

# Northwest High School

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Dear Ulysses Families:

Welcome to the Ulysses Signature Program at Northwest High School, with a super special welcome to our Class of 2015 Ulysses Scholars! We look forward to a new year of research and innovation in our ever-expanding community of engaged and passionate learners.

We have exciting upgrades in place for 2011-2012. I'm thrilled to report that the number of Ulysses Fairs has doubled to best showcase the work of our graduating seniors. Mark your calendars for Thursday, January 5 **and** Friday, January 6 for our first semester projects, and Wednesday, April 25 **and** Thursday, April 26, for our second semester projects. All of the fairs will be in the auditorium from 7:30am-2:00pm. Students in grades 9-11 will visit the Ulysses Fairs with their classes.

We have also revised the required junior course, Advanced Research Through Technology, to include both qualitative and quantitative methodologies. Our new curriculum reflects the multifaceted research needs of our students as they design their final projects, many of which draw from several academic disciplines.

We will have a **Ulysses Parent Meeting** on an evening in early fall, date to be determined. The meeting is primarily for the parents of Ulysses freshmen, but all are invited. I will post the date on the Northwest High School website, and send an email through Edline.

Finally, please visit the Northwest website to review the **Ulysses Program's guidelines and expectations**. In addition to exemplary attendance, punctuality, and behavioral records, our students are required to maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.75 in their Ulysses-subject classes (English, history, science, and research). Students will also complete research-driven projects in each of their Ulysses subjects in their freshmen and sophomore years. As juniors and seniors, students focus their research energies on their final Ulysses projects in the requisite courses Advanced Research (grade 11) and Senior Research Project (grade 12).

The Ulysses Program office, in Room 353, will reopen for the new school year on Monday, August 22. Please feel free to contact me with your questions, comments, and concerns.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Suzanne Borenzweig".

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