

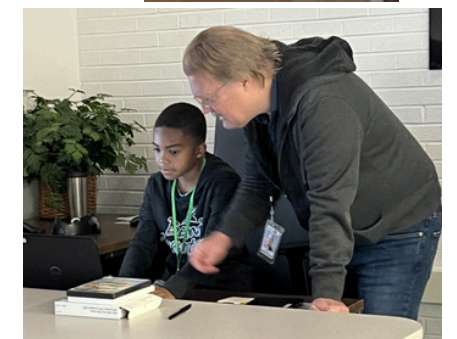
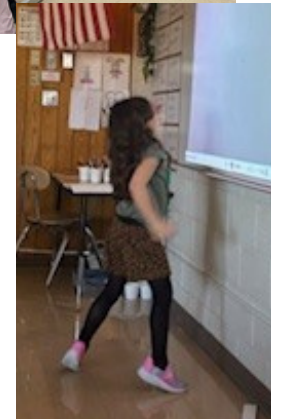
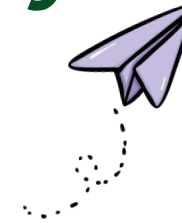
WEEK OF APRIL 28

# BEMIS BULLETIN BOARD (B3).

Bemis Jr. High School's Newsletter for Parents

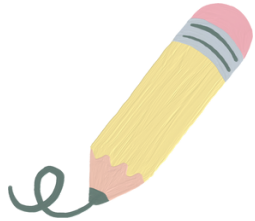


## *Take Your Kid to Work Day*





Take your kid to work day cont...





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## *SUMMER LEARNING*

**Summer Programs for students entering grades 6-12 will run from June 23, 2025 to August 1, 2025. Fully funded by grants, these programs are free for all participants and include complimentary breakfast, lunch and transportation.**

**Registration begins April 28, 2025 through Community Education, at which time families can register using the following link:**

**<https://ucscommunityeducation.ce.eleyo.com/>**



## Spring PSAT 8/9 2025 Results Release Timeline

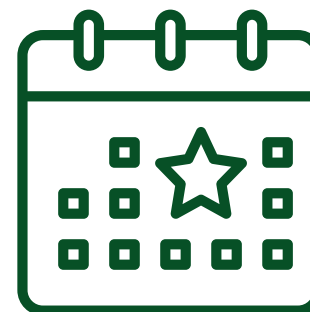
**Student score release will occur in two phases based upon when Michigan schools complete testing. Students who submit tests between April 7 and April 11 can view their scores starting on May 1, 2025. Those who submit tests between April 14 and April 25 can view their scores starting on May 15, 2025. Bemis students can view their scores via their College Board accounts after the release dates.**





## Upcoming Dates

5/8: DodgeFest  
5/12-13: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Visits  
5/13-14: District Art Show  
**5/26: No School (Memorial Day)**  
6/6: Awards Assemblies  
6/9: Exams ½ Day  
6/10: Exams ½ Day  
6/11: Exams ½ Day (Last Day of School!)



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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.



### **4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Spirit Days**

**April 4<sup>th</sup>** – Tigers Day – Baseball Hats allowed!

**April 11<sup>th</sup>** – Comfy Cozy Day

**April 17<sup>th</sup>** – Pastel/Spring Colors Day

**April 25<sup>th</sup>** – Pajama Day

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Villians vs. Superheroes

**May 5<sup>th</sup> – May 9<sup>th</sup> Spring Spirit Week**

**Monday** – Spartan Pride!

**Tuesday** – Decades Day

**Wednesday** – Neon Day

**Thursday** – Team Jersey Day (any team!)

**Friday** – White/Black out

**May 16<sup>th</sup>** – Culture Day

**May 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Ford Falcon Day (Maroon, Gold, & White)

**May 30<sup>th</sup>** – Hat/Headwear Day

**June 6<sup>th</sup>** – Red Carpet Day

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





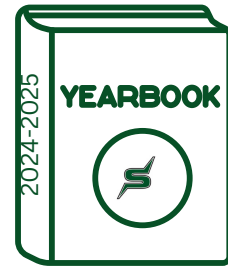


Everyone who enters Bemis must report to the Main Office. This is a school district policy. You will need to sign in, put a visitor's pass on, and our office staff will be glad to assist you.



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**



## 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

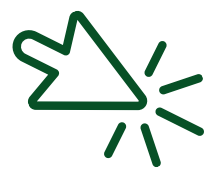
Let's help raise money for Bemis Junior High!  
**Hungry Howie's will donate 20% of our Pizza Night purchases back to our school.**

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: \_\_\_\_\_





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 Spartans  
Drawstring Bag  
Available in the PitStop  
\$20

let  
YOUR  
Spirit  
SOAR





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





# STEM and Literacy Summer Camp 2025

For students entering grades 3-5



## Camp Locations:

Beacon Tree Elementary  
Crissman Elementary  
Dresden Elementary  
Flickinger Elementary  
Jack Harvey Elementary  
Havel Elementary

## Camp Dates & Times

June 23, 2025 – August 1, 2025  
Monday - Friday  
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

No session on Thurs. 7/3/2025 and Fri. 7/4/2025

Students will.....

- Learn from high-interest, science-based texts focused on developing craft, structure, vocabulary, and using knowledge and ideas.
- Engage in STEM activities and experiments focused on developing rich content knowledge and a love for scientific exploration.
- Design and explore science concepts through an inquiry and investigative approach and framework.
- Transportation will be provided for in-district families. Breakfast and lunch will be provided free of charge for students.

Register at <https://ucscommunityeducation.ce.clevo.com>



Online registration will open on Monday, April 28, 2025, and will close on Friday May 16, 2025. Registration spaces are limited. District Benchmark Assessment results will be considered to determine placement. Placement confirmation will be sent by Friday, May 30, 2025. Please direct any questions to your building administrator.



SUN Bucks is the new name for the Summer EBT grocery benefit. Eligible families will receive \$120 per child to purchase groceries over the summer. Once your family is enrolled, SUN Bucks will be automatically added to your SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) account or you will be issued a separate EBT (Electronic Benefit Transfer) card.

Families will be automatically enrolled in SUN Bucks if they are already enrolled in SNAP, TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.)

**The Education Benefit Form (EBF) will not count towards this - you will need to enroll separately for SUN Bucks.**

**Apply by April 15, 2025 to be eligible for the first issuance of benefits in May 2025. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until August 31, 2025.**

**CLICK HERE  
TO APPLY FOR  
SUN BUCKS!**



# First Grade Fundamental Camp 2025

(For registered children entering 1st Grade in September 2025)

## Join Utica Community Schools in a Family Partnership for Learning!



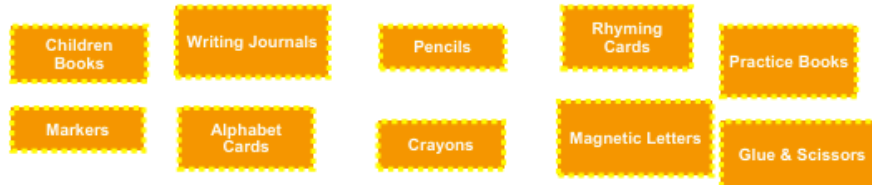
### Camp Location

Beacon Tree Elementary  
Crissman Elementary  
Dresden Elementary  
Flickinger Elementary  
Jack Harvey Elementary  
Havel Elementary

### Camp Dates & Times

June 23, 2025 – August 1, 2025  
Monday – Friday  
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
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- First Grade Fundamentals targets literacy and math development for students entering First Grade with identified needs in literacy and math based upon district benchmark assessments.
- Students will be engaged in daily literacy experiences through interactive and meaningful activities.
- Transportation will be provided for in-district families. Breakfast and lunch will be provided free of charge for students.
- All participating students will receive a learning kit to be used at home.



Register at <https://ucsccommunityeducation.ce.elevo.com>

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# Summer Scholars Program 2025

For students entering grades 2-5



### JOIN US FOR FREE!

- The Summer Scholars Program is an instructional school-based program targeting literacy and math intervention for students entering Grades 2-5, with identified needs in literacy and math based upon district benchmark assessments.
- Students will be engaged in comprehensive and meaningful literacy and math instruction using evidenced based practices to address their individual needs.
- The goal of the Summer School Program is to accelerate student growth in literacy and math.
- Transportation will be provided for in-district families. Breakfast and lunch will be provided free of charge for students.
- Program runs Monday through Friday 8:30 – 12:00 p.m. Daily attendance is required for all participating students.

### Camp Locations:

Beacon Tree Elementary  
Crissman Elementary  
Dresden Elementary  
Flickinger Elementary  
Jack Harvey Elementary  
Havel Elementary

### Camp Dates & Times

June 23, 2025 – August 1, 2025  
Monday – Friday  
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
No session on Thurs. 7/3/25 or Fri. 7/4/2025

### LITERACY

**Areas of Instruction** - Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, Comprehension, Fluency, Vocabulary, and Writing  
**Components of the Literacy Workshop:** Literacy Workstations, Whole Group, Small Group, and One-on-One tailored instruction in Reading and Writing

### Literacy Framework:

1. Modeled and Shared Reading, Guided Reading, and Independent Reading.
2. Modeled and Shared Writing, Interactive Writing, and Independent Writing.
3. Social Emotional Learning (SEL) – Literacy Mindset

### MATHEMATICS

**Area of Instruction** – Grade Level Concepts with a focus on number sense and mathematical fluency

**Math Framework** – Number sense routine, activities, games, choice time, and math mindset activities

Register at <https://ucsccommunityeducation.ce.elevo.com>



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Make **SMILES**  
Happen.

Become a  
**BUS DRIVER.**



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 [Uticak12.org/driverseat](https://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!

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



Falcon Theatre & Troupe 6785 Presents...

\$10 April 1-18  
\$12 April 19-26  
\$15 At The Door  
\*credit card fees apply\*

**\*RATED PG-13\***

Please direct questions for advance cash/check sales or wheelchair accessible seating to [kirstin.carolin@uticak12.org](mailto:kirstin.carolin@uticak12.org)

**April 24**  
6:30 pm

**April 25**  
6:30 pm

**April 26**  
3:00 pm



**Alice by heart**

"It isn't that the dead don't talk,  
"we've just forgotten how to listen."

11911 Clinton River Road,  
Sterling Heights, 48313

Lyrics by Steven Sater  
Book by Steven Sater and Jessie Nelson  
Music by Duncan Sheik

ALICE BY HEART 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)



**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.lodus.com](http://utica.lodus.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

@that.utica.aud





**Stevenson High School Presents**



**Friday, April 25 at 7pm**

**Saturday, April 26 at 7pm**

**Sunday, April 27 at 4pm**



[https://search.seatyourself.biz/webstore/accounts/titantheatertroupe/buy-tix?  
landingMessageSeen=true](https://search.seatyourself.biz/webstore/accounts/titantheatertroupe/buy-tix?landingMessageSeen=true)

**Brought to you through special permission from MTI**

Do YOU want to be a part of the HFII Marching Bands visual effects??



## HFII Color Guard

# Tryouts!



WHEN?



Clinic: April 30th @ 6-9 pm!  
Tryouts: May 1st @ 6- 9 pm!

WHERE?



HFII Band Room  
Enter through door 6!



**For current 8th grade  
and high school  
students!**

**Bring Water and  
Wear Athletic Wear!**



Contact the coaches!

henryford2guard@gmail.com



Contact the Band Director!

matthew.schoenherr@uticak12.org

# 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

## 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.



## 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





## 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





## Volunteers Needed Browning Elementary Fun Fair

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for our Annual Family Fun Fair!  
Family Friendly Volunteer opportunity! Grandparents, High school  
students in need of volunteer hours,  
Browning Alumni, community members welcome.  
Pastry Donations will be needed for the Cake walk as well!  
Food, Games, Raffles! This will be a great ending to an amazing year!  
Come be a part of the Fun! Click [\*\*HERE\*\*](#) to sign up!  
FRIDAY, MAY 16th  
5:30-8:00pm

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The Clinton River Watershed Council (CRWC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting, enhancing and celebrating the Clinton River, its watershed and Lake St. Clair. They provide residents, schools, governments, businesses and other community groups with wide-ranging programs and events to ensure a healthy Clinton River Watershed for us all.

Participation in the watershed **survey** would also be greatly appreciated.

 **UPCOMING**  
Events

**APR 16** Adopt-A-Stream Training  
Orion Twp. Public Library

**APR 19** Annual Clinton Cleanup  
Multiple Locations

**JUN 7** Annual River Day

For links to the above, weekly cleanups, and more volunteer opportunities, see the following pages of the PDF Flyer Packet or go to [www.crw.org/events](http://www.crw.org/events)



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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The point of "Bring Your Child to Work Day" is to provide children with an opportunity to see what their parents do for a living and gain a glimpse into the world of work. It's a chance for kids to connect with their parents' jobs, learn about different careers, and potentially spark an interest in future career paths.

Monday	Emphasize	to give particular attention to something. The president emphasized the importance of education.
Tuesday	Role	the customary or expected behavior associated with a particular position in a society. She feared that she could not fulfill the role of a royal princess.
Wednesday	Manipulate	to handle or operate skillfully with the hands. He manipulated the clay to form a tiny sculpture. Do you know how to manipulate the controls?
Thursday	Distinct	different or separate. There are many distinct kinds of dogs.
Friday	Comply	to do what is asked or demanded; act in agreement with a rule. I complied with my teacher's request that I get permission from my parents.



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.

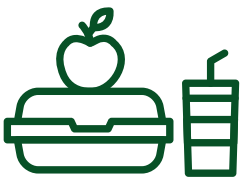
BEMIS LUNCH SCHEDULE

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](#)

