

WEEK OF APRIL 29



BEMIS BULLETIN BOARD (B3)

Bemis Jr. High School's Newsletter for Parents

For the past 9 years, Bemis has completed the qualifications in order to be a Michigan Green School. This year the Macomb Green School Celebration was held at the Detroit Zoo on April 23rd.



The following Eco Club members attended: Lexi D, Ava F, Jiselle I, Mia J, Jibraan L, Elly M, Isla N, Zoey S, Anna Z



They all chose a Metro Park pass for the year! There were 100's of kids from all 3 counties and we were very lucky to win 3 prizes considering there were only 9 Bemis students who went!!

Earth Day Poster Contest

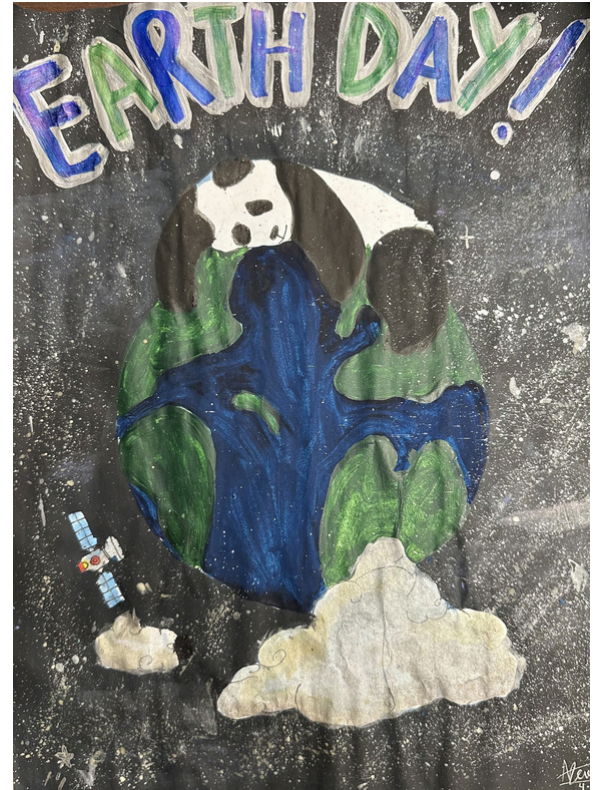
We would like to thank all of the Bemis students who turned in fabulous posters for the Earth Day contest sponsored by the Eco Club. The winners will receive Target gift cards. The 2024 winners are.....

3rd Place- Aarika D. - Earth Day

2nd Place- Moli L. - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

1st Place-Mark M. - Earth Day 2024

Happy Earth Day and Go Green!!!





Pre-Excused Absence Request

According to the Student Handbook, vacation or travel during school days is discouraged. Families should seek permission from a building administrator for an excused vacation absence prior to making any travel arrangements. The request should be made in writing at least one week prior to the vacation. Vacation absences of more than 10 days in a semester will not be approved. Vacation absences that would cause a student to be placed on the No-Go list will not be approved for excusal. Vacations taken without approval will be marked as unexcused absences. Arrangements should be made with the student's teacher in advance as to timelines for completing class work. Homework may be requested and requires 24 hours to process. Work at the secondary level may be due upon return from vacation or travel. Please note that all work must be completed and turned in during the school calendar year.

Students Traveling Outside of the United States of America

Per the districts Pre- Excused Absence policy, families can request up to 10 days excused absences for travel/vacation. Please be advised: UCS does not support the international travel of our laptop devices. Teams links AND Class Link will not work outside of the US; therefore, students cannot access and complete class work while traveling. Grades of "F" will be assigned for all missed work and averaged into quarter and final semester grades. Please review the District's Exam Attendance Procedures below for additional information regarding midterm/final exam grading.

District Exam Attendance Procedures

Teachers can only give exams during the exam window. Students who are taking a non-high school credit earning class, should plan to take their exams upon return. If the end of year exam is missed, then the student will need to make arrangements to complete exams in August. Otherwise, teachers have the discretion to average quarter grades for the semester grade. Thus, waving the exam. However, this does not apply to classes that offer high school credit (i.e. Algebra, Geometry, Spanish, French, German, AP Human Geography). In this scenario, students must take the final exam. If the end of year exam is missed for the above classes, then students MUST complete exams upon their return in August.



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TEACHER APPRECIATION SHOUT OUT!

*Do you know of a teacher that
deserves districtwide recognition?*

In honor of Teacher Appreciation Week,
May 6-10, **email your teacher**
'shout out' to UCS@uticak12.org!

Shout outs will be shared on social
media and with the staff directly.



Upcoming Dates

5/3: Barbie & Ken Day

5/10: Think Spring! Pastels/Flowers

5/14: Future Falcon Football Parent Meeting (8th gd) 6-7pm

5/17: Twin Day

5/24: 8th gd black out/7th gd white out

5/27: NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day)

5/29: Summer Learning registration opens

5/30: Choir Concert @ Ford PAC

5/31: Spartan Day

5/31: Award Assemblies



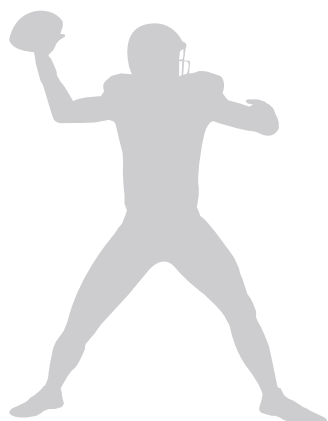
Click here for Track Schedules

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



FUTURE FALCON FOOTBALL

Parent Meeting 



8th graders
Tuesday, May 14th
6-7pm
Bemis Gym

Summer Camp Info
Click **HERE**



School Spirit

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/#



Welcome!

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.



Order pictures at kaiserstudio.com (ID Code: 2324BEMISJR)



Order your 2023-2024 Bemis Yearbook today at jostensyearbooks.com



The Pit Stop will be open every day during 4th hour lunches. Students may buy string backpacks, school supplies, and so much more!

School Laptop Reminders



- CHARGE each night & Shut Them Down, do not just put to sleep!
- Save all your work in One Drive in case we have to swap your computer
- Please do not apply any stickers to the laptop (\$10 to remove)
- Please do not eat or drink near your laptop, avoid sticky keys
- Keep it off the floor so it doesn't get stepped on
- Keep your hands to yourself. If you damage another computer you are responsible
- Keep your hands to yourself when in the halls. Pushing could = cracked screen
- Please put a label on your charger with your name on it
- Students "New" to the district have 10 calendar days from their first day of school to enroll in insurance program.

HELP DESK for STUDENTS/PARENTS: 586-797-1055 | **Email:** techsupport@uticak12.org



Food Deliveries: Food that is delivered by a service such as Door Dash or Grub Hub will not be permitted at Bemis. Due to school safety concerns and the disruption to the school day, we cannot accommodate such deliveries. We ask that all students bring their own lunch or get a free lunch from the cafeteria.

If a student forgets their lunch, they may get a free lunch in the cafeteria, or a parent may drop off a lunch for their student. However, if the food dropped off is from a restaurant, the student will be asked to eat it in the Main Office during their lunch hour. Coffee, smoothies, and outside breakfast brought in the school in the morning must be consumed before going into first hour.

If your child would like to purchase extras you can establish a lunch account for your child, please click [here](#).

Thank you for your understanding and we appreciate your support.



**If you have bus issues, please call [transportation](tel:586-797-7100)
586-797-7100**

Behind the academic excellence of Utica Community Schools are countless individuals who have contributed to the success synonymous with the school district. To honor these important individuals, UCS is proud to introduce the Legacy of Excellence award to recognize the positive impact former students, staff, and community members have had locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally.

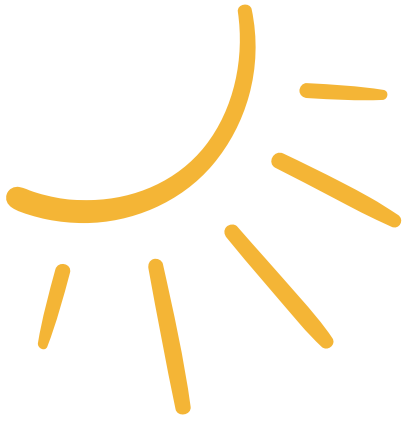


The graphic features a dark background with a shower of gold confetti at the top. In the center is a white laurel wreath containing the text "Legacy of Excellence" in a serif font, with "UTICA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS" in a smaller sans-serif font below it. At the bottom of the wreath is the UCS logo, which consists of the letters "UCS" in a stylized font inside a square border.

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Accepting Nominations through May 6, 2024

WWW.UTICAK12.ORG/LEGACYOFEXCELLENCE



SUMMER LEARNING

Summer programs for students entering grades 6 - 12 begin on June 17, 2024 and end on July 26, 2024. All summer programs will be supported by grant funds and will be free of charge for all participants. Students will be served free breakfast and lunch, and transportation will be provided.

Elementary:

Registration opens: Monday, April 29, 2024

Closes: Friday May 17, 2024

Secondary:

Registration opens Monday, April 29, 2024

Closes: Friday, June 14, 2024.

Click **[HERE](#)** to register





Babysitting 101

For those
going into
6th to 9th
Grades



Receive Upon Completion:
Babysitter Certificate
First Aid Kit
Emergency Information Form
Make & Take Crafts



JOIN US!

- 3 Day free in person course
- Be prepared and equipped to babysit infants and young children
- Hands on course will teach:
 - Behavior Management
 - Age-appropriate activities
 - First Aid & CPR
 - Safety Protocols
 - Bedtime Routines
 - Child care
 - Promoting yourself



It is the policy of Utica Community Schools that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, age, disability, height, weight or marital status be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination during any instructional opportunities, programs, services, job placement assistance, employment or in policies governing student conduct and attendance. Link to full policy: [Non-Discrimination Policy - Utica Community Schools \(uticak12.org\)](https://www.uticak12.org)

Camp Location:
Eppler Junior High
45461 Brownell
Utica, MI 48317

Transportation Available

Camp Dates & Times:

- each session limited to 20 participants
- Session A: June 17-19, 2024
 - Session B: July 8-10, 2024
 - Session C: July 15-17, 2024
 - Session D: July 22-24, 2024

All session run 8:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Free Breakfast & Lunch will be
provided daily

Breakfast: 8:15 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Lunch: 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

For additional questions please email
the CTE department at:
melissa.willman@uticak12.org

To register [CLICK HERE](#)

Online registration will open

Monday, April 29, 2024,

and will close 1 week before each session starts.

REGISTRATION is OPEN!!!

Sign up EARLY as camp space is limited !

We will be at Shelby Junior High for this summer. Last summer when we were at Bemis Junior High, all our programs were full. We will not have the flexibility we normally have for last minute sign ups! Click a pic to register!



Summer 2024

Ford II Falcons Boys Basketball Camp

The FALCON camp is an all around skill development camp, available for boys , of all skill levels and abilities.

We focus on individual skill development, the importance of fundamentals and the development of a healthy team attitude.

6197-S24A
Grades 1st-4th
June 10th-13th
9:00am-12:00pm
Shelby Junior High
\$90



Two sessions available based on grades in Fall 2024

6197-S24B
Grades 5th-9th
June 17th-20th
9:00am-2:00pm
Shelby Junior High
\$160

Each camper receives a camp t-shirt and a ball



Register with QR code or online at ucsccommunityeducation.ce.eleyo.com or by phone 586-797-6900

Summer 2024

FALCON ELITE BASKETBALL CAMP

Boys and Girls 5th-9th Grade **July 22nd-25th** 9:00am-2:00pm Shelby Junior High \$200

The FALCON ELITE Basketball Camp is for the serious and dedicated players who want to get better! It's a fast-paced camp of high level playmaking, ball scoring, shooting, and much more! You will improve your game through drills, skill work, and playing games in a very competitive atmosphere.

Register with QR code or online at ucsccommunityeducation.ce.eleyo.com or by phone 586-797-6900

6196-S24A



Summer 2024



UCS ALL STARS BASKETBALL

Train and Play



Each class focuses on teaching the proper fundamentals of basketball through individual and team drill work.

Players will participate in modified game play that focuses on learning the rules of the game and teaching basic game concepts.

Boys and Girls
Grades 1st-6th (Fall 2024)
@ Shelby Junior High

JUNE SESSION

	June 10 th , 17 th , 24 th		
Monday			
3 classes	1 st -3 rd Grade	5:00-6:00pm	\$85 for returning players
	3 rd -6 th Grade	6:15-7:15pm	\$105 for new players (includes jersey)
	June 12 th , 19 th , 26 th		
Wednesday			
3 classes	1 st -3 rd Grade	5:00-6:00pm	\$85 for returning players
	3 rd -6 th Grade	6:15-7:15pm	\$105 for new players (includes jersey)

Sign up for Mon and Wed (6 classes) for discounted rate
\$155 returning player/ \$175 new players

JULY SESSION

	July 15 th , 22 nd , 29 th		
Monday			
3 classes	1 st -3 rd Grade	5:00-6:00pm	\$85 for returning players
	3 rd -6 th Grade	6:15-7:15pm	\$105 for new players (includes jersey)
	July 17 th , 24 th , 31 st		
Wednesday			
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6197-S24



STEVENSON FORD UNITED DANCE TRY OUT INFO



PRE TRYOUT CLINICS
 4/30 @ HFII
 5/8 @ SHS
 5/16 @ HFII
 6:00-7:30 PM
 OPTIONAL

PRE TRYOUT MEET & GREET
 5/15 @ HFII
 6:30 PM
FOR PARENTS & DANCERS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT SFUDT & TRYOUT PROGRESS!





TRYOUTS
 5/20 4:30-7PM
 5/21 4:30-7PM
 5/22 4:30-?
 5/23 - TEAM PLACEMENTS 5PM @ SHS
SIGN UP LINK IN INSTAGRAM BIO

FOR ANY 8TH - 11TH GRADERS WHO WILL BE ATTENDING SHS, HFII, OR FEEDER SCHOOL IN THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR. CONTACT US WITH ANY QUESTIONS! STEVENSONFORDUNITED@GMAIL.COM





HF II Falcons Freshmen Football



Scan me!



Henry Ford II Freshman Football Combine

Date: Saturday June 8, 2024
Time: 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Location: HFII High School; varsity practice field
 (if raining, location will be in school gym)
Clothing: comfortable exercise clothes, sneakers, cleats

1. 40 Yard Move-ups
 - a. Set up cones or markers 40 yards apart and have players sprint the length one at a time. Each player's time should be recorded.
2. Vertical jump (if we have measure device)
 - a. Have athletes start by standing, then lowering into a quarter squat and exploding into a jump, leaping forward as far as they can go. The length of each player's jump should be measured and recorded.
3. Shuttle run
 - a. Place three cones in a line, 5 yards apart. Have players start at the center cone and then sprint to the right cone, then sprint to the left cone, then back to the center cone. Evaluators should record each player's time.
4. Passing and Receiving
 - a. The WR should sprint 10 yards downfield and then turn back and look at the quarterback, who throws the pass and tries to hit the WR as he turns. The receiver should then drop the ball, cut 90 degrees to run across the field, and await a second pass from the QB. The receiver should make this catch on the run. He should then drop the ball and run across the field in the opposite direction to catch a third pass. This drill tests both the QB's accuracy and the receiver's ability to run a route and make a catch.
5. Blocking Drill
 - a. place two bags side-by-side, 2 yards apart. Have two players line up between the bags with their hands on each other's shoulders. Their feet should be beneath them, and their butts should be down. The players should try to push or block the other one out of the gap between the bags.
6. Pushups
 - a. Have players perform pushups for 1 minute. Evaluators should ensure each athlete lowers himself to a specific target. The total number of push-ups performed to the desired level should be recorded.





Volunteers Needed

Browning Elementary Fun Fair

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for our Annual Family Fun Fair!

Run A game for a day.

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 Trucks, 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 31st
5:30-8:00pm



This summer, Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer (Summer EBT) will be available to families with eligible school-age children to buy groceries, similar to the USDA's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Although meals are free for all students this school year, not all students are eligible for Summer EBT benefits. To be eligible, families must complete an Electronic Benefits Form (EBF) online or currently be approved for these benefits by Count Day, February 14, 2024!



Please go to
<https://utica.familyportal.cloud>
and
apply today!

QUESTIONS??

📧 foodservice@uticak12.org
📞 Food Service: 586-797-1180
📞 DHHS for Michigan 833-905-0028 X2
📞 DHHS for Macomb County 586-469-7700





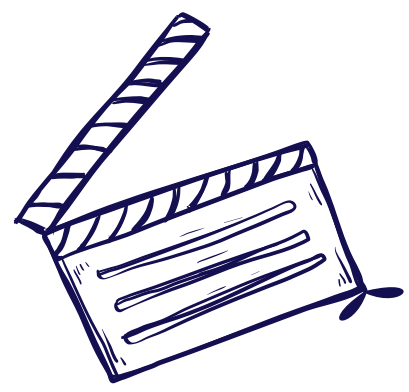
THE UTICA HIGH SCHOOL
 FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT & THESPIAN TROUPE #4260 PRESENTS
 THE PRODUCTION OF
CHICAGO THE MUSICAL
Teen Edition

MUSIC BY JOHN KANDER BOOK BY FRED EBB & BOB FOSSE LYRICS BY FRED EBB
 BASED ON THE PLAY BY MAURINE DALLAS WATKINS
 SCRIPT ADAPTATION BY DAVID THOMPSON

April 25, 26, 2024 7:00pm
April 27, 2024 4:00pm

Like us on Facebook [Utica High School Theatre Department](#)
 Follow us on Instagram, TikTok, & Twitter @that.utica.aud

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



Click the Falcon for HF II Info



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



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Afterschool Enrichment



Have questions or concerns, just ask UCS!

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




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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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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The more you know...



- Detroit Zoo is home to over 2,000 animals from 235 species, offering a diverse and educational experience for visitors to explore different ecosystems and wildlife habitats.
- Visitors can enjoy captivating 3D/4D films, observe polar bears in one of the largest exhibits in North America, and immerse themselves in the enchanting Butterfly House while supporting the zoo's conservation efforts.
- The zoo covers more than 100 acres of land.
- It first opened its doors in 1928.
- The zoo is renowned for its innovative conservation programs.
- The Australian Outback Adventure showcases animals from Down Under.
- The Belle Isle Nature Zoo is part of the Detroit Zoo.

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Monday	Vertical	straight up and down; upright. His shirt has vertical stripes.
Tuesday	Publish	to prepare and print something for the public to read. I work for a company that publishes magazines.
Wednesday	Tradition	the beliefs and ways of doing things that are passed down from parents to children. Many people celebrate holidays by carrying out old family traditions.
Thursday	Stable	firm or steady; not likely to move. The table is not stable because one of its legs is too short.
Friday	Passive	not being active or being part of an activity. Watching television is a passive activity.



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



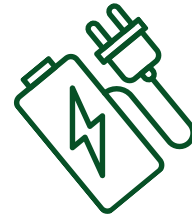
Keep up to date with all Bemis events on our website **CALENDAR**. Club meetings, sporting events, spirit days, days off, conferences... As soon as information is available it is updated on the website calendar.



Lost & Found

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

Laptop Charger Issue



Every student has been provided with a UCS laptop and UCS compatible charger.

Students are expected to bring a **charged laptop** along with their charger (if needed) to school every day (please label the charger with student's name).

Bemis Junior High School provides loaner laptops and loaner chargers for students that need to drop off their own equipment to have the Media Center Tech look at it, for troubleshooting, for quick fixes, to open repair tickets, etc. The loaner laptops and chargers are not intended to be given out to students simply because "I forgot it at home".

The forgetfulness can (and has) become an epidemic problem when you consider how many students attend school here every day. Loaner laptops and loaner chargers are limited in number. Priority loans must be given to those students that need a replacement device and did not forget their device at home.

Students that borrow chargers daily have most likely lost theirs. Lost chargers can be replaced for \$38. Once they are in 8th grade at the end of the year they will turn in both laptop & charger. If no charger they will be charged.

Chargers are also being borrowed and not returned so we are having to call the student out of class to find out why. Please talk to your student and make sure they have all their equipment for the day.

A **BIG THANK YOU** to ALL students who remember to bring their charged laptops and chargers to school every day!! It is very much appreciated.

WHAT'S NEXT FOR UCS? PROJECT PROPOSALS FOR BEMIS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL



SAFETY

SUCCESS

PHASE 1: Projects in this phase will be scheduled for summer 2024 through 2026

- Create additional layers of security to limit access for exterior entry points at main entrance and corridors, such as shatter-resistant glass
- Replace drinking fountains with water bottle filling stations
- Modernize school sign with digital technology

PHASES 2-5

- Renovate facility to address identified safety concerns related to the building's original design
- Upgrade network infrastructure
- Upgrade security systems (cameras and access control)
- Redesign Bemis/Browning parking lot and replace paving
- Improve the track and bleachers
- Improve exterior façade with new landscaping
- Upgrade the gym's lighting and audio system
- Renovate the media center
- Renovate restrooms
- Upgrade plumbing and HVAC systems
- Upgrade power systems
- Upgrade interior and exterior lighting systems
- Purchase instructional technology equipment for classrooms
- Purchase computers for students and staff
- Purchase classroom furniture
- Purchase media center furniture

PROJECTS IN PROCESS/COMPLETED

- Replace interior door hardware to integrate improved locking system based on industry-level safety standards*
- Replace public address system*
- Upgrade kitchen*

*Funded by 2018 bond issue



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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 _____



Homework Club Dates

Bemis Junior High School Homework Club

2023-2024 Sessions*

Homework Club Dates
Monday 10/23/23
Tuesday 10/24/23
Wednesday 10/25/23
Monday 10/30/23
Tuesday 10/31/23
Wednesday 11/1/23
Monday 11/6/23
Wednesday 11/8/23
Monday 11/13/23
Tuesday 11/14/23
Wednesday 11/15/23
Monday 11/20/23
Tuesday 11/21/23
Monday 11/27/23
Tuesday 11/28/23
Wednesday 11/29/23
Monday 12/4/23
Tuesday 12/5/23
Wednesday 12/6/23
Monday 12/11/23
Tuesday 12/12/23
Wednesday 12/13/23
Monday 12/18/23
Wednesday 1/3/24
Wednesday 1/8/24
Tuesday 1/9/24
Wednesday 1/10/24

Homework Club Dates
Tuesday 1/16/24
Wednesday 1/17/24
Monday 1/22/24
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Monday 3/18/24
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Wednesday 3/20/24

Homework Club Dates
Monday 4/1/24
Tuesday 4/2/24
Wednesday 4/3/24
Monday 4/8/24
Tuesday 4/9/24
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Monday 5/20/24
Tuesday 5/21/24
Wednesday 5/22/24
Tuesday 5/28/24
Wednesday 5/29/24
Monday 6/3/24
Tuesday 6/4/24

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

School Calendar

2023-2024 Calendar

August 29	First Day of School All K-12 Students- Elementary Student Half Day
September 1	No School for K-12 Students
September 4	No School for K-12 Students - Labor Day
September 20	No School for K-12 Students
October 12	Secondary Student Half Day - All Secondary Afternoon Conferences, High School only Evening Conferences
October 18	No School for K-12 Students
October 19	Junior High School Only - Evening Conferences
October 27	Elementary Student Half Day - End of Marking Period
October 31	Elementary Student Half Day
November 7	No School for K-12 Students - Election Day
November 9	Elementary Student Half Day - Afternoon Conferences
November 22 - 24	No School for K-12 Students - Thanksgiving Break
December 19	Secondary Student Half Day - Exams
December 20	Secondary Student Half Day - Exams
December 21	All Students K-12 Half Day - Exams and End of Marking Period
December 22 - January 2, 2024	No School for K-12 Students - Winter Break
January 15	No School for K-12 Students - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 19-23	No School for K-12 Students - Mid-Winter Break
March 22	Elementary Student Half Day - End of Marking Period
March 25-29	No School for K-12 Students - Spring Break
May 27	No School for K-12 Students - Memorial Day
June 5	Secondary Student Half Day - Exams
June 6	All Students K-12 Half Day - Exams
June 7	All Students K-12 Half Day - Exams and Last Day of School

***Feb. 27 - No School
Voting**



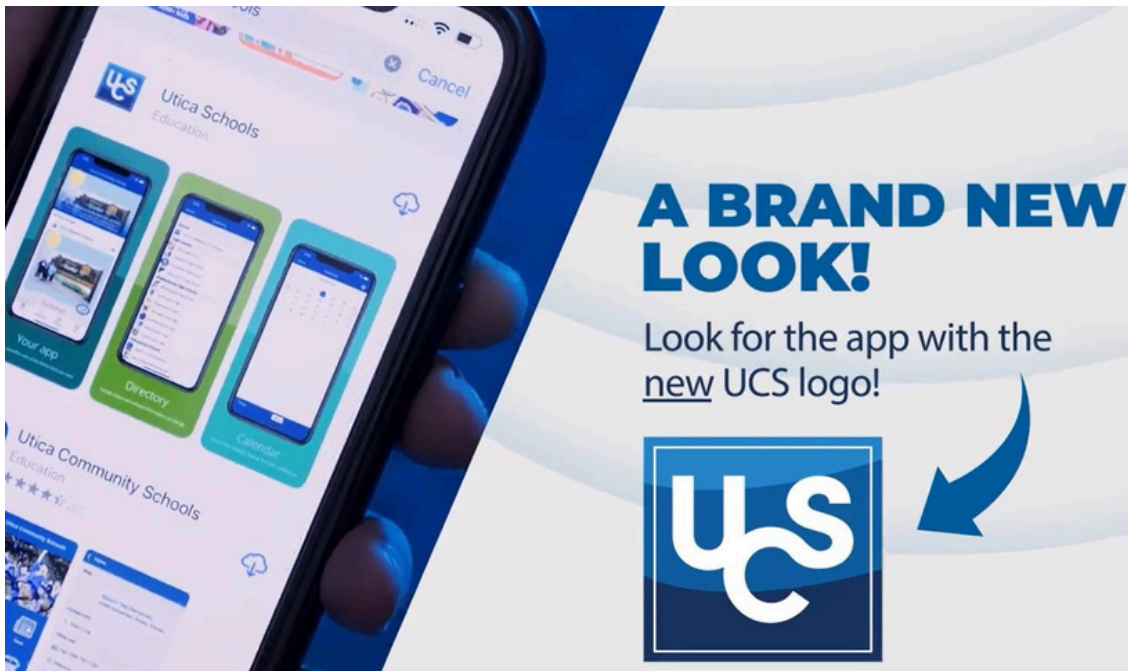
2024-2025 School Calendar

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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

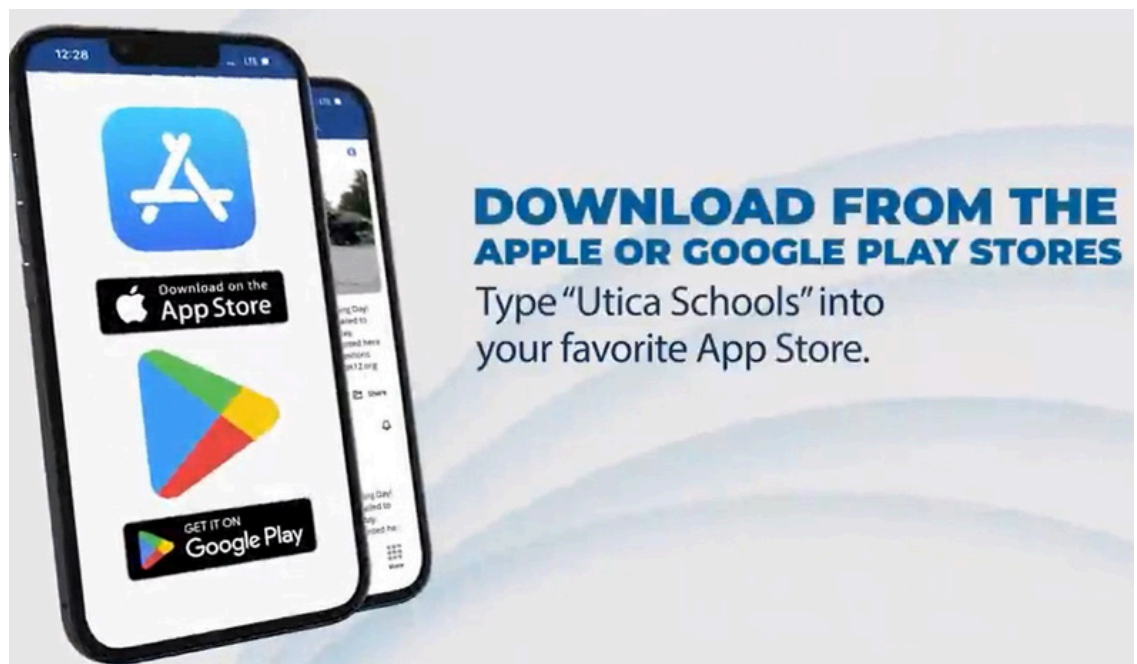
**Please note - The calendar is contingent on the State of Michigan consideration for an early start.*



Download the "NEW" 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!





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.

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

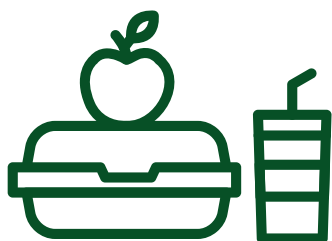
Class from 11:55am – 12:57pm

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

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 SCHOOLGY 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 TO REPLACE IT.

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 A PROBLEM

Her office is in the Media Center.

You can reach her by email at nicole.brown@uticak12.org Or send a message in Schoology.



IMPORTANT

GENERAL POLICIES

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 [2023-2024 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](#)

Student Drop Off Map

