

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 15

BEMIS BULLETIN BOARD (B3).

Bemis Jr. High School's Newsletter for Parents



NEW LOCATION

FAMILY WELLNESS FAIR

EISENHOWER HIGH SCHOOL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
10AM-1PM

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- ✓ Over 30 Vendors
- ✓ Kid's Zone with Hands-On Activities
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 www.Uticak12.org/UCS_wellness  **UTICA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

How can I find out what's going on?

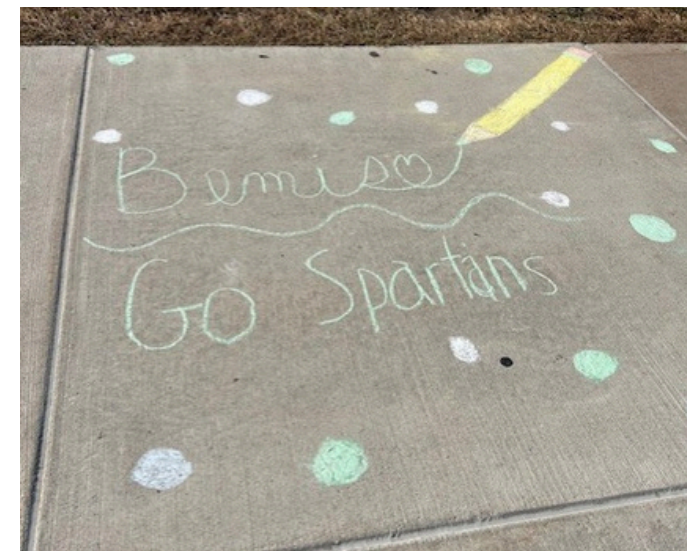


- Emails/Texts from Mr. Yaw (the principal)
- The weekly newsletter (B3 you're reading it now)
- The website (our website & the district website)
- Facebook Page
- Instagram
- Your student (we do both morning & afternoon announcements)





Check out this “chalkspiration” from our AVID students



REMNINDER

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

KEEP IT CLEAN

Avoid eating and
drinking around your
device.



CHARGE

Regularly, at lunch and
before going to bed.



DO NOT HOLD BY SCREEN!

Ouch x_x



LAPTOP CARE

IMPORANT ROUTINES TO TAKE BETTER CARE
OF YOUR SCHOOL LAPTOP.

SURF SAFELY

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



UPDATE

At home or before class.



DO NOT ABANDON IT!

Insurance does not
cover lost devices!



REPORT ANY ISSUES

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





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School meals will remain free through early fall of 2025

Utica Community Schools is continuing the free school meals program through early fall of 2025 while the State of Michigan works to adopt a budget by the September 30th deadline.

Families are urged to complete the Education Benefits Form to qualify for discounts on athletics, testing and internet. Completing this form also helps UCS receive state and federal funding that directly benefits our schools. To support your child's school by completing the Education Benefits Form, visit www.uticak12.org/familyportal and click 'apply for benefits.'



This school year, breakfast and lunch will be offered to all students. Additional food and drink items will be available for purchase. Please follow the link to access the UCS Family Portal at <https://utica.familyportal.cloud/> to add money to your account and for more information.

Food Allergy Form

Students with food allergies that wish to use school meals must have a Special Dietary Needs form filled out and signed by a physician. Forms must be submitted to the office of Food and Nutrition Service. Accommodations can only be made through this form. This form must be updated every year to ensure accuracy. Since all schools have vegetarian options available, parents do not need to fill out a form for this option.

Upcoming Dates

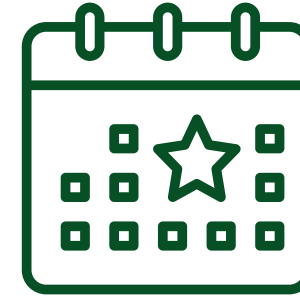
9/13: Family Wellness Fair @ Eisenhower

9/15-19: NWEA makeups

9/17: No School

9/20: Drive for UCS event

10/17: Ford Homecoming

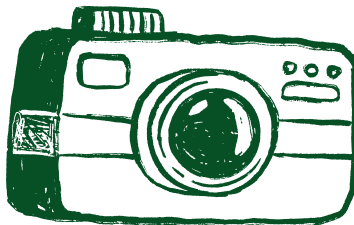


ORDER YOUR BEMIS YEARBOOK TODAY!

Order online at: jostensyearbooks.com

Make checks payable to: Bemis Jr. High

Price starting @ \$38.00 + tax



School Pictures

School ID Code: 2526BEMISJR

Click [HERE](#) to order online

Re-Take Day: 10/15/25

****for re-takes you must bring in your original packet.***

BELL SCHEDULE

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

- 1st Hour 7:55am – 8:53am
- 2nd Hour 8:59am – 9:55am
- 3rd Hour 10:01am – 10:57am
- 4th Hour 11:03am – 12:42pm
- 5th Hour 12:48pm – 1:44pm
- 6th Hour 1:50pm – 2:46pm

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



LUNCHES

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

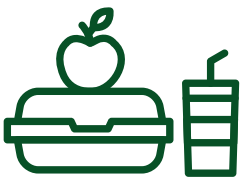
BEMIS LUNCH SCHEDULE

A Lunch

Lunch from 11:03am – 11:34am
Class from 11:40am – 12:42pm

B Lunch

Class from 11:03am – 11:34am
Lunch from 11:40am – 12:05pm
Class from 12:11pm – 12:42pm



C Lunch

Class from 11:03am – 12:05pm
Lunch from 12:11pm – 12:42pm

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/#





Robert S. Monroe
Superintendent of Schools
11303 Greendale
Sterling Heights, MI 48312
(586) 797-1100
www.UticaK12.org

September 10, 2025

Dear UCS Families,

Relationships have always been an important part of the UCS Legacy of Excellence. Belonging impacts every facet of our district. It ensures that students are connected, engaged and empowered as they pursue their passion in academics, athletics and the arts. A sense of belonging fosters a safe environment where students feel a sense of personal satisfaction and accomplishment as they share success with their peers and trusted teachers and staff members.

During the 2025-26 school year, we will build on our Legacy of Excellence as we continue the work of our UCS Empowered Strategic Plan. Over the next few months, we will be sharing additional information with you on two key initiatives that reflect this commitment.

First, we are reviewing our student achievement data. While our UCS students achieve at levels that on average outpace their state and national peers, we must continue to challenge ourselves to grow even further. For instance we need to consider:

- How can we improve outcomes for all students?
- How can we help students with specialized needs grow and develop at higher levels?
- How can we provide our teachers with the resources and needed structure to help support our students?

Discussions around student achievement will start this process in the weeks and months ahead. District leaders will be examining data and working with teachers and staff members to gain a deeper understanding of students with unique needs. When it comes to student achievement, innovation and growth must build on past success while exploring new pathways for the future.

In a similar fashion, we are continuing to evaluate our enrollment patterns. The implementation of our 2023 Safety and Success Bond Issue allowed us to begin the transformation of school buildings.

Utica Community Schools Board of Education

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The Enrollment Distribution Advisory Committee (EDAC), which is comprised of representatives from each school, continues to review enrollment projections and facility utilization within UCS. As they review the data, they will provide the district with feedback regarding updates and improvements for existing facilities and educational programs and pathways.

For example, this year we reopened a reconstructed DeKeyser Elementary and are moving forward with plans to improve Graebner Elementary and Havel Elementary. These improvements included changes to our attendance areas that connect neighborhoods and better follow major landmarks and boundary lines. The EDAC will continue their work and review other areas of the school district. Updates are posted [at this link](#).

These two strategic initiatives, "Student Achievement" and "Attendance and Enrollment" are the next steps within the long-range [UCS Empowered Strategic Plan](#). As we follow the plan and continue the work, we will keep you informed and engaged.

Finally, as we work to foster a sense of belonging, I would like to invite you to the second annual UCS Family Wellness Fair. This event reflects the district's Culture of Caring, a priority in our UCS Empowered Strategic Plan, by giving families an opportunity to explore resources that support student success in the classroom while also promoting growth and wellness.

The fair will be this Saturday, September 13 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Eisenhower High School. More information is at this [link](#).

Be it attending wellness and back to school events, watching fall athletes compete, or listening to our bands, we create a strong community. By partnering with our families, building on the talent of our staff, and capitalizing on the strengths of our district, we continue to build upon our legacy of excellence.

Thank you for your continued support! We are off to a great start!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Robert S. Monroe'.

Robert S. Monroe
Superintendent of Schools



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Why Drive for UCS?

- \$21 per hour starting pay — among the top rates in Macomb County
- Up to \$2,500 hiring bonus for experienced drivers
- Paid training provided
- 5-6 hours per day to start
- Work schedule follows the school calendar
- Nine paid holidays and five personal days per year
- Comprehensive benefits including medical, dental, vision and retirement benefits (subject to availability and eligibility)

Save the Date:

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Put Yourself in the Driver's Seat

Test drive a bus to see how you could drive the future with UCS!

- Saturday, Sept. 20
- 10 a.m.-12 p.m. @ TWO Locations
 1. Eisenhower High School
6500 25 Mile Rd, Shelby Township, MI 48316
 2. Auxiliary Services Facility
6600 18 Mile Rd, Sterling Heights, MI 48314

Walk-In Wednesdays:

Join us for walk-in interviews every Wednesday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

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Afterschool Enrichment

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




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

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.







MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT UCS



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**SUPERINTENDENT'S
STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD**

All 9th grade students
are welcome to apply!



**ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS
THROUGH MONDAY, SEPT. 22**



**UPCOMING
Events**

WEEKLY CLEANUPS
LOCATIONS VARY

STREAM LEADERS
OUTDOOR EDUCATION PROGRAM

**RIVERSAFE/LAKESAFE
PROGRAM**

For links to weekly cleanups
and more volunteer opportunities, go to
www.crwc.org/events



OPEN HOUSE



September 15



6-8^P_M



Gene L. Kilda Utica Academy
for International Studies

MONDAY

Hands on experience with:

- Business development
- Finance & budgeting
- Executive leadership
- Social media & marketing
- Project management
- Website management
- CAD & engineering
- Programming
- Software Development
- CNC / 3D printing

Are YOU interested
in Leadership, Finance,
Business, Engineering, Design,
Electrical, Marketing, or
Programming?

Benefits

- Prestigious scholarship opportunities with FIRST
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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.





- Hispanic Heritage Month is observed from September 15 to October 15 every year in the United States.
- September 15 marks the Independence Day of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua.
- A person who identifies as Hispanic is from or has ancestors from a Spanish-speaking territory or country.
- The term Hispanic was first recognized by the U.S. government in the 1970s after population data began to be collected, per the request of Mexican-American and Hispanic organizations.
- Apart from Hispanics celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month, the Latin community also has its own festivities.
- While Hispanic and Latinx people may have different histories and cultures, many are united through their shared language of Spanish.

Monday	Technology	a field of knowledge having to do with the use of science and industry to help solve common problems of life. Technology is used to help solve energy problems.
Tuesday	Valid	based on truth, fact, or logic. It's valid to say that cats have whiskers. His argument is valid.
Wednesday	Suffice	to meet needs, goals, or the like adequately; be sufficient.
Thursday	Portion	a part of a whole. He read a portion of the book.
Friday	Guarantee	a promise that something you have bought will work well. If it does not, the store must either repair it or give you a new one. There is a two year guarantee on my new computer.



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.



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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

IMPORTANT IF YOU HAVE ANY ISSUES AT ANY TIME WITH THE LAPTOP OR YOUR
CHARGER,
PLEASE ASK TO SEE MRS. BROWN AS SOON AS YOU NOTICE AN PROBLEM
Her office is in the Media Center (8:00-2:30 daily).
You can reach her by email at nicole.brown@uticak12.org Or send a message in
Schoolology.



2025 - 2026 Calendar

- Monday, August 25, 2025 Teacher First Day Full Day - DPPD
- Monday August 25, 2025 Elementary Building “Meet the Teacher” 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 26, 2025 Students 1st Day of School – Elementary Half Day; Secondary Full Day
- Labor Day Holiday No School Friday, August 29, 2025 – Monday, September 1, 2025
- Wednesday, September 17, 2025 No School; Teacher Full Day DPPD
- Wednesday, October 22, 2025 No School; Teacher Full Day DPPD
- Election Day Tuesday, November 4, 2025 No School; Teacher Virtual DPPD Day
- Thanksgiving Holiday No School Wednesday, November 26, 2025 – Friday, November 28, 2025
- Winter Holiday Break No School Monday, December 22, 2025 – Friday, January 2, 2026
- Wednesday, January 14, 2026 No School Teacher Full Day DPPD Day
- Monday, January 19, 2026 No School MLK, Jr. Holiday
- Mid-Winter Break No School Monday, February 16, 2026 – Friday, February 20, 2026
- Spring Break No School Monday, March 30, 2026 – Friday, April 3, 2026
- Memorial Day Holiday No School Friday, May 22, 2026 – Monday, May 25, 2026
- Last Day of School Wednesday, June 10, 2026





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
 - Website: 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

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