



# ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETIC REPORT

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## A Glance at Elementary Athletics

Athletic Coordinator: Amy Schadler & Ray Haggard

It was an exciting year for University Prep Athletics! In the 2019-2020 school year **Science & Math**, **Ellen Thompson**, **Mark Murray** and **Art & Design** led the way in the Detroit PAL Elementary School League, competing at the top of the league in five different sports; soccer, basketball, tennis, cheer, and volleyball! All of our programs continue to grow in size and receive more support from our families. Without their support, our athletic department would not be what it is today.

Our UPrep schools started the Fall of 2019 off strong in soccer. Teams from UPAD and UPSM worked hard to make it to the final round of playoffs. UPAD secured its 14th Soccer Park Championship and finished third overall in the City of Detroit. The 2nd-3rd grade and 4th-5th grade soccer teams, coached by Samantha Kluz and Amy Schadler, focused on their soccer skills and healthy choices. Their grit and teamwork took both teams to the final round of the playoffs. The Cobras determination and support from the parents was reflected in their play on and off the field.

UPrep Elementary Schools offered tennis for the second consecutive year! Scholars in grades K-5 participated in a grant funded tennis program provided by ACE Project and Net Generation! University Prep led the national program with the largest number of participants.

The winter season kicked off mid January featuring basketball, cheer and volleyball. **Mark Murray** finished with an undefeated record in the Detroit PAL School Basketball league with **Ellen Thompson** finishing in second place among all teams. UPSM basketball coaching staff, Jermaine Rock and Richard Griffin III, along with veteran Coach Schadler, took the team of 14 players to a whole new level of awesome. They worked hard on the court, but even more importantly, in the classroom. The Cobras climbed to a 5-2 record before the season came to a sudden end at the start of playoffs. **UPrep Art & Design**, **Mark Murray** & **Ellen Thompson** teamed together in volleyball. We competed as a collective team of players in our first season and we saw the girls put on a show! Cheer for all districts were heard loud and clear as they put on a energetic and spirit filled performance each basketball contest.

# UPAD MIDDLE SCHOOL

Athletic Coordinator: James Pollard & Keith Arnold



The Mustangs were hot off the press as they kicked the year off with volleyball coached by Coaches Rachel Orange, Jaida Orange & Cassia Orange. The team worked extremely hard and ranked among the top teams in the league. The returners are poised to take the team to the championship in the fall of 2020. Our cheer and basketball teams took center court during the season where they exemplified what teamwork

looks like with great spirit! The cheer team is eager to compete next year as they were not able to this year due to the pandemic. Coach Nyla Flowers (Class of '14) will have the team in tip top shape for the following year. Coach Grayling Gilmore looks forward to returning for a 5th year coaching. The girls and boys Basketball teams will look to make a huge splash in 2020-21. Coach Blair Humphrys was bummed that the Track & Field season was cancelled. Next year you're sure to catch speedy mustangs dashing up and down the track. GO Mustangs!

# UPSM MIDDLE SCHOOL

Athletic Coordinator: Geoff Williams



The Cobras were in familiar form as the volleyball team finished at the top of the league. The team has won a championship 4 times over the last 5 seasons. Coach Renaud and the Cobras will tip off in September to lead the way again for the Cobras sports debut. Coach Renaud doubled as the cheer coach and our team was ready to finish the year strong before the abrupt cancellation of the season. The team will look to add a competition appearance to their schedule for the upcoming year. The Basketball teams coached by William Hanna and Keith Daniels topped the league with their hard work and grit. The teams have earned great respect from their opponents! Coach Fielder and the 40 plus track members will gear up next spring due to the global pandemic.



GO Cobras!

# UPA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Athletic Coordinator: Christa Adams



UPA Middle School's year began with Coach Adams advancing the lady Panthers basketball team to a 12 and 6 season record. The young ladies performed at a high level each contest and can't wait to get back in the gym. The volleyball team finished the season 4 and 2. Our team forced the competition to give their very best each match. Boys JV recorded a 10-2 season and the varsity team record was 7 and 6. Both cheer and dance teams supported the basketball team by cheering them on and energizing the crowd. The cheer and dance teams weren't able to compete this year because of the pandemic. We can't wait to see both teams place in the competitions.

**GO Panthers!**



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