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The Parent Support Organization (PSO) is a non-profit organization created in 2009 to support the UNCSA High School academic program through volunteering and fundraising, to facilitate communication between parents and the high school academic program, and to develop a nationwide social and support network for parents. If you'd like to join the PSO or find out more about the organization, contact one of the PSO officers listed on page two of this newsletter.

Upcoming Events

March 9, 2011

Teacher Appreciation
Sandwich/Salad Lunch

March 10, 2011

PSO General Meeting
4:00 – 6:00 PM
303 Gray Bldg.

April 9, 2011

Prom Night Parent Social
Foothills Brewery - details will
arrive late March early April to
parents

May 2011

Teacher Appreciation
Sweet Treats

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The UNCSA PSO Newsletter is published three (3) times each school year and distributed to all high school parents to keep you up-to-date on the PSO's activities.

If you have any questions about anything in this newsletter or want to join or become involved in the PSO, please contact a PSO officer or chairperson.

A Message from the Chairperson

Coming this spring, your Parent Support Organization (PSO) will be holding elections for next year's officer positions: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary. In its short 1 1/2 years of existence, the PSO has accomplished so much, from fundraising for the High School academic program, to welcoming new families to our UNCSA community, and facilitating communication among parents and between the school and parents. These accomplishments have only been possible through the dedication of our parent volunteers.

I sincerely hope that each of you whose child is planning on returning to UNCSA for the 2011-12 school year will thoughtfully consider running for a PSO office or volunteering for a committee (Fundraising, Family Support Network, Hospitality, Membership, Social Networking, Volunteer Coordinator). The PSO is considering taking on a major fundraising project next year that can raise a significant amount of money for the High School Academic Program, but we cannot commit to this project without the human resources to successfully pull it off. Don't think you can be active in the PSO because you work and/or live out of state? Most of our officers and chairpersons work full or part-time, and have dedicated a small amount of their spare time to supporting their child's school. There are many roles that you can take on successfully from out of town, as well. For example our 2009-10 Treasurer worked full time and lived out of state. Several of our officers and committee chairpersons currently live outside of the Winston Salem area. Time commitment varies depending on the PSO position and the time of year. Should you have any questions about PSO officer or chairpersons' responsibilities please contact me or any of the officers or chairpersons listed in this newsletter. If you are interested in running for a PSO office or working on a PSO committee, please be sure to attend the next PSO meeting on March 10. If you cannot attend this meeting, contact me with the position(s) in which you are interested.

Special thanks to Lisa Jensen (mother of Mason/clarinet-11) for taking over writing of the PSO newsletter and to Henry Lancaster (father of Devin/visual arts-11) for formatting this and the fall 2010 newsletter!

Andrea Haritan
PSO Chairperson

Hospitality

The Hospitality Committee hosted a breakfast for the High School Teachers and Staff on November 23rd. They enjoyed a breakfast of bagels, pastries, cheese and fruit, along with coffee and juice. The teachers enjoyed the breakfast as well as the opportunity to mingle and socialize with parent volunteers. A generous thank you to the many parents near and far who donated gift cards to Panera and Starbucks, as well as providing paper products. Thank you to the local and out of state parents who helped with set up and break down. It was a pleasure meeting many new faces!

The Hospitality Committee will be hosting a Sandwich/Salad Luncheon on Wednesday March 9th from 11-1. Those of you who are out of state or out of town and would like to make donations by way of a gift card, some good ideas are Panera Bread or our local grocery stores Whole Foods, Harris Teeter, and Lowe's Foods. Local parents, if you would like to send in a food item please bring it with your student or you may bring it by the Teacher's Lounge located on the second floor of the Gray Building (academics). If you wish to help with the Hospitality Committee, please contact Colette Griffin at Colette@tria.rr.com. Thank you to all for your continuous support. The teachers at UNCSA make such a difference in our children's lives and it is such a pleasure to be able to serve them during exam week!

Treasurer's Report

UNCSA PSO
Income/Expense Report
7/1/10 through 1/31/11

Beginning Balance*:	\$5,672.05
Petty Cash:	\$200.00
Income:	
Membership	\$2,120.00
Fundraising	\$9,478.00
Special Projects:	
<i>Projector Replacement</i>	\$6,355.00
Total income:	<u>\$17,953.00</u>
Expenses:	
Hospitality	\$90.00
Credit Card Fees	\$210.83
Fundraising:	
<i>Ornaments</i>	\$652.97
<i>Nutcracker T-shirts</i>	\$3,299.84
LCD Projectors	\$4,908.97
HS Office Printer Supplies	\$202.90
308 Gray Renovations	\$2,355.60
Total expenses:	<u>\$11,721.11</u>
Net income:	<u>\$6,231.89</u>
Ending Balance:	\$12,103.94

Notes:

*Beginning balance includes \$465 allocated to HS printer supplies (\$202.90 has been expensed), \$2500 allocated to HS teacher endowment fund (yet to be expensed), and balance due on 308 Gray Bldg. classroom renovations of \$2,355.60 (has been paid in full). All of these funds were raised and allocated in 2009-10 and have been/will be disbursed in FY 2010-11.

If you have any questions about the PSO's finances, please contact Andrea Haritan at 704/564-5327.

Social Networking

We currently have 31 members in our Yahoo! Group.

This year our discussion topics have included favorite restaurants in Winston-Salem, what you'd like to see at Parent's Weekend next year, and how to get an under 16 ballet dancer on a flight the Monday after Nutcracker. This is my third year as a UNCSA parent and

I was surprised how much information I learned and how I wished I knew it three years ago. I hope others in our group have also gained awareness, continue to ask questions, and offer even more topics for conversation.

If you would like to join our Yahoo! Group, please email Laura Murphy at lauramurphy35@gmail.com and she'll send you an invitation.



Membership

Sixty-four families have joined the PSO to date. Thank you so much for your support! This year's goal is to have at least 80 families as PSO members. It's never too late to join the PSO; membership is only a click away. Recommended membership dues are \$20.

Members who sign up with \$40 or more receive a pickle pin. Members who signed up at the \$20 level can upgrade to \$40 to receive a pickle pin to wear showing your Pickle Parent Pride.



To join the PSO or add to your original dues, go to <https://secure.imodules.com/s/444/index.aspx?sid=444&qid=1&pgid=298&cid=780> and follow the directions to make a donation to UNCSA, and designate your gift to the PSO.

New this year: grandparents, alumni, and parents of alumni can become friends of the PSO. All dues are tax deductible. PSO dues provide seed money for various fundraising projects that directly support UNCSA's HSAP.

Contact Laura Murphy (lauramurphy35@gmail.com) with any questions about PSO membership, or if you signed up at the \$40 level and have not received a pickle pin.

Family Support Network

We're still looking for volunteers to help welcome new UNCSA families. We'll begin receiving admittance notifications soon, and volunteers will be asked to write, email, or call admitted families to congratulate their artist and help answer questions about the school. We want to make them feel more comfortable as they make their decision whether UNCSA is the right place for their child and their family. If you are willing to volunteer, please send your name, child's art department, email, home city & state, and phone number to karenramshaw@yahoo.com.

Fundraising

Many thanks to parents and faculty who provided assistance with our fundraising during the Nutcracker Performances with merchandise and raffle sales. **We raised a little over \$3,700.00!** Congratulations to Roger Armstrong (father of Sierra, Preparatory Dance Program) for wining Gillian Murphy's autographed pointe shoes raffle.

Congratulations to Lisa Carter who won the Oklahoma raffle, consisting of two prime seats for a performance and a \$200 gift card towards a pre or post show dinner at a restaurant of her choice. Thank you to UNCSA's Advancement Department for donating the tickets and to the high school parents for donation of gift cards.

A Message from the High School Academic Dean

Dear UNCSA Parent Support Organization Member Families,

As we produce our third addition of the UNCSA Parent Student Organization Newsletter, again I'm thankful for the ongoing support of the PSO. It is impossible to walk down third floor Gray and not see the effects of your support. Last summer, we were able to renovate a former computer lab space back into a classroom with the support of the PSO. That classroom is used by over 70 students each day. The area outside my office is constantly abuzz with students coming in to use the PSO-supported printing station. There are six replacement projectors that are used in classrooms daily, projectors that we would not have been able to replace without your support. Almost every student and every faculty member has benefited in some way from your generosity. I am amazed and deeply grateful for all that you've done to make the High School Academic Program better. I know that teachers and students join me in saying "Many, many thanks."

Thank you for your participation. I continue to be excited about the future of this outstanding organization and I urge you to get involved in any way you are able.

With deepest gratitude,

Jill Lane
Dean of the High School Academic Program



Although outside the realm of the PSO Organization, we have proudly attached five submissions that may be of interest.

- **Health Services**
- **Academic News**
- **Nutrition News**
- **Campus Store**
- **High School Resident/Student Life**



Health Services

Recently a total of five residential high school students, all young, female dancers were diagnosed with head lice. When the first two cases were discovered, the following plan of action was put into place:

- Lice Treatment Kits were made easily available in Health Services for students to self-treat
- Extra combs and lice information sheets were made available for infected students
- Optional lice screenings were offered to all dance students during their routine health screenings that took place on Wednesday and Thursday of last week (The Director of Health Services reported to have personally checked over 200 heads)
- Common Area furniture (couches, chairs and ottomans) were deloused with approved spray
- Extra delousing spray was made available for any concerned students
- Infected students were directed to wash all laundry (bedding, clothing, hats) in HOT water
- Students were advised not to share clothing items or other personal hygiene items, such as brushes, combs, hair ties or ribbons, etc.
- Student requests to sleep in other students' rooms were denied, to minimize exposure
- Any students who thought that they may have lice were instructed to schedule an appointment with Health Services to be screened.

Since this plan of action, UNCSA's Health Services reports no new cases of head lice diagnosed for our high school students. We are very hopeful that students will continue to take the following precautionary measures, as recommended by the Center for Disease Control found at <http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/prevent.html> to help prevent and control the spread of head lice:

- Avoid head-to-head (hair-to-hair) contact during play and other activities at home, school, and elsewhere (sports activities, playground, slumber parties, and camp)
- Do not share clothing such as hats, scarves, coats, sports uniforms, hair ribbons, or barrettes
- Do not share combs, brushes, or towels. Disinfest combs and brushes used by an infested person by soaking them in hot water (at least 130°F) for 5-10 minutes
- Do not lie on beds, couches, pillows, carpets, or stuffed animals that have recently been in contact with an infested person
- Machine wash and dry clothing, bed linens, and other items that an infested person wore or used during the 2 days before treatment using the hot water (130°F) laundry cycle and the high heat drying cycle. Clothing and items that are not washable can be dry-cleaned OR sealed in a plastic bag and stored for 2 weeks
- Vacuum the floor and furniture, particularly where the infested person sat or lay. However, spending much time and money on housecleaning activities are not necessary to avoid reinfestation by lice or nits that may have fallen off the head or crawled onto furniture or clothing
- Do not use fumigant sprays or fogs; they are not necessary to control head lice and can be toxic if inhaled or absorbed through the skin.

We are hopeful that no more students will become infected. If you believe that your child has contracted head lice, please have them schedule an appointment with Health Services to be screened. If you have any further concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Health Services has been seeing a lot of influenza this year. Fortunately for those students who received the flu shot, it seems to be protecting against both the type A, B, and H1N1 which we are seeing. High school students with the flu are confined for no less than five days and if at all possible asked to go home while they are ill. **It is not too late to get the flu shot!** In addition parents are reminded to provide Health Services with a copy of an updated insurance card. If you have any questions, please contact Ann Potter at pottera@uncsa.edu.

Academic News

Following is the upcoming High School Exam schedule for winter term 2011. Please note this information so you know when your child is ready to leave campus.

- **Wednesday, March 9, 2011— Exam Time 9:00 – 11:00 am**
(All HS academic classes that meet MTTHF from 9:05 – 10:05 am)
- **Wednesday, March 9, 2011 — Exam Time 1:00 – 3:00 pm**
(All HS academic classes that meet MTTHF from 1:30 – 2:30 pm)
- **Thursday March 10, 2011 — Exam Time 9:00– 11:00 am**
(All HS academic classes that meet MTTHF from 8:00 - 9:00 am)
- **Thursday, March 10, 2011 — Exam Time 1:00 – 3:00 pm**
(All HS academic classes that meet MTTHF from 2:35 – 3:35 pm)
- **Thursday, March 10, 2011 — Exam Time 3:00 – 5:00 pm**
(All HS academic classes that meet on Wednesday)
- **Friday, March 11, 2011 — Exam Time 8:00 – 10:00 am**
(All HS academic classes that meet MTTHF from 10:15– 11:15 am)
- **Friday, March 11, 2011— Exam Time 10:30 am – 12:30 pm**
(All HS academic classes that meet MTTHF from 11:20 – 12:20 pm)

We're grateful for the following teachers for their response. Their comments follow.

Dr. Philip Haigh 12th Grade Senior Seminar Classes

I just wanted to tell you that my 12th grade Senior Seminar classes have been looking at the topic of Food. We've been looking into some of the issues arising from the industrialization of food production and the philosophical issues arising from that. We have also looked at some of the responses to that phenomenon, including Michael Pollan and Wendell Berry and the whole agrarian/sustainable food movement. We are going to spend the rest of the term looking at food consumption. Right now we are in the midst of an exploration of vegetarianism and hunting. I am not sure yet what we will do in the spring.

My Literature and Film class have just finished up a unit on Conrad's "Heart of Darkness", using Coppola's *Apocalypse Now* and the HBO adaptation starring Tim Roth and John Malkovich. We're now reading Henry James' "The Turn of the Screw" and we will view three different versions of that story. In the spring we will be exploring Alfred Hitchcock's films.

Lois Schneider, Physical Science for 9th, Advanced Environmental Science for 10th & 11th

Fall semester:

Physical Science (9th Grade) We began fall term learning about the nature of science, the scientific method, and ways to set up and conduct controlled experiments. Students took part in many lab activities and learned to measure and record data with the correct level of precision and accuracy. They also become proficient in the use of the metric system. We completed fall term learning about the kinetic theory of matter and changes of state.

Advanced Environmental Science (10th and 11th Grade): Fall term began with researching the causes and environmental effects of the BP oil spill. This led into our study of the "tragedy of the commons" and the results of overconsumption or "affluenza". We moved on to an in depth study of ecosystems with an emphasis on energy flow.

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Lois Schneider, Physical Science for 9th, Advanced Environmental Science for 10th & 11th (con't.)

Winter semester:

Physical Science: began with the history of the atomic model. We are currently working on understanding the importance of valence electrons, oxidation numbers, and writing chemical formulas. Students are quickly grasping these difficult but important concepts!

Advanced Environmental Science: This term, we have delved deeply into issues involved in agriculture and food production. Our study led us beyond the textbook to sources such as the videos *King Corn* and *Food Inc.* and to articles by writers including Michael Pollan and Bill McKibben. Most students began to think about the food they eat in a whole new way! We are currently spending a few days learning about the life and work of Rachel Carson. For the remainder of this term, we will be learning about mineral resources including non-renewable energy resources.

Adrienne Pilon, Advanced Placement English Language & Composition (11th grade)

Students started the term reading *The Great Gatsby* and wrote a passage analysis. We then read chapter two of Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring*, discussing Carson's rhetorical techniques and devices.

We are now working on researched argument papers. As in a first-year college writing class, our students are responsible for researching a topic of their choosing, creating and an annotated bibliography and putting it all together in a 4-7 page essay, complete with documentation of outside sources. Throughout the term we are integrating practice for the AP exam through essay writing, critical reading and multiple choice questions. We will wrap up the term by reading *Death of a Salesman* and viewing a film version of the play.

I would like parents to know that the course syllabus and some materials are available on Blackboard, where current grades can also be reviewed.

Jonathan Milner, AP US Government & Politics, Civics & Economics

We have just completed a unit on the political process and are now entering the most important unit of the year: the institutions of government. Over the next two months we will be studying the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government as we move towards our May 10th AP exam. Next week we will hold a mock congressional committee to discuss funding for the National Endowment for the Arts. Hopefully, by the end of the year, student in this class will be well versed in the complexities of the US political system.

In Civics and Economics we are off to a fast start. So far, this term we have studied civil liberties, the US debt (\$14 trillion), and the media. Students have undertaken projects to understand the extent of their civil liberties, to educate their peers about the size of the US debt and then to contact politicians about their concerns, and to become more media literate.

In both our AP and our civics and economics classes we have spent class time discussing and analyzing the roots of the pivotal revolutions in the Middle East and North Africa. Hopefully, the debt, the media, and today's revolutions have popped up in your conversations with your children, and hopefully your students have become more knowledgeable and active citizen/artists through this class.

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Nancy Streblow, Advanced Placement Literature and Composition, (12th grade AP English)

Fall Term we focused on Comedy and Tragedy, starting with comedy. We read The Prologue to The Canterbury Tales, which was the first satirical piece of literature written in the English language. We then read satirical short stories and Twelfth Night by William Shakespeare. We discussed what made something funny and why we make fun. We then moved to tragedy and read Heart of Darkness and then watched Apocalypse Now and compared them. Last, *The Tragedy of Hamlet, Prince of Denmark*, the piece de resistance of all tragedy. We discussed what makes something tragic and how tragedy actually enables us.

Winter Term began with Crime and Punishment by Fyodor Dostoevsky and now we're doing Modern Drama. We've read No Exit by Jean-Paul Sartre and now we're reading A Streetcar Named Desire by Tennessee Williams. The students are then reading a play on their own and presenting it to class. We will finish the term with Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte.

We usually read Frankenstein and A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man by James Joyce. We discuss and prepare for the AP Lit exam in May. At the end of the term the students select a book that they want to read and make a presentation to the class for their final.

Linda Moore, Biology

Since returning from our winter break, we have been studying chromosomes and DNA structure and replication. Our studies culminated with an electrophoresis lab detecting the BRCA2 breast cancer gene on the Destiny lab bus. For the rest of the term, we will study cell division and genetics.

Beth Thompson, English III American Literature

Winter Term is devoted to writers who see themselves outside or struggling toward the American Dream, African-Americans and recent immigrants: Frederick Douglass, Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, Jhumpa Lahiri, Junot Diaz, Nam Lee, Amy Tan, Sandra Cisneros and others. 50% of the grade this term comes from reading notes and 50% from tests and papers.

Nutrition News

Have you ever been curious about the menus at the Cafeteria and the Pickle Jar; who decides the daily meals and what drives it? Be pleasantly surprised to learn there is a Food Committee that meets once a month. It is made up of students and staff and consists of taste testing, comments, ideas, suggestions, etc. January's meeting notes follow. Any student can participate, as well as parents. Carol Cooper, Director of Auxiliary Services would love information/input from parents and students. Carol oversees the Dining Services, Campus Store, One Card and the Mail Center. Please contact Carol Cooper at cooper@uncc.edu.

Minutes from Food Service Committee Meeting Held January 10, 2011

- The fourth meeting of the Food Service Committee was on Jan.10. We had 9 students and 2 staff members in attendance.
- For the taste testing, the committee tried --
 - ◊ The committee was treated to Chick-Fil-A sandwiches as an announcement that the Pickle Jar was going to start selling sandwiches the following Thursday, Jan. 13. The sandwiches would sell for \$3.50. Customers could add Pickle Jar fries and a drink for \$1.99. We would start with having 50 sandwiches available at Noon to see how they sell. (The franchise owner only wanted to start with 30 sandwiches which were sold out in 1 hour and 15 minutes.)
 - Some of the committee requested that the Chick-Fil-A sauces be available. Heather Pinks has learned she has to purchase the sauces which she will.
 - ◊ The committee also tasted yogurt pretzels that could be available for Valentine's Day in Pickle Jar.
- Details about upcoming events were shared
 - ◊ Jan. 7 – Winter Blues Beach Party took place at dinner. Steak, shrimp and fruit were served for this meal.
 - ◊ Jan. 19 – Wonderful Wednesday Buffet
 - ◊ Jan. 25 – Waffles & Cream at dinner
 - ◊ Feb. 3 – Chinese New Year Celebration
 - ◊ Feb. 7 – Food Service Committee
 - ◊ Feb. 9 – Wonderful Wednesday Buffet
- New Specials for the Pickle Jar
 - ◊ Heather Pinks shared with the committee the calendar of specials in Pickle Jar. This month's specials included:
 - Jan. 13 – Free fries with a turkey burger
 - Jan. 17 – Get a large Java City for the price of a small
 - Jan. 25 - \$2 Pirouette wraps
 - Jan. 28 – Free fountain drink with the purchase of a pizza slice
 - Each week also had a different type of premium turkey burger at the grill
 - ◊ Students said they liked the pre-made tuna and chicken salads.
- Comments, ideas & suggestions included --
 - ◊ Students shared that they wanted bottled Ginger Ale in the Pickle Jar. Heather shared that there was Fanta Ginger Ale available as a fountain drink.
 - ◊ They suggested that Jolly Ranchers be sold in the Pickle Jar.

- ◇ They also like the availability of cranberry juice.
 - ◇ Some product suggestions for the Pickle Jar included
 - V-8 juice in pomegranate & blueberry
 - Fruit & Yogurt Kind bars
 - Naked drinks in Green Machine and Mango Tango as some prefer Naked over the Odwalla drinks. They liked the Tropical Medley in Odwalla.
 - Starbuck's caramel drink
 - Sub sandwiches to grab & go
 - ◇ The students like the \$2 big waters available in the Pickle Jar.
 - ◇ They like the pre-made sandwiches in the Pickle Jar.
 - ◇ One person suggested having more variety in the sausage such as Swaggerty's or Ehrlich's.
 - ◇ Students liked the fruit selection recently.
 - ◇ They're thrilled the waffle iron is back. Hopefully students will stop putting chocolate and other items into the iron.
 - ◇ One person questioned if they could use a different seasoning for the vegetables. They thought especially the squash was too salty.
 - ◇ One reported that the burgers were really good the day before the meeting.
 - ◇ Some felt they experience bad smells from the Pickle Jar at times.
 - ◇ Members of the committee felt Victor in the Pickle Jar was a great employee. They had concerns that others don't seem happy.
 - ◇ One student requested strawberry milk.
 - ◇ Would like to see Thai food. Also cream cheese wontons.
 - ◇ Several students expressed their desire to have the skins removed from the mashed potatoes.
 - ◇ There was a discussion about the difference between egg rolls and spring rolls. Spring rolls are usually vegetarian. Students also asked for cream cheese wonton.
 - ◇ Chef Dana mentioned that California rolls and salmon & cream cheese sushi should be coming to the Pickle Jar soon.
- One student mentioned not knowing about the Winter Blues Beach Party. Carol Cooper suggested one way to know about all the events was the NCSA Dining Facebook page. Heather shared that they couldn't use UNCSA Dining as it was not available.
 - Meeting was adjourned till next month.

High School Resident/Student Life

It's hard to believe that fall term 2010 flew by so quickly and that we are already mid way through our winter term. Becoming fully staffed in early October 2010 has truly made a difference in our ability to provide students with even more opportunities to become involved and stay connected with their peers in positive and productive ways. In the fall term, the Chess Club and the Gay Straight Alliance (for high school only) were established after students expressed an interest in the formation of these groups.

Another new and very popular bi-weekly program is "The Who" Coffee House/Open Mic Night that provides students with a very informal and relaxed way to express themselves and show off their many talents. Please be aware that non-caffeinated beverages, such as hot chocolate and apple cider are our preferred beverages for this event.

Traditional clubs and other student groups that are still going strong are the Ladies in Arts, Boys/Girls Group, and SAAVE. We continue to support and work with two well established student leadership groups called Peer Leaders and The Crew; students interested in these leadership positions must apply for these voluntary positions in the spring term for the next school year. We continue to be open to the establishment of new student led clubs and organizations. If your student has a particular interest in establishing a new club or organization, please have them contact their Residence Hall Coordinator to discuss.

On the home front, so to speak, we have done our best to educate students about bullying/harassment and UNCSA's position on this topic. We experienced a few bullying/harassment incidents early on in the fall term, which prompted an email communication to all UNCSA high school parents, entitled "Promoting Acceptance at UNCSA" and a separate email to all UNCSA high school students, entitled "Respecting Self and Others" sent out on September 24th. While we have not experienced or are aware of any additional bullying or harassment cases since these emails went out, I want to continue to encourage anyone who may be experiencing or witnessing harmful or alienating actions to immediately report the incident to a High School Residence Life team member or another trusted adult on campus.

Housing Applications for all returning students planning to reside on campus next year will be distributed on Wednesday, March 2nd at the monthly hall meeting. It will be explained to students that if they intend to reside on campus next year, then they must complete and turn in a Housing Application by Wednesday March 9th. All students who live within a 25 mile radius of campus that turn in a Housing Application for

Campus Store



We've created a Facebook page for the Campus Store in order to help friends and families stay connected to our students.

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Winston-Salem-NC/UNCSA-Campus-Store/136223456405845>.

It can also be found on the Campus Store web page <http://www.uncsa.edu/campusstore/>. It is difficult to place pictures of our constantly changing merchandise on our website. Therefore, we use the Facebook page to post pictures of new merchandise. We also have pictures of all our Mylar balloons so it is easier for someone to call in a balloon bouquet order to have delivered on campus. Please contact Carol Cooper at cooperc@uncsa.edu.

next year will automatically be placed on a waiting list. If your student is unclear as to whether they will be invited back to UNCSA next year, or if they are not sure that they want to continue their enrollment at UNCSA, we highly recommend that they turn in a Housing Application so a space can be allocated for them.

Unfortunately, we have had quite a number of students who have been sick over the past few weeks, some of which have been diagnosed with the flu. For students who have been diagnosed with the flu, we are contacting parents to come and pick their student up, as most students are contagious for up to 5 days. We do have a few spaces available by which to quarantine students who live long distances from school; however, if we encounter a situation where we have exhausted all available space, please expect a phone call from us for you to work out a quarantine plan for your student to reside off campus.

*For those parents who may be in a position to donate, we could greatly use the following items to distribute to our sick students: tissue boxes, disinfecting wipes, hand sanitizer, cans of ginger ale, Sprite, Gatorade, juice boxes and soda crackers or other items that will sit easily on the stomach when sick.

Please note that we cannot accept any cash or check donations for these items, only requested items that can be dropped off at the Connector Building front desk.

This year's graduating Class of 2011 has some events coming up. The Senior Trip, this year to Carowinds amusement park in Charlotte, will be held on Sunday, April 10th, which is the day after Prom.



The trip cost is \$30 if purchased along with a prom ticket (\$35), or \$35 if purchased separately. We will also be selling Senior T-shirts for \$10, making the entire package a very reasonable \$75. The senior class will also be accepting monetary donations of any amount to be put towards the purchase of their Senior Gift. At this time, the gift has not been chosen, so a fundraising goal has not been determined. In the spring, the Class of 2011 will be participating in a letter writing campaign that will include more details about the gift and how to donate, so please be on the lookout for more specific details. If you have any questions, please contact Alison Whitcomb, High School Residence Life, Residence Hall Coordinator and Senior Committee Advisor, at whitcomba@uncc.edu

Upcoming dates to highlight are

Spring Break: Residence Halls close at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 12, 2011.
The halls reopen on Sunday, March 20, 2011 at 12:00 p.m.

(A gentle reminder for parents or legal guardians to please send in an **Overnight Travel Form (OTF)** at least **48 hours** in advance of your student's departure from UNCCSA outlining your student's Spring Break departure plans. If you are coming to pick your student up in person, then you do not have to submit an OTF.)

Save the date for Prom: Saturday, April 9, 2011 from 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. at the **Winston-Salem Children's Museum**. This year's theme is **"A Midsummer Masquerade"**. Tickets for this year's prom are \$35 and will be available for purchase in the spring term. If you have any questions, please contact Edwin Martinat, High School Events Coordinator, at martinate@uncc.edu



Senior Class Trip to Carowinds: Sunday, April 10, 2011.

In addition to the above upcoming events, there were many outings during the winter term. Some of the highlights were:

- A Bon Fire & S'mores night on September 4th
- Mega Splatter Paint Murals on October 10th
- Halloween Costume Ball on October 22nd
- the monthly Movie on the Hill, New Years Dance Party on January 7th, and so much more!