



# Message from the Principal

Friday, February 22, 2013

## Progress Reports

Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup> marked the end of the first semester progress reporting period. Progress report grades were mailed home today, Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## Collaboration Schedule

Union Mine will be on a collaboration schedule on Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. Students will be released from classes at 1:20 p.m.

## California High School Exit Exam

All Union Mine 10<sup>th</sup> grade students will take the CAHSEE on Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> (English) and Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> (math). Based on the results of CAHSEE pre-tests that were administered this week to all 10<sup>th</sup> grade students, targeted students will be invited to participate in a series of CAHSEE preparation study sessions that will be held on 2/26, 2/27, 2/28, 3/5, and 3/7 after school from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Invitations to the study sessions will be handed out on Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.

## CSU Early Assessment Program

The writing portion of the California State University (CSU) EAP exam will be administered to all 11<sup>th</sup> graders on Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. The EAP measures students' college readiness, and allows students with high scores to bypass placement tests at all CSU schools and many community colleges. For more information, contact your student's counselor or Career Guidance Specialist, LeeAnn Galbraith.

## Senior Parent Meetings

The Union Mine Administration will be hosting two Senior Parent Meetings next week to review the Senior Notification document, to review graduation details, and to discuss upcoming senior events including Senior Grad Night. Seniors and parents with the last names A-L are invited to attend on Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m., and seniors with last names M-Z are invited to attend on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Both meetings will be held in the Union Mine Theater and will last approximately 45 minutes. Light refreshments will be served and attendance is required. Please contact assistant principal Jennifer Myers at 622-4003 ext. 4121 for additional information.

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## Athletic Department

Congratulations to our Lady D-Back Varsity Girls Basketball team for qualifying and playing in the first round of CIF Division IV Basketball playoffs this past Tuesday night. The girls were pumped up and excited about making UMHS history and playing in the Playoffs at Bradshaw Christian. Although our ladies fought hard, they lost 28 – 62 against a powerful team. Thanks to our girls, our coaching staff, and all the volunteer parents who worked so hard this season to make it as successful as it turned out to be!

Also, we'd like to recognize the Varsity wrestlers who competed this past Friday and Saturday at the CIF Division IV Varsity Championships at Los Banos: Christian Beck, Hunter Cannon, Kevin Casio, Matt Cathey, Brian Craik, Chris Lee, and Steven Walker. Hunter was our only medalist

with 6<sup>th</sup> Place overall. We are proud of their accomplishments and hard work this season. Congratulations to you all!

Our Alpine Race Teams competed this past Monday in their last League races up at Sierra. Lone female Skier Maia Haugaard finished 9<sup>th</sup>, and our lone female Snowboarder, Stacy Hayhurst, took 6<sup>th</sup> in her race. Male Snowboarders who finished this past Monday were Oliver Venablerose in 7<sup>th</sup> Place, and Brian Williams who secured a 9<sup>th</sup> Place finish. Qualifying for the State Meet March 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> up at Shasta are: Ryan Brunius, Blake Prall, and Robert Thatcher in Men's Skiing; Maia Haugaard in Women's Ski; Stacy Hayhurst and Jessica Jetton in Women's Snowboard; and Bryson Abel, Charles Simpson, Oliver Venablerose, and Brian Williams in Men's Snowboard. Congratulations to our top 10 qualifiers!

JV and Varsity Baseball teams are being formed and practicing for their first scrimmage of the season this coming Saturday, February 23, against Amador. Both levels will play on the JV field, at 11 and 2:30 PM. The Varsity field is still under repair and reconstruction with hopes to finish by March 6<sup>th</sup>. Also, mark your calendar now for our annual "CRAB FEED" fund raiser March 9<sup>th</sup> at Cold Springs Country Club, 6 – 9 pm. Tickets to the event are \$40 per person and can be purchased through Head Baseball Coach, Brett Robinson at 530-644-2296. Call today to get your Crab Feed tickets and be ready to fill your tummy with tasty seafood!

Varsity Boys Golf had their first scrimmage of the season yesterday at Cameron Park against Oak Ridge. Although scrimmages are noted for NOT keeping and reporting scores, Head Coach Chad McGowan was pleased with their performances. Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, our D-Backs play in El Dorado's annual Jessup Tournament at Cold Springs. Tee times begin at 12 noon with our team leaving UMHS campus at 10:55 am. Hope all players hit par!

JV and Varsity Girls Soccer teams are formed and have their first pre-season game next Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, here at UMHS hosting Argonaut. JV will play at 4 pm with Varsity to follow around 6 pm. The girls will play out in the stadium, so bring some warm blankets, jackets, chairs, and get set-up out in the stands to cheer our girls to victory. The first League home game will be Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, hosting Vista del Lago. Go Lady Diamondbacks!

Varsity Softball starts the season this Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, with scrimmages at River Valley High School in Yuba City, 10 am, 11:30 am, and 2 pm. Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, our girls will host Ponderosa in a scrimmage at UMHS at 3:30, followed by a game at Case Roble High School on Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 pm. The school van will leave campus on Thursday at 1:40. Their first official HOME game of the season will be hosting Amador on Tuesday, March, 5<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 pm on the Varsity field. Come and cheer our ladies to a victory!

Our D-Back Swim Team is busy building endurance for their first League meet of the season next Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, at Galt. Swim meet begins at 3:30 with the school bus leaving campus at 1:35. The following Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, they're back in Galt with a meet against Liberty Ranch, who uses Galt's pool for their meets. Their first home meet will be Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> hosting El Dorado. Meets after March 10<sup>th</sup> begin at 4 pm. Stop by and show your support for our D-Back swimmers as they battle the "Cougars" of EDHS on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Our D-Back Co-Ed Tennis teams began their season Thursday, February 21, hosting Argonaut on our courts in scrimmage matches. As Head Coach Chris Schnaidt put it, "We look promising!" Next Tuesday our D-Backs will host West Campus at 3:30. Everyone is invited to come see the matches as they progress!

Track and Field has its first outing next Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, at the Steve March Relays at Del Oro High School in Loomis, followed by another Invitational on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, at Granite Bay High School. Invitational meets are always exciting to watch, as there are many schools and individual athletes competing at their finest. Our first home meet will be April 17<sup>th</sup> hosting Vista del Lago and Liberty Ranch. Meets are free so we encourage our fans to be up in the Stadium cheering our athletes to new records and new heights!

Finally, Varsity Boys Volleyball begins their League season on Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, at El Dorado, 6 pm start. SVC Volleyball matches will be free to attend this season, so here's your invitation to get in the stands and show your cheering support for our D-Back Varsity team. Coach Jessica Spitzer, our former Frosh Girls Volleyball coach, has taken the Head Varsity position, drilling and training the team to be competitive with sights set on Playoffs at the end of the season. We're rooting for you, D-Backs!

We have received revised rules and regulations about transportation from our District Office and Schools Insurance Authority regarding students driving themselves to events within our district. Students are NO longer able to drive themselves to/from athletic events within the district, ie, EDHS, ORHS, or PHS. If you have any additional questions regarding our Athletic activities and programs, you can always call our Athletic Director, Dave Johnson, at 621-0392. Go Diamondbacks!

## **Career Center**

**FAFSA DEADLINE FOR SENIOR PARENTS:** Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> is the last day to file a FAFSA for 4 year bound students. Community College students have a little more flexibility, but should file ASAP.

- File online at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)
- You may file before taxes are completed with an estimate, then update once taxes are filed.
- E-mail, call or come in if you need help!

### **Folsom Lake College Fieldtrip - For Juniors and Seniors only**

- March 7<sup>th</sup>
- 8:00 – 1:00
- FREE
- Sign up in the Career Center!!

### **Annual Youth Instrumental Music Contest – Sponsored by Rotary Club**

- March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM
- Sequoia Restaurant
- Students 14 – 18 years old
- Play a piece of music between 3 and 8 minutes in length
- Prize money for winners!
- More information in the Career Center

### **Summer Programs for Students:**

**Cosmos:** A great science/math program offered at UC Davis. Check it out at <http://cosmos.ucdavis.edu/> Apply by February 22.

## **FOR JUNIOR PARENTS**

### **Test prep**

***Free Online Test Prep from Kaplan! A \$299 value!***

Here's how to sign up:

- 1.) Log onto [www.kaplanatschool.com/unionmine](http://www.kaplanatschool.com/unionmine). On the left, under 'Program Options' you will see **PSAT, SAT, or ACT On Demand**
- 2.) Select the link to the desired program, making note of the appropriate access code.
- 3.) Click "Enroll Now", then click "Proceed to Next Step"
- 4.) Fill out "Billing Information" (don't worry, it's still free). You must complete all fields, including student and parent contact information.
- 5.) In the "Promotion Code" box, enter the **discount code** for the course you would like to begin (located on the home screen)
- 6.) Click "Apply" next to the promo code box. Total should automatically reset to \$0.
- 7.) Click "Submit Order", and you're done!

**SAT and ACT test dates:**

**SAT Test Dates and Registration Deadlines**

[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
March 9, 2013	February 8, 2013	February 9-22, 2013
May 4, 2013	April 5, 2013	April 6-19, 2013
June 1, 2013	May 2, 2013	May 3-17, 2013

**\*\*\*Photo upload required!!**

\*\*\*To send your score to all 23 state schools, use the CSU Mentor Code: 3594\*\*\*

**ACT Test Dates and Registration Deadlines**

[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
April 13, 2013	March 8, 2013	March 9-22, 2013
June 8, 2013	May 3, 2013	May 4-17, 2013

**\*\*\*Photo upload required!!**

Send score to one CSU and then request to score to be forwarded to the remaining 22 State Universities at [www.CSUmentor.edu](http://www.CSUmentor.edu)

**FOR SENIOR PARENTS**

**Community College bound:**

- The Folsom Lake College application for fall 2013 opened today. Apply online at [www.flc.losrios.edu](http://www.flc.losrios.edu)

**State College bound:**

- Remember to have your student sign up for the EPT or ELM if needed. Information can be found at [www.ets.org/csu](http://www.ets.org/csu)

**Financial Aid dates:**

- Time for all Seniors to file their FAFSA forms. File online at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). the FAFSA needs to be filed no later than **March 2<sup>nd</sup>**. If help is needed see Mrs. Galbraith in the Career Center.
- Once you have filed your FAFSA, log onto [www.calgrants.org](http://www.calgrants.org), create a webgrant and make sure that the Cal Grant office has a GPA on file for you. This should be done no later than **March 2<sup>nd</sup>** as well!

**SCHOLARSHIPS:**

- Scholarship help during lunch on **Tuesdays** during the month of February in the Career Center. Come get help!!

**Local Scholarships:** Time to start working on Scholarships! Complete your profile on [www.CaLocalScholarships.org](http://www.CaLocalScholarships.org). Most scholarships are due **March 1<sup>st</sup>**.

**Scholarship for students heading to Sacramento State** – check out this scholarship:

- All majors

- 3.7 or higher GPA
- Due March 1
- Download app at [http://www.sacstatealumni.com/Attachments/2013-14Scholarship\\_General\\_Application.pdf](http://www.sacstatealumni.com/Attachments/2013-14Scholarship_General_Application.pdf) or pick it up in the Career Center.

## Drama Department

### **Theatre @ The Mine Brings Home Awards**

Congratulations to Cyle Sullivan, Grady Lynch and Jordan Hyatt-Miller for receiving awards at the recent Lenaea High School Theatre Festival held at Folsom Lake College's Three Stages Theatre. The Lenaea Festival is one of the largest High School Theatre Festivals on the west coast and includes over 50 schools from California.

Cyle received a bronze medal for his monologue performance from *Baltimore Waltz*; his character was a librarian who quits his job in spectacular fashion. Grady and Jordan received a special Respondent's Award for their scene from *Dog Meets God*, a play that imagines the Peanuts characters as teenagers. Grady as teenage Charlie Brown tries to apologize to Jordan's teenage Schroeder for bullying him as a younger child. Other actors who performed at the festival included: Jasmyn Ostic and Dylan Punturo in a scene from *Oleanna*; Jessica Derochea as "woman" in *Clear Glass Marbles*; Rhiannon Begnell as Martha in *Battle Hymn*; and Frances Swickard as Mary Titfer in *Audition*. In addition to performing scenes and monologues, UMHS students watched other high school's one act plays, musical theatre performances as well as their duo/monologue scenes.

## French Club

French Club will be seeing *Beauty and the Beast* at the Community Center Theater on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Please see Madame Duran to sign up by Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at nutrition break. Parents are welcome to volunteer to drive.

## Music Department

Choir at District Choral Festival at Oak Ridge High School: All Day, Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>.  
 Concert Band at Woodcreek High School: Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Bus will leave Union Mine at 7:30 a.m.

## Sober Grad

The next meeting for Sober Grad Night will be Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. This event is run solely by parent volunteers and we need your help, both on the night of the event and in the months before to make this a truly memorable evening. Help is needed for decorating, refreshments, carnival games and may other fun activities. If you are able to help out, come join us for this informational meeting. Tickets are currently on sale in the UMHS library and at the meeting for \$50.00. Tickets will also be sold at the upcoming senior parent meetings. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Plexico at 622-5464.

## Yearbook

- **Order your yearbook while supplies last!** We have submitted our yearbook order number based on books ordered prior to February 1<sup>st</sup>. We did order extras and will sell books until we are sold out – current price is \$88 and goes up to \$90 on May 1, 2013
- **Don't wait to the last minute!** Order your book before we sell out!
  - Order online at [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com) today!
- **Silent Auction!** Come into room D6 for our first ever Silent Auction!
  - We will have sheets of paper where you can bid on a yearbook from the **past four years**
  - **Bidding will start on Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup> and continue until Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**