

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 18

BEMIS BULLETIN BOARD (B3).

Bemis Jr. High School's Newsletter for Parents



Getting on the honor roll is a big, but attainable, goal. It looks good on college and university applications and raises your confidence in your work ability. The honor roll is one of the most important awards to get. So if you achieve this goal while you are in school, you should feel very proud of your accomplishment. Though seemingly a lot of work, it can be a straightforward task to get on the honor roll by simply applying yourself and putting in a little extra, strategic effort.

Click [HERE](#) to view the list.

**Congratulations to all of our Bemis Spartans
who made the 'A' or 'B' Honor Roll this quarter!!**



The following students earned Outstanding citizenship marks in all 6 classes.

Click [HERE](#) to view the list.

Congratulations!

Canned Food Drive 2024

Monday Nov. 18th – Friday Nov. 22nd

Turn in your cans &
boxed food to your
1st hour teacher

- No Glass
- Cannot be expired
- 5 ramen = 1 can
- # of cans ÷ # of students = class %
- Highest class % wins!

School goal: 1,000 Cans!

Treat @ lunches if this is met!



The winning 1st hour class gets:

Front of lunch line pass for a week

AND PitStop gift card per student

2nd and 3rd place classes will also receive a prize

Eighth-grade students have started exploring their high school options. Besides attending Ford High School, they also have the chance to apply to one of Utica's specialty programs. Parents and students can learn more about these programs by attending information nights hosted by each program.

Detailed information about each program, as well as the application process and timeline, is available on the Utica website under [Specialty Programs / Application Process and Timeline](#)



Utica Community Schools has created informational videos about the five specialty programs.



Upcoming Dates

- 11/27-29 NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Break)**
- 12/18: Half Day (Exams 1&2)
- 12/18: Half Day (Exams 3&4)
- 12/19: Half Day (Exams 5&6)
- 12/23-1/3: NO SCHOOL (Winter Break)**



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

IMPORTANT

8th Grade Students

Many of you will be shadowing with the UCS specialty programs in the coming weeks. Please follow these 2 steps for attendance accuracy:

- 1. Please make sure your parents call your absence in on the attendance line (586-797-2599)**
- 2. Please submit your confirmation email with your scheduled date and time to Mrs. Helle in the front office.**

School Spirit

Bemis Spirit Wear



1. pick item you love
2. click on **Choose Design**
3. optional add name/#

CHANGE TO BULK ORDER

Gildan Softstyle CVC Tee
\$13.50

Choose Design*

- Choose Design*
- FULL FRONT LOGO - CHEER
- FULL FRONT LOGO - FOOTBALL
- FULL FRONT LOGO - BEMIS
- FULL FRONT LOGO - TRACK & FIELD
- FULL FRONT LOGO - BASKETBALL
- FULL FRONT LOGO - VOLLEYBALL

NAME (\$7.00)

NUMBER (\$7.00)



Upcoming Spirit Days

~~Thurs 10/31 Black and orange day *No costumes*~~

~~Friday 11/1 Pajama Day~~

~~Friday 11/8 Teachers dress like students/students dress like teachers~~

~~Friday 11/15 Anything but a backpack day~~

Friday 11/22 Zoom Day (business on top, comfy on the bottom)

Friday 12/6 Crazy Hair/Hat Day

Friday 12/13 Black out – Friday the 13th!

Monday 12/16 - Friday 12/20 Holiday Spirit Week

- Monday 12/16: Holiday Pajamas
- Tuesday 12/17: Grinch Day
- Wednesday 12/18: Holiday T-Shirt
- Thursday 12/19: Holiday Headwear
- Friday 12/20: Holiday/Ugly Sweater



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



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

Bemis Junior High School Homework Club Parent and Student Permission form

My child: _____, grade _____, has my permission to participate in The Bemis Homework Club. I understand that it is my responsibility to provide transportation for my child. My child understands that it is his/her responsibility to arrive on time, bring all necessary materials to the Bemis Junior High School Media Center and be prepared to work. My child also understands that all Bemis Junior High School rules apply, and he/she will follow them or face removal from The Bemis Homework Club.

Students will sit quietly at a table and begin homework assignments. When in need of help with the assignment, students will raise their hand. At times the students can quietly work together on common assignments. All students must have a book to read quietly if they finish their work prior to the time of dismissal.

Parent Name (printed) _____

Parent Signature _____

STUDENT

I understand that I am expected to bring all my supplies to The Bemis Homework Club and work in a quiet and respectful manner from 3:05 – 4:05.

Student Name (printed) _____

Student signature _____



Bemis Junior High School Homework Club

2024-2025 Sessions*

| Homework Club Dates |
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| Wednesday 5/28/25 |
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| Monday 6/2/25 |
| Tuesday 6/3/25 |
| Wednesday 6/4/25 |

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

AVID NOVEMBER FUNDRAISERS!!



BEMIS JUNIOR HIGH AVID PIZZA FUNDRAISER NIGHT

19 & Hayes 586-566-9700

- ~~October 3rd~~
- ~~November 7th~~
- December 12th
- January 9th
- February 6th
- March 6th
- April 3rd
- May 1st
- June 5th

11am-10pm

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

Just fill in the slip below and hand it to the cashier or delivery driver and enjoy your dinner. Let's all make this a great year. If you happen to forget your flyer, please mention it to the cashier or driver so we can credit the school. We will have extra flyers available at the stores.

HUNGRY HOWIE'S WILL DONATE 20% CASH BACK TO OUR SCHOOL FOR ALL FLYERS TURNED IN ON THESE NIGHTS. IF YOU ORDER ONLINE: JUST PUT A NOTE THAT SAYS BEMIS JUNIOR HIGH.

Name: _____ Order total: _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

**IMPORTANT IF YOU HAVE ANY ISSUES AT ANY TIME WITH THE LAPTOP OR YOUR
CHARGER,
PLEASE ASK TO SEE MRS. BROWN AS SOON AS YOU NOTICE AN PROBLEM
Her office is in the Media Center (8:15-2:45 daily).
You can reach her by email at nicole.brown@uticak12.org Or send a message in
Schoology.**



uticaK12.org/pathways

PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

PERSONALIZE YOUR JOURNEY FORWARD

THURSDAY, DEC 5, 2024

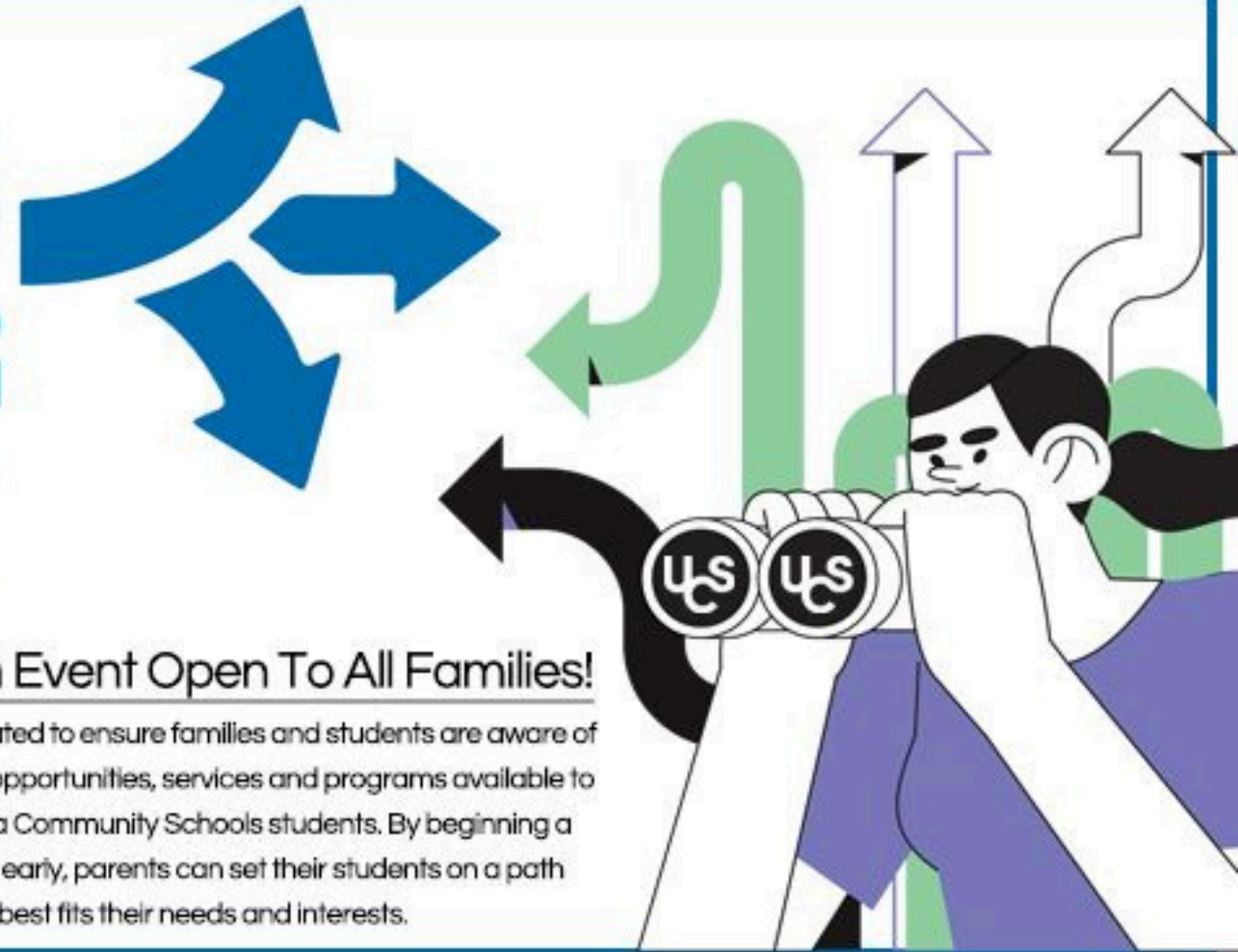
FROM 6:00-8:00PM

AT HENRY FORD II HIGH SCHOOL

11911 CLINTON RIVER RD.
STERLING HEIGHTS, MI 48313

An Event Open To All Families!

Created to ensure families and students are aware of the opportunities, services and programs available to Utica Community Schools students. By beginning a plan early, parents can set their students on a path that best fits their needs and interests.



The UCS Legacy of Learning
Pursue Excellence
Live Your Passion
Be Where You Belong



The design vision gives our students more space to work in groups on projects that develop essential skills such as collaboration, communication and problem solving.



The elementary classroom of the future remains focused on safety and provides an environment that gives teachers the flexibility to work with individuals and in small and large groups.

Reimagining UCS Elementary Schools

Thanks to UCS voters, our school district is embarking on a transformative approach to how our elementary school facilities will support future generations of learners.

As work began this summer, the reconstruction of DeKeyser Elementary is demonstrating our vision for the future.

By building, renovating and innovating, UCS is able to update elementary schools districtwide with facilities that encourage growth and achievement.

Through this transformation, the new design will:

- Create additional layers of safety.

- Support achievement through space that fosters learning communities.
- Provide teachers with the flexibility and technology for large and small group instruction.
- Provide a modern look that grows community pride and enhances property values.

For more information:
www.uticak12.org/safetyandsuccess



Attendance Area Review

With the reconstruction of elementary schools, Utica Community Schools is able to address long-standing issues related to school attendance areas.

The attendance areas for UCS were introduced in most cases when the facilities opened more than 50 years ago.

As a result, some neighborhood subdivisions are geographically disconnected from neighboring communities with boundaries that do not take advantage of major landmarks and roadways.

Currently, the district's citizens Enrollment Distribution Advisory Committee is reviewing patterns for elementary schools feeding into Henry Ford II High School. A plan will be shared with the community by mid-December.

Through this review, neighborhood schools would foster a stronger sense of community and provide more students with access to updated facilities that encourage growth and achievement.

The 2023 Bond Issue - Improving every school with a focus on safety

The \$550 million bond issue represents the largest facility improvement investment in the history of Utica Community Schools.

The bond issue, supported by 70 percent of district voters in 2023, is focused on safety and provides improvements at every UCS school.

Examples of projects that are benefiting schools districtwide include:

- Additional layers of safety, such as replacement of doors, installation of safety locks, and shatter-resistant glass.
- Walls and doors installed at former "Open Concept" schools. These were completed in 2024.

- Improved parking lots through redesigns and/or repaving.
- Install new playground equipment and replace playground surfacing at all elementary schools.
- The continued implementation of the school district's long-range facility improvement program, including roofs, heating and cooling systems, and electrical and plumbing infrastructure.
- Improved athletic fields for all high schools and fan-friendly stadium renovations. This project is scheduled to begin in the spring.

To see a list of projects by school with updated timelines, please see our website:
[uticak12.org/safetyandsuccess](http://www.uticak12.org/safetyandsuccess)

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Starting pay for UCS bus drivers is \$21/hr! 🚌 Not able to join for walk-in hours? Call (586) 797-7113 or email Monique.Potts@Uticak12.org to schedule an interview outside this timeframe!





**44th
Annual
Juried
Arts & Crafts
Show**

**ST. NICK'S
WAREHOUSE**

Henry Ford II High School

**11911 Clinton River Rd.
Sterling Heights, MI**

**Saturday
November 30th
9am-4pm**

**Sunday
December 1st
10am-3pm**

**\$5.00 Admission Fee
Strollers Prohibited**

Over 250 Booths



**Saturday Free Shuttle
Bus Service**

- 1. RIVERLAND SHOPPING CENTER**
43500 VanDyke Ave., Sterling Heights, MI 48314
- 2. HAVEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**
41855 Schoenherr Rd., Sterling Heights, MI 48313
- 3. BEMIS JUNIOR HIGH**
12500 19 Mile Rd., Sterling Heights, MI 48313
- 4. NEW LIFE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
11300 19 Mile Rd., Sterling Heights, MI 48314

**Sunday Free Shuttle
Bus Service**

- 3. BEMIS JUNIOR HIGH**
12500 19 Mile Rd., Sterling Heights, MI 48313





MUST REGISTER – SPACE LIMITED – VERY POPULAR!!

Always Growing, Always Changing

4th & 5th Grade Girls and an important adult in their life are invited to attend...

- A maturation program to help answer questions that girls might have about their growing and changing bodies.
- The session will cover physical and emotional changes that occur in girls during puberty, including menstruation.
- A short video will be followed by a lively discussion session.

Local school districts usually present a maturation/reproductive health program for elementary students during their regular class time. *This class is not intended to replace any current reproductive health programs, which may continue as always.* The MISD is offering this class to those interested girls and their parent/guardian IN ADDITION to regular school programming.

Open to any adult in the community and any 4th and 5th-grade girl in the community.

Where: VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM

When:

Thursday, September 26, 2024 - Register [HERE](#)

Tuesday, November 19, 2024 - Register [HERE](#)

Thursday, March 6, 2025 - Register [HERE](#)

Time: 6 - 7:00pm (log in at 5:45pm)

MUST Register in advance for this meeting (fills up quickly)
Registration information can also be found on the MISD website: www.misd.net (lick course offering tab and search for 'Always Growing, Always Changing')

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email. A few days before the class, you will receive a reminder and information about joining the meeting (Zoom link).

Contact Sara Orris - sorris@misd.net or 586.228.3460



EDUCATION IS LIMITLESS



SPECIAL EDUCATION HAS THE POWER TO TRANSFORM LIVES AND UNLOCK EVERYONE'S LIMITLESS POTENTIAL.

UTICA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS IS PROUD TO SUPPORT OUR 3,524 STUDENTS WITH DIVERSE LEARNING NEEDS, ALONG WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND THE COMMUNITY. OUR VISION IS TO EMPOWER EVERY STUDENT BY CELEBRATING THEIR UNIQUE STRENGTHS AND HELPING THEM REACH THEIR FULLEST POTENTIAL.

WE ARE PROUD TO TELL THE STORY OF UCS SPECIAL EDUCATION THROUGH VOICES OF OUR STAFF, STUDENTS AND FAMILIES. LEARN MORE AT: [HTTP://UTICAK12.ORG/LIMITLESSPOTENTIAL](http://UTICAK12.ORG/LIMITLESSPOTENTIAL)





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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SCHOOLS**



[Afterschool Enrichment](#)



**CITY OF
Sterling Heights
LIBRARY**





- More than 47 million people in the US face hunger, including 1 in 5 children.
- In 2023 alone, more than 50 million people turned to food assistance for extra help.
- People experience food insecurity in every community.
- Inequality is a root cause of food insecurity for people of color.
- Hunger can affect people from all walks of life.
- Millions of people in America are just one job loss, missed paycheck, or medical emergency away from hunger.
- Hunger doesn't affect everyone equally - some groups like children, seniors, and people of color face hunger at much higher rates.

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| Monday | Context | the setting of a word or phrase that affects its meaning. The meaning of the word "fly" changes depending on its context. |
| Tuesday | Arbitrary | resulting from personal opinions, wishes, or feelings instead of from a rule or reason. The jury's decision seemed unfair and arbitrary. |
| Wednesday | Definite | clear or exact. I have no definite plans for Friday night. I have a definite reason for wanting it this way. |
| Thursday | Imply | to hint or suggest without saying directly. When she said that the floor was dirty, she was implying that I should mop it. |
| Friday | Proceed | to move forward after a stop. After you give your name, you may proceed to the front of the line. |



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



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



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

BELL SCHEDULE

Doors open 7:45am
Breakfast 7:45 - 8:00am
Students to lockers 8:00- 8:10am

1st Hour 8:10am – 9:08am

2nd Hour 9:14am – 10:10am

3rd Hour 10:16am – 11:12am

4th Hour 11:18am – 12:57pm

5th Hour 1:03pm – 1:59pm

6th Hour 2:05pm – 3:01pm



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

LUNCHES

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

BEMIS LUNCH SCHEDULE

A Lunch

Lunch from 11:18am – 11:49am

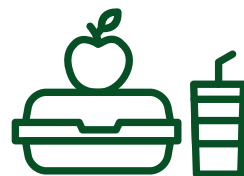
Class from 11:55am – 12:57pm

B Lunch

Class from 11:18am – 11:49am

Lunch from 11:55am – 12:20pm

Class from 12:26pm – 12:57pm



C Lunch

Class from 11:18am – 12:20pm

Lunch from 12:26pm – 12:57pm



ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

Please call the Attendance Line
and NOT the Main Office number.

Please call 586-797-2599 for:

Early Dismissals Late Arrival All Day Absences

Clearly state and spell your child's first & last name when leaving a message.
Please note that it MUST be a parent/guardian that calls in and not a student or sibling.

EARLY DISMISSALS

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

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

ATTENDANCE IN POWERSCHOOL

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

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

| 2024-2025 Calendar | |
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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 |
| <i>*Please note - The calendar is contingent on the State of Michigan consideration for an early start.</i> | |





OK2Say is a nationally recognized program designed to enhance school safety by giving students the tools to step up and speak out when they are concerned about their safety or the safety of another. The OK2SAY student safety program provides a confidential way to file tips on criminal activity or potential harm directed at students, school employees, and schools.

Tips can be submitted 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week.

- **Telephone: 8-555-OK2SAY (855-565-2729)**
 - **Text: 652729 (OK2SAY)**
 - **Email: ok2say@mi.gov**
 - **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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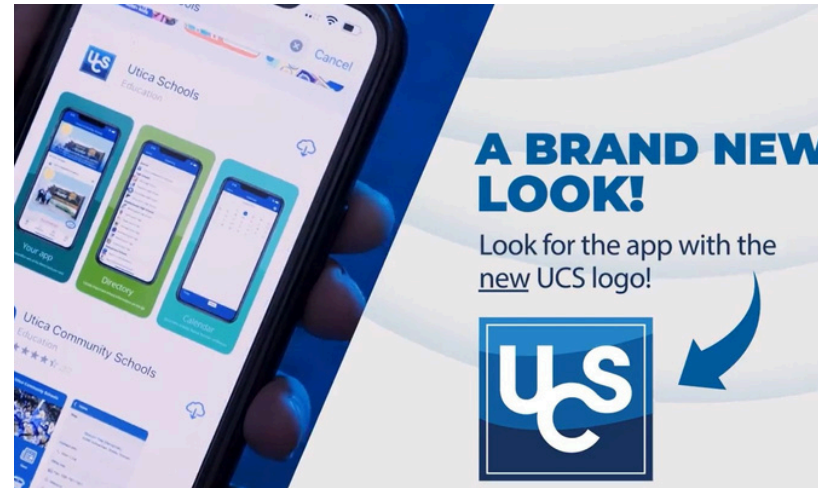
JUST ASK US

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

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

