WEEK OF OCTOBER 6

BEMIS BULLETIN BOARD (B3)



Bemis Jr. High School's Newsletter for Parents

Dear UCS Families,

As you are aware, the State of Michigan continues to consider a new budget for its new fiscal year, which includes revenue for schools. Early this morning, lawmakers agreed to a one-week extension of their budget deadline while they finalize their plan. The focus of Utica Community Schools continues to be on student achievement. We are committed to providing stability for UCS students, staff and families as the state works through the budget adoption process by continuing all UCS services. A true strength of our school district is our partnership to provide this stability and focus on student success, even as we manage uncertainty and change.

Once the State of Michigan agrees upon their budget for the 2025-26 fiscal year, we will have a better idea of the impact it will have on our district. We are prepared to continue to offer free meals for all UCS students through at least the end of October. Any future adjustment to the free meals program based on the final state budget will be communicated at least 30 days prior to any change.

We will continue to share updates as we have more information. In the meantime, thank you for your continued support of our schools and students.

Sincerely,
Robert S. Monroe
Superintendent of Schools











decorate Spartan shields as a powerful symbol of their commitment to "lock in" to the Spartan Way initiative. Displayed proudly in the foyer in a phalanx formation just like ancient Spartan warriors—the shields represent an unbreakable wall of unity and purpose.

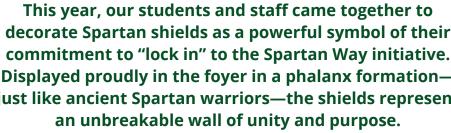
Each shield reflects our community's dedication to the core pillars of the Spartan Way:

- ***** Kindness
- * Responsibility























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)









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









LAPTOPCARE

IMPORANT ROUTINES TO TAKE BETTER CARE OF YOUR SCHOOL LAPTOP.







ISSUES

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



ITEMS NOT COVERED BY THIS OPTIONAL PLAN:

ACCESSORIES ARE NOT COVERED BY INSURANCE

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

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

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

LOST OR STOLEN DEVICE

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



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 <u>Special Dietary Needs form</u> 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

10/5: Band A Rama 2025

10/7: Evening conferences (4:30-7:30pm - remote)

10/17: Ford Homecoming

10/22: No School

11/4: No School (Election Day)

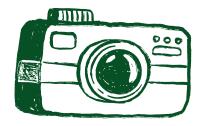




ORDER YOUR BEMIS YEARBOOK TODAY!

Order online at: *jostensyearbooks.com*

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



School Pictures

School ID Code: 2526BEMISJR Click <u>HERE</u> to order online

Re-Take Day: 10/15/25

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



Upcoming Spirit Days – 1st Quarter

Friday 9/12 Spartan/Bemis School Spirit

Friday 9/19 Sweater Weather/Fall Colors

Friday 9/26 Twin Day

Friday 10/3 Pink out/Breast Cancer Awareness

Friday 10/10 8th grade Black/7th Grade White out

Friday 10/17 Ford Falcon/Maroon and White

Friday 10/24 Costume Day – Halloween Dance

Friday 10/31 Orange and Black Day

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



SPARTAN SPORTS

Click <u>HERE</u> for Football/Volleyball Schedules

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





Please use the church parking lot (across the street) for the early home football game on 9/30 & 10/14



Bemis Spirit Wear





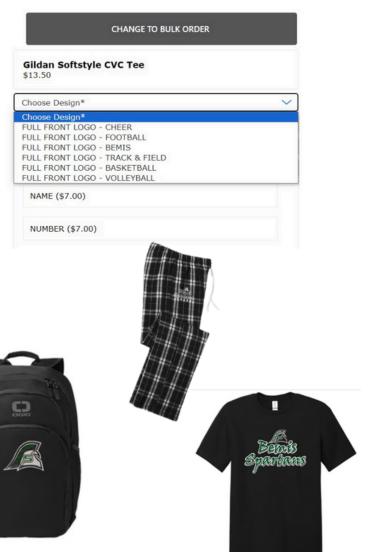


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Utica Community Schools Instrumental Music Department

Proudly Presents

BAND-A-RAMA

2025



7:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 5 at Runkel Field, 39701 Dodge Park Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48313.

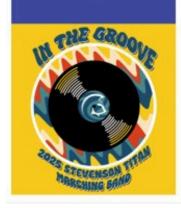
Falcon Marching Band – "Come Out and Play"

Chieftain Marching Band – "A Night at the Oscars"

Eagle Marching Band – "Heartbeats in Harmony"

Titan Marching Band – "In the Groove"

Tickets are \$5 for adults and high school students with junior high school and younger students having free admission. Tickets are available at the entrance and go towards music scholarships for band students.







UTICA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Afterschool Enrichment



Future Falcon



What Awaits Future Falcons?

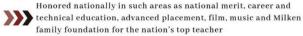
"Future Falcons should look forward to joining a school where family comes first. At Henry Ford II, we believe in Empowering Excellence in Everyone, providing opportunities to grow academically. discover your passions, and achieve greatness, whether it's excelling in the classroom, performing on stage,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

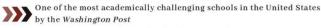


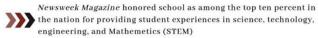
Lori Singletor Principal

Points of Pride

Michigan and National Blue Ribbon Exemplary School







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





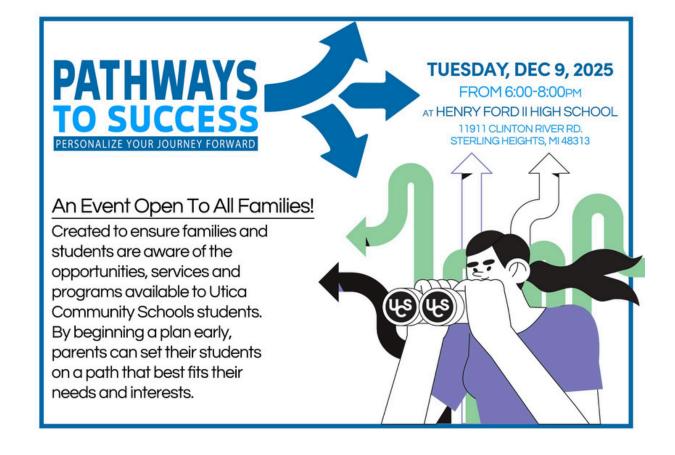
Walk-In Wednesdays:

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

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

Click <u>HERE</u> to See Postings for all available UCS Jobs.







more stuff...



The <u>UCS Wellness podcast</u> 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.







- 1 in 8 women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime.
- There are currently over 4 million breast cancer survivors in the United States.
- Risk of breast cancer recurrence depends on the type and staging of the initial breast cancer.
- Breast cancer is the most common cancer in American women, except for skin cancers.
- On average, every 2 minutes a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer in the United States.
- The 5-year relative survival rate for cancer diagnosed at the localized stage is 99%.
- In 2025, an estimated 2,800 men will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer in the United States.
- The lifetime risk of a U.S. man developing breast cancer is about 1 in 726.

Monday	Entity	anything that exists objectively and distinctly, whether nonliving or living; thing or being. A wife in those days was not viewed as a separate entity from her husband.
Tuesday	Major	very important. The economy is a major issue in the campaign for president.
Wednesday	Isolate	to set apart in order to make alone. The doctors isolated the sick child. His house is isolated in the woods.
Thursday	Segment	one of the parts into which something is or can be separated. She divided the orange into segments. He wrote about one segment of our history.
Friday	Mathematics	the study of numbers, amounts, and shapes, and the relationships among them.







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 & Lunches 2025-2026

BELL SCHEDULE

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

1st Hour 7:55am - 8:53am

2nd Hour 8:59am - 9:55am

3rd Hour 10:01am - 10:57am

4th Hour 11:03am - 12:42pm

5th Hour 12:48pm - 1:44pm

6th Hour 1:50pm - 2:46pm



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

LUNCHES

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

BEMIS LUNCH SCHEDULE

A Lunch

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

B Lunch

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



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



<u>C Lunch</u>

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



ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

Please call the Attendance Line and NOT the Main Office number.
Please call 586-797-2599 for:

Early Dismissals Late Arrival All Day Absences

Clearly state and spell your child's first & last name when leaving a message.

Please note that it MUST be a parent/guardian that calls in and not a student or sibling.

EARLY DISMISSALS

When an Early Dismissal is necessary please call the attendance line before the start of the school day.

Students who become ill at school and require an early dismissal must report to the Main Office before calling home.

ATTENDANCE IN POWERSCHOOL

Attendance is recorded in PowerSchool late in the school day. Our goal is to have call-ins recorded before the office closes for the day. However, if you have any questions regarding your students attendance, please wait 24 hours to ensure that all records are complete and up to date.

PowerSchool is now generating automated phone calls to parents informing them of any absences for their students on a daily basis. Please use your Parent Portal to view your student's attendance. If you have any concerns, email the individual teacher directly through the staff tab of the school's web site: http://bemis.uticak12.org or through the PowerSchool access.

If a correction is warranted, the teacher will request one.

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, LENSA, ASK AI, YOU CHAT,
ETC.

ARE NOT USED FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES AND SHOULD NOT BE ACCESSED

PLEASE REMOVE ALL PROFILE PICTURES

You have 6 teachers and they do not want to see anime, celebrities, characters, cars, pets, objects, etc.

You do not need a profile picture but if you do want one, it MUST be of your face only.

DO NOT CHANGE ANY SETTINGS -VERY IMPORTANT!

The laptop is set up accordingly for you to use for schoolwork only.

Charge your laptop EVERY night so it is ready for the next day.

IF YOU FORGET TO CHARGE IT OVER NIGHT, BRING YOUR CHARGER WITH YOU.

DO NOT LOAN OUT YOUR CHARGER, IF IT GOES MISSING, YOU HAVE TO PAY \$38 TO REPLACE IT.

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

IMPORTANT IF YOU HAVE ANY ISSUES AT ANY TIME WITH THE LAPTOP OR YOUR CHARGER.

PLEASE ASK TO SEE MRS. BROWN AS SOON AS YOU NOTICE AN PROBLEM
Her office is in the Media Center (8:00-2:30 daily).
You can reach her by email at nicole.brown@uticak12.org Or send a message in Schoology.

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 OK2SAYwebsite.

More information is available on the https://www.michigan.gov/ok2say/about

Have questions or concerns, just ask UCS! https://bit.ly/3W6LbPP









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 <u>Parent and Student Handbook</u>. 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. <u>Click here</u> 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. <u>Click here</u> 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 <u>here</u>.

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.

IMPORTANT SCHOOL POLICIES

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 <u>HERE</u> 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. Clink on link for more information *Kroger Community Rewards*

