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TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Superintendent H.T. Sánchez Newsletter

Happy new year and welcome back!

Welcome back to all of our Tucson Unified family. We hope you had a happy, restful break and are ready to hit the ground running in 2017. We have a few new things to tell you about:

--At tomorrow's [Governing Board](#) meeting, newly elected member Rachael Sedgwick will be on the dais for the first time. Ms. Sedgwick was elected in November and replaces Cam Juarez. Kristel Foster and Mark Stegeman were re-elected in November. All will take their public oath of office at the meeting.

--Dr. H.T. Sanchez typically recognizes outstanding students, teachers, staff and community members once a month at Governing Board meetings. If you would like to nominate someone or a team of people, please fill out our new online [form](#).

--We also spotlight groups of people associated with the district in our #TeamTUSD feature. To nominate a group for #TeamTUSD, please fill out this new online [form](#).

--Reminder: If you have questions or need help finding information about the district, please send an email to answers@tusd1.org. This email address is monitored regularly, and we aim to give you those answers within 24 hours.

--Want to make sure you don't miss any of the great stories happening in our schools? Be sure to "like" us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#). And connect with us on [Pinterest](#) and [LinkedIn](#), too!



Catch up with members of the Class of 2020

Before the winter break, we caught up with a few of the members of our Class of 2020 project. We started following a group of students when they were in eighth grade and will track their journey through senior year. Check out the updates below, and find previous Class of 2020 videos [here](#).



University High has provided [Joe Vega](#), above, with many challenges in his first semester there as a freshman. Joe is enjoying his many experiences



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Open enrollment for 2017-2018 under way

Tucson Unified School District encourages families to submit open enrollment applications for the 2017-2018 school year. The deadline for the first lottery is Jan. 13, and it will be conducted in late January.

Application forms are available at the district's School Community Services office, 1010 E. 10th St. in Building B. Office hours are Monday-Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Forms can also be found online at www.tusd1.org/enroll, at school offices and at our Family Resource Centers at Catalina, 3645 E. Pima; Palo Verde, 1302 S. Avenida Vega; Southwest, 6855 S. Mark; and Wakefield, 101 W. 44th St.

Completed enrollment forms and documents can be:

- Turned in to staff on the [Enrollment Bus](#).
- Mailed to [School Community Services](#), P.O. Box 40400, Tucson, AZ 85717.
- Emailed to SCS@tusd1.org.
- Delivered to the School Community Services office, 1010 E. 10th St., Building B.

Visit www.tusd1.org/enroll for more information about the enrollment process and transportation services. For more information, please call 225-6400.

and weighing his options for the future.



Last time we heard from [Ava Passannanti](#), above, she had just completed her first day at Sabino High. Now, with a full semester under her belt, Ava discusses what she loves about Sabino, and what she is excited for moving forward.



[Octavius Thomas](#) has loved Tucson High Magnet School so far in his first semester. He played QB for the freshman football team and has been enjoying math as well. Check out this video for more on his first semester.



Two Tucson Unified teachers have wishes granted



ICYMI: Take a peek at RUHS winter sports

Just before break, RUHS girls soccer took on Catalina Foothills at home, and boys and girls basketball battled Palo Verde! Check out highlights here, and find more about our [#TUSDSports](#) coverage on our website.

You can't trash Pueblo pride!

You may have heard about vandalism at Pueblo Magnet High School over the break. The bad news: The damage was extensive in several classrooms and the gym.

The good news: Teams worked around the clock to get classrooms in order for school today. While it initially looked like we would be down 20 rooms, teams were able to get 12 back in shape, so only eight are still undergoing the repairs needed to make them usable.

We would like to give a huge thank you to the clean-up teams, Risk Management and School Safety who have put in hours of work to get ready for students and staff since the vandalism happened late Tuesday night. Work will continue on campus this coming week.

We are still looking for leads in this case. If you know anything, you are asked to call School Safety at 584-7676, 88-CRIME or Tucson Police.

Congratulations to two of our teachers who had wishes granted by the [Fiesta Bowl's Wishes for Teachers](#) program!

In partnership with the College Football Playoff Foundation, Extra Yard for Teachers, the Fiesta Bowl granted \$500,000 throughout the month of December and fulfilled 100 randomly-selected wishes.

Our winners were Baily Green and Michelle Magdanz. Baily Green is a teacher at John B. Wright Elementary School and wished to purchase stand-up desks for students. Michelle Magdanz is at Teenage Parent High School and wished for 10 laptops for her to students to take home on loan for educational purposes.

We are so excited for these teachers and students!



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The Martin Luther King Jr. Basketball Classic will be held Jan. 16 at McKale Center. The TUSD Interscholastic Department has been involved in the event since 2004. Since its inception, the MLK Basketball Classic has sought to give high school student-athletes an opportunity to showcase their talents in a venue large enough to accommodate the



NOW HIRING TEACHERS

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Tucson Unified is hiring!

Ready to make your move to Tucson Unified? We're hiring for the 2017-18 school year. Come to our Teacher Job Fair on Jan. 21 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Palo Verde High Magnet School to meet principals and hiring administrators and learn about opportunities across the city.

Resolve to be more engaged in your child's education in 2017? We can help!

Parent involvement is a key driver for student success. Parent and community involvement is also vital to the success of a school district.

One of the best ways to contribute to the improvement of our schools and the district as a whole is to participate in our [School Community Partnership Council](#) to learn more about student and family support services available at Tucson Unified, and help the district figure out how to spread the word about them.

The next meeting is Jan. 23! Check [here](#) as the date draws near for more information and an agenda.

Tucson community and to promote community involvement and unity.

Aside from the games, there are two highlights to the event; one honoring community members who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to promote diversity and unity in the school community and secondly to provide high school juniors and seniors with scholarship opportunities. Below is the schedule for this year's MLK Classic. Admission is \$6 for students and \$10 for adults.

- 11 am: Immaculate Heart vs. Baboquivari (Girls)
- 12:30 pm: Baboquivari vs. The Gregory School (Boys)
- 2 pm: Ironwood Ridge vs. Marana (Girls)
- 3:30 pm: Flowing Wells vs. Palo Verde (Boys)
- 5 pm: Cienega vs. Tucson High (Girls)
- 6:30 pm: Sunnyside vs. Canyon Del Oro (Boys)
- 8 pm: Rincon vs. Pueblo (Boys)

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The council is a volunteer organization including parents, educators and other community members who work in partnership with district leadership and the Governing Board to provide the children of our district with the highest quality education possible. The group meets monthly to hear about important issues affecting the district and to share ideas, concerns and possible solutions.

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