

# Upper Lake High School

December 2017 Newsletter

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## Principal's News

December 2017...Doesn't feel like December...I was just outside in short sleeves on a sunny day, but according to the calendar today is December 1... I never thought that I would enjoy writing the monthly letter, but I'm finding that I do - I enjoy letting everyone know about our great school, great kids, and great staff.

Here is the news, right from our staff:

### "What's Happening?"



Greetings from Upper Lake FFA:

This first semester has offered many students the opportunity to "Step Up" and develop their leadership potential, promote personal growth and career success through agricultural education. Our FFA Officers chose "Step Up" as their theme this year and they

encourage students to step-up to the challenge of making positive changes that can have a lasting impact on themselves, their families and their community.

Mark your calendar's for the annual FFA Skate Night on Thursday, Dec. 7th (leaving ULHS at 4pm - \$6/student). Students in Ag classes are eligible to attend. Permission slips are available from Mr. Decker or Mrs. Boomer.

The annual Wreaths Across America event will be held at the Upper Lake Cemetery on Dec. 16th at 9am. This is a great community service event and we hope to see you there!! Thank you to all the families and businesses that have sponsored wreaths for our Veterans.

These are the last two FFA Activities we have scheduled for this semester. FFA participation and Supervised Ag Experience (SAE) project plans are to be completed by Dec. 15th through the "Agriculture Experience Tracker" online at theAET.com....-Erica Boomer

If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Boomer at [eboomer@ulusd.org](mailto:eboomer@ulusd.org).



Our 'new' class, geometry in construction, has been working out the kinks in the "new" department, and finished their first major project in November. Together, they (the students, under guidance) build a goat shelter at the school farm. Thirty feet long, with a concrete pad, siding and roofing. Nice job! I'm told that they are going to be building a storage shed for football next. Hopefully next month there will be pictures...

Mock Trial - Greetings,

We have a very talented team this year and the expectation is to move on to the state competition. I will be scheduling each student for at least 1 of the scrimmage events. After the Lake County Scrimmage I will pick the best students to compete in the County Competition. Below is current schedule of events for Mock Trial at ULHS.

- Dec 5 (Tues) Scrimmage at Laytonville High School
- December 9 (Sat) Mendocino County Scrimmage  
100 North State Street, Ukiah
- Jan 18 (Thurs) Lake County Scrimmage  
Lakeport Courthouse
- February 12 (Mon) County Competition  
Lakeport Courthouse
- March 15 State Competition (Fri, Sat, Sun)

Family members are invited to attend these events. In the courtrooms, there cannot be anything that would identify us to ULHS or the Upper Lake community. If your student has the role of witness they should have a list of questions for their direct examination. Practicing this at home will help them with their role in the mock trial! Any questions call Alex Stabiner (707) 275 2338 x3111

Thank you so much, Alex Stabiner, Mock Trial Coach

(Ooooh, I got to be involved with the Mock Trial students last week - I was the 'judge'. Those students are awesome! I was so impressed.)

Exploration Day, Oct 27<sup>th</sup>: advanced art students created stations for the Elementary students to come explore a variety of art projects and was a great success! The VAPA Showcase, a combination of Band Performance and Art Gallery has been postponed from December 7<sup>th</sup> to January 17<sup>th</sup>. See you there!

Students and Miss Sabalone explored Eastern Europe over Thanksgiving Break- they traveled to Germany, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary and Austria. We had a great time learning about the cultures and seeing the amazing vistas and other opportunities the trip provided. Please see student comments and photos below.

VAPA CALENDAR ON SALE!! For \$20 have a color 2018 Calendar representing Lake County created by the students of ULHS, and are the winners of the Calendar image contest. They may be purchased at the Office, at The Lake County Wine Studio and at the Christmas Tree Lighting. Please contact Ms. Sabalone with any questions at as [abalone@ulusd.org](mailto:abalone@ulusd.org)

Art Lesson Day will be December 8<sup>th</sup> at Elementary School: the advanced art students have been working hard on developing their lessons for their specific class and we can't wait to share their projects!

Academic Decathlon Competition be hosted by Upper Lake this year! It will start in January with the Essay (Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>) and Speech/Interview (Jan 27<sup>th</sup>) Component. If you would like to judge please contact Tammy Serpa at LCOE.

February 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 4pm will be the Super Quiz and Awards. Please come support our students as we hope to bring home the trophy another year! The ULHS Band will be performing at the intermission, and the winners of the Poetry and Art Contest will be on display. This year's theme is Africa.

VAPA will be going to San Francisco on December 19 to see this seasons special exhibits at the Legion of Honor and De Young Museums.

VAPA will be attending the performance of Something Rotten! on January 4<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento.



Athletics:

Basketball and Wrestling are underway! Last weekend was the Cougar Classic home basketball tournament, and both the boys and the girls were in it to win it. The girls just couldn't get it done in the championship game; up 9 at the half but only scoring two points in the third quarter. They lost of Ferndale and took second place. The boys, also facing Ferndale, went to overtime and won on a buzzer beater by Robert Neils, 46-45.



Wrestling is also underway - they had the CMC Novice Tournament last weekend (no results as press time) and have several more tournaments in December. Remember, students who participate in athletics are required to have a physical, proof of insurance concussion form and 2.0 GPA from the previous grading period. The semester grades will come out the week after break, and those grades will determine eligibility starting January 8, 2018. For more information please contact our Athletic Director, Mr.Figg at 275-2338 ext.3217

Congratulations to our Rotary Top 40! This month's winners are:

9th Grade, Brian Jimenez; 10th Grade Alana Sanchez; 11th Grade Cheyanne Obedoza; and 12th Grade Jasmin Velasco

## Important Dates- Mini Calendar

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December 5 - Mock Trial @ Laytonville

December 7 - FFA Fun Night Lake County Fairgrounds 4-8pm

December 9 - Mock Trial Medocino Scrimmage (Mendocino Courthouse)

December 11-15 Finals Week. Special Schedule Tues-Fri (minimum days Wed-Thur-Fri)

December 12 - School Board Meeting 5pm in the student center

December 16 - Wreaths Across America Ceremony (UL Cemetery) 9am

December 16-January 2nd - Winter Break.

December 19 - San Francisco Museum Tour

January 4, 2018, VAPA goes to Sacramento to see "Something Rotten".

Have a wonderful and safe Holiday Season -

Sincerely,

Sandy Coatney, ULHS Principal



