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WELCOME BACK LETTER

August 7, 2020

Greetings University High School Phoenix Families,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 Academic School Year! I continue to find it a privilege to serve as your Principal and work collaboratively to support our scholars as we approach the start of an unprecedented school year. While we continue to face many challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the civil unrest in this nation, one important fact remains true--the residents of our great city of Newark are resilient and possess the grit necessary to overcome any challenges we face. Together, we will work to ensure we are maintaining high academic standards and extensive social emotional supports for our scholars. Our goal is to make certain no shortage of opportunities exist for your scholars within and beyond our school.

In order to protect the health and safety of all stakeholders and to promote maximum success, we need your support now more than ever to ensure the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) guidelines, the state of New Jersey, the city of Newark, and the Newark Board of Education guidelines are followed as designed in the school reopening plan which can be accessed on the district's website at:

<https://www.nps.k12.nj.us/mdocs-posts/newarks-reopening-plan-2020-2021>

Please read the following information pertaining to the 2020-21 academic school year carefully:

- The first day of school is **Tuesday, September 8, 2020** (more information regarding procedures for this day is forthcoming).
- Learning will take place in two formats:
 - Remote learning: This will occur based on parental request and individual student needs. In order to select this option, you must complete the consent form via School Mint/Newark Enrolls website--<https://newarkenrolls.schoolmint.net/signin>). **The due date for this form is August 14, 2020. Distribution of Learning at Home Plan Kits for remote learning will occur August 17th to August 28th.**
 - In-person learning: There will be a maximum of 10 students per classroom. In order to adhere to state and district guidelines regarding class sizes, the number of days per week students will attend in-person learning will be determined based on the total number of parents requesting this option.



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- The online lunch application system is available. Please begin completing the lunch application for the 2020-21 SY now. <https://family.titank12.com/application/new?identifier=7LGSDU>
 - Note: It is imperative that all parents/guardians complete a lunch application for his/her child. This applies to all parents, including those who will be sending lunch from home and those who have opted for virtual learning.
- Since information is changing rapidly, we will be hosting a virtual Q & A session for parents on Saturday, August 29th at 10:30 AM and Monday, August 31st at 5:30 PM. You may choose either meeting time. We want to ensure you are fully informed on the reopening process, and your needs are being met. Please continue to check our school website (<https://www.nps.k12.nj.us/uni>), school's Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/UniversityHighSchoolPhoenixForward>, and Instagram Account @university_high_phoenix for more information as we will be updating them regularly. I will also be communicating through Robo Calls. **If you would like to update your phone number, please visit our website and update your contact information** (email, telephone number, and address) on School Mint/Newark Enrolls website--<https://newarkenrolls.schoolmint.net/signin>)
- Parents/Visitors will not be permitted to enter the school building until further notice. In the event that a parent/guardian needs to pick up their student, we ask that you contact the school ahead of time so that we can facilitate getting the student to the door, where a staff member will greet you and have you sign out the student at the door. Parents/guardians must also bring a valid ID in order to pick up their child.
- Everyone reporting to the school building and school grounds (this includes student drop off and pick up) is required to wear face covering and follow CDC guidelines for social distancing, 6 ft. apart, at all times to protect the safety of everyone. Signage will be displayed around the school to direct the flow of traffic.
- **Face Covering and Uniforms are mandatory:** Wearing a face mask is **REQUIRED** for everyone while on school or district grounds and all students reporting to the school building and conducting in-person learning are required to be in uniform every day and wear a face covering at all times. **It is also extremely important that no** clogs, flip-flops or slippers be worn to school. Please see detailed uniform information enclosed and contact the school if you have any challenges securing any uniform items.
- **Arrival Locations: Each grade level will have distinguished entry locations as specified below:**
 - 7th / 8th grade Entrance: Randolph Place, Door 1
 - 9th grade Entrance: Clinton Place, Door 2
 - 10th grade Entrance Clinton Place, Door 3
 - 11th grade Entrance Randolph Place, Door 1
 - 12th grade Entrance Clinton Place, Door 3



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- **Cleaning/Sanitizing:** Increased frequency of cleaning all surfaces, foaming hand sanitizer will be available throughout the building and in every classroom, touchless dispensers will be available in all restrooms. Signs will be posted throughout the building with reminders about hand washing and social distancing.
- **Orientation Week** is August 24, 2020 to August 28, 2020. We will have a virtual orientation. See details to participate in the orientation in the attached flyer. Students will be able to pick up their learning packets and returning students may clean out their lockers in the afternoon following their orientation :
 - 7th /8th grade - August 28, 2020, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 - 9th grade – August 27, 2020, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 - 10th grade - August 26, 2020, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 - 11th grade- August 25, 2020, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 - 12th grade – August 24, 2020, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- **Back to School Night will be conducted virtually this year and it will take place on Thursday, September 24, 2020.** This is your opportunity to meet your child’s teachers (virtually), and to learn what their academic curriculum and goals will be for the school year. More information on how this will be carried out is forthcoming.

Thank you for your understanding, cooperation, and support during these challenging times. We are here to support you as you adapt to these necessary changes but we must remind you that many things impacting our plans are constantly changing and therefore the plans are always subject to change. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the school at (973) 351-2010.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to University High School.

Educationally Yours,

Mrs. Genique Flournoy-Hamilton, Principal



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Student Dress Uniform Policy

The Newark Board of Education is charged with the responsibility of educating students. Proper attire in school is a necessary part of your education. Therefore, you are required to dress in an appropriate manner that does not cause distraction and is not offensive. The attire for all students is expected to be neat and clean.

Uniform

7th and 8th Grade Students	Gym Uniform-All Students
Burgundy Polo Shirt	Burgundy Shorts
Burgundy Button Up Sweater	Burgundy Sweatpants
Burgundy Pull Over UHS Sweatshirt - <i>Purchase at School</i>	Grey UHS PE T- shirt <i>Provided with Student Success Kit</i>
Khaki Skirt (Knee length)	Grey Sweatshirt
Khaki Pants	Sneakers/ Tennis Shoes
9th-12th Grade Students	
Burgundy Polo Shirt	
Burgundy Button Up Sweater	
Burgundy Pull Over UHS Sweatshirt - <i>Purchase at School</i>	
Grey Skirt (Knee length)	
Grey Pants - No sweatpants	

The items listed below constitute inappropriate attire for school:

- Shirts of any kind with profane or derogatory messages or images
- Pants worn below the hip line
- Mini Skirts/Thigh high dresses/Spaghetti strap dresses
- Shorts (above the knee/thigh high)
- Midriffs tops, Halter tops, Tube tops
- Spaghetti strap tops
- Muscle shirts
- Low cut blouses
- Skintight articles of clothing
- Leggings / Tights
- Ripped/Torn Pants /Jeans/Cargo Pants
- Clogs, flip-flops or slippers be worn to school



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PARENT VIRTUAL MEETING

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2020
10:30 A.M.**

-or-

**MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2020
5:30 P.M.***

Join via web browser:

<https://tinyurl.com/PhoenixParent>

Or using the App "Cisco Webex Meetings":

Meeting Number: 191 458 883

Password: UHSPARENT2020

***Parents will only need to attend one meeting**

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University High School Scholar Orientation 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**Orientation will take place virtually.
All scholars are expected to attend.**

7th /8th grade - August 28, 2020

9th grade - August 27, 2020

10th grade - August 26, 2020

11th grade- August 25, 2020

12th grade - August 24, 2020

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<https://tinyurl.com/PhoenixForward20>

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Meeting Number 715 702 446

Password: PhoenixForward20



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PHOENIX SCHOLAR

SUCCESS KIT

\$110 Value for Only \$75

Complete the order form and return it with full **CASH** payment on your assigned orientation date

Research shows that scholars who keep notebooks and who are properly prepared for their classes are more successful during their school career. Kit contains essential items for starting the school year:
1 three ring binder notebook with dividers and folders, post-it notes, 1 marble and 1 spiral notebook, 1 graphing notebook, notebook paper, a pencil case with pens, pencils, erasers and a highlighter marker, a gym uniform and the UHS scholar planner.

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Assignments can be found at:
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**DUE ON THE
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**

