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Operational Report – November 2009

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UHS Activities/Recognition

Seniors Peter Mannka, Melissa Whittaker, Kaitlyn O’Neil and Rebecca Brule attended the WPI math meet on October 21st with math teacher Pauline Fleury. The team placed in the top 28 – 39 of 89 teams. Rebecca Brule won a \$1,000 scholarship for being the member of the UHS team who scored the most points!

Congratulations to seniors David R. Bazzett, Meghan Bernier and Rebecca Brule for being named a Commended Student in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program. Commended Students are recognized for the exceptional academic promise demonstrated by their outstanding performance on the qualifying test. David, Meghan and Rebecca's high Selection Index score placed them among the top 50,000 of over 1.5 million students who entered the 2010 National Merit Program by taking the 2008 preliminary SAT/National merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

Congratulations to math teacher Christine Prior for her recognition by MIT student Ryan Normandin (G’09) as “a teacher who has been especially influential in his development.” This is a wonderful and well-deserved recognition.

After many years as the Uxbridge High School Girls’ Basketball coach, Dean Tourangeau has decided to step down as coach. Anytime a team from Uxbridge stepped onto the court with Mr. Tourangeau as its leader, you could always be assured of two things – the team would give great effort and represent the school in a first class manner. Thank you for your years of service and dedication to our student-athletes Dean!

Thank you to the People’s First Food pantry for their donation of two graphing calculators that they received from Wal-Mart to the UHS math department.

Thank you to Mr. Paul Peso, parent of Chelsey (junior) and Paul (freshmen) for donating 10 light towers to the Uxbridge High School athletic department. The lights gave our boys and girls soccer teams and varsity football team an opportunity to play night games as part of homecoming festivities during the week of October 13 - 18. Mr. Peso's generosity is greatly appreciated by all of us at Uxbridge High.

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Uxbridge Public Schools has been awarded a Community Service Learning Green Team Grant in the amount of \$1,050.00. The grant will allow the 'Go Green Club' and some science and math classes to explore electricity savings through the purchase of smart strips for a UHS computer lab, and increase the scope and efficiency of the recycling program.

Scott Nye was selected as the athlete of the week (September 18th) by the Blackstone Tribune for his efforts against Monty Tech. Nye scored on a 16 yard run and on receptions of 28 and 54. He was then selected as "Man of the Match" (awarded to the player in central mass who had the best game) for his outstanding performance against Quaboag. Nye threw a 10 yard touchdown pass, and rushed for scores of 34 and 19 yards.

Pat McCrohan was selected as the Metrowest Daily News Defensive Player of the Week (October 23rd). McCrohan had an interception and 8 tackles in the shutout of Oxford.

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Subject Overview:

- History: Students in Lauren Bouchard's history class enjoyed a trip to the Freedom Trail and Rob Hutchings WWII class went to Battleship Cove. Mr. Mike Ryan, from the Office of the Jury Commissioner in Boston, spoke to Law and Government classes about the responsibility of serving on a jury. They also participated in Mock Trials. Some US History classes are working on President Biography projects and some Psychology classes wrote Freudian Tripartite Theory stories.
- Foreign Language: Spanish teacher Lisa Dunn is implementing TPRS (Total Physical Response Storytelling) into some of her classes. This is a method to teach foreign language holistically without having to directly teach grammar through the traditional way. Carol Brooks attended the 43rd Massachusetts Foreign Language Associations Annual Conference. Students studied *Day of the Dead*, a traditional Mexican celebration of remembrance based on the ancient traditions of Mexico's indigenous peoples who believed that the souls of the dead return each year to visit their families. Spanish I students are learning about and listening to Latin American and Spanish music. Spanish IV/V film course finished their first film study of Selena and held a seminar-style discussion about the impact of the singer's life both in the US and Mexico.
- Family and Consumer Science: Sue Priore has begun "Study Buddies" program with second grade children at Taft in the morning. Almost sixty high school and elementary students are involved in this Community Service Learning project. Seniors are busy compiling their college application information in Becky Plasse's College Application class. A representative from Johnson and Wales University visited the Foods classes to talk about programs offered by the college and the use of key kitchen utensils.
- English: AP students are working on research papers. Seniors are imagining modern day versions of pilgrims and tales to match their study of *The Canterbury Tales*. Freshmen and sophomore classes worketh haply on their Shakespeare tragedies. Some freshmen

engaged in parental persuasion with an assignment to write their parents a letter begging permission to do something to which their parents have emphatically said not. Requests have run the gamut from buying a dirt bike or ATV to various piercings to getting a pet monkey.

Interscholastic Sports:

Fall Sport Season Results:

Cheerleading – Qualified for Regions following SWCL Tournament

Cross Country, Boys 6-3

Cross Country, Girls 7-2 SWCL Champions

Field Hockey 21-4-1 – Qualified for District Tournament

Football Varsity 7-1

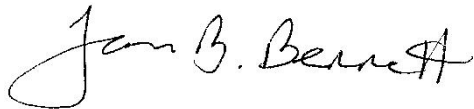
Golf 6-10

Soccer, Boys 3-10-1– Qualified for District Tournament

Soccer, Girls 4-11-2

Monthly Events

- Monthly faculty meeting - 2nd
- UHS 8th grade student presentation at Whitin “Uxbridge High Today” – 3rd
- UHS 8th grade parent presentation at UHS – 4th
- Blackstone Valley Youth Coalition Meeting – 13th
- Final Exams for trimester one – 20th, 23rd, 24th
- MIAA Sportsmanship Summit – 20th
- Ring Dance – sophomore/freshman – 20th
- Half-day – 25th
- Trimester two begins – 30th



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