

# THE WEEKLY PENGUIN



July 12, 2021

Good morning Penguin students, family, faculty & staff, and friends;

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! It is my esteemed pleasure to greet you, and to welcome you back to a live campus. We have new administrators, new staff, new teachers, and a renewed purpose in welcoming our students back to campus. It is my purpose to provide the best learning environment possible for our students to learn, and for our staff to work. This will take time, hard work, and compassion. But more, it will take a partnership between the school and the community over the coming days, months, and even years to mold University High School into an even finer example of one of the country's best schools.

That said, here is the first round of pertinent information for you. This is the only Weekly Penguin which will be printed and mailed home as a hard copy; all other Weekly Penguins will be published on our [school's web page](#). This newsletter will evolve as I do, but I will strive to provide up to date, weekly relevant information. Here we go:

## Student pick up days: July 26 – 30

All families are expected to complete the online registration process prior to the start of the school year. If you have not yet, you can complete it here: [University High School 2021-2022 registration](#). Next, our campus will be open for our students at the above dates to:

- Collect student schedules,
- Collect books,
- Pay fees,
- Arrange for any paperwork with district food services, transportation, etc.
- Take pictures for and collect a photo ID,
- Take yearbook pictures,
- Check out a laptop,

### Availability times for all dates: 8am-11am, 12pm-3pm

Monday, July 26	Tuesday, July 27	Wednesday, July 28	Thursday, July 29	Friday, July 30
Seniors (class of 2022)	Juniors (class of 2023)	Sophomores (class of 2024)	Freshmen (class of 2025)	Make-up for all grade levels

Pick-up will begin in the **south gym**, continue to the **cafeteria**, and completing in the **finance office**. The entire process should take about an hour and will be nearly entirely indoors to keep you cool. We'll see you then!

## Laptop loaner agreement

Every student who wishes to check out a school laptop must complete the laptop loaner agreement form. You can either fill out a hard copy on student pickup days, or you can fill out the [agreement form](#) on our website.

## Schedule changes

All schedule changes must be completed either through the official paper form, or through the Google form link: [UHS 2021-2022 schedule change request](#). All requests are reviewed by UHS administration. If your request is approved you will be contacted and a new schedule provided, or you can see your revised schedule on [StudentVUE](#) and [ParentVUE](#). If the request is not approved students will not be contacted, and they will follow their existing schedule. If parents do not have ParentVUE access they may call the school at 520.232.5902 to set up an account.

## Sign up for REMIND

Remind is a quick, concise way to communicate pertinent info to the UHS community quickly. If you have not yet signed up for a REMIND code, instructions will be available on schedule pickup days.

## Parking permits

All students interested in a parking permit must submit an [application](#) for consideration. Students who receive a permit will be notified by telephone, and a list generated in the finance office to allow for payment and pickup of your permit. Due to the limited spaces available, parking permit approval is not guaranteed.

## Student fees

All student fees may be paid through [AZ-In Touch Receipting](#). Once you are logged in:

- The username is the student 10-digit matric number.
- The password is the student's last name (case sensitive). DO NOT CHANGE YOUR PASSWORD.
- Select "high school," and "Rincon High School."
- There will be an additional choice for "University High School." **You must select University High School for the fees to appear and apply to your student.**
- Freshmen may pay for PSAT.
- All students may pay for yearbooks, lockers, athletics, etc.

## Mask wearing policy

As of July 1, 2021 Governor Ducey signed HB2898. Included in this budget bill is a provision that prohibits counties, cities, towns, schools, and school districts from requiring students or staff to wear a face-covering during school hours and on school property, effective July 1, 2021. Therefore, TUSD's face-covering requirement should no longer be enforced for students or employees. They should be considered optional.

Tucson Unified, along with federal, state, and local health officials, continue to recommend face coverings be worn by anyone who is not vaccinated. At the upcoming July 20<sup>th</sup> TUSD Governing Board meeting, the district's COVID-19 safety protocols for school re-entry will be discussed.

Welcome (back) to University High School! We can't wait to see you!

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