

Eppler Express

Monday October 13		Thursday, October 16
•	Chess Club, 2:50—3:50 pm, Room 19	Homework Club, 2:55—3:55 pm, Media Center
•	College Gear Monday 7/8 Volleyball v Malow 4:00 pm	Picture Re-Take Day Media Center
•	College and Trade Exhibition IRC 6:30 – 8:30 pm	 College and Trade Exhibition IRC 6:30 – 8:30 pm Magic: The Gathering in Room 126, 2:50 – 3:45 PM
Tu	esday, October 14	Friday, October 17
•	Homework Club, 2:55—3:55 pm, Media Center Fire Drill 9:30 am 7/8 Football v L'Anse Creuse	AVID Bagel Sales, 2nd hour
•	South @ Ford PINK OUT GAME College and Trade Exhibi-	
	tion IRC 6:30 – 8:30 pm	
W	ednesday, October 15	Saturday, October 18
•	7/8 Volleyball v Bemis 4:00 pm – PINK-OUT GAME	None.
	College and	Sunday, October 19
	Trade Exhibition IRC 6:30 – 8:30 pm	None.





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Chess Club, 2:50—3:50 pm, Room 19	Homework Club, 2:55—3:55 pm, Media Center		
College Gear Monday	Fire Drill 10:30 am		
7/8 Volleyball v Shelby 4:00 pm ** Changed to a HOME Game**	Magic: The Gathering in Room 126, 2:50 – 3:45 PM		
Tuesday, October 21	Friday, October 24		
Homework Club, 2:55—3:55 pm, Media Center	AVID Bagel Sales, 2nd hour		
EPIC Meeting MC Conference Room 9:00 am	MSU / U of M Spirit Day		
7/8 Football v Algonquin @ Ford HS 3:30 pm	Chieftain of the Month Lunch Room 136 11:40 am – 12:42 pm		
Wednesday, October 22	Saturday, October 25		
NO STUDENTS Full Day DPPD	Saturday School Media Center 9:00 am – 12:00 pm		
7/8 Volleyball @ Jeannette 4:00 pm	Sunday, October 26		
	None.		

Click here to view the 2025-2026 District Calendar

2025—2026 School Calendar Update

- · Wednesday, October 22, 2025 No School; Teacher Full Day DPPD
- Election Day Tuesday, November 4, 2025 No School; Teacher Virtual DPPD Day
- Thanksgiving Holiday No School Wednesday, November 26, 2025 Friday, November 28, 2025
- Winter Holiday Break No School Monday, December 22, 2025 Friday, January 2, 2026
- Wednesday, January 14, 2026 No School Teacher Full Day DPPD Day
- Monday, January 19, 2026 No School MLK, Jr. Holiday
- Mid-Winter Break No School Monday, February 16, 2026 Friday, February 20, 2026
- Spring Break No School Monday, March 30, 2026 Friday, April 3, 2026
- Memorial Day Holiday No School Friday, May 22, 2026 Monday, May 25, 2026
- Last Day of School Wednesday, June 10, 2026

Vision and Mission Statements

Our Vision Statement: Eppler Junior High School will empower students to achieve their full potential and become productive contributors in a diverse society.

Eppler Junior High School Mission Statement: Parents, students, teachers, and administrators will collaborate as a community to foster a safe and respectful learning environment that will promote independent critical thinking and problem solving.

WHAT'S NEXT FOR UCS?

PROJECT PROPOSALS FOR EPPLER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL



SAFETY

SUCCESS

PHASE 1: Projects in this phase will be scheduled for summer 2024 through 2026

- Create additional layers of security to limit access for exterior entry points at main entrance and corridors, such as shatter-resistant glass
- Replace drinking fountains with water bottle filling stations
- Modernize school sign with digital technology

PHASES 2-5

- · Upgrade network infrastructure
- Upgrade security systems (cameras and access control)
- · Improve the track and bleachers
- Improve exterior façade and landscaping
- Upgrade the gym's lighting and audio system
- Improve the media center
- · Renovate restrooms
- Upgrade power systems
- Upgrade interior and exterior lighting systems
- Purchase instructional technology equipment for classrooms
- Purchase computers for students and staff
- · Purchase classroom furniture
- · Purchase media center furniture

PROJECTS IN PROCESS/COMPLETED

- Replace interior door hardware to integrate improved locking system based on industry-level safety standards*
- · Replace public address system*
- · Upgrade HVAC system*

^{*}Funded by 2018 bond issue







UTICA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

WWW.UTICAK12.ORG/SAFETYANDSUCCESS

NEW Eppler Information

Pink Out!



Breast Cancer AWARENESS MONTH

JOIN US
WEAR PINK
SHOW SUPPORT
October 14 and 15

Buy a Bracelet!

PROCEEDS GO TO CANCER RESEARCH





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Picture Retake Day



Freshmen Class Trip Opportunities

We are planning potential freshman trips for May or June and welcome interest from families. Option one is a four-day trip to Washington, D.C., estimated at \$900–\$1,100. Option two is a two-day trip to Chicago, estimated at \$630.

Please note this is not a UCS-sponsored event, and all costs would be the responsibility of participating students. For additional information or to express interest, contact **Amy Ghattas** at aghattas01@gmail.com.









TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

Sprinkle and chocolate donuts will be sold during first hour by Student Council.

\$2.00 EACH









BooGrams



Stu Co is doing a Boo Gram Fundraiser

BooGrams

SEND A HALLOWEEN TREAT TO A SPECIAL BOO, FRIEND, OR STAFF MEMBER

On Sale ALL Lunches
October 23, 24, and 27
\$2.00 each - no limit
(Delivered on October 31)



U OF M VS. MSU SPIRIT DAY

Sponsored by Stu Co





Halloween RULES



Friday, October 31st, is Halloween. Students are permitted to dress up for Halloween but **MUST** understand that **ALL** school dress code still applies. Clothing must not reveal undergarments or private areas. **NO** masks or face paint will be permitted. **NO** fake weapons or fake blood will be permitted. Any costumes representing alcohol or drugs will not be permitted. Let's have fun! ... but please enjoy the day appropriately.



2025-2026 EPPLER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK



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- jostens.com/btsoffer
- 1 (877) 767-5217

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SIGNATURE PACKAGE Includes: Yearbook, Enhanced Personalization, Autograph Pens, Autograph Section	\$59.00
ENHANCED PERSONALIZATION	\$9.00
ICONS	FREE!
AUTOGRAPH SECTION	\$5.00
PHOTO POCKETS	\$5.00
DONATE A YEARBOOK	\$40.00
CLEAR PROTECTIVE COVER	\$5.00

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WHEN YOU PERSONALIZE YOUR COVER





Share your student's photos with the yearbook staff to be featured in the yearbook more.





Open your phone camera and scan this code.

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Tag students for the yearbook sta

Or visit photos.jostens.com/upload

Add to the Yearbook!!

UPLOAD PHOTOS TODAY



BE IN THE YEARBOOK

MORE.

8th Grade Future Focus

UCS 8th grade students were given the opportunity to explore the many different specialty programs their high school has to offer. This hands on experience will help students plan their high school careers.



















Parent Notification & Opt-Out Form

Dear 7th Grade Parent or Guardian:

Our school will be hosting a presentation on OK2SAY – Michigan's student safety program for our 7th grade students on October 27, 2025, during 2nd hour.

The program is designed to inform students how they can help make their school and community safer by reporting dangerous and concerning behaviors to a trusted adult or OK2SAY.

Students in 4th – 5th grade learn about the OK2SAY student safety program, including how the tipline works. Students are encouraged to always talk to a trusted adult when they see or hear about something that makes them feel worried or unsafe. Students also learn essential tips and strategies for being safe online and off. The presentation emphasizes the difference between "tattling" and "reporting" and helps distinguish between rude, mean, and bullying behavior. Students will learn effective responses to bullying and cyberbullying and recognize techniques used by internet predators, so they are prepared to protect themselves from online harm. Please take a moment to review the videos featured in the presentation.

Students in 6th – 8th grade learn about the program's purpose and how the tipline operates, including what incidents can be reported, how to submit a tip, and the actions taken after a tip is received. Students are encouraged to examine their behaviors and make smart and thoughtful decisions both online and off. The presentation discusses many issues that impact middle school students including bullying, cyberbullying, mental health issues, self-harm, suicide thoughts, sexting/sextortion, types of abuse, the predator threat, and threats of violence. Throughout the presentation, students are encouraged to stand up for themselves and their peers and always to be mindful of the power of their words. Please take a moment to review the videos featured in the presentation.

Additional information and resources are available at OK2SAY (ok2say.com).

If you do <u>NOT</u> want your child to participate, have your student return the bottom of this sheet to the Counseling Office no later than Tuesday, October 21.

Sincerely,

Jerry Pantano, Principal

I, (parent/guardian name) _______, do NOT want my child, (student name) _______ to participate in the OK2SAY Student Safety Presentation.

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Eppler Junior High School

CELL PHONE/DEVICE POLICY

Throughout Entire Building At All Times, Including Before and After School

NO Pictures

NO Phone Calls

NO Texting

NO Social Media

***This includes Tik Tok, Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook, and ALL others

During School Hours

Cell Phones/Electronic Devices/Earbuds/Headphones
CAN NOT be displayed or used anywhere in school without permission.

Cell Phones/Electronic Devices/Earbuds/Headphones ARE NOT allowed in the lunchroom.

If you are found breaking Cell Phone/Device policy, your phone/device will be confiscated and brought to main office.

1st time 2nd time 3rd time 4th time 5th / + times

Taken to Office

Phone call home. Student picks up phone from office, end of day. Taken to Office

Parent Must Pick Up Phone Taken to Office

Parent Must Pick Up Phone. After School Detention Taken to Office

Parent Must Pick Up Phone

Saturday School

Taken to Office.

Parent Pick Up Phone.

Phone banned from School.

Suspension

NOTE: Eppler Junior High and UCS assume NO responsibility for theft, loss or damage of your device.

The student assumes full responsibility and brings the device at their own risk.

Student/Parent Handbook

On September 3, 2025, we met with 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students to address the 2025-2026 Student and Parent Handbook. Below you will find a few key points that we went over with all the students. Everything that we addressed can be found in the UCS 2025-2026 Parent and Student Handbook.

A few key points:

- -Students must have a pass when they leave the classroom.
- -Students must have their IDs on and visible. (September 11, is picture make up day, everyone should have an ID after the 11th)
- Cell phones should not be used during instruction, lunch, or passing time. (Teacher discretion if cell phones needed for educations purposes) this includes earbuds and headphones.
- -Big backpacks are not allowed in the classroom. (Especially 1st and 6th hour) Students need to be using their lockers and string backpacks.
- -No food or drinks in the classroom or hallways. (water is allowed)
- -Attendance-Regular attendance, being on time, and active participation in class contribute to student success. "Excessive absences" is defined as more than 10 in a semester. Please review the Attendance policy with your student.
- -Dress code (Students' dress must not disrupt the educational process, interfere with the maintenance of a positive teaching/learning climate, or compromise reasonable standards of health, safety, and decency)



2025—2026 Attendance Information

Regular attendance and active participation in class are integral parts of a student's total education. Students can achieve educational benefits only through regular class attendance and a serious commitment to an educational program.

During the 2025-2026 school year Eppler Administration will be sending text messages and emails to parents/ guardians about their student's attendance. Messages and emails may have a number or email address that you do not recognize. If the messages are about attendance and mention your student, it was sent to you by Eppler Administration.

Together, we know that strong attendance leads to stronger learning. When schools and families partner to make daily attendance a priority, students are better prepared to succeed—both in the classroom and beyond.





EPPLER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL DAILY SCHEDULE

1ST HOUR 7:55 - 8:53 AM

2ND HOUR 8:59 -9:55 AM

3RD HOUR 10:01 - 10:57 AM

4TH HOUR 11:03 - 12:42 PM

A Lunch 11:03 – 11:34 Lunch

11:40 - 12:42 Class

B Lunch 11:03 – 11:34 Class

11:40 - 12:05 Lunch

12:11 - 12:42 Class

C Lunch 11:03 - 12:05 Class

12:11 - 12:42 Lunch

5TH HOUR 12:48 - 1:44 PM

6TH HOUR 1:50 – 2:46 PM

Doors will open at 7:30 am for breakfast. First bell rings at 7:45 AM.

EXAM DAY SCHEDULE

1<u>ST EXAM</u> 7:55 – 9:23 AM 2ND EXAM 9:29 – 10:57 AM

BE PROMPT!



expectations for 2025-2026



Students will NO LONGER be able to carry their large backpacks during the school day from class to class. Backpacks have become a safety issue in both our hallways and classrooms. Large backpacks MUST remain in student lockers during the school day.



Students may carry a drawstring tote. These hold a maximum of two books and/or the student's assigned laptop, and can hang on the back of student chairs. Nylon drawstring totes will be available for purchase in The Chieftain Corner Store, or can be purchased at local retailers.



EVERY student must WEAR his or <u>her</u> student ID while on school grounds.

- · Student IDs must be worn and visible at all times.
- Student ID must be presented to any school staff member or person of authority upon request.
- The front and back of the ID cannot be altered. Defacing or altering the student ID is prohibited.
- · Wearing another student's ID card is prohibited.
- · Lost, stolen, altered, damaged, and/or defaced ID cards must be replaced immediately.

Students who fail to adhere to the above are subject to an <u>after school</u> detention and replacement fee.

\$5 ID REPLACEMENT for lost/broken IDs

3 times without ID = detention 6 times without ID = automatic \$5 ID replacement & Saturday School

If you are caught not wearing your badge in school 6 or more times, another badge will automatically be printed, and a \$5 fee will be placed on your student account to be paid. (EVEN IF YOU ALREADY HAVE A BADGE)

**Students who are insubordinate or persistently disobedient are subject to further school consequences.



BROUGHT TO YOU BY

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Lunch Deliveries : REMINDER



Food Deliveries: Food that is delivered by a service such as Door Dash or Grub Hub will not be permitted at Eppler. due to school safety concerns and the disruption to the school day, we cannot accommodate such deliveries. we ask that all students bring their own lunch or buy a lunch from the cafeteria. If a student forgets their lunch, they may borrow against their lunch account in the cafeteria, or a parent may drop off a lunch for their

student. However, if the food dropped off is from a restaurant, the student will be asked to eat it in the Main Office during their lunch hour. Coffee, smoothies, and outside breakfast brought in the school in the morning must be consumed before going into first hour. This is the practice that takes place at the high school level and Eppler is aligning with Utica High in order to provide consistent expectations for our students. If you would like to apply for the free or reduced lunch program, or to establish a lunch account for your child, please click here.

Thank you for your understanding and we appreciate your support.

Dress Code Rules - REMINDER

Dress code:

Please address the following dress code items with your child:

- Hoods/hats are not to be worn in the building.
- Clothing must not show bare mid-drifts, shoulders, cut too low or any derogatory or drug/alcohol messages.

Student Drop-off after 7:55

Parents, please be aware that there is often no need to come into the building when you are dropping off your child at school if they are late or after an appointment. The only reasons we will require you to come into the building are if you are picking up your child, for which you will need ID, or if you are dropping off anything for your child, which we ask that you label for their pick-up. Other than that, please feel free to stay in your warm and dry vehicle (on cold and rainy days) and enjoy whatever you may be listening to from your playlist! Thank you!!

Parent Student Handbooks

Please use the following link to access the Parent and Student Handbooks for the 2025-2026 school year.

UCS Handbook

Lost and Found

Please stop in the Counseling Hallway to check out the selection of Lost and Found items.

All unclaimed items will be donated to a local re-sale shop on December 19th.



School Safety

Safety remains a priority for our school. Eppler Junior High School is once again providing training to our students and staff on our safety protocols. The protocols identify actions that students may be asked to take in the event of a potential incident: hold, secure, lockdown, evacuate and shelter.

The protocols will continue to be part of the training while practicing our regular school safety drills, such as fire drills, security drills, tornado drills, evacuation procedures, etc.)

The video is available for you to review at this link: <u>UCS School Safety: Standard Response Protocol – Junior High - YouTube If you have any questions, please contact our office.</u>



Early Dismissal Procedures

We have a new process for early dismissals. When you arrive at Eppler please ring the bell at our Main Office door, let us know your student's name, show your id to the camera and we will let you in to our vestibule. With your cell phone please scan the QR code on the red "Scan For Early Dismissal" poster on the wall, type in the information requested, and we will call your student down to leave with you.

STUDENTS: You must come through the front office to exit the school.

How to Report an Absence

- When a student is going to be absent, parents/guardians should report the absence before the school day begins. Calls to the attendance line can be made 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Shelby Attendance Line is **586-797-2799**. Absences will be input to PowerSchool by 4:00 pm on the date of the absence.
- Per UCS policy, the following reasons for an absence will be accepted as an excused absence; student illness, hospitalization, doctor ordered bed rest, mandatory court appearance, death in the immediate family, family vacation, medical appointments and administrative permission. **All other absences will be unexcused.**

Calling All Shoppers!

Eppler has a reward program at Kroger. All you have to do is shop, swipe your card, and Eppler gets cash back! The Kroger Community Rewards program makes fundraising easy by donating based on the shopping you do every day. Once you link your Card all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Shopper's Card. Here's how:



- Go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com
- Click Sign in the upper right-hand corner
- Put the email address and password used to enroll your card
- Go to "Savings & Rewards", then "Kroger Community Rewards", I'm a Customer"
- Enter the group number **EJ598** or search **Eppler Junior High School**
- Click on the organization then click "Enroll"

PowerSchool/Text Messaging Service / Schoology

PowerSchool-Click here to go to the district's PowerSchool website

Parent Portal Access through PowerSchool

PowerSchool is the district's student information system used for scheduling, attendance, grades, and delivery of report cards. Please find more information below on how to create and access your Parent Portal Account.

To login, visit: http://ps.ucs.misd.net/public

Below are useful documents for you to reference and take full advantage of PowerSchool:

Parents: Create a Parent Portal Account

Helpful Tips for our PowerSchool Parent Portal: Click here for info on how to reset your password.

PowerSchool Mobile App:

- 1. Download the PowerSchool Parent App through your device's <u>GooglePlay</u> or <u>Apple App Store</u>.
- 2. Enter the UCS district code: NKDJ (all capitalized)
- 3. When logging in through your mobile app, you will use the same username/password that you use to login through your desktop.

Questions? Contact your home school to help with your PowerSchool questions.

Text Messaging Service

Utica Community Schools Text Messaging Service

Utica Community Schools offers a texting service for parents. The service allows parents to receive important information such as school closings, safety alerts, school reminders and more, directly from their school(s) on a mobile device.

Newly enrolled UCS parents will receive a text message from the district that reads:

"Utica Community Schools messages. Reply Y to confirm, HELP 4 info. Msg&data rates may apply. Msg freq varies. schoolmessenger.com/tm"

To receive the free* text messages, simply reply "Y" or "Yes" to the message.

Even if you have not received a UCS message to join, parents may opt in by texting "Y" or "Yes" to the short code 67587.

Parents may opt out at any time by replying "Stop" to one of the messages.

*Terms and Conditions: Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply.

Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See schoolmessenger.com/txt for more info.





Parent Access for Schoology

Parents/Guardians,

Did you know that you can have a parent account for your child's Schoology classes? You can access each of their classes, as well as the counseling department's Schoology page. The counseling page has many resources ranging from support groups and therapy to community resources for help with everyday problems. If you would like access to your child's Schoology account (this is different than PowerSchool), you can contact the main office at 586-797-2900 to request your child's 12-digit-code and instructions.

PARENT ACCESS DIRECTIONS FOR SCHOOLOGY

- 1. Go to www.schoology.com.
- 2. Click Sign Up at the top of the page and choose Parent.
- 3. Enter your Parent Access Code. This is the 12-digit code in xxxx-xxxx format
- 4. To receive the 12-digit code, please contact the Main Office
- 5. Fill out the form with your information.
- 6. Click Register to complete.

When you use a Parent Access Code to create an account, you are automatically associated to your child. You can add additional children to your account using the Add Child button.

If your Parent Access Code does not allow you to register, or if the code does not have 12 digits, please contact techsupport@uticak12.org.

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Eppler & Utica Athletics

UHS Athletic Event Policy

Utica Athletic Event Admissions Policy

- All students (home and visitor) must present a school ID for entrance to the game.
- Only students from the competing schools shall be admitted without adult supervision.
- All junior high / middle school students must present a school ID AND be supervised by an adult. The adult must attend the event with the student and may not leave the student unsupervised.
- Tickets are available for presale on GoFan. Tickets may also be purchased at the gate using a credit card or cash.
- All senior citizens (62+) and children under 12 (with an adult) are admitted free of charge.
- All patrons must remain in the stands or concourse area. Only team and athletic department personnel are allowed on the sidelines.

Eppler Athletic Event Policy

All students **MUST** present a school ID for entrance to the event and will only be admitted with adult supervision. The adult **MUST** attend the event with the student and may not leave the student unsupervised.

Between the end of the school day and the start of the event, any student attending the event **MUST** either wait outside or in the gym.

7/8 Football

7th & 8th GRADE FOOTBALL

2025

Game Times: 1st game @ 3:30 pm, 2nd game to follow

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Malow @ Fraser Shelby @ Bemis

New Haven @ Eppler (8th Grade game only @ 3:30pm) Jeannette @ Davis

Tuesday, September 23

7th Grade Only vs L'Anse Creuse S.@ Bemis Jr. High 3:30 pm (7th Grade ONLY)

Tuesday, September 30

8th Grade ONLY vs Anchor Bay South (@ Anchor Bay South) 4:30 start

Tuesday, October 7

Iroquois @ Malow Shelby @ Romeo Bemis @ L'Anse Creuse North

Eppler @ Jeannette Algonquin @ Davis Tuesday, October 14
Romeo @ Malow
Seneca @ Shelby
L. Creuse Central @ Bemis

L. Creuse South @ Eppler Davis @ New Haven (8th Grade only @ 3:30pm)

Davis @ Jeannette (7th Grade only @ 3:30pm)

Tuesday, October 21
Malow @ Shelby
Bemis @ Wyandot
Algonquin @ Eppler
Jeannette @ L. Creuse South

Bye - Davis

Tuesday, October 28

Eppler @ Davis Jeannette @ Anchor Bay W Bye – Malow, Shelby, Bemis **All games listed @ Eppler will be played at Henry Ford II HS.

7/8 Volleyball

7th & 8th Grade Volleyball Fall - 2025

Game Time: 4:00 - 1st game, 2nd to follow

September 22 – October 6: 8th grade game followed by the 7th grade game October 8 – October 22: 7th grade game followed by the 8th grade game October 27 & 29 games TBD

Monday, September 22

Jeannette @ Shelby Malow @ Bemis Eppler @ Davis

Wednesday, September 24

Bemis @ Jeannette Eppler @ Malow Davis @ Shelby

Monday, September 29

Shelby @ Malow Eppler @ Bemis Davis @ Jeannette

Wednesday, October 1

Bemis @ Davis Shelby @ Eppler Malow @ Jeannette

Monday, October 6

Jeannette @ Eppler Bemis @ Shelby Malow @ Davis

Wednesday, October 8

Shelby @ Jeannette Davis @ Eppler Bemis @ Malow

Monday, October 13

Jeannette @ Bemis Malow @ Eppler Shelby @ Davis

Wednesday, October 15

Malow @ Shelby Bemis @ Eppler Jeannette @ Davis

Monday, October 20

Davis @ Bemis Eppler @ Shelby@ Eppler Jeannette @ Malow

Thursday, October 23 Wednesday, October 22

Eppler @ Jeannette Shelby @ Bemis Davis @ Malow

Monday, October 27

Schedule TBD

Wednesday, October 29

Schedule TBD



Utica High School Boys Preseason Basketball Meeting

Who: All boys (including their parents/guardians) that are interested in trying out for the Freshmen, JV and Varsity Boys Basketball teams

When: Monday, October 20th, 2025 @ 7pm

Where: Utica High School in the Main Gym (Enter through Door #5)

Please use the following Microsoft Forms QR code to sign up for tryouts and provide us with your information



UHS Girls Basketball





9TH - 12TH GRADE GIRLS INTERESTED IN PLAYING BASKETBALL THIS SEASON AT UTICA HIGH SCHOOL, THERE WILL BE AN

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

6:00PM UTICA MAIN GYM

ENTER BUILDING THRU DOOR 5

MEET THE COACHES AS WE DISCUSS:

PRE-SEASON CONDITIONING & ACTIVITIES

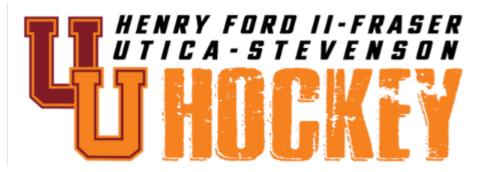
TRYOUT DATES, REQUIREMENTS, EXPECTATIONS

PARENT ATTENDANCE ENCOURAGED

ZOOM OPTION IS AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT ATTEND LIVE MEETING.
FOR MEETING LINK, CONTACT COACH JAY MUCHORTOW BY EMAILING JAYMIKEM@GMAIL.COM

OPEN GYM WILL BE HELD FOLLOWING THE MEETING UNTIL 8:00 PM

#ONE TRIBE



Open Skate & Tryouts for Utica, Fraser, Stevenson, and Henry Ford II High School Hockey

Dear Prospective Players and Families,

We're excited to invite all interested hockey players (grades9-12) from Utica, Fraser, Stevenson, and Henry Ford II High Schools to join us for open skate sessions and upcoming tryouts for our high school hockey program.

Tryout Dates:

October 28th & 30th
Time: 3:30 and 3:55 PM
Location: Big Boy Ice Arena

Open Skate Sessions: Players are welcome to attend any of our scheduled practice times to get a feel for the program, meet the team, and experience the coaching environment. These sessions are open to all prospective players.

Contact: Tony Carlisi TAC2121@OUTLOOK.COM or HEAD COACH EVAN GIZINSKI - GIZINSKIE@GMAIL.COM

Student Opportunities - Home Hockey Games

We are currently seeking students to support our home hockey games in the following roles:

1. Public Announcer

Assist with in-game announcements including:

- · Team introductions and starting lineups
- · Goals, penalties, and other key updates

No prior experience required; basic knowledge of hockey is preferred.

2. Scorekeeper & Statistician

Support game operations by:

· Tracking scores and player statistics in real time

Ideal for students interested in sports data and event coordination. No experience necessary.

3. Photographer

Capture action shots and team moments during home games to support media coverage and promotional efforts.

A great opportunity for students interested in sports photography and digital media.

Interested students should contact Tony Carlisi Tac2121@outlook.com for more information or to apply.

EPPLER JUNIOR HIGH AFTER-SCHOOL HOMEWORK CLUB

At Eppler Junior High School, we want to help your child have a successful school year. The Homework Club will be available on **Tucsdays and Thursdays** from 2:55 PM to 3:55 PM in the Eppler Media Center. Students can use this time to get academic assistance, complete assignments, work on projects, and/or study for tests. A few high school tutors are usually available. Students can ask the teacher in charge if there are tutors available that day.

Each student should bring all necessary materials and books to the media center by 2:55 PM. <u>Please be</u> advised that if a student comes to Homework Club with nothing to work on, he/she will not be admitted to Homework Club that day. All students will be expected to remain in the Media Center until 3:55 PM. Students will need to sign in each day that they participate. Students need to arrange for their own transportation home. Supervision will not be available after 4:00 PM.

If you would like your child to be able to attend Homework Club, please complete the bottom portion of this form and have your child bring it with him/her the first time they attend Homework Club (only one slip is needed, and the student may come as often as they like for the school year). Phone calls and other notes will not be accepted in place of this signed permission slip.

If you have any questions regarding Homework Club, please contact your child's school counselor (Last names A-K: April.Raupp@uticak12.org / Last names L-Z: Autumn.Blanchard@uticak12.org).





My child, (please print)	, grade	, has my	permission to
participate in Homework Club. I under	stand that it is my responsibility to	provide trai	nsportation for
my child at the end of the session. My o	hild understands that it is his/her	responsibili	ity to arrive on
time, to bring all necessary materials to	o the Media Center, and to be pre	pared to wor	rk. My child
also understands that Eppler Junior Hig	h school rules apply and will be en	forced. Mish	ehavior can
lead to dismissal from being a participa want to verify my student's attendance,		_	ı, and if I ever
Parent/Guardian Signature:		Date:	
Student Signature:			

Student Council

- Student Council Meeting Dates (subject to change)
- ♦ Meetings will be held in the Media Center at 7:00 am.
- ♦ Bring your Stu Co folder, pencil/pen.
- ♦ Meetings are MANDATORY. If you can not attend, let Mrs. Raupp or Mrs. Grammatico know you will be absent PRIOR to the meeting.

Tuesday, September 23 Tuesday, February 24

Tuesday, October 7 Tuesday, March 10
Tuesday, October 21 Tuesday, March 24

Tuesday, November 11 Tuesday, April 7

Tuesday December 2 Tuesday, April 21

Tuesday, January 13 Tuesday, May 5

Tuesday, January 27 Tuesday, May 19



S.T.A.T.I.C.

Students Taking Action in Christ (STATIC) will be meeting October 23.

Meetings will be help in room 136 after school from 2:55-3:45. All students are welcome.

More meeting dates will be posted after the first meeting.

Magic: The Gathering



Do you enjoy building an army of massive dragons? Or maybe you prefer to outwit your opponent with a sneaky swarm of tiny goblins? Then you might be a Magic: The Gathering player!

Come find your play style at the first meeting of Eppler's Magic The Gathering club on Thursday, October 9th in Room 126, from 2:50-3:45 PM, then every Thursday after school. Even if you've never cast a spell before, we'll teach you everything you need to know. See you at the table!

Eppler Chess Club



The Eppler Elephants will be stomping the competition again this year!! Coach Marwan and Coach Alex are holding the first Chess Club meeting 09/15/25 from 2:50—3:50 pm, Room 19.

Stop by room 19 to get your permission slip today.

Eppler Parent Involvement Committee (EPIC)

The following is a list of dates and times of the Eppler Parent Involvement Committee (EPIC) meeting throughout the school year. All parents are invited and welcome to attend. All meetings will be held in the Media Center from 9:00—10:00 am. We look forward to seeing you there

Tuesday, September 23 Wednesday, February 25

Tuesday, October 21 Thursday, March 19

Tuesday, November 11 Tuesday, April 21

Wednesday, December 10 Tuesday, May 19

Wednesday, January 21

9th Grade NJHS Members

MANDATORY MEETINGS: Meetings are from 2:55–3:25 pm (may end earlier) Please make sure you have a ride or plan to get home. If you are unable to attend, please let Mr. Hornibrook in Room 132 or Mrs. Byron in room 19.

Wednesday, September 10 Wednesday, February 11

Wednesday, October 8 Wednesday, March 11

Wednesday, November 12 Wednesday, April 8

Wednesday, December 10 Tuesday, May 13

Wednesday, January 14

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Meetings will be from 3:00-4:00 pm, Room 136

Thursday, October 9 Tuesday, December 9 Tuesday, February 10 Tuesday, April 7



FTC Robotics

Have you heard of FIRST? Maybe Lego Robotics? Have you wanted to participate in the past but didn't know how to get started? Here is your chance to be a part of the 2025 season. At the junior high school level, the robotics program is First Tech Challenge (FTC). We have had FTC Robotics teams at Eppler previously and would like to rekindle the flame and establish a new team.

Parents, please register your interested child by scanning the accompanying QR code and completing the registration survey. Please know that teams are not just out there to be joined; they must be built by people like you. We can help with robots, tips and even a support hub to practice with mentors. We need coaches like you to support, encourage and organize. The students will do the rest. No engineering or computer science degrees are necessary.

Scan the QR code for info.







Utica eSports



District News		
	Upcoming information to follow.	

MISD NEWS		
Upcoming information to follow.		

What students and parents are saying.

"The counselor was wonderful...very interested in helping to place my son where he should be. Thanks!!"

"The yelling has stopped and the talking has started."

"CARE is very responsive to the needs of the clients and I think it is a very good agency. I would one day like to work for CARE."

Resources

Macomb County Crisis Center: 586-948-0222

National Suicide Prevention LIFELINE: 800-273-TALK (8255)

Alateen/Alanon Family Groups:

Affirmations (L.G.B.T.Q.): 248-398-7105

Family Youth Interventions/Youth Shelter: 586-465-1212

Polson Control Center:

Macomb County Office of Substance Abuse (MCOSA): 586-469-5278

Substance Abuse Prevention websites

www.mcosa.net www.abovetheinfluence.com www.thetruth.com www.drugabuse.gov

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OF SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN

Main Office 31900 Utica Road Fraser, Michigan 48026

586.541.CARE (2273) www.careofsem.com



SCAN HERE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT US

Our mission is to strengthen realisency in people and their communities through prevention, education, and services that improve the quality of life. Since 1977, CARE of Southeastern Michigan has been a leader in substance use prevention and recovery services in Macomb County. An accredited and awardwinning behavioral health nonprofit rooted in the community, CARE provides real-life solutions from early childhood to adulthood so we can live healthier live.

> CARE of Southeastern Michigan is funded by Macomb County Community Mental Health Office of Substance Abuse, Macomb County school districts state, federal and other private dollars.

Recipients of substance abuse services have rights protected by state and federal law and promulgated rules. For information, contact CARE of Southeastern Michigan Recipient Rights Advisor, 31900 Utica Road, Fraser, M. 48026, (588) 541-2273 or State Recipient Rights Coordinator, P.O. Box 30664, Lansing, Michigan 48909.



STUDENT

ASSISTANCE



CARE invests in youth by working with the community, school personnel and parents to promote the healthy development and education of young people.





CARE's Student Assistance

- Does your child/student have difficulties at school or in other social settings?
- Have you noticed a change in your child's/student's behaviors and/or attitudes?
- Are you concerned that your child/ student may be using alcohol or other drugs?

CARE of Southeastern Michigan understands the struggles that families are facing today. Despite all efforts, when a family is in crisis because of substance use or social and emotional health concerns, there is a greater likelihood that a young person will experience difficulties. Student Assistance offers students and their families guidance and support.

Student Assistance Clinicians specialize in a risk issues such as substance abuse and mental health problems. A qualified Clinician will conduct initial screenings and assessments to determine the extent of a sudent's problems and provide resources to best help the student and their family. Students and families will receive assistance in gaining access to the most appropriate service for their great forecom.

Youth and Family Programs

Visit www.careofsem.com for locations, times and dates for all programs.

Peaceful Alternatives to Tough Situations (PATTS):

An educational series to help youth deal with their emotions in appropriate ways by understanding their own resources and developing their own plan of action with skills that really work!

Teen Intervene:

Prover or urugs and accord is a series designed to provide education, support and guidance to teens that have experienced mild to moderate use of alcohol or other drugs. This program also offers parents and guardians the opportunity to learn healthy communication skill and the importance of establishing family rules regarding alcohol or other drug use.

Parent Education Classes:

A series for parents to discuss ways to understant behavior, build self-esteem, increase cooperation and provide discipline that teaches personal responsibility. Groups include early childhood (ages 0-5), school age (ages 6-12) and teens (ages 13-18). A book for the appropriate age groups is centrified.



INDEPTH:

NDEPTH is the American Lung Association's Intervention for Nicotine Dependence Education. Prevention, Tobacco and Health program. A forward-thinking alternative to suspension or citation for tobacco use, including e-cigarettes, NDEPTH addresses the ten vaping epidemic in a more supportive way. En visit interactive program teaches students about nicotine dependence, establishing healthy alternatives and making the change to be free of all tobacco products, including e-cigarettes. NDEPTH is led by a trained. CARE facilitation either one-on-one or in a group setting.

Camp CARE:

This program is offered for children/families who have been impacted by alcohol and other drugs by a loved one. Through small group discussions, children, youth and teens learn: You are oalone, identify and process feelings, how to be safe, celebrate themselves, how to handle peer pressure, conflict resolution, making healthy choices, and life skill building.

Teens Talking Truth:

1° participates in social events, community service opportunities, and workshops that address the challenges of today's youth, with a primary focus on alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention and a healthy teen lifestyle. 1° also works to get nd of the myth that all teens require drugs or alcohol to have funt!



Care Solace

If you or a family member are looking for help with mental health or substance use, Care Solace can help you quickly find treatment options matched to your needs regardless of the circumstance. Care Solace is a complimentary and confidential service provided to students, staff, and their families by Utica Community Schools.

The Care Solace team is available 24/7/365 and can support you in any language.

If you would like to use Care Solace to help you find a provider:

- Call 888-515-0595 (available 24/7/365)
- Search on your own OR click "Book Appointment" for assistance by video chat, email, or phone via caresolace.com/Utica.

Disclaimer:

Information on individual treatment providers was gathered by Care Solace based on criteria such as geographic proximity, whether the provider accepts the authorized user's insurance, and whether the provider is accepting new patients. The school district does not recommend, endorse, promote, or refer to any of the individual treatment providers.

UCS Wellness

Utica Community Schools works to support the physical, mental and social-emotional development of all students. Our wellness pages contain a variety of resources for students, teachers, staff, parents and community members. Check out the UCS Virtual Calming Room, Wellness Podcast and Monday Moments, and more at: www.uticak12.org/UCS Wellness



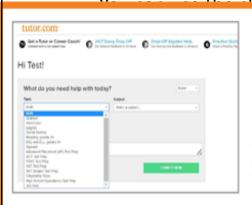


FREE Online Tutoring

Do you need one-on-one help with your homework?

To access the free tutoring:

- On your ClassLink dashboard, select **Virtual Library Card Tutor.com** (the orange icon with the letter "t" on it).
 - You will need your PowerSchool number to log in. You can email your counselor to ask for your PowerSchool number (Marla.Ostrom@UticaK12.org or Autumn.Blanchard@UticaK12.org). To log in:
 - Barcode: ucs######### (ucs followed by PowerSchool number)
 - Your password is your 2-digit birth month and 2-digit birth day (example 0408 for April 8)
 - Choose GET A TUTOR NOW. If you want a short tutorial on how the site works, you can select Take the tour.



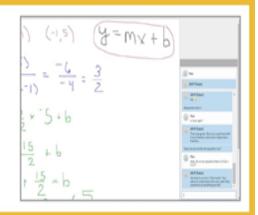
CONNECT WITH A TUTOR

Connect to a tutor quickly and easily. Select your topic, subject and grade level. Then, to get the best tutor for your problem, type out your question and, if you have a file or picture, attach it to your request.

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CHAT WITH YOUR TUTOR

Use our online classroom to chat with your tutor and share your work on the whiteboard. You and the tutor can draw, type, paste images and use graph paper on the interactive whiteboard.



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UCS Food Service

UCS Food and Nutrition

- UCS is continuing the free school meals program through the early fall of 2025 while the State of Michigan works to adopt a budget by the September 30th deadline.
- All UCS families are asked to complete the *Education Benefits form* **Here** enter "Utica Community Schools" and follow the prompts. These forms help maintain our Title 1 funding as well as other essential funding for our schools. It can also help reduce fees for pay-to-play sports, lower internet costs, reduced AP/college application fees and more!

More information regarding your student's cafeteria account can be found by clicking HERE.

UCS Food and Nutrition

UCS Meals Are Nutritious And Delicious!

- UCS cafeterias offer a wide variety of different food choices to meet your student's needs
- We serve the same <u>brand named</u> products, like Tyson, Land-O-Lakes and Jennie-O, that you do you in your homes
- Meals follow federal guidelines for nutrition
- Meals include a variety of fresh fruit, vegetables, whole grains, low fat meat and dairy as well as low fat and fat free milk
- To qualify for free and reduced meals students must take at least 1/2 cup fruit or vegetable with a meal.
- Breakfast meals include up to 2 grains, up to 2 fruits and a milk. Must take at least 1/2 cup fruit or vegetable with 2 more items to qualify.
- Lunch meals include a grain, meat/meat alternate, vegetable, fruit & milk. Must take 3 out of 5 with one being 1/2 cup fruit or vegetable to qualify.
- We watch our saturated fat and sodium levels to help support our student's health needs
- Visit the Healthy Meals at School page to learn more about meal requirements

Menus can still be found online at https://uticak12.nutrislice.com

In Case You Missed It

7th Grade Mixer



MS. SHAKESPEARES' FIELDTRIP LEGASEA AOUADUM



























MS. ABBOTT'S SCIENTISTS NAILED THE PRINGLE RING
CHALLENGE!

MS. ABBOTT'S 7TH AND 8TH GRADE SCIENTISTS CRUNCHED THE NUMBERS - AND THE CHIPS - IN THE PRINGLE RING CHALLENGE! USING ONLY PRINGLES. TEAMWORK, AND LOTS OF PATIENCE, STUDENTS WORKED TOGETHER TO BUILD GRAVITY-DEFYING RINGS. IT WAS ALL ABOUT ENGINEERING. PERSISTENCE, AND COLLABORATION. SCIENTISTS DISCOVERED HOW ESTIMATION, BALANCE, FRICTION, AND STRUCTURAL DESIGN COME INTO PLAY WHEN TRYING TO STACK PRINGLES INTO A COMPLETE RING. THERE WERE PLENTY OF GIGGLES. CREATIVE THINKING A FEW "CHIP-TASTROPHES," AND BIG CELEBRATIONS WHEN THE RINGS FINALLY STOOD TALL. THE PRIDE ON THEIR FACES WAS PRICELESS - SCIENCE HAS NEVER BEEN SO SNACKTACULAR! A BIG "THANK YOU" TO ALL THE PARENTS WHO SENT IN PRINGLES AND MADE THIS FUN, HANDS-ON ACTIVITY POSSIBLE.













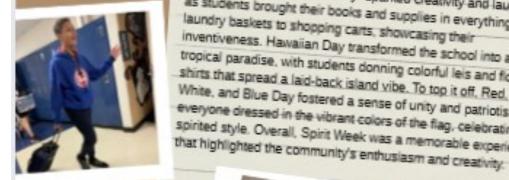








Spirit Week was an absolute blast, filled with a variety of exciting and creative activities that brought everyone together. The highlight for many was the visit from the ice cream truck, offering a sweet treat that added a delightful twist to the festivities. "Anything But a Backpack Day" sparked creativity and laughter, as students brought their books and supplies in everything from laundry baskets to shopping carts, showcasing their inventiveness. Hawaiian Day transformed the school into a tropical paradise, with students donning colorful leis and floral shirts that spread a laid-back island vibe. To top it off, Red. White, and Blue Day fostered a sense of unity and patriotism as everyone dressed in the vibrant colors of the flag, celebrating in spirited style. Overall, Spirit Week was a memorable experience











This year, Eppler Junior High is proud to recognize **Childhood Cancer Awareness Week**, **September 22-26**, a time to honor children and families who face the difficult journey of pediatric cancer.

Our very own **Aaron and Cadence Eiberger** will serve as student ambassadors for this important week. Childhood cancer awareness is very close to their hearts, as their younger brother Beckett was diagnosed with ATRT, a rare and aggressive brain cancer, just after his third birthday. Beckett endured 2 brain surgeries, 30 rounds of radiation, and 5 months of chemotherapy at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Through it all, he showed incredible strength, courage, and resilience – and today, he continues to inspire those around him.

For Aaron and Cadence, this journey has been life changing. Siblings of children with cancer often carry unseen burdens – worrying if their brother or sister will be here in the weeks and months ahead, taking on added responsibilities at home, and navigating the emotional strain that comes with uncertainty. It's a reminder that cancer affects the whole family, not just the child in treatment. By highlighting their role as ambassadors this week, we honor not only Beckett's fight but also the strength and resilience of his siblings.

As a family, the Eiberger/Fowler household has turned their experience into advocacy, creating the nonprofit, **Wreck-it Like Beckett**, which provides support and hope to families walking through childhood cancer. By sharing their story, Aaron and Cadence remind us all of the importance of awareness, compassion, and coming together as a community.

As a school community, we invite everyone to participate, learn, and stand united in awareness. By going gold and engaging in these themes, we might shine a light on the reality of childhood cancer, support those impacted, and remind families that they are not alone.

Childhood Cancer Awareness



Eppler Junior High School held a spirit week to raise awareness for childhood cancer, led by students Aaron and Cadence Eiberger with support from their mother, Tammie Fowler. The event was inspired by their younger brother, Beckett, who was diagnosed at the age of 3 with ATRT, a rare and aggressive brain cancer.

Students and staff participated in themed days like Pajama Day, Sports Jersey Day and Twin Day to show support. The week highlighted the importance of empathy, awareness and community, reminding everyone that childhood cancer affects the whole family—and that no one fights alone.

Read more: https://bit.ly/4nfKvIU

Chieftain of the Month

Congrats to our September Chieftains of the Month!

Madilyn Backus, Scarlett Dettmer, Charlotte Maurer, Harper Dwyer, Adriana Shaeena, Avline Esho, Kali Dedenbach, Elizabeth Azou, Staphio Mikha, Jeremiah Bajjoki, Tyler Notebroom and Pablo Montanez Rosas

