



ACADEMY HIGH
CHAMPAIGN URBANA

WEEKLY NEWS

September 30, 2022



Cross Country Team at their Monticello Meet

Coach Byfield, Jack Braun, Eleanor Laufenberg, Sophia Libman,
Ian Weible and Conrad Tichenor

Calendar Dates

Monday, October 3rd

Girls Basketball Info Meeting 12:15 pm
AHPA Meeting at Academy High 7-8 pm

Wednesday, October 12th

Junior PSAT On Campus

Thursday, October 13th

Parent Social at Riggs Beer Company 6:30-8:30 pm

Monday, October 17th

No School

Tuesday, October 18th

Teacher Appreciation Breakfast
Knox College Visits Academy High @ Lunch

Saturday, October 22nd

Third Annual Care Fair at Academy High 4-6 pm

Advancement

Academy High Receives \$50,000 Through Invest in Kids Program



Since 2017, the [Invest In Kids Scholarship Tax Credit Program](#) has provided funding for students whose families meet income requirements and attend qualified, non-public schools in Illinois.

In September, Academy High received \$50,000 through the Invest in Kids Act to support our Indexed Tuition program. These funds will be used to make Academy High more accessible to more families this school year and beyond!

We are so thankful and proud that each dollar came from donors within our school community whose donation was multiplied by four as part of the program's 75% tax credit incentive (on their state income taxes donors are returned \$3 for every \$4 donated).

There is no limit to the amount of funds Academy High can receive from this program; if you're interested in applying for scholarships or donating to this program you can learn more about the program's funding, eligibility, benefits and regulations by contacting advancement and or [visiting EmpowerIllinois.org](#).

Academy High Parent's Association (AHPA)

Next Meeting: Monday, October 3rd 7 to 8 pm

All parents and guardians are welcome to join us for the next Academy High Parent's Association (AHPA) meeting! This great group of parents work together to build community and to support our teachers and students. The next meeting is this coming Monday, October 3rd from 7 to 8 pm at the school. If you have any questions about the AHPA, please reach out to Katie Stafford.

Mums Sale Success

Thank you for participating in the mums sale! We sold 75 mums and raised \$375!

Parent's Night at Riggs on Thursday, October 13th 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Mark your calendars! AHPA is hosting a Parent's Night on Thursday, October 13th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Riggs Beer Company in Urbana for the parents and guardians of all Academy High students. Food and drink is available at your own cost. This is a casual gathering, but we would like to keep it adults only. Please contact Katie Stafford with any questions.



Support Academy High When You Shop on Amazon

Looking for an easy way to support AH? Make Academy High your charitable organization of choice on Amazon! To use AmazonSmile, simply go to <https://smile.amazon.com> on your web browser or activate AmazonSmile in the Amazon Shopping app on your iOS or Android phone within the Settings or Programs & Features menu. The first time you visit, you'll be prompted to select a charitable organization. Search for Academy High School, and every time you shop going forward AH will receive money from eligible purchases.



Clubs and Modules

Third Annual Care Fair: Saturday, October 22nd from 4 to 6 pm



The Caring Crew is looking forward to the Care Fair: a Halloween-themed fundraiser benefiting Eastern Illinois Foodbank. The fundraiser is Saturday, October 22nd, from 4 to 6 pm at Academy High's parking lot.

There will be fun activities for prizes including Mummy Wrapping, Broomstick Musical Chairs, a Halloween Costume contest, 50/50 Heads and Tails Game. There will also be a delicious bake sale and an online silent auction opening a week before the event.

Heads and Tails Game

Each ticket is \$20, with 50/50 shared by the winner and Eastern Illinois Foodbank. Drop your cash payment at the front desk with Mrs. Bodony, and sign your name on the list. The glasses will be given to participants on the day of the fundraiser. If you are buying tickets for members of your family, please list each name separately.

Donate Items and Services to the Silent Auction

You can donate items or services to the Silent Auction. From gift baskets to gift cards, leaf raking to snow removal services, your help is appreciated!

There will be a donation list at the front desk of Academy High, please sign the list with your name, email, and a brief description (e.g., Chocolate Basket) of the item or service that you are donating. If possible, please send a picture and website link to the Caring Crew. Donations can be given to Mrs. Bodony at the front desk. We would appreciate receiving the donations by Friday, October 14th.

Athletics

Academy High's Cross Country and Golf seasons are continuing to compete in many meets and matches. With both seasons coming to a close soon, our athletes are working hard to prepare for Regionals.

Cross Country Team Is Moving Onward



Our cross country team recently competed at Hoopston High School on Tuesday, September 20th. For the girls race, Eleanor Laufenberg placed 1st with a time of 22:31, and Sophia Libman placed 2nd with a time of 22:59. For the boys race, Ian Weible placed 4th with a time of 20:37, Jack Braun placed 16th with a time of 30:43, and Conrad Tichenor placed 19th with a time of 39:45.

The cross country team will be competing at the upcoming Twin City Meet hosted by Uni High. This meet will be held on Tuesday, October 4th at the University of Illinois Arboretum at 4:30 pm. On the following Saturday, our team will compete at the Hornet Invite hosted by Heyworth High School. This will be held at Centennial Park with a 9:00 am start time. Please come out to support the Cross Country team!!

Golf Team Wrapping Up The Season

The Academy High Golf Team competed at the Urbana Country Club on September 19th hosted by Judah Christian. The team then competed the next day at Lakeview hosted by Christ Lutheran.

The Boys Golf Regionals took place on Wednesday, September 28th at Willow Pond. Dillon Jones played with determination. His character and charisma were present throughout the entire match. Coach Jack stated, "Dillon played with class and maturity. I am very proud of him." Congratulations to Dillon for representing Academy High with such grace and positivity this golf season. We can't wait for next year!



Next Upcoming Season: Girls Basketball

The Academy High Girls Basketball's Season starts in late October. We are still looking for more players to join us; no experience is necessary. Joining the team can be a great way to connect with peers and represent our school. It is also a great way to join the athletic community in Champaign-Urbana by meeting and networking with student-athletes on other high school teams. We are hosting 3 home games this year at the Savoy Recreation Center. Please come and support the team!

If you have any questions or are interested in joining, please reach out to Sophia Libman.



Board News

Looking for Volunteers: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force



The Board of Directors has approved the formation of a DEI Task Force, charged with setting up the framework for fostering a culture of diversity, equity and inclusion at Academy High. The group will also develop metrics for evaluating the impact of the framework.

The team will meet regularly for one or two months this fall before presenting its recommendations to the Board. Once approved, Mr. Conerty will set up a committee to implement the recommendations and evaluate their impact. If you would like to be a part of the DEI Task Force, please contact Sarah Laufenberg. Meetings will begin in October. Thanks!

Thanks to Bhavna Hirani and Jon Freund...

The Board of Directors would like to thank two of its outgoing members, Bhavna Hirani and Jon Freund, for their service over the last three years. Bhavna helped with accreditation and exploring the development of an International program, and Jon served as our Treasurer and later as our Secretary. Both parents of alumni, we are happy that they are permanent members of the Academy High community. Please join the Board in thanking them for their service!

Community Opportunities/Resources

FREE FILMMAKING STUDENT WORKSHOP

October 3rd, Champaign Public Library, 3 to 5:30 pm

(Students are welcome to stop by anytime during the workshop.)

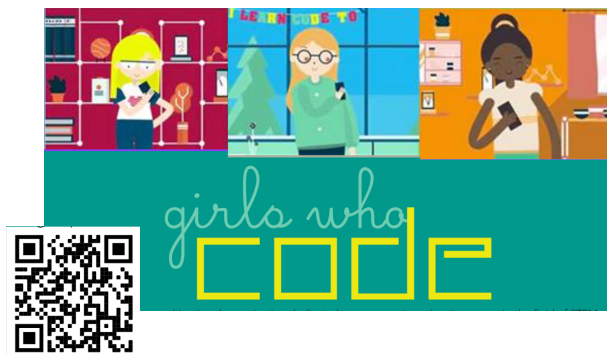


Academy High students are invited to participate in this free workshop that provides a series of hands-on activity stations on different aspects of film production. Students will have the opportunity to try out camera gear, experience the technical elements of digital filmmaking, create stop motion films, and learn about VR filmmaking.

These stations will be led by experienced filmmakers and professors from the Media & Cinema Studies department at the University of Illinois.

In addition to stations, there will be a live panel discussion with Emmy-nominated and nationally-recognized filmmakers sharing their experiences over Zoom. Attached below is a flier with more information, or please visit CU International Film Festival's website at www.cuiff.org.

Girls Who Code Club Meetings on Sundays from 1 to 3 pm



Girls Who Code is a university club affiliated with the Department of Computer Science at UIUC. It is an organization dedicated to empowering minority groups in the field of STEM and offers workshops for Java, C++, algorithms, and hardware projects for girls in **grades 5-12**. The workshops are taught by students in STEM including computer science and computer engineering at UIUC. **Club meetings are on Sundays at the Thomas M. Siebel Center for Computer Science from 1 to 3 pm.**