

8th Grade Seminars Set

Three informational seminars have been scheduled for eighth graders and their parents who are interested in The Scholars Academy for Fall 2012. The seminars will be held:

Tuesday, November 29
Tuesday, December 13
Tuesday, January 17

7 pm-8 pm
Campus Life Center
Ballroom
USC Upstate.

Information about the program including application procedures will be discussed at the seminars. In addition, the Scholars Academy Student Council (current Scholars representing all four grades) and the parent & teacher representatives on the Advisory Board and PTSO will be present to answer questions from the eighth graders and their parents. The new Scholars Academy video will also be shown during the seminars.

Applications for the 2012-2013 school year are now being accepted through January 31, 2012. Applications are available online at www.uscupstate.edu/scholars.

Freshmen Scholars Brittney Haney and Hunter Wengrow collected 544 books as part of their community service project this semester!



Karina Suri, Austin Jones, & Dimpri Patel volunteer at a local non-profit's fall carnival.

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Fall Semester Final Exams Begin Monday, December 5, at USC Upstate

Final exams at USC Upstate begin on Monday, December 5. Scholars will follow various schedules based on their grade and courses. See page 2 for specific day and time the final exam for each course will be held at USC Upstate.

No exams may be taken early or late. Any conflicts should be discussed with Ms. DeLoach as soon as possible.

See course syllabus for how the final exam will effect the final grade for each course.

Seniors and juniors do not report to USC Upstate December 12-15 because all of their courses will be complete.

However, they are expected to report to their high schools for afternoon classes as scheduled. Textbooks may be turned in from 12 pm – 12:30 pm in Library Room 252 December 9 or December 15.

Sophomores and freshmen will attend their

English and math honors classes at USC Upstate December 12-15. See page 3 for the daily schedule. Textbooks will be taken up after their last exam on December 15.

Buses will run on regular schedule December 5-15.

Scholars will NOT report

to USC Upstate on Friday, December 16. However, they are required to attend classes at their own schools per the day's schedule. See individual school schedules for Dec. 16.

Final report cards for Fall semester will be mailed on Friday, December 16.



Scholars Saralane Green, Neil Thomas, Michael King, Kellsie Edwards, & Michelle Wood unloaded pumpkins with math teacher Sherrie Grant as a community service project in October.



FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE FOR ALL CONTRACTED COLLEGE & HONORS COURSES

ALL SCHOLARS: IF YOU ARE TAKING ANY OF THESE COURSES THIS SEMESTER, YOU WILL FOLLOW THE FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE BELOW. BUS TRANSPORTATION WILL RUN ON REGULAR SCHEDULE.

	Monday, December 5	Tuesday, December 6	Wednesday, December 7	Thursday, December 8	Friday, December 9	Wednesday, December 14	Thursday, December 15
8:30 am— 11:00 am		Chinese 102 Rm 229	Physics 101 Rm 227	US History 105 Rm 248	Precalculus 126 Rm 247		
		Calculus 142 Rm 252			Precalculus 127 Rm 251		
					Calculus 141 Rm 252		
9 am- 11:30 am	Government 101 Rm 234		Biology 101 Rm 252				
8:30 am—11 am						English I & II Honors	Geometry Honors
							Algebra II Honors
8:30 am --12 pm						English III Honors Part A	English III Honors Part B
No final exam for Chinese 101.							

Seniors & Juniors: Final Exam Schedule

IF YOU ARE TAKING COURSES NOT LISTED ABOVE, PLEASE FOLLOW THE USC UPSTATE SCHEDULE BELOW FOR YOUR EXAMS BASED ON THE DAY AND TIME OF EACH COURSE YOU ARE TAKING THIS SEMESTER. FOR ANY EXAM TIME THAT CAUSES YOU TO MISS OR BE LATE FOR A CLASS AT YOUR HIGH SCHOOL, PLEASE GET A NOTE FROM MS. DELOACH TO TURN IN TO THE ATTENDANCE OFFICE AT YOUR SCHOOL. THIS ABSENCE OR TARDY WILL BE EXCUSED IF YOU HAVE A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR REGARDING YOUR EXAM TIME. BUS TRANSPORTATION WILL RUN ON REGULAR SCHEDULE, SO MAKE APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS AS NEEDED.

Exam Date	Exam Time 8 am-11 am	Exam Time 11:30 am-2:30 pm	Exam Time 3 pm- 6pm
Monday, December 5	9 am MWF classes	12 am MWF classes	2 pm MW classes
Tuesday, December 6	9:25 am TTh classes	12:15 pm TTh classes	1:40 pm TTh classes
Wednesday, December 7	8 am MWF classes	11 pm MWF classes	3:25 pm MW classes
Thursday, December 8	8 am TTh classes	10:50 am TTh classes	3:04 TTh classes
Friday, December 9	10 am MWF classes	1 pm MWF classes	4:30 pm TTh classes

Schedule for December 5-15, 2011

FRESHMEN SCHEDULE*

December 5, 6, 7, 9, 12, 13 Follow your MWF schedule on all 6 of these days. Therefore, you will have English and math every day.

December 8

8:30-11:30 US History 105 Final Exam

9:25 class Room 226

10:50 class Room 228

11:30-12:30 Lunch

December 14

8:30-11:00 English I Honors Final Exam Room 226

English II Honors Final Exam Room 228

11:00-12:00 Geometry class

Freshmen Seminar for Algebra I & II

12-12:30 Lunch

December 15

8:30-11:00 Geometry Exam Room 226

Algebra II Exam Room 228

11:00-12:00 Freshmen Seminar: Goals & Reflections

Rooms 226, 228

12-12:30 Lunch

SOPHOMORE SCHEDULE*

December 5

8:30-9:00 Study Session

9:00-11:00 Government 101 Exam or Study Session

10:00-12:00 English III Honors

December 6

8:30-11:00 Chinese 102 Exam or Study Session

10:00-12:00 English III Honors

December 7

8:30-11:30 Physics 101 Exam or Study Session

9:00-12:00 Biology 101 Exam or Study Session

December 8

8:30-10:30 English III Honors

10:30-12:00 Study Session

December 9

8:30-11:00 Precalculus 126 & 127 Final Exam

11:00-12:00 English III Honors Research Paper Work Day

December 12, 13

8:30-12:00 English III Honors—Research Paper due 8:30 am.

December 14-15

8:30-12:00 English III Honors Final Exam Parts A & B

Lunch will be from 12-12:30 each day.

Schedule College Visits,

SAT, & ACT Now!

Scholars should start visiting colleges. Here are ten things to keep in mind to make those visits as productive as possible:

1. To keep travel cost to a minimum, car pool with other Scholars to the same college.
2. Schedule your visits for the week after college exams in December or May, in the first week of January, or during college spring break in March.
3. Research colleges online and choose the top 3 you are interested in visiting.
4. Schedule an appointment with an Admissions Counselor and the Dean of the college of study you wish to pursue.
5. Take a copy of your high school AND college transcript. High school transcripts are available from your guidance counselor. USC Upstate transcripts are available through VIP and in the Registrar's office in the HEC for \$8 each. Seniors will also receive a Scholars Academy transcript from the Director in the Fall of their senior year.
6. Find out each college's transfer credit policy, dual credit transfer policy, and AP score policy.
7. Ask which college courses are recommended to help you enter your chosen major.
8. Find out the required SAT and ACT scores for entrance. All 11th and 10th grade Scholars should take the SAT in the Spring of 2012. Go to www.collegeboard.com to register for a test at the location of choice for March or May. You should take the ACT at least once in your 11th grade year also.
9. Ask how many foreign language courses you need to enter that college. The answer will be anywhere from 1 to 4 courses.
10. Take a Scholars Academy brochure with you. Remember, colleges won't know what The Scholars Academy is. Educate them!

Discipline Policy

Any Scholar assigned ISS or OSS at his/her school may not attend classes at USC Upstate on those days as well. The Scholar may be placed on Probation or expelled from the Scholars Academy for such an offense.



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Sophomore Scholars Austin Jones and Ashley Graham trick-or-treat on October 31 as soup cans. They collected hundreds of cans which they donated to SNAC (Spartan Nutritional Assistance Campaign). SNAC provides food and other basic necessities to USC Upstate students in need.

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/SCHOLARS**

A Community Service Log is due from each Scholar no later than December 15. Scholars must document at least 10 hours of community service for Fall semester. All work must be signed on the log by an adult who verified the service. Logs are available in Course Documents on Seminar Blackboard.

Inclement Weather Policy

If his/her home school closes due to inclement weather, the Scholar is not expected to report to USC Upstate but should notify his/her college professors of the reason for his absence.

If all Spartanburg County School Districts close due to inclement weather, the Scholars Academy will close as well.

If his/her home school is delayed opening due to inclement weather, the Scholar will report to the Scholars Academy late per his/her school's schedule.

If the University closes due to inclement weather, the Scholars Academy will be closed as well.

In case of inclement weather, please check local radio and television news channels for school closings or delays. The director will also send emails regarding closings and delays to all students as soon as possible. Students and parents may also contact the Director at 978-2354.

All excused absences from college courses due to inclement weather will be at the discretion of the college professor.

Upcoming Community Service Projects

sponsored by Student Council

CANNED FOOD DRIVE

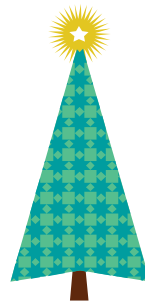
Student Council is collecting canned food items until Nov. 18. They will be donated to the Middle Tyger Community Center. Last November, Scholars collected more than 700 cans, winning the USC Upstate competition among several organizations on campus!



ANGEL TREE PROJECT

All cohorts will be adopting 2 angels (a boy and a girl) as part of USC Upstate's IMPACT Angel Tree Project. Donations of clothes and toys for angels must be made by November 28. See individual cohort Student Council

members for details on each child receiving donations.



2011-2012 Advisory Board & PTSO Parent Officers

The elected officers for 2011-2012 include:

President: Paula Brooks (Cohort 2)

Vice President: Monica Kimsey (Cohort 4)

Secretary: Mary Lawson (Cohort 5)

Treasurer: Lori Edwards (Cohort 3)

Per PTSO by-laws, the following parents have been appointed by the director to represent their Cohorts:

Fred DeAngelis, Cohort 2

Daniel Troxell, Cohort 3

Kay Galloway, Cohort 4

Venus Slater, Cohort 5

The teacher representatives are Dr. Paul Grady, Sherrie Grant, and Susan Greenway.