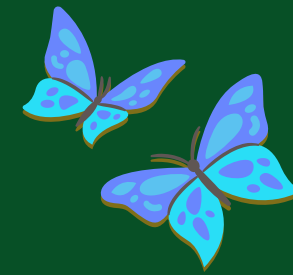


WEEK OF MARCH 24 - APRIL 4

BEMIS BULLETIN  
BOARD (B3).



Bemis Jr. High School's Newsletter for Parents



**March 24-28**

***\*classes resume March 31st***

# Science Olympiad



Bemis has not had a Science Olympiad team for many years, so we are thrilled to have finally established one. The children, along with their parents, did an outstanding job.

We would like to express our gratitude to each and every one of them, with a special thanks to both principals. Without their support, we wouldn't have been able to achieve this success.

Nisha Samuel and Beena Philip  
Science Olympiad coach



The team finished 4th and will be heading to states in April. Lets Go SPARTANS!!



Anaya S, Aarika D, Mai N, Moli L, Niketh P, Prithviraj P, Sam C, Bryce L, Evangeline P, Giovanni G, Humsini M, Hazel A, Joanna D, Joanna R, Madeleine B, Violet M, Ryan H, Noah K, Annabelle B

## ***Dear Parents/Guardians of Bemis Junior High School Seventh and Eighth Graders,***

All seventh graders will take the M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress) assessment in the areas of English and mathematics. The M-STEP measures your student's growth and progress on the Michigan Academic Standards. Those standards are available at the following web site:

**[www.Michigan.gov/academicstandards](http://www.Michigan.gov/academicstandards)**.

Seventh grade students will be assessed on April 10, 2025, and April 15, 2025. The M-STEP will provide an accurate view of your child's achievement levels and learning needs to help us identify areas where we can improve instruction.

All eighth grade students enrolled in Michigan public schools will take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) 8/9 state assessment this spring. The PSAT 8/9 is the first exam in the SAT suite of assessments and will help families and the school staff see where students are in their overall achievement.

The PSAT 8/9 is comprised of two tests: reading and writing, and mathematics. It is important that our students do their best as the assessment will provide families with important information on academic progress. Eighth grade students will be assessed on April 9, 2025.

In addition to the PSAT 8/9, eighth grade students will take the science and social studies M-STEP assessment. Eighth grade students will be assessed on April 10, 2025.

## **Please note the following changes to our school calendar:**

### **Wednesday, April 9, 2025 – PSAT 8 and PSAT 9**

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (Standard Testing Time)

7th grade students will remain home and participate in asynchronous work for hours 1-6.

8th grade students will report to their home school for a.m. testing

8th grade students will be released at 11:30 a.m. and will participate in asynchronous work for hours 4,5,6.

**Thursday, April 10, 2025 – M-STEP**

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (Standard Testing Time)

7th grade students will report to Bemis Junior High School for a.m. testing

7th grade students will be released at 11:30 a.m. and will participate in asynchronous work for hours 1,2,3.

8th grade students will report to Bemis Junior High School for a.m. testing

8th grade students will be released at 11:30 a.m. and will participate in asynchronous work for hours 1,2,3.

**Tuesday, April 15, 2025 – M-STEP**

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (Standard Testing Time)

7th grade students will report to Bemis Junior High School for a.m. testing

7th grade students will be released at 11:30 a.m. and will participate in asynchronous work for hours 4,5,6.

8th grade students will remain home and participate in asynchronous work for hours 1 through 6.

Some 8th grade students may need to attend Bemis Junior High School in the a.m. for makeup testing.

8th grade students that attend a make-up test session will be released at 11:30 a.m. and participate in asynchronous work for hours 4,5,6.

This schedule is an additional measure to provide our students with every opportunity for success. Additionally, it ensures that every student’s time in school is well spent.

Additionally, students participating in PSAT 8 and PSAT 9 online assessments will be prompted to participate in the **College Board Connections program and Big Future program**. Students will be instructed to opt out of these programs, unless the attached form is returned to your students’ first hour teacher by March 21, 2025.

For more information regarding these assessments, refer to the following links:

**UCS Electronic Device Use Protocol for Statewide Testing**

PSAT 8 and PSAT 9: **College Board PSAT 8/9** M-STEP: **M-STEP Information for Parents**

Please feel free to contact our offices with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Thomas Yaw, Bemis Junior High School Principal



The Utica Shelby Kiwanis Club has been busy making a positive impact in the community.

Over the past 6 months, the Utica Shelby Kiwanis has:

- Donated 120 backpacks filled with school supplies to 2 local elementary schools
- Passed out goodies at the Nightmare on Auburn and Shelby Twp. Spooktacular
- Hosted a free family pumpkin painting event at Kiwanis Whispering Woods Park
- Supported Fueling Kids' Futures Utica Halloween Run Against Hunger 5K
- Installed a new book in the Kiwanis Whispering Woods Story Walk
- Partnered with 4 local libraries to spread holiday cheer with Santa Letters
- Collected over 1,200 boxes of food from 20 UCS schools and delivered them to 3 local food pantries for the Food Distribution Project. We are also hosting a Thank You Breakfast for those students, faculty and volunteers who made this event an overwhelming success.
- Adopted 13 local families for the holidays and provided them with food for a holiday meal, poinsettia, wrapping paper and bows, clothes, winter apparel and toys
- Volunteered with and donated hygiene kits to the WAVE Project, which provides a mobile shower trailer, hot meal, and an essentials van for those in need
- Featured in the Winter 2025 Issue of Macomb Now Magazine under Service Groups that Give Back

In order to continue making a difference, we are partnering with the Shelby Golden K for a Night at the Races Fundraiser on Saturday, March 22, 2025 at Tina's Country House. The doors open at 5:30 pm and dinner is at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$50 and include a buffet dinner and open bar. There will be a 50/50 Raffle, Gift Card Raffle, Best Derby Hat, Games and more!

Join in the fun and excitement as we take a trip to the grandstands to cheer on your favorite horse in a pre-recorded horse race narrated by a professional race announcer!

If you would like to join us and purchase tickets and/or a sponsorship, please scan the QR Code on the flier below or visit our website:

<https://www.uticashelbykiwanis.org/.../a-night-at-the-races>



Shelby Golden K & Utica Shelby Twp  
Kiwanis Clubs Invite You To ...

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# A Night At The Races

*fundraising event*

**SATURDAY, MARCH 22**  
DOORS 5:30 PM  
DINNER 6:30 PM

**\$50**  
INCLUDES  
BUFFET DINNER  
& OPEN BAR

**Only 10 Available!**

Tina's Country House  
50828 North Ave, Macomb  
Must be 21+ to Attend

Take a trip to the grandstands as pre-recorded horse races are narrated by a professional race announcer! Cheer on your favorite horse to win!



**Sponsorship Opportunities**

**RACE SPONSOR - \$100**  
Receive mentions during the race, business name noted in our event program book.

**APPRENTICE - \$75**  
Showcase your business in our event program book with a business card sized ad.

**HORSE OWNER - \$25**  
Name your horse & you'll be listed as the horse owner! Horses sell fast!

**TRIFECTA SPONSORSHIPS**

**\$250**  
Receive a full page ad in event program book, mentions during race, business highlights on screen and name your own horse.

**\$150**  
Receive a 1/2 page ad in event program book, mentions during race, business highlights on screen. Horse ownership not included.

Get Your Tickets Today!



50/50 Raffles  
Best Derby Hat  
Heads & Tails Game  
Gift Card Prize Raffle  
& More!

Sharon Gordon: 586-453-6599  
sharongordon347@gmail.com

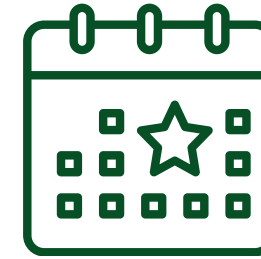
Theresa Farmer  
secretary@uticashelbykiwanis.org

[uticashelbykiwanis.org](https://www.uticashelbykiwanis.org)

All proceeds directly impact the Kiwanis Clubs areas of focus: Improving the lives of Children, Seniors & Veterans.

## Upcoming Dates

- 3/21: End of 3rd Marking Period
- 3/24-28: No School (Spring Break)**
- 3/31: First Track practice
- 4/9: Spring Testing begins
- 4/18: No School (Good Friday)**



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## *Bemis Track Schedules*



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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 7<sup>th</sup>
- December 12<sup>th</sup>
- January 9<sup>th</sup>
- February 6<sup>th</sup>
- March 6<sup>th</sup>
- April 3<sup>rd</sup>
- May 1<sup>st</sup>
- June 5<sup>th</sup>

11am-10pm

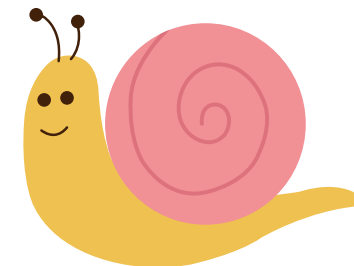
Let's help raise money for Bemis Junior High!

**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: \_\_\_\_\_







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# RAMADAN MEALS

The USDA has allowed schools to send breakfast and lunch meals home with students during the Ramadan observance March 3-21. Please follow the link below to order your breakfast and lunch meals to go home. Students must be present at school to receive a meal.

Meals will be distributed during lunch.

Students cannot eat meals at school as well as take them home.

Only one breakfast and one lunch per person.

To ensure we have enough food prepared, please order by 9am on February 27 via the following link:

[www.uticak12.org/RamadanMeals](http://www.uticak12.org/RamadanMeals)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b><u>BREAKFAST</u></b> Cereal, fruit, juice & milk	<b><u>BREAKFAST</u></b> Benefit bar, fruit, juice & milk	<b><u>BREAKFAST</u></b> Cereal, fruit, juice & milk	<b><u>BREAKFAST</u></b> Benefit bar, fruit, juice & milk	<b><u>BREAKFAST</u></b> Cereal, fruit, juice & milk
<b><u>LUNCH</u></b> Chickpea sandwich, crackers, fava beans, fruit, veggie & milk	<b><u>LUNCH</u></b> Hummus, crackers, fruit, veggie & milk	<b><u>LUNCH</u></b> Wowbutter & jelly sandwich, fruit, veggie & milk	<b><u>LUNCH</u></b> Hummus, crackers, fruit, veggie & milk	<b><u>LUNCH</u></b> Soft Pretzel w/ yogurt, sun flower seeds, fruit, veggie & milk

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



## 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.**



let  
YOUR  
Spirit  
SOAR

## 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)







**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
Monday 2/3/25
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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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Monday 5/19/25
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.**





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## Take A Look At Our Future



Rendering of DeKeyser Elementary School

## Save the Date

**Sunday, August 24, Beginning at 2 p.m.**

DeKeyser Elementary represents the first step of our vision on how UCS school designs will spur growth and achievement. We hope you will take this opportunity to see how we are transforming the future, thanks to your support of the 2023 Safety and Success Bond Issue.

**DeKeyser Elementary**  
39600 Atkinson  
Sterling Heights



Rendering of DeKeyser Classrooms



Rendering of DeKeyser Gym and Lunchroom

# 2025 SUPERINTENDENT'S SCHOLARSHIP

**NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS!**

UCS graduating seniors are invited to apply for the 2025 Superintendent's Scholarship awards program.

Through the Utica Community Schools Foundation for Educational Excellence and other community sources, **over \$35,000 in scholarships** will be awarded this year!

**DEADLINE:  
APRIL 3**





Make **SMILES** Happen.

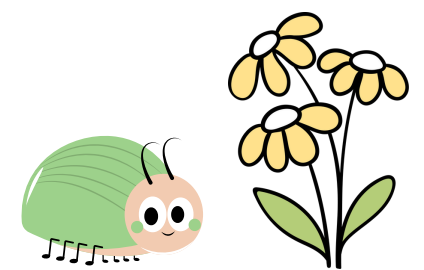
Become a **BUS DRIVER.**



**UCS** UTICA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Uticak12.org/driverseat | 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!




**THE UTICA HIGH SCHOOL**  
 FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT & THESPIAN TROUPE #4260 PRESENTS  
 THE PRODUCTION OF

**Disney**  
**DESCENDANTS**

April 24, 25, 2025 7:00pm  
 April 26, 2025 4:00pm  
 Adults: \$15.00 Students: \$12.00

MUSIC ADAPTATION BY MADELINE SMITH | ADDITIONAL LYRICS BY NICK BLAEMIRE  
 VOCAL & INCIDENTAL ARRANGEMENTS BY MADELINE SMITH | BOOK BY NICK BLAEMIRE  
 ORCHESTRATIONS BY MATTHEW TISHLER | MUSIC PRODUCED BY MATTHEW TISHLER



Tickets are available at [utica.ludus.com](http://utica.ludus.com) and sold at the door if still available – Cash or check sales only  
 For more information contact Joel Kaczmarczyk at 586-797-2267 or [joel.kaczmarczyk@uticak12.org](mailto:joel.kaczmarczyk@uticak12.org)  
 DISNEY'S DESCENDANTS is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).  
 All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. [www.mtishows.com](http://www.mtishows.com)

Utica High School Theatre Department | [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/uticahighschooltheatre) | [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/thatuticak12) | [@thatuticak12](https://www.instagram.com/thatuticak12)



# Future Falcon



### What Awaits Future Falcons?

"Future Falcons should look forward to joining a school where family comes first. At Henry Ford II, we believe in Empowering Excellence in Everyone, providing opportunities to grow academically, discover your passions, and achieve greatness, whether it's excelling in the classroom, performing on stage, or competing on the field. Together, we soar!"



Lori Singleton  
Principal

### What would you tell Future Falcons?

"The dedication of our teachers and the achievements of our classmates, both academically and in extracurricular activities make me proud to be part of such a vibrant school."  
- Josh Houston, HFII Senior

## Points of Pride

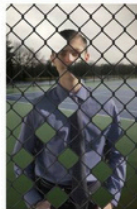
- »»» Michigan and National Blue Ribbon Exemplary School
- »»» Honored nationally in such areas as national merit, career and technical education, advanced placement, film, music and Milken family foundation for the nation's top teacher
- »»» One of the most academically challenging schools in the United States by the *Washington Post*
- »»» *Newsweek Magazine* honored school as among the top ten percent in the nation for providing student experiences in science, technology, engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)
- »»» Among the highest level of achievement at local, state and national level

## What Makes a Falcon?

- Resilient** – Falcons overcome challenges with strength and determination.
- Compassionate** – Falcons care deeply about each other and their community.
- Innovative** – Falcons think creatively and explore new possibilities.
- Determined** – Falcons are focused on their goals and work hard to achieve them.
- Respectful** – Falcons treat others with kindness, fairness, and dignity.
- Curious** – Falcons embrace learning and seek knowledge in every opportunity.
- Empowered** – Falcons take initiative and inspire those around them to excel.

## Sucess in the school

- Associate principal Anthony Tocco was selected among 12 statewide to be a part of Michigan Leadership for Equity and Transformation as a fellow.
- Past graduate Jaden Rosenberger earned a silver medal in 2024 Scholastic Art and Writing competition.
- Two seniors have been awarded with scholarships \$100,000 or more to attend the College of Creative studies located in Detroit, Michigan.



Henry Ford II HS Instrumental Music Boosters

# Mom 2 Mom Sale Saturday, April 12, 2025

**\$3 Admissions: 9am to 1pm**  
**\$5 Early Bird: 8am – 9am**


**Henry Ford II High School**  
**11911 Clinton River Road,**  
**Sterling Heights**  
**(South of 19 Mile Road)**

Seller space rental agreements: [www.hf2imb.org](http://www.hf2imb.org)  
Questions: [jendelgreco21@gmail.com](mailto:jendelgreco21@gmail.com)







# STEVENSON FORD UNITED DANCE TRY OUT INFO



**PRE TRYOUT CLINICS**  
4-5:30PM  
4/8 @ HFII  
4/15 @ HFII  
\*\*OPTIONAL\*\*





**TRYOUT CLINICS**  
3:30-5:30PM  
4/22 @ SHS  
4/23 @ SHS



**TRYOUT EVALUATION**  
4:30-?  
4/24 @ SHS  
**TRYOUT PLACEMENTS**  
4PM 4/25 @ SHS  
SIGN UP LINK IN INSTAGRAM BID



FOR ANY 8TH - 11TH GRADERS WHO WILL BE ATTENDING SHS, HFII, OR FEEDER SCHOOL IN THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR.

CONTACT US WITH ANY QUESTIONS!  
STEVENSONFORDUNITED@GMAIL.COM



## Varsity Tryout Skills:

- Triple & Quad Pirouette Turn
- Second Turns-4 into a Double
- Advanced Second Turns(changing spots, arm variations, floats)
- Toe Touch with Advanced prep
- Acro Skills: Aerial, Kip up, Headspring, Front Handspring
- Center (open) Leap
- Calypso
- Turning Disc
- R/L Jete Leap
- Splits R/L
- Surprise Leap
- Advanced Kick Sequence



Contact us with any questions!!

STEVENSONFORDUNITED@GMAIL.COM

2025-2026 HFII  
Dance Team  
Interest Form

# HFII CHEER TRYOUT REQUIREMENTS

All athletes who tryout will make a team either jr or varsity. NO CUTS!!!

*having the skills outlined below **does not** guarantee you a spot on varsity, it is just the minimum requirements! All athletes should have good attitudes, be a team player, and have willingness to learn!*

### Varsity hard requirements

- right leg back walkover or higher (bhs, tuck, etc)
- table top level jumps
- tight and properly placed motions
- energetic facials and powerful vocals
- stunting: extended cupie (lib preferred)
- flyers must be able to perform a twist cradle
- switch splits to the ground (preferred)

# IMPORTANT DATES!!!

Parent-Athlete Meeting: May 12th 6:00 p.m. in ECC

Tryouts: June 2nd & 3rd 5:30-7:30 p.m. and June 4th 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Physical Due: June 2nd (upload to bigteams & must be dated April 15th 2025 or later



# SIDELINE 2025 TRYOUTS!!!

sign up using QR code or link. Tryout link will remain in bio!!  
More info on dates and times to come soon!!

2025HF II  
SIDELINE CHEER  
Registration Form



## **CALLING ALL DESIGNERS**

PAPER PROM!! (Grades 8-12)

Sterling Heights Library on Saturday, March 22 (1-4pm)

40255 Dodge Park Road

Students in grades 8-12 will compete against each other from 1-4PM to make a prom outfit out of newspapers.

Students should form in teams of two (one designer/one model, both in grades 8-12) with each team's 'designer only' [registering online](#).

Students will work on the outfits for several hours before doing a runway show, and 3 teams will be declared winners with each team winning \$50 gift card (designer and model each will receive a \$25 gift card.)

All participants will receive a small gift for their participation. The library will provide newspaper, staplers, tape and markers for the students to create their designs.

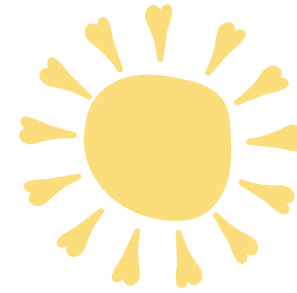
**For additional rules/questions, ask at the Libraries Youth Services Desk (586) 446-2665.**





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

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



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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.





- The word "spring" may date back to the 14th century, perhaps originating from the phrase "springing time."
- Spring always begins late in March in the United States, but its actual start date changes on leap years.
- Other parts of the world celebrate spring at different times. For example, New Zealand and Australia celebrate spring from September to November.
- Lots of cuddly animals give birth in the spring, including deer, birds, and rabbits.
- Spring brings out the bees, which are super important for our environment. They help flowers, plants, and trees grow.
- Climate change could affect how early we see spring. Some scientists believe that a warming climate can bring earlier springs and drier summers.

Monday	<b>Initial</b>	first. I was nervous before my initial visit to the doctor.
Tuesday	<b>Accelerate</b>	to make something go faster. The driver accelerated the car.
Wednesday	<b>Ensure</b>	to make certain; cause to be a certainty. Those dark clouds ensure rain.
Thursday	<b>Inhibit</b>	to hold back, restrain, prevent, or tend to do so. His fears inhibit him from making friends.
Friday	<b>Respective</b>	of or belonging to each one. The brothers' respective ages are sixteen and twenty-three.



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.**

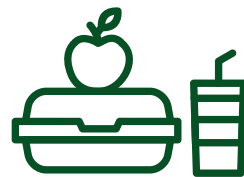
## LUNCHES

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.



**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](http://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](#)

