



# UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Superintendent

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Greetings Parents:

I hope you had a great Thanksgiving break, and I also hope your favorite team(s) won during the holidays. Pretty soon the fall semester will come to a close, and I need your help to ensure your child stays focused with his/her studies. Make sure he/she continues to complete homework, study for tests, and turn in assignments on time. Before you know it, we will be welcoming the New Year. I have a couple of items that I must share with you. For easy reading, I am using the bulleted-type format.

- ❖ We have a Parenting Session scheduled for December 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. This month's topic is on **Internet & Computer Safety**. Please don't forget to contact Mrs. Yolanda Alfaro at 473-5410 to provide suggestions on great parenting sessions. We want your input.
- ❖ I want to thank you for supporting USHS at the District's Wellness Parenting Sessions but unfortunately we did not win the Grand Prize of \$1000.00 dollars. Only 76 parents out of 2,000 plus parents showed up to the sessions. We will try next year again.
- ❖ Exam Schedule is included with the letter and is on the website.
- ❖ Please make sure that your child is doing the following: report to school and class on time, listen to instructions the first time given, follow directions, come prepared with the necessary school supplies, turn assignments in on time, spend time studying for tests, be accountable for their actions, and exhibit good character.
- ❖ **IMPORTANT REMINDER:** For a student to earn credit, a student must pass his/her class and attend the class 90% of time it is offered. Typically, a student cannot miss more than 8 days of school in a semester class and 4 absences in a nine week course. If your child has 8/4 absences respectfully, it is the student's responsibility to ask for an Attendance Review Committee to convene to determine if the credit can be reinstated. If you are not sure on the number of absences your child has accumulated during the fall semester, you may contact our attendance office at 473-5430.
- ❖ **NBA: Never Been Absence** party will take place December 17<sup>th</sup>. All of the students that were not absent during this last nine weeks will be eligible for many wonderful prizes. In addition, their names will be placed in the grand prize drawing in May for the Disney Trip. Remember a student may earn the opportunity to place his/her name each nine weeks. It pays to come to school.
- ❖ **Dress Code:** As the weather becomes cooler, your child may wear any color jackets and sweaters with buttons/zippers (NO PULL OVER OUTERWEAR IS ALLOWED). All students must be wearing the appropriate dress code. **No denim/jeans pants are allowed in any color.** Only solid navy, white, Carolina blue shirts allowed. Long coats below mid-thigh and trench coats are **not** allowed. Please review the district dress code in the Student Code of Conduct. We need your help with the dress code violations.

Don't forget to utilize our webpage <http://ushs.unitedisd.org> for the latest information about the school. In addition, this site is the gateway to the teachers' email addresses and class pages.

Again, as a collaborative unit, we can provide the best possible education for your child, so we look forward to working together with you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 473-5401 or email me at

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Cordially,

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