



HORACE MANN
UCLA
COMMUNITY SCHOOL



FEB-APRIL

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UPCOMING:

WASC VISIT
APRIL 11TH

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PARENT
CONFERENCES
APRIL 5TH

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PARENT CONFERENCES APRIL 5TH

5:00-7:00pm

BE SURE TO COME TO MANN UCLA
TO MEET ALL OF YOUR CHILD'S
TEACHERS!

At Parent Conference Night you will be able to
discuss your child's progress and set goals with the
teacher to be successful in all classes!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING
YOU IN APRIL!

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TIME TO
GET
FANCY!

WINTER FORMAL/HOMECOMING DANCE

This year will be our first Winter Formal/Homecoming Dance and we are so excited! Right now, our Leadership class is planning out the details but here is what we know so far:

DATE, TIME & LOCATION

Friday, February 16th 2018 from 5-8pm
in the Mann UCLA gym

COST

Tickets will be approximately \$10 per person and will include food

HOMECOMING COURT

8th and 9th graders will be able to vote for Homecoming King, Queen, Prince and Princess

DRESS CODE

It will definitely be a formal event, so be prepared to dress up in sparkling evening dresses or dapper suits!



DID YOU KNOW?

Large-scale studies found that parent's general monitoring of their child's performance are positively related to children's achievement.

Studies also show that parents with high expectations for their children, along with discussing school experiences with their children, increases academic success.

Studies of programs in early childhood, elementary, middle, and high schools indicate that efforts to improve students outcomes are more effective when the family is actively involved.

WASC

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

WHAT IS WASC?

WASC is the Western Association for Schools and Colleges, which gives accreditation to all schools.

WHAT IS ACCREDITATION?

Accreditation is the recognition that a school has reached a standard for its graduates to attend other schools of higher learning. The goal of accreditation is to ensure that education provided by the school meets acceptable levels of quality.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR MANN UCLA CS?

Since we have expanded to include 9th grade, WASC must visit our school to ensure that we are providing quality education for all of our students. Our school must reach the standards of WASC to guarantee that all of our graduates can attend colleges and universities.

WHICH GRADE LEVELS WILL RECEIVE ACCREDITATION?

WASC will award accreditation to ALL grades 6-9. They will also return each year to award accreditation to any additional grades that we add to our school. We are expanding each year to add another grade level, so WASC will return each year to award accreditation to grades 10-12.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello Mann UCLA Panthers. This is Principal Johnson wishing everyone well for the 2018 New Year. As we transition to the Spring Semester, we need to focus on the following to ensure our students' success:

- In addition to quality instruction in the classrooms, we have started our online-based intervention. We used Innovation Settlement Funds to purchase the Revolution K12 program which officers students a computer based intervention in math and English. This will help our students achieve the goal of increasing our SBAC scores by at least 5% in English and math.
- We will be recognizing students with 96% attendance or better monthly. Students with a 91% or less attendance rate will receive a letter that will require parents/guardians to meet and discuss various ways to improve attendance. Please encourage our students to attend school everyday. This is especially important during SBAC testing in May 2018.
- We have various initiatives and activities scheduled to help improve our ability to collaborate with all community members. This includes Parent Conference Night April 5th, Breakfast with the Principal meetings monthly, Governance Council meetings monthly, and the Schoology online grading system through PASSport. Please see Ms. Brice, our Community Service Representative for more information about the aforementioned initiatives.
- February is our field trip month where all students will be going on various field trips to enhance the concepts that are taught in the classrooms. It is expected that all students going on field trips are to wear their Mann UCLA Polo Shirts. If your child needs a new polo shirt, please purchase one from the Main Office.

Finally, February is Black History Month. This is a time to honor the contributions to America by many great African Americans of the past and today. As with Hispanic Heritage Month in September, we take these times to acknowledge that America would not be the great country it is without the significant contributions and sacrifices from people abroad.

Thank you for your time and remember, You Just Can't Hide That Panther P.R.I.D.E.

Orlando M. Johnson, Principal

Horace Mann UCLA Community School



UPCOMING EVENTS

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MARCH

Spring Recess
March 26th - April 2nd

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APRIL

April 11th
WASC Visit

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MAY

SBAC Testing
8th Grade: May 7th - 11th
7th Grade: May 14th - 18th
6th Grade: May 21st - 25th

PARENT'S CORNER

Upcoming Parent Workshops

February 7th Math Workshop: 5:00-6:30p
February 21st Getting LITeracy: 5:00-7:00p
March 7th Math Workshop: 5:00-7:00p

Reminder Parents/Guardians:

You must check-in with the main office before you go to your child's classroom or visit a teacher.

BREAKFAST WITH THE PRINCIPAL DATES

9:00am Room 216

February 22nd

March 22nd

Be sure to get your Mann UCLA Polo for all field trips!

**Purchase them in the Main Office:
2 Polos for \$30**

UPCOMING LEADERSHIP COUNCIL & SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MEETINGS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

TUESDAY, MARCH 20TH

TUESDAY, APRIL 24TH

ENROLLMENT IS NOW OPEN!

Parents who are interested in enrolling their
child into Mann UCLA High School should
attend our new student informational!

Dinner will be served!

MANN UCLA CS LIBRARY
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND

5:30-7:00P



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