



## UPLIFT SUMMIT INTERNATIONAL PREPARATORY

### **Uplift Education Mission:**

Uplift's mission is to create and sustain public schools of excellence that empower students to reach their highest potential in college and the global marketplace and that inspire in students a life-long love of learning, achievement, and service in order to positively change their world.

### **Uplift Summit High School Vision:**

Uplift Summit International High School's vision is for the adult community to collaborate and create an environment where scholars are empowered to change the world through good citizenship, high academic standards, and service to their community.

Dear Families,

Welcome to Uplift Summit International Preparatory School! *We pride ourselves on our reputation for academic excellence and having a school culture focused on student learning, a commitment to high expectations, innovation and collaboration, and service to our community.* In our efforts to maintain high standards, we rely on the support of parents, scholars, and the community at large. Supporting our scholars as continuous learners while supporting their growth is placed at the forefront of all we do.

Together we will create a year of excellence for our scholars as we focus on our campus strategic priorities. We will create a school where safety, respect, accountability, empowerment, and high academic achievement is evident. We will focus on making our vision and mission the core of the daily work with our scholars, with you as parents, and with our community; we hope to build a shared understanding about what it means to be college ready on an International Baccalaureate campus.

We truly look forward to a fantastic school year and your partnership!

### **Our Campus Strategic Priorities:**

- Increase rigor and relevance in our course offerings by offering both IB and AP classes in high school.
- Focus on increasing college readiness exam scores, ACT and SAT
- Continue to build on strong parent partnerships
- Maintain consistent communication between staff, parents, and scholars.

### **What does the mission and vision look like on our campus?**

*In partnership with our families and community, we have a visible and actionable culture that emphasizes higher education where we are all learners, teachers, and leaders.*

**2017-18 School Motto: “IB FOR ALL”, Equity and Excellence for all scholars.**



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### Available on the school website:

- **All Summer Reading Assignments and Projects** (a copy is included in the given folder)
- **Free and reduced lunch** applications for the 2017-18 school year.
- **Volunteer opportunities:** Contact Vernetta Willis for more specific information at [vwillis@uplifteducation.org](mailto:vwillis@uplifteducation.org)
- **Scholar Supply List** per grade for the 2017-18 school year (a copy is enclosed)

**Programming:** Our scholars have been specifically targeted based on data for these enrichment opportunities. Families will be contacted directly.

### Accelerated courses:

- **Geometry:** available to scholars entering Grade 10
- **Physics:** available to scholars entering Grade 11

For more information reach out to Margaret Rosenbaum at mrosenbaum.

### Uniform 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

One way we will be excellent this year is in our appearance.

- **Sock Length:** Ankle socks are not permitted. For girls, knee high or bobby socks (above the ankle with a fold); for all scholars, ankle socks are not permitted.
- **Tights:** Tights must be footed; leggings with socks are not considered tights.
- **Pants:** Trousers may not be form fitting or the “skinny” variety. Form-fitting is designed as those that show the outline of the upper or lower leg.
- **Footwear: Converse, athletic shoes, or boots are not permitted.** Acceptable footwear must have tan or white non-skid soles and be one of the following: Saddle shoes (girls), Solid black oxfords, Solid black boat shoes or slide-in shoes.
- **Outwear:** During the school day and inside the classroom scholars may only wear navy cardigan-type outwear. This may include button down sweaters or V-necks. Items that are no longer permitted inside the classroom are as follows: Hoodies or PE uniforms are **NOT** permitted inside the building.
- **Blazers** will be worn on the first Monday of school year beginning August 14, 2017 and every Monday thereafter seniors are permitted to wear the “Senior Only” tie Tuesday-Friday.
- **Ties** are worn on Mondays for **ALL** scholars. Juniors and seniors wear ties every day.



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### Mark your calendars!

**Back to School Blast:** Thursday, August 3, 2017 from 5-7p.m. For additional information reach out to Mr. Jonathan Pena at [jopena@uplifteducation.org](mailto:jopena@uplifteducation.org)

- **Fees:** AP Testing (varies \$65-93 per exam), Planner and IDs (\$15), parking permit (\$50 per semester)  
Payments will be accepted using cash, check, or debit card
- **Uniform:** Academy Uniforms will be present to fit your scholar.
- **Gallery Walk:** Club Offerings
- **Logistics:** Locker assignment, course schedules, drop off school supplies

**Meet your Scholar's Teacher Night:** Thursday, August 31, 2017, 5:30-7:30p.m. For additional information reach out to Mrs. Tracy Odom at [todom@uplifteducation.org](mailto:todom@uplifteducation.org)

- Subject specific projects
- Course overview
- Meet the teacher in an intimate setting

**Sports:** As listed, for additional information reach out to Ms. Renita Davidson, 2015-16 Athletic Director

- Volleyball: First Game, August 1, 2017 (Try-Outs); First Scrimmage is Saturday, August 5, 2017; First game Tuesday August 8, 2017; First Home Game August 18, 2017 against UNHP!

**Donuts with the Leadership Team:** Tuesday, August 29, 2017 at 8:15 a.m.

- Year in Review-Data Share-Out, Tracy Odom
- IB progress and AP course offerings, Tobias Rather
- Hawk Achievement Time, Margaret Rosenbaum
- Scholar Activities, Jonathan Pena

**Please reach out to the high school leadership team if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you soon.**

Sincerely,

Tracy Odom, High School Campus Director, [todom@uplifteducation.org](mailto:todom@uplifteducation.org)

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