



SCIENCE ACADEMIES OF NEW YORK



UTICA ACADEMY
OF SCIENCE CHARTER SCHOOL

October Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| SAT Reg | 10/5 |
| Blood Drive | 10/6 |
| SUNY POLY Grades 11/12 | 10/6 |
| Progress Reports | 10/6 |
| No School | 10/9 |
| College Night / SUNY POLY | 10/10 |
| College Night / RFA | 10/11 |
| PSAT | 10/11 |
| Sat School | 10/14, 10/21, 10/28 |
| Fall Clean-up | 10/21 |
| Math/ELA Benchmark | 10/19-10/20 |
| Half Day | 10/23 |
| Benchmark Exams | 10/24-10/27 |
| MS Glow Party 6:30-8:30 | 10/27 |
| 10 th Grade Parent Night | 10/30 |

**10th Grade Physicals
are due NOW!**

FROM THE DEAN: LISA KRAUSE

Utica Academy of Science is committed to providing the highest quality of education for every student. Response to Intervention (RtI) is a multi-level approach to providing differentiated support to all students. Students are tested through both schoolwide and classroom based formats throughout the year. Some of these assessments are STAR Math and ELA testing, Regent’s Scores, Report Card Data, Attendance Data, Behavior Data, and others.

Based on this data, our teachers will provide a variety of approaches to ensure each student’s success. When testing shows that interventions are needed, some may take place within the classroom and some may take place outside the classroom with an instructional specialist. Parents will be notified by mail if their child

will be receiving RtI services. These services are mandated under state law and it is vitally important that your child attend. A schedule of provided transportation is also listed on the inside of this newsletter.

Re-evaluation of each student’s progress will be done on a quarterly basis. If the data indicates that the student has mastered the previous deficit area, they will be removed from RtI services.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to call the school.



DID YOU KNOW...

...NYS Regent's requires seat time for many courses, particularly science. If a student misses too many days of school, they are at risk of not being able to take the Regent's Exam.

...Absenteeism in the first month of school can predict poor attendance throughout the school year. Half the students who miss 2-4 days in September go on to miss nearly a month of school.

...Absenteeism and its ill effects start early. One in 10 kindergarten and first grade students are chronically absent. Poor attendance can influence whether children read proficiently by the end of third grade or be held back.

...By 6th grade, chronic absence becomes a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.

...Research shows that missing 10 percent of the school year, or about 18 days in most school districts, negatively affects a student's academic performance. That's just two days a month and that's known as chronic absence.

...The academic impact of missing that much school is the same whether the absences are excused or unexcused. Suspensions also add to lost time in the classroom.

...Low-income students are four times more likely to be chronically absent than others often for reasons beyond their control, such as unstable housing, unreliable transportation and a lack of access to health care.

...Attendance improves when schools engage students and parents in positive ways and when schools provide mentors for chronically absent students.

A note must be turned in when your child returns to school stating the reason your child was absent.

When leaving early, all parents must come into the building to sign out their child.

Highlights from our Community Day and BBQ



Seniors: College is NOW upon you!

Don't think you have a lot of time to start the college application process. You should have started it yesterday! However, it is not too late. Here are the things you can start with!

1- Research colleges. Spend some time searching online. Make a list of your top 12 choices and research those schools more in-depth. The distribution should be as follow;

4 Dream Colleges: A dream college is one where your academic credentials fall in the lower end, or even below, the school's average range for the cohort of students accepted the previous year.

4 Match Colleges: A match college is one where your academic credentials (grades, ACT, SAT) fall well within the school's average range for the most recently accepted class.

4 Safety Colleges: A safety school is one where your academic credentials exceed the school's range for the average freshman. You should be reasonably certain that you will be admitted to your safety schools.

2- Research college admission requirements. They might require certain level of course load or Regent's score. You might need to re-adjust your Regent's strategy.

3- Make a campus visit. It is very important to see the college that we would like to go before getting accepted. Remember to revisit colleges later in the school year as you get closer to making that final decision.

4- Apply! You can certainly apply to colleges now, as some of you have. Just remember to request your transcript from our office.

5- Job shadow. Now is the perfect time to get a little insight into possible careers. Contact people you know in areas of interest to you. Spend a few hours or a few days with them.

6- Make your résumé. This is a very important part of your application process. It will be to your advantage to compile this information now and have it ready to send with your applications.

UASCS provides a Parent Portal which allows you to access to your child's school information through the internet. If you would like to have access to the Parent Portal, please let us know your e-mail address. A form has been included with this newsletter, which you can fill out, and return to school. If you have questions, please call the school.

Class of 2019 – 11th Grade

The 11th Grade Class is ready to go! Binders are set and organized, all are prepared and curriculum work is in full swing. The 11th grade team is providing our scholars with challenges to grow and succeed. We are looking forward to home visits coming soon and a lot of phone calls home with great news happening in our classrooms. Parents please feel free to reach out to any of us at any time. This is an important Regents Exam year and we will all be ready to "Rock the Regents" Looking forward to an exciting 2017-2018 academic year with your scholars.



Tutoring Schedule and Transportation

Tuesday: 3:30-4:15 Late bus leaves school at 4:20

Thursday: 3:30-4:15 Late bus leaves school at 4:20

Saturday School at the Middle School. Transportation is not provided

Monday / Friday: Clubs / Tutoring on request. Late bus leaves school at 4:20

THERE IS NO LATE BUS PROVIDED ON WEDNESDAY