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OF SCIENCE CHARTER SCHOOL

Middle School

September Newsletter

**FROM THE DEAN**

***MR. ERDAL DUMAN***

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

STAR Testing	9/11-9/14
Open House / BBQ	9/23
½ Day	9/25

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The 2017-18 School Year started well in the Utica Academy of Science Middle School. Thank you for making this process seamless. We have received the New York State Test results for the 2016-17 Math and ELA. They are being mailed out to parents along with student schedules.

We will have a Back to School BBQ on September 23 from 10a.m.-12p.m. You will have a chance to meet with your child's teacher in person and be informed about their classes. You and your child will also have time to sign up for clubs that are running this semester.

We will have Saturday School starting on Saturday, October 14th. Transportation needs to be provided by parents. Saturday

School will take place in the middle school location, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. It is not mandatory unless teachers communicate otherwise. UASCS middle school has started after school tutoring on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:35- 4:15 p.m. A late bus is provided, however, one bus takes all the scholars to their homes so there might be a delay as to when your child arrives home. If you would like to get more information about the late bus you can call Birnie Bus at 315.797.4933. We look forward to seeing you during our school events and thank you again for your support!

***Back To School BBQ***

***Open House***

***Saturday September 23,  
2017***

***10am - 12pm***

***Meet our Educational***



# UASCS Scholars at New Student Orientation

On September, 6<sup>th</sup> 2017 UASMS hosted a new scholar orientation. Students and parents learned about the expectations as well as the opportunities available to them as of UASCS scholar. Scholars had the opportunity to meet their teachers, familiarize themselves with the school and practice opening their lockers!



## **CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2017**

**100% GRADUATION RATE**

**100% COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE**

**\$\$\$\$ IN SCHOLARSHIPS EARNED**

## **UASCS Agenda Requirement**

This year, your child received a school Agenda. **It is required that all students use their agenda daily.** This tool served many purposes. First, it adds to existing organizational skills and helps students develop a system for prioritizing and time management. Second, it serves as a resource throughout the year offering various academic tips, facts and informational charts. The agenda is also used to document times when students leave the classroom for the restroom, office, nurse etc. If necessary, the agenda can also be used as a communication tool between parents and



**Good Luck to all our  
Fall Sports Teams!**

**GO ATOMS!**

# Tips for A Successful School Year

Talk to your child each day about what they learned in school. Encourage them to elaborate on the highs and lows of their time in and out of the classroom.

Make sure that your child gets enough rest. Young adults at this age require at least 8 – 10 hours of sleep per night. Discourage your child from leaving the T.V. or music on throughout the night. Studies have shown that although the body sleeps, the brain continues to process the words and sounds that it hears preventing a fully restful night.

Make sure your child eats a balanced diet. Be aware of changes in your child's eating habits. If you have concerns, or if you feel that something is wrong, speak to your family physician.

**Encourage your child to read anything** – books, newspapers, magazines, on-line reading sources, etc...

Communicate with your child's teachers. It is important that we work together to ensure the greatest chances of both academic and personal growth and success. Teachers can be reached both by phone and by e-mail.

***Mrs. Janelle D'Aoust 6-7<sup>th</sup>***

***School Counselor***

Dear Parents and Guardians

This is my first year at UASCS and I could not be more excited to learn and grow along with your scholar! I am passionate about preparing our scholars for the 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce through career and character education.

This year I will have the privilege of teaching a Life Skills class to sixth graders. This class will cover a variety of topics as outlined by the Second Step Program such as empathy, communication, bullying prevention, emotion management, problem solving and substance abuse prevention. Thank you for choosing UASCS, my door is always open!




~Mrs. D'Aoust

**SATURDAY SCHOOL BEGINS:**

*October, 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017*



# Welcome New Staff & Teachers !

<p><b>Mrs. D'Aoust / School Counselor</b></p> 	<p>Mrs. D'Aoust grew up in the Mohawk Valley. Prior to being a School Counselor Mrs. D'Aoust worked for several human service agencies. Mrs. D'Aoust is a certified School Counselor and holds a Master's Degree in Education in Counseling and a Bachelor's Degree in Child Psychology from Alfred University. Mrs. D'Aoust currently lives with her husband, Bryan and 1 year daughter Mya in Utica, N.Y.</p>
<p><b>Ms. Johnson / 6<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies, Science and STEAM</b></p> 	<p>Mrs. Johnson is originally from Phoenix, NY, and currently lives in Baldwinsville, NY. Mrs. Johnson taught in the state of VA for 10 years, moving back home 2 years ago. Mrs. Johnson has taught English for 6th grade and P.E. for k-5. Mrs. Johnson attended Mary Baldwin College in VA where she received a BA in sociology and education. Mrs. Johnson's master's degree consists of environmental based learning, which I will be finishing up soon. When I have time off, Mrs. Johnson enjoys spending time with her two boys Adam and Andrew, and crazy dog, Dudley. Mrs. Johnson love to go hiking and take day trips. Mrs. Johnson is very excited to be part of the teaching team here at UASCS.</p>
<p><b>Mr. McElroy/7<sup>th</sup> grade ELA</b></p> 	<p>Mr. McElroy, or Mr. Mac, is the new seventh grade English Language Arts teacher at the Utica Academy of Science Charter School (UASCS). He comes to the UASCS with both his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the State University of New York at Oswego. Mr. McElroy is an avid hiker, and is working towards being an Adirondack Forty-Sixer, or someone who has climbed all of the forty-six high peak mountains in the Adirondack range. Mr. McElroy's goal is to help students become stronger readers and writers, as well as lifelong learners.</p>

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