



# Malow Mustang Messenger



November 7, 2022

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## This Week's Events

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### This Week at a Glance

#### Monday, November 7

- [College Monday](#)
- [Homework Club in the Media Center from 3:00pm - 4:00pm](#)
- [Chess Club in room B207 from 3:05pm - 4:00pm](#)
- [Ike JV Competitive Cheer tryouts in the Ike Aux Gym from 5:00pm - 7:30pm](#)

#### Tuesday, November 8

- **NO SCHOOL**
- [Ike JV Competitive Cheer tryouts in the Ike Commons from 4:30pm - 7:30pm](#)



#### Wednesday, November 9

- [Homework Club in the Media Center from 3:00pm - 4:00pm](#)
- [7th Grade Boys Basketball info meeting in the SLA @ 3:00pm](#)
- [8th Grade Boys Basketball info meeting in the SLA @ 3:00pm](#)
- [NJHS Mandatory Induction Practice in the Aux Gym @ 3:00pm](#)
- [Ike JV Competitive Cheer tryouts in the Ike Commons from 4:30pm - 7:30pm](#)

#### Thursday, November 10

- [Sounding Board Meeting @ 1:30pm – TEAMS](#)
- [NJHS Induction in the Aux Gym @ 7:00pm \(students to arrive at 6:00pm\)](#)

#### Friday, November 11

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#### Saturday, November 12

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#### Sunday, November 13

- [Ike Varsity Hockey St. Edward Scrimmage \(Suburban Ice\) @ 11:30am](#)

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### **\*Red Ribbon Spirit Week Winners**

Thank you to everyone who participated in last week's Red Ribbon Spirit Week. The 4<sup>th</sup> hour winners are as follows: 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Mrs. Blanchett's class with 81% participation, 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Mr. Vogwill's class with 84% participation, and 1<sup>st</sup> place (and the winner of a pizza party) – Ms. Chianetta's class with 88% participation. Congratulations!! Way to show your spirit Malow!!

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### **\*November Bake Sale**

The next bake sale will be on Tuesday, November 22 during all lunch periods. Click on the following link for a SignUpGenius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090844ACAA2CA0FA7-malow1>

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### **1<sup>st</sup> Marking Period Report Cards**

During November, Malow Junior High will distribute reports cards electronically. The first marking period grades will be sent electronically to families at the end of the day on Monday, November 7, 2022.

To receive the report cards, parents will need to have a secure PowerSchool account. Parents who do not have access to a PowerSchool account will need to register for one prior to Tuesday, November 1, 2022. The report cards will then be automatically e-mailed to the address that is used to register the PowerSchool account. If you already have a PowerSchool account, you do not need to take any further action. The report card will be automatically sent to you.

Please note: If you have a child in elementary school, those report cards will be issued at the end of the day on Thursday, November 17, 2022, after scheduled parent-teacher conferences.

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### **Cafeteria Lunch Line**

Two friendly reminders to students when they are in the lunch line: It is very important that you have your student ID. Students are doing an excellent job presenting their IDs to the lunch cashiers. This process expedites purchases and keeps the line moving along. Also, please do **NOT** touch food (that you are not taking) while you are waiting in line.

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### **Malow Yearbook**

Yearbooks are still on sale. You can purchase one at [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com). We are also selling recognition ads for all students. This is a perfect way to celebrate your child's milestones. You can purchase these at [www.jostensadservice.com/student](http://www.jostensadservice.com/student) or contact the yearbook adviser at [laurel.mervich@uticak12.org](mailto:laurel.mervich@uticak12.org).

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### **2022-23 and 2023-24 School Calendars**

To view the calendars for the next two school years please see this link: <http://uticak12.org/ucscalendarioverview>.

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### **Lunch Time Math Tutoring**

We will be starting the Math Tutoring in the Media Center during lunches beginning Monday, Sept. 26th. If a student would like to leave lunch to go to Math Tutoring, the lunchroom teachers will give the student a pass to go to the Media Center.

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### **Picture Day**

Picture Day was Thursday, September 8 and Picture Retake Day was Thursday, October 20 at Malow. If you would like to order pictures from Kaiser Studio, please go to [orders.kaiserstudio.com](http://orders.kaiserstudio.com). Malow's School ID Code is 22MALOW23.

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### **Copy Volunteers Needed**

Are you interested in helping at Malow? We are looking for volunteers to make copies for the teachers. The daily time slots are 9:00am–11:00am or 12:30pm–2:30pm. If interested, please send your name, phone number, day availability, morning or afternoon preference, and if you want to be scheduled weekly or bi-weekly to Laura at [MalowCopyMom@gmail.com](mailto:MalowCopyMom@gmail.com).

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### **Attention Freshmen Athletes!**

Freshmen athletes that store their athletic equipment in our old school store (room on the right side of the lower cafeteria), please make sure you put your equipment into the room and not left in the doorway for others to trip over. Thank you!

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### **2022-2023 Calendar Update**

[Click here](#) for UCS calendar updates.

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### **UCS Community Education - Art Box Studio**

The Art Box Studio – Drawing program is offered to all students in grades 5 – 8 and held at Eppler Junior High. [Click here](#) for a flyer with more information. The registration link is as follows: <https://ucscommunityeducation.ce.eleyo.com/course/1421/fall-2022/art-box-studio-drawing>

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## Food Deliveries at Malow

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



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

Please click on the following links for important information:

[Who's Who at Malow](#)

[Locker Information](#)

[Layout of Malow](#)

[Bell Schedule and Lunches](#)

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## Vaccination Information for 7<sup>th</sup> Graders - Update

The State of Michigan requires children to be age-appropriately vaccinated to enroll in school programs, unless a valid exemption applies. Vaccination information for children entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade can be found by [clicking here](#). Shot records are to be turned in by September 15, 2022. Updated shot records, FERPA form, or Waiver can be uploaded to PowerSchool or dropped off to the office.

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## 2022-2023 School Year Returns to Paid Meals

The USDA sponsored pandemic-related free school meal program has ended. During the 2022-2023 school year all families will be responsible for the full price of school meals unless they have applied and been approved for free or reduced priced meals. To apply for these accommodations, visit <https://utica.familyportal.cloud>. Please note that last year's application will expire on October 13, 2022. Additionally, families may deposit funds on their student's lunch accounts at the same website. [Click here](#) for a flyer with more information. [Click here](#) for questions regarding this transition. For a How-To Guide, [click here](#). For a How-To Video, [click here](#).

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## After School Pick Up on Horizon Drive

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

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## Students Walking to (and from) Malow

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

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

[Click here](#) for information.

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## Malow School Store

The Malow Mustang School Store is open every day during lunch hours. **The school store accepts cash only.** The store is different from the school cafeteria where deposits can be made to students' accounts. Due to an increase in the cost of food items and supplies, price adjustments will begin Monday, September 19. Students can purchase the following items in the school store:

Monday - Little Caesars Pizza, Water, Slushies, and Menchie's frozen yogurt

Tuesday - Little Caesars Pizza, Water, Slushies, and Menchie's frozen yogurt

Wednesday - Little Caesars Pizza and Crazy Bread, Water, Pop, Slushies, Menchie's frozen yogurt, and candy

Thursday - Little Caesars Pizza, Water, Slushies, and Menchie's frozen yogurt

Friday - Little Caesars Pizza and Crazy Bread, Water, Pop, Slushies, Menchie's frozen yogurt, and candy

Beginning Monday, September 19, pricing will be as follows:

|                      |        |                         |                              |
|----------------------|--------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Pizza                | \$2.00 | Breadsticks (Wed./Fri.) | 3 pack \$3.00, 5 pack \$5.00 |
| Pop (Wed./Fri.)      | \$1.00 | Water                   | \$1.00                       |
| Gatorade (Wed./Fri.) | \$2.00 | Menchie's Frozen Yogurt | \$4.00, Toppings \$.50       |
| Slushie              | \$2.00 | Candy (Wed./Fri.)       | \$.25 - \$2.00               |

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**Color Guard Training**

UCS Community Education has partnered with Evoke Performance Collective to offer color guard training to students in grades 5 – 12. [Click here](#) for a flyer. Links to register:

<https://ucscommunityeducation.ce.eleyo.com/course/1415/fall-2022/color-guard-training-performance#2781-f22a>

<https://ucscommunityeducation.ce.eleyo.com/course/1414/fall-2022/off-season-color-guard#2780-f22a>

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**Assistive Technology Accessibility**

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

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**Macomb County Student Government Day – January 2023**

The Macomb County Board of Commissioners is inviting public and private school students in grades 9-12 to partake in the county's first Student Government Day in mid to late January of 2023. Interested students are to write an essay according to the prompt on the [attached flyer](#). The Commissioners will choose their favorite essays and invite those students to the event. A \$1,000.00 scholarship will be awarded to the student writing the top essay.

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**Attendance Policy: Revision to Policy 5115**

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

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**\*Save the Date – Utica Community School Events (Pathways to Success Date Change)**

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| <b>Pathways to Success</b><br>Henry Ford II High School<br>January 17, 2023<br>6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.    | <b>Young Fives and Kindergarten Open House</b><br>Elementary Buildings<br>March 1, 2023<br>7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. |
| <b>District Art Show</b><br>Sterling Heights Community Center<br>March 14, 15 and 16, 2023<br>Time: TBD | <b>College Fair</b><br>Henry Ford II High School<br>April 20, 2023<br>6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.                      |
| <b>Elementary Math Tournament</b><br>Utica High School<br>May 11, 2023<br>4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.         |  |

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**Malow Athletic Director**

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

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

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

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**Physical Required for Sports**

All athletes must have a physical on file dated after April 15, 2022. Students will not be able to try-out for a sport without this physical. For more information and other athletic forms on the UCS website please [click here](#).

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**Online Link for Pay to Play**

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

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**\*7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball**

Coach Thomas ([james.thomas@uticak12.org](mailto:james.thomas@uticak12.org)). There will be an informational meeting on Wednesday, November 9 in the SLA (Science Lecture Area) at 3:00pm. Bring your laptops and all tryout information will be given out at the meeting. Please register with BIG TEAMS ([click here](#)) ASAP!!!

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**\*8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball**

Coach Diggs ([gregory.diggs@uticak12.org](mailto:gregory.diggs@uticak12.org)). There will be an informational meeting on Wednesday, November 9 in the SLA (Science Lecture Area) at 3:00pm. Bring your laptops and all tryout information will be given out at the meeting. Please register with BIG TEAMS ([click here](#)) ASAP!!!

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**\*7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball**

Coach Savage ([robert.savage@uticak12.org](mailto:robert.savage@uticak12.org)). There will be an informational meeting on Thursday, December 15 in Room C305 at 3:00pm. All tryout information will be given out at the meeting. Please register with BIG TEAMS ([click here](#)) ASAP!!!

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**\*8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball**

Coach Thoel ([jason.thoel@uticak12.org](mailto:jason.thoel@uticak12.org)). There will be an informational meeting on Thursday, December 15 in room B208 at 3:00pm. All tryout information will be given out at the meeting. Please register with BIG TEAMS ([click here](#)) ASAP!!!

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

Coach Mitchelson ([mariam@malowcheer.com](mailto:mariam@malowcheer.com)). There was a parent informational meeting on Wednesday, November 2. Tryouts will be on Monday, November 14 in the Cafeteria from 6:30pm – 8:30pm.

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**Eisenhower Eagles Youth Wrestling Club**

There will be a parent informational meeting on Monday, November 28 in the Eisenhower Cafeteria at 6:30pm. If you have questions prior to the meeting email [eagleswrestlingyouth@gmail.com](mailto:eagleswrestlingyouth@gmail.com) or [david.drath@uticak12.org](mailto:david.drath@uticak12.org). For the Eagles Youth Wrestling Club flyer, please [click here](#).

## 9th Grade Sports

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

## UCS Code of Conduct

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

## Senior Citizen Athletic Pass



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

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

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

## 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Athletic Admission and Prices

| Event   | Ticket Prices                        | Season Passes  |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| Football<br>Volleyball<br>Basketball<br>Track | Students = \$1.00<br>Adults = \$2.00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Student Pass = \$20, Admits 1 student only. Good for 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade home athletic events only.</li><li>• Adult Family Pass = \$30, Admits 2 adult members 18 years and older in addition to 6<sup>th</sup> grade and younger children when accompanied by a parent.</li><li>• Senior Citizen Pass = No Charge. Lifetime pass, age 62 years or older. Admits bearer to all UCS athletic home events.</li></ul> |
| Competitive Cheer                             | Students = \$1.00<br>Adults = \$3.00 | <p><b>Free admission for all K-6 students when accompanied by parent or adult.</b></p>   |

## \*Congratulations 8th Grade Volleyball – 1<sup>st</sup> Place!!!



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

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

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

Eisenhower is using digital ticketing. The link families can use to purchase tickets is as follows: <https://gofan.co/app/school/MI10109>  
Junior high students need to be with a parent to enter sporting events.

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## Eisenhower Winter Sport Summary

[Click here](#) for a summary of Ike winter sports tryouts and coaches.

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## Eisenhower Girls Tennis

Coach Pearson ([michael.pearson@uticak12.org](mailto:michael.pearson@uticak12.org)). There was an Ike Girls Tennis meeting on Wednesday, October 26.

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## Eisenhower Girls Softball

Coach Hall ([robert.hall@uticak12.org](mailto:robert.hall@uticak12.org)). There was an informational meeting on Thursday, October 13 in the Ike Media Center at 6:30pm.

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## Eisenhower Girls Freshman Basketball

Coach Piper ([cliff.piper@uticak12.org](mailto:cliff.piper@uticak12.org)). Freshman tryouts will be as follows in the Ike Main Gym:

- Monday, November 14 5:00pm – 7:00pm
- Tuesday, November 15 6:45pm – 8:45pm
- Wednesday, November 16 6:45pm – 8:45pm

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## Eisenhower Boys Freshman Basketball

Coach Gilbert ([jay.gilbert@uticak12.org](mailto:jay.gilbert@uticak12.org)). There was an informational meeting on Thursday, November 3.

Tryouts are as follows in the Ike Main Gym. [Click here](#) for a flyer with more information.

- Monday, November 21 6:30pm – 8:30pm
- Tuesday, November 22 6:30pm – 8:30pm (1<sup>st</sup> cuts)
- Wednesday, November 23 10:00am – 12:00pm (final cuts)

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## Eisenhower Bowling

Coach Matheson ([lisamatheson3@yahoo.com](mailto:lisamatheson3@yahoo.com)). Tryouts are November 14 and November 15 at Shelby Lanes from 3:30pm – 5:30pm. [Click here](#) for a flyer with more information.

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## Eisenhower Wrestling

Coach Drath ([david.drath@uticak12.org](mailto:david.drath@uticak12.org)). Tryouts will be November 14 - 16 in the Ike Wrestling Room @ 2:30pm.

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## Eisenhower Competitive Cheer

Coach Shaffer ([taylor.shaffer@uticak12.org](mailto:taylor.shaffer@uticak12.org)). JV Competitive Cheer tryouts will be November 7 (5:00pm – 7:30 Ike Aux Gym), November 8 (4:30pm – 7:30pm Ike Commons) and November 9 (4:30pm – 7:30pm Ike Commons).

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## \*Eisenhower Boys Swim

Coach Cahill ([brian.cahill@uticak12.org](mailto:brian.cahill@uticak12.org)). There will be an informational meeting on Tuesday, November 15 on the Ike pool deck at 4:15pm. [Click here](#) for a flyer with more information. Tryouts will be November 21 -22 at the Ike Pool (time TBA).

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## Eisenhower Hockey

Coach Hall ([robert.hall@uticak12.org](mailto:robert.hall@uticak12.org)). Tryouts were on October 31 and November 1 at Suburban Ice.

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## Utica-Ike Boys Lacrosse

Email any questions to [ikeboyslacrosse@gmail.com](mailto:ikeboyslacrosse@gmail.com).

## UCS Code of Conduct

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

### Eisenhower High School Athletic Admission Prices

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

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

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

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



**Next Week at a Glance**

**Monday, November 14**

- [College Monday](#)
- [Student Council Sponsored Canned Food Drive](#)
- [Ike Wrestling tryouts in the Ike Wrestling Room @ 2:30pm](#)
- [Student Council Meeting in room A111 from 3:00pm - 4:00pm](#)
- [Homework Club in the Media Center from 3:00pm - 4:00pm](#)
- [Chess Club in room B207 from 3:05pm - 4:00pm](#)
- [Ike Bowling tryouts @ Shelby Lanes from 3:30pm - 5:30pm](#)
- [Ike Girls Freshman Basketball tryouts in Ike's main gym from 5:00pm - 7:00pm](#)
- [Malow Competitive Cheer Tryouts in the Cafeteria from 6:30pm - 8:30pm](#)



**Tuesday, November 15**

- [Student Council Sponsored Canned Food Drive](#)
- [Ike Wrestling tryouts in the Ike Wrestling Room @ 2:30pm](#)
- [Gaming Club in room B207 from 3:05pm - 4:00pm](#)
- [Ike Bowling tryouts @ Shelby Lanes from 3:30pm - 5:30pm](#)
- [Ike Boys Swim Informational Meeting on the Ike Pool Deck @ 4:15pm](#)
- [Ike Girls Freshman Basketball tryouts in Ike's main gym from 6:45pm - 8:45pm](#)
- [Band Demonstration Concert \(Ike PAC\) @ 7:00pm](#)

**Wednesday, November 16**

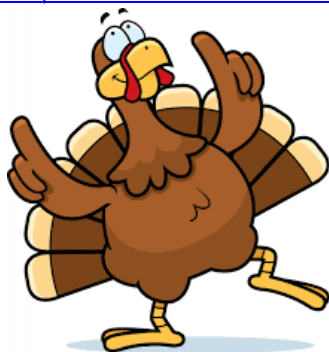
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- [Homework Club in the Media Center from 3:00pm - 4:00pm](#)
- [Malow NJHS Meeting in the Cafeteria from 3:00pm - 4:30pm](#)
- [Ike Girls Freshman Basketball tryouts in Ike's main gym from 6:45pm - 8:45pm](#)
- [Ike Varsity Hockey vs. Walled Lake Northern \(Lakeland Ice\) @ 7:20pm](#)

**Thursday, November 17**

- [Student Council Sponsored Canned Food Drive](#)

**Friday, November 18**

- [Student Council Sponsored Canned Food Drive](#)



**Saturday, November 19**

- [Ike Varsity Hockey vs. Rochester HS \(Suburban Ice\) @ 6:00pm](#)



**\*Student Council Sponsored Canned Food Drive**

The Malow Student Council is sponsoring a canned food drive from Monday, November 14 through Friday, November 18. This will be a 5<sup>th</sup> hour competition, and donations will go to Extended Hand. Please [click here](#) for a flyer with more information.

## Attendance & Grading

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

## Attendance Line / Late Arrival Call-in

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

## Early Dismissals

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

## Automated Attendance

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

## Injury or Illness – Dispensing of Medication

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

## Daily Schedule / Lunch Schedule

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[Click here](#) for a daily schedule for the 2022-2023 school year.

## Teacher Locator - 2022-2023 School Year

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Click [here](#) to see Malow teachers and their locations within Malow.

## Do You Drive Your Student to School?

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

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

**Once buses begin exiting after school, cars must wait until all buses are in the driveway before exiting the parking lot or pick-up area.**

## Locker Information

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Lockers will be utilized for the 2022-2023 school year. For a map of Malow with lockers, [click here](#). For a list of lockers with location, [click here](#).

## Technology Responsibility

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

## Student Procedures for In-Person Instruction

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

## Technical Support Contact Information for Students and Parents

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Starting Tuesday, January 19, 2021 the UCS Helpdesk will offer two ways for parents and students to contact them directly for technical support: Telephone: 586-797-1055 from 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Email: [techsupport@uticak12.org](mailto:techsupport@uticak12.org) While the first resource for addressing issues is the school, this contact information will be useful if students have a technical support issue that we are not able to address, or students are encountering issues after school hours.

## Laptop Information

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For detailed instructions on how to sign on to your device please [click here](#). For the professional development video that was shown to students during technology distribution please [click here](#).

## Discipline Policy

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

## Typical Supplies Used at Malow and Tips for Becoming a Super Organized Student

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Please [click here](#) for a printable version of these items.

## Malow Map

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

## Bus Safety Reminders

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Please be sure you are following these rules:

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

## Direct Links to Important Information

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[Mustang Respect Code](#)

[Cell Phone Policy](#)

[Dress Code](#)

[Success Skills](#)

[Student ID Policy](#)

## Automated Call Phone Contact Update

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

## Inclement Weather – School Closing

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

## UCS Community Education

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The UCS Community Education department is introducing a new website that features an easy to use on-line registration system. Please visit [www.ucsccommunityeducation.com](http://www.ucsccommunityeducation.com).

## **“Family Portal” Replacing “Send Money to School”**

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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 is ending 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.

## **Allergy Accommodation Forms**

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UCS takes food allergies very seriously. Parents must have the SNP [Special Dietary Accommodations Form](#) filled out and signed by a physician for students with a food allergy requiring a meal accommodation. This completed and signed form must be submitted to the Food and Nutrition Services department at [foodservice@uticak12.org](mailto:foodservice@uticak12.org) and is required before meal accommodations can be made. The SNP Special Dietary Accommodations Form must be submitted every year. Allergy menus are found online at [www.uticak12.nutrslice.com](http://www.uticak12.nutrslice.com) under the Elementary Allergy Menu tab. If your child requires a substitution, please inform your child’s school at least 48 hours in advance.

## **Texting Service**

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Malow Junior High and Utica Community Schools have a service for parents who would like information texted directly to them. The texting service provides school news and announcements, district information such as emergency school closing situations, or updates issued from UCS departments, such as transportation. **To join this system, please text “Y” to 67587.** Note – if you have previously registered for this system and are not receiving texts from our school or UCS, please contact the school office to ensure we have your most recent cell phone number on file.

## **Malow Staff Emails**

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Need to find a Malow staff member’s email address? Please [click here](#).

## **Virtual Library Card**

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

## **Additional Resources**

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[Digital Citizenship Resources](#)

[Malow Junior High Facebook Page](#)

[Work Permit](#)

[Concussion Awareness](#)

## **Malow Sounding Board**

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Parents and guardians are invited to attend our monthly Sounding Board meetings. [Click here](#) for more information on the Malow Sounding Board. For information on our annual fall donation drive, please [click here](#). If you have any questions, or you would like to be added to our email list, please email Renee Edgar and Carrie Barrette at [info@malowsb.org](mailto:info@malowsb.org). The dates and formats for the 2022-2023 Sounding Board meetings are as follows.

All meetings will be at 1:30pm.

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| October 13, 2022 | In-Person at Malow | November 10, 2022 | TEAMS                                   |
| January 12, 2023 | In-Person at Malow | February 9, 2023  | TEAMS                                   |
| March 9, 2023    | In-Person at Malow | May 11, 2023      | In-Person (staff appreciation luncheon) |

Bake Sales are back!! Students get your quarters ready, and bakers get your ovens ready!

Upcoming Bake Sale dates are as follows:

Wednesday, October 26

Tuesday, November 22

Thursday, December 15

The Malow Sounding Board is currently looking for a Chairperson to coordinate restaurant nights. If interested, please send an email to [info@malowsb.org](mailto:info@malowsb.org).

## Clubs at Malow

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

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

- Most Mondays after school from 3:05pm to 4:00pm in room B207 (check calendars above).
- Students should arrange a ride home at 4:00pm.
- The Malow Knights Chess Club is open to anyone who likes to play chess or is interested in learning how to play the game.
- Grades 7 - 9

The Malow Knights Chess Club is open for business, and the first day was Monday, September 19! If you have a child that likes to play chess, have them stop by for a game. If you have a child that does not know how to play, we will teach them. It is just a friendly place to come and enjoy a couple of games of chess. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Ashman at 797-3537 or [martin.ashman@uticak12.org](mailto:martin.ashman@uticak12.org).

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

- Most Tuesdays after school from 3:05pm to 4:05pm in room B207 (check calendars above).
- Students should arrange a ride home at 4:05pm.
- The Gaming Club will be a place where you can play your games with other people and discuss different games and their strategies. It will be a place to share fun times in the gaming world! You will have to bring your own equipment (phone, Nintendo Switch, school computer). You must have your parent's permission to bring in your Nintendo Switch (clearly marked with your name) and it can be stored in a cabinet in Mr. Ashman's room during the school day instead of keeping it in your backpack. Hope to see you there!!
- Grades 7-9

The Gaming Club started on Tuesday, September 20. The club is a place for students to come and play games (either electronic or not). There are some regular board games that we have, your child can bring in their Nintendo Switch if parents allow. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Ashman at 797-3537 or [martin.ashman@uticak12.org](mailto:martin.ashman@uticak12.org).

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

- After School Homework Club runs after school on select days from 3:00pm to 4:00pm in the library. **As these dates change from week to week, please refer to the weekly calendars above for dates offered.**
- Grades 7 – 9: This staff supervised after-school homework club is held in the library. Students must have a signed [permission slip](#) on file to attend, and plan to spend the entire hour until 4:00pm. Students must come prepared with work to do, and they will need to make arrangements for their own transportation home. Student tutors are sometimes available to assist students.

Homework Club began on Monday, September 19 for the 2022-2023 school year.

Official NJHS Neophyte Induction Invitations were hand-delivered to all inductees during their 6th Hour on Thursday and Friday. The actual Induction Ceremony will be held on Thursday, November 10.

All NJHS Neophytes (inductees) are to attend a Mandatory Induction Practice on Wednesday, November 9, after school.

Applications have been reviewed by the Faculty Council and processed. Please join me in congratulating and welcoming into membership the following into the Malow National Junior Honor Society Class of 2022: [NJHS 2022](#)

Official Email Letters of Acceptance were sent on Wednesday, October 19 to new members and their parent/guardians via UCS student email accounts. Please read the email containing "Next Steps" and for the invitation to attend the November 10, 2022 Induction Ceremony.

Also, an election for the 2022-2023 NJHS Executive Board took place on October 18. Congratulations to the following on their elected positions for the NJHS administrative year:

President – Henry Taylor  
Vice President – Madelynn Wood  
Secretary – Anastasia Spyridakis  
Treasurer – Kaylee Gauthier  
Historian – Molly Hoyumpa  
Jr. Executive – Cara Wolf

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

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

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, October 18 in the Media Center from 3:00pm – 3:30pm. [Click here](#) for a flyer with more information.

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**Snowsports Club**      Mr. Jacob Steinberger (Teacher) [jacob.steinberger@uticak12.org](mailto:jacob.steinberger@uticak12.org)

More information to come.

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**Student Council**      Ms. Amy Gastmeier (Teacher) [amy.gastmeier@uticak12.org](mailto:amy.gastmeier@uticak12.org)  
Mrs. Annmarie Hitzelberger (Teacher) [annmarie.hitzelberger@uticak12.org](mailto:annmarie.hitzelberger@uticak12.org)

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

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

## Malow Counseling Department Contact Information

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

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

## Making a Counseling Appointment During the School Day

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

1. Use the link: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=aOI-uaQawUGz37nrhmVnJdSwWWgoLOZHl0gx5zPRw0FURFZGOEEzSTBQTTFFQS1VCOTIJRVVVKRDI3Vy4u>
2. Use the link on the Counseling Schoology Page in the folder titled, "Counselor Office Hours"
3. Sign up in the counseling office using blue paper sign-up sheets
4. Scan the QR code posted on the counseling office windows (also found by [clicking here](#))

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

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

For the district Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Well-Being Program website of resources, please click on the following link: [www.uticak12.org/UCS\\_Wellness](http://www.uticak12.org/UCS_Wellness). Find resources to help manage anxiety, discipline, and behavior during COVID-19 by [clicking here](#). For the Virtual Calming Room on the UCS Wellness page [click here](#).

## Tips for Success at Malow

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

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

## Macomb County Mobile Crisis

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

## Counseling Resources – Traumatic Stress

Please click on the following parent resources: [Parent Guidelines for Helping Youth After the Recent Shooting](#)  
[Normal Reactions After a Tragic Experience](#)  
[Talking to Children About Violence: Tips for Parents and Teachers](#)

## Malow College Mondays

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



## Schoology Parent Access

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

## **AP Exam Registration**

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For the 2022-2023 school year, parents and students will submit payments for all AP exams to APTS. Review and share the following link for information regarding payments. [Utica Community Schools AP® Exam Payment Submission \(aptusa.com\)](https://www.aptusa.com)

Payments may be submitted in two parts: A deposit of \$40 per exam is due by Monday, October 31, 2022, with the balance of fees due by Friday, February 17, 2023. No payments will be processed/accepted between November 1, 2022 and November 15, 2022. Payments made after Tuesday, November 15, 2022 will be subject to a \$40.00 late fee.

If you are planning to take an AP exam in May, you should have already received an invoice for the non-refundable deposit of \$40 per exam. The deadline to pay this deposit is October 31. The invoice was sent to the parent email on file in PowerSchool and it will be coming from: "APTS Exam Fees" with a Subject: AP Exam Fee Invoice 2022-2023. If you have not received an invoice, please email [info@APTSUSA.com](mailto:info@APTSUSA.com). Give them your name, and the name(s) of the exams you are taking, and they will generate an invoice for you.

Questions regarding payments can be directed to APTS, email [info@aptusa.com](mailto:info@aptusa.com) or call 1-855-663-8348.

## **UCS Wellness Podcast**

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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://www.uticak12.org)

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

## **2022-2023 Guide to Admissions: Michigan's Public Universities**

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[Click here](#) for the guide.

## **PowerSchool Issues?**

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

## **Social Emotional Well-Being Program**

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

District website of resources: [https://www.uticak12.org/UCS\\_Wellness](https://www.uticak12.org/UCS_Wellness)

Virtual Calming Room

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

## **AP Human Geography – Information for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students and Parents**

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[Click here](#) for information on the Human Geography Elective/AP Human Geography.

## **Naviance and the Malow Counseling Department Website**

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[Click here](#) for information.

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

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



## CARE of Southeastern Michigan

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

### Student Assistance Services

UCS administrators, counselors, psychologists, or social workers may make a formal referral for an assessment (4B). A formal referral includes timely progress reports to the district. The following services are available to UCS through the student assistance program:

- Individualized assessments and resource referral and linking
- On-site Critical Incident Stress Debriefing and crisis support for traumatic events
- Professional development training, including Mental Health First Aid, substance use trends, stress management, depression and suicide, and other training topics as requested
- Unlimited orientations and presentations about student assistance services to parents and school personnel

### Additional Services

In addition to the student assistance services, CARE specializes in delivering services targeted to reduce alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use. These services are available at no cost to UCS students and families. CARE also offers classes via funding CARE receives from the Macomb County Office of Substance Abuse. Some of the classes offered:

- Active Parenting
- Peaceful Alternatives to Tough Situations
- INDEPTH
- Teen Intervene
- Early Childhood Prevention Services
- Parent Education

## MCCC Careers in Manufacturing and Technology

Students, parents, guardians, family and others are invited to attend this FREE event!

### Explore Careers in Manufacturing and Technology

Thursday, Dec. 1, 2022 • 5:30–8pm

Macomb Community College Sports & Expo Center • 14500 E. 12 Mile Road, Warren, MI 48088

- Enjoy hands-on exhibits and activities, including concept cars
- Learn about job skills that are in high demand
- Hear from recent graduates who found good-paying career employment
- Meet local businesses and learn who employers are hiring
- Discover the career pathway that's right for you
- Learn about apprenticeship programs, including the Michigan Apprenticeship Program Plus (MAP+)

**FREE concessions!** while supplies last.

Enter for a chance to win a GAMING LAPTOP!

**Register Today! [macomb.edu/MFGevening](http://macomb.edu/MFGevening) Walk-ins Welcome.**

Logos: Planning & Economic Development, Center for Advanced Automotive Technology (C-A-A-T), Macomb Community College (Discover. Connect. Advance.), MAGNA, MISD, MAP (Michigan Apprenticeship Program Plus)

### Perspectives Counseling Centers – Discovering YOU!!

Discovering YOU will be a 10-week group at Perspective’s Troy location for all teens ages 13-18 years old. Please [click here](#) for a flyer with more information.

### SAT Information and Practice

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

### Grading

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

### MI Child

Utica Community Schools is committed to promoting the safe and effective use of technology. Through our district’s K-12 digital citizenship initiatives, we are providing students with information that promotes the proper use of digital content and tools. A tool that families can use to help protect their children is the Michigan Child Protection Registry. This free service from the State of Michigan protects children’s e-mail, cell phone numbers and Instant Messaging addresses from receiving inappropriate, adult-themed material. The registry can be accessed by visiting [www.protectMICHild.com](http://www.protectMICHild.com). In addition, parents can click on the Protect MI Child icon, which will soon appear on the district and school Web sites for direct access to the registry.

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**Struggling Students**

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

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

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

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**Resolving the Microsoft Licensing Issue**

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

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

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

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**Michigan Career and Job Outlook Through 2028**

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

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**The College Board Opportunity Scholarship Program**

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

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**Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids and the Truth about Vaping and E-Cigarettes**

[Click here](#) for information.

\*Woodshop with Mr. Thoen – Penny Hockey Projects



Rewards

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

Kroger Rewards



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



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

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

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

