

WEEK OF JANUARY 20

BEMIS BULLETIN  
BOARD (B3)

Bemis Jr. High School's Newsletter for Parents



*Martin Luther King Jr.*

A day to honor. A day to reflect. A day to celebrate.



***"I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear."***

***-MLK, Jr.***

## Upcoming Dates

**1/20: No School (Martin Luther King Day)**

1/24: Spirit Day (Cozy sweater day)

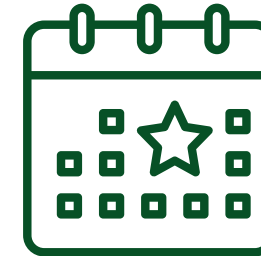
1/31: Spirit Day (Detroit Day)

2/6: Hungry Howie's (AVID Fundraiser)

2/7: Snowball Dance (Red carpet day)

2/14: Happy Valentine's Day (Red & pink day)

**2/17-21: No School (Mid Winter Break)**



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***Click [here](#) for Basketball & Cheer Schedules***

**\*Students must be accompanied by their parent or guardian for both home and away athletic events.**



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## FEES

Does your Student owe any fees?  
Check their Power School account and  
any money owed will be there.

## AVID FUNDRAISER!!



### **BEMIS JUNIOR HIGH AVID PIZZA FUNDRAISER NIGHT**

**19 & Hayes 586-566-9700**

- ~~October 3rd~~
- ~~November 7th~~
- ~~December 12th~~
- ~~January 9th~~
- February 6th
- March 6th
- April 3rd
- May 1st
- June 5th

11am-10pm

Let's help raise money for Bemis Junior High!

**Hungry Howie's will donate 20% of our Pizza Night purchases back to our school.**

Just fill in the slip below and hand it to the cashier or delivery driver and enjoy your dinner. Let's all make this a great year. If you happen to forget your flyer, please mention it to the cashier or driver so we can credit the school. We will have extra flyers available at the stores.

HUNGRY HOWIE'S WILL DONATE 20% CASH BACK TO OUR SCHOOL FOR ALL FLYERS TURNED IN ON THESE NIGHTS. IF YOU ORDER ONLINE: JUST PUT A NOTE THAT SAYS BEMIS JUNIOR HIGH.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Order total: \_\_\_\_\_

## Science Olympiad FUNDRAISER!!

### **Ready..Set..Play!**

📱 Bemis Science Olympiad is excited to launch our Dave & Buster's Fundraising Campaign! Get a \$20 Power Card, and 50% of your purchase will be donated to Bemis Science Olympiad!

👤 Whether it's a family day or a fun date night, you can play games, win prizes, and have endless fun while supporting a great cause! 🎉

#### **How it works:**

- 1 Purchase online via our campaign page.
- 2 Redeem your Power Card at your nearest Dave & Buster's
- 3 Play and enjoy!

📅 Campaign ends February 21, 2025.

**Get yours: [grouprai.se/davebusters53899s](https://grouprai.se/davebusters53899s)**





## Bemis Spirit Wear



1. pick item you love
2. click on **Choose Design**
3. optional add name/#

CHANGE TO BULK ORDER

**Gildan Softstyle CVC Tee**  
\$13.50

Choose Design\*

- Choose Design\*
- FULL FRONT LOGO - CHEER
- FULL FRONT LOGO - FOOTBALL
- FULL FRONT LOGO - BEMIS
- FULL FRONT LOGO - TRACK & FIELD
- FULL FRONT LOGO - BASKETBALL
- FULL FRONT LOGO - VOLLEYBALL

NAME (\$7.00)

NUMBER (\$7.00)





## Upcoming Spirit Days – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

Friday 1/10: Elementary Shirt/School throwback Day

Friday 1/17: Favorite Band/Musician

Friday 1/24: Cozy Sweater Day

Friday 1/31: Detroit Day – Dress in your favorite Detroit Clothes

Friday 2/7: Red Carpet Day (Snowball Dance after school)

Friday 2/14: Pink and Red Day (Valentine's Day)

Friday 2/28: Twin Day

Friday 3/7: Opposites Day – Find a friend and dress opposite!

Friday 3/14: Green Day for St. Patrick's Day!

Friday 3/21: Vacation Day- dress like you are on vacation!

*School Spirit*



All clothing during spirit days MUST be school appropriate and follow the school dress code including no pajamas or hats.



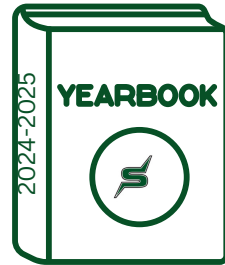


Everyone who enters Bemis must report to the Main Office. This is a school district policy. You will need to sign in, put a visitor's pass on, and our office staff will be glad to assist you.



If your student forgot something at home and you are dropping it off, we will buzz you in and have you write their name on a sticky note. Your student will be called down **one time** to pick up the item off the table in the lobby. Encourage them to check the table if they are expecting something.

## ORDER YOUR BEMIS YEARBOOK TODAY!



*Order online at:*  
**[jostensyearbooks.com](http://jostensyearbooks.com)**  
*Make checks payable to:*  
**Bemis Jr. High**  
**Price starting @ \$35.00**

**School Pictures**  
School ID Code: 24BEMISJR25  
Click [HERE](#) to order online

**Bemis Junior High School**  
August Registration 2024

**24BEMISJR25**

**Yearbook Packages:**

Package A	Package B	Package C	Package D	Custom Vinyl Bracelets
\$150.00	\$180.00	\$210.00	\$240.00	\$10.00
2-200	2-200	2-200	2-200	2-200
4-100	4-100	4-100	4-100	4-100
8-50	8-50	8-50	8-50	8-50
16-25	16-25	16-25	16-25	16-25
32-12	32-12	32-12	32-12	32-12

**Personalized portraits:** \$1.00 per portrait (includes name and year)

**KAISER STUDIO**  
DIGITAL, PRINTS & YEARBOOKS



**Bemis Junior High School**  
 12500 19 Mile Road  
 Sterling Heights, MI 48313  
 (586) 797-2500  
 www.UticaK12.org/Bemis

## Bemis Junior High School Homework Club Parent and Student Permission form

My child: \_\_\_\_\_, grade \_\_\_\_\_, has my permission to participate in The Bemis Homework Club. I understand that it is my responsibility to provide transportation for my child. My child understands that it is his/her responsibility to arrive on time, bring all necessary materials to the Bemis Junior High School Media Center and be prepared to work. My child also understands that all Bemis Junior High School rules apply, and he/she will follow them or face removal from The Bemis Homework Club.

Students will sit quietly at a table and begin homework assignments. When in need of help with the assignment, students will raise their hand. At times the students can quietly work together on common assignments. All students must have a book to read quietly if they finish their work prior to the time of dismissal.

Parent Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT**

*I understand that I am expected to bring all my supplies to The Bemis Homework Club and work in a quiet and respectful manner from 3:05 – 4:05.*

Student Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_



## Bemis Junior High School Homework Club

### 2024-2025 Sessions\*

Homework Club Dates
Monday 10/21/24
Tuesday 10/22/24
Wednesday 10/23/24
Monday 10/28/24
Tuesday 10/29/24
Wednesday 10/30/24
Monday 11/4/24
Wednesday 11/6/24
Monday 11/11/24
Tuesday 11/12/24
Wednesday 11/13/24
Monday 11/18/24
Tuesday 11/19/24
Wednesday 11/20/24
Monday 11/25/24
Tuesday 11/26/24
Monday 12/2/24
Tuesday 12/3/24
Wednesday 12/4/24
Monday 12/9/24
Tuesday 12/10/24
Wednesday 12/11/24
Monday 12/16/24
Tuesday 12/17/24
Wednesday 1/6/25
Tuesday 1/7/25
Wednesday 1/8/25

Homework Club Dates
Monday 1/13/25
Tuesday 1/14/25
Wednesday 1/15/25
Tuesday 1/21/25
Wednesday 1/22/25
Monday 1/27/25
Tuesday 1/28/25
Wednesday 1/29/25
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Wednesday 3/5/25
Monday 3/10/25
Tuesday 3/11/25
Wednesday 3/12/25
Monday 3/17/25
Tuesday 3/18/25
Wednesday 3/19/25

Homework Club Dates
Monday 3/31/25
Tuesday 4/1/25
Wednesday 4/2/25
Monday 4/7/25
Tuesday 4/8/25
Wednesday 4/9/25
Monday 4/14/25
Tuesday 4/15/25
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Wednesday 5/14/25
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Tuesday 5/20/25
Wednesday 5/21/25
Tuesday 5/27/25
Wednesday 5/28/25
Monday 6/2/25
Tuesday 6/3/25
Wednesday 6/4/25

\* Homework Club sessions may be cancelled due to unplanned reasons. All cancelled Homework Club sessions will be announced prior to dismissal that day.

You are to read Student Responsible Use agreement that appears when you log on to the laptop.

**THIS LAPTOP DEPLOYED TO YOU IS FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY  
DO NOT USE IT FOR PERSONAL COMMUNICATION OR PERSONAL USE  
DO NOT LET ANYONE ELSE USE OR LOG ON TO THIS LAPTOP!  
DO NOT USE TEAMS OR ANY APP TO CHAT OR CALL ANY FAMILY MEMBERS OR  
OTHER STUDENTS  
IF YOU ARE NOT USING IT FOR SCHOOL WORK, THEN YOU ARE NOT USING IT AT ALL.**

**DO NOT USE SCHOOLOGY OR EMAIL TO SEND PERSONAL MESSAGES -THESE TOOLS  
ARE FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY  
DO NOT ADD ANY APPS, VPN'S, GAMES, EXTENSIONS, ETC.  
DO NOT ACCESS YOUR PERSONAL SOCIAL MEDIA ON THIS LAPTOP  
DO NOT ADD ANY APP OR TOOL UNLESS APPROVED BY ONE OF YOUR TEACHERS  
This means no games, no ZOOM, no Discord, no private chat accounts, ETC.  
DO NOT USE ANY ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE APP OR ACCESS ANY SITE TO ACCESS AI  
CHAT GPT, ELSA, GOOGLE ASSISTANT, AMAZON ALEXA, LENSEA, ASK AI, YOU CHAT,  
ETC.  
ARE NOT USED FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES AND SHOULD NOT BE ACCESSED**

**PLEASE REMOVE ALL PROFILE PICTURES  
You have 6 teachers and they do not want to see anime, celebrities, characters,  
cars, pets, objects, etc.  
You do not need a profile picture but if you do want one, it MUST be of your face  
only.**

**DO NOT CHANGE ANY SETTINGS -VERY IMPORTANT!  
The laptop is set up accordingly for you to use for schoolwork only.  
Charge your laptop EVERY night so it is ready for the next day.  
IF YOU FORGET TO CHARGE IT OVER NIGHT, BRING YOUR CHARGER WITH YOU.  
DO NOT LOAN OUT YOUR CHARGER, IF IT GOES MISSING, YOU HAVE TO PAY \$38 TO  
REPLACE IT.**

You only receive one at no cost as that has to be returned when you leave Bemis.

**IMPORTANT IF YOU HAVE ANY ISSUES AT ANY TIME WITH THE LAPTOP OR YOUR  
CHARGER,  
PLEASE ASK TO SEE MRS. BROWN AS SOON AS YOU NOTICE AN PROBLEM  
Her office is in the Media Center (8:15-2:45 daily).  
You can reach her by email at [nicole.brown@uticak12.org](mailto:nicole.brown@uticak12.org) Or send a message in  
Schoology.**





**The UCS Legacy of Learning**  
**Pursue Excellence**  
**Live Your Passion**  
**Be Where You Belong**



**Attendance Area Update**

The 2023 bond issue provides an opportunity for UCS to begin a transformation of its school facilities. As reconstruction and replacement plans move forward, a unique opportunity exists to evaluate long-standing issues with attendance areas and create a stronger sense of community by linking school boundaries.

By building, renovating and innovating, we are able to give more students access to facilities that are being redesigned with a vision that encourages growth and achievement.

**A Vision for the Future**



Utica Community Schools has begun the transformation of elementary buildings. The reconstruction of elementaries, beginning with DeKeyser Elementary this school year, follows our UCS Empowered Strategic Plan and creates a long-range vision to:

- Create additional layers of safety and security
- Support achievement through an environment that fosters engaged learning
- Provide teachers with the flexibility and technology for large and small group instruction
- Offer a modern look that will foster community pride and enhance the desirability and quality of life in neighborhoods

For more information, visit [Utica12.org/buildingforthefuture](http://Utica12.org/buildingforthefuture).

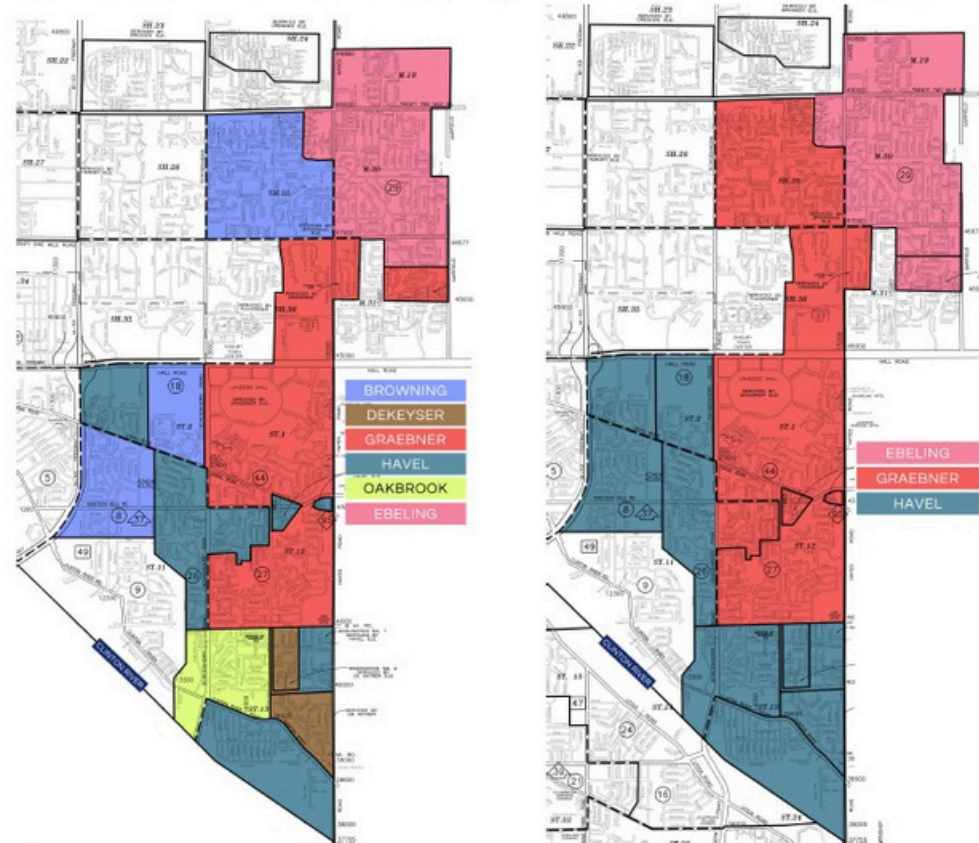
**Overview**

- Through the implementation of the 2023 bond issue, UCS is addressing long-standing issues within attendance areas that were largely developed 50 years ago.
- Currently, DeKeyser Elementary is under reconstruction. During the next two years, reconstruction will occur at Havel Elementary and Graebner Elementary.
- The following changes are being made under a plan for select schools in the Henry Ford II elementary feeder pattern:
  - Consolidation of the Browning Elementary attendance areas into Havel Elementary and Graebner Elementary.
  - Additional changes that follow the natural boundary of the Clinton River for the Havel Elementary attendance areas. Portions of Oakbrook and DeKeyser Elementary schools – which are separated from the schools by the Clinton River – will be combined with contiguous Havel Elementary communities.
  - A portion of Havel Elementary School where students cross Schoenherr Road will be merged with the neighboring Graebner Elementary community, which is closer in proximity to the neighborhood.
  - A small portion of Graebner Elementary in Macomb Township that is disconnected from its attendance area will be merged with a contiguous Ebeling Elementary neighborhood.

See page two for a detailed map of attendance area updates.

**Attendance Area Updates**

Below are current and revised attendance areas scheduled for fall of 2027. The attendance revision is made in conjunction with planned reconstruction at Havel Elementary and Graebner Elementary. The reconstruction work is part of a long-term vision for our schools that is focused on safety and designs that support innovation, growth and achievement. The revised attendance areas provide more students access to reconstructed elementary schools and reconnect communities.



More Information - [www.utica12.org/buildingforthefuture](http://www.utica12.org/buildingforthefuture)  
 Feedback/Questions - [www.utica12.org/feedback](http://www.utica12.org/feedback)





Make **SMILES**  
Happen.

Become a  
**BUS DRIVER.**



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 [Uticak12.org/driverseat](http://Uticak12.org/driverseat)  [Monique.Potts@Uticak12.org](mailto:Monique.Potts@Uticak12.org)  (586) 797-7113

Walk In Wednesdays. Click [HERE](#) for more info.  
Starting pay for UCS bus drivers is \$21/hr! 🚌 Not able to join for walk-  
in hours? Call (586) 797-7113 or email [Monique.Potts@Uticak12.org](mailto:Monique.Potts@Uticak12.org) to  
schedule an interview outside this timeframe!





MUST REGISTER – SPACE LIMITED – VERY POPULAR!!




**Always Growing,  
Always Changing**  
4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls and an important adult in their life are invited to attend...

- A maturation program to help answer questions that girls might have about their growing and changing bodies.
- The session will cover physical and emotional changes that occur in girls during puberty, including menstruation.
- A short video will be followed by a lively discussion session.

Local school districts usually present a maturation/reproductive health program for elementary students during their regular class time. *This class is not intended to replace any current reproductive health programs, which may continue as always.* The MISD is offering this class to those interested girls and their parent/guardian IN ADDITION to regular school programming.

Open to any adult in the community and any 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>-grade girl in the community.

**Where:** VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM  
**When:**  
Thursday, September 26, 2024 - Register [HERE](#)  
Tuesday, November 19, 2024 - Register [HERE](#)  
Thursday, March 6, 2025 - Register [HERE](#)



**Time:** 6 - 7:00pm (log in at 5:45pm)

MUST Register in advance for this meeting (fills up quickly)  
Registration information can also be found on the MISD website: [www.misd.net](http://www.misd.net) (lick course offering tab and search for 'Always Growing, Always Changing')

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email. A few days before the class, you will receive a reminder and information about joining the meeting (Zoom link).  
Contact Sara Orris - [sorris@misd.net](mailto:sorris@misd.net) or 506.228.3460

**ELEMENTARY  
SWIM & DIVE  
EXPO**  
BROUGHT TO YOU BY



and



**OPEN TO UCS  
STUDENTS  
GRADES 1-6**

**January 18 @ 11:30am-1:00pm**  
**Henry Ford II High School Pool**

Learn some swim and dive skills and try out all the cool equipment our junior high and high school teams use. Meet the coaches and team members at HFII. Bring a swimsuit, towel, cap, and goggles.

RSVP: [hfiiswimanddive@gmail.com](mailto:hfiiswimanddive@gmail.com) - include your child's name, grade, and school.



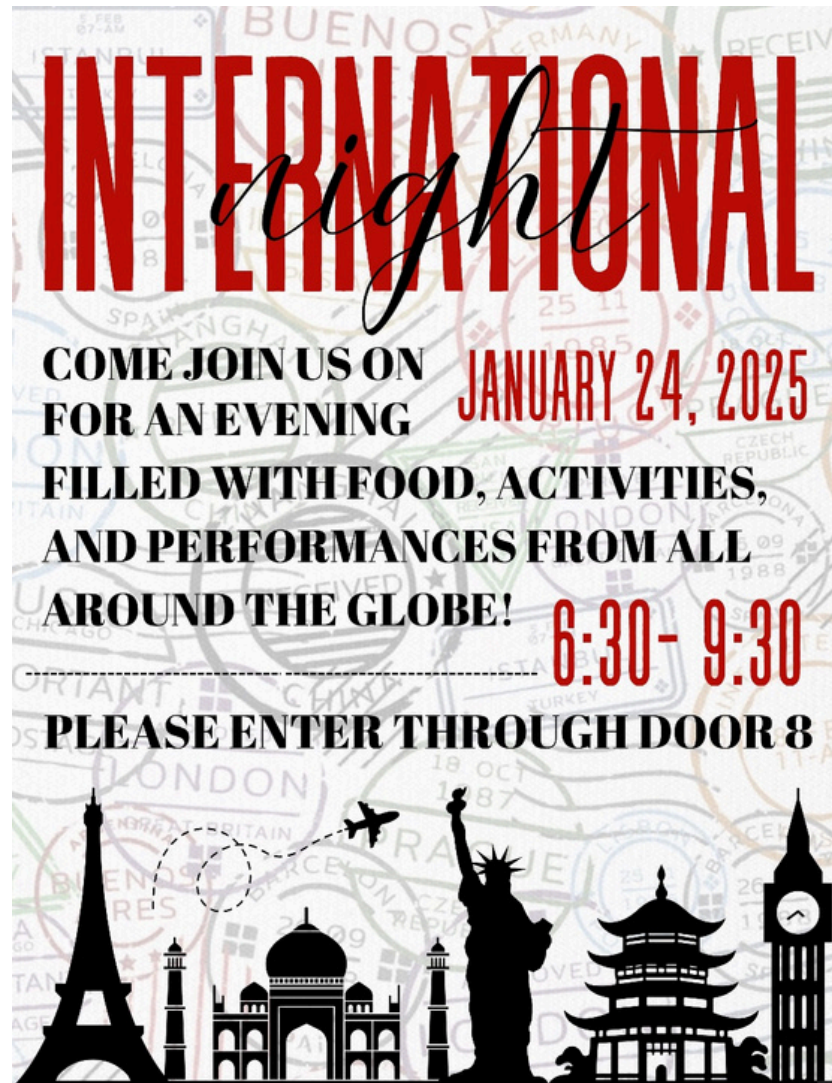
## 7th/8th Grade Falcon Juniors Strength & Conditioning Camp

Winter Session Jan 14 - Mar 6  
Spring Session Apr 1 - May 15

[CLICK HERE FOR  
MORE INFO](#) >

**GLK-UAIS National Honor Society** hosts a community International Night. Students feature approximately 30 cultures from around the world through performances, delicious food, and booths made by students.

***We invite you to join us from 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Friday, January 24 at the school, 37400 Dodge Park Road north of 16 Mile Road.***





The UCS Wellness podcast is a resource created by Utica Community Schools, a K-12 school district located within Macomb County, Michigan. With a focus on physical, mental and social health, UCS Wellness serves as a health hub for students and their families, as well as the community as a whole.



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[Afterschool Enrichment](#)




**STERLING HEIGHTS  
LIBRARY**







- Martin Luther King Jr. was born on January 15, 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia.
- Martin Luther King Jr. wasn't born with this famous name. He was named Michael King until his father changed his name in 1935.
- One of King's first jobs at 13 was delivering papers. He became the youngest assistant manager for the Atlanta Journal delivery station.
- MLK attended segregated schools as a child.
- Dr. King skipped his last year of high school and started college at just 15 years old.
- Throughout his life, Martin Luther King Jr. was honored with at least 20 honorary degrees from institutions such as Bard College, Yale and Howard University.

Monday	<b>NO School</b>	
Tuesday	<b>Trace</b>	a very small amount of something. There was a trace of smoke in the air. The police detective found a trace of lipstick on the glass.
Wednesday	<b>Ultimate</b>	last or farthest in a progression; final. Your grade will be based on the quality of your ultimate product. To become a full professor is her ultimate goal.
Thursday	<b>Statistic</b>	a piece of numerical information. The almanac also gives weather statistics such as record high or record low temperatures. The percentage of people who voted in the election is an interesting statistic.
Friday	<b>Period</b>	a section of time with a set beginning and end. We will be on vacation for a period of three weeks.



Check us out and like us on FB, IG & YT to stay up to date on happenings at Bemis Junior High School. Click the pic to be taken to our pages.



Keep up to date with all Bemis events on our website **CALENDAR**. Club meetings, sporting events, spirit days, days off, conferences... As soon as information is available it is updated on the website calendar.



The Lost and Found is located in the cafeteria near the PitStop. Please take a moment to look for your lost items.

## BELL SCHEDULE

*Doors open 7:45am*  
*Breakfast 7:45 - 8:00am*  
*Students to lockers 8:00- 8:10am*

1st Hour 8:10am – 9:08am  
2nd Hour 9:14am – 10:10am  
3rd Hour 10:16am – 11:12am  
4th Hour 11:18am – 12:57pm  
5th Hour 1:03pm – 1:59pm  
6th Hour 2:05pm – 3:01pm



*End of the day buses depart 7 minutes after the dismissal bell.*

## LUNCHES

Bemis runs 3 lunches a day, all which occur during 4th hour. This means that you'll go to lunch with your 4th hour teacher. So, if your 4th hour teacher has A lunch, you'll go to lunch first and then go to class. If your teacher has B lunch, your lunch will split up class. So, you'll go to class first, then eat, and then go back to class. If your teacher has C lunch, you'll go to all of your 4th hour first, and then go to lunch.

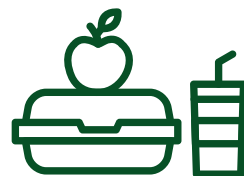
## BEMIS LUNCH SCHEDULE

### A Lunch

Lunch from 11:18am – 11:49am  
Class from 11:55am – 12:57pm

### B Lunch

Class from 11:18am – 11:49am  
Lunch from 11:55am – 12:20pm  
Class from 12:26pm – 12:57pm



### C Lunch

Class from 11:18am – 12:20pm  
Lunch from 12:26pm – 12:57pm



## ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

Please call the Attendance Line  
and NOT the Main Office number.

Please call 586-797-2599 for:

Early Dismissals    Late Arrival    All Day Absences

Clearly state and spell your child's first & last name when leaving a message.  
Please note that it MUST be a parent/guardian that calls in and not a student or sibling.

### EARLY DISMISSALS

When an Early Dismissal is necessary please call the attendance line  
before the start of the school day.

Students who become ill at school and require an early dismissal  
must report to the Main Office before calling home.

### ATTENDANCE IN POWERSCHOOL

Attendance is recorded in PowerSchool late in the school day. Our goal is to have  
call-ins recorded before the office closes for the day. However, if you have any  
questions regarding your students attendance, please wait 24 hours to ensure that all  
records are complete and up to date.

PowerSchool is now generating automated phone calls to parents informing them  
of any absences for their students on a daily basis. Please use your Parent Portal to  
view your student's attendance. If you have any concerns, email the individual  
teacher directly through the staff tab of the school's web site:  
<http://bemis.uticak12.org> or through the PowerSchool access.  
If a correction is warranted, the teacher will request one.

2024-2025 Calendar	
August 27	First Day of School All K-12 Students- Elementary Student Half Day
August 30	No School for K-12 Students
September 2	No School for K-12 Students - Labor Day
September 18	No School for K-12 Students
October 10	Secondary Student Half Day - All Secondary Afternoon Conferences, High School only Evening Conferences
October 16	No School for K-12 Students
October 17	Junior High School Only - Evening Conferences
October 31	Elementary Student Half Day
November 1	Elementary Student Half Day - End of Marking Period
November 5	No School for K-12 Students - Election Day
November 7	Elementary Student Half Day - Afternoon Conferences
November 27-29	No School for K-12 Students - Thanksgiving Break
December 18	Secondary Student Half Day - Exams
December 19	Secondary Student Half Day - Exams
December 20	All Students K-12 Half Day - Exams and End of Marking Period
December 23 - January 3, 2025	No School for K-12 Students - Winter Break
January 20	No School for K-12 Students - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 17-21	No School for K-12 Students - Mid-Winter Break
March 21	Elementary Student Half Day - End of Marking Period
March 24-28	No School for K-12 Students - Spring Break
April 18	No School for K-12 Students – Good Friday
May 26	No School for K-12 Students - Memorial Day
June 9	Secondary Student Half Day- Exams
June 10	All Students K-12 Half Day - Exams
June 11	All Students K-12 Half Day - Exams and Last Day of School
<i>*Please note - The calendar is contingent on the State of Michigan consideration for an early start.</i>	





**OK2Say is a nationally recognized program designed to enhance school safety by giving students the tools to step up and speak out when they are concerned about their safety or the safety of another. The OK2SAY student safety program provides a confidential way to file tips on criminal activity or potential harm directed at students, school employees, and schools.**

**Tips can be submitted 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week.**

- **Telephone: 8-555-OK2SAY (855-565-2729)**
  - **Text: 652729 (OK2SAY)**
  - **Email: [ok2say@mi.gov](mailto:ok2say@mi.gov)**
  - **Website: [ok2say.com](http://ok2say.com)**
- **OK2SAY Mobile app: Available in the Apple Store or Google Play.**

**OK2SAY tips have helped thousands of students and saved many lives because students are stepping up and speaking out when they are concerned about a friend or peer. There are 31 tip categories to choose from when submitting a confidential tip. Most tips were related to bullying, cyberbullying, self-harm, anxiety, stress and depression, and suicide. Other top tips include drug/alcohol use, weapon possession, or assault.**

**Upon receipt of a tip, specially trained OK2SAY technicians address the immediate need and forward the information to the appropriate responding law enforcement agency or organization. Tips go to schools, local law enforcement agencies, community mental health agencies or the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.**

**To ensure tips are acted upon, agencies receiving tips are asked to submit outcome reports detailing how the tip was handled. Annual reports on the program's impact detail the types and numbers of tips handled. Annual reports are available on the OK2SAY website.**

**More information is available on the <https://www.michigan.gov/ok2say/about>**



Have questions or concerns, just ask UCS!

<https://bit.ly/3W6LbPP>




**JUST ASK US**

**QUESTION**

I have been reading about layoffs in other communities as a result of the loss of COVID Relief funds. Will Utica Community Schools be laying off any employees this spring?

**ANSWER** →

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**JUST ASK US**

**ANSWER**

No. The COVID relief funds were used to add a number of needed support positions in our district, including increasing the number of social worker positions in UCS. Through strategic financial management, and despite the reduction of one-time only COVID funding, the district will retain all positions and there are no layoffs for any employee group for the 2024-25 school year.

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## Download the UCS App



UCS is pleased to introduce its new mobile App. Simply download it from the App Store <https://apple.co/3OQx6St> or Google Play <https://bit.ly/3qiygNv> to get all the latest updates from UCS and your favorite school!

## **Dress Code**

Bemis follows the dress code located in the [Parent and Student Handbook](#). This dress code does differ from the elementary school dress code. Student conduct is affected by student dress. Bemis strives to maintain a comfortable learning environment and our staff appreciates parental support in guiding appropriated dress for school. Students not conforming to the district code will have to call home for a change of clothing or wear a clean t-shirt and/or sweatpants provided by the school for the day.

## **Junior High School Parent and Student Handbook**

The Utica Community Schools Parent-Student Handbook serves as quick references for families seeking answers to school policies, procedures and district activities. UCS Handbooks are published for elementary, junior high and senior high schools. Each handbook is created with student learning and parent partnership in mind. You are encouraged to download a copy and find the answers you seek at your leisure. Save a copy for future reference or go back and visit again. Remember: Handbooks are updated each year. Please click here to find the [2024-2025 Handbook](#).

## **PowerSchool**

Parents and students can view their student's schedules, attendance and grades. [Click here](#) to access the PowerSchool Portal. Parents with multiple UCS students can now create an account to access all of their data with a single login. Parents will need the access ID and access password for each student. [Click here](#) for helpful instructional guides. Access IDs and passwords follow students from year to year. Please contact the main office with any questions.

## **Bemis Attendance Line**

Parents are reminded to call the school attendance line, **586-797-2599**, to report their child's absence or tardiness. In order to be excused, all late/tardy students must be called in by a parent. A doctor's note must be provided to excuse late/tardy arrivals. Bemis Attendance line is available 24 hours a day. All late arrival/tardy students must report to the Main Office upon arrival to receive a late pass. If your child is absent and we have not received notification, we will call the parents.

## **Early Dismissal**

Students who need to be excused during the school day should bring a signed note from their parents to the Main Office before school begins that morning. The note should include the date, time, and reason for dismissal as well as who will be picking the child up. By doing this, we keep classroom disruptions to a minimum as well as have your child waiting for you in the Main Office when you arrive. **PLEASE NOTE: Anyone signing a student out, must show identification and that person must also be on the students' contact list.** Students will not be released to anyone that is not listed on the contact list.

## **Homework Requests**

Homework requests are not accepted until the third consecutive day of absence. You may request your child's homework on that third day by emailing your child's teacher. You can find a list of email addresses by clicking [here](#).

## **Use of Electronic Communication Devices is Prohibited**

The personal use of cell phones or other electronic communications devices (ECD) by students is prohibited at any time while in school or in a district vehicle. Students may carry ECDs during the school day, but they cannot be displayed or used without permission from a teacher or administrator for educational purposes. Personal use of the device shall be limited to the time before and after the school day and only when students are outside the building. ECDs shall not be used during instructional time, lunch, passing time between classes or on any school bus without permission of a school official. The use of an ECD's picture-taking or internet connection capability is not permitted without permission of a teacher or administrator. Utica Community Schools will not be responsible for the theft, loss or damage of any ECD. Appropriate disciplinary action will be taken against students who violate the policy regulating ECDs.