

**2011**  
أغسطس - آب

# August

*Ramadan - Shawwal*

**1432**  
رمضان - شوال

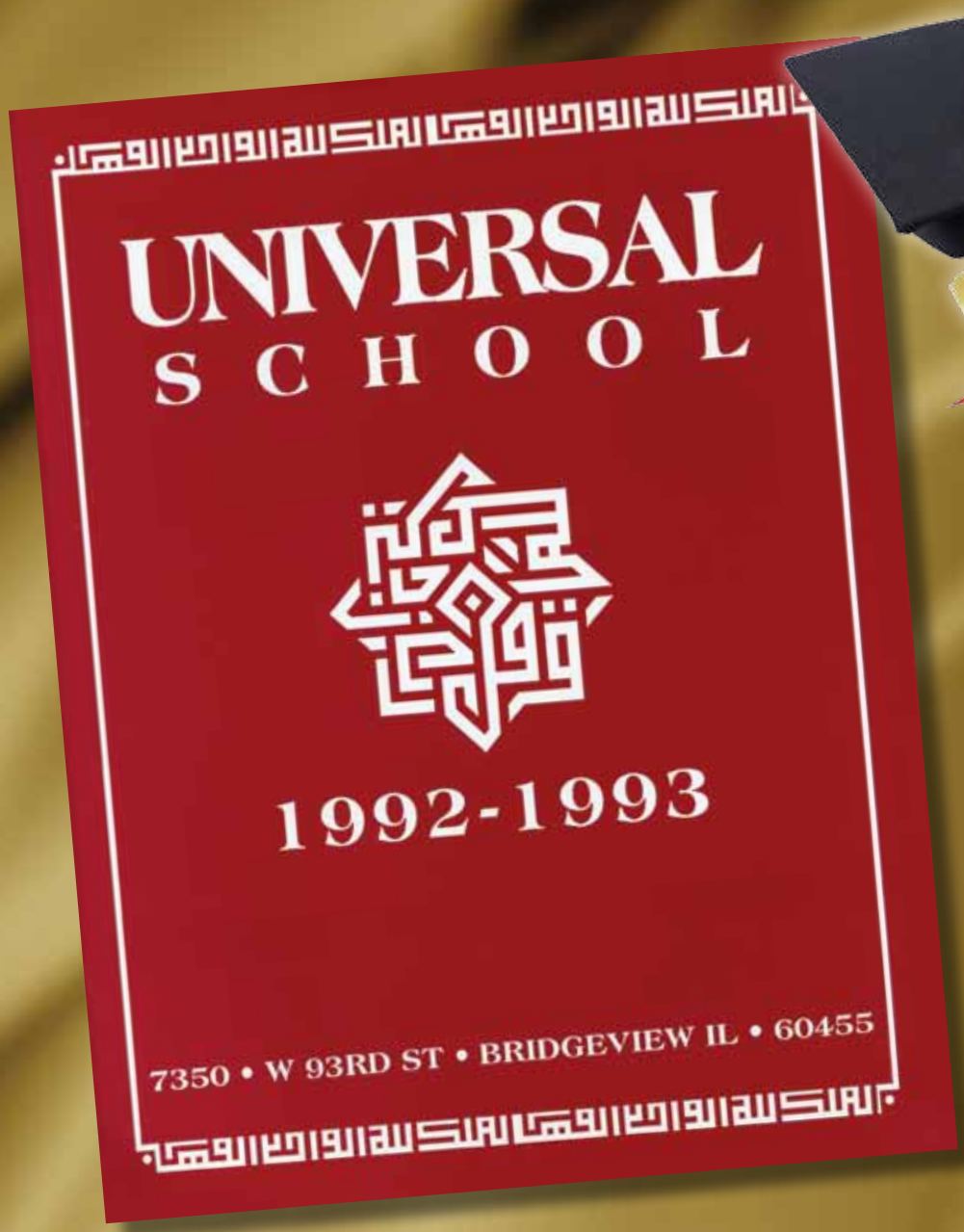
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		<i>1 Ramadan</i>		<i>2</i>		<i>3</i>		<i>4</i>		<i>5</i>		<i>6</i>	
<b>7</b>		<b>8</b>		<b>9</b>		<b>10</b>		<b>11</b>		<b>12</b> <i>ACT Deadline for 9/10/11</i>		<b>13</b>	
<i>7</i>		<i>8</i>		<i>9</i>		<i>10</i>		<i>11</i>		<i>12</i>		<i>13</i>	
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<i>14</i>		<i>15</i>		<i>16</i>		<i>17</i>		<i>18</i>		<i>19</i>		<i>20</i>	
<b>21</b>		<b>22</b>		<b>23</b>		<b>24</b>		<b>25</b>		<b>26</b>		<b>27</b>	
<b>Teacher In-Service Week</b>													
<i>21</i>		<i>22</i>		<i>23</i>		<i>24</i>		<i>25</i>		<i>26</i>		<i>27</i>	
<b>28</b>		<b>29</b>		<b>30</b>		<b>31</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>2</b>		<b>3</b>	
<b>Eid Al-Fitr Break - NO SCHOOL</b>													
<i>28</i>		<i>29</i>		<i>1 Shawwal</i>		<i>2</i>		<i>3</i>		<i>4</i>		<i>5</i>	

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**2011**  
سبتمبر - أيلول

# September

Shar'wal - Thul Qi'dah

**1432**  
شوال - ذوالقعدة

Sunday	الأحد	Monday	الاثنين	Tuesday	الثلاثاء	Wednesday	الأربعاء	Thursday	الخميس	Friday	الجمعة	Saturday	السبت
								1	Eid Day (Tentative)	2		3	
Eid Al-Fitr Break - NO SCHOOL													
									3	Shawwal	4	5	
4		5	Labor Day NO SCHOOL	6	Pre-K-12 <sup>th</sup> grade First Day of School 8:20-12:00 Students Must Be in Uniform Pk-12 <sup>th</sup> Open House 2:30 - 4:00 pm Parents Workshop 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	7		8		9		10	ACT Exam
6		7		8		9		10		11		12	
11		12		13		14		15		16	ACT Deadline for 10/22/11	17	
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20		21		22		23		24		25		26	
25		26		27	Fall Picture	28		29		30		1	
27		28		29		30		1	Thul Qi'dah	2		3	

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**2011**

**October**

أكتوبر - تشرين أول

*Thul Qi'dah - Thul Hijjah*

**1432**

ذو القعدة - ذو الحجة

Sunday	الأحد	Monday	الاثنين	Tuesday	الثلاثاء	Wednesday	الأربعاء	Thursday	الخميس	Friday	الجمعة	Saturday	السبت
												1	SAT Exam
												3	Thul Qi'dah
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9		10	All Islamic School In-Service Day NO SCHOOL	11	Graduates Pictures	12	PSAT Exam	13		14		15	
11		12		13		14		15		16		17	
16		17		18		19	Progress Report Sent Home	20		21		22	ACT Exam
18		19		20		21		22		23		24	
23		24		25		26		27		28	End of 1st Quarter	29	
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**2011**

نوفمبر - تشرين ثاني

# November

*Thul Hijjah - Muharram 1433*

1432/1433

ذو الحجة - محرم ١٤٣٣

Sunday	الأحد	Monday	الاثنين	Tuesday	الثلاثاء	Wednesday	الأربعاء	Thursday	الخميس	Friday	الجمعة	Saturday	السبت
				<b>1</b> 9/10 Boys Students/Admin meeting 4 pm		<b>2</b>		<b>3</b> 9/10 Girls Students/Admin meeting 4 pm		<b>4</b> Parent/Teachers Conference 10-6 pm NO SCHOOL ACT Deadline for 12/10/11		<b>5</b> SAT Exam	
				<i>5 Thul Hijjah</i>	<b>6</b>			<b>7</b>		<b>8</b>		<b>9</b>	
<b>6</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>Eid Al-Adha Break - NO SCHOOL</b>						<b>10</b> School Resumes		<b>11</b>		<b>12</b>
<i>10</i>		<i>11</i>		<i>12</i>		<i>13</i>		<i>14</i>		<i>15</i>		<i>16</i>	
<b>13</b>		<b>14</b>		<b>15</b>		<b>16</b>		<b>17</b>		<b>18</b>		<b>19</b> Annual Dinner 6:30 PM	
<i>17</i>		<i>18</i>		<i>19</i>		<i>20</i>		<i>21</i>		<i>22</i>		<i>23</i>	
<b>20</b>		<b>21</b>		<b>22</b>		<b>23</b>		<b>24</b>		<b>25</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Break - NO SCHOOL</b>		
<i>24</i>		<i>25</i>		<i>26</i>		<i>27</i>		<i>28</i>		<i>29</i>		<b>1</b> Muharram 1433	
<b>27</b>		<b>28</b> School Resumes		<b>29</b> 11/12 Boys Students/Admin meeting 4 pm		<b>30</b> 11/12 Girls Students/Admin meeting 4 pm		<b>1</b>		<b>2</b>		<b>3</b>	
<i>2</i>		<i>3</i>		<i>4</i>		<i>5</i>		<i>6</i>		<i>7</i>		<i>8</i>	

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**2011**  
ديسمبر - كانون أول

# December

*Muharram - Safar*

**1433**  
محرم - صفر

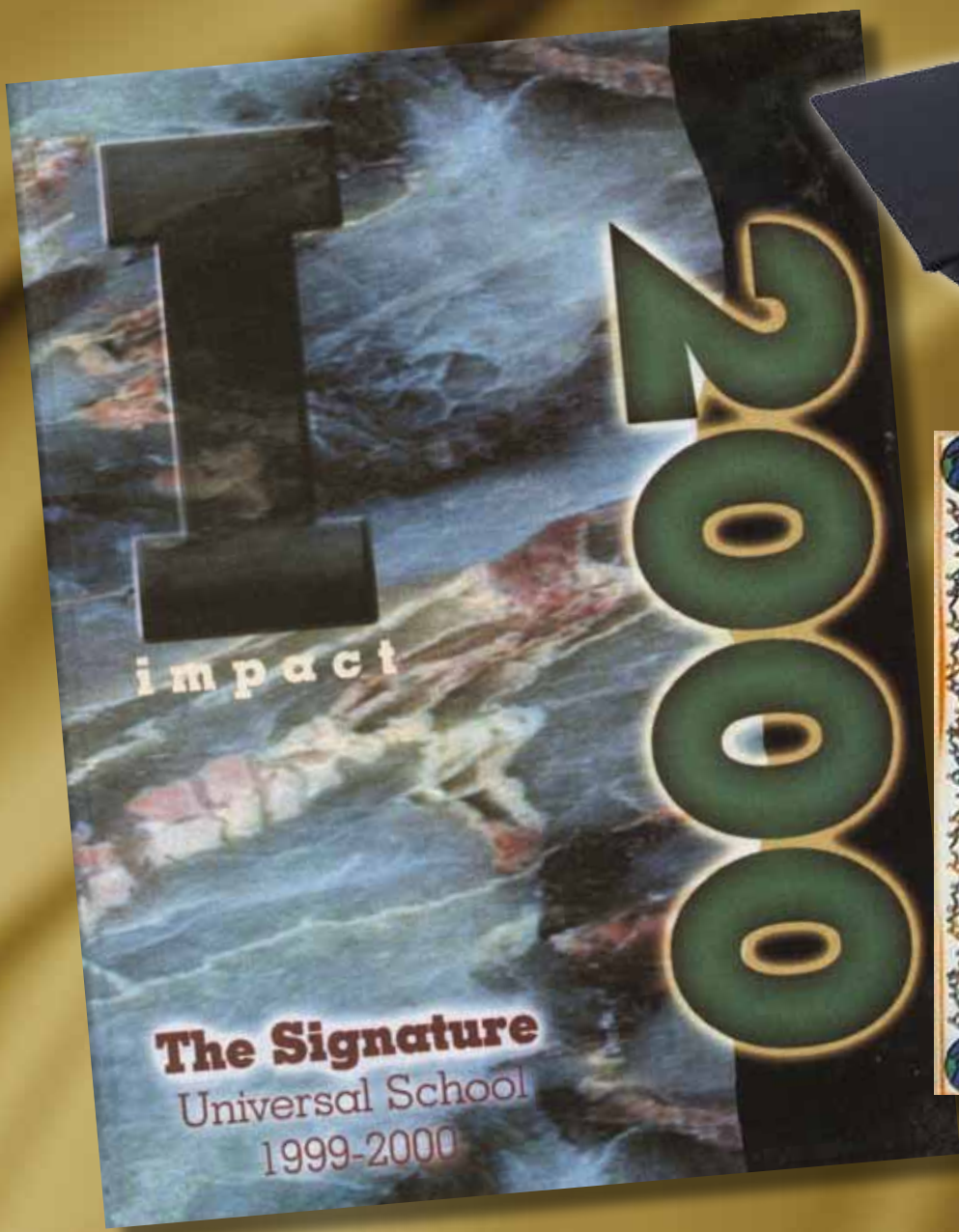
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								6 Muharram 1433		7		8	
4		5		6		7		8		9		10	ACT Exam
9		10		11		12		13		14		15	
11		12		13	8 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> grade Orientation for Exams	14		15		16	Progress Reports Sent Home	17	
16		17		18		19		20		21		22	
18		19		20		21	Pass Out Study Guides to 10 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade	22		23		24	
Science Fair Week : 1 <sup>st</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> Grade													
23		24		25		26		27		28		29	
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Winter Break - NO SCHOOL													
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January

يناير - كانون ثاني

Safar - Rabi' I

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صفر - ربيع الأول

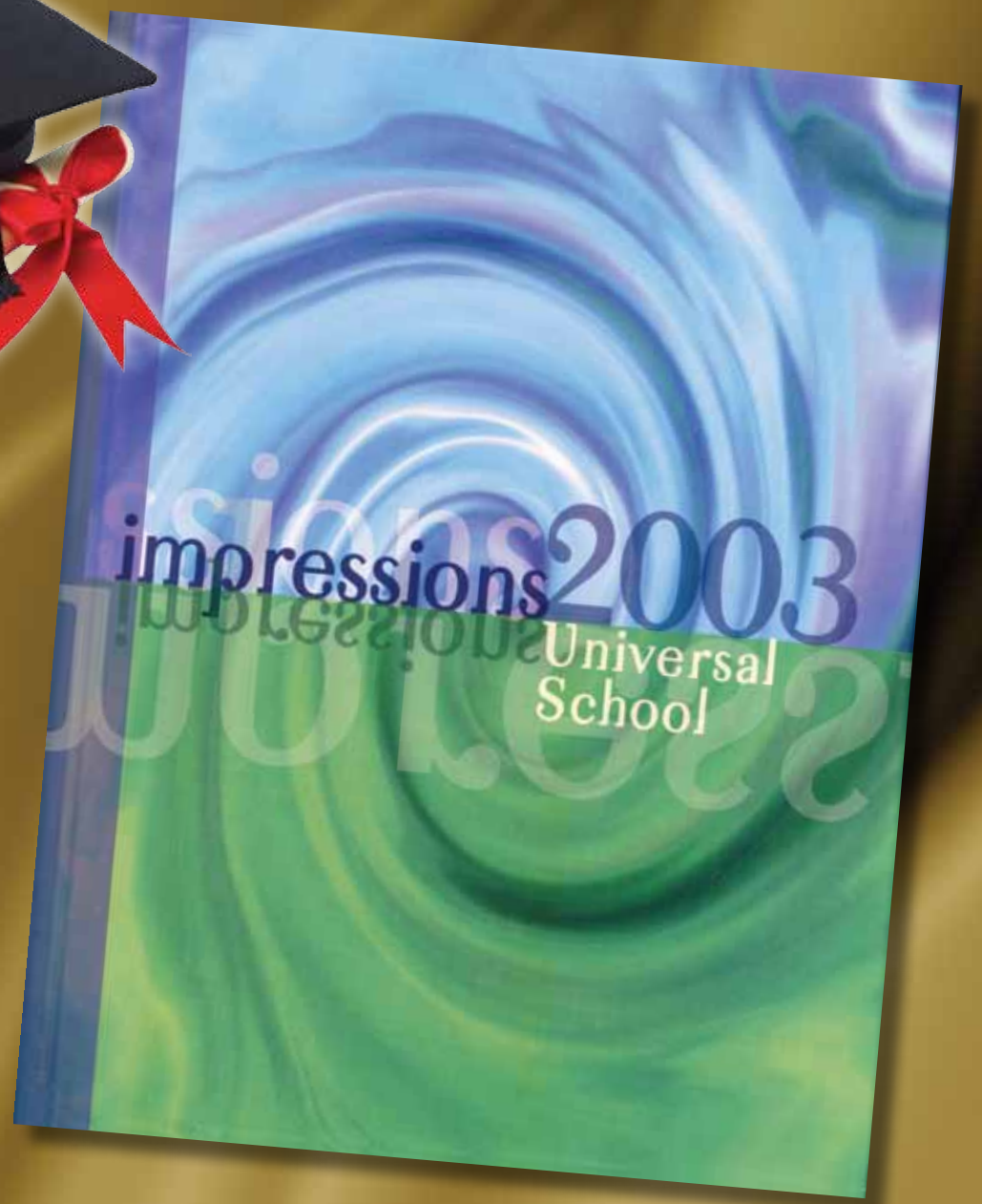
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1		2	School Resumes	3		4		5		6		7	
								8th-12th Exams Reviews					
7	Safar	8		9		10		11		12		13	
8		9	8th-12th Independent Study Day	10		11		12		13	End of 2nd Quarter ACT Deadline for 2/11/12	14	
				8th-12th Semester Exams									
14		15		16		17		18		19		20	
15		16	Martin Luther King Day Observed NO SCHOOL	17		18		19		20	Report Cards Sent Home	21	
21		22		23		24		25		26		27	
22		23		24		25		26		27	Career Day (NHS Sponsored)	28	SAT Exam
				Spelling Bee Week									
28		29		1	Rabi' I	2		3		4		5	
29		30		31		1		2		3		4	
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2012

فبراير - شباط

February

Rabi' I - Rabi' II

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ربيع الأول - ربيع الثاني

Sunday	الأحد	Monday	الاثنين	Tuesday	الثلاثاء	Wednesday	الأربعاء	Thursday	الخميس	Friday	الجمعة	Saturday	السبت
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						9 Rabi' I		10		11		12	
5		6		7		8	WYSE Regionals (Tentative)	9		10		11	ACT Exam
13		14		15		16		17		18		19	
12		13		14		15		16	Elementary Quran Competition	17		18	
20		21		22		23		24		25		26	
19		20	TEACHER IN-SERVICE NO SCHOOL	21		22		23		24	JHHS Quran Competition	25	
27		28		29		30		1 Rabi' II		2		3	
26		27		28		29	Progress Reports Sent Home	1		2		3	
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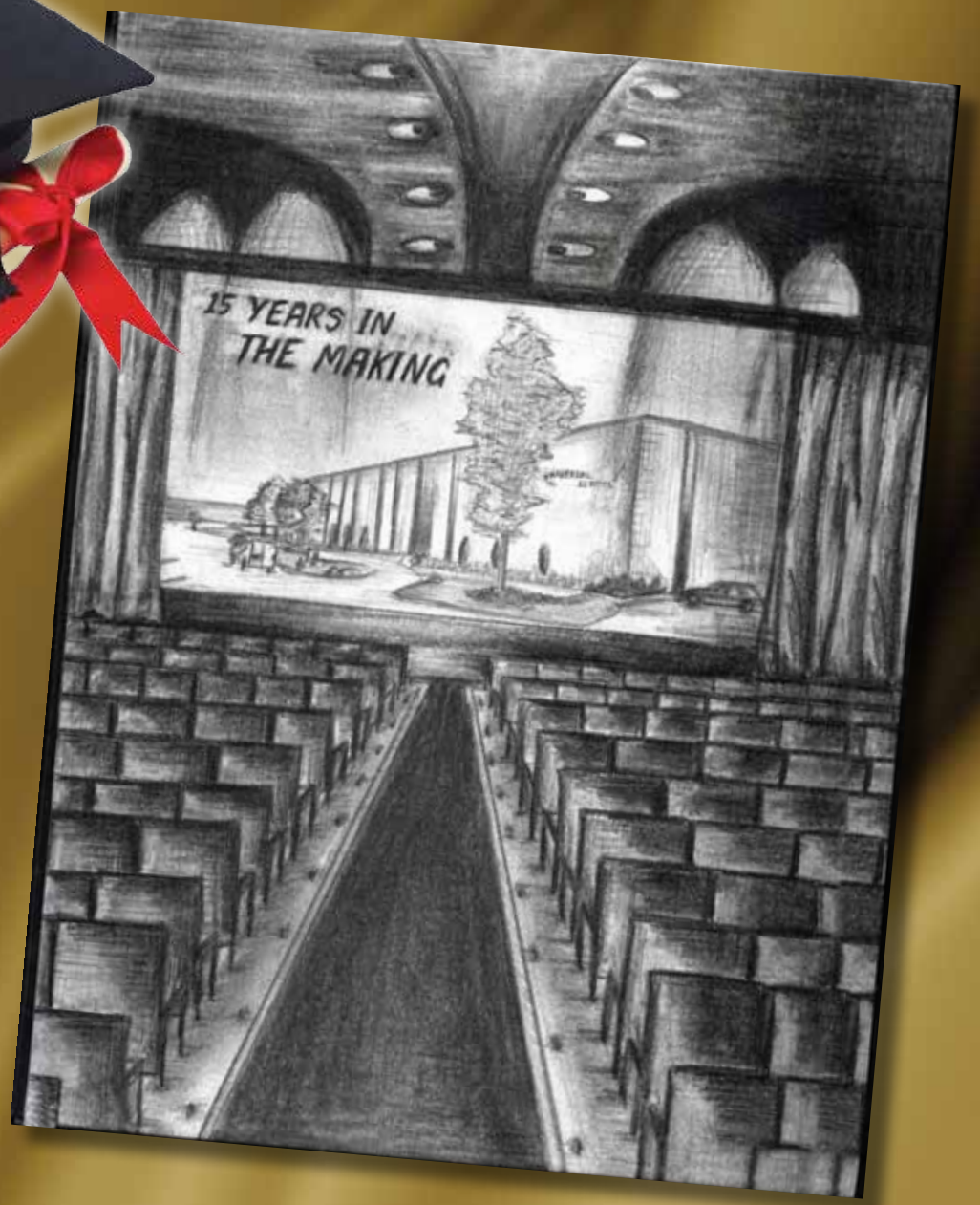
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2012

مارس - آذار

March

Rabi' II - Jumada I

1433

ربيع الثاني - جمادى الأولى

Sunday	الأحد	Monday	الاثنين	Tuesday	الثلاثاء	Wednesday	الأربعاء	Thursday	الخميس	Friday	الجمعة	Saturday	السبت
								1		2	NHS Induction Ceremony 2:00-3:30 pm	3	
								8 Jumada I		9		10	
4		5		6		7		8		9	Arabic Spelling Bee ACT Deadline for 4/14/12	10	SAT Exam
11		12		13		14		15		16		17	
11		12		13		14	HS Lexicon Challenge	15	WYSE Sectionals (Tentative)	16		17	
18		19		20		21	MS Lexicon Challenge	22		23	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Experience It! Open House for Pk-9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Only New Parents 9-12 pm	24	
25		26		27		28		29		30		1 Jumada I	
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Spring Break - NO SCHOOL													
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Feb 2012						
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2006-2007



Universal School  
2005-2006



2012

April

إبريل - نيسان

Jumada I - Jumada II

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جمادى الأولى - جمادى الثاني

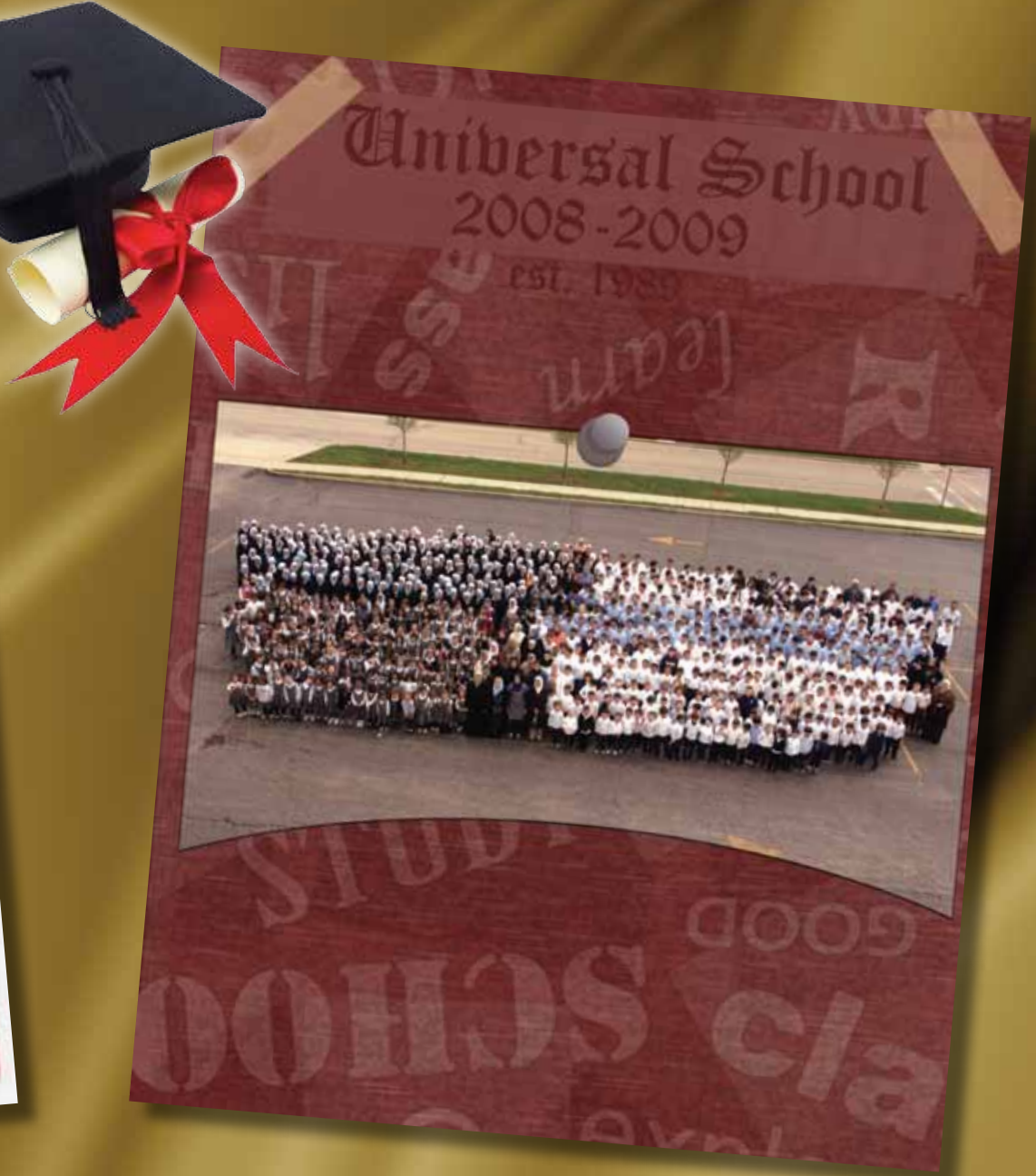
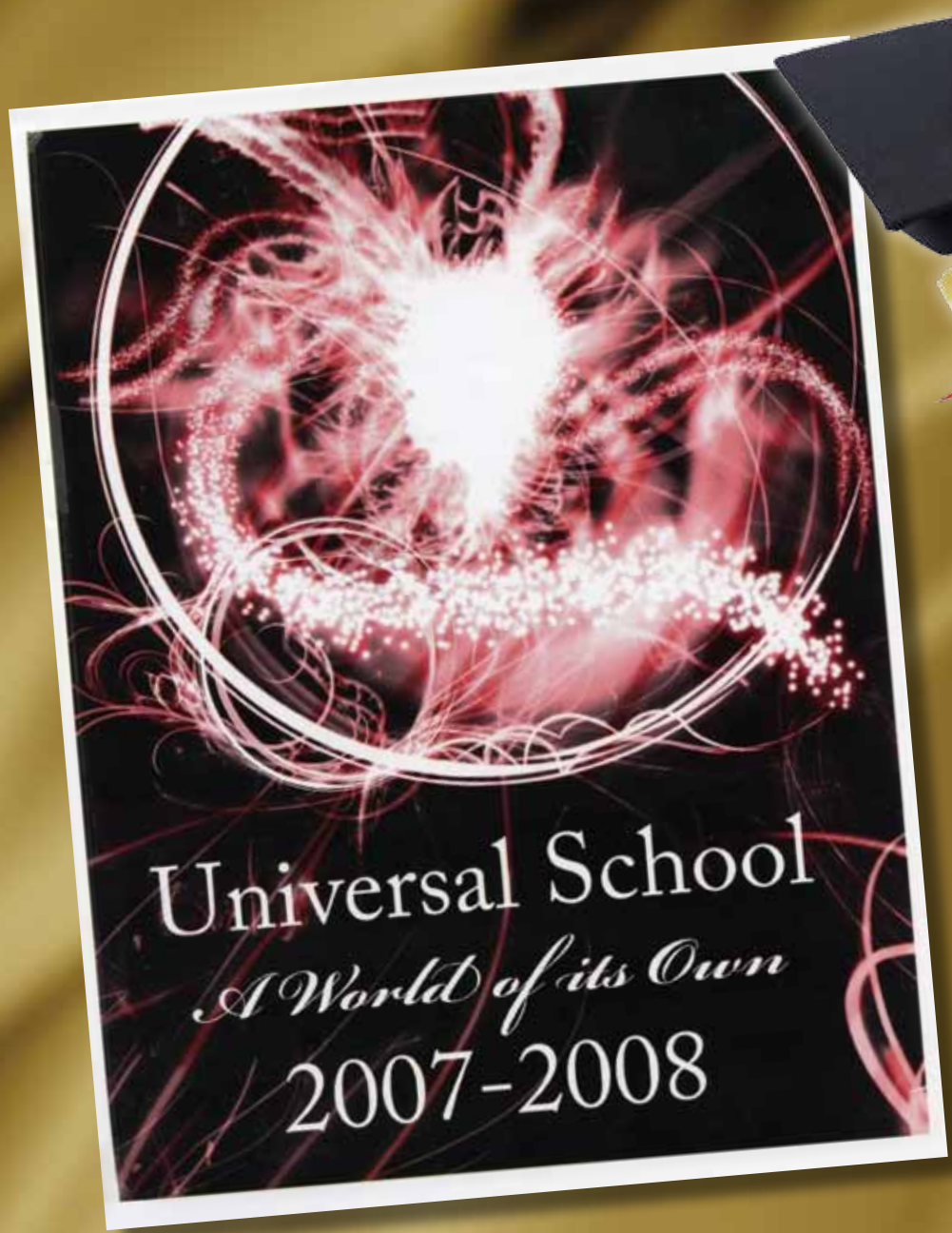
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				Elementary Spring Picture						Parent/Teacher Conference 10-6 pm NO SCHOOL			
9	Jumada I	10		11		12		13		14		15	
8		9		10		11		12		13		14	
								IOWA TESTS				ACT Exam	
16		17		18		19		20		21		22	
15		16		17		18		19	WYSE State Competition	20		21	
				IOWA TESTS									
23		24		25		26		27		28		29	
22		23		24		25		26		27		28	
		TEACHER IN-SERVICE NO SCHOOL				Rooftop Picture (All Students must be in full uniform)							
1	Jumada II	2		3		4		5		6		7	
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**2012**  
مايو - آيار

**May**

*Jumada II - Rajab*

**1433**  
جمادى الثاني - رجب

Sunday	الأحد	Monday	الاثنين	Tuesday	الثلاثاء	Wednesday	الأربعاء	Thursday	الخميس	Friday	الجمعة	Saturday	السبت
				1		2		3		4	ACT Deadline for 6/9/12	5	SAT Exam
				10 Jumada I		11		12		13		14	
6		7	AP Chemistry / Environmental Science Exam Morning Session Study Guides Distributed to 8 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> grade students	8		9	AP Calculus Exam Morning Session Progress Reports Sent Home	10	AP English Literature Exam Morning Session	11	AP US History Exam Morning Session All School Program 6:30 pm	12	
15		16		17		18		19		20		21	
13		14	AP Biology Exam Morning Session AP Physics Exam Afternoon Session	15		16	AP English Language Exam Morning Session 9 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> Study Guides Due to Admin	17		18		19	
<b>Current families Registration - Last Name beginning with A</b>													
22		23		24		25		26		27		28	
20		21	Study guides distributed to 9 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> grade students	22		23		24	Graduation Dinner	25	8 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> graders Last Day of School & Award Ceremony Seniors Picnic by Juniors 8 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> grades finalized & entered	26	
<b>8th &amp; 12th Grade Exams / Current families Registration - Last Name beginning with B-L</b>													
29		30		1 Rajab		2		3		4		5	
27		28	Memorial Day NO SCHOOL	29		30		31	Pre K/Kg Last Day Field Day for PK & Kg Final Exams 9 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> grade Due to Admin	1		2	
<b>Current families Registration - Last Name beginning with M-Z</b>													
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Fun Fair 12-5 PM

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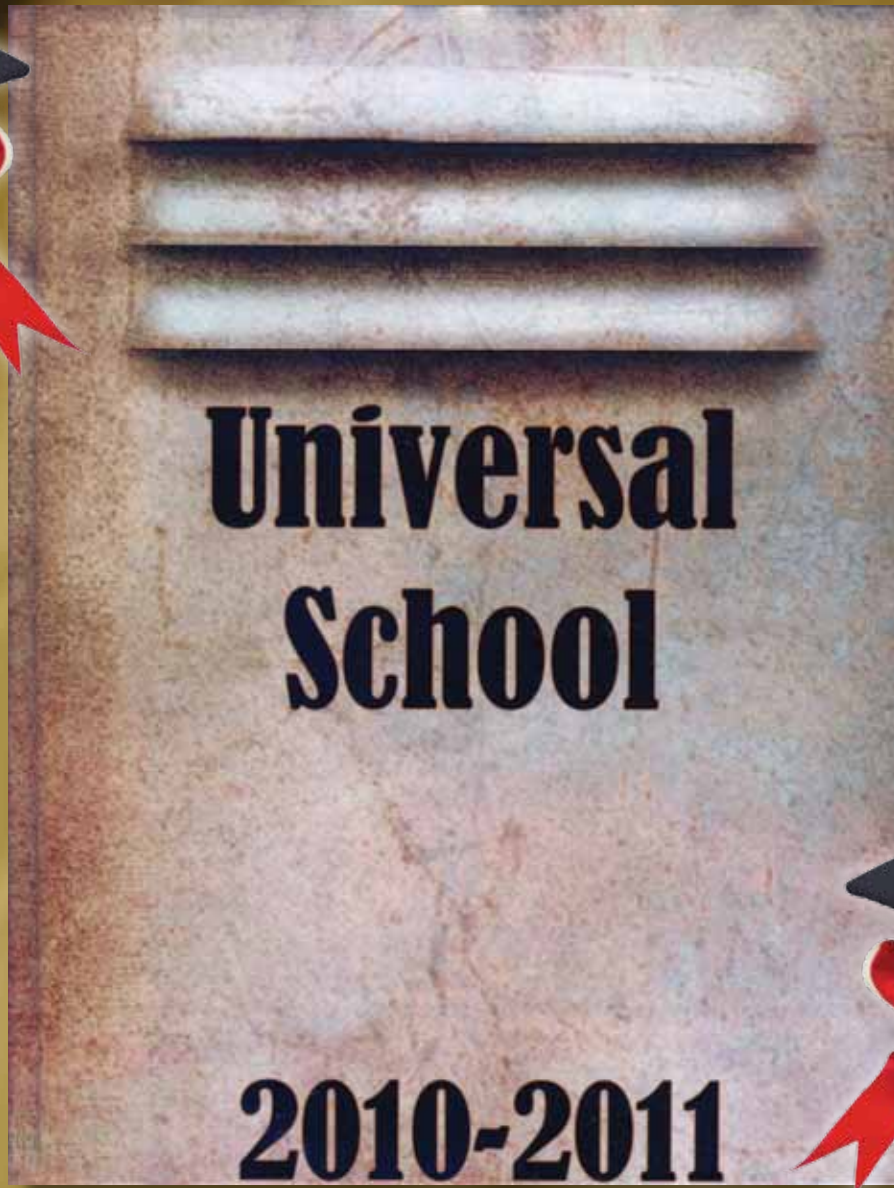
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**High School Class of 2011 (Boys)**

**High School Class of 2011 (Girls)**





# SCHOOL PROFILE 2011-2012

**FROM CRAYONS TO COLLEGE:** Universal School provides classes from preschool through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. During the last school year, there were over 288 students in the preschool and elementary level and 336 in the middle and high school, totaling 635 students. The spacious 70,000 square foot modern facility allows a maximum of 700 students. At the current rate of growth, we anticipate reaching this number in a few short years. Our graduates have been accepted into Harvard University, Yale University, Cornell University, University of Chicago, Northwestern University, Washington St Louis Medical Program, Wesleyan University in Connecticut, I.I.T. Dual acceptance Medical, DePaul University, Loyola University Honors Program, University of Illinois at Chicago Honors Program, University of Illinois at Urbana, and other accredited institutions. Last year's graduates received a total of over \$2 million in academic scholarships.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** Universal School is governed by a well-diversified, group of Muslim professionals who are not only active in the school, but in the community at large. There are nine members, seven men and two women. These individuals who volunteer their time oversee the basic functions of the school.

**ACCREDITATION:** Since 1992, Universal has been recognized by the State of Illinois Board of Education and in 2004, Universal School also received accreditation from the very prestigious Advance Ed and North Central Association for Accreditation. Universal School is also recognized nationally as a leading Islamic school by the Islamic Society of North America, Islamic Circle of North America, American Muslim Council, Dar-ul-Islam Inc., and Council on American Islamic relations, among others.

**BUDGET:** The annual budget of Universal sums to over \$ 3,300,000.00. Seventy-five percent of this amount is collected through tuition, the remainder is provided through grants and fund raising efforts.

**ENROLLMENT:** Universal's 635 students and their parents are from various cultural and economic backgrounds. Over 63% of parents of students come from twenty different Arab countries, 15% represent the Indian subcontinent, 12% are African Americans and 10% from other nationalities.

**CURRICULUM AND ACHIEVEMENT:** The elementary level adheres to an accelerated academic program that leads the students in the high school level to our college preparatory program offering Advanced Placement and Honors classes. Our elementary school students, on average, performed better than 90.6%, based on the National School Norms, when compared to students in other private and parochial schools in grades 2<sup>nd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>, on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills.

Our high school students' scores averaged from 23.0% to 24.1% for the last four years on nationally conducted achievement tests such as the SAT and ACT, with the score of 34 out of 36 as the highest ACT score, and a perfect 800 out of 800 on the SAT subject test score obtained this past year by Universal Students. This is well above the national average of 21.1 and State average of 20.5.

**THE FACILITY:** The spacious 70,000 square foot modern facility includes thirty-six classrooms; a state of the art, fully equipped science lab; two computer labs; one journalism lab; library-media center; a cafeteria with a full service kitchen; an indoor regulation size basketball court; soccer field; and a playground.

**THE FACULTY/STAFF:** The school is home to sixty dedicated faculty and staff members. The Principal and Administrative Team hold degrees as high as Master's in Education and Administration. All teachers of core subjects are certified in their respective fields where certification is offered. Over forty percent have earned at least one Master's Degree in an education-related field, the remaining have Bachelor's Degrees. One high school teacher has a Ph.D. in curricular development while two are currently completing their Ph.D. Several elementary and high school teachers have been chosen annually, as Who's Who among U.S. teachers. Over 50% of the elementary faculty graduated with honors from their respective alma mater. The elementary and high school teachers have an average of nine years teaching experience behind them.

## DISTINCT AWARDS:

2010: 1<sup>st</sup> place school recognition in the Regional Science Fair out of 60 participating schools. From the 300 projects judged, Universal School students received the greatest percentage of "Outstanding Projects" recognition. 1<sup>st</sup> place school recognition in the Regional, Sectional, and/or State WYSE Competition. Universal School students received 2<sup>nd</sup> place state recognition at the WYSE (World-wide youth in Science and Engineering) Competition, 9 students were recognized as AP Scholars, 7 students were recognized as AP Scholars with distinction, and 3 students were recognized as Advanced Placement (AP) Scholars with Honors English, 2 Students were Finalist in the All American Boy and Girl Competition and the Highest ACT Score was 33 out of 36 in addition to ACT subject scores of 36 out of 36 in all subject areas.

2009: 1<sup>st</sup> place school recognition in the Regional Science Fair out of 48 participating schools. From the 300 projects judged, Universal School students received the greatest percentage of "Outstanding Projects" recognition. 1<sup>st</sup> place school recognition in the Regional and Sectional WYSE Competition. Universal School students received 2<sup>nd</sup> place state recognition at the WYSE (World-wide youth in Science and Engineering) Competition, 9 students were recognized as AP

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2008: 1<sup>st</sup> place school recognition in the Regional Science Fair out of 48 participating schools. From the 300 projects judged, Universal School students received the greatest percentage of "Outstanding Projects" recognition. 1<sup>st</sup> place school recognition in the Regional and Sectional WYSE Competition, Universal School students received individual "Outstanding" recognition in the areas of Biology and Physics, at State level. 14 students were recognized as AP Scholars. 83% of the students passed the AP Exam. 2 students finalists in the All American Boy/Girl Contest, Highest ACT score of a 34 out of 36.

2007: 1<sup>st</sup> place school recognition in the Regional Science Fair out of 55 schools. 1<sup>st</sup> place school Recognition in the Regional and Sectional WYSE Competition. 7 AP Scholars and 2 National Merit Scholars Semi Finalists (This honor is awarded to only 1 in every 250,000 high school juniors). 2 finalists in the All American Boys Contest, Highest ACT score 34 out of 36, and highest SAT 1420, 10 Illinois State Scholars.

2006: Highest ACT scores of 32 out of 36; 11 AP Scholars; 6 Illinois State Scholars. 1 finalist in the All American Boys Contest.

2005: Highest ACT score of 34 out of 36. All American Boy Contest, 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner: Sponsored by U.S. Congressman Lipinski; Midwest Muslimah Volleyball Tournament Winners; 8 AP Scholars; 4 Illinois State Scholars.

## EXTRA RECOGNITIONS

- 2010: Camras Scholarship Recipient.
- 2009: Comcast Community Scholarship Recipient.
- 2008: Bronze Medalist of the Presidential Community Scholarship.
- 2000: Metro Prep Conference Championship, Student On-Line Award, (SOJA) Awarded grand prize in the national competition sponsor by US News and World Report.
- All American Girl Contest, winner: Sponsored by U.S. Congressman Lipinski; National Merit Scholar: Awarded to 1 in 250,000 high school seniors.
- Illinois State Scholar, awarded to 1% of Illinois H.S. seniors; 25% of Universal graduates receive this designated Honor in the 2009 Highest SAT score, 1570 out of 1600.
- WGN Extra Effort Award.

**TAKING THE LEAD:** Universal is known as the pioneer in taking bold steps toward establishing and refining North America's Islamic school movement. Some of our unique endeavors include: establishing an Arabic as a second language curriculum including original textbooks and materials; creating and utilizing an Islamic Studies curriculum as well as textbooks for the elementary grades; participants of the Tarbiyah Project, a national Islamic character education program; 12-page, independent student newspaper, The Constellation; joining an official IHSA private high school basketball conference; initiating and hosting a volleyball tournament for girls involving other Muslim schools in the area, a wrestling program where students participated and won at the regional level, track and field team for boys and girls (Islamic dress code worn through special permission) has participated in the State Sectional Meet for the past eight years, and several students competed on the state level.

**LOCATION:** Nestled in the southwest suburbs of Chicago, Universal School draws students from the entire Chicagoland area with a significant number living up to an hour's drive away.

**IMPACT ON COMMUNITY:** Since its inception, Universal School has played a dynamic and significant role in the community. Many school programs involve the students in community services, such as feeding the indigent, visiting nursing homes, participating in activities at homeless shelters and sponsorship of orphaned children. Universal students publish their own 12-page student newspaper three times a year, and have an online newspaper as well. The first high school chapter of IMAN (Inner-city Muslim Action Network) was established at Universal in which students actively work in the community to help those in need.



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