies Class Field Trip to Clearview Farm

On Monday, the Environmental Studies class led by Dr. Tock toured Clearview Farm and learned about regenerative agriculture. The students were able to see this land management technique in practice. Clearview Farm uses a holistic approach to regenerate the land and farm with the goal of improving soil and ecosystem health. In addition, the class was able to visit the pollinator garden on site that is in the shape of Illinois. It was a beautiful afternoon to learn outside the classroom.



Sign Up for Parent Teacher Conferences

It is time to begin preparing for Student-Led Parent Teacher Conferences on Thursday, September 28th (in person) and Friday, September 29th (remote). Our conferences foster a relationship between faculty, students, and families that is invaluable to the success of the student and the health of our community. However, it is not required that students and families participate.

At your earliest convenience, please schedule your conferences via Sign Up Genius.



Highlight on Senora Flores: Professional Development this Summer



Senora Flores attended the Augsburg University's Advanced Placement Summer Institute (APSI) Workshop led by an endorsed College Board consultant. This professional development offered Spanish Language and Culture educators the most thorough professional learning. As an attendee, she engaged in 40 hours of rich content that helps teachers learn new information, resources, classroom ideas & strategies, and exam tips related to the AP Spanish Language & Culture Course and Exam.

While Academy High does not offer Advanced Placement classes, Sra. Flores has supported students who have successfully taken the exam and wanted to further her knowledge so she can pass it along to her Spanish students.

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



The poster features the Academy High logo at the top left. A large blue banner on the left reads "DISCOVER YOUR FUTURE". To the right, a young woman named Paula holds a blue sign that says "Congratulations PAULA ACADEMY HIGH CLASS OF 2023". Below this, the text "MARK YOUR CALENDAR" is written in orange. A central grey box contains the event details: "October 8th Discover Academy High 4:00-5:30pm". Below the box, it says "Join us for an exclusive glimpse into the world of Academy High. All prospective students and parents are welcome!". At the bottom, the website "www.academyhigh.org" is listed.

On Sunday, October 8th from 4-5:30pm, 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 Parent's Association (AHPA) News

AHPA Teacher Appreciation Breakfast - Monday, October 2nd

AHPA will host a teacher appreciation breakfast on Monday, October 2nd. Drop off for all items is by 9am on the morning of the breakfast. If you'd like to contribute, please complete the sign up [HERE](#).

Sunsinger Social - Tuesday, October 3rd 7-8:30pm

All parents and guardians are welcome to join us for an Academy High Parent's Association (AHPA) Social at Sunsinger! This great group of parents work together to build community and to support our teachers and students. We'll be meeting at Sunsinger on Tuesday, October 3rd from 7-8:30pm to socialize and talk about upcoming events. If you have any questions about the AHPA or joining us, please reach out to Katie Stafford.



Hickory River Fundraiser - Monday, October 9th 4-8pm

Save the Date! AHPA will be sponsoring a Hickory River fundraiser on Monday, October 9th from 4-8pm. Dine in or carry out at the Champaign location, and AHPA will get a percentage of sales that will be used to support events throughout the year when you mention the AHPA at the time of purchase.

Cross Country Team Puts in the Miles

Our cross-country team competed in a meet at the University of Illinois Arboretum hosted by Uni High on September 14th. Sophia Libman finished 2nd with a time of 20:31, and Eleanor Laufenberg finished 7th with a time of 21:36. Sorin Popescu finished with a time of 22:42, and Jack Braun finished with a time of 22:44.

Our team also competed in a meet at Homer Lake's 5k course hosted by Heritage High School. Sophia Libman finished with a time of 21:52, and Eleanor Laufenberg finished with a time of 23:22. Sorin Popescu finished with a time of 24:49, and Jack Braun finished with a time of 25:15.

Our next meet will be on Thursday, September 28th at Lodge Park at 4:30pm. The following Tuesday, October 2nd, our team will be competing at the Twin City meet at the University of Illinois Arboretum at 4:30pm. Please come out to support our cross-country team!



Next Upcoming Season: Girls Basketball

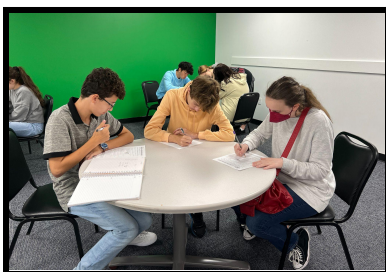
The Academy High Girls Basketball season will start with the first practice on Monday, October 30th. We are looking for more players to join the team; no experience is necessary. Joining the team can be a great way to connect with peers and represent our school. It is also a great way to join the athletic 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.



Meeting of the Houses: Friendly Competition

Last week, a friendly competition took place during the Meeting of the Houses. The houses paired up to form large teams ready to tackle the competitions that Ms. Miller and Mrs. Capell planned. Puzzles, logic games, cryptograms, sudoku, math challenges, and riddles - there was something for everyone!



Learn More about Empower Illinois: Wednesday, September 27th at 6:30pm



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!

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!

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.

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.

Upcoming College Fair

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

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

