



ACADEMY HIGH
CHAMPAIGN URBANA

WEEKLY NEWS

September 16, 2022



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony with Champaign Mayor Deborah Feinen

Calendar Dates

Thursday, September 22nd

No School/Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences

Friday, September 23rd

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Tuesday, September 27th

New Site Open House 4:30 - 6 pm

Wednesday, October 12th

Junior PSAT On Campus

Tuesday, October 18th

Knox College Visits Academy High

Saturday, October 22nd

Third Annual Care Fair at Academy High 4 - 6 pm

Academics

Enjoy Math? Compete In The AMC 10/12!

Mr. Song is leading the charge for students wishing to compete in the **American Mathematics Competitions (AMC)**, a series of examinations and curriculum materials that build problem-solving skills and mathematical knowledge in middle and high school students. The AMC 10 and AMC 12 are both 25-question, 75-minute, multiple-choice examinations in high school mathematics designed to promote the development and enhancement of problem-solving skills. See Mr. Song for more information.



Clubs and Modules

Share Your Soles: Shoe Drive



The Caring Crew is excited for our first project of the year! We are holding a shoe drive for Share Your Soles, a nonprofit organization that collects and distributes millions of gently worn and new shoes throughout the world.

Please bring any gently worn shoes to Academy High September 12th through September 30th. There will be a box at the front entrance.

To learn more about Share Your Soles, here is the link to the website: <https://shareyoursoles.org/>

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



The Caring Crew is excited to hold our third annual Care Fair, a Halloween-themed fundraiser benefiting Eastern Illinois Foodbank. **The event will take place on Saturday, October 22nd, from 4 pm to 6 pm at Academy High.**

There will be food, games, contests, and more! During the week leading up to the fundraiser, there will be a silent online auction, where gift cards, gift baskets, and other items will be auctioned off to the highest bidder.

We would be grateful for any donations of silent auction items, and if you are interested in donating, please email the Caring Crew. The Caring Crew is excited for the event, and please be on the lookout for more information coming soon!

Athletics

Academy High's Athletic Department kicked off the 2022-2023 year with a great start. Both cross country and golf seasons are midseason, and the athletes have been competing in numerous meets and matches around the area.

Cross Country Team Has Been Putting in the Miles



Our cross country team's first meet was hosted by Paxton's Pre-Season Kickoff Meet on Wednesday, August 24th. This three-mile race concluded with Sophia Libman placing 2nd with a time of 22:59, Ian Weible placing 10th with a time of 21:17, Jack Braun placing 16th with a time of 26:44, and Conrad Tichenor placing 20th with a time of 30:54.

Our cross country team also attended St. Thomas More's annual Saber Corn Classic, and Chrisman High School's Cow Chip Classic where Eleanor Laufenberg placed 38th with a time of 23:05.7. Academy High's Cross Country Team also attended Peoria's First to Finish invitational and Uni High's Potluck Meet. The next meet will take place Tuesday, September 20th at Hoopston High School.

Golf Team Wrapping Up Season



The Academy High Golf Team is in the final weeks of the first full year of competition. By the end of this season, the team will have competed in nine matches hosted by schools in the region, traveling from Tuscola to Loda and from Danville to Gibson City. While schedules have prevented team members, Sterling Gramly, Carlos Bross, and Dillon Jones from participating in every match, they have all contributed to the team. In addition to the school sponsored events mentioned above, Dillon Jones has represented Academy High in the Champaign County Boy's Tournament and will be playing in the Judah Invitational and the postseason Illinois State Golf Series.

Next year looks even more promising as we have been in discussion with Brookhill Golf Club and anticipate hosting two events next season.

Girls Basketball Team Preparing for the Season

The Academy High Girls Basketball Team is looking forward to the start of the season! We would love for new players to join us; no experience is necessary. This team sport is a fun way to be active and experience the comradery of your supportive teammates. Please reach out to Sophia Libman (slibman@academyhigh.org) if you have any questions, want to learn more, or are interested in joining!



Alumni Spotlight

Jack Wiarda, Class of 2021



Hometown: Mattoon, Illinois
University: University of Michigan
Degree/Major: Economics and Marketing
Expected Year of Graduation: 2025

Tell us a little about what you've been up to since you graduated? I started my college career at the University of Michigan, and it has been a transformative experience so far. I've involved myself in many different clubs and activities here on campus, such as the Taiwanese American Student Association (TASA), Michigan Poker Club (MPC), and the Michigan Music Business Club (MMBC). During my

first year, I took classes ranging from economics to earth sciences, with a variety of subjects and unique professors along the way. Ending my freshman year, I went back home for the summer, accepting a social media marketing internship at JSM Living in

Champaign, Illinois. I've since returned for my sophomore year here at the University of Michigan and I am very much looking forward to how the rest of my year goes!

Do you have your sights set on any goals for your remaining time as an undergraduate? I would say I have a lot of goals left to still achieve at Michigan. While it's not academic, I am currently trying to qualify for nationals for collegiate club swim which is a team I joined this past year. I also am running for co-president of TASA this upcoming year, which is a position I hope to hold sometime during my four years here. One of my other big goals is to found or start a club for a hobby or an interest of mine, whether by myself or with friends. I think that it is a great way to leave behind an impact on the campus and possibly help influence future generations.

When you look back on your time at Academy High, what do you remember most about your experience? During my high school years, I was able to travel to China for a week over spring break which was by far one of my favorite high school experiences. Also through Academy High, I completed a marketing internship at the Libman Company and received a ton of knowledge and experience from the experience. I remember the flexibility that the school allowed me, in terms of scheduling, work, and class availability.

What advice would you give a freshman student as they begin their Academy High journey? Overall, I would say to try making the most out of your high school years because before you know it, senior year will come rolling around and you'll be left wondering where all the time went. While I managed to do the majority of things I wanted during high school, there are still so many activities or clubs that I wish I had tried or joined. Making a close connection with teachers and faculty is important, both because you want a good relationship with them and also because they're amazing people to write letters of recommendation.