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September-October
2021

ROYALS TROUNCE PENNCREST LIONS 47-17

Friday October 8's Senior Night for the UDHS varsity football team--also the team's last home game--was made even sweeter by a royal defeat of the Penncrest Lions by a whopping 30 points. While the Royals faltered earlier in the season in terms of offense, the appointment of junior Montez Ellis as quarterback two weeks ago has started to see things turn around for the team. Coming off of a sound defeat of the Lower Merion Aces 28-14 last week, the victory was a great follow-up and confidence booster.



Also helping in the defeat was junior Dashon Lee, a “backfield weapon” according to Matt Smith of the *Delco Times*, who along with Ellis rushed 133 yards, and also darted 70 yards after the halftime scrimmage to give the Royals a 27-7 lead.

UD's defense contributed to the win as well, with six turnovers and marvelous performances from Julien Laventure, Covenant Horace, and Jihad Cave.

SENIORS HONOR TEACHERS AT GAME

This week, the Senior members of the football team acknowledged someone that "Made a Difference" in their lives at Upper Darby SD. Teachers, administrators, coaches, and support staff were honored with a personal message, the players' white Jersey to wear at school on Friday, and an invite to attend the last home football game of their high school career!

Teachers honored were (in alphabetical order): Skip Barnes, Dave Barr, Laura Barr, AJ Bianchi, Melanie Brown, Gretchen Cammisso, Claude Celestin, Mike DePrince, Jamie Gaffney, Brad Gilbert, BJ Hensil, Imran Majeed, Joe Niagara, Mike O'Kane, Sean Pickett, Amanda Rementer, Brian Ricci, Lisa Richardson, Valerie Rizzo, Charlene Shay, Kelley Simone, and Stephanie Sitek.



FIRST MOVIE NIGHT HELD ON OCTOBER 7th



The first movie night of the year was held on Thursday, October 7th. Students with 85 or more Royal Points were eligible to participate. This month's movie, the 2021 blockbuster hit, *The Fast and the Furious 9* starring Vin Diesel and John Cena, was viewed from the courtyard. Students enjoyed light snacks while lounging on chairs or blankets.

Look for information about the next movie night, scheduled to be held Monday December 13.

ALUMNI FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME CEREMONY

Congratulations to the Upper Darby Football Hall of Fame inductees! During halftime of the October 1 game against the Lower Merion Aces, alumni football players Bob Eisenman (1968), Jim Pitcherello (1985), Matt Curran (1992), George Caroulis (2000), Chris Rossiter, Jr. (2014), and members of the 2015 Playoff Winning Team participated in the ceremony. In attendance were Upper Darby Mayor Barbarann Keffer and Upper Darby School Superintendent Daniel McGarry.



SENIOR NIGHT FOR GIRLS SOCCER TEAM

The Upper Darby Girls Soccer Team celebrated Senior Night on September 20th. The team put together a strong performance, winning 4-0 and completing the first shut out of the season.

On this evening, we honored the following Seniors:

- Moira Penot, Captain, GK- 4 year varsity starter
- Aliyah Jones, Captain, Defender- 4 year varsity starter
- Curran Penot, Midfielder/Defender- 4 year varsity starter
- Randi Lane, Defender- 4 year varsity starter
- Wendi Galivanes, Midfielder
- Crystal Wasewe, Forward
- Kayla Williams, Forward
- Ketsia Denis, Defender, Graduating Early



MARCHING ROYALS WINS 1ST PLACE IN COMPETITION



Congratulations to our Marching Royals! They participated in the Central Bucks High School South competition and took first place! In addition, they won overall awards for Best Music, Best Effects, Best Visuals, and Best Color Guard.

LIBRARY RENOVATIONS NEAR COMPLETION

The Upper Darby High School Teresa F. Furey Library is making noticeable progress towards becoming a dynamic center to meet our school community's evolving educational and extra-curricular needs.

Last spring, staff began boxing thousands of books so that shelving could be rearranged to create additional diverse learning and meeting spaces. Aging carpet was replaced by bright new linoleum flooring, and plans are now in the works for updating signage and establishing more spots for inviting, comfortable seating. Before the library could reopen, the monumental challenge was packing and organizing more than 760 large boxes. Then in fall, each book was reshelved in its designated spot. This could have never been accomplished-- the overwhelming task of constantly rearranging the unwieldy boxes, unboxing the books in the correct order, and *finally* reshelving them--without the generous assistance of student volunteers from the National English Honor Society. Even though the students gave several hours of service before the school year began, many of them continued for several weeks later to come in to help us finish the job!

Library staffers are excited about giving the library an uplift, and look forward to having students and staff come in to explore the many resources they provide to support both the UDHS curriculum and student interests. Also, the contemporary young adult book collection is growing and ready for students--and staff--to visit the library and check out an engaging read.

The pictures below show the process of packing up, then unpacking 760 boxes, and then arranging the library to become an extra special warm and inviting space.



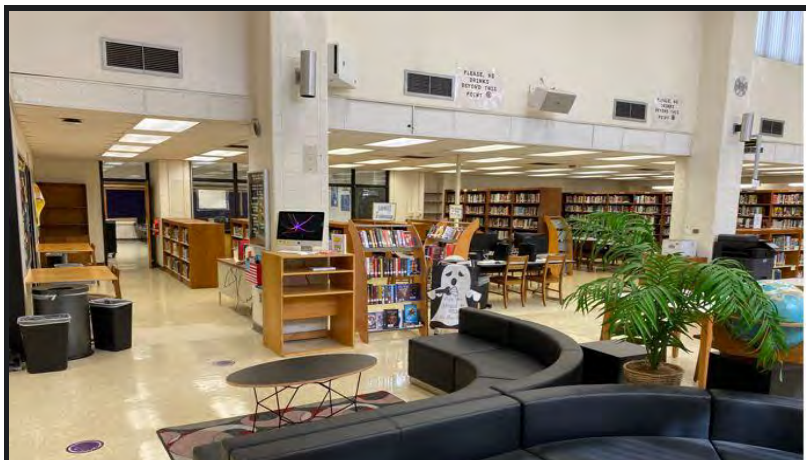
Boxing up 760 boxes of books is not fun, but this group of English NHS seems to be enjoying themselves!



So many boxes, so little time.



The reshelving begins as one of the volunteers lets us know things are going well!



And finally! The (almost) finished product!

Stay tuned for an update on the library's opening!

GET A CLUE!

The Upper Darby Performing Arts Center will be holding performances for the play *Clue* on October 28th at 7PM, October 30th at 7 PM, and October 31 at 1PM. This is the perfect family Halloween treat!

Based on the iconic 1985 Paramount movie, which itself was inspired by the classic board game, *Clue* is a hilarious farce-meets-murder mystery. The story begins at a remote mansion, where six mysterious guests assemble for an unusual dinner party where murder and blackmail are on the menu. When their host turns up dead, they all become suspects. Led by Wadsworth (the butler), guests Miss Scarlett, Professor Plum, Mrs. White, Mr. Green, Mrs. Peacock and Colonel Mustard race to find the killer as the body count stacks up. *Clue* is the comedy whodunit that will leave both cult-fans and newcomers in stitches as they try to figure out... WHO did it, WHERE, and with WHAT!

Cast List:

Wadsworth - Kenneth Bruce

Colonel Mustard - Jeremiah Ortiz

Professor Plum - Hugh Cleland-Batt

Mr. Green - Josh Atkinson

Miss Scarlet - Alana Gangadeen

Mrs. Peacock - Sydnie Meyers

Mrs. White - Cordelia Dunston

Yvette - Nesreen Himdi

Mr. Boddy - Ava Terifay

The Cook/Singing Telegram Girl - Callan Clark

The Motorist - Charles Jones

The Cop - Julia Phan

Chief of Police - Sara McGrenra

Two Backup Cops - Rita and Alice Dobbins

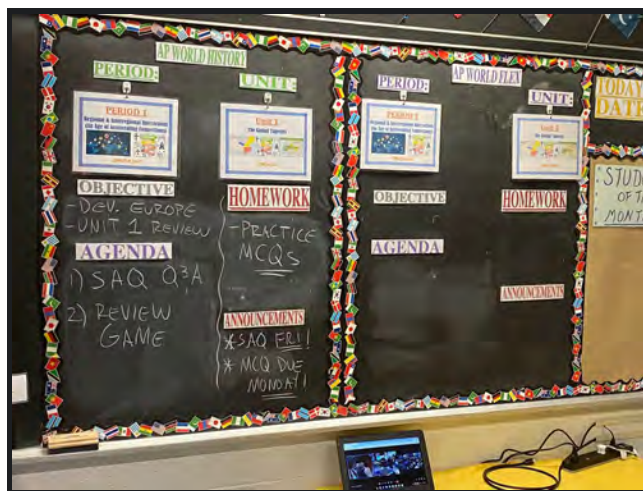
Newscaster (Voice Over) - Jordan Byrd



CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT...GLOBAL STUDIES

Pop into room 215 and you will meet some very interesting characters...Kim Jong Un, Christopher Columbus, Gandhi, and a zombified Joseph Stalin and Mao Zedong. Oh, and Queen Elizabeth. These are all life-size cutouts, of course. History teacher Mr. Brendan Rowan has been carefully collecting items and decorating (often with the help of students) over the past

several years to create a classroom that's a history lover's paradise. It has everything students need...from a center table that contains student necessities like hand sanitizer and pencils...to flags of the world, a board with all assignments posted, and of course historical figures from all ages. It is truly a space that makes students excited to learn!



Do you know of a really cool classroom? Please email dzoccola@upperdarbysd.org

