NEW YEAR, NEW YOU!

Welcome to the Senior Newsletter! This will be a bi-monthly periodical just for the UMF UB Class of 2013 - and you’re currently holding the first edition ever. What will you find in this newsletter that won’t be LOOKING UP? Helpful hints and tricks and online tools to help you check things off in your Senior Handbook, advice to own senior year, and other news JUST for you!

Congratulations on making it to senior year! For some of you, it may not feel like a big deal, but for others it has taken a lot of hard work and determination. You should all be proud of yourselves. Make the most of this year, not just with friends you may never see again, but for yourself. This is a big year for you, what with college being the next big step.

To keep with the theme from your handbook, ORGANIZATION, I’m going to challenge all of you to take a look at your lives and find TWO places where you could improve organization in two ways and then DO IT! This WILL help later. (If you don’t trust me, be looking for an Alumni Spotlight in LOOKING UP later this month!)

New Year, New You? Well of course! It’s senior year! It’s senior year! If you have always been interested in doing something and just haven’t got around to it, now is your chance! Invent the best possible version of yourself that you can, and then enjoy it. There is no wrong time to improve yourself.

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THE SENIOR CHECK LIST

[ ] Take the SAT’s again!
   Nobody likes to take the SAT, but college always like to see good SAT scores…
   Check Collegeboard.com for registration dates…UB will provide fee waivers…

[ ] Finalize & Edit College Essays
   Make sure your college essays breathes ‘You’. Use your vocabulary, your ideas, and your personality to write the perfect college essay. Remember, no idea is too weird, it’s how you write it.

[ ] Take SAT II’s if necessary
   Again, UB will provide fee waivers.

[ ] Apply for FAFSA Pins for you and your parents
   It is alright to wait, but it’s way easier to just do it now. With your pins, you’re much more prepared for that awesome January 1st.

[ ] Finalize College Search
   Which schools are right for you? No detail is too small for you to call a school and ask about, but remember to search online first. Make sure to give your finalized list to UB!

[ ] Ask for Letters of Recommendations
   You should pick a teacher you’ve had in the past two academic years. It’s alright if you didn’t do exceptionally well in the class, as long as your teacher knows you did your best. Did a staff member at your school attend one of the schools you’re applying to? Talk to them! Ask your teachers in advance, they have lives too after all!

[ ] Contact the UB Office with any questions!
   We are all here for you!!