First, I want to congratulate you on your acceptance to UHS! This is quite an accomplishment and marks the beginning of a full and exciting adventure you’re about to embark upon. Your decision about where you’ll attend high school is a milestone, an opportunity to pause and reflect on where you’ve been and where you’re headed. To help you think through what life at UHS will be like, we want to share some of the values that we live by as a community.

Above all else, we value who you are. We are curious about your point of view, what you think, where you’ve been, what you care about, and we want to know what your story can teach us. We also know that who you are is changing all the time, so our top priority is to help you learn the various ways you can explore your identity. Some students try a sport for the first time, while others decide they’ve always wanted to play the drums. No matter what activities you choose, we guarantee that you’ll interact with people from all sorts of backgrounds and that many of them will become your life-long friends.

Students at UHS are involved in every aspect of school life. As adults in the school community, we work hard to make sure that your learning extends beyond the classroom. While we have a variety of formal leadership positions, we place equal value on the informal leadership that students take on. For example, some students assume an influential role within their group of friends, actively ensuring that everyone feels included. Others commit to a political issue and help raise awareness in our school community. Whatever path you choose here, we will be alongside you, providing support and encouragement.

There is a line in our mission statement that says that “adults believe in the promise of every student.” Every day you will interact with adults who are dedicated to helping you fulfill your promise by coaching you on your approach to your learning, how to resolve a conflict, or how to make time for what matters to you. We know that UHS students thrive the most when they feel they can be their whole selves, and we are here to help you feel comfortable and supported in that journey.

So picture yourself at UHS, imagine all of your possibilities, and choose to join a community that values who you are.

We look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,

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