



## USCSD Weekly Recap

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## USCSD Headlines

### USC approves preliminary budget

The Upper St. Clair School Board approved the 2017-18 preliminary budget, totaling \$79,078,568, during its Feb. 13, 2017, meeting. "Approval of this preliminary budget for the purpose of Act 1 is actually an official starting point of the district's budget deliberations," Dr. Patrick T. O'Toole, superintendent, said. "The official 2017-18 budget will be presented to the board for a vote in May and June. Throughout the next three months we will be working diligently to explore and analyze opportunities for cost-savings and efficiencies."

[Read more](#)



### 2017-18 calendar proposed – feedback accepted thru March 10

The Upper St. Clair School District has posted its proposed calendar for the 2017-18 school year. Community members are invited to provide comment and feedback through Friday, March 10, 2017. The proposed first day of school for students is slated for Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2017. [Read more](#)

### 11 named National Merit Finalists

Eleven Upper St. Clair High School seniors were recently named Finalists in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program. Paul B. Abrams, Amna Amin, Aditi Chattopadhyay, Devon D. Garcia, Macey A. Kaplan, Arushi Kewalramani, Tanmayee Mahajan, Malcolm T. Miller, Murphy S. Miller, Vicki Z. Wang and Claire K. Zalla were selected on the basis of their SAT scores, grades, essays and letters of recommendation. [Read more](#)

### Author conducts writers' workshop at Boyce

Fifth and sixth graders at Boyce Middle School recently had the opportunity to participate in a writers' workshop led by Frederic S. Durbin, author of three books and numerous short stories. Sponsored by the school's Parent Teacher Organization, the event was part of the school's annual Author's Day celebration. [Read more](#)

### High school students explore field of pharmacy

Upper St. Clair High School students in Laura Marks' honors organic chemistry class recently had the opportunity to participate in an interactive, hands-on patient simulation provided by the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy. [Read more](#)

### Streams hosts 13th Annual Children for Children event

The Streams Elementary School community celebrated its 13th annual Children for Children on Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2017, in the school's gymnasium. The event celebrated a two-month-long community service project and offered crafts, activities, a bake sale and a silent auction." [Read more](#)

### USCHS presents "The Drowsy Chaperone"

USC High School will present its spring musical, "The Drowsy Chaperone," March 3-5 and March 9-11 in the school's theatre. The curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, March 3, 4, 10 and 11. Family Night, with a 6:30 p.m. show time, is set for Thursday, March 9 and a 2 p.m. matinee is offered on Saturday, March 5. For the first time, Upper St. Clair is offering online ticket sales. Visit [www.usctheater.org/musical](http://www.usctheater.org/musical) beginning Friday, Feb. 10 to order tickets to any of the six performances. [Read more](#)

### Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for incoming Upper St. Clair kindergarten students and their families will be held mid-March at each of the district's three elementary schools as follows:

- **Baker Elementary:** Tuesday, March 14 and Wednesday, March 22
- **Eisenhower Elementary:** Thursday, March 16 and Tuesday, March 21

- **Streams Elementary:** Wednesday, March 15 and Monday, March 20

Families will complete the registration process at the school in their attendance area and meet with school community members that may include a teacher, librarian, nurse, school counselor and parent association representative. Incoming kindergarten students will complete vision and hearing screenings. [Read more and schedule a registration appointment online](#)

### **Donate & SALE of Gently Worn USC Spirit Wear!**

The Fort Couch PTSO and USC PTC are collecting gently used USC Spirit Wear to benefit the PTSO Guidance Fund/Sharing and Caring Committee to assist USC families in need. **The LAST DAY to drop off Spirit Wear is Tuesday, Feb 21.** Collection bins are located in the office of all USC schools. Items will be available for purchase from 8 a.m. – noon on Saturday, Feb. 25 in the Fort Couch cafeteria. Each item will be sold for \$5, cash only. If enough items remain, a second sale will be held from 4 – 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 27, in the Fort Couch cafeteria. [Read more](#)

### **Open Mike with Dr. O'Toole set for March 20**

The Upper St. Clair Parent Teacher Council will host its semiannual Superintendent Open Mike at 10 a.m. on Monday, March 20, 2017, in the Boyce Middle School auditorium. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP online (click here for the online registration form) or by contacting Dr. Daphna Gans, Open Mike committee chairperson, at [daphnagans@gmail.com](mailto:daphnagans@gmail.com). [Read more](#)

## **In case you missed it....(USCSD in the media)**

- [USC School Board approves preliminary budget](#)
- [Upper St. Clair enters playoffs with momentum](#)
- [WPIAL announces basketball pairings for boys, girls playoffs \(USC plays North Hills on at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 22 at North Allegheny.\)](#)
- [Wrestling: All-Time Teams - Upper St. Clair](#)
- [Boys Basketball: Upper St. Clair goes overtime to earn playoff berth](#)
- [South Fayette author publishes book on local Civil War impact \(USC teacher Christopher George\)](#)
- [Thirteen WPIAL players selected for Big 33 game \(Upper St. Clair offensive lineman Gabe Houy\)](#)

## **Upcoming Events**

- [2016-17 School Calendar](#)
- [Online Activities Calendar](#)
- [Athletics Calendar](#)

### **February**

17: No School for Students – Teacher In-Service  
 17: All USCSD buildings **closed** for professional development  
 20: No School for Students – Teacher In-Service  
 20: Streams Bowling Party, 10 a.m.  
 21: Fort Couch PTSO meeting, 9:30 a.m.  
 21: [Last day to donate gently worn Spirit Wear](#)  
 23: Eisenhower Kindergarten Social, 6:15 p.m.  
 23: [NCAA Recruiting & Eligibility](#), 7 p.m., High School LGI room  
 24: Streams Bingo, 6 p.m., High School  
 25: [Spirit Wear Fundraiser](#), 8 a.m. – noon, Fort Couch cafeteria  
 27: School Board meeting, 7 p.m., Central Office  
 28: Eisenhower 2nd Level Breakfast, 7:30 a.m.

### **March**

1: PTC meeting, 9:30 a.m., Fort Couch  
 3: USCHS Spring Musical, “[The Drowsy Chaperone](#),” 7:30 p.m., High School theatre  
 4: USCHS Spring Musical, “[The Drowsy Chaperone](#),” 7:30 p.m., High School theatre  
 5: USCHS Spring Musical, “[The Drowsy Chaperone](#),” 2 p.m., High School theatre  
 7-9: Eisenhower Book Swap  
 9: Eisenhower Reading Night, 6:30 – 8 p.m.  
 9: USCHS Spring Musical, “[The Drowsy Chaperone](#),” 6:30 p.m., High School theatre  
 9: Baker PTA meeting, 7 p.m.  
 10: Eisenhower PTO meeting, 9 a.m.  
 10: USCHS Spring Musical, “[The Drowsy Chaperone](#),” 7:30 p.m., High School theatre  
 11: SAT exam, 7:45 a.m., High School

11: USCHS Spring Musical, "The Drowsy Chaperone," 7:30 p.m., High School theatre  
13: School Board meeting, 7 p.m., Central Office  
14: Streams PTO meeting, 9:30 a.m.  
14: Parkway West CTC Open House, 5 – 7 p.m.  
15: Boyce PTO meeting, 9:30 a.m.  
15: USCHS PTSO meeting, 9:30 a.m.  
15: Combined Strings Concert (grades 4-12), 7:30 p.m., High School theatre  
16: Streams Book Fair & Ice Cream Social, 6:30 p.m.  
17: Fort Couch Social, 8-9 p.m.  
21: Streams, Spring Pictures  
21: Fort Couch PTSO meeting, 9:30 a.m.  
23: Third Marking Period Ends  
23: Early Dismissal for Students (USCHS, 10:55 am; Elem., 11:30 am; Middle Schools, 11:55 am)  
24: No School for Students; Teacher In-Service  
28: School Board meeting, 7 p.m., Central Office  
29: Fort Couch Picture Day  
29: 5th Grade Musical, Disney's "Aristocats KIDS," 7 p.m., Boyce Theater  
30: Streams Second Grade Special Level Night  
30: 5th Grade Musical, Disney's "Aristocats KIDS," 7 p.m., Boyce Theater  
31: 5th Grade Musical, Disney's "Aristocats KIDS," 2 p.m., Boyce Theater

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## Bulletin Board

Be sure to check the district's [online community bulletin board](#) for information about upcoming community events as well as summer science camps, sports camps, dance clinics and more....

- NEW: USC Swim night at Chipotle: March 13
  - USCAA Baseball Sign-ups: ages 6-18
  - Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra: FREE Concert Feb. 25
  - 2017-18 Town Hall South Lecture Series
  - Celebrity Night to benefit the USC F.R.I.E.N.D.s Club: March 1
  - 3D Printing Workshop: March 8
  - USC Cheerleading One-Day Clinic (K-8): March 12
  - SHOP@USC Prom Fashion Show: March 12
  - STEM Adventure Summer Day Camp (ages 6-14)
  - And more....
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