



# Malow Mustang Messenger



September 30, 2024

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### This Week at a Glance

#### Monday, September 30

- [College Monday](#)
- [Homework Club in the Media Center from 3:15pm - 4:15pm](#)
- [Chess Club in Room B207 from 3:15pm - 4:15pm](#)
- [NJHS Current Member Meeting in the SLA from 3:15pm - 4:15pm](#)
- 8th Grade Volleyball vs. Bemis (Malow) @ 4:00pm
- 7th Grade Volleyball vs. Bemis (Malow) @ 5:00pm
- Ike Boys JV & Var Soccer vs. Dakota (Dakota) @ 5:30 & 7:00pm



#### Tuesday, October 1

- Ike Boys JV Tennis MAC Red Invite (Ike) @ 8:30am
- [Gaming Club in Room B207 from 3:15pm - 4:15pm](#)
- 7th Grade Football vs. Anchor Bay MS North (Malow) @ 3:30pm
- Ike Boys Varsity Tennis vs. West Bloomfield (Ike) @ 4:00pm
- 8th Grade Football vs. Anchor Bay MS North (Malow) @ 5:00pm
- Ike Boys Freshman Soccer vs. Utica (Ike) @ 5:00pm
- Ike Freshman, JV, & Var Volleyball vs. GPS (GPS) @ 5:30 & 7:00pm



#### Wednesday, October 2

- Count Day
- [Homework Club in the Media Center from 3:15pm - 4:15pm](#)
- 8th Grade Volleyball vs. Eppler (Eppler) @ 4:00pm
- Ike Boys JV & Var Soccer vs. Romeo (Ike) @ 4:00 & 5:30pm
- Ike Boys JV Tennis vs. Rochester (Ike) @ 4:00pm
- Ike Boys Varsity Tennis vs. Rochester (Rochester) @ 4:00pm
- 7th Grade Volleyball vs. Eppler (Eppler) @ 5:00pm

#### Thursday, October 3

- Ike Girls Varsity Golf MAC Red Divisional (Lochmoor) @ 9:00am
- [Sounding Board Meeting in the Media Center from 1:30pm – 2:30pm](#)
- Ike Girls JV Golf vs. LHN (Crackelwood GC) @ 3:00pm
- [Detour Project in room C309 from 3:05pm – 4:15pm](#)
- Ike Girls Swim County Diving Prelims (LCN) @ time TBA
- Ike Freshman Football vs. Chippewa Valley (Swinehart) @ 4:00pm
- Ike Fresh, JV & Var Volleyball vs. LCN (LCN) @ 4:30, 5:30 & 6:30pm
- Ike Boys Freshman Soccer vs. Henry Ford II (Ike) @ 5:00pm
- Ike JV Football vs. Chippewa Valley (Swinehart Field) @ 6:00pm

#### Friday, October 4

- Ike Boys JV Tennis vs. De La Salle (Ike) @ 4:00pm
- Ike Boys Varsity Tennis vs. De La Salle (Regina) @ 4:00pm
- Ike Boys Freshman Soccer vs. Lake Orion (Lake Orion) @ 5:00pm
- Ike Varsity Football vs. Chippewa Valley (CV) @ 7:00pm

#### Saturday, October 5

- Ike Girls Swim County Meet Finals (LCN) @ time TBA
- Ike Cross Country Portage Invite (Portage) @ 8:00am
- Ike Varsity Volleyball Power Series #3 (location TBD) @ 8:00am
- Ike Boys JV Tennis Macomb Tourney (location TBD) @ 8:30am
- Ike Boys Varsity Tennis Quad #7 (Ike) @ 8:30am

#### Saturday, October 5

- [UCS Band-A-Rama at Runkel Field @ 7:00pm](#)

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**School ID Reminder**

Attention students! Please remember to wear your school ID each day. Wearing them in the cafeteria lunch line helps the cashiers identify you and move through the line at a faster pace. If you are wearing a temporary ID for the day, please wear it on your shirt so they can see your name. Please do NOT put the ID on your pants! Thank you!

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**After School Pick Up on Horizon Drive**

If you pick up your Malow student on **Horizon Drive** after school, please be courteous to the homeowners and **NOT** block driveways!

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**Early Dismissals**

[Click here](#) for information on Malow's early dismissal process.

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**\*Malow Yearbook Information**

The 2024-2025 Malow yearbook can be purchased at [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com).

For all students in 9<sup>th</sup> grade who participate in an Ike fall sport:

On October 8, during your 5<sup>th</sup> hour class, we will take photos for Ike fall sports in the Aux Gym to put in the yearbook. Please wear a piece of clothing (jersey, jacket, t-shirt, etc.) that represents your Ike fall sport. Please let your 5<sup>th</sup> hour teacher know, prior to October 8, that you will be excused for 15-20 minutes at the beginning of the hour. If you are not in a piece of team clothing, you may not be able to be in the team photo. We would prefer if you could match with your teammates who are here at Malow so we have a more put-together photo. Thank you for your understanding!

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**Malow Sounding Board**

Parents and guardians are invited to attend our monthly Sounding Board meetings. Our first meeting will be Thursday, October 3 from 1:30pm to 2:30pm in the Media Center. For information on our annual fall donation drive, please [click here](#). If you have any questions, or you would like to be added to our email list, please email Renee Edgar at [malowsoundingboard@gmail.com](mailto:malowsoundingboard@gmail.com). Upcoming Sounding Board meeting dates: 11/7/24, 1/9/25, 2/27/25, 5/1/25

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**Picture Day – Ordering Pictures**

To order online at Kaiser Studio go to [www.kaiserstudio.com](http://www.kaiserstudio.com) and use 24MALOWJR25 for the school ID. If you would still like to order pictures, please do so after our retake day which is October 23.

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**Vaccination Information for 7<sup>th</sup> Graders and New Students to Malow**

The State of Michigan requires children to be age-appropriately vaccinated to enroll in school programs, unless a valid exemption applies. Vaccination information for children entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade (and new students to Malow) can be found by [clicking here](#).

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**Information for 7<sup>th</sup> Graders and New Students (2024-2025 School Year)**

Please click on the following links for important information:

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**Locker Information**

For a map of Malow with lockers, [click here](#). For a list of lockers with location, [click here](#).

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**Annual Volunteer Background Checks**

Fall school events offer occasions to introduce new parents to those volunteering opportunities associated with each school building. Please remember that any person who is sanctioned to engage students on the district's behalf (i.e., assistant athletic coach, Science Olympiad, Lego Robotics, chaperone, etc.) requires a cleared check. If a parent has students in more than one school, only one volunteer form must be completed. [Click here](#) for the background check form if needed. Please turn in to the front office.

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**Copy Volunteers Needed for 2024-25 School Year**

Are you interested in helping at Malow? We are looking for volunteers to make copies for the teachers. The daily time slots are 9:00am–11:00am or 12:30pm–2:30pm. If interested, please fill out the [linked form](#). If you have any questions, please email [MalowCopyMom@gmail.com](mailto:MalowCopyMom@gmail.com).

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**2024-25 UCS School Calendar**

To view the Utica Community Schools calendar for the 2024-25 school please [click here](#).

All UCS schools now utilize a central PaySchools site, which can be visited at [www.payschoolscentral.com](http://www.payschoolscentral.com). For more information and a PaySchools Central parent/student guide, please [click here](#).

2024-2025 School Year Information

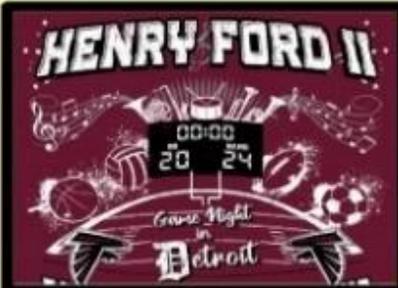
10/23	Picture Retake Day
10/25	Halloween Dance from 3:05pm to 5:00pm

2024 UCS Band-A-Rama

**Utica Community Schools**  
Instrumental Music Department  
proudly presents

# BAND-A-RAMA 2024

Come see all four UCS High School Marching Bands perform!

<p><b>Henry Ford II Falcon Marching Band presents</b></p> <p><b>GAME NIGHT IN DETROIT</b></p>		<p><b>Utica Chieftain Marching Band presents</b></p> <p><b>MARCHING THROUGH THE 2000s</b></p>
<p><b>Stevenson Titan Marching Band presents</b></p> <p><b>DUAL OF THE FATES</b></p>		<p><b>Eisenhower Eagle Marching Band presents</b></p> <p><b>SUNNY SIDE UP</b></p>

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH at 7 p.m.**  
**Runkel Field**  
**39701 Dodge Park Road • Sterling Heights, MI 48313**

*Admission \$5 for high school age and above, free for junior high and younger  
All proceeds benefit the Louis Gonda Memorial Music Scholarship Fund*



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### **\*Fall Conference Information – Virtual or In-Person**

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Parent-Teacher Conferences are on October 10th from 12:00pm 3:00pm and on October 17th from 3:30pm to 7:30pm. We will be using SchoolSoft again to schedule conferences. Families have two options for conferences, virtual or in-person. Please schedule your conferences depending on the type of conference you prefer.

- Thursday, October 10 (12:00 – 1:45 p.m. - **Virtual** Conferences)
- Thursday, October 10 (2:00 - 3:00 p.m. - **In-Person** Conferences)
- Thursday, October 17 (3:30 – 6:15 p.m. - **Virtual** Conferences)
- Thursday, October 17 (6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - **In-Person** Conferences)

**BOTH In-person and virtual conferences require an appointment. “Drop in” conferences are not available.** Please do not come to the school during in-person conference times unless you have a confirmed appointment in SchoolSoft.

We ask that you be prompt for in-person appointments and know that to keep all our parents on track for their scheduled conferences, parents and teachers will need to keep to the five-minute time allotment.

The first time you use the Conference Manager you will be required to register and create a parent account. This only takes a minute or two to complete. You will continue to use this same account for the duration of the time you have children in school, so please save your password for future reference.

**Please note - while you can register at any time, the window to book an appointment will not open until 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 3rd. The appointment window will close on Tuesday, October 8th at 9:00 p.m.**

#### **To create a SchoolSoft account, please use the following steps:**

A tutorial is also available at this link: <https://youtu.be/ZkXePo9mn8U>

**1. Go to the following website** <https://utica.schoolsoft.com>.

**2. First Time Users: Register for a parent account.** To register click the REGISTER NOW button and complete the registration page. Once registered you will be able to immediately log in to the Conference Manager. An email will also be sent to the address you specified. This email restates your username and password and should be saved, as you will use the same username and password when booking future rounds of Parent-Teacher Conferences. If you forget your password, you can reset it using the FORGOT PASSWORD link under the login button.

**Existing Users:** If you already have a SchoolSoft account, login with your existing username and password. Make sure that your school(s) are correctly listed. If they are not correct, you will need to go into MY PROFILES and change the name of your child’s school. When everything has been updated, don’t forget to click SUBMIT.

If you have a student taking classes at more than one school (for example CSI and the Virtual Junior High School), you will enter that student's name in 2 different student slots. For example, if Joe Smith attends both CSI and the VJHS, you will enter the following in the student information screen:

Student 1: Joe Smith Instructional Resource Center CSI/MST

Student 2: Joe Smith UCS Virtual Junior High School

**If you have any other students for whom you will be conferencing, you will enter them in this screen, as well.**

Student 3: Patty Smith Shelby Junior High School

Once you have entered all of your children's names and schools, finish the page and submit.

**After registering you can log back into Conference Manager after 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 3 to select your teachers and conference times. This can be done up until 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 8, when the window will close. These instructions are below.**

**3. Click the BOOK NOW button and select a conference date in the date drop-down that appears. Then, select the teacher(s) you wish to meet with and click the NEXT button.** To coordinate bookings involving multiple teachers select all the teachers applicable to your child(ren) with whom you wish to meet.

**4. Click on an available time slot for each teacher you selected and complete the booking form that appears.** You should see the booking appear in the summary list on the right-hand side of the screen. A confirmation email is sent for each booking you made or subsequently cancel. You will also receive a reminder and conference itinerary by email.

## \*Fall Conference Information – Virtual or In-Person (Continued)

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**5. Confirm your appointments have been booked by looking at the “CURRENTLY BOOKED CONFERENCES” box on the right of the screen or click on the MY CONFERENCES tab.** Only appointments that appear in the CURRENTLY BOOKED CONFERENCES box or on the MY CONFERENCES page are confirmed bookings.

**6. When finished booking, click the log off button located at the top right of the browser window.** You will have the opportunity to provide feedback regarding the use of the Conference Manager to the school administration through a user survey before completely exiting. We appreciate you completing the survey as this helps guide our decision-making regarding how conferences are booked in the future.

**7. VIRTUAL: Just prior to your scheduled conference time, you will receive a link to your video conference.** At the appropriate time, click on the link and the teacher will admit you to the room.

**8. IN-PERSON: Print/screenshot your conference itinerary email so that you have it with you to check in at conferences.**

**Here are a few reminders:**

- PLEASE be on time. Teachers are scheduled back-to-back with conferences.
- Conferences will be limited to 5 minutes. I have asked teachers to stay on schedule and not exceed 5 minutes.
- If your child has an IEP and is in a co-taught class, please sign up to meet with the special education co-teacher of that course.
- If you need more time than the allocated 5 minutes, email the teacher for additional conference time.
- If you were unable to schedule a conference with your child’s teacher, email the teacher for a conference.
- If you have technical issues during the conference, please email the teacher and a separate conference will be scheduled.
- If your child is struggling academically, socially, or emotionally, please reach out to the counselor for additional support.

If you have questions, please contact us at 797-3500.

## \*2024-2025 Superintendent’s Student Advisory Board – Now Accepting Applications

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The Superintendent's Student Advisory Board meets with Mr. Monroe and other administrators to provide student input into important issues in Utica Community Schools. Student members, in good standing, retain their membership on the board until graduation from Utica Community Schools.

Applications are now being accepted to join the Superintendent’s Student Advisory Board. Interested **9th grade students** may apply via the [online application](#) through 11:59 p.m. on Monday, October 7, 2024. To be considered, 9th graders must complete their application AND have a UCS teacher, school counselor or school administrator submit a letter of recommendation by 11:59 p.m. on Monday, October 7, 2024.

Here is the link for the online application: <https://www.tfaforms.com/5147806>

Here is the link to submit letters of recommendation (\*\*this is noted on the online application, as well\*\*):

<https://www.tfaforms.com/5147808>

All questions can be directed to [jennifer.kane@uticak12.org](mailto:jennifer.kane@uticak12.org).



**\*Parent Guide to Conferences**

For a parent guide to conferences, please [click here](#).

**\*Fall Conference Staff Availability**

**Malow Parent / Teacher Conferences (Virtual or In-Person)  
Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> 12pm – 3pm & Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> 3:30pm – 7:30pm**

Ashman, Martin	Hitzelberger, Ann Marie	Steinberger, Jacob
Bayer, Carl	Holt, Julia ( <b>available 10/10 12-2pm only</b> )	Stutzman, Kara
Beardsley, Melissa	Jacobs, Courtney	Thoel, Jason
Bench, Julie	Melton, Angela	Vogwill, Bryan
Berg, Emily	Mervich, Laurel	Waller, Edward
Bertich, John	Merza, Mary	Warner, Anthony
Cabej, Tracy	Mondoux, Scott	Webster, Jeff
Campbell, Katherine ( <b>available 10/10 only</b> )	Palazzolo, Debbie	White, Roger
Chene, Stacie ( <b>available 10/17 only</b> )	Paquette, Heather	Wojtowicz, Nicole
Chianetta, Cynthia	Parks, Patricia	Zweng, Katarina
Cooper, Eric	Peterson, Sheril	
Cooper, Kristine	Procter, Caroline	<b><u>Counselors</u></b>
Cunningham, Mary	Pytel, Andrea	Hickey, Jennifer (A-Go)
Dawson, Christina	Reynaert, Laura	Witt, Michelle (Gr-N)
Fawaz, Hana	Ritchie, Stacy	Nassar, Charles (O-Z)
Gastmeier, Amy	Salassa, Andrea	
Gendreau, Lori	Schwesinger, Dave ( <b>available 10/10 only</b> )	<b><u>Special Services</u></b>
Gilbert, Jay	Skatzka, Tammie	Jones, Yvette – Social Worker
Gilbert, Melissa	Spear, Jean	O'Connor, Elizabeth – Speech / LCCE
Gonzalez, Chris	Stark, Dana	

**\*Clinton River Watershed Council (CRWC) Events**

The Clinton River Watershed Council (CRWC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting, enhancing and celebrating the Clinton River, its watershed and Lake St. Clair. They provide residents, schools, governments, businesses and other community groups with wide-ranging programs and events to ensure a healthy Clinton River Watershed for us all. Please see [attached flyer](#) for upcoming fall 2024 events.

**\*UCS Specialty Program Parent Information Nights (8<sup>th</sup> Grade Families)**

Please [click here](#) for a flyer.

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**Malow Athletic Director**

Kati Campbell ([katherine.campbell@uticak12.org](mailto:katherine.campbell@uticak12.org))

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**Big Teams Student Central – Pre-Participation Athletic Forms**

The Athletic Department at Malow Junior High School now hosts their Pre-Participation Athletic Forms **online** with BigTeams. This digital platform will allow you, and your student(s), to complete and access athletic forms via computer, tablet, or mobile phone. [Click here](#) for the introductory letter. [Click here](#) for the Getting Started Guide. This online system is now district wide, and physical forms **MUST** be uploaded prior to tryouts. Coaches and the front office are no longer accepting paper copies of physical forms.

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**Physical Required for Sports**

All athletes must have a physical on file dated after April 15, 2024. Students will not be able to try-out for a sport without this physical. For more information and other athletic forms on the UCS website please [click here](#).

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**Online Link for Pay to Play**

Click [here](#) to access the PaySchools link to Pay to Play for your Malow student athlete.

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**UCS High School Athletic Event Admission Policy**

1. All students (home and visitor) must present a school ID for entrance to the game.
2. Only students from the competing schools shall be admitted without adult supervision.
3. **All junior high / middle school students must present a school ID AND be supervised by an adult. The adult must attend the event with the student and may not leave the student unsupervised.**
4. Tickets are available for presale on GoFan. Tickets may also be purchased at the gate using a credit card or cash.
5. All senior citizens (62+) and children under 12 (with an adult) are admitted free of charge.
6. All patrons must remain in the stands or concourse area. Only team and athletic department personnel are allowed on the sidelines.

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**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball**

Coach Bayer ([carlin.bayer@uticak12.org](mailto:carlin.bayer@uticak12.org)).

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**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball**

Coach Thoel ([jason.thoel@uticak12.org](mailto:jason.thoel@uticak12.org)).

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**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Football**

Coach Morrison ([john.morrison@uticak12.org](mailto:john.morrison@uticak12.org)).

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**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Football**

Coach Berdeski ([derek.berdeski@uticak12.org](mailto:derek.berdeski@uticak12.org)).

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**7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Sideline Cheer**

Coach Moskwa ([isabella.moskwa@uticak12.org](mailto:isabella.moskwa@uticak12.org)).

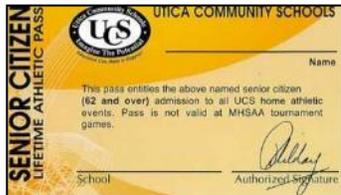
## 9th Grade Sports

All 9<sup>th</sup> grade sports are handled through Eisenhower. Please see the [next section](#) for all Eisenhower High School sports information.

## UCS Code of Conduct

The UCS Code of Conduct for Student Athletes may be found [here](#).

## Senior Citizen Athletic Pass



Local senior citizens are invited to take advantage of “Friday Night Lights” and all other home athletic games with a Utica Community Schools lifetime pass.

The pass gives residents 62 years and older free admission to UCS home athletic events at all junior high schools and high schools. The pass is not valid at tournaments hosted by the Michigan High School Athletic Association that are held at UCS sites.

Passes are available for free at athletic events, UCS secondary schools or by calling 586-797-1078.

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade / Freshman Sports**

9<sup>th</sup> graders participate in sports through Eisenhower’s sports program. Check the [IKE website](#) for further information or contact Eisenhower’s Athletic Director with any questions or concerns: Connie Wakefield [connie.wakefield@uticak12.org](mailto:connie.wakefield@uticak12.org). For information about Ike Sports, follow this link: [www.eisenhowerathletics.org](http://www.eisenhowerathletics.org). For information on registering athletes on PlanetHS please [click here](#).

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade Athletic Ticket Information**

Eisenhower is using digital ticketing. The link families can use to purchase tickets is as follows: <https://gofan.co/app/school/MI10109>

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2. Only students from the competing schools shall be admitted without adult supervision.
3. All junior high / middle school students must present a school ID AND be supervised by an adult. The adult must attend the event with the student and may not leave the student unsupervised.
4. Tickets are available for presale on GoFan. Tickets may also be purchased at the gate using a credit card or cash.
5. All senior citizens (62+) and children under 12 (with an adult) are admitted free of charge.
6. All patrons must remain in the stands or concourse area. Only team and athletic department personnel are allowed on the sidelines.

**High School Sporting Event Entrance Requirements**

All students (home or visitors) must present a school ID for entrance to the game. All middle school or junior high students **must present a school ID AND be accompanied by an adult**. There are **no exceptions**. The adult must enter the contest with the student and cannot simply drop off the student at the gate. The adults are expected to stay at the event and be responsible for the supervision of their child. Failure to have a school ID and adult present with a junior high student will result in non-admittance to the event.

**Eisenhower Live Streamed Sports**

Eisenhower is now able to stream all sporting events in the gym and pool area. Following is the link, and it does require a monthly fee to watch everything live. The fee is \$10. [Eisenhower High School - Shelby Township, MI \(nfhsnetwork.com\)](http://Eisenhower High School - Shelby Township, MI (nfhsnetwork.com))

**Eisenhower Sports Update**

[Click here](#) for the latest Eisenhower Sports update.

**Eisenhower Boys and Girls Basketball Fundraiser**

The following are the event details:

<b>WHEN:</b> Saturday, Oct. 5, 2024 6:30pm - 10:30pm	<b>WHERE:</b> One Eyed Jacks 48922 Van Dyke Ave Shelby Township, MI 48317	<b>WHAT:</b> Cornhole events Raffle baskets 50/50 raffle Food & Beverage will be served	<b>COST:</b> \$40/pp to play and eat
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**WHO:** Basketball families, friends, neighbors, community, (kids welcome). [Click here](#) for a flyer with more information.

**Eisenhower Bowling**

Coach Matheson ([lmatheson@sjccontrols.com](mailto:lmatheson@sjccontrols.com)). Please [click here](#) for a flyer with tryout information. Tryouts will be November 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> at Shelby Lanes from 3:30pm – 5:30pm.

**Eisenhower Girls Swim**

Coach Doherty ([lisa.doherty@uticak12.org](mailto:lisa.doherty@uticak12.org)).

**Eisenhower Girls Golf**

Coach Hartley ([douglass.hartley@uticak12.org](mailto:douglass.hartley@uticak12.org)).

**Eisenhower Boys Soccer**

Coach Nekoogar ([nekoogar05@gmail.com](mailto:nekoogar05@gmail.com)).

## Eisenhower Sideline Cheer

Coach Taylor ([taylor.shaffer@uticak12.org](mailto:taylor.shaffer@uticak12.org)).

## Eisenhower Volleyball

Coach LaPratt ([cemaloney@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cemaloney@sbcglobal.net)).

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## Eisenhower High School Athletic Admission Prices

Event	Ticket Price	Season Passes/Use for UCS home athletic events
JV/Varsity Football JV/Varsity Basketball (Boys & Girls) JV/Varsity Volleyball JV/Varsity Soccer Wrestling Swimming Competitive Cheer	\$5.00 Home Games	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Athletic Pass Adult Family (Eisenhower)</b> <b>\$55.00</b> This item is an adult family season pass to UCS home athletic events. The pass admits 2 adults (18 and older) in addition to 6th grade and younger children when accompanied by a parent.</li><li>• <b>Athletic Pass Student (Eisenhower)</b> <b>\$35.00</b> This item is a student athletic season pass to UCS home athletic events. (Students in 7th thru 12th grade) Admits one only.</li><li>• <b>Athletic Passes-Single Adult (Eisenhower)</b> <b>\$40.00</b> This item is a pass which admits one adult (18 years and older) to all UCS home athletic events.</li></ul>
*Freshman Football *Freshman Volleyball *Freshman Basketball	\$3.00 Home Games	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Student Pass: 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade student only. <b>\$35.00</b></li><li>• Senior Citizen Pass: <b>No Charge</b> Lifetime pass, age 62 years or older. Admits bearer to all UCS athletic home events. (See below)</li></ul>
*Freshman Soccer *Varsity Track	3.00 Home Games (if admission charged)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• FREE ADMISSION for all K-6 grade students, when accompanied by parent or adult.</li></ul> <p><b>You must show your on-line purchase receipt to the Bookkeeper at Eisenhower High School to pick up your athletic pass.</b></p>

\*When a freshman contest is immediately followed by a JV contest on the same date, the freshman admission rate will be applied until 45 minutes prior to the start of the JV contest. At that time, the JV admission rate will be used.

- You can purchase a pass during registration at the beginning of the year.
- You can purchase a pass online at [Athletic pass through Pay Schools](#)

NOTES: League, State and Invitational Tournament games are not covered by any season pass. If for any reason a pass should be lost or destroyed, we will NOT replace it.

**Next Week at a Glance**

**Monday, October 7**

- [College Monday](#)
- Ike Girls Varsity Golf City Quad Tourney (Fieldstone GC) @ 12:00pm
- [Homework Club in the Media Center from 3:15pm - 4:15pm](#)
- [Chess Club in Room B207 from 3:15pm - 4:15pm](#)
- 8th Grade Volleyball vs. Shelby (Shelby) @ 4:00pm
- Ike Boys Varsity Tennis vs. University Liggett (UL) @ 4:00pm
- Ike Boys JV Soccer vs. Anchor Bay (Anchor Bay) @ 4:30pm
- 7th Grade Volleyball vs. Shelby (Shelby) @ 5:00pm
- Ike Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Anchor Bay (Anchor Bay) @ 7:00pm



**Tuesday, October 8**

- [Ike Fall Sports Yearbook picture during 5<sup>th</sup> hour in the Aux Gym \(report to class first\)](#)
- [Gaming Club in Room B207 from 3:15pm - 4:15pm](#)
- 7th Grade Football vs. Iroquois MS (Iroquois MS) @ 3:30pm
- 8th Grade Football vs. Iroquois MS (Iroquois MS) @ 5:00pm
- Ike Girls Swim vs. GPN (Ike) @ 6:00pm



**Wednesday, October 9**

- Ike Girls Varsity Golf MHSAA Regionals (Fieldstone GC) @ 9:30am
- [Student Council Meeting in Room A111 from 3:10pm - 4:00pm](#)
- [Homework Club in the Media Center from 3:15pm - 4:15pm](#)
- 7th Grade Volleyball vs. Jeannette (Jeannette) @ 4:00pm
- Ike Freshman Volleyball vs. Romeo (Romeo) @ 4:15pm
- 8th Grade Volleyball vs. Jeannette (Jeannette) @ 5:00pm
- Ike JV Volleyball vs. Romeo (Romeo) @ 5:30pm
- Ike Varsity Volleyball vs. Romeo (Romeo) @ 6:30pm

**Thursday, October 10**

- **HALF DAY OF SCHOOL** – Dismissal at 11:12am
- [Afternoon Conferences \(12:00pm – 3:00pm\)](#)
- Ike Freshman Football vs. Dakota (Dakota) @ 4:00pm
- Ike JV Football vs. Dakota (Dakota) @ 6:00pm

**Friday, October 11**

- [Future Focus Event \(8th\) Specialty Programs & EHS @ Community Education \(9-11am & 12-2pm\)](#)
- Ike Varsity Football vs. Dakota (Swinehart Field) @ 7:00pm

**Saturday, October 12**

- Ike Cross Country Macomb County Championship (Stoney Creek) @ time TBD
- Ike Varsity Volleyball Beast of the East (location TBD) @ 8:00am
- Ike Girls Swim MISCA (location TBA) @ 12:00pm



**\*Party Planning Vendor Expo**

The Eisenhower Senior All-Night Party Committee is having a party planning vendor expo in the Eisenhower Commons on Thursday, November 7 from 6:00pm – 8:30pm. Please [click here](#) for a flyer with information.

## **Save the Date – Utica Community Schools Events**

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### **Future Focus Event – Grade 8 students**

Dates: October 4 - Specialty Programs and Stevenson High School

October 11 - Specialty Programs and Eisenhower High School

October 18 - Specialty Programs and Utica High School

October 25 - Specialty Programs and Henry Ford II High School

Location: Community Education

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

### **Family Wellness Fair**

Date: October 19, 2024

Location: Henry Ford II High School

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

[Click here](#) for a flyer

### **Pathways Event**

Date: December 5, 2024

Location: Henry Ford II High School

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

### **College and Career Pathways**

Date: March 13, 2025

Location: Henry Ford II High School

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

### **District Art Show**

Dates: May 13 – May 15, 2025

Location: Sterling Heights Community Center

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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### Attendance & Grading

Attendance is required and tracked in accordance with [Board of Education policy 5115](#). Parents should call the attendance line to report all absences (586-797-3599). Attendance will be taken each hour. Tardiness will be tracked the same way as face-to-face instruction. The Malow office will continue to communicate all absences via automated email to parents on the same day. Actual grades will be given and posted on PowerSchool. We recommend that all parents consistently check PowerSchool for updated grades and attendance.

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### Attendance Line / Late Arrival Call-in

If an absence is absolutely necessary, **parents must call the Malow attendance voice mail BEFORE 9:00 a.m. The attendance phone number is 797-3599**. Give the student's name (**spelling the last name**), grade, reason for absence and length of absence. The voice mail is on twenty-four hours a day, so you can avoid busy phone lines in the morning by phoning in the night before. If unable to reach the voice mail, parents may call the Main Office at 797-3500. If it is impossible to call the school, the parent must supply a signed note stating the date and reason for absence when the student returns to school or the absence will be counted as unexcused.

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### Early Dismissals

[Click here](#) for information on Malow's early dismissal process.

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### Automated Attendance

For the safety of our students, Malow uses an automated attendance phone system. If you have not called the attendance line to excuse your student's absence for the day, you will receive an automated phone call beginning at 6:00 pm.

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### Injury or Illness – Dispensing of Medication

When a student becomes ill or injured during the school day, we will contact a parent or designated adult for directions. Please arrange to pick up a sick or injured student as quickly as possible. Students who require medication (prescription or over the counter) during the school day, **must have a medication permission form** signed by the parent and the doctor. This form will be filed along with the medication in the Main Office. **All medication MUST be in the original container labeled with the student's name.** Please [click here](#) to access the General Health Care Plan form.

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### Health Care Plan Forms

Please [click here](#) for additional health care forms and more information.

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### Vaccination Information for 7<sup>th</sup> Graders and Students New to Malow

The State of Michigan requires children to be age-appropriately vaccinated to enroll in school programs, unless a valid exemption applies. Vaccination information for children entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade and those new to Malow can be found by [clicking here](#). Updated shot records, FERPA form, or Waiver can be uploaded to PowerSchool or dropped off to the office.

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### Daily Schedule / Lunch Schedule

[Click here](#) for a daily schedule for the 2024-2025 school year.

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### Information for 7<sup>th</sup> Graders and New Students (2024-2025 School Year)

Please click on the following links for important information:

[Who's Who at Malow](#)

[Locker Information](#)

[Layout of Malow](#)

[Bell Schedule and Lunches](#)

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### Locker Information

For a map of Malow with lockers, [click here](#). For a list of lockers with location, [click here](#).

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### Students Walking to (and from) Malow

Students that walk to (and from) Malow are reminded **NOT** to cross 25 Mile Road in front of either Malow or Eisenhower. They will need to go to the corner of Mound and 25 Mile Road (by the Marathon gas station) and cross by the light before heading home.

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### Inclement Weather – School Closing

[Click here](#) for school closing information.

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### Laptop Information

For detailed instructions on how to sign on to your device please [click here](#).

## Non-School Issued Electronic Communications Devices (UCS Student Handbook)

The personal use of non-school issued cell phones or other electronic communications devices (ECDs) 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.**

During tests and assessments, cell phones/ECDs must be placed in lockers, backpacks, or another location away from students and their desks. Please see the UCS Student Handbook for ECD protocols during state testing. If a student needs to place an emergency phone call during the day, they should request to go to the main office to use an office phone. If a parent needs to give a message to or speak with their child during the school day, they should call the main office. If a student does not comply with the request to provide the staff member their cell phone for a violation, they could face consequences for insubordination/disrespect. 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 is found to be in violation of the above expectations, the following plan will be implemented:

### **First Violation – Warning #1**

Cell phone/ECD will be taken to the office with first and last name of student.  
Student picks up phone at the end of day.

### **Second Violation – Warning #2**

Cell phone/ECD will be taken to the office with first and last name of student.  
Malow office will contact the parent.  
Student picks up phone at the end of day.

### **Third + Violation**

Cell phone/ECD will be taken to the office with first and last name of student.  
Malow office will contact the parent.  
Student picks up phone at the end of the day.  
Disciplinary Action per Administration.

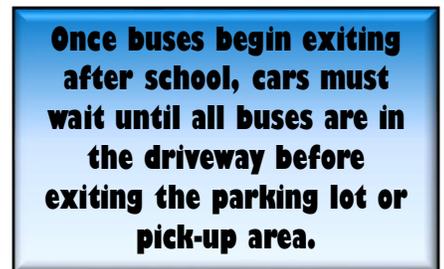
## **Assistive Technology Accessibility**

[Click here](#) for a document that will help explain using technology supports to maximize the educational experience. The interactive slides and QR codes will help users explore accessibility features and tools to reduce learning challenges and what assistive technology supports are available.

## **Do You Drive Your Student to School?**

Safety in our parking lot is our number one priority. We truly appreciate the patience and courtesy extended between drivers. Please continue to drive slowly and be aware of your surroundings. Our students do a great job complying with our rules in the parking lot, but we still need to be extremely cautious.

If it is necessary to drive your child to school, please use the outer lane for quick drop off of students while reserving the inner lane for thru traffic. Have your student exit the vehicle as **quickly** as possible. **Please do not wait until you are the first car in line before dropping your student off, and do not wait until your child is in the building before driving away.** The idea is to reduce the long line of cars coming into the parking lot in the morning by allowing several cars to drop off students at one time. If you or your student insists on waiting to get to the front of the line to exit the car, the purpose is defeated, and traffic flow will be impeded.



## **Technology Responsibility**

We are asking for everyone to review the [5160 Rules and Regulations Information and Communication](#). Please make sure that when laptops are transported back and forth to school that they are secured in a backpack. Please also remember, as stated in the linked document above, parents/students will be held financially responsible for damage to or loss of UCS the laptops.

## **PaySchools is Now PaySchools Central**

All UCS schools now utilize a central PaySchools site, which can be visited at [www.payschoolscentral.com](http://www.payschoolscentral.com). For more information and a PaySchools Central parent/student guide, please [click here](#).

## Student Procedures for In-Person Instruction

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- Students will be allowed to carry string backpacks and full-sized backpacks each day.
- Students will be expected to bring their **charged** laptops each day. It is recommended that the laptops charge overnight to be ready to bring the next day.
- Our [student ID policy](#) is attached.
- Our [cell phone policy](#) is attached.
- All students will enter the building through Door 1. From there, they will move to 3 separate locations based on grade level:
  - 7<sup>th</sup> grade will move to cafeteria.
  - 8<sup>th</sup> grade will move to the Main Gym.
  - 9<sup>th</sup> grade will move to Aux Gym.Students will remain in these locations until the warning bell rings, at which point they will move immediately to class.
- At the end of the day, all students will exit out of Door 1 and Door 2, which are in the front of the building.

## Technical Support Contact Information for Students and Parents

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The UCS Helpdesk will offer two ways for parents and students to contact them directly for technical support: Telephone: 586-797-1055 from 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Email: [techsupport@uticak12.org](mailto:techsupport@uticak12.org) While the first resource for addressing issues is the school, this contact information will be useful if students have a technical support issue that we are not able to address, or students are encountering issues after school hours.

## Discipline Policy

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Please [click here](#) for the Malow Junior High Discipline Policy Procedures

## Bus Safety Reminders

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Please be sure you are following these rules:

- Stand 10 feet from the road at the bus stop.
- **NO** cell phone / electronic pictures taken on the bus.
- Don't rush to the bus as it approaches the stop.
- Must be sitting while the bus is moving (at all times).
- **Respect** the bus driver.

## Malow Map

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Click [here](#) to see a map of Malow Junior High.

## New District App

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Utica Community Schools has a new mobile app! Search for 'Utica Schools' in your phone's app store and download the free app to stay up-to-date on district and school news. The old mobile app 'Utica Community Schools' is no longer supported and should be deleted from your devices. Download at the App store [here](#) and Google Play [here](#).

## Direct Links to Important Information

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[Mustang Respect Code](#)

[Cell Phone Policy](#)

[Dress Code](#)

[Success Skills](#)

[Student ID Policy](#)

## Automated Call Phone Contact Update

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Utica Community Schools will continue to message important school-related information such as delayed openings or school closure through a number of resources including local media outlets. As a service to parents and staff, the District will also continue to call directly to phone numbers linked to our Automated Call Information Alert System. As we approach inclement weather season, it is a good time to remind parents and staff to ensure any recent change to phone number(s) has been reported. Parent phone numbers for the automated call are drawn from PowerSchool which should be updated at the building level.

## Food Deliveries at Malow

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Food that is delivered by a company such as Door Dash or Grub Hub will not be permitted at Malow. Due to school safety concerns and the disruption to the school day, we cannot accommodate such deliveries. We ask that all students bring their own lunch or buy a lunch from the cafeteria or school store. If a student forgets their lunch, they may borrow against their lunch account in the cafeteria, or a parent may drop off a lunch for their student. However, if the food dropped off is from a restaurant, the student will be asked to eat it in the Main Office during their lunch hour. Coffee, smoothies and outside breakfast brought in the school in the morning must be consumed before going into first hour. This practice takes place at the high school level and Malow is aligning with Eisenhower in order to provide consistent expectations for our students. Thank you for your understanding and we appreciate your support.

## UCS Community Education

The UCS Community Education department is introducing a new website that features an easy to use on-line registration system. Please [click here](#) for the UCS Community Education website.

## Free Meals for the 2024-2025 School Year

All meals are free this year thanks to the Michigan School Meals law. Students that would like to be eligible for benefits, such as pay-to-participate sports, college entrance fees, AP testing fees and more still need to fill out the Education Benefits Form or the School Meals Form. These forms are available at <https://utica.familyportal.cloud>. Please encourage your parents to fill out [these forms](#) to ensure we receive our Title I and other specialized funding from the state. Paper applications are available in the main office.

Breakfast meals include up to 2 grains, up to 2 fruits and milk. You must take at least 1/2 cup fruit or vegetable with 2 more items to qualify.

Lunch meals include a grain, meat/meat alternate, vegetable, fruit & milk. Students must take 3 out of 5 with one being 1/2 cup fruit or vegetable to qualify.

## Meal Magic Family Portal and Menus

Families that wish to put money in their students' Meal Magic account(s) via credit card will need to create a Family Portal account. Please go to <https://utica.familyportal.cloud> to create the account. This is also where parents can fill out the Educational Benefit Forms (EBF). Menus are online at <https://uticak12.nutrislice.com>.

## How to Apply to Meal Magic and Access PowerSchool (Spanish)

Meal Magic:  Meal Magic App directions in Spanish .MOV

PowerSchool:  video.MOV

## Vegetarian Options

Did you know that we offer [vegetarian options](#) every day? Please go to <https://uticak12.nutrislice.com> for menu offerings.

## Allergy Accommodation Forms

Students with food allergies that wish to use school meals must have a [Special Dietary Needs form](#) completed and signed by a physician. Forms need to be turned in to the office of Food and Nutrition Service. Without this form we cannot make accommodations. This form must be updated every year to ensure accuracy. Since all schools have vegetarian options, parents do not need to complete a form for that option. This completed and signed form must be submitted to the Food and Nutrition Services department at [foodservice@uticak12.org](mailto:foodservice@uticak12.org) and is required before meal accommodations can be made. The SNP Special Dietary Accommodations Form must be submitted every year. Allergy menus are found at <https://uticak12.nutrislice.com/> under the Elementary Allergy Menu tab. If your child requires a substitution, please inform the school at least 48 hours in advance.

## Texting Service

Malow Junior High and Utica Community Schools have a service for parents who would like information texted directly to them. The texting service provides school news and announcements, district information such as emergency school closing situations, or updates issued from UCS departments, such as transportation. **To join this system, please text "Y" to 67587.**

## Additional Resources

[Digital Citizenship Resources](#)

[Malow Junior High Facebook Page](#)

[Work Permit](#)

[Concussion Awareness](#)

## Malow School Store

The Malow School Store will be open during all lunch periods. The store accepts cash only for purchases. Items available as follows:

ITEM	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Water (\$1.00)	X	X	X	X	X
Slushies (\$2.00)	X	X	X	X	X
Menchie's Frozen Yogurt (\$4.00)	X	X	X	X	X
Sorrento's whole grain crust pizza slices (\$2.00)	X	X		X	
Pop (\$1.00)			X		X
Little Caesar's pizza slices (\$2.00)			X		X
Little Caesar's breadsticks (\$3.00/\$5.00)			X		X
Candy (\$.25 - \$5.00)			X		X

## Clubs at Malow

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Research shows that kids who are involved in extracurricular activities do better in school and enjoy school more. For additional details, please use the contact information listed below for each group.

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**Chess Club** Mr. Martin Ashman (Teacher) [martin.ashman@uticak12.org](mailto:martin.ashman@uticak12.org)

- Most Mondays after school from 3:15pm to 4:15pm in room B207 (check calendars above).
- Students should arrange a ride home at 4:15pm.
- The Malow Knights Chess Club is open to anyone who likes to play chess or is interested in learning how to play the game.
- Grades 7 - 9

The Malow Knights Chess Club will be open for business beginning September 23. This is a club that will meet each Monday that we are in school. The time that we meet is from 3:15 – 4:15. We meet in room B207. If you have a child that likes to play chess, have them stop by for a game. If you have a child that does not know how to play, we will teach them. It is just a friendly place to come and enjoy a couple of games of chess. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Ashman at 797-3537 or [martin.ashman@uticak12.com](mailto:martin.ashman@uticak12.com)

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**\*Detour Project** Mrs. Mary Merza (Teacher) [mary.merza@uticak12.org](mailto:mary.merza@uticak12.org)  
Mrs. Nicole Wojtowicz (Teacher) [nicole.wojtowicz@uticak12.org](mailto:nicole.wojtowicz@uticak12.org)

- Select Thursdays after school from 3:05pm – 4:15pm in room C309 (check calendars above).
- Students **must** have a permission slip on file to attend meetings. [Click here](#) for the permission slip and dates of meetings. For more information visit: <http://www.detourproject.org>
- Grades 7-9

Detour Project is an expressive art workshop that helps teens relieve stress, make meaningful connections, and explore their emotions. The first meeting will Thursday, October 3.

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**Gaming Club** Mr. Martin Ashman (Teacher) [martin.ashman@uticak12.org](mailto:martin.ashman@uticak12.org)

- Most Tuesdays after school from 3:15pm to 4:15pm in room B207 (check calendars above).
- Students should arrange a ride home at 4:15pm.
- The Gaming Club is a place for students to come and play games (either electronic or not). There are some regular board games that we have, and students can bring in their Nintendo Switch if parents allow. If your child would like to bring in their Nintendo Switch (clearly marked with student's name), I do have a lockable drawer where I can store it for the day. If you have any questions, please contact me at 797-3537 or email [martin.ashman@uticak12.org](mailto:martin.ashman@uticak12.org). Hope to see you there!
- Grades 7-9

Gaming Club begins on Tuesday, September 24.

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**Homework Club** Malow Staff (rotating basis)

- After School Homework Club runs after school on select days from 3:15pm to 4:15pm in the Media Center. **As these dates change from week to week, please refer to the weekly calendars above for dates offered.**
- Grades 7 – 9: This staff supervised after-school homework club is held in the Media Center. Students must have a signed [permission slip](#) on file to attend, and plan to spend the entire hour until 4:15pm. Students must come prepared with work to do, and they will need to make arrangements for their own transportation home. Student tutors are sometimes available to assist students.

Students need to plan on staying for the entire hour on the days they stay for Homework Club.

**National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)**Mrs. Laurel Mervich (Teacher) [laurel.mervich@uticak12.org](mailto:laurel.mervich@uticak12.org)

- Grades 8 – 9: National Junior Honor Society is an organization that recognizes outstanding middle level students. More than just an honor roll, NJHS recognizes students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship and character. NJHS recognizes students for their accomplishments, but also challenges them to develop further through active involvement in school activities and community service.

**Attention current ninth grade members only:** For those of you intending to run for office, the application form is in the NJHS Schoology group. Please download it, fill it out, print it, and return it to me. Thank you!

All applications of intent-to-run must be turned in to me by Friday, September 27. We have a voters' meeting scheduled on Monday, September 30 in the SLA. You must be in attendance to run for office. You will give a brief speech to the members about why they should vote for you.

There will be more information available for new applicants coming soon!

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**Science Olympiad**Mrs. Skye Bastounis (Parent) [greekrx@msn.com](mailto:greekrx@msn.com)

- October through April practices for individual events
- Grades 7 – 9: *Science Olympiad is a nationwide academic competition. Students compete in 23 science-oriented events that involve engineering, biology, chemistry and physics. Students compete first at the Macomb County level tournament in March. Practices will be held from November through April.*

There will be an informational meeting for interested students and parents on Tuesday, September 17 in room B207 at 6:00pm.

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**Snowsports Club**Mr. Jacob Steinberger (Teacher) [jacob.steinberger@uticak12.org](mailto:jacob.steinberger@uticak12.org)**Student Council**Ms. Amy Gastmeier (Teacher) [amy.gastmeier@uticak12.org](mailto:amy.gastmeier@uticak12.org)Mrs. Annmarie Hitzelberger (Teacher) [annmarie.hitzelberger@uticak12.org](mailto:annmarie.hitzelberger@uticak12.org)

- Meets every two weeks after school.
- Grades 7 – 9: *The Malow Student Council promotes student body participation in fundraising, school events, and school improvement. Student Council also participates in community service projects such as the canned food drive and Toys for Tots. The main goals are to make Malow Jr. High a more enjoyable environment and to increase the school spirit of the students. Student Council consists of five committees: Dance, Community Service, Success Skills, Communications and School Spirit.*

Student Council plans dances, activities, community service projects and school spirit days. Our group is a great way for you to make a difference in your school and make great friends.

**Reminder! Student Council applications are due Tuesday, September 17!**

[Click here](#) for the Student Council application for the 2024-2025 school year. Please return no later than Tuesday, September 17. For the Student Council calendar, please [click here](#).

## Malow Counseling Department Contact Information

Malow counselors are eager to help students have a wonderful junior high school experience. We are available to assist students with personal, social, career, college, academic, scheduling and other concerns. Students can sign up to see counselors by completing a blue request slip in the front office. Parents are encouraged to reach out to us at any time with questions or concerns. If you're not sure who to call or where to start, please reach out to us and we will be happy to help! For answers to frequently asked questions click [here](#).

Mrs. Hickey	Counselor (A – Go)	<a href="mailto:jennifer.hickey@uticak12.org">jennifer.hickey@uticak12.org</a>	(586) 797-3592
Mrs. Witt	Counselor (Gr – N)	<a href="mailto:michelle.witt@uticak12.org">michelle.witt@uticak12.org</a>	(586) 797-3591
Mr. Nassar	Counselor (O – Z)	<a href="mailto:charles.nassar@uticak12.org">charles.nassar@uticak12.org</a>	(586) 797-3594

## Making a Counseling Appointment During the School Day

Counselors will be available on the days you are in school to meet with you in person. You can sign up the following ways:

1. Use the link on the Counseling Schoology Page in the folder titled, "Counselor Office Hours"
2. Sign up in the counseling office using blue paper sign-up sheets
3. Scan the QR code posted on the counseling office windows (also found by [clicking here](#))

After you sign up, your counselor will call you down sometime during the school day to meet with you in the Counseling Office.

## Updated Resources Provided by UCS and the UCS Counseling Department

For the district Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Well-Being Program website of resources, please [click here](#). For the Virtual Calming Room on the UCS Wellness page [click here](#).

## Grade Point Average (GPA), Grading Scale, and Example GPA

[Click here](#) for information.

## Tips for Success at Malow

[Typical Supplies Used / Tips for Becoming a Super Organized Student](#)

[Top 10 Tips for Success at Malow](#)

## Macomb County Mobile Crisis

[Click here](#) for the MCCMH Mobile Crisis brochure.

## Counseling Resources – Traumatic Stress

Please click on the following parent resource: [Talking to Children About Violence: Tips for Parents and Teachers](#)

## Care Solace – Free Counseling-Related Services for UCS Families

Please [click here](#) for a flyer with information about Care Solace.

## Malow College Mondays

Malow College Mondays are back! Students are invited to join the staff in wearing college shirts and sweatshirts on Mondays. Students are encouraged to ask questions and learn more about the colleges they see others wearing.



## Schoology Parent Access

Parents are now able to access their student's Schoology accounts. If you would like your Schoology Parent Access Code, please email Mrs. Glide ([samantha.glide@uticak12.org](mailto:samantha.glide@uticak12.org)) to request it and she will email it to you. Once receiving it, please follow [these instructions](#).

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**Attendance Policy: Revision to Policy 5115**

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Revision to Policy 5115: Attendance rules have been developed to reduce/prevent chronic absenteeism. The U.S. Department of Education Civil Rights Data Collection defines chronic absenteeism as missing more than 10% of school days in a year. For grade specific attendance rules, please [click here](#). Please [click here](#) for additional information.

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**AP Exam Information**

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Students must join their AP classroom(s) and activate their exam(s) by September 18. All student exams are set to undecided by default and students must proactively flip their exam status to Yes. Switching the exam status to Yes is a student responsibility.

On/about October 1 students who registered for an exam (i.e. Yes) will receive an invoice for the initial \$40.00 deposit. The deposit must be paid by October 31 and all payments go through [Utica Community Schools AP® Exam Registration](#) (aptsusa.com). Malow Junior High will not process AP exam payments. [Click here](#) for instructions.

APTUSA will send invoices to the student and parent email addresses registered in PowerSchool. Students and parents are responsible for the accuracy of their PowerSchool contact information.

Dates and times of AP exams offered to Malow students for the 2024-2025 school year:

Course Name	Exam Date	Exam Time
Human Geography	5/6/2025	8:00am
Seminar	5/12/2025	12:00pm
World History	5/8/2025	12:00pm
Computer Science Principles	5/15/2025	12:00pm

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**Electronic Device Use Protocol for Statewide Testing**

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The following documents are the district's electronic device use protocol for statewide testing. Please click on [English](#) or a translated version in [Albanian](#), [Arabic](#), [Spanish](#) or [Ukrainian](#).

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**UCS Wellness Podcast**

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The UCS Wellness team is happy to announce the 13th episode of our podcast series featuring Matt Cecil, Jeannette Junior High physical education teacher with host, Erin Chambers, Shelby Junior High physical education and health teacher. This two-part series will inform listeners how to increase their focus and decrease their stress. These podcasts are available on the UCS Wellness page. [UCS Wellness - Utica Community Schools](#). The 13th podcast in the series is Managing Components of Biology.

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**PowerSchool Issues?**

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Are you having issues getting on PowerSchool? Please contact Rose Bertucci at [rosemary.bertucci@uticak12.org](mailto:rosemary.bertucci@uticak12.org).

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**Social Emotional Well-Being Program**

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Several committees have been meeting to develop a district social-emotional program. This program is for all stakeholders within the community. Below is an outline of initiatives for the month of March as we continue to incorporate SEL into the district plan.

District website of resources: <https://mi50010997.schoolwires.net/Page/148>

Virtual Calming Room

Monday Moments: Weekly quote, thought and challenge for all stakeholders

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**Suicide Free Schools – It is Time to be Extra Vigilant!**

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Caring people in Macomb County collaborated to bring suicide prevention education and materials to schools, parents and community groups. Please [click here](#) for a brochure with more information. Break a secret and save a life!

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**SAT Information and Practice**

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The Khan Academy site for SAT and PSAT practice is now available. Students, parents, and staff members can access the practice site at: <https://www.khanacademy.org/mission/sat/tasks/onboard-92829382938>.

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**Grading**

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Student's work will be graded and tracked in accordance with [Board of Education policy 6205](#).

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## Virtual Library Card

The UCS Virtual Library Card includes access to eBooks, music streaming and downloads, eMagazines, and a host of other electronic reference resources. Also available: Tutor.com. Linked to the following are the directions on how to log in to the [Virtual Library Card](#) and the [Virtual Library Card-Tutor.com](#), located on the ClassLink dashboard. The Virtual Library Card gives students access to digital resources from the local library. The Virtual Library Card – Tutor.com provides online tutoring and homework help for students.

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## Struggling Students

It is important to Malow counselors that ALL our students are successful. For students who may be struggling, we first encourage communication between the parent and the classroom teacher. If missing assignments are a problem, we encourage parents to try changing the question from, “Do you have homework tonight?” to “When will you complete your nightly study time?” Even on rare nights when no homework is assigned, all students will benefit from spending a minimum of 20-30 minutes each night reading textbooks, reviewing vocabulary flashcards, preparing for upcoming quizzes/tests, etc. If students don’t bring home books and materials for this study time, parents can assign reading from a book at home, etc. Once students realize that their parents are serious about consistently enforcing a mandatory nightly study time on each school night (Sunday through Thursday), they will begin to bring home and complete their assignments.

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## CARE of Southeastern Michigan

CARE of Southeastern Michigan is an accredited behavioral health nonprofit organization that offers many programs for children, adults and families associated with Utica Community Schools. Click on the following link for additional information: [CARE of Southeastern Michigan \(careofsem.com\)](#).

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## Virtual Library Card and Virtual Library Card – Tutor.com

[Click here](#) for the directions for students on how to login to their Virtual Library Card and Virtual Library Card – Tutor.com, located in the ClassLink dashboard. The Virtual Library Card gives students access to digital resources from the local library. The Virtual Library Card – Tutor.com provides online tutoring and homework help for students.

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## Resolving the Microsoft Licensing Issue

For detailed instructions, please [click here](#).

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## Advice for 9<sup>th</sup> Graders

High School officially begins in 9<sup>th</sup> grade and students are encouraged to make a strong start with their GPA. We also recommend that students begin recording their involvement in clubs, sports, community service, and other activities. On our [Malow Naviance Family Connection Page](#) families can find a sample “Student Record for College” located in the documents area in the upper right hand corner. Recording this information each year will make college application time much less stressful.

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## Michigan Career and Job Outlook Through 2028

For the Michigan Career Outlook through 2028 please [click here](#). For the Michigan Job Outlook through 2028 please [click here](#).

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## The College Board Opportunity Scholarship Program

The College Board is committing \$25 million in scholarships over the next five years, beginning with the class of 2020. Students earn chances at scholarships by completing key actions along the path to college. Students in the class of 2020 can opt into the program via their College Board account and start earning scholarship opportunities for their college planning efforts. If a student does not have a College Board account, they can [create one for free](#) to join the program.

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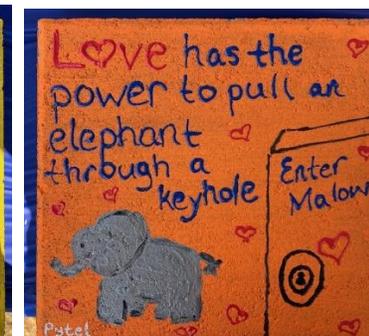
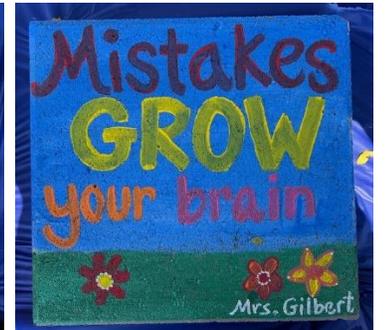
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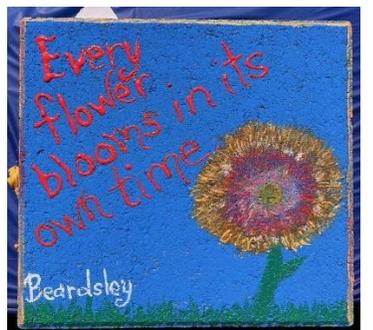
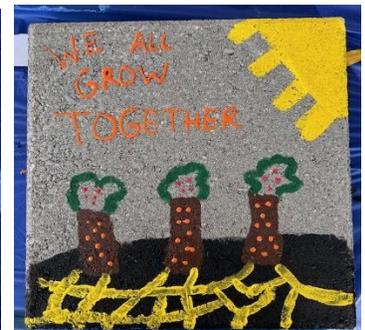
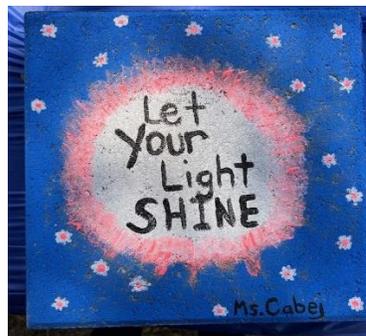
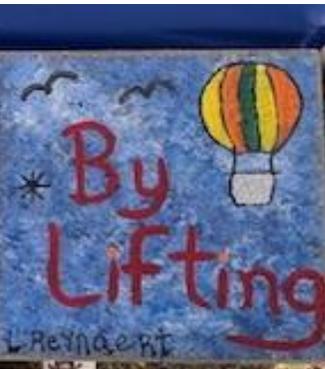
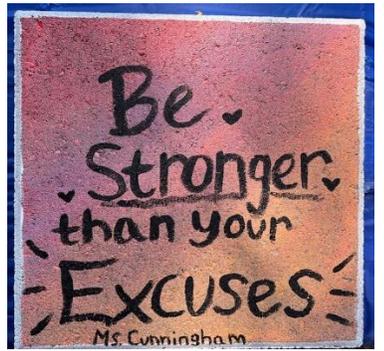
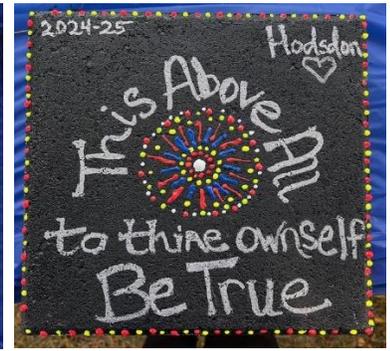
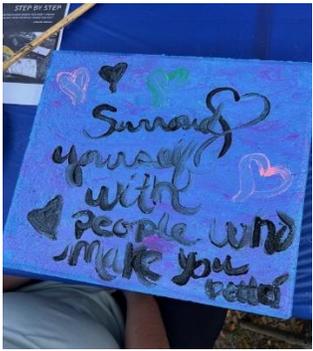
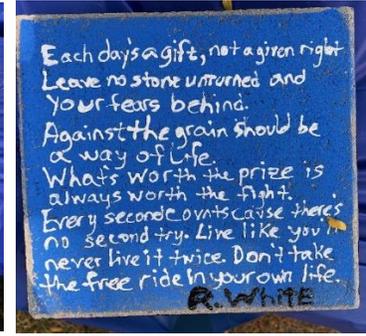
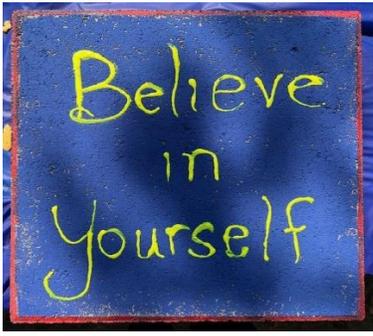
[Click here](#) for information.

\*Eisenhower Homecoming



\*Staff Project - Stepping Stones





**\*Back to School Bake Sale**

Thank you to everyone who helped make this a successful bake sale for the students!



**Rewards**

The Malow Sounding Board has simple ways that families and friends can help raise money to benefit all of our students. The following are a few:

**Kroger Rewards**

Don't Miss Out on the Opportunity to  
Give **FREE** Money to Our School!



1. Simply register online at [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com)
  2. Have your Kroger Plus card handy and register your card with "MALOW JUNIOR HIGH" after you sign-up.
    - If you do not have a Kroger Plus card, they are available at customer service at any Kroger.
    - Do you use your phone number at the register? Call 877-576-7587 to get your Kroger Plus card #.
  3. Click on "*Sign In/Register*"
  4. If you are a new online customer, you must click on "*SIGN UP TODAY*" in the "*New Customer?*" box and enter your information.
    - Almost immediately, Kroger will send you an email. Click on the link in the body of the email and sign-in to "My Account" with your email and password to activate your account.
  5. Click on "Edit Kroger Community Rewards" information and input your Kroger Plus card number.
  6. Update or confirm your information.
  7. Enter **28150** or **MALOW JUNIOR HIGH**, from list and click on confirm.
  8. To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see "MALOW JUNIOR HIGH" on the right side of your info page.
- REMEMBER, purchases will not count for your group until after you register your card(s).
  - Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to

**Box Tops for Education** – You can earn cash for our school by clipping Box Top coupons from hundreds of participating products. Just turn in your Box Tops to the main office!

Click [here](#) for information on the Box Top App.

