



THE TITAN VOICE

ADLAI E. STEVENSON HIGH SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 8, 2023 – SEPTEMBER 22, 2023

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Visit our website at: <http://Stevenson.uticak12.org>

Vision Statement:

Stevenson High School will encourage and empower all students to acquire the necessary skills to be successful, contributing members of a diverse community and global society.

Mission Statement:

Our mission is to create a positive and challenging learning environment that encourages all students to achieve their greatest potential as responsible, productive members of a diverse society.

A MESSAGE FROM MR. CUCCHI



Good afternoon Titan community,

It has been a great start to the 2023-2024 school year. It was great seeing all our Titan students back at Stevenson. We are excited to have you all here for another great year!

We had our Open House on Wednesday September 6, and we are very excited to see so many families attend. It was a great turnout!

Our students understand that they are part of a larger community here at Stevenson. We have many different clubs, organizations, student groups and teams that are part of the fabric of the Titan family. We pride ourselves on offering our students many opportunities. To me, one of the best things about working with high school students is seeing them explore opportunities available to them and make those choices and connections that will further mold them into responsible young adults. I encourage you to have conversations with your students about exploring their passions and getting involved.

As we continue with our efforts to be environmentally friendly and fiscally responsible, we are continuing our GREEN efforts of going paperless. To find out what's happening at Stevenson please refer to the **Titan Voice**. This is published online every other week. The Titan Voice has ALL the important information you need. Please start there if you have a question. You may also be receiving voice or text messages and emails from me via our blackboard messaging system. Please make sure PowerSchool is updated with a correct email/phone number so you receive all important communications.

Every Friday is Titan Spirit Day! Please encourage your student to wear any "Titan" or Red, White, and/or Blue!

Attention Sophomores-You have an opportunity to join Next Level Scholars and get a guaranteed \$4000 scholarship your senior year. This program will help you complete the milestones to make your way to higher education while also providing campus visits, SAT preparation, FAFSA workshops, and college application assistance. Students can apply online at APPLY.DRDFS.ORG. Forms must be fully completed by 11:59pm on October 24th to apply for the program. Ten students will be selected. Email Kelli.McCloud@Uticak12.org if you have questions.

CONGRATULATIONS! The Stevenson Titan Marching Band recently participated in the Romeo Peach Festival Parade where they combined with the Utica Chieftain Marching Band and placed 1st out of six bands!

Many of the band students were friends in junior high and many others know students from the other bands because they are together for MST/CSI/IB and share time classes. The students really like learning the drum cadence from the other band as well as getting to be in a very large ensemble!

Student Laptop Insurance deadline is today, 9/8/23. The Cost is \$17.50, please purchase via PaySchools Central before 11:59 pm tonight. This insurance is Highly recommended.

Please be sure to review the UCS 9th grade – 12th grade 2023-2024 UCS [Parent Student Handbook](#) which can be found on the Stevenson and UCS district website. Please familiarize yourself with the new and old information.

Mark your calendars for Parent Teacher Conferences. They will be held on October 12.

Picture Retakes are October 10. <https://strawbridge.fotomerchanthv.com/clients/stevenson-high-school/fall-retake-pictures-10-10-2023-6/optIn>

Parking Permits will be available for Juniors to purchase on Monday, September 11. Please make sure you have the form filled out completely with student and parent signatures. Along with the form, a COPY of the student's driver's license and COPY of the registration for each car listed must be turned in. If the permit was paid for on PaySchools please provide a copy of the receipt, either on the student's phone or hard copy. Permits can be paid for in school by cash, check or Money Order. Note: Reckless driving and disobeying Michigan laws will result in a student losing their parking permit.

Counselors will be offering help with the college application process in the library on THURSDAYS during all lunch hours (A, B, and C). This will start on Thursday, September 28th through October 27th. Students (all grades) can bring their lunch and a friend! See the flyer in the Titan Voice.

Topics will include:

FAFSA, Financial Aid & Scholarships

Building your college list

Application deadlines

Testing and sending scores

Fee waivers

Using Xello

Common Application

Writing great essays

We'll answer questions and give one-on-one help as needed.

I will continue to provide you with school and district information. I do my best to communicate through email (Titan Voice) every other Friday during the regular school year. This should be your first line of communication regarding information pertaining to Stevenson. If you go to our website, you will find it linked under News. The Titan Voice has contact and general information, updates, policies, and many other items pertaining to Stevenson.

If your students name is spelled incorrectly in Powerschool, please email Caren.King@uticak12.org **immediately**. Diploma information is pulled directly from Powerschool; therefore, your students diploma may be incorrect. This applies for all grades.

SENIOR NAME VERIFICATION – Please complete [this form](#) ASAP.

ATTENDANCE - 586-797-1999

A parent must call the attendance line at 586-797-1999 if your student will be absent, tardy or will have an early dismissal. DO NOT call the main office for attendance.

Please welcome our new teachers who have joined the Stevenson staff this year:

Amanda Blitz - Hi, I am Mrs. Blitz! I am new to Stevenson High School and will be teaching Medical Science 1 and 2. I am an 18-year veteran of the healthcare industry and UCS; I am really looking forward to helping inspire the next generation of healthcare professionals.

Lora Bond - The name is, "Bond, Mrs. Bond," coming from the Roseville Community School District where I taught for 18 years. I'm married to my amazing husband, Craig. I have two daughters, Lucia, who is a junior at Chippewa Valley High School and a daughter, Silvia, who is an 8th grader at Wyandot Middle. I also have three dogs: Blondie, Buffy and Brownie. I'm excited to join the Stevenson High School Family and be a Titan!!!!

Andrew Cavis - My name is Andrew Cavis, and this is my 17th year teaching and 14th year here in Utica Community Schools, most recently at Jeannette Jr. High. This is my second time around at Stevenson and I am excited to be back teaching math as a part of the Titan community.

Carol Dimovski - This is my 25th year with UCS and I will be teaching Spanish at both Stevenson and Shelby JHS this year. I am excited to share my love of the Spanish language and the diverse cultures of the Spanish speaking world with my students. I also look forward to getting to know more about them and their background and interests. It will be a great year!

Dennis Gabbeart - My name is Dennis Gabbeart, and I am the new school social worker for Stevenson. I have been with Utica Schools for almost one year, previously placed at Henry Ford II and Monfort Elementary. I am a husband, and father to a daughter and son who both attend middle school. Outside of practicing social work, I am an active musician where I play guitar for two local working bands. I am excited to be here at Stevenson and helping our students any way I can.

Luke Heide - My name is Luke Heide and I am a long-term substitute teacher. I teach Health and Wellness, along with Life Leisure. I have a desire to be a positive light in people's lives and create positive relationships with others. I'm happy to be in the building this year.

Jessica Malmsten - Hello! My name is Jessica Malmsten. This is my tenth year of teaching, but my first year at Stevenson. I look forward to building relationships and connecting with the students, staff, and families. High school is an exciting time for students, and I look forward to supporting them on their journey. I am so happy to be a Titan!

Jennifer Marriott - This is my 17th year teaching in Utica Community Schools. Not only am I a graduate of UCS but my 2 kids also attend school within the district. When I'm not teaching, I love watching my kids play sports, traveling or just relaxing with my family.

Amy Merlo - This is my 25th year in education and am passionate about inspiring and empowering my CTE students to develop essential skills that will benefit them in various aspects of life. My students learn

communication and problem-solving techniques through hands on experiences. I inspire students to build self-confidence and achieve goals by empowering them with the tools they need to thrive. Happy to be a Titan.

Brandon Rhein - My name is Brandon Rhein, this is my 5th year teaching mathematics at the high school level. I am excited for the challenge of teaching AP math and coaching Freshman football. Go Titans!

A Message From Counseling:

Hey Titans! What's Your Plan?

Counselors will be visiting Senior English Classrooms to discuss the 4 post-secondary pathways: Enroll, Enlist, Employ, and Explore.

Topics during our Senior Presentations will include: Enrolling in College or Career Trades, Enlisting in the U.S.A. branches of the military, and Employment by entering the workforce, and Exploring Gap Year options.

Dates of Senior Presentations: Sept. 21-22.

More information to come regarding College Rep Visits and FAFSA. Please see the flyers in our counseling section of the Titan Voice.

Below are links to three local college fairs:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/3rd-annual-detroit-black-college-expo-free-tickets-663434740167?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/full-steamm-ahead-connecting-talent-with-opportunity-registration-649016815767?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hbcu-scholarship-week-3-day-hbcu-college-admissions-fair-2023-tickets-692653173287?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Please see the counseling section on page 15 of the Titan Voice for more information.

TESTING UPDATE:

In the month of October, all Juniors will be taking the PSAT/NMSQT. This test is going to be digital and taken on their UCS-issued laptops. ALL Juniors will need to make sure their College Board accounts are up-to-date. Please see the flyer in our counseling section of the Titan Voice.

Sophomores and Freshmen will also need to have accurate College Board accounts for Spring Testing.

EVENT: The Macomb Intermediate School District is the host site for the Macomb County Health and Wellness Fair. The fair is Saturday, 9-23-23. There will be over 55 community agencies present with information on the resources they provide. We will also have a keynote speaker talking about the Magic of Hope as well as short 30 minute presentations on various health and wellness topics. Please see the Titan Voice for more information.

With Titan Pride,

Kenneth L. Cucchi III

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Need Help?

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CREVOLUTION ROBOTICS
OPEN HOUSE!

September 13th, 2023
Rosekidd Elementary School
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

For all students in
grades 9-12!

Learn how to build, design or code a robot, use CAD, network with companies, manage a \$50k budget, run community events, and so much more!
Contact Us -> crevo.robotics@gmail.com

MACOMB COUNTY



Health and Wellness Fair

Saturday,
September 23, 2023

10am-2pm

Macomb Intermediate School District
44001 Garfield Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038

Creative
Happy
Exercise
Joy
Peace
Journaling
Calm
Healthy Eating
Gardening
Painting







Vision

A community where families and people of all ages can maximize their emotional and physical well-being.

Audience

For individuals and families from our diverse county.

Goals

-  **Encourage habits** of wellness in physical health, mental health and substance use recovery
-  **Increase awareness** of factors and resources contributing to well-being
-  **Inspire and empower** individuals to improve their health and wellness
-  **Support** a sense of community

Activities

Community Partners come together to share interactive activities for youth and adults that promote aspects of mental wellness, with an overarching goal to help prevent suicide, substance misuse, and promote overall health and wellness.

FREE Food
FREE Health Screenings
FREE Activities and resources
• Face painting • Yoga
• Meditation



For more information, contact Crystal Birchall, cbirchall@msd.net

Enjoy Bosco Stick day with FREE meals!



All school meals will be free this
school year through the
State of Michigan.

UCS families should complete the
Education Benefits Form to qualify for
athletic discounts, grocery benefits and
more: UticaK12.org/familyportal

[Apply online here](#)

IT'S MORE THAN A MEAL APPLICATION



**UTICA
COMMUNITY
SCHOOLS**

DID YOU KNOW THAT MEAL APPLICATIONS ASSIST IN SO MUCH MORE THAN JUST MEALS? ADDITIONAL BENEFITS MAY INCLUDE...



SCHOOL FUNDING

Maintains funding for student programs and services.

AP TESTS

Reduced registration fee for AP tests.



INTERNET ACCESS

Eligible for discounted internet access services.

COLLEGE APPLICATION FEES

Discounted rate on fees associated with applying for college.



SCHOOL MEALS

Free or reduced prices on delicious and nutritious meals.

MOST SPORTS

Free or discounted pay to participate sport fees.



UCS families can complete the application anytime.

Applying online is fast and secure at
WWW.UTICAFAMILYPORTAL.COM

Visit the UCS Food and Nutrition Services web page to download a paper application at
WWW.UTICAK12.ORG/FAMILYPORTAL.COM

[Apply online here](#)

School Safety and Security

School ID Badges Ensuring safety and security for all students and staff is a priority each day. In addition to enhancing security, the wearing of ID badges provides a professional setting and promotes College and Career Readiness for all students.

Wearing of IDs is required as part of many workplace environments, as well as on many college and university campuses. One student ID and lanyard will be provided to every student at no cost.

The benefits and reasons for students wearing a current student ID card are:

- ❖ To be in class
- ❖ To borrow library books and textbooks
- ❖ To obtain early dismissal
- ❖ To allow movement during school, going to and from restrooms, etc.
- ❖ To be on campus before or after school
- ❖ To participate in school activities, assemblies, dances, etc. at school.

Student ID Guidelines A student's ID card authorizes him/her to be on the school campus. EVERY student must wear his or her student ID card while on school grounds. It is crucial that the school staff can identify everyone on campus. The identification of staff and students is a safety issue and will not be compromised. Student IDs may be left in the student's assigned locker overnight to ensure the student ID is not left at home. The following guidelines must be adhered to when wearing student ID cards:

1. Student ID cards must always be worn and visible (i.e., not kept in a purse, pocket, or backpack).
2. Student ID card must be presented to any school staff member or person of authority upon request.
3. The front and back of the student ID card cannot be altered (i.e., no markings, other photos, etc.). Defacing or altering the student ID is prohibited.
4. Wearing another student's ID card is prohibited.
5. Lost, stolen, altered, damaged and/or defaced student ID cards must be replaced immediately.

Students who fail to adhere to the above guidelines are subject to a lunch detention (or after school detention) and a replacement fee of \$5.00 to replace a lost ID badge. Students can purchase a new lanyard from the school or purchase one on their own. Tear away lanyards are recommended. Students who are insubordinate or persistently disobedient are subject to further school consequences.

Student Dress Code

Students must adhere to the guidelines outlined in the student handbook.

- Indecent, tattered, or unsafe dress or footwear, or attire that calls undue attention to the wearer or has lettering or symbols that are disrespectful or derogatory are not allowed.
- Beach wear, low-cut tops, tank tops, sleeveless tops, muscle shirts, see-through clothing, short skirts or shorts, pajamas, tight clothing without proper coverage and clothing exposing the shoulders or mid-section are not allowed.
- Students should not wear clothing with inappropriate advertising like Playboy shirts or similar items.
- Hats are not allowed in school unless explicit permission for a medical or religious reason is reached.
- Knee length shorts and skirts are acceptable. Shoes must be worn.
- Outerwear, such as coats and hats, is not to be worn in school.
- Clothing that promotes illegal substances or drugs, illegal activities, violence, tobacco, or alcohol is prohibited.
- Clothing or head coverings worn as group identifiers that promote a disruptive school climate are prohibited.

- Clothing consistent with religious or cultural beliefs is acceptable.
- Jewelry and accessories that may be deemed dangerous are prohibited.

Attendance Policy

Another important reminder is to take time with your student to review the UCS High School Credit Review Rules and Procedures. In short, it starts by saying that a student has a responsibility to attend, be on time and prepared for each scheduled class. When a student nears or is at 10 absences (any combination of absences or tardies) they will meet with their Associate Principal and parents will be notified. At 11 absences the student will enter Credit Review and can restore those credits by making up the lost time for the classes via a contract made with their associate principal. This cannot be recovered short of testing out, taking the class via scheduling, credit recovery or summer school. Please take the time to read and discuss this with your students, and make sure they understand.

Attendance and Early Dismissal Procedures

Please call **586-797-1999** and follow the prompts: 1 = Early Dismissals 2 = Late Arrival 3 = All Day Absences Please do not call the main office for attendance. When an Early Dismissal is necessary, a PARENT MUST call in the dismissal before the student leaves. Otherwise, your student will be marked unexcused. Also, your student must check in with the Main Office before they leave campus to ensure their safety. PowerSchool is now generating automated phone calls to parents informing them of any absences for their students daily. 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 website or through the PowerSchool. If a correction is warranted, the teacher will request one. Our goal is to have call-ins recorded before the office closes for the day. However, if you have any questions regarding your student's attendance, please wait 24 hours to ensure that all records are complete and up to date.

2023-2024 Parking Permits

Students are only allowed to park in the parking lot if they have a parking pass. Parking is only allowed for Seniors and Juniors. **Sophomores should not be driving to school. All paperwork must be on file with the school.** Juniors will be allowed to purchase the Parking Permits, with the proper paperwork beginning on September 12. You can find student parking information located in the PARENT QUICK LINK section, and Senior and Junior sections on our website: <https://stevenson.uticak12.org/> Please contact michelle.bartold@uticak12.org with any parking questions you may have.

Parking permits are \$50. You can find the Parking Permit Application on the Stevenson website. [Home - Stevenson High School \(uticak12.org\)](#) Please print it and bring copies of all required documents to Mrs. Bartold in the main office.

2023-2024 Student Council

Interested in serving on Student Council? Please fill out the following form by the first day of school!

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=aOI-uaQawUGz37nrhmVnJQjUSgiHYO1AnMr_4p0-oFdUNFU3S09RRVNITEpHWIZHWkFKQUMyS1U5SC4u

Outside Food

Students are **NOT** permitted to have food delivered to Stevenson High School at any time during the school day. This includes Door Dash, Grub Hub, and any other delivery services.

LOOKING AHEAD



September 8 - Last day to purchase Laptop Insurance

September 20 - No School - Professional Development

September 29 – Homecoming Game & Parade

September 30 – Homecoming Dance

October 10 – Picture Retakes

October 12 – Student Half Day, Parent Teacher Conferences, dismissal 10:22 a.m.

October 18 – No School
Professional Development

November 7 – No School
Professional Development

November 22-24 - No School
Thanksgiving Break

December 19-21 Midterm Exams, Half Day for Students, dismissal 10:22 a.m.

TITAN SPORTS



Athletic Director: Tim Brandon TIMOTHY.BRANDON@UticaK12.org

2023-2024-1

Stevenson Athletic Booster Club



2023-2024 Booster Club Memberships

The SHS Booster Club strives to build, support, and encourage the athletic community. Please make sure to sign up for the 2023-2024 booster club today!

SENIOR PARENTS- The booster clubs gives away (4)\$1,000 scholarships. Senior must have parents that are active in the booster club to be eligible.



Thank you to our sponsors! Please stop by and visit them or call and thank them for their support!



Concession Help Needed!!

We are looking for volunteers to help run our concession stands for the fall season! This is an easy and fun way to earn money for your team! \$20/ volunteer slot will go back to the team of your choice!! Sign up today!!



SCAN ME



We are excited to announce that on September 28th we will induct our first class into the Titan Athletic Hall of Fame. The night will honor outstanding athletes and coaches that have made an impact to Titan athletics. Please join us for this exciting night! Tickets available on Event Brite <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/634133419127?aff=oddtcreator>



SCAN ME

2023 Inductees

Joe Alls - Rick Bye - Pete Chryplewicz - Jason Fracassa - Christy Goodison-O'Brien- Kevin Hanson- Alyssa Huntley - Daniel Jilek - Paul Longo - Jeff McCool -

FACEBOOK: Stevenson Athletic Boosters Club

Twitter: SHBoosters

NEW CLUB WEBSITE: <https://stevensonhighschoolboosterclub.godaddysites.com/>

stevensonathleticboosterclub@gmail.com

Stephanie Jenkins- President
Cheryl Bollinger- Vice President
Vicki Carlino- Secretary -Corry Olszewski- Treasurer
Members at Large- Rachel DeMenter, Michelle Williams, KimHerdell

Participating in Stevenson Athletics? Complete your 2023-2024 Athletic Profile today! All sports physicals and athletic forms are collected electronically through Student Central/BIG Teams (<https://studentcentral.bigteams.com> formally PlanetHS), paper copies will not be accepted. Both the student athlete **AND** their parent/guardian need to set up an account in Student Central/BIG Teams to complete the necessary one-time forms that allow you to be eligible to tryout/join any sport, any season, during the school year.

PLEASE NOTE: An MHSAA pre-participation sports physical is required for all students who participate in sports. Valid 2023-2024 physicals must be dated 4/15/23 or later. Please refer to the Parent Quick Links on the Stevenson Home Page for a copy of the **MHSAA Physical Form**.

BEFORE TRY-OUTS:

Physicals (**dated 4/15/23 or later**) must be UPLOADED to your Student Central/Big Teams account and all **on-line** Athletic Forms must be completed by both the student athlete and parent/guardian. Paper copies will not be accepted.

ONCE TEAMS ARE FORMED

Pay to Participate Fee must be paid via PaySchools (Click on the **PaySchools: Stevenson High School** in Student Central) or go to www.payschoolscentral.com

All Athletic Forms and Pay to Participate payments MUST be complete before athletes can participate in season practices, games, meets or tournaments.

Questions? Please contact your coach or Remi Darroch, Bookkeeper, remi.darroch@uticak12.org or 586-797-1903. If you qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch, then you will qualify for financial assistance with the Pay to Participate Fee. Please note: Free & Reduced Meal Applications must be filled out after July 1st. Therefore, if you haven't already re-applied, you will need to do so ASAP online at <https://utica.familyportal.cloud> before Free or Reduced Status can be verified. Be sure to fill out the Sharing Information Form to link information.

For more information about game schedules and athletic links, please see our athletic website below: [Adlai Stevenson High School \(stevensonathletics.com\)](http://AdlaiStevensonHighSchool.stevensonathletics.com)

COUNSELING INFORMATION



Students will be assigned their counselor by last name as follows:

A-De, CORE, LCCE - Mrs. Boettcher	kristi.boettcher@uticak12.org	586-797-1976
Di-Jon, AVID - Ms. Dilday	dakota.dilday@uticak12.org	586-797-1979
Jor-Kn, MADE - Mrs. DiLorenzo	tamara.dilorenzo@uticak12.org	586-797-1975
Ko-Ric - Mrs. Newell	kristi.newell@uticak12.org	586-797-1977
Rid-Z - Mr. Benjamin	antony.benjamin@uticak12.org	586-797-1980
Counseling Secretary - Ms. Carter	sarah.carter@uticak12.org	586-797-1993

For students: How to schedule a meeting with your counselor:

1. Send your counselor a message through TEAMS.
2. In this message please explain the reason for your request.
3. Expect a response within 24 hours. If your situation is urgent and needs immediate attention, please come directly into the counseling office and Ms. Sarah Carter will direct you from there.

For parents: How to schedule a meeting/phone conference with your child's counselor:

1. Call the counseling office at 586-797-1993; or email your child's counselor directly during normal school hours.
2. In that message, please explain the reason for your request.
3. Please understand that attempting to meet without notice could result in having to be turned away due prior professional commitments.

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<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/full-steamm-ahead-connecting-talent-with-opportunity-registration-649016815767?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hbcu-scholarship-week-3-day-hbcu-college-admissions-fair-2023-tickets-692653173287?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>



**ATTENTION
SENIORS!!**

FAFSA

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

The FAFSA is key to unlocking state and federal financial aid that can help you build a great future.

It can help you earn a:

- 4-year college or university degree
- 2-year community college degree
- 1-year certificate (Training for Hot Jobs in Michigan \$\$)

Great news...they are making the FAFSA easier this year!

The new and improved FAFSA won't be released for current seniors to complete until

DECEMBER 2023

When the FAFSA is released in December, Stevenson seniors are encouraged to complete it as soon as possible for maximum financial aid. Students use the website below to complete the form with their parents' help.

StudentAid.gov



SAVE THE DATE

Stevenson's Virtual Financial Aid Night
Join from the comfort of your own home!

Wednesday, September 13th at 6:30 p.m.

More details sent via Schoology



PAYING FOR COLLEGE

Presented by Oakland University

LIVE WEBINAR!
September 13th

@
6:30 p.m.

Topics include:

- Financial Aid
- The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Private Resources and more!

REGISTER HERE!



SCAN ME



AP students, please sign up to get important reminders right to your cell phone!

Stevenson Advanced Placement



AP Group – Graduation Year & Last Name	Grade, Last	Class Code
Stevenson AP Specialty Programs & Virtual Academy	9 th -12 th MST, CSI, UAIS/IB, VA (all grades)	SAPSP-VA
Stevenson AP 2024 A-L	12 th Last Names A-L	SAP2024A-L
Stevenson AP 2024 M-Z	12 th Last Names M-Z	SAP2024M-Z
Stevenson AP 2025 A-L	11 th Last Names A-L	SAP2025A-L
Stevenson AP 2025 M-Z	11 th Last Names M-Z	SAP2025M-Z
Stevenson AP 2026 A-L	10 th Last Names A-L	SAP2026A-L
Stevenson AP 2026 M-Z	10 th Last Names M-Z	SAP2026M-Z
Stevenson AP 2027 A-L	9 th Last Names A-L	SAP2027A-L
Stevenson AP 2027 M-Z	9 th Last Names M-Z	SAP2027M-Z



College tests are going digital!

JUNIORS will take the PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test digitally in October and the new digital SAT in April

SOPHOMORES will take the digital PSAT-10

We really need your **HELP** to get ready!!

Before school starts on Tuesday, August 29th, PLEASE....

Go to:

CollegeBoard.org

- Log in to your College Board Account to make sure it works
- Create an account if you have never created one before
- If you have any trouble logging in or creating your account, call:

866-315-6068



WE RECOMMEND

Username: Your Own School Email Address
(_____@stu.uticak12.org)

Password: Its####!!
(use your UCS "Its password"
Plus two exclamation marks)



Utica Community Schools uses APTS (Advanced Placement Testing Services) to collect AP Payments

See detailed info at: APTSUSA.COM/UTICA

As soon as possible, AP students should create or sign into their College Board Account at CollegeBoard.org to make sure it is working. Students who have trouble signing in should call College Board at **866-315-6068**

Deadline to join MyAP and Register for AP Exams is: **September 22, 2023**

Join at MyAP.CollegeBoard.org

Each of your AP teachers will give you a course JOIN CODE

\$102 per exam

(\$150 for AP[®] Capstone: Seminar or Research)

Invoices Arrive to Parent and UCS Student Email Accounts

October 1, 2023

Payment will be submitted in two parts:

- 1. A Deposit of \$40 per exam due is by **October 31, 2023****
- 2. The Balance will due by **February 16, 2024****

Credit Card or Debit Card Payments – 3.15% Processing Fee
Checks or Money Orders – No Fee (Please allow enough time to mail it)

What if I qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch?

All students pay the initial \$40 deposit regardless of lunch status. Students who qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch through the application found at Utica.FamilyPortal.Cloud will receive a **\$35 refund per test** that will be sent during summer 2024. This brings the final cost to **\$5** for qualifying students.

Please put a reminder in your phone...

Payment Deadline for initial **\$40 Deposit is: **October 31, 2023****

CTE NEWS



<https://youtu.be/Sc9cdure99k>



[Utica Community Schools-School to Work Informational Video](https://youtu.be/Sc9cdure99k)

youtu.be

SCHOOL TO WORK (STW/CO-OP) MAKING THE CONNECTION



- The objective of our STW Program is to connect classroom learning with work-based learning experiences, prepare students for the move from classroom to the workplace, support supervised on-the-job training, and help students make career decisions.
- Our Students will:
 - Develop the essential skills and habits required in the workplace.
 - Receive a **GRADE** and **CREDIT** towards graduation for this full year course.
 - Gain valuable **PAID** work experience to help build a resume for post-secondary programs and future employment in a variety of career areas.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?



GPA-2.0 Minimum



Attendance: Must be excellent at school; including tardies and unexcused absences from 9th grade and beyond.



Enrollment in a CTE Course concurrent with their internship placement (see courses listed on reverse side).



Students work 10 hours a week at minimum, 24 maximum per child labor laws. Must have reliable transportation and leave school after 5th hour.



Grades are based on: Student completed time books. Employer quarterly evaluations of the student and attendance at monthly meetings with coordinator.



Coordinators visit work sites to ensure a safe and productive training environment and build relationships with employers.

Next Steps...

1. Talk with your parents about STW-can you do it?
 - ✓ Transportation
 - ✓ Extracurricular activities
 - ✓ Availability (employer provided schedule)
2. Scan the QR Code to Apply
3. Obtain Parent signatures for Policies/Grading
4. Create your resume/request references
5. Set Up Your Voicemail
6. Schedule a time to meet with Mrs. Gendelman

SCAN HERE TO APPLY



For more information contact [Janet Gendelman \(janet.gendelman@uticak12.org\)](mailto:janet.gendelman@uticak12.org) at 586.797.2059/586.797.1660
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CONNECTING STW TO CTE CLASSES

BMMT Intern Business, Management, Marketing, Technology	Health Intern	EMIT Intern Engineering, Manufacturing, Industrial Technology	Human Services Intern
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MS Office• Marketing 1/2• Accounting 1/2• Cybersecurity• Small Business/Specialty Marketing• Retail Store Operations• Website Development 1/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medical Science 1/2• Nursing Assistant	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welding• Auto• Construction Trades• Design Engineering 1/2/3• Machine Shop 1/2• Small Engine Repair• Architecture 1/2/3• Woodworking• MADE Academy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Future Educators 1/2

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

- **Can I use my current job as a School to Work placement?**
Possibly. You may ask the Coordinator to evaluate your current job as a possible STW placement.

Yes. If the employer is offering summer employment.
- **Do I automatically get a parking permit if I am enrolled in STW?**
No. STW students do not receive any preferential treatment in obtaining a parking permit.
- **Can I participate in co-curricular activities (ex: sports, dance, religious obligations) and still be enrolled in the School to Work program?**
Very difficult to do with after school practice schedules, talk to your coordinator.

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OFFICE NEWS



- ↪ Questions about **parking permits**? Please contact Michelle.Bartold@uticak12.org with any parking questions you may have.
- ↪ **Student parking applications and regulations** are also located in the **PARENT QUICK LINK**, Junior, and Senior Sections on the [SHS website](#).
- ↪ Parents MUST call the SHS **attendance line (586) 797-1999** and choose the appropriate option to excuse their student. **It must be a parent/guardian that calls in and not a student or sibling.** Please spell your child's last name and include their grade.

FINES & FEES



- ↪ Please check your student's PowerSchool account 'Dashboard' for **Outstanding fees**. Outstanding fees should be paid immediately.
- ↪ The most common fees are Replacement Student Ids* \$5.00 each, Replacement Lanyard* \$2.00, Locker Lock, Senior Class Dues \$25.00, Junior Class Dues \$10.00, or Sophomore Class Dues \$10.00. *All students are required to have their School Id with them and visible while on school property. We provide each student their first Student Id and Stevenson lanyard free of charge. Students without their School Id are required to purchase a replacement ID, replacement Lanyards are also available.
- ↪ All fines can be paid via PaySchools: [click here](#) or on the [Stevenson Home Page](#) Hover over **For Families**, then Select: **PaySchool Link**.
- ↪ Fines may also be paid with Cash/Check/Money Order at the Bookstore window during school hours. If you have a question about your student's fees, please contact Remi Darroch, Bookkeeper, at remi.darroch@uticak12.org, 586-797-1903.

SENIOR NEWS & INFORMATION



Welcome Back SENIORS!

Please fill out your DIPLOMA CARD as soon as possible.

All seniors need to fill out a diploma card ASAP. Please use this link <https://tinyurl.com/Diploma-Card>

Please check PowerSchool to ensure that your First, Middle and Last names are spelled correctly!

This is where we get the spelling of the name for your diploma! If there is an error in PowerSchool, please contact Caren.King@uticak12.org AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

MANDATORY Senior Parent Meetings - Wednesday, April 17

(5 pm last names A-L and 6:30 pm last names M-Z)

Honor's Night (invitations will go out at the end of April) - Monday, May 13 @ 7pm

Prom - Wednesday, May 29 @ 7 pm

Counselors will be visiting Senior English Classrooms to discuss the 4 post-secondary pathways: Enroll, Enlist, Employ, and Explore.

Topics during our Senior Presentations will include: Enrolling in College or Career Trades, Enlisting in the U.S.A. branches of the military, and Employment by entering the workforce, and Exploring Gap Year options. Dates of Senior Presentations: Sept. 21-22.

More information to come regarding College Rep Visits and FAFSA. Please see the flyers in our counseling section of the Titan Voice.

Below are links to three local college fairs:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/3rd-annual-detroit-black-college-expo-free-tickets-663434740167?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/full-steamm-ahead-connecting-talent-with-opportunity-registration-649016815767?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hbcu-scholarship-week-3-day-hbcu-college-admissions-fair-2023-tickets-692653173287?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

JUNIOR NEWS & INFORMATION



Welcome Back Class of 2025!

Juniors can start purchasing Parking Permits on Monday, September 11. Please make sure you have the form filled out completely with student and parent signatures. Along with the form, a COPY of the student's driver's license and COPY of the registration for each car listed must be turned in. If the permit was paid for on PaySchools please provide a copy of the receipt, either on the student's phone or hard copy. Permits can be paid for in school by cash, check or Money Order.

TESTING UPDATE:

In the month of October, all Juniors will be taking the PSAT/NMSQT. This test is going to be digital and taken on their UCS-issued laptops. ALL Juniors will need to make sure their College Board accounts are up-to-date. Please see the flyer in our counseling section of the Titan Voice.

Sophomores and Freshmen will also need to have accurate College Board accounts for Spring Testing.

SOPHOMORE NEWS & INFORMATION



Welcome To Stevenson High School, Class of 2026!

You have an opportunity to join Next Level Scholars and get a guaranteed \$4000 scholarship your senior year. This program will help you complete the milestones to make your way to higher education while also providing campus visits, SAT preparation, FAFSA workshops, and college application assistance. Students can apply online at APPLY.DRDFS.ORG. Forms must be fully completed by 11:59pm on October 24th to apply for the program. Ten students will be selected. Email Kelli.McCloud@Uticak12.org if you have questions.