



# Patriots' UPDATE

Newsletter for Upper School Heritage/Academy Parents

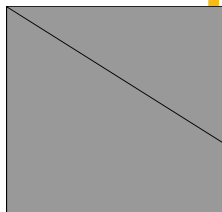
Summer 2010

## REMEMBER—IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL ON AUGUST 30!

Classes begin Monday, August 30,  
with full day sessions.

**School Hours: 7:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

See the enclosed 2010-2011 school calendar.



## From the Upper School Principals

Dear Parents:

We are happy that you and your child(ren) will be part of the Upper School for the 2010-2011 school year. **Please put this newsletter in a safe place. It has all the information you will need for the start of the school year. It is the only correspondence you will receive with this information.** Please read it carefully and refer to it as needed. Pay particular attention to the articles "Orientation for New Students" and "Schedules and Book Sales."

We believe that a positive and constructive working relationship between the school and home is essential to the accomplishment of our mutual goal: a happy, responsible educated young adult.

For your part we ask that you:

1. Insure that your child arrives at school by 7:40 a.m. daily.
2. Call the office between 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. to report an absent child, stating the reason for the absence. Ext. 3164
3. Read all correspondence mailed to your home; discuss with your child as appropriate.
4. Keep track of dates of progress reports and make sure you see the reports.
5. Attend most of the athletic, dramatic and academic events in which your child is involved.
6. Attend the Heritage/Academy Open Houses / Back to School Nights.
7. Review Student Handbook (distributed in mid-August) with your child; sign the appropriate page in the back of the book and return it promptly.
8. Activate your accounts for edline and My Back Pack.
9. Check My Back Pack periodically to monitor your child's progress.

If you'll do these things, we'll do the rest! If you ever have any question about any part of the program or your child's situation in particular, call us. We are here for you and your child.

—Ms. Patricia Butts, Senior High Principal  
Mrs. Rosemary Cvammen, Junior High Principal  
Mr. Peter Gulotta, Academy Headmaster

### Schedules and Book Sales

Please review the insert sheets carefully. The inserts give all information. Please keep it for future review.

## Orientation for New Students

If you are new to Heritage/Academy Upper School (students *who attended 6th grade '09-'10 at Heritage or Academy are considered "new"*):

All students grades 7-12 who are entering Heritage/Academy for the first time should plan on visiting campus at 7:00 p.m. on these days:

Grades 7 and 8: Tuesday, August 24  
Grades 9-12: Thursday, August 26

We will meet in the theatre (south of the football field). We will speak briefly of various opportunities available to students, introduce the administrators who will service you and your children and provide tours by grade level to the students while parents remain in the theatre for informal questions and socializing. If you cannot attend, we will miss you, but we'll understand scheduling conflicts during your last vacation days. Textbooks will not be sold at this time!

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

#### BOOK SALES:

August 12 - Grade 12  
August 13 - Grade 11  
August 16 - Grade 10  
August 17 - Grade 9  
August 19 - Grade 8  
August 20 - Grade 7

#### ORIENTATIONS:

August 24 evening - Grades 7 & 8  
August 26 evening - Grades 9-12

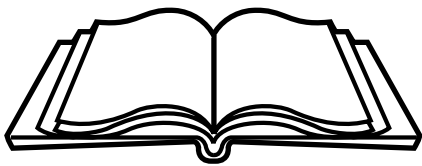
#### FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:

Monday, August 30

#### HOMECOMING:

Homecoming Game, October 8  
Homecoming Dance, October 9

## SUMMER READING / HOMEWORK



Upper School students have been assigned required summer reading for English classes and Acting IV. Books may be purchased in the Heritage Upper School office and should also be available at book stores. Academy students in grades 7-12 should purchase their books at the Academy office. Summer reading brochures were given to students at the end of the school year, and a copy is available on Edline. **Note that Summer Reading Analyses for English must be completed before the first day of school.**

Any student who has been officially notified via the report card or conference that the placement is "Honors" should do the readings listed as "Honors." If there is any doubt, the student should contact the office or do all the readings.

Summer homework assignments are obligatory for all levels of Algebra I, Algebra II, Calculus, Pre-Calculus and Geometry, as well as these specific levels: AP Biology, AP Chemistry, Photography III and IV. Packets are available online. Email your Guidance Counselor if you have any questions..

### **DRESS CODE**

Uniforms (shirts, shorts and pants) must be ordered from Cheryl Kinzel, who is available in the Admissions Office, by appointment.

Call Sandy Lopez at 954-472-0022, ext. 3062, to set up a time for fittings with Mrs. Kinzel. Don't wait until August!

We do expect compliance with the code starting August 30.

# Quick News:

## SUMMER SCHOOL

Students in grades 9-12 enrolled in any credit summer program other than one offered by American Heritage/Academy should notify our office and request from the summer school that all paperwork be forwarded to us. Credits from Florida Virtual School are not acceptable.

## COURSE SELECTION SHEET

All students enrolled in grades 7 and 8 should have returned their enrichment sheets by this time; **all senior high students should have submitted their course choices by this time. Call the Upper School (Heritage or Academy) immediately if this hasn't been done.**

## IMMUNIZATION

If you have not submitted a certificate of immunization, please do so immediately. Florida form DH680 will be available at your physician's office or county health department, and must be completed and signed by a Florida physician. All students must have the original DH680 form on file before they will be allowed to attend school. If this form has been submitted in the past with all immunization completed, you need not resubmit. Students entering 7-12th grades must show evidence of receiving the required hepatitis series of immunizations (3), second measles (MMR preferred), Td booster, and varicella vaccine (2) or year of chicken pox disease.

## ACTIVITY FEE

All Upper School students are required to pay a \$340.00 activity fee. An ID card is issued which entitles students to one school yearbook, *Spotlight*, and admission to all athletic, drama and music events (excluding district competitions) and for computer usage on campus. Pictures will be taken at the book sale and during the first few school days and cards will be issued a day or two after. ID cards must always be worn.

## ATHLETICS

Important athletic info regarding fall sports program is enclosed with this newsletter. It outlines the sports program for the year; beginning practice dates are listed for all sports.

## STUDENT PARKING

Driving to school and having a car on campus is a privilege reserved for juniors and seniors only. All students who plan to drive must register for the 2010-11 school year during the book sale. The parking fee will be \$50.00. No tag will be issued without complete information, and no car may be parked without the tag displayed in the front window. Misuse of the privilege will result in its being lost. All students will park in Lot 1. Due to limited parking, no freshmen or sophomores may have a car on campus. No exceptions!

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

All senior high students are required to perform a minimum of 120 hours of service during their high school years. Documentation of all service should be obtained when the service is performed, and the documentation should be submitted to the office within 3 months of the service being performed. (Hours that are not submitted in a timely fashion risk being refused.) The Faculty Council who determine who will be inducted into NHS, as well as universities in determining acceptances, prefer to see a pattern of service rather than a block all at once with nothing else. Students should familiarize themselves with the published flyer on what is acceptable and what is not. Seniors with hours totaling **250 hours or more** will be recognized at graduation.

## Special Testing Needs

If your son or daughter has had a recent psychoeducational evaluation, he/she might be eligible for non-standard test administration of the PSAT, SAT, or ACT. This could include extended time. If you think this applies to your child, it's time to fill out the necessary forms to request special testing accommodations.

If testing accommodations are approved, our approval will last 3 years from the date of your most current evaluation. The College Board strongly recommends that you start this process in 10th grade. If you have an eleventh or twelfth grader, it is of immediate importance. Please call your child's guidance counselor if you feel your child qualifies for this service and you would like to discuss the next steps.

## Important College Entrance Test Dates for 2010-2011

### SAT Test Dates:

October 9, 2010: Register by September 10, 2010

November 6, 2010: Register by October 8, 2010

December 4, 2010: Register by November 5, 2010

January 22, 2011: Register by December 23, 2010

Go to [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) to register and choose a testing location.

### ACT Test Dates:

September 11, 2010: Register by August 6, 2010

October 23, 2010: Register by September 17, 2010

December 11, 2010: Register by November 5, 2010

February 12, 2011: Register by January 7, 2011

Go to [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) to register and choose a testing location.



### Dates for Back to School Nights:

**Tuesday, September 7**  
Grades 7, 8, 9  
7:00 - 8:30 p.m

**Monday, September 13**  
Grades 10, 11, 12  
7:00 - 8:30 p.m

### Details to follow

Visit [Edline.net](http://Edline.net)  
and [www.ahschool.com](http://www.ahschool.com)  
for news  
throughout  
the summer!!



### Transportation/ Emergency Cards

If you will need bus transportation for 2010-11, you must fill out a bus transportation card (enclosed in this mailing) and return it by August 20. One card **per family**.

Also, the Upper School Office emergency card and the Clinic emergency consent form must be completed, signed and returned at the Book Sale. (Do not mail the cards and do not submit them to the Office.) We have determined that accepting the cards only at the Book Sale will allow us to track more accurately those in non-compliance.

## Class Schedules for the '10-'11 School Year

Class schedules will be mailed prior to the book sale dates.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Guidance Counselor assignments and telephone extension numbers are as follows:

### *Grades 11 and 12*

A-C - Ms. Luciana Mandal, ext. 3077

D-J - Mrs Beth Taubman, ext. 3028

K-Q - Ms. Elise Ackerman, ext. 3020

R-Z - Mrs. Sharon Bikoundou, ext. 3055

**Grade 9 Heritage** - To be announced

**Grade 10 Heritage** - Ms. Nicole Wilson, ext. 3411

**Junior High School** - Ms. Melissa Becerra, ext. 3199

### *Academy*

Grades 10-12 Mrs. Mary Jordan, ext. 3131

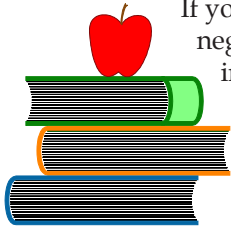
Grades 7-9 Mr. Steve Robin, ext. 3084

Mrs. Kelly Bennett, Director of Guidance & Scholarship Specialist, ext. 3094  
Ms. Luciana Mandal, Director of College Planning, ext. 3077

## USED UNIFORMS

If you wish to donate used uniforms for Upper School students, you may drop them off at the Admissions Office.

## TURN IN USED BOOKS



If your son/daughter neglected to turn in used books at the end of the school year, you do not need to despair. Simply bring the used

books to the appropriate office any Monday, up to and including July 26, between 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

## SCHOOL PICTURES

The school's photographer is Weston Photography, 2750 Glades Circle, Weston, FL 33327, Suite 700, phone 954-888-9259. Seniors should have been contacted regarding appointments for their sittings. If a senior has not been contacted he/she should contact Weston Photography. Individual student pictures for grades 7 through 11 (in uniform) will be taken on campus September 14, 15 and 17.

## NJHS - NHS Service Requirements

We require service both for graduation and for induction into National Junior Honor Society and National Honor Society. Students and parents often draw a blank in thinking creatively. For those students, there are many opportunities at Daily Bread Food Bank or local hospitals.

For assistance in finding places you can perform community service locally, access Youth Service America's web site at [www.SERVE.net.org](http://www.SERVE.net.org).

## Scholarship Specialist at Your Service

During the 2010-2011 school year, Director of Guidance Kelly Bennett will again be meeting with seniors and their parents to help them secure scholarship money for college. Seniors and their parents are invited to schedule individual conferences with Mrs. Bennett to discuss financial aid options and to obtain scholarship information, including information about the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship. Mrs. Bennett also informs students about local and national scholarships for which they may be eligible, and she helps students complete their scholarship applications.

As the Scholarship Specialist, Mrs. Bennett's goal is to help students earn more scholarship money so that they will have additional options when selecting a college or university.

## IMPORTANT!

### Dates to add to your 2010-11 calendar:

October 8/9	Homecoming Game/Dance
October 14	College Fair
October 16	PSAT
Dec. 20 - Jan. 2	Winter Break
March 14 - 18	Spring Break
March 31	Junior/ Senior Prom
April 22 - 25	Easter Break
May 13	Last day of regular classes for Seniors
May 19	Senior Dinner
May 20	Senior Awards Assembly
May 22	Graduation 3 p.m. Six tickets per graduate

## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY/ JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY (Heritage Only)



Remember that students need to plan their individual service project for 2010-2011.

Students who are not currently members of NHS or NJHS but hope to be inducted in 2010-2011 are reminded that a 4.33 cumulative GPA and 50 hours of community service (within the last school year preceding the induction) are minimum requirements. This is above and beyond the 120 hours required of all students throughout high school. Documentation will be required for service, so we suggest you ask for verification as you complete the service. The faculty council in their deliberations look for an on-going pattern of service, **not** a one month block of "getting hours in." Scholarship, service, character and leadership, all of **outstanding** caliber, are required by the societies.

## Annual College Fair 2010 Thursday, October 14, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Don't miss this event! Representatives from over 100 colleges and universities from around the country will come to talk with both students and parents about academic programs, extracurriculars, admission guidelines and much more. Parents are highly encouraged to attend.

Grades 10, 11 and 12 will attend.

### COLLEGE NEWS via Edline & Family Connection

The Guidance Department sends frequent communications by e-mail to juniors and seniors. If your Edline account is not activated, you will not receive these e-mails. The newsletters contain important and timely information about college rep visits, the college search, the college applications, application deadlines, SAT/ACT testing, scholarships, and much more. We use it as a group advising tool to keep you up-to-date on pertinent topics.

Please activate your account immediately. Contact Marisa Behar at 954-472-0022 x3376 or marisa.behar@ahschool.com if you need help.

## Important Information for Seniors

### *Prepare for College Applications*

- 1) Keep searching and researching colleges. Visit in person or take a virtual tour on the web. Your advisors will also be here in the summer, so feel free to call.
- 2) The Common Application should be ready in early July. Visit the web site, [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org).
- 3) To apply to any of the state universities, go directly to the university's website. Online applications will be ready in early August.
- 4) All other universities or colleges will have applications ready in early August.
- 5) Start on your application essays in August. Write several essays.

Don't forget to consult the College Guidebook given to you at the Junior Workshop if you want more details on any of the above topics.

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### COLLEGE JUMP START: College Application Workshop August 16, 19, & 20 WE HELP YOU GET STARTED!

For rising seniors — Class of 2011

All Workshops are offered from 10 a.m. - noon in the Library.

Getting Organized; Applying to the State Universities — August 18

Your Personal Statement: Writing the College Essay — August 19

The Common Application; The College Interview — August 20

## FALL TOURS OF FLORIDA AND NORTHEAST COLLEGES

The tours are a great way to help you learn about colleges that match you. We plan to spend about two hours on each campus learning about the academic, athletic, and extracurricular programs. You will also see the campus on a walking tour led by a current student. You will learn about the typical student who gets in and how to apply for admission. The best part is you travel with your peers who are also searching for the right college. The tours are open to sophomores, juniors and seniors.

### Florida College Tour

Visit UF, FSU, UCF, UNE, FGCU, USF

September 23-25

The final registration deadline is September 1. The total price is \$499. You are encouraged to send your payment and registration right away to hold a space.

### The Boston College Tour

Visit MIT, Harvard, Tufts, Northeastern, Brandeis and Clark

November 3 - 6

The final registration deadline is September 7. The total price is \$1,500. You are encouraged to send your payment and registration right away to hold a space.

Please call the Guidance Office for information and registration packets at 954-472-0022 ext. 3092.



## DRUG FREE CAMPUS

The faculty and administration at American Heritage and Academy are committed to our campus being a safe environment at all times for your children. Fortunately, over the years, we have been free of many situations which have affected some other schools. But, we are also aware that our students are subject to the same pressures, stresses and temptations that affect other teenagers in contemporary America. Drugs and alcohol might be regarded as an answer to these pressures and temptations. Dogs trained to locate drugs will inspect our campus at irregular intervals. Students who request permission to drive a car to campus will be required to sign an authorization giving access to the car. Lockers may be searched if there is a belief that the rules in the handbook are being violated.

Should a student display behaviors or symptoms commonly associated with substance abuse, an administrator will call the parent to alert him/her. Unless the parent can provide an explanation, the student will be expected to undergo testing at a lab chosen by the school. The Student Handbook clearly explains the procedures we follow.

This program has been carried out successfully for many years, and we hope it will send a message to all who are on campus that American Heritage/American Academy is a drug-free area. In other words, we have zero-tolerance, no second chances.

## Student Insurance

A student accident medical policy is provided as part of your enrollment package. Coverage is for injury during the hours and days when school is in session and while attending or participating in school sponsored and supervised activities on or off school premises. Benefits are the maximum amount payable for covered expenses not recoverable from another plan providing medical benefits. This is a secondary coverage plan, but if there is no other coverage, benefits are payable to a maximum of \$1,000,000 (any one accident) and the excess coverage provision will not apply.

**Visit the American Heritage website/  
Edline for up-to-the-minute information  
on a variety of topics  
including calendar updates.**

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