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The Unity Scoop at 432! Week of March 26th

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Greetings, families of Unity Junior High!

I hope that your week is off to an excellent start. With this week's edition of *The 432 Scoop*, I bring to you 9 important announcements. We look forward to meeting with you during conferences on Thursday and Friday!

This Week's Top 9:

1. Reminder! Family Conferences are this Thursday and Friday! - We are excited to meet with all of our families to discuss each student's academic progress and opportunities to collaborate to further refine our collective support. Conferences will be held this Thursday (3/28) from 5pm-8pm and Friday (3/29) from 10am-3pm. If you don't already have a scheduled conference time, contact Ms. Rivera of our main office immediately (718-455-5046 or jrivera@unityprep.org).

2. Reminder! Preparing to Shine on Next Week's State English Language Arts (ELA) Exam! We are now fully in test-prep mode for next month's ELA exam, to be administered next week on April 3rd and 4th. Students will continue to have nightly homework in ELA, including test prep assignments, to complete three nights weekly, along with assigned independent reading or creative writing assignments on the other two nights. In addition, students will complete weekly "scrimmages" or quizzes during class to check their stamina and accuracy. Reflections on these quizzes and goals for the following week will be sent home on Fridays: 3/15, 3/22, and 3/28. Select ELA teachers will also tutor students during lunch or after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please contact your child's ELA teacher with any questions.

As a parent, you can support your child in preparing to do his or her best on the ELA exam by:

1. Ensuring that your child has a quiet place to complete homework

2. Discussing your child's reading with him/her. The following questions will be helpful in supporting your child in the thinking she/he will need to do on the ELA exam:
- a. For fiction texts:
 1. *What is the theme of this story?*
 2. *How are the characters affected by the setting?*
 3. *What narrative techniques did the author use?*
 4. *What is the author's goal in using these techniques?*
 5. *What inference can you make about the characters?*
 - b. For non-fiction texts:
 1. *What is the central idea of the text?*
 2. *What techniques did the author use?*
 3. *What is the author's goal in using these techniques?*
 4. *How does the author's word choice impact the meaning and tone of the text?*
 5. *What text structures does the author use?*
3. Discuss the results of your child's weekly quizzes and reflections.

3. Unity's Admissions Lottery for the 2019-20 School Year will be Held on April 2nd at 5:00pm - If you know any students entering middle school or high school for next school year, please make sure they apply online at www.unityprep.org by April 1st in order to have a spot in the lottery. For any questions or to setup a school tour, please call Ms. Hefney at the middle school at (347) 460-7173 or Mr. Doscher at the high school at (347) 746-1575.

4. Free Uniform Shirts! - families, we need your support getting the word out about Unity! The first 10 middle school parents who [write a google review](#) and e-mail Mr. Doscher at cdoscher@unityprep.org will receive a free short sleeve Unity polo uniform shirt.

5. Congrats to Our Students Earning Honor Roll Status in Trimester III! - Congratulations to our Honor Roll students for Trimester III! We are proud of you. And we are excited to honor your continued academic excellence in Trimester III!

Unity Middle School Honor Roll Students for Trimester II		
Students Earning High Honors		
6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
J. Joseph Philip	K. Dilligard	M. Moussa
H. Meronnee	K. Hinds	Q. Olajide
N. Ramjit	A. Suarez	D. Powell
Students Earning Honors		
6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade

G. Alicea	J. Brown	B. Anaya
M. Bradley	C. Calhoun	A. Baez
M. Frederick	J. Fajardo	D. Barry
B. Gallardo	K. Jackson	L. Bernard
S. Guignard	Z. Johnson	J. Brandon
J. Herman	D. Luxama	J. Cherry-Stone
J. Hernandez	J. Morrison	X. Cody
J. Jones	E. Oliver	A. Deslandes
B. Mayancela	J. Pena	A. Gonzalez
D. Mclaurin	R. Robinson	D. Gordon
R. Nelson	N. Russell	C. Johnson
T. Norman	B. Ryan	M. Martinez
Z. Pascal-Rivers	F. Selma Sanogo	E. Melenciano
C. Perez	C. Sherman	N. Morris
M. Qeliqi	J. Smith	S. Peters
V. Sultan-Ingram		L. Rivera
C. Sylvester		A. Taylor
A. Trotman		S. Thompson
J. Welch		H. Wallace-Bennett
		J. Wilson

6. Unity Middle School Honor Roll Breakfast for Trimester II on Thursday, March 28th!

- In collaboration with our families, we are honoring many of our students for their impressive academic accomplishments in Trimester II this coming Thursday. The breakfast will take place in room 207. Honor Roll students listed above will be honored at the following times:

- 6th grade - 12:00 - 12:50pm
- 7th grade - 12:55 - 1:35pm
- 8th grade - 1:40 - 2:30pm

Family members are welcome to attend and welcome to donate a breakfast dish! Contact Ms. Hefney at 718-455-5046 or fhefney@unityprep.org with questions.

7. 7th Graders Selected to Participate in the Navigate the Maze to Achievement Program!

- A select group of 7th grade students have been chosen to participate in the Navigate the Maze to Achievement Program. Navigate is a non-profit, educational enrichment program that prepares black students in Brooklyn for the Specialized High School Admissions Test and supports the students socially and academically while in high school. Students are selected to participate based on their 6th grade ELA and math state test scores. We congratulate the following students:

- K. Dilligard
- E. Edwards
- K. Fajardo
- N. Gladden
- J. Hinds
- K. Luxama
- K. Maldonado
- J. Oliver
- F. Pena
- C. Sanogo
- L. Sherman
- S. Washington
- D. White

9. Reminder! Support Your Child's Study Skills at Home - It is never too late to help your child in developing their study skills! Here is a helpful [article](#) that details how you can support your child in studying at home. Simply browse over the article and take part in those recommendations that you feel are most important to you and your child. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's co-advisors and/or teachers directly for course-specific study tips.

8. Reminder! Career Day at Unity High on April 12th - We'd be Honored to Have you in Attendance! - Unity High will host its Third Annual Career Fair on the morning of Friday, April 12th. During this networking event, students will visit several different adults and inquire about the adults' work, their professional backgrounds, and ask for tips/advice regarding entering the adults' career field. We are now actively recruiting adults from a range of career fields. We hope to have at least fifty adults from a range of career fields including, but not limited to: design (graphic design, animation, architecture), science (biology/marine biology, chemists), visual arts, self-employed entrepreneurs, law enforcement, medicine/healthcare, law, private business, performing arts, and humanities-related careers. Should you or anyone in your network be interested in participating in the Career Fair, please complete the [Unity Prep Career Fair Interest Survey](#). Contact Mr.

Gonzalez, Unity High's Director of College & Career Readiness at egonzalez@unityprep.org or (347) 439-2634 with questions.

Bonus: Students vs. Faculty Hoops Game at the Barclays Center! - Thank you to everyone who came out to cheer on both teams during Sunday's game. And thank you Mr. Coleman and Mr. Godfrey for organizing the event. Enjoy the photo!



Resources for Families:

- [MS March calendar, including our athletics schedule](#)
- [2018-19 MS Academic Calendar](#) (official calendar as established at the beginning of the year)
- [2018-19 MS Student & Family Handbook](#)
- [Unity Pledge](#)
- [Jupiter](#) (for your child's grades) - you can also log in by visiting our website and clicking on the Jupiter Ed icon on the top right corner of our homepage.

Again, we look forward to seeing for conferences!

Best regards,

Mr. Beauregard

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