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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have had an excellent first marking period. Overall, discipline referrals at the high school are down 42% when compared to the opening months of last school year. This is directly related to our student body living up to our “Think Critically – Act Responsibly” motto! Everywhere there are signs of students excelling – academically and athletically. Our football team has won several games in a row. Also, as I write this letter for *The Bridge*, our boys and girls soccer teams, cross country athletes, along with our girls volleyball team, are all poised to enter post-season competition (along with our beloved Phillies).

In addition to the thirteen National Merit Semi-finalists that I wrote about in last month’s newsletter, we received word that the following fourteen students have been recognized as National Merit Commended students:

James Allen
Mahjub Hammond
David McClaskey
Andrew Roche
Olivia Zderic

Sarah Christofides
Brian Kamelhar
Elizabeth Miller
Perry Xu
Sarah Butz

Kirsten Gausch
Jessica Long
Alison Riley
Catherine Yuh

Additionally, Oluwaseyi Ajayi was recognized as a 2010 National Achievement Program “Outstanding Participant” and Raul Larsen was named a 2008-09 National Hispanic Recognition Program Finalist. We are incredibly proud of these outstanding students!

The second Parents and Principals meeting was held on October 30, and the following issues were discussed: the high school construction project, LINK weekend, and H1N1. The next Parents and Principals together will be held on Friday, January 29, 2010. Please contact Linda Miller at 610-347-1600, ext. 3026 or lmiller@ucfsd.org to sign up to attend that meeting at 7:00 to 7:30 AM. This 30 minute chat is designed to bring parents up-to-date on high school issues, as well as afford you the opportunity to ask questions and provide input to the administrators. I invite you to attend the January meeting.

As we approach the season of Thanksgiving, all of us at UHS wish you a holiday filled with meaningful time with family and friends, along with delicious meals.

Paula Massanari
UHS Principal