

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16-26

BEMIS BULLETIN
BOARD (B3).

Bemis Jr. High School's Newsletter for Parents



Mid-Winter Break: Feb 16-20
classes resume Monday, Feb 23rd

Further conference information will be emailed to parents and guardians the week following the Mid-Winter break.

Spring 2026 Bemis Junior High School Parent/Teacher Conference Information

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, from 4:30-7:30 pm. We will be using SchoolSoft again to schedule conferences. As with the fall conference format, families have two options for conferences, remote or in-person.

Please schedule your conferences depending on the type of conference you prefer.

- Wednesday, March 4, 2026: REMOTE conferences from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 4, 2026: IN-PERSON conferences from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

BOTH in-person and remote conferences require an appointment. "Drop in" conferences are not available. Please do not come to the school during in-person conference times unless you have a confirmed appointment in SchoolSoft.

We ask that you are prompt for in-person appointments and know that to keep all our parents on track for their scheduled conferences, parents and teachers will need to keep to the five-minute conference time allotment.

The first time you use the Conference Manager you will be required to register and create a parent account. This only takes a minute or two to complete. You will continue to use this same account for the duration of the time you have children in school, so please save your password for future reference.

Please note - while you can register at any time, the window to book an appointment will not open until 8:00 a.m. on Friday, February 27, 2026. The appointment window will close on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 8:00 p.m.

To create an account, or if you need a reservation refresher, please use the following steps:

PARENT GUIDE TO CONFERENCES

1. Go to the following website <https://utica.schoolsoft.com>.
2. Register for a parent account. To register click the REGISTER NOW button and complete the registration page. Once registered you will be able to immediately log in to the Conference Manager. An email will also be sent to the address you specified. This email restates your username and password and should be saved, as you will use the same username and password when booking future rounds of Parent-Teacher Conferences. If you forget your password, you can reset it using the FORGOT PASSWORD link under the login button.

After registering you can log back into Conference Manager after 8:00 a.m. on Friday, February 27, 2026, to select your teachers and conference times. This can be done until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3, when the window will close. These instructions are below.

3. Click the BOOK NOW button and select a conference date in the date drop-down that appears. Then, select the teacher(s) you wish to meet with and click the NEXT button. To coordinate bookings involving multiple teachers select all the teachers applicable to your child(ren) with whom you wish to meet.
4. Click on an available time slot for each teacher you selected and complete the booking form that appears. You should see the booking appear in the summary list on the right-hand side of the screen. A confirmation email is sent for each booking you made or subsequently cancel. You will also receive a reminder and conference itinerary by email.
5. Confirm your appointments have been booked by looking at the "CURRENTLY BOOKED CONFERENCES" box on the right of the screen or click on the MY CONFERENCES tab. Only appointments that appear in the CURRENTLY BOOKED CONFERENCES box or on the MY CONFERENCES page are confirmed bookings.
6. When finished booking, click the log off button located at the top right of the browser window. You will have the opportunity to provide feedback regarding the use of the Conference Manager to the school administration through a user survey before completely exiting. We appreciate you completing the survey as this helps guide our decision-making regarding how conferences are booked in the future.
7. REMOTE CONFERENCES: Just prior to your scheduled conference time, you will receive a link to your video conference. At the appropriate time, click on the link and the teacher will admit you to the room.
8. IN-PERSON CONFERENCES: Print/screenshot your conference itinerary email so that you have it with you to check in at conferences.

If you have questions, please contact us at 797-2500.

Temporary ID's



Students will **ONLY** be able to get Temporary ID stickers from their 1st hour teacher.

The main office will no longer issue Temporary ID's.
Lunch supervisors will no longer receive Temporary ID's to issue to students.

Those who do not have a Temporary ID **AFTER** their 1st hour class has ended for the day, will receive a one hour after school detention.

Do you need a NEW ID? Please let your 1st hour teacher know. The first replacement is FREE and after that, replacements are \$5.

CHARGER POLICY

After mid-winter break no loaner chargers will be given out until 4th hour.

We have the charging station for your use during hours where you do not use your laptop. The chargers are for your laptops, not your phone. Please charge your laptop at home so you are ready for the day.

Everyone was given a charger at the beginning of the year. If you need to purchase a charger they are \$35. The charge will be put in your Power School account. You can pay online or bring cash/check to the Main Office.



Upcoming Dates

2/14: Happy Valentine's Day

2/16-20: NO SCHOOL (Mid-Winter Break)

2/16 Presidents Day

3/4: Parent /Teacher Conferences

3/9-13: ELA NWEA testing



#yearbook

**ORDER YOUR BEMIS YEARBOOK
TODAY!**

Order online at:

jostensyearbooks.com

Make checks payable to: Bemis Jr. High
Price starting @ \$38.00 + tax



School ID Code: 2526BEMISJR
Click [HERE](#) to order online



Parent/Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, March 4, 2026

Remote: 4:30-6:30

In Person: 6:30-7:30



FEES

Does your Student owe any fees?

Check their Power School account and any money owed will be there.

Fees can be paid through [Pay Schools](#) or cash/check to the main office.

SPARTAN SPORTS



Basketball & Cheer Schedules



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



Bemis cheerleading wrapped up the season with a second place finish and their highest score of the season at the Falcon Frost this weekend! Congrats on an amazing season ladies ♥





Bemis Spirit Wear



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)



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



Spartans

Blanket (\$20) & Back Pack (\$20)



(50 x 60 in)

limited supply available in the Pit Stop & Main Office





SPECIAL MENU OPTIONS

RAMADAN MEALS

The USDA is allowing schools to send breakfast and lunch meals home with students during the Ramadan observance, February 23-March 19.

Please submit your order for your child's breakfast and lunch meals to go home by 9am on February 12 via the link below:

www.uticak12.org/MealsForm

LENTEN MEALS

Students seeking options in observance of Lent, please refer to our online menu:

www.uticak12.nutrislice.com

Menus are subject to change due to availability. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



خيارات خاصة في قائمة الطعام

وجبات رمضان

تسمح وزارة الزراعة الأمريكية USDA للمدارس بإرسال وجبات الفطور والغداء إلى المنزل مع الطلاب خلال شهر رمضان من February 23- March 19

يرجى تقديم طلب وجبات الفطور والغداء للطلاب الخاص بكم لأخذها إلى المنزل بحلول الساعة 9:00 صباحاً من يوم February 12 عبر الرابط أدناه:

www.uticak12.org/MealsForm

وجبات الصوم

للطلاب الذين يبحثون عن خيارات غذائية مراعاةً لفترة الصوم، يرجى الرجوع إلى قائمة الطعام الخاصة بنا عبر الإنترنت:

www.uticak12.nutrislice.com

قوائم الطعام عرضة للتغيير حسب توفر الاصناف. هذه المؤسسة توفر فرصاً متكافئة للجميع.

[Pre-Order meals form](https://uticak12.org/MealsForm)

<https://uticak12.nutrislice.com/>



Medical Club Meeting Dates Semester II 2026

(meetings are 3pm-4pm unless stated below)

- **Tuesday, January 13th, 2026** - *Types of Anesthesia*
- **Tuesday, January 27th, 2026 (from 3pm-4:30pm)** - *Virtual Frog Dissection Simulation*
- **Tuesday, February 10th, 2026** - *Respiratory System Lecture & Cardiovascular System Lecture*
- **Tuesday, March 3rd, 2026 (from 3pm-4:30pm)** - *Intubation Lab Procedures & Intubation Lab - hosted by OU CRNA*
- **Tuesday, March 17th, 2026** - *Skeletal System Lecture & Digestive System Lecture*
- **Tuesday, April 7th, 2026 (from 3pm-4:30pm)** - *Body System Research Project*
- **Tuesday, April 21st, 2026** - *Radiology Lecture*
- **Tuesday, May 12th, 2026** - *Case Study*
- **Tuesday, May 26th, 2026 (from 3pm-4:30pm)** - *Cancer Case Study*



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

Bemis Junior High School 2025-2026 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. Students must remain in the Homework Club location for the entire session.

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 2:55 – 3:55.

Student Name (printed) _____

Student signature _____

Bemis Junior High School Homework Club

2025-2026 Sessions*

Homework Club Dates
Monday 10/27/25
Tuesday 10/28/25
Wednesday 10/29/25
Monday 11/3/25
Wednesday 11/5/25
Monday 11/10/25
Tuesday 11/11/25
Wednesday 11/12/25
Monday 11/17/25
Tuesday 11/18/25
Wednesday 11/19/25
Monday 11/24/25
Tuesday 11/25/25
Monday 12/1/25
Tuesday 12/2/25
Wednesday 12/3/25
Monday 12/8/25
Tuesday 12/9/25
Wednesday 12/10/25
Monday 12/15/25
Tuesday 12/16/25
Monday 1/5/26
Tuesday 1/6/26
Wednesday 1/7/26
Monday 1/12/26
Tuesday 1/13/26

Homework Club Dates
Tuesday 1/20/26
Wednesday 1/21/26
Monday 1/26/26
Tuesday 1/27/26
Wednesday 1/28/26
Monday 2/2/26
Tuesday 2/3/26
Wednesday 2/4/26
Monday 2/9/26
Tuesday 2/10/26
Wednesday 2/11/26
Monday 2/23/26
Tuesday 2/24/26
Wednesday 2/25/26
Monday 3/2/26
Tuesday 3/3/26
Wednesday 3/4/26
Monday 3/9/26
Tuesday 3/10/26
Wednesday 3/11/26
Monday 3/16/26
Tuesday 3/17/26
Wednesday 3/18/26
Monday 3/23/26
Tuesday 3/24/26
Wednesday 3/25/26

Homework Club Dates
Monday 4/6/26
Tuesday 4/7/26
Wednesday 4/8/26
Monday 4/13/26
Tuesday 4/14/26
Wednesday 4/15/26
Monday 4/20/26
Tuesday 4/21/26
Wednesday 4/22/26
Monday 4/27/26
Tuesday 4/28/26
Wednesday 4/29/26
Monday 5/4/26
Tuesday 5/5/26
Wednesday 5/6/26
Monday 5/11/26
Tuesday 5/12/26
Wednesday 5/13/26
Monday 5/18/26
Tuesday 5/19/26
Wednesday 5/20/26
Tuesday 5/26/26
Wednesday 5/27/26
Monday 6/1/26
Tuesday 6/2/26
Wednesday 6/3/26

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

Registration is Open



In-person Conference
Saturday, March 7, 2026
8:45 AM - 3:30 PM
Macomb Intermediate School District
44001 Garfield Road, Clinton Township, MI 48038

Workshops Highlights

Workshops

- Building Confidence
- Family Healing
- Managing Stress
- Mindful Parenting
- Prevention
- Raising Resilient Kids
- Recovery & Treatment

AND MORE...

Use QR Code or Register Online @
www.careofsem.com

Tickets: \$40

- No Cost Scholarships are available: Call 586.541.2273
- SCECH & SW CEUs: \$10 Fee



Federal, state, and local funding has been provided through Macomb County Community Mental Health SUD in support of project costs. Recipients of substance use services have rights protected by state and federal law and promulgated rules. Benefits can continue if requested by the participant pending an appeal or hearing decision. For more information, contact CARE of Southeastern Michigan Recipient Rights Advisor, 18441 Utica Road, Roseville, MI 48066, 586.541.2273, or the State Recipient Rights Coordinator, P.O. Box 30664, Lansing, MI 48909.



- Life's Been Hectic Lately: How to Be a Present & Mindful Parent...
- Managing Stress and Building Confidence
- ADHD Myth Busters: What Does the Research Actually Say?
- Raising Resilient Kids: Preventing Substance Use and Vaping
- From Overwhelmed to Empowered: Helping Children Regulate Through Trauma...
- Healing the Family Together: Empowering Caregivers After Trauma
- Couples & Co-Parents: How Rediscovering Each Other Nourishes Our Child's Inner World
- Loving Limits: Setting Boundaries with Care and Confidence
- Social Media: The Good, Bad and the Ugly
- Because I Said So: Parents Café
- How to Support but not Enable Your Adolescent's Behavior
- I'm So Angry I Could Just Scream!
- Self-Esteem: The Secret to Raising Productive and Resilient Children
- Ships, Scripts, & Sex Ed: Parenting Through the Drama of Teen TV
- Parenting with Connection: Using TBRI® to Nurture Secure Attachment
- Non-traditional Parenting: Navigating Foster & Adoptive Parenting



Havel Elementary Bond Issue Update



OVERVIEW



- During the 2026-27 school year, Havel Elementary will be relocated to Rose Kidd Elementary while the school undergoes a complete reconstruction.
- The reconstruction will result in a design that increases safety and represents the district's vision for how facilities can inspire growth and achievement.
- For more information: uticak12.org/HavelBond

We are pleased to announce the next steps in how we are preparing Havel Elementary for its bright future.

During the 2026-27 school year, our school will be the scene of a complete reconstruction as Utica Community Schools transforms our school for the current and next generations of Hawks.

The reconstruction will result in Havel Elementary receiving a new design that represents the UCS vision of how schools can support growth and achievement.

During the year-long reconstruction project, our school community will have a temporary home at Rose Kidd Elementary, located at 38397 Gladstone Dr. near 17 Mile and Dodge Park in Sterling Heights.

This document provides an overview of the improvements. For more information, please visit: www.uticak12.org/havelbond

These are exciting times for our hawks!

What are the future plans for Havel Elementary?

Havel Elementary will undergo a complete reconstruction during the 2026-27 school year. During that time, we will be housed at Rose Kidd Elementary, 38397 Gladstone Dr. in Sterling Heights.

How will the reconstruction benefit Havel?

The reconstruction will support the district's facility 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

What improvements have been made to Rose Kidd Elementary to house our students?

Rose Kidd is currently housing students and staff from Graebner Elementary while their school undergoes a reconstruction this school year. Recent improvements made to Rose Kidd include: secure entryway, replacement of door hardware, replacement of ceiling, lights and floors, sidewalk and landscape improvements, construction of dedicated bus loop, and updated playground equipment.

How will the relocation impact transportation?

Transportation will be provided for all Havel students. Routes will be made available in late August.



MORE DESIGNS: UTICAK12.ORG/HAVELBOND

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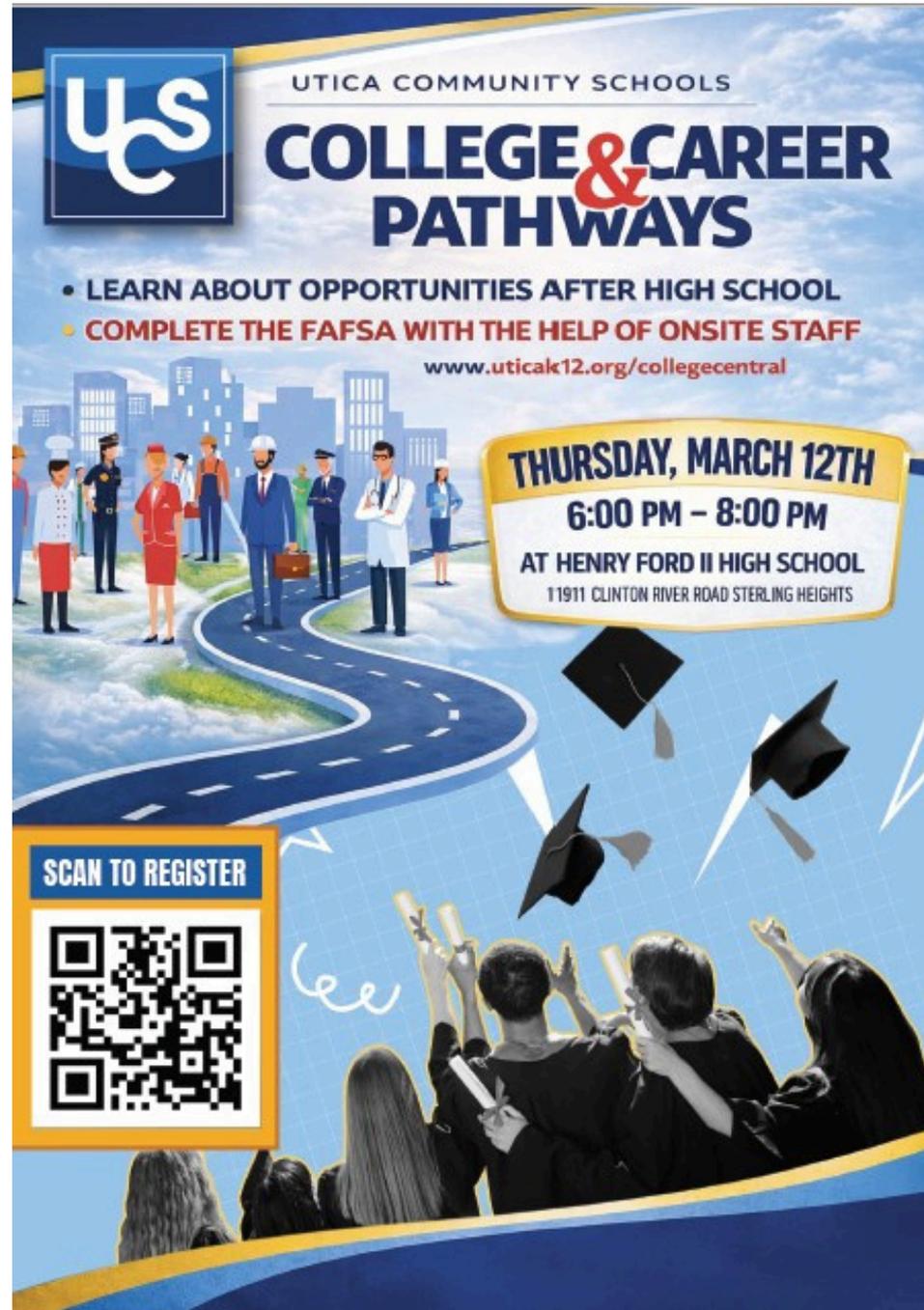


The poster features the UCS logo (a blue square with white 'UCS' text) and 'UTICA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS' in blue text at the top left. Below this, 'SCAN HERE' is written in large, bold, blue letters. Underneath, a blue horizontal bar contains the text 'TO POST YOUR JOB OPENING TO UCS HIGH SCHOOLS' in white. The center of the poster is dominated by a large QR code enclosed in a blue rounded square frame. At the bottom, a blue horizontal bar contains the text 'MORE INFO' followed by 'Jessica Naperkowski 586-797-6554 Jessica.Naperkowski@uticak12.org' in white. The background is white with blue decorative elements at the bottom and sides.



[Afterschool Enrichment](#)

If you know of a business looking to provide jobs to high school students, please share the QR code or click [HERE](#) and encourage them to post the job opportunity. This project to link high school students to community jobs is being coordinated by students in our transitional special education program.



UCS
UTICA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
COLLEGE & CAREER PATHWAYS

- LEARN ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES AFTER HIGH SCHOOL
- COMPLETE THE FAFSA WITH THE HELP OF ONSITE STAFF

www.uticak12.org/collegecentral

THURSDAY, MARCH 12TH
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
AT HENRY FORD II HIGH SCHOOL
11911 CLINTON RIVER ROAD STERLING HEIGHTS

SCAN TO REGISTER



The poster features a blue and white color scheme with a background illustration of a winding road leading to a city skyline. Various professionals in different uniforms (nurse, chef, pilot, doctor, etc.) are shown along the road. In the foreground, graduates in black gowns are seen from behind, holding diplomas and throwing their caps into the air. A yellow banner contains the event details.



Macomb County Bar Foundation

2026 LAW DAY

The Rule of Law and The American Dream

The rule of law—the idea that no person is above the law—is what ensures the rights of the people to live their lives as freely as possible and to pursue their dreams.

Students: What does the rule of law mean to you?

Kindergarten through 4th-grade students can show us by designing a poster on 8.5 x 11 paper

5th through 8th-grade students can tell us by writing an essay 500 words or less

SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2026

Mail or deliver posters/essays to: MCBF Law Day 2026
40 N. Main, Suite 435, Mt. Clemens, MI 48043

AWARDS PRESENTATION FOR ALL GRADES WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026 AT 2 PM

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MACOMB BAR FOUNDATION



★ Law
Day

Macomb County Bar Foundation

2026 LAW DAY

RULES AND REGULATIONS

K - 4TH GRADE: ARTWORK/POSTERS

Size: 8.5 x 11

Students can utilize any media

5TH - 8TH GRADE: ESSAYS

8.5 x 11 paper, double-spaced

500 words or less

ALL GRADE AND SUBMISSIONS

Must include the following information on the backside of the poster, or the backside of the final page of the essay

First and Last Name, Grade

School, Teacher's Name

Parent's Name, Email Address and/or Phone Number

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MACOMB BAR FOUNDATION



★ Law
Day



Walk-In Wednesdays:

Join us for walk-in interviews every Wednesday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.!
Auxiliary Services Facility: 6600 18 Mile Rd, Sterling Heights, MI 48314

🚌 Not able to join for walk-in hours? Call (586) 797-7113 or email Monique.Potts@Uticak12.org to schedule an interview outside this time frame!

Click [HERE](#) to See Postings for all available UCS Jobs.



Eisenhower High School's 25th Street Players Proudly Present

CHICAGO

Teen Edition

Book by Fred Ebb and Bob Fosse
Music by John Kander
Lyrics by Fred Ebb

Based on the play by **Maurine Dallas Watkins** Script adaptation by **David Thompson**

Friday, February 27th @ 7pm
Saturday, February 28th @ 1pm and 7 pm

Tickets: Adults \$ 15 Student/Seniors: \$12

Tickets available online at 25thstreetplayers.ludus.com
 up to 1 hour before the show and then at the box office cash only

Any questions please email Mr. Wells @ eric.wells@uticak12.org

CHICAGO TEEN EDITION is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals. www.concordtheatricals.com



MUST REGISTER – SPACE LIMITED – VERY POPULAR!!

Always Growing, Always Changing

4th & 5th 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.
- This session is intended to help begin the conversation between girl(s) and caregiver.

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 4th and 5th-grade girl in the community.
Where: VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM

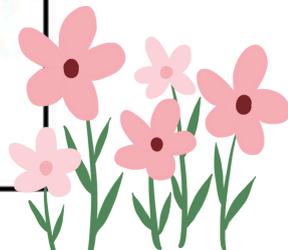
When: Tuesday, March 10, 2026 - Register [HERE](#)




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 (click 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 or 586.228.3460



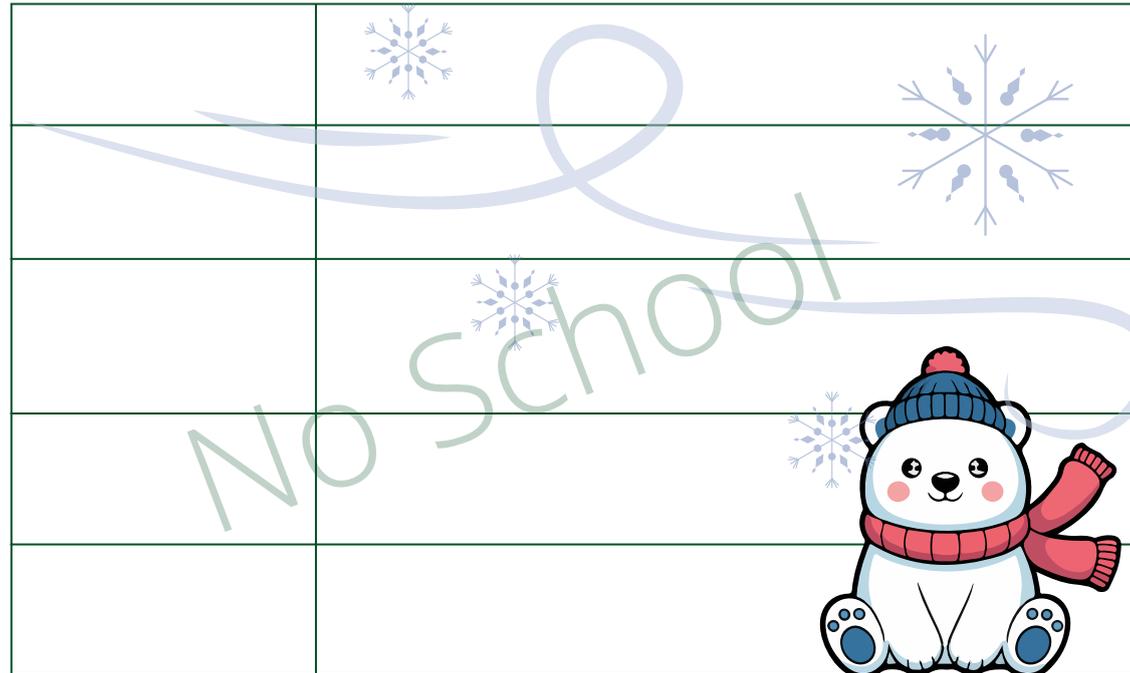


The [UCS Wellness podcast](#) is a resource created by Utica Community Schools, a K-12 school district located within Macomb County, Michigan. With a focus on physical, mental and social health, UCS Wellness serves as a health hub for students and their families, as well as the community as a whole.





- Snowflakes come in all sizes.
- A little water adds up to a lot of snow.
- You can hear thundersnow if the conditions are right.
- It doesn't take long for temperatures to drop.
- More than 22 million tons of salt are used on U.S. roads each winter.
- The snowiest city on Earth is in Japan.
- Sometimes snowballs form themselves.
- Wind chill is calculated using a precise formula.



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.



Many computer issues are solved by a simple update. Follow these steps and keep your computer healthy.

HOW TO UPDATE WINDOWS



- 1  OPEN SETTINGS
- 2  GO TO 'UPDATE & SECURITY'
- 3 CLICK 
- 4  INSTALL UPDATES
- 5  ENABLE AUTO-UPDATE





2025-2026 District Calendar	
August 25	Elementary Building "Meet the Teacher" 5:00-6:30 p.m.
August 26	First Day of School All K-12 Students - Elementary Student Half Day
August 29	No School for K-12 Students
September 1	No School for K-12 Students - Labor Day
September 17	No School for K-12 Students - Teacher Full Day DPPD
October 2	Secondary Student Half Day - Parent Teacher Conferences
October 15	Elementary Student Half Day - Parent Teacher Conferences
October 22	No School for K-12 Students - Teacher Full Day DPPD
October 31	Elementary Half Day - End of Marking Period
November 4	No School for K-12 Students - Election Day
November 26-28	No School for K-12 Students - Thanksgiving Break
December 17	Secondary Student Half Day - Exams
December 18	Secondary Student Half Day - Exams
December 19	All Students K-12 Half Day - End of Marking Period
December 22 - January 2, 2026	No School for K-12 Students - Winter Holiday Break
January 14	No School Teacher Full Day DPPD Day
January 19	No School for K-12 Students - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 16-20	No School for K-12 Students - Mid-Winter Break
March 20	Elementary Student Half Day - End of Marking Period
March 27	Elementary Student Half Day
March 30 - April 3	No School for K-12 Students - Spring Break
May 22-25	No School for K-12 Students - Memorial Day
June 8	Secondary Student Half Day - Exams
June 9	All Students K-12 Half Day
June 10	All Students K-12 Half Day - Last Day of School
<i>*Additional dates for the calendar will be released following formal approval of a negotiated agreement between the Utica Education Association and Utica Community Schools.*</i>	

How can I find out what's going on?



- **Emails/Texts from Mr. Yaw (the principal)**
- **The weekly newsletter (B3 you're reading it now)**
- **The website (our website & the district website)**
- **Facebook Page**
- **Instagram**
- **Your student (we do both morning & afternoon announcements)**



BELL SCHEDULE

Doors open 7:30am
Breakfast 7:30 - 7:45am
Students to lockers 7:45 - 7:55am

1st Hour 7:55am – 8:53am

2nd Hour 8:59am – 9:55am

3rd Hour 10:01am – 10:57am

4th Hour 11:03am – 12:42pm

5th Hour 12:48pm – 1:44pm

6th Hour 1:50pm – 2:46pm



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 11:03am – 11:34am

Class from 11:40am – 12:42pm

B Lunch

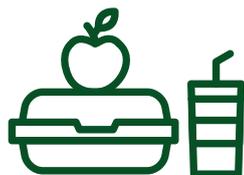
Class from 11:03am – 11:34am

Lunch from 11:40am – 12:05pm

Class from 12:11pm – 12:42pm



*****Students are not able have Fast Food dropped off for lunch. It will need to be eaten in the office or in the car with parent/guardian.***



C Lunch

Class from 11:03am – 12:05pm

Lunch from 12:11pm – 12:42pm



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.

REMINDER

If your charger has white label... that's for your name!



KEEP IT CLEAN
Avoid eating and drinking around your device.

CHARGE
Regularly, at lunch and before going to bed.

DO NOT HOLD BY SCREEN!
Ouch x_x

LAPTOP CARE

IMPORANT ROUTINES TO TAKE BETTER CARE OF YOUR SCHOOL LAPTOP.

SURF SAFELY
Be careful what you click and download as they can cause a virus!

UPDATE
At home or before class.

DO NOT ABANDON IT!
Insurance does not cover lost devices!

REPORT ANY ISSUES
We all deserve a working laptop. Address to your MOC any concerns such as stuck keys, glitching, or charging issues to get it fixed or replaced!

ITEMS NOT COVERED BY THIS OPTIONAL PLAN:

ACCESSORIES ARE NOT COVERED BY INSURANCE

- Accessories include, but are not limited to, a USB power adapter, charging cable and/or protective iPad case.
- Replacement of lost or damaged accessories is the responsibility of the student. Utica Community Schools recommends Original Equipment Manufacturer replacements.

DAMAGE DUE TO REMOVAL OF THE PROTECTIVE CASE IS NOT COVERED BY INSURANCE

- If the assigned laptop is provided with a protective case, students must NEVER remove the case.
- Any damage that occurs due to the removal of an iPad case or a laptop protective case is considered INTENTIONAL DAMAGE and is not covered by insurance.

LOST OR STOLEN DEVICE

- Lost devices are NOT COVERED under this optional insurance policy.
- In the case of theft of an iPad or laptop, a copy of a completed police report MUST BE RETURNED to Utica Community Schools. A stolen device IS COVERED by the purchased insurance ONLY IF a police report is filed and a copy provided to the district.

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 (8:00-2:30 daily).
You can reach her by email at nicole.brown@uticak12.org Or send a message in
Schoology.**



Parental Guide to



WHAT IS OK2SAY?

OK2SAY is a state-wide program that allows students, parents or guardians, and other community members to report confidential tips on criminal activities or potential harm directed at students, school employees, or schools. The purpose of OK2SAY is to stop harmful behavior before it occurs.

EASY TIP SUBMISSION

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

CONFIDENTIALITY

A key feature of the OK2SAY tipline is that the identity of the tipster must be kept confidential by law. The confidentiality of OK2SAY allows students to push back on any pressure they may feel about being the one to speak up about a concerning or threatening behavior.

How do I talk to my child about OK2SAY?

Please remind your child to immediately talk to a trusted adult or contact OK2SAY if they are worried about their safety or the well-being of another. Immediate action on a tipster's part can help prevent potential harm or minimize the impact of a dangerous situation.

Assure your child that if they submit a tip to OK2SAY, their identity is protected by law. They do not have to worry about retaliation or rejection from their peers. We want students to be advocates for themselves, their peers, and their classmates by speaking up when they know about a potentially dangerous situation.

Remind your child that OK2SAY encourages reporting even if they don't have all the details. Regardless of how small or insignificant they may seem; all tips are valuable in creating a safe environment for everyone. OK2SAY would rather get tips that are "no big deal" or a misunderstanding than miss a tip that could have prevented a lot of pain but was never submitted due to student's hesitation.

Emphasize the importance of using the OK2SAY program responsibly. Filing a false tip is not only dishonest but can divert resources and attention away from genuine concerns. *Students who maliciously file false tips may face serious consequences.*

Remember, open and ongoing conversations with your child about their safety and well-being are essential for building trust and ensuring they understand the importance of reporting concerns.



Stop the Silence. Help End the Violence.

855-565-2729
8-555-OK2SAY

ok2say@mi.gov

ok2say.com

652729 (OK2SAY)

OK2SAY App available. Search "OK2SAY"




HELPFUL INFORMATION:

- Adults can submit an OK2SAY tip if they have concerns about their own child or another student. Like all OK2SAY reports, the tipster's identity will remain confidential.
- The tipster will not be updated on the outcome of their report. Any information contained in an Outcome Report will be kept confidential, as required by law.
- OK2SAY is unable to enforce a specific outcome, even if an individual is unsatisfied with the resolution of a previously reported situation to their school. They should contact the appropriate person within their school or district to address these concerns.
- OK2SAY acts as an intermediary and forwards tip information to the school and law enforcement. Any relay of safety information to parents would come from the school or law enforcement, not OK2SAY.
- Any OK2SAY reports will not be included in a student's academic record.
- The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) mandates that schools protect student records. Disciplinary information is very sensitive and private and includes behavior problems, reprimands, and misconduct occurrences. As a result, schools are required to keep these details private and are not allowed to share them with outside parties without the parent's express permission.

What if a report is made about my child?

If an OK2SAY tip is made about your child, it is important to approach the situation with understanding and support. Most often the individual who submitted the tip has noticed a concerning behavior and has a genuine interest to help. Instead of viewing it as a negative thing, see it as an opportunity to address any difficulties your child may be facing.

It is important to communicate openly with your child. Let them know about the report and reassure them that it is not a punishment, but rather a sign that someone cares about their well-being. Encourage them to talk about what may be going on and offer a safe space for them to share their thoughts and feelings.

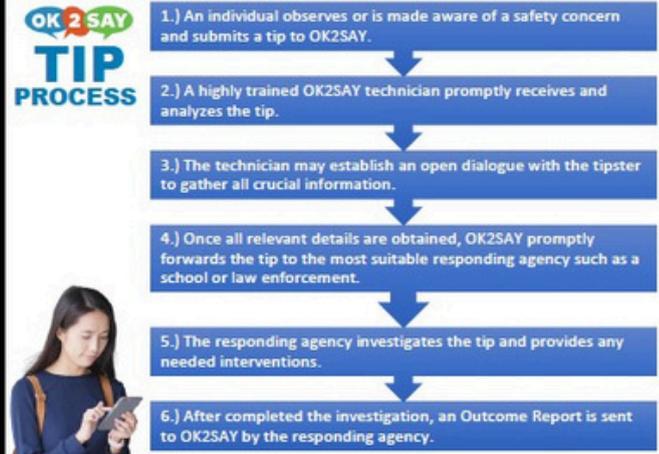
Remember, the goal is to ensure the well-being and safety of your child. By embracing the report as an opportunity to provide additional assistance and support, you can help your child navigate any challenges they may be facing and promote their overall well-being.

 **What are the top issues reported to OK2SAY?**

OK2SAY tracks tips by categories. The top ten tips include:

1. Suicide Threats	6. Cyberbullying
2. Bullying	7. Threats
3. Drugs	8. Sexual Assault / Misconduct / Exploitation
4. Other (e.g., anxiety, stress, depression, harassment)	9. Self-Harm
5. Planned School Attack	10. Child Abuse

Tip statistics can be found at www.ok2say.com.



To learn more about OK2SAY, go to www.ok2say.com.

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.

If a student's ECD rings/vibrates during the school day, the ECD will be confiscated and must be picked up in the main office by the student's parent. Should this occur a second time, the student will receive a one-day suspension. If a student uses an ECD anytime inside the school, the ECD will be confiscated and the student will receive a one-day suspension.

All school meal menus are digitally accessible on all devices allowing for personalized viewing options. Users can select to view nutritional and allergen information, as well as customize print and language settings. Menus can be viewed at <https://uticak12.nutrislice.com>

Concussion Awareness

As part of a new state law, all UCS and Michigan parents will receive information about concussions, their symptoms and what to do if you suspect a concussion. All athletes are required to have this form completed and on file in the Main Office prior to participating on any sports teams. Click [HERE](#) for the concussion form.

Body Spray

Bemis Junior High has several students and staff members who have allergic reactions to strong perfumes, after-shave and men's cologne. The reactions range from mild to severe headaches that can result in nausea and being sent home from school. In addition, strong perfume smells can trigger asthma attacks. Junior high is filled with a variety of smells ranging from strawberries to old spice. When those smells dominate the hallways, problems do occur. We are asking students to put on your favorite fragrance once in the morning before school. Please do not bring in bottles and sprays of cologne, after-shave and perfume to re-apply throughout the day.

Recycle for Charity at Bemis

Look for the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Donation Bin, located in the receiving driveway on the east side of Bemis Junior High. All items will go to the Disabled American Veterans, a non-profit organization located in Westland. Tax receipts can be found in the office. Donate your gently used clothes, shoes, toys, and small house appliances. DAVThriftMichigan.com

Kroger Plus card

Did you know that you can not only earn points for yourself, but you can also earn points for our school? How? It is easy! Just shop at Kroger and link your Plus Card to Bemis Jr.High. Click on link for more information [Kroger Community Rewards](#)

