Mission, Vission, and Philosophy

Union School has been fully accredited through AvancED SACS-CASI since 1963

MISSION STATEMENT
The mission of Union School Haiti is to continue to inspire a culture of life-long learning that encourages academic excellence and personal integrity. Our U.S. Accredited program is intended to prepare our community of learners to meet the challenges of the twenty-first century.

VISION STATEMENT
The Union School Haiti is a Locally and Internationally recognized community of academic and personal excellence

Our Statement of Philosophy
Union School is committed to meeting the needs of students from diverse cultural backgrounds, offering a program that focuses on excellence in academics and all other areas of their lives. We provide our students, an American curriculum with particular emphasis on Haitian history and culture. This program recognizes that education is a life-long process through which individuals continually acquire skills, develop abilities, and increase their potential. We emphasize the importance of acquiring fluency in oral and written English at all levels, and obtaining proficiency in French.

We strive to provide an up-to-date, inquiry-based, and technologically-relevant curriculum which leads our students towards higher education and their individual potential. Our school provides varied educational environments in which to address unique learning needs. Union School believes in a learning process which addresses the total development of the student: cognitive, social, moral, cultural, and physical.

Working together, our school community empowers students to pursue excellence, explore the consequences of their actions, and to take meaningful risks. We encourage our students to become responsible citizens and leaders, who hold true to democratic values.
Wishes for the New Year!

Dear Friends,

From now until the end of Semester 2, the remainder of the school year will undoubtedly seem to go by fast. We will face challenges in 2013, a year that will like others, bring its share of formidable tasks, unpredictable changes, demands, and rewards. Through it all, we must take the time to summarize what we are all about. What resolutions will we make and whether these will be kept or not, does not matter. What does matter, though is our non-negotiable and ardent commitment to uphold those things we know to be of real importance in this too often frivolous world. Let us commit to peace; let us commit to harmony, to fraternity, to collaboration, to love, to support, to guidance, and to education. Let us reiterate our belief in those things that are essential; family, friends, faith, and hope.

May you enjoy the New Year, and may it be the dawning of age of peace and goodwill to all.

R-E-S-P-E-C-T
TELL YOU WHAT IT MEANS TO ME

What is Respect?

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines respect as “to consider deserving of high regard.” Everyone deserves respect, however it is something that is earned. To get respect you have to give respect.

It can take years to earn respect but can be lost in an instant.

Respect is much easier to lose than to gain. You must first respect yourself and others so that others respect you. One wrong decision can affect whether you are respected or not. It is something everyone wants and once acquired no one wants to lose it.

SACS

Self-Study external review has been rescheduled for October 2013. Our community is actively engaged in the process. To facilitate this, a number of early dismissals are scheduled for the remainder of this semester. We take this opportunity to thank all who participated in completing the online survey. Many more opportunities which involve our parent community will be made available for you to actively engage in this process.
Basketball season has bounced to a start. Union School will be playing a number of schools in the upcoming month. All games will be held at Quisqueya Christian School. Come show your support to the boys’ basketball team.

**Dates and Times are as followed:**
- February 2 – vs. Saint Louis @ 2:00pm
- February 22— vs. La Seve @ 3:15pm
- March 2 – vs. Catt’s Pressoir @ 3:15pm
- April 6– Inter-Familia @ 2:00pm
- April 19– Canado @ 3:15pm

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**Harvard Model United Nations**

HMUN 2013

Following months of preparation, A delegation of 14 students accompanied by Ms. Claudia Lutes and Mrs. Kelly Adsit will represent the school at the Model UN conference in Cambridge, Massachusetts. They will travel from January 30 through February 4. Students are assigned countries to represent. This year our students are assigned the Republic of Malta.

For more information, we invite you to visit the website of this prestigious organization: [http://www.harvardmun.org/about/what-is-hmun](http://www.harvardmun.org/about/what-is-hmun)

**Congratulations:**
- Charles Zamor
- Ginnan Al Maghrabi
- Melody Auguste
- Shakira Baboun
- Dyvon Flannigan
- Alexandra Fouchard
- Mikael Villard
- Mathilde Pierre
- Yasmeen HA
- Haithem Kefi
- Saradjane Mortimer
- Erika Poitevien
- Aysha Supplice
- Emmanuel Mukadi

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**General Assembly**

Please join us for our second General Assembly this year. Be informed about school related decisions.

Where: Union School Cafeteria
Date: January 29, 2013
Time: 4:30 pm

PTA will offer appetizers and drinks. Be Involved! Get Involved!