


January 9, 2023

Eppler Express



Monday, January 9	Thursday, January 12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chess Club Meeting 3:00 - 4:00 pm Media Center 7th / 8th Grade Boys Basketball vs. Heritage @ Heritage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homework Club, Media Center @ 2:55-3:55 pm
Tuesday, January 10	Friday, January 13
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eppler Student Advisory Board (ESAB) Meeting 3:05 pm - 4:05 pm Room 122 Homework Club, Media Center @ 2:55-3:55 pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Council Spirit Day: Pistons Day Winter Sports Picture Day : Boys and Girls Basketball, Competitive Cheer <p>REMINDER: Every Friday in January is CRAZY SOCK DAY</p> 
Wednesday, January 11	Saturday, January 14
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None
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School News & Information

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.

Report Card Information



Important—Second Semester Report Card Information



Second semester report cards will be available only through PowerSchool accounts. Please note, the report card link is not available through the PowerSchool App. Parents will need to use a browser (Edge, Chrome, Safari, etc.). If you use only the PowerSchool App, we recommend you try to log on through a browser. If you need to reset your password, please see the directions at this [link](#). If you need assistance, please call 586-797-2900 or email karen.miscovich@uticak12.org.

For more information on how report cards will be shared, where to access the report cards, how to request a new password or set up a PowerSchool account, please see this [link](#).

Report cards will be available through PowerSchool beginning at noon on Monday, January 9, 2023

Below are some links to helpful videos

- How to make a PowerSchool parent portal account : Click through tutorial: <https://ior.ad/8OJY> OR Video tutorial: <https://youtu.be/vLgq4YtjTxM>
- How to download report cards Click through tutorial: <https://ior.ad/8PRj>
- How to download NWEA reports Click through tutorial: <https://ior.ad/8BQs>
- How to reset a PowerSchool password Click through tutorial: <https://ior.ad/8OUf>

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.

EPPLER FRESHMAN
TRIP

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

CEDAR POINT
May 20, 2023

Estimated price \$170-\$190
Price of trip will include: transportation to and
from via motorcoach, admission to Cedar Point,
all day food & drink pass

INFORMATIONAL NIGHT WILL BE JANUARY 11TH 7:00-7:30 P.M.

[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8015327815?
pwd=awUM3zR6MSWig4SslE72rg6EJXemQd.1](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8015327815?pwd=awUM3zR6MSWig4SslE72rg6EJXemQd.1)

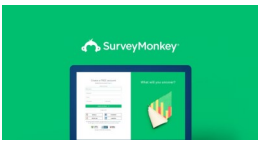
MEETING ID: 801 532 7815
Password: Buzom9

9th graders only

2023-2024 9th Grade Fieldtrip

Attention **CURRENT 8TH GRADE PARENTS / NEXT YEAR'S freshmen class**

Please take a moment to fill out the survey below regarding the Class of 2027 9th Grade Field Trip



[2023/2024 9th Grade Field Trip Survey \(surveymonkeys.com\)](https://surveymonkeys.com/2023/2024-9th-Grade-Field-Trip-Survey)

Winter Dance

Winter Wonderland Dance

Friday, February 3rd

3:00 pm — 5:00 pm

Admission at Door

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.





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.

CANCELED Wednesday January 11, 2023 **CANCELED**
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



*****The NJHS Meeting on January 11th has been cancelled. Please check schoology for updates.*****

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

ESAB



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

Show Your School Spirit

Eppler hoodies are back in stock

They say Chieftains across the front, so they can also represent Utica High in the future! Cost is \$28 for adult small through extra large. There will also be a limited amount of 2xl and 3xl available for \$30. **We also have embroidered Chieftain socks in orange or black.** We are running a special on the socks for just \$10! You can choose orange or black.



2023 Eppler Junior High Yearbook Order Form

Now is the time to order your yearbook! All orders must be placed directly through Jostens,
go to [JOSTENSYEARBOOKS.COM/](https://jostensyearbooks.com/)
Order yours by **March 1, 2023**

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.



REMINDER!!

Show your school spirit! Every Friday in January is crazy sock day!

Wear your CRAZY SOCKS and support your grade@



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**

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>



7th/8th Grade Eppler Basketball order form

DK. GRAY cotton hooded
sweatshirt
w/name

DK. GRAY POLYESTER Long
Sleeve shooter shirt
w/name

Dk. Gray Cotton Tshirt

PARENTS are WELCOME to
PURCHASE!



ORDERS Due by JANUARY 12th

ORDERS ON LINE!

Clothinggraphics.com - SHOP -Eppler girls basketball

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

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Heritage @ Bemis
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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

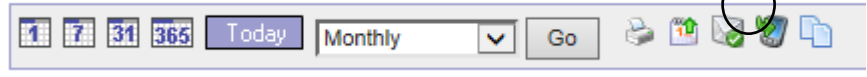
Utica Community Schools has partnered with Naviance to provide a variety of tools for achievement through academic, career and college planning. These tools are located in Naviance Student, a website for students and families to access online resources, communicate with school staff and work on college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

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

Subscribe to Eppler Calendar Alerts

To subscribe to email alerts for the Eppler calendar:

Go to the [Eppler calendar](#)



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Upcoming Activities

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District News

SPECIALTY PROGRAM INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS FOR 8TH GRADE FAMILIES



GENE L. KLIDA Utica Academy for International Studies (IB)

WEBSITE: uais.uticak12.org

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

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

Questions? Contact Christopher.Layson@UticaK12.org



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 Heights

Questions? Contact Alison.Hildebrand@uticak12.org



Utica Center for Science and Industry (CSI)

WEBSITE: ucsi.uticak12.org

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

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

Questions? Contact Peter.Paulon@uticak12.org



Utica Center for Mathematics, Science and Technology (MST)

WEBSITE: ucmst.uticak12.org

Info Night: Wednesday, January 18th - promptly begins at 6:30pm

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

Questions? Contact Peter.Paulon@uticak12.org



Utica High School Academy for Health and Human Services (HHS)

WEBSITE: uticahigh.uticak12.org

Info Night: Thursday, January 19th - promptly begins at 6:30pm

Location: Utica High School, 47255 Shelby Road, Shelby Township

Questions? Contact Timothy.Youngblood@uticak12.org



UCS Pathways to Success (Featuring All Five Specialty Programs)

WEBSITE: uticak12.org/pathways

Info Night: Tuesday, January 17th - promptly begins at 6 pm

Location: Henry Ford II High School, 11911 Clinton River Road, Sterling Heights

Questions? Contact ucs@uticak12.org

Applications for all secondary specialty programs and the UCS Virtual Academy will be available online at UticaK12.org/Specialty 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.



PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

PERSONALIZE YOUR JOURNEY FORWARD

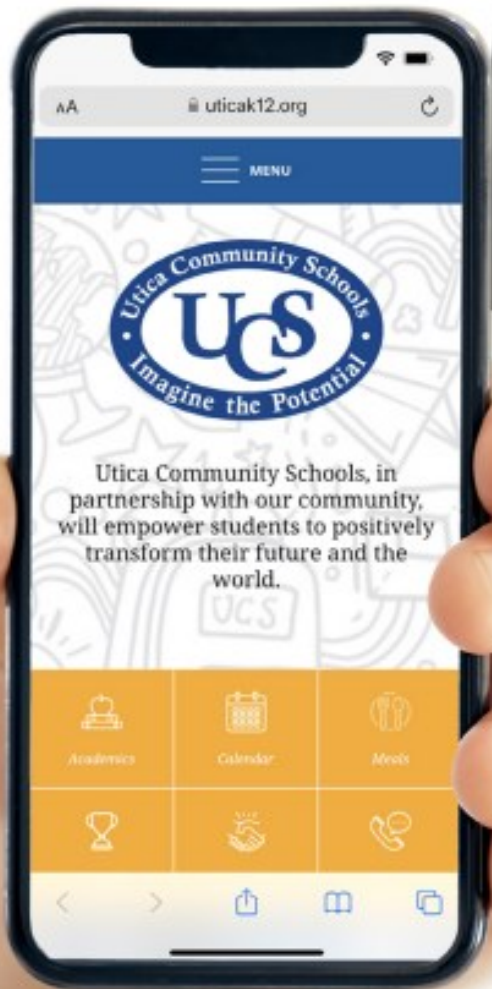


UCS Pathways to Success was established 16 years ago by the Superintendent's Student Advisory Board to ensure families and students are aware of the opportunities, services and programs available to all Utica Community Schools students.

Join us on Tuesday, January 17, 2023
from 6:00-8:30pm
at Henry Ford II High School
11911 Clinton River Rd.
Sterling Heights, MI 48313

For the latest UCS Pathways information,
visit: uticaK12.org/pathways

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**.

The screenshot shows the Tutor.com interface. At the top, there are navigation links: 'Get a Tutor or Career Coach!', 'SAT Essay Drop Off', 'Drop-Off Algebra Help', and 'Practice Quiz'. Below this is a 'Hi Test!' section with the question 'What do you need help with today?'. There are two dropdown menus: 'Topic' and 'Subject'. The 'Topic' dropdown is open, showing a list of subjects including Math, Science, History, English, Social Studies, Reading, Writing, etc. A green 'CONNECT NOW' button is visible at the bottom of the form.

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.

The screenshot shows a chat window with a whiteboard on the left and a chat log on the right. The whiteboard contains handwritten math work: a point $(-1, 5)$, the equation $y = mx + b$, a calculation $\frac{5}{-1} = \frac{-6}{-4} = \frac{3}{2}$, and the equation $2x + 5 + b$. The chat log on the right shows a conversation between a user and a tutor, with the tutor providing instructions on how to use the 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/ucscalendarioverview>.

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

Polson Control Center:
800-222-1222C

Macomb County Office of Substance Abuse (MCOA): 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

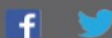


SCAN HERE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT US

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 \(uticak12.org\)](http://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 Imaginative** Week 12: **Try Something New**



“I realized if I wait until I'm not scared to try new things, then I'll never get to try them at all.”
~ Marion Sexton, Author



When was the last time you **TRIED SOMETHING NEW?**



TRY SOMETHING NEW -- This activity is based on the game, “Never Have I Ever”. Think about something that you have **NEVER** done but would like to **TRY**. For example, never have I ever used chopsticks, but I would like to **TRY**.

Make a list of ideas of experiences that you have never done...yet! Commit to **TRYING** to do one or two of the ideas from your list within the next week.



www.uticak12.org/UCS_Wellness



UCS Wellness Podcast

The UCS Wellness team is happy to announce the tenth episode (Self-Regulation Strategies) 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 \(uticak12.org\)](http://uticak12.org)

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
- Youth and Suicide Prevention
- The Detour Project
- Self-Regulation Strategies



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

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)

4. Click 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)			

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

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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

UCS100023456



* Password

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Skip

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.

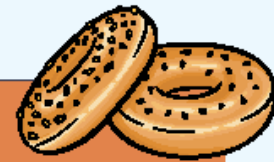
As required by federal guidelines, students without an approved 2022-2023 Free and Reduced Meal Application on file will pay full price for all breakfast and lunch meals beginning October 14, 2022. **Families must fill out a new application form located at <https://utica.familyportal.cloud> today in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



Other Important Info

To apply for free/reduced meals, visit 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.

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 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 you 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.eleyo.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)



UTICA JV DANCE

KIDS CLINIC

ABOUT THE EVENT

Join the Utica Junior Varsity Dance Team for a fun-filled Game Day and Half-Time experience!

The dance clinic will begin with participants working alongside the junior varsity dancers on dance technique and skills. Then, they will learn their half-time routine, which they will perform at the varsity basketball game later that evening.

A parent or legal guardian must pick up the participant immediately after the halftime show at approximately 8:00PM.

We look forward to seeing you!

Sign Up Here:
<https://uhsdanceclinic.rsvpify.com>



WHEN
 FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2023
 4:30 – 8:00PM
 *REGISTRATION STARTS AT 4:00PM

WHERE
 UTICA HIGH SCHOOL
 ENTER THROUGH DOOR #5 – (MAIN GYM ENTRANCE)
 DROP-OFF/REGISTRATION IN CAFETERIA
 PERFORMANCE IN MAIN GYM
 PARTICIPANT PICKUP IN CAFETERIA

WHO
 ANY STUDENT IN GRADES K-6

COST
 \$35.00 PER PARTICIPANT – PAY UPON ARRIVAL
 INCLUDES: PERFORMANCE T-SHIRT, PIZZA DINNER, & TWO GAME TICKETS


QUESTIONS?
 EMAIL: uticadance@gmail.com



UTICA HIGH SCHOOL DANCE TEAM
 47255 SHELBY ROAD | SHELBY TOWNSHIP, MI 48317



FOLLOW US!
 Instagram: @uticajv_dance
 Facebook: Utica Dance Team Program



Art Box Studio-Drawing
Grades 5th-8th

Strengthen drawing skills and challenge your creativity. A variety of media, such as, graphite, charcoal, ink and more will be introduced. Students encouraged to utilize self-expression. Develop an understanding of line, shape, value, form, perspective and composition. Beginner through Advanced and Returning students are welcome. Bring sketchbook and pencil.

Questions Contact:
communityedquestions@uticak12.org
 or ArtBoxStudio4u@gmail.com
www.ArtBoxStudioLLC.com

6071-W22A Tues. 1/17- 2/14/23 Drawing @ Eppler Jr. High 6:00-7:30pm
 6071-W22B Tues. 2/28 - 3/28/23 Drawing @ Eppler Jr. High 6:00-7:30pm
 6071-WS22C Tues. 4/18 - 5/16/23 Drawing @ Eppler Jr. High 6:00-7:30pm
Tuition: \$97 5wks. New Experience each session!!!

Register Online: ucscommunityeducation.ce.eleyo.com or 586-797-6900
 UCS Community Education 38901 Dodge Park Sterling Heights, MI 48312

In Case You Missed It

We regret to inform you that three of our finest staff members have decided to retire at the end of

A short note from Mrs. Cunningham

Dear Parents and Students:

I am writing this letter with some happiness and some sadness. It is time for me to say goodbye to Eppler Junior High. At the end of the month, I will be retiring from my position in Utica Community Schools. Throughout my career, I have been at multiple buildings: Shelby Junior High, Davis Junior High, Joan C Seargeant Instructional Resource Center, Henry Ford II High School and finally Eppler Junior High. During my time here, I have said over and over again that there is no other building, staff, students, parents and community that compare. This truly is a one-of-a-kind school family and I will miss my daily interaction with everybody, but it is time for me to start the next chapter in my life.

I also want to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you the happiest of holidays. May you enjoy time with family and friends, and take some time to recharge.

Mrs. Cunningham

A short note from Mrs. Ostrom

Dear Parents and Students,

I have spent the last 18 ½ years as a counselor at Eppler Junior High, and I consider the people here to be my family. My favorite thing about Eppler is the small hometown feel. For many of you, I have worked with multiple children in your family, and I have gotten to know some of your families very well. I want to share with you that I will be retiring at the end of December to start a new endeavor. There will be a new counselor assigned to students with last names A-K. This was a difficult decision, because I love Eppler so much. It has been my pleasure to work with you over the years, and I have really enjoyed getting to know your children. They are in good hands at Eppler. This staff truly cares about your children. I hope you all have a wonderful holiday break!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ostrom

A short note from Mr. Bernabei

To the Eppler Junior High Family,

After 30 years with the UCS, I have decided to retire from public teaching. It is bittersweet because I absolutely love teaching and was blessed to work with many amazing students and staff. As a Social Studies teacher, my goal was never to teach History, but to try to develop History makers. I hope that I was able to do that with some of the many awesome students that came thru my classroom doors.

I know teachers typically leave at the end of the school year, but another opportunity has presented itself and it works best for me and my family. I pray that all of you have a blessed, peaceful and safe Christmas and second semester. Remember to always be humble, grateful and to treat others how you would want to be treated.

Sincerely,

Mr. Bernabei

Toys for Tots—NEW

Thank you to all the Chieftain families who donated to this years Toys for Tots. NJHS and Student Council were able to collect 178 total toys this year...100 more than last year!



Caught Being Kind



This year the counseling office is starting a fun program called "Caught Bring Kind"! Teachers and staff are recognizing moments when students are going out of their way to be kind to someone and performing an act of kindness. Then each month we are going around to classrooms and rewarding the students who were "Caught Being Kind". Kindness is contagious and we want the students to know we see appreciate that! The following students were rewarded recently:

Carley Kleist, Audrey Hinton, Aiden Wenberg, Grace Ealy, Salem Elrod, Jayson Tupo, Nick Florio, Chloe Wilson, Isabella Kashat, Jacob Solomon, Salem Eldrod, Drake McKinnis, Vata Margilaj, Leonia Maclin, Ava Ricketts, Jonah Youno, Kendall Abro, Emmerson Kraemer, Madilyn Fehn, Lorianio Mio, Jaxson Readitt, Alenya Margilaj, Lauryn McConachie

Great Job Everyone!

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



Chieftain of the Month

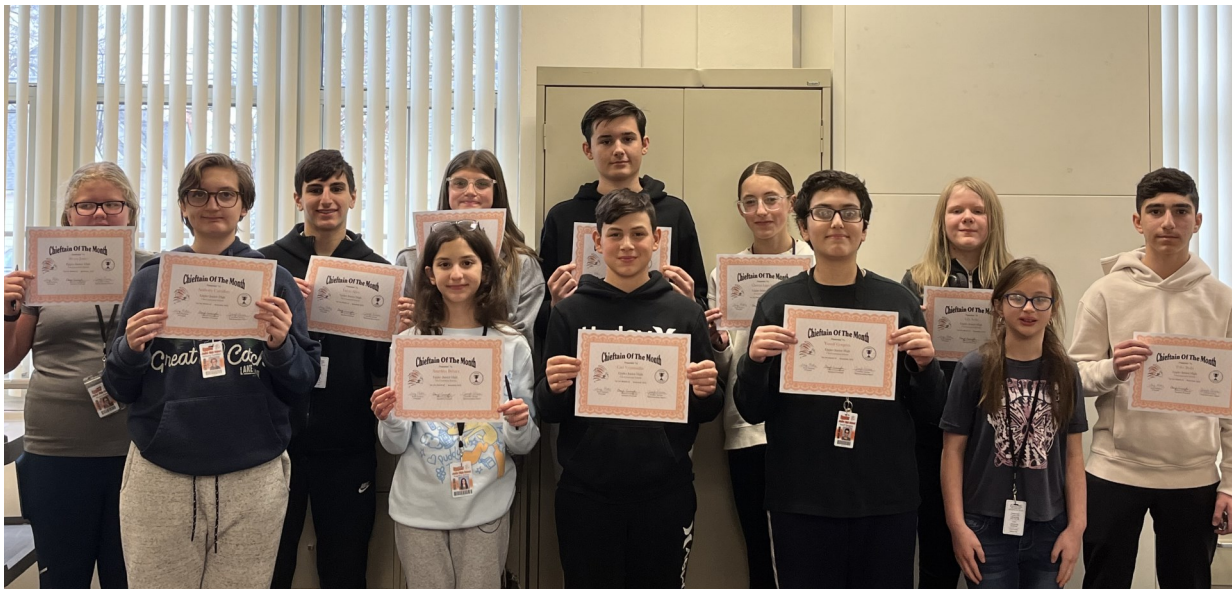
Congrats to our September Chieftains of the Month!! These students were nominated by one or more staff members for practicing the Eppler Code of Conduct. For being responsible, respectful and reasonable, these chieftains receives a pride pin, certificate, chieftain ink pen and pizza lunch with the administrators.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



Chieftain of the Month

Congrats to our November Chieftains of the Month!

Nikolas Lulgjuraj, Tylor Bolis, Lucas Abro, Carl Vetimiglia, Anthony Camilleri, Yousif Gorgees, Kayden Crute, Lily Seitz, Gianna Ligoncki, Angelina Bshara, Alyssa Jones and Hollye Kilburg





Football



Cheer



7th Grade Volleyball



8th Grade vs Shelby

Pep Assembly



2022-2023 Homecoming Parade

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



What's Your Superpower?

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

