

## Technology Available

For the 2008-2009 Academic year Upward Bound is excited to announce several resources available to our students and families. These include the Upward Bound website, newsletter, and Myspace account.

We used some of these resources last academic year but very few students utilized these support systems and we made changes as needed throughout the academic year. After putting some thought and work into these resources we'd like to provide you with some user information.

Our Upward Bound website has program and contact infor-

mation. However, some of the useful tools on our website include portfolio units. If a student is absent or loses a portfolio unit, they are able to print their portfolio unit from the website. In addition, all of our newsletters are available to download and print.

The next resource are the newsletters. We will send the newsletter out four times a year. They cover a 2-3 month period. The newsletter editions include September, November, February, and April. Please look for your newsletter in the mail.

The final resource we will

utilize is a Myspace account.

Our Myspace page is at [www.myspace.com/nauupwardbound](http://www.myspace.com/nauupwardbound). However, our Myspace friends need to be invited to sign on. At the beginning of the year, we will send invitations to our students' email addresses.

On the Myspace page there will be a calendar of events. This calendar will include portfolio visits, dinners, and parent nights. Our Myspace page is also linked to your school and Upward Bound website. We will also post scholarship opportunities or talk about upcoming events. This is a good place to keep in

touch with friends from other schools and the Upward Bound staff.

All of these resources are created to help our students be successful. So, when you find yourself wondering when Upward Bound is coming for a portfolio visit, computer visit, or going on a college trip, refer to one of these resources.

We're hoping this academic year to hear less of the excuses and see more students taking personal responsibility. This shows us you're committed to the Upward Bound program and family!

### 2008-2009 ACT Test Dates

## The ACT

The ACT is one tool colleges and universities use in deciding to admit students. The ACT is a 215 multiple-choice question examination that is accepted by U.S. colleges and universities. It takes approximately 3 to 3.5 hours to complete. This test costs \$30. However, some students are eligible for a fee waiver if they meet two requirements. The requirements include attending a high school in the United States and meeting at least one indicator of economic need listed on the ACT fee form.

If you are eligible for a fee waiver you qualify for one test per year. When you register for a test date, your one fee waiver is considered used whether or not you test on that day. Keep in mind that the \$30 fee or a waiver covers the registration fee and four valid college choices. It does not cover changes made to test date, test center, late fees, or any other fees.

Students are encouraged to take the test at least two months ahead of college and university admission application

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
Sept. 13, 2008	Aug. 12, 2008	Aug. 13-22, 2008
Oct. 25, 2008	Sept. 19, 2008	Sept. 20-Oct. 3, 2008
Dec. 13, 2008	Nov. 7, 2008	Nov. 8-20, 2008
Feb. 7, 2009	Jan. 6, 2009	Jan. 7-16, 2009
April 4, 2009	Feb. 27, 2009	Feb. 28– March 13, 2009
June 13, 2009	May 8, 2009	May 9-22, 2009

deadlines. This is encouraged because test reports are mailed out 3 - 7 weeks after the test date. Students are also encouraged to take the ACT

during their junior year. If you have any questions, see a high school counselor or talk to an Upward Bound staff.