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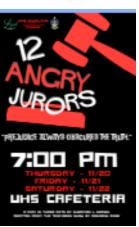
Board Report

November 2025



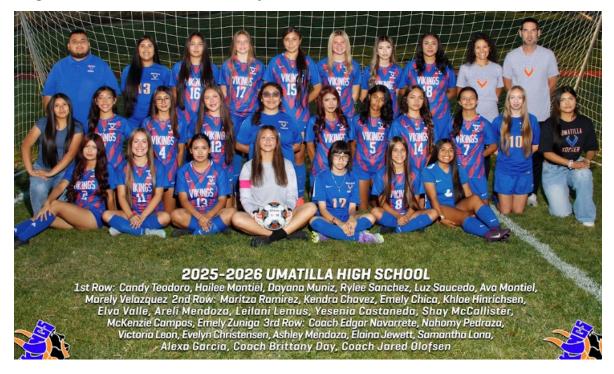
UHS Drama Club:

Our Drama students have been hard at work preparing for their next performance. The students wanted to take on a new challenge and try a more serious play. *Twelve Angry Jurors*, is an adaptation from the Emmy Award winning movie, *12 Angry Men*. After a six-day murder trail, a 19 year-old defendant's life is now in the hands of a jury – twelve ordinary Americans doing their best to uphold the constitutional right to a fair trial. However, not everyone agrees on the fate of the boy; tempers get short, arguments grow heated, and the participants devolve into *Twelve Angry Jurors*.



Girl State Playoff Run:

UHS Girls Soccer is capping off an undefeated league championship season by winning their 1st round state playoff game against Echo. We had a great turn out of fans that watch a hard fought 3-2 victory at our home CVI field. Alexa Garcia scored two goals and Elaina Jewett scored on an penalty kick. The girls now advance to the 2nd round against Creswell on Saturday, November 8 at noon.



UHS Schnitzer Care Fundraiser:

A Umatilla High School student club created some spooky fun to raise funds for their organization around Halloween time. The UHS Schnitzer Care Club organized a Haunted House at the school on Friday, October 24th.

About 375 people attended the event, which was held in one of the school's hallways and classrooms. The students asked other UHS clubs to be responsible for a classroom and plan an activity in that room. Groups included Key Club, National Honor Society, Robotics and our Newcomers Group. Rooms had various themes, like Mystery Boxes, scary maze, and two escape rooms. FCCLA served refreshments. Admission was \$1 per person.

Mission Statement:

The Schnitzer Cares students of Umatilla High School are committed to supporting organizations providing prevention and/or treatment of individuals struggling with substance abuse in the city of Umatilla and surrounding areas. We believe there needs to be more support related to these issues in our community. Individuals need a safe space for recovery and prevention, and we feel these efforts should begin with our youth. Access to accurate, compassionate information about drugs and alcohol should be provided to help with prevention as well as support recovery. Our focus will be on non-profit organizations that connect youth to vital resources or directly provide them as well as to organizations that provide activities or programs meant to give young people healthy alternatives to substance use. We would like to see the people in our community healthier and happier, free from drugs. This would encourage greater participation in community activities, keeping our community safe and overall, making everyone feel at home.

As you may know, the students are working hard to raise \$750 by March 1st (each dollar will be matched x10 by The CARE Foundation)! In April/May, they'll decide which nonprofit organizations should receive their funds!





Viking Power Newspaper:

Our English Language Learner classes published their first Viking Power School Newspaper for the year. This is a great activity to involve them in writing and producing the newspaper each month. Students gain a better understanding of the English Language through articles and learn a lot about our school and community.

This issue was a big hit with both students and staff.



Health Care Careers Class Partnership with Dr. Earl

Students from Ms. Funderburk's Healthcare Class, as well as any student interested in a career in healthcare were invited to "Dinner with a Doc" on Thursday, November 6, from 5:30-7:00 by Dr. Earl at the Family Health Associates in Umatilla.

Dr. Earl fed the 6 students who attended a delicious meal, and then began with his explanation for this get together. He expressed his gratitude for all that Umatilla School District had done for his own children who attended, and that he wanted to give back to the district by supporting any interest in healthcare by offering job shadowing opportunities, special speakers, trainings, and even a college visit in the spring to the Pacific Northwest University Health Sciences Medical School in Yakima!

He talked about there being over 15,000 jobs in healthcare, and he wanted to expose them to as many as they would like. He repeatedly asked the students what he could do for them, as well as what questions they have. The students asked questions and discussed jobs they were interested in, as well as expressed interest in when they could job shadow. Dr. Earl even gave them his cell number!

There are meetings planned once a month throughout the rest of the school year. The next one will be Thursday, December 4, and he will have his Medical Assistants present, answer questions, and teach the students how to take vital signs.

The students are VERY excited, and are going to tell their friends about it as well.



Each year, Umatilla High School sets up an ofrenda for Día de los Muertos so students and staff can honor their loved ones. Students had the opportunity to listen to traditional songs sung by Gabby Padilla at the ofrenda during lunch. Thank you, Gabby, for continuing this tradition with our students.



Key Club Blood Drive:

Key Club, which is a student organization dedicated to community service, hosted a Red Cross Blood Drive. Mrs. Erz and seniors Aaron Vargas, Lexi Soriano-Solis, and OJ Salas Torres did a great job organizing the event. Key Club has been having blood drives for several years as a community service project. Working with Red Cross, the Key Club members are responsible for hosting the drive and promoting it. They put up flyers at school and around the city of Umatilla, post on social media and had a table during lunchtime to sign students up to donate blood. The drive collected 23 units of blood.

