

November 21, 2022

Eppler Express



Monday, November 21	Thursday, November 24
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Chess Club Meeting 3:00 - 4:00 pm Media Center	
Tuesday, November 22	Friday, November 25
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Homework Club, Media Center @ 2:55-3:55 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Thanksgiving Vacation
Wednesday, November 23	Saturday, November 26
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Thanksgiving Vacation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">None
	Sunday, November 27
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">None

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Vision and Mission Statements

Our Vision Statement: Eppler Junior High School, in partnership with our community, will empower students to achieve their full potential and become productive contributors in a diverse society.

Eppler Junior High School Mission Statement: The Eppler community will collaborate to foster a safe, respectful, and inclusive learning environment that will inspire growth, excellence, and achievement.

Parent Access for Schoology

Parents/Guardians,

Did you know that you can have a parent account for your child's Schoology classes? You can access each of their classes, as well as the counseling department's Schoology page. The counseling page has many resources ranging from support groups and therapy to community resources for help with everyday problems. If you would like access to your child's Schoology account (this is different than PowerSchool), you can contact the main office at 586-797-2900 to request your child's 12-digit-code and instructions.

PARENT ACCESS DIRECTIONS FOR SCHOOLOGY

1. Go to www.schoology.com.
2. Click **Sign Up** at the top of the page and choose **Parent**.
3. Enter your Parent Access Code. This is the 12-digit code in **xxxx-xxxx-xxxx** format
4. To receive the 12-digit code, please contact the Main Office
5. Fill out the form with your information.
6. Click **Register** to complete.

When you use a Parent Access Code to create an account, you are automatically associated to your child. You can add additional children to your account using the Add Child button.

If your Parent Access Code does not allow you to register, or if the code does not have 12 digits, please contact techsupport@uticak12.org.

Friends Helping Families

Dear Chieftain Family and Friends,

In the past, the Eppler Chieftain family has generously supported many worthwhile charitable causes, especially during the holidays. We, as a community, have championed the endeavors of the United States Marine Corps' *Toys for Tots* program, the Shelby Township Lions Club's *Township Food Basket/Canned Food Drive* program, Bright Side Dental's *Candy for Soldiers* program, Hamlin Pub's *Hamlin Holiday/Adopt A Family* program, as well as offered support to families in need within our own community. During the trying times we find ourselves in, most of these programs are operating at limited capacity, and we will still support them as we are able. However, we have also determined that we would again like to focus on our families in need right here at Eppler.

To borrow a title for this program from a neighboring school community, we will embark on our *Friends Helping Families* program once again this year, and will continue to make it one of our annual community projects. We are asking that you partner with us to support our own families who may be struggling. I know, yes, I absolutely know, how caring and generous this community is, and know we can, together, make a difference!!

We are asking that you, should you want to be involved, purchase gift cards in any amount, from stores such as Meijer, Target, Walmart, Kroger, other grocery stores, local gas stations, etc., and any gift card will be graciously accepted! Please indicate the amount of the gift card you are donating. Gift cards in the \$10 - \$25 range seem to work best to spread this blessing to all our families in need. **Please send in your donation to Eppler, or drop it off at the school, by Wednesday, December 14, 2022.**

If you find your family needing a little extra help this holiday season, please contact one of our wonderful school counselors, who will confidentially add your name to our list, and make arrangements with you. Our counselors can be contacted at marla.ostrom@uticak12.org (Counselor for students with last names A-K), and autumn.blanchard@uticak12.org (Counselor for students with last names L-Z).

I am thanking you in advance, with the greatest of confidence, for your generous support of our Eppler Chieftain families who may be struggling this holiday season.

You may send in your donation with your child OR drop off your donation at the school between the hours of 8:00 am and 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday, until Wednesday, December 14, 2022, OR mail to the school at Eppler Junior High School, 45461 Brownell, Utica, MI, 48317, Attn: Ms. Marla Ostrom.

I again genuinely and warmly thank you!! Be well! Be safe! Be healthy! Be happy!! And enjoy the blessings of this holiday season!!

Jerry

Toys for Tots—NEW

NJHS and Student Council is collecting toys for Toys 4 Tots. The mission of the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the community. Last year we were able to donate 70 toys. We would like to try and double that at the very least this year. This will be a 6th hour competition. The 6th hour class who brings in the most toys will earn a class prize.

The last day for turn in is Friday, December 13th. Please send toys that are new & unopened (but not gift wrapped!) to room 132 or your 6th hour class. Make sure you put a sticky note on the toy with their 6th hour teacher's last name on it when turning into Mrs. Gleason so she can keep track of 6th hour scores!



Canned Food Drive —NEW



Student Council and NJHS are also working together collecting canned and non-perishable foods during 1st hour classes until December 8th. The 1st hour class with the most cans donated will win a reward. Please consider donating. If you have any questions, please see Ms. Gleason, Ms. McConachie, or Ms. Berg. Thank you in advance for supporting these charities!

Eppler Wings

Eppler gives you wings, where will you go? Numerous NJHS & AVID students created a wing mural out of college pennants. The pennants that have been used as the feathers of the wings represent the opportunities available to Eppler students who get the most out of their three years here. Serious students are taking a big step towards "soaring" to higher levels of achievement and success.

We invite students to visit the media center and stand between the college pennant wings for a photo. Please make sure students ask a staff member before using their phones for a picture.

Picture below: 9th graders, Anya Alband and Ashly Ritter. Anya and Ashly are both NJHS students as well as AVID students and volunteered hours after school to make this vision come to life



Lunch Deliveries



Food Deliveries: Food that is delivered by a service such as Door Dash or Grub Hub will not be permitted at Eppler. 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. 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 is the practice that takes place at the high school level and Eppler is aligning with Utica High in order to provide consistent expectations for our students. If you would like to apply for the free or reduced lunch program, or to establish a lunch account for your child, please click [here](#).

Thank you for your understanding and we appreciate your support.

Dress Code Rules - REMINDER

Dress code:

Please address the following dress code items with your child:

- Hoods/hats are not to be worn in the building.
- Clothing must not show bare mid-drifts, shoulders, cut too low or any derogatory or drug/alcohol messages.

Student Drop-off after 8:00am

Parents, please be aware that there is often no need to come into the building when you are dropping off your child at school if they are late or after an appointment. The only reasons we will require you to come into the building are if you are picking up your child, for which you will need ID, or if you are dropping off anything for your child, which we ask that you label for their pick-up. Other than that, please feel free to stay in your warm and dry vehicle (on cold and rainy days) and enjoy whatever you may be listening to from your playlist! Thank you!!

Parent Student Handbooks

Please use the following link to access the Parent and Student Handbooks for the 2022-2023 school year. Please note that there are separate handbooks for Grades 7-8, and Grades 9-12. Please see the updated attendance policies on pages 3-6 in the Grades 7-8 Handbook, and pages 2-7 in the Grades 9-12 Handbook.

<http://utica.ss9.sharpschool.com/handbook>

Lost and Found

Eppler Lost and Found - Before replacing your student's lost item, ask your child to check the Lost and Found Table across from the Counseling Office.

Items not picked up by December 21st will be donated to a local resale store.





Eppler Jr. High Chieftain Pride Donation Program

NO BUYING! NO SELLING! NO HASSLE!

100% of your donation directly benefits our school!

● 100% Tax Deductible ●

Donor Name: _____

Eppler Student(s): _____

Donation Amount: _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: EPPLER JUNIOR HIGH

All money received is used to benefit students in a variety of ways to purchase resources to provide every child an excellent education experience.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!!

Thank you to those families that have donated! You are truly appreciated!!

Life Skills Accepting Donations

Mrs. Rumel needs your help!! The life skills class is gladly accepting donations of the more common used supplies the class. Donations can be dropped off to the school, please be sure to put **Life Skills** or Mrs. Rumel's name on the donation. We just kindly ask that the items are not expired or opened and are nut free.

Below are the most commonly used items in our class:

Sugar (white or brown)	Marshmallows (large and mini)
Rice Krispy cereal	Non-stick cooking spray
Butter	Flour
Cake Mixes	Brownie Mixes
Frosting	Spaghetti Sauce
Pizza Sauce	Chocolate Chips (white, dark, milk, cinnamon, etc.)
INSTANT pudding (Chocolate is most commonly used)	Oreos
ANY disinfectant cleaners for kitchens without bleach	Aluminum Foil
Vegetable/Canola oil	Sandwich and gallon baggies
Paper Plates or cups or silverware	Kleenex
Dish Soap	Hand soap



Reward Programs

Calling All Shoppers!

Eppler has a reward program at Kroger. All you have to do is shop, swipe your card, and Eppler gets cash back! The Kroger Community Rewards program makes fundraising easy by donating based on the shopping you do every day. Once you link your Card all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Shopper's Card. Here's how :



- Go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com
- Click Sign in the upper right-hand corner
- Put the email address and password used to enroll your card
- Go to "Savings & Rewards", then "Kroger Community Rewards", I'm a Customer"
- Enter the group number **EJ598** or search **Eppler Junior High School**
- Click on the organization then click "Enroll"

NJHS – Planet Green Fundraiser



Thank you to all who have donated to Planet Green! We have raised over \$400 over the last couple of years by recycling used ink cartridges and electronics! **Planet Green is no longer accepting used electronics. They are only accepting ink cartridges.** Please continue to send those into Mrs. Byron in room 19! Thank you!

NJHS is doing a yearlong fundraiser with Planet Green. Please send in **Inkjet cartridges (NO toner or laser cartridges)** to room 19. NJHS sends them to Planet Green, and then Planet Green sends Eppler a check! This fundraiser helps the environment and our school! NJHS members can receive one hour for every 5 items, but everybody is encouraged to participate!



EPPLER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL DAILY SCHEDULE

1ST HOUR 8:00 – 8:58

2ND HOUR 9:04 – 10:00

3RD HOUR 10:06 – 11:02

4TH HOUR 11:08 – 12:47

A Lunch 11:08 – 11:39 Lunch

11:45 – 12:47 Class

B Lunch 11:08 – 11:39 Class

11:45 – 12:10 Lunch

12:16 – 12:47 Class

C Lunch 11:08 – 12:10 Class

12:16 – 12:47 Lunch

5TH HOUR 12:53 – 1:49

6TH HOUR 1:55 – 2:51

EXAM DAY SCHEDULE

1ST EXAM 8:00 – 9:28

2ND EXAM 9:34 – 11:02

BE PROMPT!

HALF—DAY Dismissal @ 11:02 AM



Eppler Junior High School

CELL PHONE/DEVICE POLICY

Throughout Entire Building at All Times, Including Before and After School

NO Pictures

NO Phone Calls

NO Texting

NO Social Media

***This includes Kik, Snapchat, Instagram, and ALL others

During School hours 8:00 – 2:51pm

Cell Phones/Electronic Devices must be placed in lockers for the entire school day and may not be used during the school day for **ANY REASON**.

Cell Phones/Electronic Devices **ARE NOT** allowed to be taken out of lockers during the school day, except for early release or permission from administration.

Cell Phones/Electronic Devices **ARE NOT** allowed in the lunchroom.

If you are found breaking Cell Phone/Device policy, your phone/device will be confiscated and brought to main office.

1 st Time	2 nd Time	3 rd Time	4 th time
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taken to Office• Parent must pick up	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taken to Office• Parent must pick up• After-School Detention	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taken to Office• Parent must pick up• Saturday School	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taken to Office• Parent must pick up• One-Day Suspension• Phone banned from building

Note: Eppler Junior High and UCS assume NO responsibility for theft, loss or damage of your device.
The student assumes full responsibility and brings the device at their own risk.

Student IDs:

Since all of our students have now had their pictures taken, it is required that they wear their ID on a lanyard during school hours. The lanyard is to be around their neck, not under a shirt or in a backpack. If your child needs a new lanyard, please have them stop in at the main office to get one. Starting the week of September 20th, there will be random ID checks made.



Eppler Jr. High

ID Badge Requirements

(directly from the handbook)



**ID BADGES ARE TO BE WORN IN
SCHOOL - ALL DAY - EVERY DAY**

**BELOW ARE THE CONSEQUENCES FOR
NOT WEARING YOUR ID BADGE:**

\$5 ID REPLACEMENT

6 TIMES WITHOUT ID = \$5 ID REPLACEMENT

9 TIMES WITHOUT ID = \$5 ID REPLACEMENT & SATURDAY SCHOOL

12 TIMES WITHOUT ID = \$5 ID REPLACEMENT & SATURDAY SCHOOL

15 TIMES WITHOUT ID = \$5 REPLACEMENT & SUSPENSION

If you are caught not wearing your badge in school 6 or more times,
another badge will automatically be printed and a \$5 fee will be placed on
your student account to be paid.

(EVEN IF YOU ALREADY HAVE A BADGE)

The barcode on the ID will be linked to your child's lunch account so the ID will be scanned when purchasing items using an account.

Eppler Clubs & Organizations

We Need Volunteers

We still have a couple of clubs/organizations without sponsors and could use YOUR help in re-launching these groups to give interested students a wonderful opportunity!

Please contact Mr. Pantano at gerard.pantano@uticak12.org if interested in helping with:

Robotics Club



Cultural Diversity Club



NJHS Current 9th grade by invitation only

NJHS Students, please see below for meeting dates. You are required to attend EITHER the morning meeting or the afternoon meeting. If for some reason there is a conflict with the meeting date, please make sure to talk to Mrs. Gleason in room 132 OR email her as soon as possible at scarlet.gleason@uticak12.org. Sports practices are not an excused absence.

*Please note: NJHS is for current 9th grade students who were invited in the spring of last year. Current 8th graders & 9th graders who are eligible for NJHS will be invited to apply in January of 2023.

Wednesday: November 2, 2022 7:30am or 3:00pm in the media center

Wednesday: Dec 7, 2022 7:30am or 3:00pm in the media center

Wednesday January 11, 2023 7:30am or 3:00pm in the media center

Reminder: 8 hours due by January 31, 2023

Wednesday March 1, 2023 7:30am or 3:00pm in the media center

Wednesday: May 3, 2023 7:30am or 3:00pm in the media center

Induction: Spring TBD



Eppler Parent Involvement Committee (EPIC)

The following is a list of dates and times of the Eppler Parent Involvement Committee (EPIC) meeting throughout the school year. All parents are invited and welcome to attend. All meetings will be held in the Media Center from 9:05 am – 10:00 am. We look forward to seeing you!

Monday, September 26 @ 9:05 am

Tuesday, October 25 @ 9:05 am

Tuesday, November 15 @ 9:05 am

Monday, December 12 @ 9:05 am

Tuesday, January 24 @ 9:05 am

Monday, February 27 @ 9:05 am

Wednesday, March 22 @ 9:05 am

Tuesday, April 25 @ 9:05 am

Wednesday, May 24 @ 9:05 am

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Tuesday, October 11

Wednesday, November 9

Tuesday, December 6

Tuesday, January 10

Tuesday, February 7

Tuesday, March 7

Wednesday, April 12

Wednesday, May 10

Meetings will be held at 3:05 pm in Room 122

2023 Eppler Junior High Yearbook Order Form

Now is the time to order your yearbook! All orders must be place directly through Jostens,
go to JOSTENSYEARBOOKS.COM/
Order yours by **March 1, 2023**

School Store

Don't leave your feet in the cold!

Chieftain socks are now available at the Chieftain Corner Store.
Socks are \$12.00, while supplies last.



EPPLER JUNIOR HIGH

AFTER-SCHOOL HOMEWORK CLUB

At Eppler Junior High School, we want to help your child have a successful school year. The Homework Club will be available on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** from 2:55 PM to 3:55 PM in the Eppler Media Center. Students can use this time to get academic assistance, complete assignments, work on projects, and/or study for tests. A few high school tutors are usually available. Students can ask the teacher in charge if there are tutors available that day.

Each student should bring all necessary materials and books to the media center by 2:55 PM. **Please be advised that if a student comes to Homework Club with nothing to work on, he/she will not be admitted to Homework Club that day.** All students will be expected to remain in the Media Center until 3:55 PM. Students will need to sign in each day that they participate. Students need to arrange for their own transportation home.

If you would like your child to be able to attend Homework Club, please complete the bottom portion of this form and have your child bring it with him/her the first time they attend Homework Club (only one slip is needed, and the student may come as often as they like for the school year). Phone calls and other notes will not be accepted in place of this signed permission slip.

If you have any questions regarding Homework Club, please contact your child's school counselor (Last names A-K: Marla.Ostrom@uticak12.org / Last names L-Z: Autumn.Blanchard@uticak12.org).



EPPLER HOMEWORK CLUB PERMISSION SLIP



My child, (please print) _____, grade _____, has my permission to participate in Homework Club. I understand that it is my responsibility to provide transportation for my child at the end of the session. **My child understands that it is his/her responsibility to arrive on time, to bring all necessary materials to the Media Center, and to be prepared to work.** My child also understands that Eppler Junior High school rules apply and will be enforced. Misbehavior can lead to dismissal from being a participant in the Homework Club. Students will sign in, and if I ever want to verify my student's attendance, I will contact my child's school counselor.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____

Chess Club



Chess Club is up and running! Meetings are held every Monday in the media center from 3—4 PM.
See Mrs. Byron, room 19 for more details.

Student Council

Student Council is sponsoring Fun Friday Spirit Days! Every month we will have a new theme.

6th hour teachers will tally how many students participate for each grade and a prize will be awarded at the end of the semester! For the month of November, we will be going back in time through the decades. The decade is your choice but remember the dress code still applies.



Eppler Booster Club

We need you!! Please help!!

The Eppler Athletics Boosters are looking for a few good volunteers! Unfortunately, if we do not get any volunteers, we will have to shut down the group. The boosters have been an integral part of many improvements at the school - water filling stations, providing needed equipment for teams, gym decor update, end of season pizza parties for all teams, just to name a few. Most importantly, we are also in need of a parent or couple of parents that can be responsible for the concession stands at the home games.

If you are interested in either please contact Mr. Paul at eric.paul@uticak12.org

**JOIN THE
BOOSTER CLUB**

Holiday Shopping Nights

Chief Connection
Holiday Shopping Nights

Thursday, December 8, 2022
&
Tuesday, December 13, 2022
5:00-8:00 PM
Basketball games vs. Ike both evenings

Eppler & Utica H.S. Sports

UHS Baseball Workouts



Utica Baseball will begin winter workouts in December.
Any interested 7th-9th grade baseball players please fill out this form to register.

<https://forms.office.com/r/QDsxyB60ta>

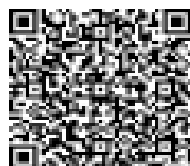


UHS Boys Freshmen Basketball



Utica High School Boys Basketball Freshmen Tryouts

Tryout Sign-up: Please use the following Microsoft Forms QR code to sign up if you intend on trying out.



Prerequisites

- Eligibility (June 2022 final grades and current)
- Physical on File 2022-23 sport physical requirements: A valid 2022-23 physical examination must be completed on or after April 15, 2022.

Boys Basketball Tryout Schedule

- **Freshmen (Grade 9 ONLY)** *All 9th graders please bring a copy of your 1st Quarter grades from PowerSchool*
November 21st 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm Main Gym (meet in cafeteria at 4:15 pm)
November 22nd 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm Main Gym (meet in cafeteria at 4:15 pm)
*November 23rd 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm Main Gym **If needed, coach's discretion*

******All athletes will enter Utica High School through Door #5 for tryouts******

*****Please know that these dates and times for tryouts are subject to change based on rulings from the MHSAA and Utica Community Schools*****

Contact the Varsity Boys Basketball Coach Dave Hinkle if you have any follow-up questions at david.hinkle@uticak12.org

7th/8th Grade Girls Basketball

UCS
7th/8th GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL
2022 - 2023

Game Time: 4:00 & 5:30

**Jan 19 – Feb 9: 7th grade will play the first game followed by the 8th grade*

**Feb 13– March 13: 8th grade will play the first game followed by the 7th grade*

Thurs., January 19

Bemis @ Heritage
 Davis @ Eppler
 Jeannette @ Shelby
 Bye: Malow

Mon., January 23

Eppler @ Malow
 Jeannette @ Bemis
 Shelby @ Davis
 Bye: Heritage

Thurs., January 26

Jeannette @ Davis
 Eppler @ Bemis
 Heritage @ Malow
 Bye: Shelby

Mon., January 30

Davis @ Malow
 Heritage @ Shelby
 Eppler @ Jeannette
 Bye: Bemis

Thurs., February 2

Shelby @ Eppler
 Bemis @ Malow
 Heritage @ Davis
 Bye: Jeannette

Mon., February 6

Bemis @ Shelby
 Malow @ Jeannette
 Heritage @ Eppler
 Bye: Davis

Thurs., February 9

Shelby @ Malow
 Davis @ Bemis
 Jeannette @ Heritage
 Bye: Eppler

Mon., February 13

Heritage @ Bemis
 Eppler @ Davis
 Shelby @ Jeannette
 Bye: Malow

Thurs., February 16

Malow @ Eppler
 Bemis @ Jeannette
 Davis @ Shelby
 Bye: Heritage

Tues., February 28

Davis @ Jeannette
 Bemis @ Eppler
 Malow @ Heritage
 Bye: Shelby

Thurs., March 2

Malow @ Davis
 Shelby @ Heritage
 Jeannette @ Eppler
 Bye: Bemis

Mon., March 6

Eppler @ Shelby
 Malow @ Bemis
 Davis @ Heritage
 Bye: Jeannette

Thurs., March 9

Shelby @ Bemis
 Jeannette @ Malow
 Eppler @ Heritage
 Bye: Davis

Mon., March 13

Malow @ Shelby
 Heritage @ Jeannette
 Bemis @ Davis
 Bye: Eppler

7th/8th Grade Boys Basketball

UCS
7th/8th GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL
2022 - 2023

Game Time: 4:00 & 5:30

**Dec. 5 – Jan 6: 7th grade will play the first game followed by the 8th grade*

**Jan 9– Jan 30: 8th grade will play the first game followed by the 7th grade*

Mon., December 5

Bemis @ Shelby
 Malow @ Jeannette
 Heritage @ Eppler
 Bye: Davis

Thurs., December 8

Shelby @ Malow
 Davis @ Bemis
 Heritage @ Jeannette
 Bye: Eppler

Mon., December 12

Davis @ Heritage
 Bemis @ Malow
 Shelby @ Eppler
 Bye: Jeannette

Thurs., December 15

Bemis @ Heritage
 Davis @ Eppler
 Jeannette @ Shelby
 Bye: Malow

Mon., December 19

Eppler @ Malow
 Jeannette @ Bemis
 Shelby @ Davis
 Bye: Heritage

Wed., January 4

Jeannette @ Davis
 Eppler @ Bemis
 Heritage @ Malow
 Bye: Shelby

Fri., January 6

Davis @ Malow
 Eppler @ Jeannette
 Heritage @ Shelby
 Bye: Bemis

Mon., January 9

Shelby @ Bemis
 Jeannette @ Malow
 Eppler @ Heritage
 Bye: Davis

Thurs., January 12

Malow @ Shelby
 Bemis @ Davis
 Jeannette @ Heritage
 Bye: Eppler

Tues., January 17

Heritage @ Davis
 Malow @ Bemis
 Eppler @ Shelby
 Bye: Jeannette

Thurs., January 19

Heritage @ Bemis
 Eppler @ Davis
 Shelby @ Jeannette
 Bye: Malow

Mon., January 23

Malow @ Eppler
 Bemis @ Jeannette
 Davis @ Shelby
 Bye: Heritage

Thurs., January 26

Davis @ Jeannette
 Bemis @ Eppler
 Malow @ Heritage
 Bye: Shelby

Mon., January 30

Malow @ Davis
 Shelby @ Heritage
 Jeannette @ Eppler
 Bye: Bemis

PowerSchool/Naviance/Text Messaging Service

PowerSchool– [Click here](#) to go to the district's PowerSchool website

Parent Portal Access through PowerSchool

PowerSchool is the district's student information system used for scheduling, attendance, grades, and delivery of report cards. Please find more information below on how to create and access your Parent Portal Account.

To login, visit: <http://ps.ucs.misd.net/public>

Due to an update to PowerSchool, **parents who had a PowerSchool account prior to August 2, 2022 must reset their password to login.** Please [follow these directions to update your password.](#)

Below are useful documents for you to reference and take full advantage of PowerSchool:

Parents: [Create a Parent Portal Account](#)

Helpful Tips for our PowerSchool Parent Portal: [Click here for info on how to reset your password.](#)

PowerSchool Mobile App:

1. Download the PowerSchool Parent App through your device's [GooglePlay](#) or [Apple App Store](#).
2. Enter the UCS district code: NKDJ (all capitalized)
3. When logging in through your mobile app, you will use the same username/password that you use to login through your desktop.

Questions? Contact your home school to help with your PowerSchool questions.

Text Messaging Service

Utica Community Schools Text Messaging Service

Utica Community Schools offers a texting service for parents. The service allows parents to receive important information such as school closings, safety alerts, school reminders and more, directly from their school(s) on a mobile device.

Newly enrolled UCS parents will receive a text message from the district that reads:

"Utica Community Schools messages. Reply Y to confirm, HELP 4 info. Msg&data rates may apply. Msg freq varies. schoolmessenger.com/tm"

To receive the free* text messages, simply reply "Y" or "Yes" to the message.

Even if you have not received a UCS message to join, parents may opt in by texting "Y" or "Yes" to the short code 67587.

Parents may opt out at any time by replying "Stop" to one of the messages.

*Terms and Conditions: Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See schoolmessenger.com/txt for more info.



Naviance

Utica Community Schools has partnered with Naviance to provide a variety of tools for achievement through academic, career and college planning. These tools are located in Naviance Student, a website for students and families to access online resources, communicate with school staff and work on college and career readiness activities with your school and family.

[Click here](#) for the updated parent brochure with more information and step-by-step instructions.

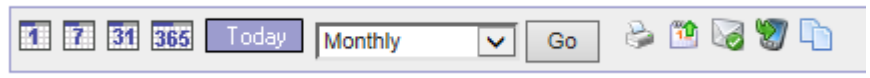
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Upcoming Activities

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Monday, November 28 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Chess Club Meeting 3:00 - 4:00 pm Media Center	Thursday, December 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Homework Club, Media Center @ 2:55-3:55 pm
Tuesday, November 29 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Homework Club, Media Center @ 2:55-3:55 pmChieftain of the Month Lunch 11:45 am - 12:45 pm, Room 106	Friday, December 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">None
Wednesday, November 30 <ul style="list-style-type: none">None	Saturday, December 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none">None
	Sunday, December 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none">None



Did You Know ...

Don't miss out on important school information. [Click here](#) to sign up for School Messenger!



ATTENTION 8TH GRADERS! CHECK OUT THE UCS HIGH SCHOOL SPECIALTY PROGRAMS!



Utica Center for Mathematics, Science & Technology (MST)

WEBSITE: ucmst.uticak12.org

Info Night: Monday, January 9th - promptly begins at 6:30pm

Location: Instructional Resource Center, 14201 Canal Road, Sterling Hgts

Questions? Contact Peter.Paulon@uticak12.org



Utica Academy for International Studies (IB)

WEBSITE: uals.uticak12.org

Info Night: Tuesday, January 10th - promptly begins at 6:30pm

Location: Heritage Junior High, 37400 Dodge Park Road, Sterling Hgts

Questions? Contact Christopher.Layson@UticaK12.org



Utica Stevenson Center for Manufacturing, Automation, and Design Engineering (MADE)

WEBSITE: stevenson.uticak12.org

Info Night: Wednesday, January 11th - promptly begins at 6:30pm

Location: Stevenson High School, 39701 Dodge Park Road, Sterling Hgts

Questions? Contact Alison.Hildebrand@uticak12.org

While Stevenson MADE is open for all UCS and non-UCS students' priority is given to Stevenson feeder pattern (Davis, Heritage, and Jeannette). Second priority is given to the rest of UCS junior high school students. Any remaining seats will be offered to non-UCS students. Transportation is only provided to students who live in Stevenson's bussing area.



Utica Center for Science & Industry (CSI)

WEBSITE: ucsi.uticak12.org

Info Night: Thursday, January 12th - promptly begins at 6:30pm

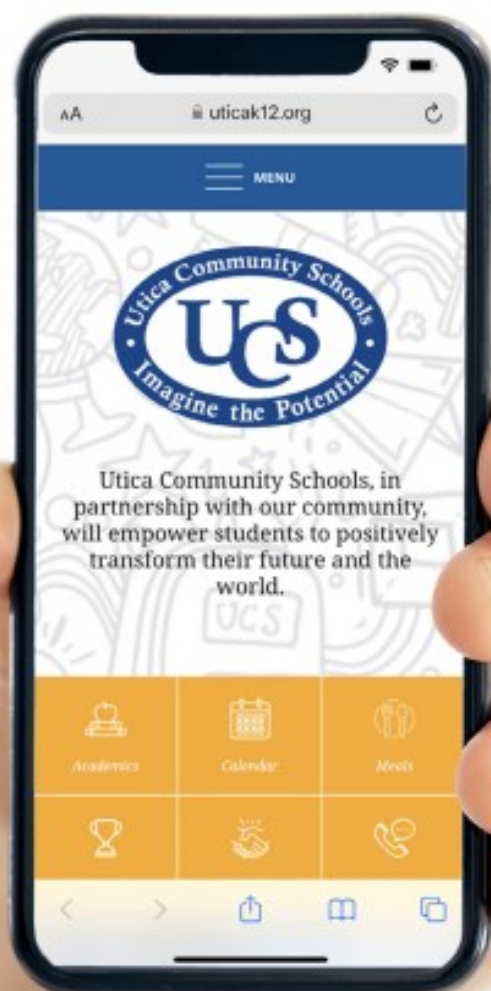
Location: Instructional Resource Center, 14201 Canal Road, Sterling Hgts

Questions? Contact Peter.Paulon@uticak12.org

**Applications will be available online at UticaK12.org beginning January 20th, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.
The deadline to submit applications is January 27th, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.**

**Students are only permitted to apply to two programs. It is highly recommended that families do not complete the application until familiarizing themselves with the available information about each program. Attendance at the program-specific information nights and/or the Pathways to Success is highly encouraged.*

What do you think?



See UCS in a Whole New Way

New website launching **Nov. 29**

Preview it and share your feedback at:

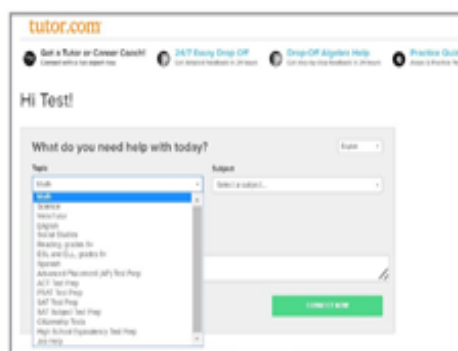
uticaK12.org

FREE Online Tutoring

Do you need one-on-one help with your homework?

To access the free tutoring:

- On your ClassLink dashboard, select **Virtual Library Card - Tutor.com** (the orange icon with the letter "t" on it).
 - You will need your PowerSchool number to log in. You can email your counselor to ask for your PowerSchool number (Marla.Ostrom@UticaK12.org or Autumn.Blanchard@UticaK12.org). To log in:
 - Barcode: ucs##### (ucs followed by PowerSchool number)
 - Your password is your 2-digit birth **month** and 2-digit birth **day** (example 0408 for April 8)
 - Choose **GET A TUTOR NOW**. If you want a short tutorial on how the site works, you can select **Take the tour**.



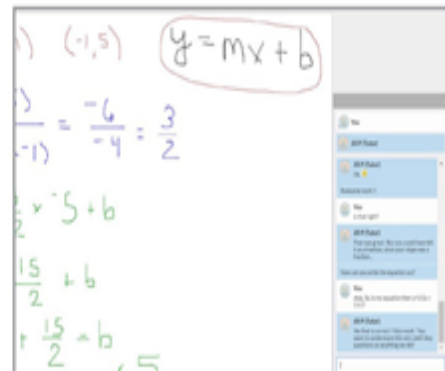
CONNECT WITH A TUTOR

Connect to a tutor quickly and easily. Select your topic, subject and grade level. Then, to get the best tutor for your problem, type out your question and, if you have a file or picture, attach it to your request.

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CHAT WITH YOUR TUTOR

Use our online classroom to chat with your tutor and share your work on the whiteboard. You and the tutor can draw, type, paste images and use graph paper on the interactive whiteboard.



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District Calendar

We are pleased to share with you the calendars for the next two school years. To view the calendars, please see this link:

<http://uticak12.org/ucscalendaroverview>.

Clinton River Watershed Council (CRWC)



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 link to participate in a watershed survey.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/146M_OwNhCHc2fQZcAPgnsvtl93aBU8hVBjAo_ijn8hY/viewform?edit_requested=true

CARE

What students and parents are saying...

"The counselor was wonderful...very interested in helping to place my son where he should be. Thanks!!"

"The yelling has stopped and the talking has started."

"CARE is very responsive to the needs of the clients and I think it is a very good agency. I would one day like to work for CARE."

Resources:

Macomb County Crisis Center:
586-948-0222

National Suicide Prevention LIFELINE:
800-273-TALK (8255)

Alateen/Alanon Family Groups:
800-813-3105

Affirmations (L.G.B.T.Q.):
248-398-7105

Family Youth Interventions/Youth Shelter:
586-465-1212

Poison Control Center:
800-222-1222C

Macomb County Office of Substance Abuse (MCOSA): 586-469-5278

Substance Abuse Prevention websites:

www.mcosa.net
www.abovetheinfluence.com
www.thetruth.com
www.drugabuse.gov



Main Office
31900 Utica Road
Fraser, Michigan 48026

586.541.CARE (2273)
www.careofsem.com

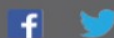


SCAN HERE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT US

Our mission is to strengthen resiliency in people and their communities through prevention, education, and services that improve the quality of life. Since 1977, CARE of Southeastern Michigan has been a leader in substance use prevention and recovery services in Macomb County. An accredited and award-winning behavioral health nonprofit rooted in the community, CARE provides real-life solutions from early childhood to adulthood so we can live healthier lives.

CARE of Southeastern Michigan is funded by Macomb County Community Mental Health Office of Substance Abuse, Macomb County school districts, state, federal and other private dollars.

Recipients of substance abuse services have rights protected by state and federal law and promulgated rules. For information, contact CARE of Southeastern Michigan Recipient Rights Advisor, 31900 Utica Road, Fraser, MI 48026, (586) 541-2273 or State Recipient Rights Coordinator, P.O. Box 30664, Lansing, Michigan 48909.



STUDENT ASSISTANCE



CARE invests in youth by working with the community, school personnel and parents to promote the healthy development and education of young people.





CARE's Student Assistance

- Does your child/student have difficulties at school or in other social settings?
- Have you noticed a change in your child's/student's behaviors and/or attitudes?
- Are you concerned that your child/student may be using alcohol or other drugs?

CARE of Southeastern Michigan understands the struggles that families are facing today. Despite all efforts, when a family is in crisis because of substance use or social and emotional health concerns, there is a greater likelihood that a young person will experience difficulties. Student Assistance offers students and their families guidance and support.

Student Assistance Clinicians specialize in at-risk issues such as substance abuse and mental health problems. A qualified Clinician will conduct initial screenings and assessments to determine the extent of a student's problems and provide resources to best help the student and their family. Students and families will receive assistance in gaining access to the most appropriate service for their area of concern.

Youth and Family Programs

Visit www.careofsem.com for locations, times, and dates for all programs.

Peaceful Alternatives to Tough Situations (PATTS):

An educational series to help youth deal with their emotions in appropriate ways by understanding their own resources and developing their own plan of action with skills that really work!

*** Parent participation required**

Teen Intervene:

Power of Drugs and Alcohol is a series designed to provide education, support and guidance to teens that have experienced mild to moderate use of alcohol or other drugs. This program also offers parents and guardians the opportunity to learn healthy communication skills and the importance of establishing family rules regarding alcohol or other drug use.

*** Parent participation required**

Parent Education Classes:

A series for parents to discuss ways to understand behavior, build self-esteem, increase cooperation and provide discipline that teaches personal responsibility. Groups include early childhood (ages 0-5), school age (ages 6-12) and teens (ages 13-18). A book for the appropriate age group is required.



INDEPTH:

INDEPTH is the American Lung Association's Intervention for Nicotine Dependence: Education, Prevention, Tobacco and Health program. A forward-thinking alternative to suspension or citation for tobacco use, including e-cigarettes, INDEPTH addresses the teen vaping epidemic in a more supportive way. This interactive program teaches students about nicotine dependence, establishing healthy alternatives and making the change to be free of all tobacco products, including e-cigarettes. INDEPTH is led by a trained, CARE facilitator either one-on-one or in a group setting.

Camp CARE:

This program is offered for children/families who have been impacted by alcohol and other drugs by a loved one. Through small group discussions, children, youth and teens learn: You are not alone, identify and process feelings, how to be safe, celebrate themselves, how to handle peer pressure, conflict resolution, making healthy choices, and life skill building.

Teens Talking Truth:

T³ participates in social events, community service opportunities, and workshops that address the challenges of today's youth, with a primary focus on alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention and a healthy teen lifestyle. T³ also works to get rid of the myth that all teens require drugs or alcohol to have fun!



UCS Calming Room for Students

Students – Check out and explore the new Virtual Calming Room by UCS. Click the link below, and **then click on the Calming Room icon**. THANK YOU!

It has tons of ways to relax and de-stress before exams (and after):

- *Coloring and creativity
- *Guided meditation
- *Puzzles and games
- *Exercise
- *Live animal cameras
- *Visual relaxation
- *Smartphone apps
- *Sounds and music
- *Mindfulness
- *Yoga



[UCS Calming Room - Utica Community Schools \(uticak12.org\)](https://www.uticak12.org)

Check out Monday Moments, COVID-19 Support Services, Macomb Food Program and more at:

www.uticak12.org/UCS_Wellness

MONDAY



MOMENTS

NEW DAY · NEW WEEK · NEW GOAL

Monthly Theme: Get Hopeful
Week 8: Practice Positivity



“In every day, there are 1,440 minutes. That means we have 1,440 opportunities to make a positive impact.” ~ Les Brown, Former Ohio State Representative



How might it be possible to find POSITIVITY and HOPE even in challenging situations?



NOTICE NATURE ~ Nature is a great way to infuse POSITIVITY. Integrate into your weekly routine a “Notice Nature” walk. As you and your family take a walk outside, even in winter weather, have family members share POSITIVE things they observe and experience. As little as a 10-minute walk has been proven to reduce stress and increase POSITIVITY.



www.uticak12.org/UCS_Wellness



UCS Wellness Podcast

The UCS Wellness team is happy to announce the seventh episode of their podcast series. The team worked with community members to create a podcast regarding different areas of physical, mental, and social health for UCS staff, students, and families. These podcasts are available on the UCS Wellness page. [UCS Wellness - Utica Community Schools \(uticak12.org\)](https://uticak12.org/ucs-wellness)

The seventh podcast in the series is titled "Our Youth and Vaping." Below is a list of the podcasts available on the Wellness page:

- Mental Health with guest, Nancy Buyle
 - Grief and the Grieving Process for Children
 - Family Communication
 - CARE of Southeastern Michigan
 - Discussing Dating Violence with Turning Point
 - Tackling Tough Topics with the Macomb County Sheriff's Office
- Our Youth and Vaping



Virtual Library Card

Students and staff can access their Virtual Library account located on their ClassLink dashboard. The Virtual Library Card gives students access to digital resources from the local library and the virtual library card - Tutor.com provides online tutoring and homework help for students.



Student Virtual Library Card

1. Click on the Virtual Library Card icon from the ClassLink dashboard.
2. Select the library assigned to your homeschool

Welcome!

Please sign in.

Select your library

3. Enter in your Virtual Library Card number and pin

Virtual Library Card number = UCS followed by the Student PowerSchool Number

PIN = MMDD (birth month and birth day)

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Sign in

Sterling Heights Library	Shelby Township Library	Utica Public Library	Clinton-Macomb Public Library
Bemis	Beacon Tree	Eppler	Beck
Browning	Crissman	Flickinger	Ebeling
Burr	Duncan		
Collins	Eisenhower		
Davis	Malow		
DeKeyser	Monfort		
Dresden	Morgan		
Graebner	Roberts		
Harvey	Shelby		
Havel	Switzer		
Henry Ford II	Utica High		
Heritage	West Utica		
Jeannette	Wiley		
Messmore			
Oakbrook			
Plumbrook			
Schuchard			
Schwarzkoﬀ			
Stevenson			
UAIS			
Utica Alternative Learning Center			
Virtual School (Elementary, Junior High, High School)			

4. Click Sign in



Virtual Library Card – Tutor.com



1. Click on the Virtual Library Card Tutor.com icon from the ClassLink dashboard.

2. Enter in your Virtual Library Card Tutor.com number and pin

Virtual Library Card Tutor.com number = UCS followed by the Student PowerSchool Number

PIN = MMDD (birth month and birth day)

Would you like to save your login?



Virtual Library Card - Tutor.com(Suburban)

You can save your login for this application to auto login on your next visit

Fields marked as * are required

* Barcode

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* Password

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Save

4. Click Save

Free and Reduced-Priced Meals Application Expire

Last year's free and reduced-price applications expired on Thursday, October 13, 2022.

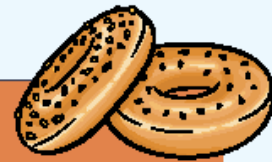
As required by federal guidelines, students without an approved 2022-2023 Free and Reduced Meal Application on file will pay full price for all breakfast and lunch meals beginning October 14, 2022. **Families must fill out a new application form located at <https://utica.familyportal.cloud> today in order for benefits to continue.**

Please direct any questions to Food and Nutrition Services ext. 1180.



How-To Guide for School Meals SECONDARY

Breakfast



Available to all students every day for \$1.75. Breakfast starts 10-15 minutes before school begins and is served in the cafeteria. Menus are posted on monitors in the cafeteria as well as online at [Uticak12.Nutrislice.com](https://uticak12.nutrislice.com) or on the Nutrislice app.

Lunch

Lunch will take place in the cafeteria and there are numerous items to choose from. Lunch is \$2.90 for junior highs and \$2.95 for high schools. Menus are posted on monitors in the cafeteria and online at [Uticak12.Nutrislice.com](https://uticak12.nutrislice.com) or the Nutrislice app.



Payment

For students to access their account they will scan their student ID at the register. If they have forgotten their ID, they can give the cashier their last name. Free and reduced status are confidential, so students will not know.

You can send in cash or check for meals with your student to deposit at the register, or you can pay via credit card at [Utica.FamilyPortal.Cloud](https://utica.familyportal.cloud) - here you can also check your child's account balance, spending habits and apply for free/reduced meals.

How-To Guide for School Meals SECONDARY (continued)

Allergies

Students with allergies must fill out an allergy form and return it to the office and the department of Food Service. Substitutions cannot be accommodated without this form. Access the form at [Uticak12.org/foodservice](https://uticak12.org/foodservice) under the 'Allergen Form' section.



Other Important Info

To apply for free/reduced meals, visit [Utica.FamilyPortal.Cloud](https://utica.familyportal.cloud). Until a student is approved, you will be responsible for paying for meals. UCS will cover the cost this year for all reduced priced meals, so they will be free once approved!

For a meal to be considered free students must take 3 out of 5 components with 1 of them being a fruit or vegetable. A la carte items, such as second entrees, chips, and bottled beverages, are not included in the meal and must be paid for by the student.

Students may charge up to 5 meals that must then be repaid. You can find the UCS charging policy at [Uticak12.org/foodservice](https://uticak12.org/foodservice).

Jeannette Junior High School and Utica Alternative Learning Center are considered CEP or Community Eligibility Provision schools. This means the entire school qualified for no cost meals, but should still complete the Household Income Report (HIR) at [Utica.FamilyPortal.Cloud](https://utica.familyportal.cloud) to help the school qualify for federal funding and for parents to qualify for other benefits.



UCS Meals Are Nutritious And Delicious!

- UCS cafeterias offer a wide variety of different food choices to meet your student's needs
- We serve the same brand named products, like Tyson, Land-O-Lakes and Jennie-O, that you do in your homes
- Meals follow federal guidelines for nutrition
- Meals include a variety of fresh fruit, vegetables, whole grains, low fat meat and dairy as well as low fat and fat free milk
- **To qualify for free and reduced meals students must take at least 1/2 cup fruit or vegetable with a meal.**
- **Breakfast meals include up to 2 grains, up to 2 fruits and a milk. 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. Must take 3 out of 5 with one being 1/2 cup fruit or vegetable to qualify.**
- We watch our saturated fat and sodium levels to help support our student's health needs
- Visit the Healthy Meals at School page to learn more about meal requirements

"Hey Alexa, what's for lunch?"

UCS's School Menus are digitally accessible on all devices as well as Amazon's Alexa!

Customize, view and print all school menus by clicking here or visiting <https://uticak12.nutrislice.com>

Family Portal Replacing "Send Money to School"

Attention all families: Sendmoneytoschool.com, the site used to deposit funds to your student's meal account, has been replaced. Please begin using <https://utica.familyportal.cloud> to deposit funds. If you currently have an account with sendmoneytoschool.com your children will be moved over to the new account after completing registration.

Please view this video showing how to create an account on the new website: <https://utica.familyportal.cloud/tutorials>.

This site also contains the link to apply for free and reduced price meals. As a reminder, the USDA subsidized free meal program ended June 30, 2022. Families without an approved free or reduced price meal application will be charged the full meal price next school year. You can apply for the 2022-2023 school year as early as July 1.

How-To Video for School Meals link with your school community: <https://youtu.be/ukSHx6zqPro>

Enroll New Student

[On-Line UCS Registration Form](#) (Important - Please have the documents referenced above ready before you begin this process as they are required to register).

Once you complete the registration, you will receive directions to set up an account through our student management system - PowerSchool Unified Classroom. The email will come from Enrollment@uticak12.org. For help setting up a PowerSchool Unified Classroom, please visit [this page for directions on creating a student account](#).

Community Ed

Football Skills Camp



Community Education



2022-23 UTICA FOOTBALL WINTER SKILLS CAMP

This camp will include weekly teaching sessions for all positions that will develop basic football skills for lower grade level players, with an emphasis on positional skill development, fundamentals, safety, and general understanding of the game of football. Higher level players will be involved in more advanced off-season preparation and fundamental skill development. Detailed technique and skills will be emphasized, with each session being mapped out to get the most out of our limited time for all position groups including offensive and defensive linemen.



Dates: December 3 – April 23
(Sundays, 14 total sessions)
Location: Utica High Main Gym

6096-WS23A: Grades 3-6 10:00-11:15am
6096-WS23B: Grades 7-9 11:30am-12:45pm

Grades: 3-9 (2022-2023 school year)
Coaches: Matt Marulli and
Utica High football staff
Fee: \$75 (bring water bottle)

To register online, visit ucsccommunityeducation.ce.elevo.com OR scan the QR below. To register by phone, please call UCS, Community Education (586)797-6900. We accept with a Visa, Master Card, Discover or American Express. **No refunds.**

2022 UTICA FOOTBALL WINTER SKILLS CAMP
#6097-WS22A (Grades 3-6) #6097-WS22B (Grades 7-9)



In Case You Missed It

On October 20, 2022 Eppler's film star Maritsa Skowronek was recognized by the UCS Board of Education for her role in the documentary called *Chromosomally Enhanced: What's Your Superpower*. 9

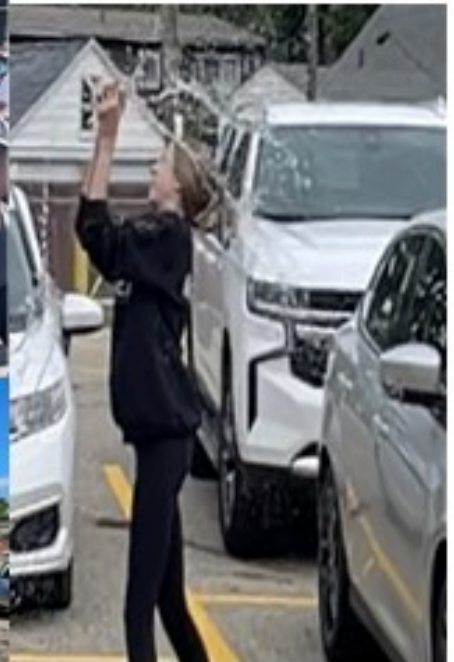
The film can be viewed at <https://chromosomallyenhancedwhatsyoursuperpower.vhx.tv/>

More information on the film can be found at: <https://whatisyoursuperpowerfilm.com/>



9th Grade Science

Mrs. Heidrich's 9th grade science classes participated in a water balloon toss as part of their unit on Forces and designing safer vehicles



Chieftain of the Month

Congrats to our September Chieftains of the Month!! These students were nominated by one or more staff members for practicing the Eppler Code of Conduct. For being responsible, respectful and reasonable, these chieftains receive a pride pin, certificate, chieftain ink pen and pizza lunch with the administrators. Great Job!!



2022-2023 Homecoming Parade

Thank you to all the Eppler groups that participated in the UHS homecoming parade.





Football



Cheer



7th Grade Volleyball



8th Grade vs Shelby

Pep Assembly

