


LAST B3 OF THE YEAR

BEMIS BULLETIN BOARD (B3).

Bemis Jr. High School's Newsletter for Parents



**Good Luck to our 8th Graders
as they move over to Henry Ford II High School!!**

hello
SUMMER

We look forward to seeing our returning 7th Grader in the Fall!

*Have a safe and relaxing
summer vacation!!*



**Cheers to
RETIREMENT!**


Mrs. Borrer, Mrs. O'Green & Mrs. Eichhorn

"Retirement is not the end of the road, it is the beginning of the open highway"


**We will
miss
you**

Mrs. Laurence

"This isn't goodbye; it's a see-you-soon."



UCS 2025 SUMMER LEARNING



UTICA
COMMUNITY
SCHOOLS


DISCOVER AND REGISTER FOR
UCS SUMMER LEARNING

- DISCOVER ALL THE SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAMS THAT UCS HAS TO OFFER.
- EACH PROGRAM IS LINKED TO A FLYER THAT HAS ADDITIONAL DETAILS
- THE PROGRAMS ARE ORGANIZED BY GRADE
- FLYER LINKS WILL TAKE YOU TO COMMUNITY EDUCATION WHERE YOU CAN REGISTER IN THE ELEYO SYSTEM.


FREE

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PROGRAMS FOR ENTERING
GRADES 6-9

CLICK HERE 

PROGRAMS FOR ENTERING
GRADES 10-12

CLICK HERE 

LAPTOP DEPLOYMENT

- LOCATION: BOARD OFFICE
- WEEK OF JUNE 16-20
 - TUESDAY, JUNE 17 FROM 9 - 1
 - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18 FROM 9 - 1
 - THURSDAY, JUNE 19 FROM 9 - 1
 - FRIDAY, JUNE 20 FROM 9 - 1
- WEEK OF JUNE 23 - 27
 - MONDAY, JUNE 23 FROM 9 - 1





**UTICA
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SCHOOLS**

2025 - 2026 Calendar



We recognize the importance of planning family schedules as they relate to the start of school. While productive and collaborative negotiations are continuing, we are making the following dates available at this time:

August 25, 2025 NO SCHOOL – Professional Development

August 26, 2025 First Day of School for Students

(1/2 day Elementary; Full day Secondary)

August 29, 2025 NO SCHOOL

September 1, 2025 NO SCHOOL – Labor Day

September 17, 2025 NO SCHOOL – Professional Development

In addition, select vacation dates – such as Thanksgiving, Winter Break, and Spring Break - are aligned with the Macomb County Common Calendar. Please note – the final negotiated agreements may result in additional days connected to these breaks.



2025-2026 DEVICE INSURANCE

\$20.00 per device, per year



Available for purchase August 11th - September 5th

Device Damage/Occurrence Fees (WITH INSURANCE):

First Occurrence - NO CHARGE

Second Occurrence – not to exceed \$75 (iPad) / \$150 (laptop)

Third Occurrence – not to exceed \$150 (iPad) / \$300 (laptop)



Scan the QR Code to pay online or click [HERE](#).



Teaching and Learning
11303 Greendale
Sterling Heights, MI 48312
(586) 797-1095
www.UticaK12.org

All secondary English learner (EL) families:

We would like to invite you to an online EL parent meeting for students and families learning English as a second language. This meeting will be virtual, register through the QR code or use links provided below. You'll need Microsoft teams to access the meeting. You can either access teams by downloading the app or use your child's laptop from school.



There will be 5 options for meeting and each will be in a different language. If you do not speak Albanian, Arabic, Spanish or Ukrainian, please join us for an English meeting.

To attend the meeting in **English** on **Tuesday, May 20, 2025**

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

<https://tinyurl.com/ybrk44hf>

To attend the meeting in **Arabic** on **Tuesday, May 20, 2025**

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

<https://tinyurl.com/ytz66x7m>

To attend the meeting in **Ukrainian** on **Tuesday, May 20, 2025**

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

<https://tinyurl.com/3brcue7d>

To attend the meeting in **Albanian** on **Tuesday, May 20, 2025**

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

<https://tinyurl.com/ya6n2b5p>

To attend the meeting in **Spanish** on **Tuesday, May 20, 2025**

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

<https://tinyurl.com/dppnfdx7>

Register via the QR code and a meeting link will be emailed to you:



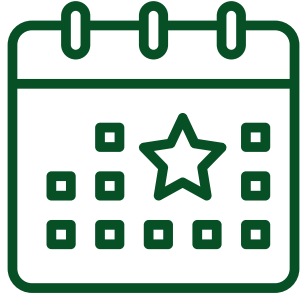
CLICK HERE

We will share information about the following:

- English Learners program and course offerings Fall 2025
- EL Curriculum
- Grading System
- Supporting learning at home through summer
- Attendance and its impact on credits

& opportunity to ask questions

If you have any questions, contact Secondary EL Coach Ardiana Ivanaj
Ardiana.Ivanaj@uticak12.org



Upcoming Dates

6/12 -20: Office open for late Laptop/charger drop offs & yearbook pick up

6/23: Summer School Begins

8/11: Tech Device Insurance available for purchase thru PaySchools

8/20: Save the Date...SPARTAN DAY!

Bemis Summer Office Hours



June 12th - 20th

8am - 3pm



SPARTAN DAY

Wednesday, August 20th

What happens at Spartan Day?

New 7th graders, new Virtual Academy 7th & 8th graders and new 8th graders will receive their UCS laptops. Students will have their photographs taken, receive school identification cards, sports physicals are available and an opportunity to order yearbooks. In addition, students will have a chance to practice opening locks on our 'practice' lockers.

BEMIS SPORTS

2025-2026 School Year



It's that time to get ready for NEXT SCHOOL YEAR!!

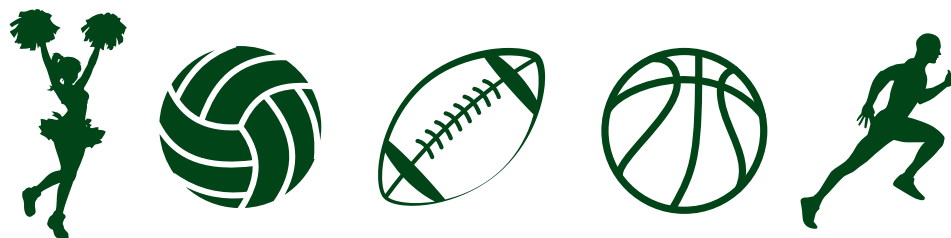
All students that intend to play any sports at Bemis during the 24/25 schoolyear must have an MHSAA Physical on file dated on or after 4/15/25

Physical Forms

All student - athletes must also fill out Big Teams before participating in a sport. When filling out BigTeams, please choose sports you are interested in. You only need to fill out BigTeams once per year.

Big Teams

All fall sports participants, please pay attention to announcements during the first week of school for tryout information.



BEMIS JUNIOR HIGH

RUN CLUB

The Bemis Cross Country Team is a coed club sport that competes during the fall season - with conditioning starting this summer! Please join our @Remind page or email Coach Towianski to get updates and learn how to get involved.



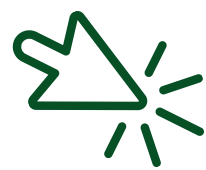
TEXT "@BEMISXC25" TO 81010
OR USE THAT CODE IN THE APP.

All levels encouraged to join
Learn healthy running tips/techniques
Everyone competes at races
Slurpee/fun runs
Encouraging team atmosphere
Train for other sports

HAVE QUESTIONS OR WANT TO JOIN?
COACH TOWIANSKI - BEMISXCC@GMAIL.COM



FALL 2025



Bemis Spirit Wear



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

CHANGE TO BULK ORDER

Gildan Softstyle CVC Tee
\$13.50

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

NAME (\$7.00)

NUMBER (\$7.00)



Bemis Spartans
Drawstring Bag
Available at Spartan Day
\$20

let
YOUR
Spirit
SOAR





STEM and Literacy Summer Camp 2025

For students entering grades 3-5



Camp Locations:

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

Camp Dates & Times

June 23, 2025 – August 1, 2025

Monday - Friday

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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

Students will.....

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

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



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



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

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

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

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

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

First Grade Fundamental Camp 2025

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

Join Utica Community Schools in a Family Partnership for Learning!



Camp Location

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

Camp Dates & Times

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

- First Grade Fundamentals targets literacy and math development for students entering First Grade with identified needs in literacy and math based upon district benchmark assessments.
- Students will be engaged in daily literacy experiences through interactive and meaningful activities.
- Transportation will be provided for in-district families. Breakfast and lunch will be provided free of charge for students.
- All participating students will receive a learning kit to be used at home.



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

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Summer Scholars Program 2025

For students entering grades 2-5



JOIN US FOR FREE!

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

Camp Locations:

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

Camp Dates & Times

June 23, 2025 – August 1, 2025
Monday – Friday
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LITERACY

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

Literacy Framework:

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

MATHEMATICS

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

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

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Babysitting 101

For those going into 6th to 8th Grades

3 Day free in person course

Be prepared and equipped to babysit infants and young children

Hands on course will teach:

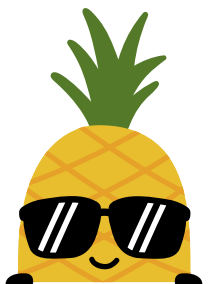
- Behavior Management
- Age-appropriate activities
- First Aid & CPR Safety Protocols
- Bedtime Routines
- Child care
- Promoting yourself

[Click Here](#) >>



**UTICA
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Afterschool Enrichment and Summer Camps



*FREE SUMMER MEALS FOR ALL KIDS 18 years & younger

Meals are provided to all children 18 years old and younger under USDA rules. Meals MUST be eaten onsite and CANNOT be brought home. Meals are for children only, no adults. Children must be present to receive their meal. Closed July 3 and 4.

Menu available at <https://uticak12.nutritionice.com>.



JUNE 16-JULY 31: MONDAY-THURSDAY

- Rudgate Manor, bus stop 3 by the gazebo- Lunch 11:30-11:50 a.m.
- Sterling Estates, picnic area- Lunch 12:10-12:30 p.m.
- Autumn Woods, office area- Lunch 12:45-1:05 p.m.

JUNE 18-AUGUST 7: MONDAY-FRIDAY

- Breakfast 8:45-9:00 a.m., Lunch 12-12:30 p.m.
 - Browning Elementary, Door to the left of the main office

JUNE 23-AUGUST 1: MONDAY-FRIDAY

- Breakfast 8:30-8:45 a.m., Lunch 12-12:30 p.m.
 - Alternative Learning Center, main door
 - Jeannette Junior High, main office door
 - Bemis Junior High, gym entrance
 - Flickinger Elementary, main office door
 - Dresden Elementary, main office door
 - Havel Elementary, main office door
 - Harvey Elementary, main office door
 - Roberts Elementary, main office door
 - Schwarzkoiff Elementary, back gym door

JUNE 24-JULY 31: MONDAY-THURSDAY

- Breakfast 8:45-9:00 a.m., Lunch 12:30-12:45 p.m. (no meals July 24)
 - Davis Junior High, main office door

JUNE 23-AUGUST 1: TUESDAY- FRIDAY

- Breakfast 8:45-9:00 a.m., Lunch 12:30-12:45 p.m. (no meals July 4, 24 & 25)
 - Plumbrook Elementary, main office door

*USDA-funded program. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



Scan the QR code to access the menu





FAMILY WELLNESS FAIR

HENRY FORD II HIGH SCHOOL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
10AM-1PM

Join us for the Utica Community Schools Family Wellness Fair, a fun-filled event for the whole family!

This event is FREE and open to the public to receive valuable information on social-emotional learning (SEL), physical health, and food and nutrition resources at interactive booths.

It's the perfect way to invest in your family's well-being!

- ✓ Over 30 Vendors
- ✓ Kid's Zone with Hands-On Activities
- ✓ Healthy Treats and Giveaways




www.Uticak12.org/UCS_wellness




UTICA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



Make **SMILES**
Happen.

Become a
BUS DRIVER.




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 Uticak12.org/driverseat  Monique.Potts@Uticak12.org  (586) 797-7113

Walk In Wednesdays. Click [HERE](#) for more info.
Starting pay for UCS bus drivers is \$21/hr! 🚌 Not able to
join for walk-in hours? Call (586) 797-7113 or email
Monique.Potts@Uticak12.org 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.





2025 HFII BOYS PRESEASON **SOCCER INFO**

- Sign into the Remind App to communicate and receive the most current information leading up to tryouts. Enrollment Information on back.
- During the summer, Captain led sessions are on Monday's at Dodge Park Boarded Field (9am-10:30am) & Wednesday's at Runkel Field (7:00pm-8:30pm). This begins on 6/25/25 up to tryouts.
- Tryouts are on 8/11, 8/12, 8/13 (5-7pm) @ Henry Ford II Grass Soccer Field. Physicals are **REQUIRED** (1st day) in order to participate. Bring cleats & water.
- Spread word to all interested players.



Varsity Coach: Chris Alston

Remind

Sign up for important updates from Chris Alston.

Get information for HFIIBoysPreseasonSoccer2025 right on your phone—not on handouts.

Pick a way to receive messages for HFIIBoysPreseasonSoccer2025:

A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/d4h72bk

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.

B If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message @d4h72bk to the number 81010.

If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @d4h72bk to (415) 813-2648.

* Standard text message rates apply.

Don't have a mobile phone? Go to rmd.at/d4h72bk on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.





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.





- It is the hottest and warmest season among the four seasons.
- Summer was also highly significant for ancient civilizations.
- Civilizations like the Greek civilization celebrated the summer solstice as a time of agriculture.
- July was named to respect the Roman general ‘Julius Caesar’.
- The role of frisbees changed from being pie plates to being a national staple for pastimes.
- An eleven-year-old child invented Popsicles in 1905.

Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		



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.

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
Schoolology.



BELL SCHEDULE

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

- 1st Hour 8:10am – 9:08am
- 2nd Hour 9:14am – 10:10am
- 3rd Hour 10:16am – 11:12am
- 4th Hour 11:18am – 12:57pm
- 5th Hour 1:03pm – 1:59pm
- 6th Hour 2:05pm – 3:01pm



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

LUNCHES

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

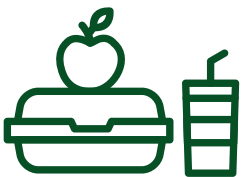
BEMIS LUNCH SCHEDULE

A Lunch

Lunch from 11:18am – 11:49am
Class from 11:55am – 12:57pm

B Lunch

Class from 11:18am – 11:49am
Lunch from 11:55am – 12:20pm
Class from 12:26pm – 12:57pm



C Lunch

Class from 11:18am – 12:20pm
Lunch from 12:26pm – 12:57pm



ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

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

Please call 586-797-2599 for:

Early Dismissals Late Arrival All Day Absences

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

EARLY DISMISSALS

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

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

ATTENDANCE IN POWERSCHOOL

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

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

2024-2025 Calendar	
August 27	First Day of School All K-12 Students- Elementary Student Half Day
August 30	No School for K-12 Students
September 2	No School for K-12 Students - Labor Day
September 18	No School for K-12 Students
October 10	Secondary Student Half Day - All Secondary Afternoon Conferences, High School only Evening Conferences
October 16	No School for K-12 Students
October 17	Junior High School Only - Evening Conferences
October 31	Elementary Student Half Day
November 1	Elementary Student Half Day - End of Marking Period
November 5	No School for K-12 Students - Election Day
November 7	Elementary Student Half Day - Afternoon Conferences
November 27-29	No School for K-12 Students - Thanksgiving Break
December 18	Secondary Student Half Day - Exams
December 19	Secondary Student Half Day - Exams
December 20	All Students K-12 Half Day - Exams and End of Marking Period
December 23 - January 3, 2025	No School for K-12 Students - Winter Break
January 20	No School for K-12 Students - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 17-21	No School for K-12 Students - Mid-Winter Break
March 21	Elementary Student Half Day - End of Marking Period
March 24-28	No School for K-12 Students - Spring Break
April 18	No School for K-12 Students – Good Friday
May 26	No School for K-12 Students - Memorial Day
June 9	Secondary Student Half Day- Exams
June 10	All Students K-12 Half Day - Exams
June 11	All Students K-12 Half Day - Exams and Last Day of School
<i>*Please note - The calendar is contingent on the State of Michigan consideration for an early start.</i>	





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

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

- Telephone: 8-555-OK2SAY (855-565-2729)
 - Text: 652729 (OK2SAY)
 - Email: ok2say@mi.gov
 - 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>

Attendance Intervention

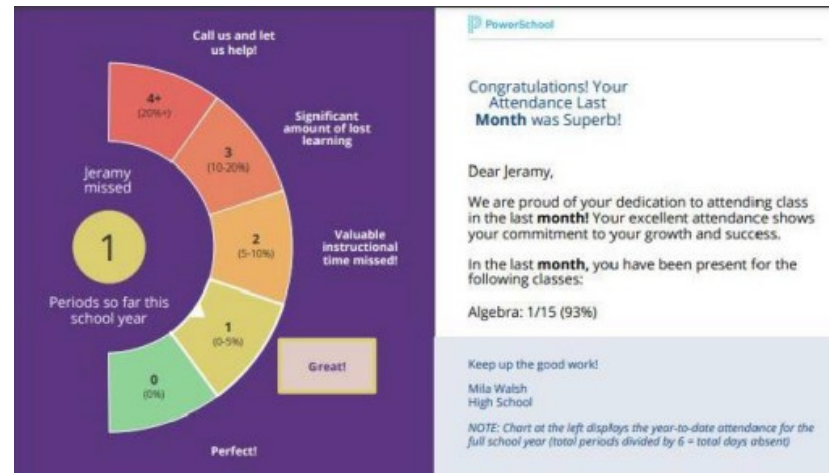
Dear Parent or Guardian,

I am writing to inform you about an exciting new program we implemented on May 1, 2025. To enhance communication regarding student attendance, we will be utilizing Attendance Intervention, a PowerSchool product designed to streamline updates and alerts for families. With Attendance Intervention, you will receive text messages and email alerts directly from teachers and school leaders, keeping you informed about your child's attendance in real time.

What makes Attendance Intervention unique?

- **No Login Required:** Messages will automatically be sent to the phone number and email address the school has on file for you.
- **Direct Communication:** Each message will come from a unique phone number associated with the sender. This direct line allows you to easily save the sender's number in your phone and reply directly to them, if desired.
- **Absence Alerts:** Families will be notified if a student is absent from school in a timely fashion.
- **Say Goodbye to Language Barriers:** Attendance Intervention translates text and email messages into more than 90 languages, based on the preferred language on file.

You will receive a digital postcard as an attachment to the email message. It will look like this:



This new form of communication will be modified and adjusted, if needed, during the remainder of the current school year. We are confident that this program will enhance communication and ensure we are all working together to support our students' successes. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to the school office.

Thank you for your continued partnership in your child's education.

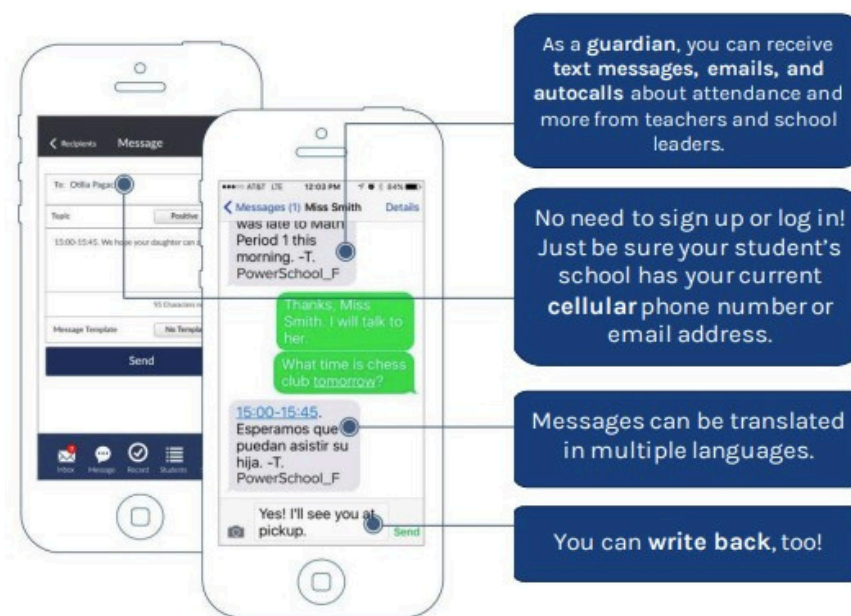
Sincerely,

Thomas Yaw, Bemis Junior High School, Principal



Unified Operations Attendance Intervention Suite & Communication

The all-in-one solution for improving communication between school and home.



These messages may be about:



Attendance



Homework & Assignments



School events & More

To opt out, write STOP to a text message or press # 1 via autocall. You may also contact your student's school.



www.PowerSchool.com | 1-800-409-1442

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](#)

