

# THE WEEKLY PENGUIN



July 19, 2021

Greetings Penguin students, family, faculty & staff, and friends;

This week is a combo of new information, plus some recaps from last week. Lots of pertinent info for you, take your time and read it thoroughly. There are active links throughout this newsletter, please click on each pertinent link to get your information.

## Our new office staff

We have a new team in the University HS front office, please feel free to reach out and say hello! We are here to serve you.



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## New University HS webpage URL

Following updating of the site, all future 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), BOOST students included	Make-up for all grade levels, and BOOST students

Pick-up is changing locations this year. It will begin in the **south gym**, continue to the **cafeteria**, continue to the **finance office**, and end at the service window at the **UHS administration office** to check out a laptop if you choose. The entire process should take about an hour and will be nearly entirely indoors to keep you cool. **SENIORS:** your yearbook portrait will be scheduled at a later time, and you do not have to take a picture on Monday. You may use either Inter-state or Silhouette for your senior pictures. Everyone else: fill out the information on the [Inter-state Studio website](#) to order your photos.

**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 print and fill out the agreement form in our [shared folder](#).

**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 parent cohort meeting nights.

**Parent cohort meeting nights**

Speaking of: here are the dates and times of class cohort meeting nights. Zoom links will be sent out closer to each date.

Senior parents: Tuesday, August 24, 5:45pm

Sophomore parents: Monday, August 30, 5:45pm

Junior parents: Tuesday, August 31, 5:45pm

Freshmen parents: Thursday, August 26, 5:45pm

**Open house**

A joint open house between Rincon HS and University HS will be on Thursday, August 12. More details to come as we near the date.

**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.**
- All students may pay for yearbooks, lockers, athletics, etc.

Testing fees (PSAT, SAT, ACT, etc.) will be covered in a future Weekly Penguin and at cohort nights by counseling staff.

## 2021-2022 Bell schedule

Check out the [2021-2022 UHS bell schedule](#) from our shared folder. In short, we are returning to our regularly scheduled programming pre-COVID, including modular Mondays and Tuesdays, and early out Wednesdays.

## 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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