

Eppler Express



Monday, December 8	Thursday, December 11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chess Club, 2:50—3:50 pm, Room 19 College Gear Monday 7/8 Boys Basketball v Malow 4:00 pm Winter Drama Performances Drama Room 6:00 pm (1st Hour Class) / 7:30 pm (2nd Hour Class) Winter Spirit Week : Wear White 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homework Club, 2:55—3:55 pm, Media Center Lockdown Drill 12:11 pm (During C Lunch) STATIC Meeting Room 136 2:55 – 3:45 pm 7/8 Boys Basketball @ Jeanette 4:00 pm Winter Instrumental Music Concert Main Gym 7:00 pm Magic: The Gathering in Room 126, 2:50—3:45 pm Winter Spirit Week : Wear/Bring Cozy blankets, pjs, slippers, snuggies
Tuesday, December 9	Friday, December 12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homework Club, 2:55—3:55 pm, Media Center ESAB Meeting Room 136 3:00 – 4:00 pm Pathways to Success Event Ford HS 6:00 – 8:00 pm Winter Spirit Week : Dress Us As Your Favorite HOLIDAY Character 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avid Bagel Sales, 2nd Hr. Chieftain of the Month Lunch Room 136 11:40 am – 12:42 pm Winter Spirit Week : Wear Holiday Attire
Wednesday, December 10	Saturday, December 13
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EPIC Meeting MC Conference Room 9:00 am Winter Vocal Music Concert UHS Auditorium 7:00 pm NJHS Meeting, 2:50 pm - 3:05 pm, Room 20 Winter Spirit Week : Wear Red & White and/or Stripes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saturday School Media Center 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
	Sunday, December 14
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None.

What's Inside:

What's Happening this Week at Eppler

Upcoming Activities

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Monday, December 15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chess Club, 2:50—3:50 pm, Room 19 College Gear Monday 7/8 Boys Basketball v Bemis 4:00 pm 	Thursday, December 18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3rd & 4th Hour Exams Half-Day Dismissal at 10:57 am
Tuesday, December 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homework Club, 2:55—3:55 pm, Media Center 8/7 Boys Basketball v Shelby 4:00 pm 	Friday, December 19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5th & 6th Hour Exams Half-Day Dismissal at 10:57 am Second Marking Period Ends
Wednesday, December 17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st & 2nd Hour Exams Half-Day Dismissal at 10:57 am 	Saturday, December 20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None.
	Sunday, December 21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None.

[Click here](#) to view the 2025-2026 District Calendar

2025—2026 School Calendar Update



The complete 2025-26 UCS Calendar is now available. Follow the below link to see important dates for the remainder of this year. Please note: October 31 – Halloween – is the end of the first quarter and will be a half-day for elementary students.

<https://www.uticak12.org/Page/2#calendar1/20251015/month>

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



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SPIRIT BLANKET FUNDRAISER

50 x 60 = \$25.00

60 x 70 = \$35.00

Please support our school
by buying blankets.
We profit over 50%
with each blanket sale!

**SPREAD SCHOOL SPIRIT
WHILE RAISING MONEY!**



Return the form below with cash or check to the main office by **DECEMBER 16th 2025**
DELIVERY WILL BE THE END OF JANUARY 2026



ORDER FORM

Student Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Quantity: _____

Cash or Check Payable to: Eppler Junior High School

Total Included: _____

Congrats to our November Chieftains of the Month!

Selvia Hanekajhel, Aneth Gonzalez, McKayla Martin, Nahla Sova-Boyd, Lola Doucette, Isabella Schroeder, Sophia Gjokaj, Lyndan Lambert, Luis Tuci, Thomas Wolken, Christian Priester and Gotti Gilbert





Winter Spirit Week

MONDAY 12-8
Winter Wonderland Day
Dress: Wear all WHITE
Lunch Activity: Make a snowflake ornament to take home! FREE
***STAFF ACTIVITY:** Check your mailbox for details BEFORE first hour!

TUESDAY 12-9
Holiday Character Day
Dress: Dress up as your favorite HOLIDAY character (Rudolph, Buddy the Elf, Grinch, Frosty, etc.)
**see costume guidelines*
Lunch Activity: Costume Contest - Top 3 = Prize!

WEDNESDAY 12-10
Candy Cane Day
Dress: Wear RED & WHITE and/or STRIPES
Lunch Activity: Guess how many mini-candy canes are in the jar for a chance to win a GIANT candy cane!

THURSDAY 12-11
Long Winter's Nap Day
Dress: Wear your winter PJs, fuzzy socks, slippers, and/or bring your cozy blankets/Snuggles
Lunch Activity: Delicious Hot Cocoa Bar! FREE
***STAFF TREAT:** In mailboxes!

FRIDAY 12-12
Festive Friday
Dress: Wear your favorite HOLIDAY attire (hats, ugly sweaters, holiday t-shirts, necklaces, headbands, etc.)
Lunch Activity: Pictures with Santa and a FREE candy cane!

PARTICIPATE AND EARN SPIRIT POINTS FOR YOUR GRADE!

Sponsored by Student Council

Winter Spirit Week Holiday Character Dress Day Guidelines Tuesday, December 9

Students are permitted to dress up for the Holiday Character Dress Day but **MUST** understand that **ALL** school dress code rules still apply. Clothing must not reveal undergarments or private areas. **NO** masks or face paint covering more than half of a student's face will be permitted. Let's have fun! ... but please enjoy the day appropriately. See Mrs. Raupp or Ms. Grammatico with questions!



★ JET'S PIZZA ★ FUNDRAISER

For every order,
Jet's Pizza will
donate 15% of
that sale back to
Eppler's Student
Council.



46370 VAN DYKE ★
SHELBY TWP. 48317

586.731.3700



**1st WED
of every
month**

4-8PM ★
**PICK UP
OR
DELIVERY**





Dear Chieftain Family and Friends,

In the past, the Eppler Chieftain family has generously supported many worthwhile charitable causes, especially during the holidays. We, as a community, have championed, and continue to champion, the endeavors of the United States Marine Corps' **Toys for Tots** program, the Utica Lions Club's **Extended Hand Charity** program, Bright Side Dental's **Candy for Soldiers** program, Hamlin Pub's **Hamlin Holiday/Adopt A Family** program, as well as offered support to families in need within our own community. During the trying times we find ourselves in, most of these programs are operating at limited capacity, and we will still support them as we are able. However, we have also determined that we would again like to focus on our families in need right here at Eppler.

To borrow a title for this program from a neighboring school community, we will embark on our annual **Friends Helping Families** program once again this year and will continue to make it one of our annual community projects. We are asking that you partner with us to support our own families who may be struggling. I know, yes, I absolutely know how caring and generous this community is, and know we can, together, make a difference!!

We are asking that you, should you want to be involved, purchase gift cards in any amount, from stores such as Meijer, Target, Walmart, Kroger, other grocery stores, local gas stations, etc., and any gift card will be graciously accepted! Please indicate the amount of the gift card you are donating. Gift cards in the \$10 - \$25 range seem to work best to spread this blessing to all our families in need. **Please send in your donation to Eppler, or drop it off at the school, by Wednesday, December 10, 2025.**

If you find your family needing a little extra help this holiday season, please contact one of our wonderful school counselors, who will confidentially add your name to our list, and make arrangements with you. Our counselors can be contacted at april.raupp@uticak12.org (Counselor for students with last names A-K), and autumn.blanchard@uticak12.org (Counselor for students with last names L-Z).

I thank you in advance, with the greatest of confidence, for your generous support of our Eppler Chieftain families who may be struggling this holiday season.

You may send in your donation with your child OR drop off your donation at the school between the hours of 7:30 am and 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday, until Wednesday, December 10, 2025, OR mail to the school at Eppler Junior High School, 45461 Brownell, Utica, MI, 48317, Attn: Ms. Autumn Blanchard-Brinich.

I again genuinely and warmly thank you!! Be well! Be safe! Be healthy! Be happy!! And enjoy the blessings of this holiday season!!

Jerry



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LET'S FEED THE HUNGRY



Collection Dates

12/02-12/10



**UNEXPIRED
NON PERISHABLE
FOOD ONLY**



**THE 6TH HOUR
CLASS THAT
DONATES THE
MOST CANS WINS
AN AWESOME
PRIZE!**



THE WINNING 6TH HOUR CLASS GETS...

**STUDENTS:
ICE CREAM SUNDAE PARTY**

**TEACHER:
6TH HOUR OFF**

TOYS FOR TOTS

EPPLER JUNIOR HIGH 2025 TOY DRIVE



DONATIONS ACCEPTED NOVEMBER 24 - DECEMBER 9

How You Can Help

Donate new toys to
bring a smile to a
child's face this
Holiday season!

We Accept NEW:

- Board games
- Dolls and action figures
- Building blocks
- Art supplies
- Sports equipment

Drop Off & Make a Difference!

All donations will be distributed to underprivileged children in our community
through the United States Marines Toys For Tots Drive

For more info contact Autumn Blanchard autumn.blanchard@uticak12.org

2025-2026 EPPLER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK



COUNTLESS AMAZING MEMORIES. ONE ICONIC YEARBOOK.

NOW \$40.00



TO ORDER:

- Scan the QR Code
- jostens.com/btsoffer
- 1 (877) 767-5217

YEARBOOK	\$40.00
SIGNATURE PACKAGE	\$59.00
<small>Includes: Yearbook, Enhanced Personalization, Autograph Pens, Autograph Section</small>	
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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More icon options are available online.



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

1



Open your phone's camera and scan this code.

Or visit photos.jostens.com/upload

2

Upload your favorite photos from the year.

3

Tag students for the yearbook staff.

Add to the Yearbook!!

UPLOAD PHOTOS TODAY



BE IN THE YEARBOOK
MORE.
A LOT MORE.

Year Long Eppler Information

Eppler Cell Phone/Device Policy

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

Taken to Office

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

2nd time

Taken to Office

Parent Must Pick Up Phone

3rd time

Taken to Office

Parent Must Pick Up Phone. After School Detention

4th time

Taken to Office

Parent Must Pick Up Phone
Saturday School

5th / + times

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.

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 educational 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

1ST EXAM 7:55 – 9:23 AM

2ND EXAM 9:29 – 10:57 AM

BE PROMPT!



BACKPACK

expectations for 2025-2026

ATTENTION

PLEASE



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.



Eppler Jr. High

ID Badge Requirements

(directly from the handbook)



EVERY student must WEAR his or her 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 after school 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.**

BAGELS

Plain Bagel
Everything Bagel
Cinnamon Sugar Bagel
Cream Cheese \$0.50



\$1.50

BAGEL SALE

FRIDAYS

BROUGHT TO YOU BY

AVID

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: [UCS School Safety: Standard Response Protocol – Junior High - YouTube](#) If you have any questions, please contact our office.



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 [GooglePlay](#) or [Apple App Store](#).
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.



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 SCHOOLGY

- 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-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.

Eppler & Utica Athletics

UHS Athletic Event Policy

Utica Athletic Event Admissions Policy

1. All students (home and visitor) must present a school ID for entrance to the game.
2. Only students from the competing schools shall be admitted without adult supervision.
3. 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.
4. Tickets are available for presale on GoFan. Tickets may also be purchased at the gate using a credit card or cash.
5. All senior citizens (62+) and children under 12 (with an adult) are admitted free of charge.
6. 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.

7th / 8th Grade Boys Basketball

7th & 8th GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL
2025 - 2026

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

**Dec.2 – Dec.15: 7th grade will play the first game followed by the 8th grade*

**Dec.16– Jan.15: 8th grade will play the first game followed by the 7th grade*

January 20 & 22 – TBD

Tues., December 2

Davis @ Bemis
 Eppler @ Shelby
 Jeannette @ Malow

Thurs., December 4

Shelby @ Jeannette
 Davis @ Eppler
 Bemis @ Malow

Mon., December 8

Jeannette @ Bemis
 Malow @ Eppler
 Shelby @ Davis

Thurs., December 11

Eppler @ Jeannette
 Shelby @ Bemis
 Davis @ Malow

Mon., December 15

Malow @ Shelby
 Bemis @ Eppler
 Jeannette @ Davis

Tues., December 16

Bemis @ Davis
 Shelby @ Eppler
 Malow @ Jeannette

Tues., January 6

Jeannette @ Shelby
 Eppler @ Davis
 Malow @ Bemis

Thurs., January 8

Bemis @ Jeannette
 Eppler @ Malow
 Davis @ Shelby

Mon., January 12

Jeannette @ Eppler
 Bemis @ Shelby
 Malow @ Davis

Thurs., January 15

Shelby @ Malow
 Eppler @ Bemis
 Davis @ Jeannette

Tues., January 20

*Teams to be seeded &
 Sites TBD after 1/15
 games have concluded*

Thurs., January 22

*Teams to be seeded &
 Sites TBD after 1/15
 games have concluded*

7th / 8th Grade Girls Basketball

UCS
7th & 8th GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL
2025 - 2026

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

**Jan.26. – Feb 9: 7th grade will play the first game followed by the 8th grade*

**Feb 12– March.5: 8th grade will play the first game followed by the 7th grade*

March 9 and 12 TBD

Mon., January 26

Jeannette @ Shelby
 Eppler @ Davis
 Malow @ Bemis

Thurs., January 29

Shelby @ Malow
 Eppler @ Bemis
 Davis @ Jeannette

Mon., February 2

Bemis @ Davis
 Shelby @ Eppler
 Malow @ Jeannette

Thurs., February 5

Jeannette @ Eppler
 Bemis @ Shelby
 Malow @ Davis

Mon., February 9

Bemis @ Jeannette
 Eppler @ Malow
 Davis @ Shelby

Thurs., February 12

Shelby @ Jeannette
 Davis @ Eppler
 Bemis @ Malow

Tues., February 24

Malow @ Shelby
 Bemis @ Eppler
 Jeannette @ Davis

Thurs., February 26

**Davis @ Bemis (Wed 2/25)*
 Eppler @ Shelby
 Jeannette @ Malow

Mon., March 2

Eppler @ Jeannette
 Shelby @ Bemis
 Davis @ Malow

Thurs., March 5

Jeannette @ Bemis
 Malow @ Eppler
 Shelby @ Davis

Mon., March 9

*Teams to be seeded &
 Sites TBD after 3/5
 games have concluded*

Thurs., March 12

*Teams to be seeded &
 Sites TBD after 3/5
 games have concluded*

**Davis @ Bemis
 originally scheduled on
 2/26 will be played on
 Wed, February 25th.*

UTICA BASEBALL

Grades 3-9th



UTICA HIGH SCHOOL



DEC/JAN/FEB



Scan the QR code to
register for Utica
High Baseball 25/26
offseason training
opportunities.



CONTACT US




586-243-1175 MARK MOEHLIG
MARK.MOEHLIG@UTICAK12.ORG

UTICA FOOTBALL

OFF-SEASON WEIGHTROOM SCHEDULE



 Winter & Spring hours beginning on Monday, December 1st

Monday 2:15-4:15pm

Wednesday 2:15-4:15pm

Friday 2:15-4:15pm

Weight Room will be closed on Tuesday and Thursday

Eppler Clubs & Organizations

Homework Club

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 **Tuesdays 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. **Please be 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).



EPPLER HOMEWORK CLUB PERMISSION SLIP



My child, (please print) _____, grade _____, has my permission to participate in Homework Club. I understand that it is my responsibility to provide transportation for my child at the end of the session. **My child understands that it is his/ her responsibility to arrive on time, to bring all necessary materials to the Media Center, and to be prepared to work.** My child also understands that Eppler Junior High school rules apply and will be enforced. Misbehavior can lead to dismissal from being a participant in the Homework Club. Students will sign in, and if I ever want to verify my student's attendance, I will contact my child's school counselor.

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, 11/11	Tuesday, 01/27	Tuesday, 03/24	Tuesday, 05/05
Tuesday 12/02	Tuesday 02/24	Tuesday 04/07	Tuesday 05/19
Tuesday 01/13	Tuesday 03/10	Tuesday 04/21	



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!

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S.T.A.T.I.C.
Students Taking Action Together in Christ

Come
together
in faith,
friendship,
and fun!

ROOM 136
2:55-3:45PM

Meeting Dates

- November 13
- December 11
- January 22
- February 26
- March 19
- April 23
- May 28

More Information
Mrs. Blanchard, Counselor
Autumn.Blanchard@UticaK12.org

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	

ESAB

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



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

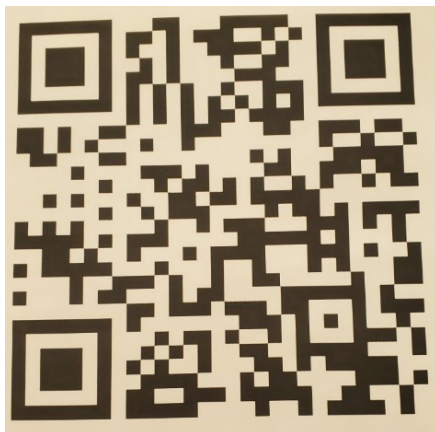


Applications will be available beginning Monday, September 8

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.



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Building Configurations

Questions & Answers

What is being considered?

Currently, Utica Community Schools grade configurations are elementary schools that include early childhood, kindergarten and young fives through 6th grade, junior high schools 7th through 9th grade, and 10th through 12th grade being taught at our high schools. The only exception is Henry Ford II High School covering 9th through 12th grade and Bemis Junior High School teaching 7th and 8th grade.

The district is initiating a process that will consider elementary schools with early childhood, kindergarten and young fives through 5th grade, middle schools with 6th through 8th grade, and high schools 9th through 12th grade.

Why is a change being considered?

The current grade configurations were originally created based on the district's capacity to meet its enrollment needs. With changes to its enrollment, Utica Community Schools now has the overall capacity to consider a change.

There are a number of compelling reasons why this is the right time to consider changing grade configurations:

- UCS and Michigan curriculum and assessment standards are organized in a K-5, 6-8, and 9-12 format. This change would better align our schools to successfully meet those expectations.
- We can increase the rigor and course offerings to 6th and 9th grade students and their access to co-curricular activities by changing grade configurations.
- We would have an opportunity to reimagine how a middle school experience can support the unique needs of students in 6th through 8th grade and support a successful transition to high school in the 9th grade.
- The timing is consistent with the current work of our Enrollment Distribution Advisory Committee (EDAC), which is engaged in long-range planning and review of our attendance areas.

Building Configurations Q & A

What is the process being used to consider this change?

The district will be supported by Hanover Research, which also served as a resource for the development of the UCS Empowered Strategic Plan. The process will include consideration of best practices and research, current UCS building utilization, the academic and mental health needs of students, and timeline.

How would a change impact capacity and class sizes?

The district's Enrollment Distribution Advisory Committee (EDAC) is currently involved in a districtwide review of attendance areas. Through this process, the capacity levels of schools would be identified for all levels for a possible grade configuration change. The process will include recent and projected student population declines and their impact on future enrollment at each school.

For our high schools, the additional grade would mean a return to the enrollment that they had about 15 years ago prior to the declines in student enrollment. At the junior high level, all schools would maintain a similar enrollment with the exception of Bemis Junior High which would inherit a third grade level, a change that UCS would need to investigate further. Class sizes would not change; the adjustment would be to the amount of classes being run at any one time in a building.

What is the timeline for implementation?

The timeline will be determined as this process moves forward. Given the amount of planning that would be required for a possible change, implementation would not occur **at least** until the 2027-28 school year. It is possible to go beyond that date based on the level of planning involved for a successful transition.

How will the mental health needs of students be considered?

Utica Community Schools is committed to meeting the needs of the whole child. Through the Culture of Caring in our UCS Empowered Strategic Plan, resources are made available to support the safety and security, social, emotional and nutritional needs of students. A consideration of building changes will prioritize the resources, research and structures that would support a successful transition for students.

This includes proactive outreach to families, student engagement opportunities, and a continued focus on creating school environments that address unique developmental and emotional needs.

Where can I get more information?

Updates will be posted regularly at this site:

www.uticak12.org/buildingforthefuture.



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Attendance Area Update

Utica Community Schools is continuing to address long-standing issues with school attendance areas. The review is in conjunction with facility improvements across the district.

When reviewing attendance area configurations, safety, the age of the facility and enrollment trends are being considered.

Currently, the district's Enrollment Distribution Advisory Committee (a standing citizens group with representatives from each school that reviews attendance areas) is assessing patterns for schools that feed into Stevenson High School and continuing its review of Henry Ford II High School feeder schools. Also, portions of the Monfort and Flickinger attendance areas are under review based on how they are embedded or in close proximity to the attendance boundaries of Dresden, Harvey and Ebeling elementary schools.

The attendance areas under review are on the second page of this fact sheet. Changes to these attendance areas would be effective for fall of 2028-2029 in conjunction with facility improvements.



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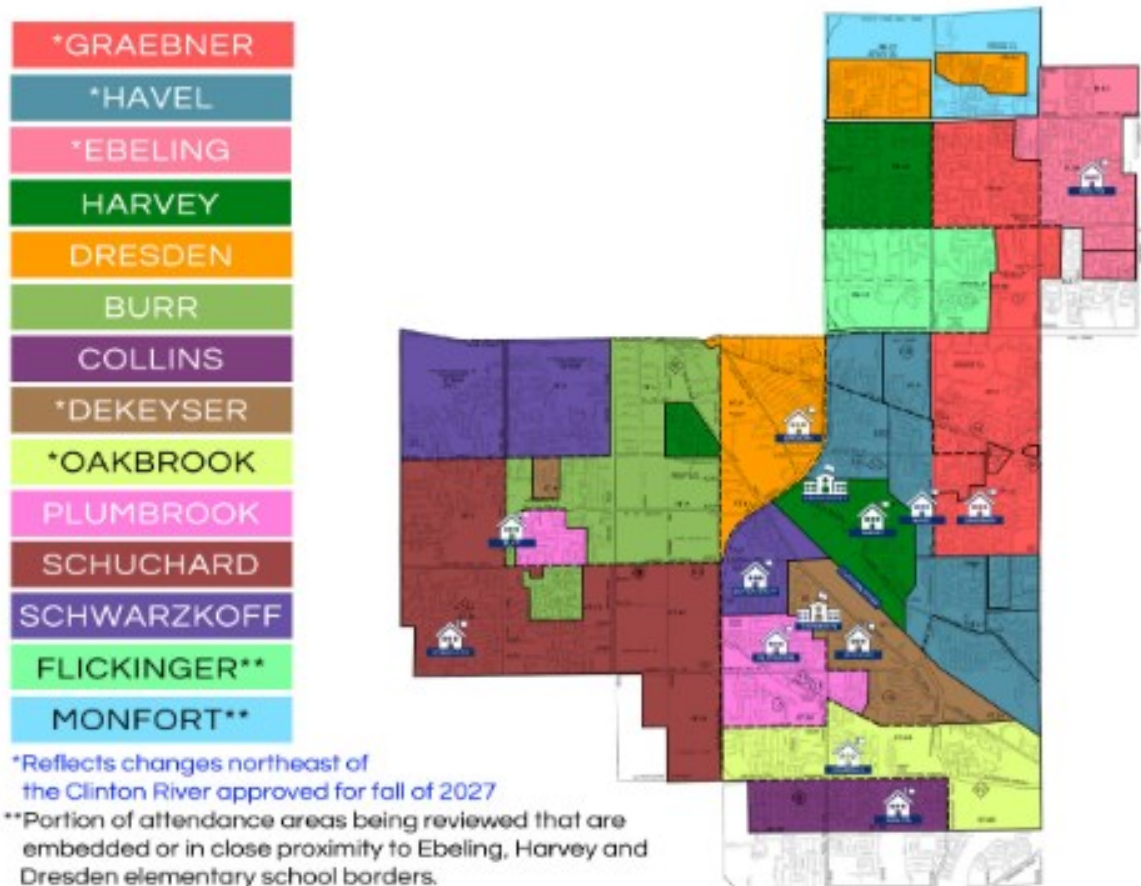
More Information:

www.uticak12.org/buildingforthefuture

Overview

- Through the implementation of facility improvements, UCS is addressing complexities in attendance areas that were largely developed 50 years ago.
- Current attendance areas feature some neighborhood subdivisions geographically disconnected from neighboring communities and boundaries that do not take advantage of major landmarks and roadways.
- The facility review process includes a long-range facility improvement plan and consolidation of buildings.
- By improving select elementary schools and consolidating school attendance areas, UCS would create greater access for students to updated facilities that support growth and achievement.
- Schools are being evaluated based on three criteria: overall safety, age of the facility and enrollment trends for the school.
- Attendance areas currently under review include feeder schools to Stevenson High School and Henry Ford II High School. Consolidation may also impact students assigned to nearby areas that feed into Utica High, such as Monfort and Flickinger Elementary.
- Input is being received from the Enrollment Distribution Advisory Committee (EDAC), comprised of community representatives from each school.

Attendance Area Cont.



School	% Current Capacity (K-6)	% Capacity (K-5)	Age of Building	Junior High*	High School*
Burr	79.2%	65%	74	Jeanette	Stevenson
Collins	74.2%	63%	57	Davis	Stevenson
DeKeyser	97.3%	83%	1	Davis/Jeanette/Bemis	Stevenson/ Henry Ford II
Dresden	62%	53.2%	68	Bemis/Eppler	Henry Ford II/ Utica High
Ebeling*	92%	79%	47	Bemis	Henry Ford II
Flickinger	66%	56%	61	Eppler	Utica
Graebner*	70%	85%	53	Bemis	Henry Ford II
Harvey	62.8%	53%	63	Bemis/Jeanette/Shelby	Henry Ford II/ Stevenson/ Utica
Havel*	76%	105%**	53	Bemis	Henry Ford II
Monfort	71%	60%	57	Shelby	Utica
Oakbrook	97.7%	81%	54	Bemis/Davis	Henry Ford II/ Stevenson
Plumbrook	64.3%	54%	63	Davis/Jeanette	Stevenson
Schuchard	80.1%	63%	47	Jeanette	Stevenson
Schwarzkoﬀ	81%	71%	59	Davis/Jeanette	Stevenson

The chart above lists areas being reviewed this fall with the UCS Enrollment Distribution Advisory Committee. The chart reports current capacities and projected enrollment based on review of K-12 Building Capacities.

*Reflects previously approved attendance area changes that are effective in August 2027.

**Enrollment declines and closure of in-district transfers and new Schools of Choice will address overall capacity.



Macomb Intermediate School District
Parent Advisory Committee



Make a Difference AWARD

2025 Nomination Form

The "Make a Difference" Award is given on an annual basis to individuals who have made a significant positive impact on the educational experience of a special needs student. The nominee must be presently employed by a school district within Macomb County or the MISD. As parents, we feel that it is important to recognize these people who have had a positive effect on the lives of our children.

Please consider the following criteria when completing your nomination. The candidate for this award must have the following characteristics, but is not limited to:

- Communicate with you as a parent
- Excite students to reach their maximum potential
- Meet your child's individual needs
- Help to increase your child's self-esteem
- Demonstrate team member skills

Criteria on page 2 of this form supporting the nominee **MUST** be provided for all nominations to qualify! Describe in detail the impact this special person has had on your child's educational experience.

You may nominate a teacher, paraprofessional, support personnel, (OT, PT, social worker, psychologist, speech pathologist) or any school personnel who is involved in your child's education.

You are not limited by this form.
Feel free to include additional pages if needed.



Nomination Form

Must be completed along with supporting criteria document on page 2.

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name of M.A.D.A. NOMINEE _____
Position of Nominee (SE Teacher, Parapro, etc.) _____
Nominee works at:
MISD ☐ Elementary ☐ Middle School ☐ High School ☐
School District: _____ School Building: _____
Nominated by: _____
Address: _____ City/Zip Code: _____
E-mail address: _____ Phone #: _____

Does your child have a current IEP or IFSP in place? YES ☐ NO ☐

To nominate, Please:
Complete this page and the required supporting criteria form (attached)

Return both the nomination form and supporting criteria by
Friday February 13, 2026

Return electronically to:
make@misd.net

or
Send by U.S. Mail to:
Laura Miskelly
Macomb ISD/Special Education
44001 Garfield Road
Clinton Twp., MI 48038

Questions? Contact anyone below:

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Laura Miskelly
Special Education MISD
lmiskelly@misd.net

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the online nomination form.

Holiday Shopping Nights at the Chief Connection

**DECEMBER 2 & 10, 2025
4:00-7:00 PM**

Bundle deals for stockings, Nike, Champion, & Gear Merchandise. Graduation bears, Under Armour winter hats, tumblers, Utica ornaments and more!

Follow us @chiefconnectionu

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:
800-813-3105

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

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

Poison Control Center:
800-222-1222C

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



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 resiliency 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 award-winning behavioral health nonprofit rooted in the community, CARE provides real-life solutions from early childhood to adulthood so we can live healthier lives.

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, MI 48026, (586) 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 at-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 student'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 area of concern.

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!

* Parent participation required

Teen Intervene:

Power of Drugs and Alcohol 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 skills and the importance of establishing family rules regarding alcohol or other drug use.

* Parent participation required

Parent Education Classes:

A series for parents to discuss ways to understand 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 group is required.



INDEPTH:

INDEPTH 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. INDEPTH addresses the teen vaping epidemic in a more supportive way. This interactive program teaches students about nicotine dependence, establishing healthy alternatives and making the change to be free of all tobacco products, including e-cigarettes. INDEPTH is led by a trained, CARE facilitator 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 not alone, 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:

T³ 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. T³ also works to get rid of the myth that all teens require drugs or alcohol to have fun!



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**.

The screenshot shows the Tutor.com homepage. At the top, there are navigation links: "Get a Tutor or Career Coach!", "24/7 Essay Drop Off", "Drop Off Algebra Help", and "Practice Quiz". Below this is a "Hi Test!" greeting. The main section is titled "What do you need help with today?". It features a "Topic" dropdown menu with options like Math, Science, English, Social Studies, Reading, Writing, and more. There is also a "Subject" dropdown menu and a "Grade" dropdown menu. A green "CONNECT NOW" button is at the bottom right of the form.

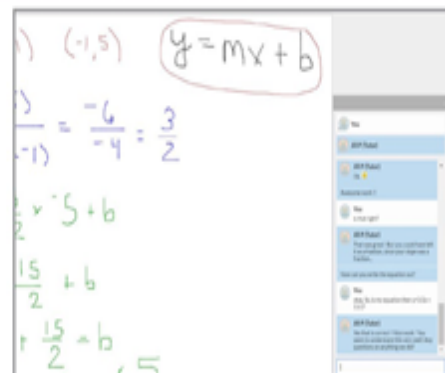
CONNECT WITH A TUTOR

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 brand named 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>

7th Grade Mixer



MS. SHAKESPEARES' FIELDTRIP LEGASEA AQUARIUM



SCIENCE



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.



Homecoming Spirit Week



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 that highlighted the community's enthusiasm and creativity.



Eppler Junior High – Go Gold Week

Childhood Cancer Awareness Week

September 22-26

Monday: Put Cancer to Bed

Wear comfy clothes or pajama pants today to put cancer to bed!

Tuesday – Sports Jersey Day

Wear your favorite sports jersey or school team gear to cheer on all the fighters.

Wednesday – Hat & Hoodie Day

Wear your coolest hat or hoodie for awareness.

Thursday – Twin Day

Dress alike with your best friend to show that no one fights alone.

Friday – Gold Out Pep Day

Rock gold socks, gold beads, gold t-shirts to show your support for Childhood Cancer Awareness

Stop by the office to get a gold ribbon to wear from Wreck-it like Beckett!

Eppler Goes Gold for Childhood Cancer Awareness

Join us in supporting warriors, survivors, and families in our community through
“Wreck-it like Beckett”.

Beckett’s Warriors/Wreck-it like Beckett T-shirt’s will be for sale all week for \$20!



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



Chieftain of the Month

Congrats to our October Chieftains of the Month!

Michael Lasceski, Cole Davis, Arya Bidja, Brayden Beebe, Teona Valeanu, Isabelle Panoff, Claire Jensen, Harper Highfield, Milania Bitti, McKenzie Wagner, Paige Seaton and Adalynn Mrak.



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.





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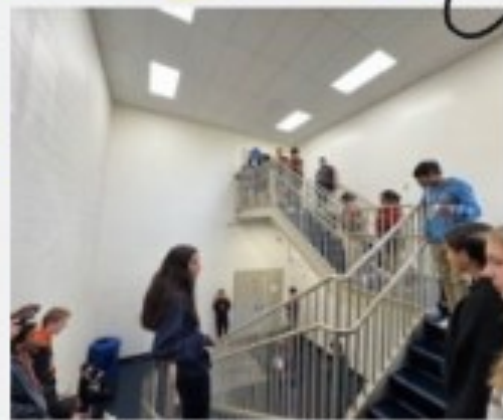
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On October 14 & 15, Eppler staff and students participated in Breast Cancer Awareness PINK OUT days. At lunch, Student Council sold pink bracelets and raised \$156.00. The funds will be donated to the Shades of Pink Foundation, a group who gives financial assistance to those undergoing breast cancer treatment in Southeast Michigan.

[HTTPS://WWW.SHADESOPINKFOUNDATION.ORG/](https://www.shadesofpinkfoundation.org/)

8TH GRADE EGG DROP



Last Tuesday, Ms. Markus's Science 8 classes did their annual egg drop as their final project in the contact forces unit. Her third hour class set a record by not breaking a single egg! The students did an excellent job applying their knowledge of contact forces to design and build devices to protect their eggs.



Eppler staff and students celebrated Halloween in SPOOKtacular fashion. Student Council handed out Boo Grams during first hour and sponsored a costume contest each lunch.



CONTEST WINNERS



Boo Gram Assembly



BOO GRAM DELIVERY

