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Operational Report – November 2009

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UHS Activities/Recognition

- The Drama Club has finalized cast selections for our March production of *Grease* and rehearsals have commenced. We are very excited about the talent and energy found here at UHS. We would like to send deep, heartfelt thanks to the anonymous donor who has offered to fund Pink Lady costumes for the girls, give sincere appreciation to Barbara Emerick who is working hard to on procuring our many other set and prop requirements, and send out a community request for some black leather biker jackets for our Thunderbirds and poodle skirts for our bobby-soxers. Mark your calendar of March 19 and 20!
- Mr. Tanson is currently working with the Department of Education on the Science and Technology Frameworks. Mr. Tanson sits on the panel that is reviewing and revising the Science, Technology, and Engineering Frameworks. The revisions will be out in early spring 2011.
- Mr. DiMeglio finished his last meeting with the Department of Education, where he was working on revising the MTEL Test for teachers seeking certification in the Science and Technology area.
- Going Green club is going strong. Students are working on raising awareness about recycling and reducing a person's carbon footprint. The club now has 30 members and is continuing to grow.
- Congratulations to Kayleigh Hodgdon and Jason Silbor on being recognized as the November Senior of the Month

Subject Overview:

- The English department is finishing up its academic studies and beginning reviews for upcoming finals. In the weeks going forward, the department will assess its curriculum within the trimester system and make adjustments.
- Intro to Physics/Technology: The students are working on constructing Model Rockets in conjunction with learning about forces and motion. Liftoff will be November 17-19th.
- Technology department: The *Communication Technology* class is working on making Public Service Announcements and video lessons for teachers to follow when making a video tapped lesson. Students in *CAD* class continue to work on their house plan designs

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using AutoDesk Rivet. *Computer Applications* students continue to work on Microsoft Office software. Students are working on individual wood projects in *Wood Technology*. In *Construction* students continue building various desks, tables, bookshelves, and wall units for the new Video Production room. Classes are also building a walkway down to the river in the rear of the building. Students are building concrete casts which will be put in place as steps leading to the rivers edge. The walkway will be used by the Outdoor Pursuits class who will be putting the canoes in the water at the bottom.

- Science: *Aquatic Ecology* students finished working on a fish dissection where they dissected and analyzed the external anatomy and internal anatomy of Perch and Large Mouth Bass. *AP Biology* students continue to work on labs dealing with plants and properties of water. Honors Biology students are about to begin their first dissection of a frog. Students in Anatomy and Physiology continue to work on the skeletal system. AP Chemistry students are learning how to use the Vernier Probes and sensors to collect data. They are also studying Boyal's Law and conductivity. Forensics students worked on facial reconstruction. Guest speaker, Heidi Schultz, a certified forensic artist talked to the students about her role in the forensics lab. Karen McDermick from the State Police also visit Uxbridge to speak to the students.

Interscholastic Sports:

- All fall sports, except football, have completed their season and post-season play. The Thanksgiving Day game is at Uxbridge at 10:15 am.
- Congratulations to Cross Country runners Chelsey Peso, junior, who placed 21st and Andy Reardon, freshman, who place 30th in the Division II District meet on November 16th held in Gardner. They were the top place finishers for Uxbridge.

Upcoming Monthly Events

- School Council meeting on December 2
- Unibank Financial Literacy Presentation to Juniors on December 3
- Holiday Party on December 4
- 3rd Annual Central Mass Idol Competition at Mechanics Hall sponsored by StuCo on December 6
- First trimester report cards issued on December 7
- Monthly Faculty Meeting on December 7
- Half-curriculum Day on December 11
- Blackstone Valley Coalition Meeting on December 11
- Winter Holiday Vacation on December 23



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