

March 6, 2023

# Eppler Express



Monday, March 6	Thursday, March 9
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7th / 8th Grade Girls Basketball vs Shelby @ Shelby</li> <li>Wellness Week : Wear your favorite sports team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7th / 8th Grade Girls Basketball vs Heritage @ Heritage</li> <li>Homework Club, Media Center @ 2:55 -3:55 pm</li> <li>District Art Show @ Sterling Heights Community Center 10:00 am - 8:00 pm</li> <li>Wellness Week: Famous Pairs</li> </ul>
Tuesday, March 7	Friday, March 10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eppler Student Advisory Board (ESAB) Meeting 3:05 pm - 4:05 pm Room 122</li> <li>Homework Club, Media Center @ 2:55-3:55 pm</li> <li>District Art Show @ Sterling Heights Community Center 10:00 am - 8:00 pm</li> <li>Wellness Week: Wear your PJ's</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> <li>Wellness Week: School Spirit</li> </ul>
Wednesday, March 8	Saturday, March 11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>District Art Show @ Sterling Heights Community Center 10:00 am - 8:00 pm</li> <li>Student Council Meeting 7:30 or 3:00.</li> <li>Wellness Week : Anything but a backpack</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>
	Sunday, March 12
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>

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## Eppler Chieftain Code of Conduct

Chieftains are...

**Respectful**

**Responsible**

**Reasonable**



# 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.

## 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 SCHOLOGY

1. Go to [www.schoology.com](http://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](mailto:techsupport@uticak12.org).

## Eppler Chieftain Pride Donation Program



**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!!**



# EPPLER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL DAILY SCHEDULE

1<sup>ST</sup> HOUR 8:00 – 8:58

2<sup>ND</sup> HOUR 9:04 – 10:00

3<sup>RD</sup> HOUR 10:06 – 11:02

4<sup>TH</sup> 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

5<sup>TH</sup> HOUR 12:53 – 1:49

6<sup>TH</sup> HOUR 1:55 – 2:51

## EXAM DAY SCHEDULE

1<sup>ST</sup> EXAM 8:00 – 9:28

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

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.

## 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.**



## NWEA Winter Progress Reports

Dear Parents,

Winter NWEA MAP Growth student progress reports are now available on your parent PowerSchool Account at this link: <https://ps.ucs.misd.net/public/home.html>.

Attached are directions on how to access and download the file. The file can only be accessed through a web browser, such as Edge, Chrome or Safari. Please note that the link is not available through the App.

If you have any questions about this report, please contact your student's teacher.



### HOW TO ACCESS NWEA STUDENT PROGRESS REPORTS USING THE PARENT POWERSCHOOL WEB BROWSER ACCOUNT

NWEA Student Progress Reports are only available when accessing your Parent PowerSchool account in a web browser, such as, Google Chrome, Windows Edge, or Safari (desktop or mobile). Report Cards are not available in the Parent PowerSchool App.

1. To view your student(s) report, access the Parent PowerSchool account website: <https://ps.ucs.misd.net/public> and login using your username and password.  
*Please Note: The login credentials for the web browser account are the same as the mobile app account.*

If you forgot your username or password, click on *Forgot Username or Password?* to retrieve your login credentials.

2. If you do not have a Parent PowerSchool account, click on the link below to access the directions for creating an account. <https://www.utica12.org/Page/994>

TOGETHER, LET'S TAKE CARE OF OUR BODY, MIND, AND SOUL!



# WELLNESS WEEK



**MAR**

**06**

**GET-MOVING MONDAY**

DRESS-FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM  
PHYSICAL WELLNESS INFO AT LUNCH  
INFLATABLES IN GYM (MATH)

**TRANQUIL TUESDAY**

DRESS-PJ DAY  
THERAPY DOGS/COLORING AT LUNCH  
MINDFULNESS CRAFT (ENGLISH)

**MAR**

**07**

**MAR**

**08**

**WITTY WEDNESDAY**

DRESS-ANYTHING BUT A BACKPACK  
PUZZLES AT LUNCH  
BRAIN CHALLENGE (SCIENCE)

**TOGETHERNESS THURSDAY**

DRESS-FAMOUS PAIRS  
BOARD GAMES/CARDS AT LUNCH  
TEAMWORK GAME (SOCIAL STUDIES)

**MAR**

**09**

**MAR**

**10**

**FANTASTIC FRIDAY**

DRESS-SCHOOL SPIRIT  
EPPLER TRIVIA AT LUNCH  
SPEAKER - LANCE LONG 5/6 HRS

ENTER A RAFFLE TO WIN **AWESOME PRIZES**  
EACH TIME YOU DRESS IN THE DAY'S THEME!

## Wellness Week Dress Day Guidelines

### *Monday – Favorite Sports Team*

- Hats may be worn if part of the dress day theme
- All clothing must follow the district guidelines for appropriate dress

### *Tuesday – PJ Day*

- Students must wear shoes (slippers are okay)
- All clothing must follow the district guidelines for appropriate dress

### *Wednesday – Anything But a Backpack*

- No humans or animals
- Nothing motorized
- Nothing that would be considered dangerous to others
- Item must fit easily through a classroom door
- Items must be able to easily be taken up and down stairs
- Item must fit comfortably by student's desk while in class
- Items may not be shared by multiple students
  - Some ideas of what NOT to use:
    - Wheelbarrows
    - Full size strollers
    - Dolly carts
    - Flatbed carts
    - Full size shopping carts
    - Kayaks/Canoes
    - Full size wagons
  - Some ideas of what CAN be used:
    - Small Suitcase
    - Bucket
    - Toy Shopping Cart
    - Laundry Basket
    - Picnic Basket
    - Amazon Box
    - Football Helmet

### *Thursday – Famous Pairs*

- Costumes may be worn but student's face must be visible and recognizable
- No weapon/weapon like accessories
- All clothing must follow the district guidelines for appropriate dress
  - Some ideas of famous pairs:
    - Sponge Bob and Patrick
    - Charlie Brown and Snoopy
    - Salt and Pepper
    - Batman and Robin
    - Cosmo and Wanda
    - Scooby and Shaggy

### *Friday – Eppler Spirit Wear*

- Hats may be worn if part of the dress day theme
- All clothing must follow the district guidelines for appropriate dress

*If you are unsure of what you would like to wear or bring for a dress day, check with administration or your counselor first!*



## Team Chess Championship

Caleb Boucher, Garet Gertsch, Marwan Hassan, and Evan Wingett represented the Eppler Elephant chess club on February 25 at the 2023 Michigan High School & Junior High Team Chess Championship. The event was held at Oakland University. The team, led by Coach David Boucher, took home a second place trophy! In addition to this, Marwan and Evan earned individual Silver medals for their 4-1 performance! Way to go team!



## Chieftains of the Month

**Congrats to our February Chieftains of the Month!**

***Audrey Bare, Dalaney O'Connor, Yug Patel, Jade Burnham, Avery Lewis, Cameron Warren, Nikolina Anceski, Lilly McNair, Ella Laszczak, Audrey Varghese, Addison Clark, Presley Orlowski***

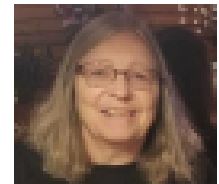
Great Job Everyone!





Hello!

My name is Catharine Rose,  
and I am the new Media Center Office Clerk at Eppler.



## About UCS Loaner Computer Chargers...

Our loaner computer chargers are not supposed to leave the school building.

They are available as a courtesy loan to those students who forgot their own computer chargers at home.

### *Parents and Students:*

This photo shows what a loaner computer charger looks like just in case you see one come home with your student. They are labeled with bright yellow tape and identified with different names of Sports teams.

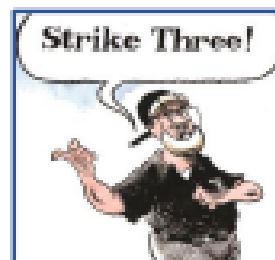
If you see one of these 14 chargers come home with your student, please remind your student to turn it back in to the Media Center Office ASAP.

Every loaned charger is tracked with the student's name, the Sports name labeled on their charger, date/time out, and date/time in.



A new policy will be enforced for loaned computer chargers. This policy has been implemented due to the growing number of students that are not returning their loaned chargers for several days at a time or are habitual borrowers that have actually permanently lost their charger and are relying on these loaner chargers to get them through the remainder of the school year. On average, between 10 to 20 chargers are loaned out daily. Unreturned chargers by a few students have become an inconvenience for those students that need one on a temporary basis for an hour or two.

### *New Policy has been implemented:*



If a student keeps a loaned charger longer than 2 school days, and it happens more than twice before the end of this school year, at the time of the **"third charger loan"**, the student will automatically be issued a permanent replacement charger at the current assessed tech fee cost of \$39.00. This fee will show up on your student's account.

If a student becomes a habitual borrower, meaning a loaner charger is borrowed more than 2 times within one month, at the time of the **"third charger loan"**, the student will automatically be issued a permanent replacement charger at the current assessed tech fee cost of \$39.00. This fee will show up on your student's account.

# A Note from Your Eppler Media Center Office Clerk

## About UCS Shared Loaner Laptops...

These Shared Loaner computers are not supposed to leave the school building. They are labeled **In-School Use Only**. They're available as a courtesy loan to those students who forgot their computers at home or have turned in a broken computer that needs repair, requiring temporary student computer access in school while they wait for the Media Center Clerk to deploy a new laptop. In general, replacement computers are deployed on the same school day.

### Parents and Students:

The photo below is an example of what a Shared Loaner computer looks like just in case you see it come home with your student. Loaners are a bit smaller in overall size (8" x 12") than their district-deployed computers (9" x 13").



Computer Labels explained...

36 = Eppler Jr High School ID Number

SHARED = **For In-School Use Only**

SL04 = Student Laptop Number 04

The photos below are what district-deployed computers look like, in comparison to the above Shared Loaner computer.

***Please discourage your students from removing any of the UCS applied computer identification labels!***

***Also, please discourage your students from applying their own personal stickers to their computers!***

### New "Sticker Removal" Policy has been Implemented:

When our students' UCS computers are outsourced for repairs, we are seeing additional charges for sticker removal. All sticker removal fees will be added on as an additional tech fee on your student's account. As a result, the Media Center Office Clerk will be encouraging students to remove all personal stickers on their computers as they circulate through the Media Center Office for repairs, etc. Please note that if the personal stickers are not removed and our outsourced repair facility charges UCS for sticker removal, you will see this tech fee added on to your student's account.



## 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](http://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!

### School Store



## 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.

# 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](mailto: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](mailto:scarlet.gleason@uticak12.org). Sports practices are not an excused absence.

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 Wednesday : March 15, 2023 at 6:30 pm**



## 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

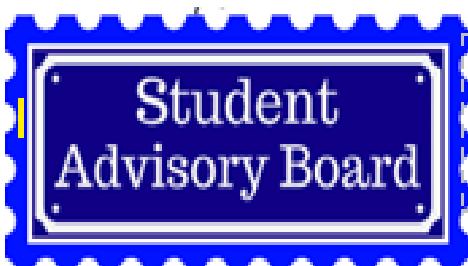
Monday, February 27 @ 9:05 am

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

## 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

Attention Eppler 9<sup>th</sup> graders: Utica Student Council is sponsoring a bowling night to give students a change to meet some of the Utica Student Council members and have a fun time out.

Event Information:

Shelby Lanes on Friday March 17<sup>th</sup> from 630-830pm

2 hours of Bowling AND Shoe Rental package for \$11.00 p/person.

UHS StuCo is paying for pizza and pop.

Spaces are limited. Registration is due by MONDAY March 13 at midnight! Use the following link to sign up!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FAEA928A6F5C25-bowling1>



[Bowling Team Building](#) Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!

[www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com)

## 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](mailto:eric.paul@uticak12.org)

**JOIN THE  
BOOSTER CLUB**



# 2023 Utica Girls' Soccer Tryouts

**Dates - March 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Time – 5:30 -7 PM (If weather permits)**

**7 – 9 PM indoor if weather does not permit**

**Where : Swinehart Field across from Utica Soccer**

**Who: All Levels ( Freshmen, JV, Varsity)**

**Visit <http://uticasoccer.weebly.com> for more details**



## 2023 Utica Boys Golf

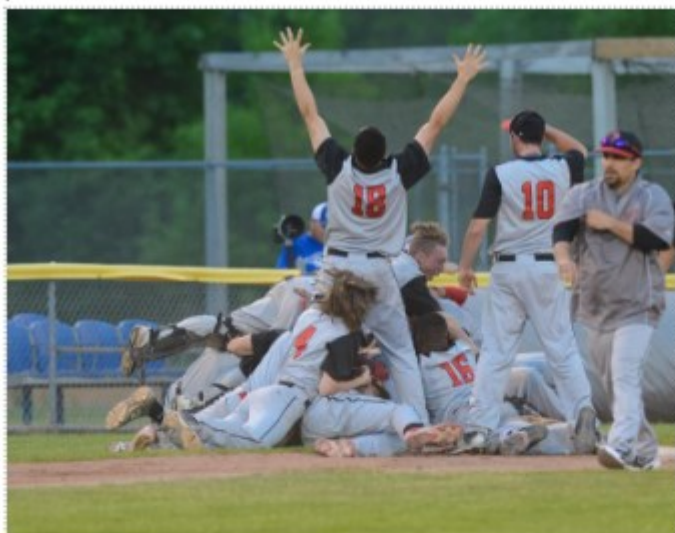
An organizational meeting for Utica Boys Golf will be held at Utica High School on Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:15pm in room 150. All interested golfers in grades 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> should plan on attending. All documents, including an updated physical, should be completed on PlanetHS prior to tryouts. Tryouts are to be held at 3:30pm on Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at CJ Barrymore's outdoor range (weather permitting). If weather is an issue that day, we will try Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Listen to your school's announcements for any schedule changes. Any questions, contact me at the email address below.

Tuesday March 6<sup>th</sup>: Organizational Meeting, UHS Room 150 at 3:15

Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>: Tryouts, CJ Barrymore's Golf Range at 3:30

**Coach Morin: [robert.morin@uticak12.org](mailto:robert.morin@uticak12.org)**





# UTICA BASEBALL FRESHMEN TRYOUTS

## ***TRYOUT Schedule (meet in cafeteria to start)***

Monday: (Freshmen 3:30-5:30pm) 3/13

Tuesday: (Freshmen 3:30-5:30pm)

Wednesday: (Freshmen 3:30-5:30pm)

Thursday: (Freshmen 3:30-5:30pm)

Friday: (Freshmen 3:30-5:30)

Saturday: (Practice)

**Location: Utica High**

**First day March 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Freshmen: 3:30-5:30**

**Monday-Friday**  
**(Saturday practice for**  
**those that make the**  
**team)**

**Proper gym clothes!**  
**No shorts! Utica color**  
**shirt preferred! No**  
**shorts. Bring clothes**  
**to go outside.**

**Must have a current**  
**physical on file to**  
**participate.**

## **ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT**

Mark Moehlig

586-243-1175

Mark.Moehlig@uticak12.org

## 7th/8th Grade Girls Basketball

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

Game Time: 4:00 & 5:30

*\*Jan 19 – Feb 9: 7<sup>th</sup> grade will play the first game followed by the 8<sup>th</sup> grade*

*\*Feb 13– March 13: 8<sup>th</sup> grade will play the first game followed by the 7<sup>th</sup> 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 and Girls Track

TRACK- **Starts Monday, March 20th!!!**



Meet in the MAIN GYM after school on the 20th. Practice from 3-4:30.

You MUST have an Athletic Physical on file to practice! Forms can be found [here](#).

Email Mr. Paul if you have questions: [eric.paul@uticak12.org](mailto:eric.paul@uticak12.org)

# 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

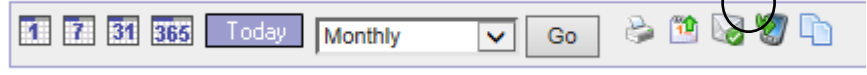
Utica Community Schools has partnered with Naviance to provide a variety of tools for achievement through academic, career and college planning. These tools are located in Naviance Student, a website for students and families to access online resources, communicate with school staff and work on college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



Click on the subscribe to email alerts icon →

Select the type of alert wanted

## Upcoming Activities

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[Click here](#) to view the 2022-2023 District Calendar

<b>Monday, March 13</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>District Choral Festival (UHS) at Stoney Creek HS</li><li>Chess Club Meeting 3:00 - 4:00 pm Media Center</li></ul>	<b>Thursday, March 16</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Homework Club, Media Center @ 2:55-3:55 pm</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday, March 14</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Homework Club, Media Center @ 2:55-3:55 pm</li></ul>	<b>Friday, March 17</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>St. Patrick's Day Spirit Day</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday, March 15</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>NJHS Induction Ceremony Main Gym 6:30 pm</li></ul>	<b>Saturday, March 18</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None</li></ul>
	<b>Sunday, March 19</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None</li></ul>

# UTICA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS MAY 2, 2023 ELECTION INFORMATION

## THE SAFETY AND SUCCESS BOND PROPOSAL WILL:

- Provide important safety enhancements through our schools, including additional layers of security at entry points at the main entrance and other exterior doors such as shatter-resistant glass.
- Remodel, rebuild or upgrade facilities and fields to protect the community's investment in its schools.
- NOT increase the district's current debt tax rate – the lowest in Macomb County.

Our community's input and participation have been critical to bringing forth these two proposals. We invite you to share your feedback through a brief survey by scanning the QR code below, or visiting [UticaK12.org/SafetyandSuccessSurvey](https://UticaK12.org/SafetyandSuccessSurvey). You can also contact UCS directly at (586) 797-1054 or [Questions@UticaK12.org](mailto:Questions@UticaK12.org).



## THE NON-HOMESTEAD OPERATING REPLACEMENT MILLAGE:

- Represents previously authorized millage by voters that is restricted to second homes, rental, commercial and industrial properties.
- Is a levy in every Michigan community to allow local school districts to receive their full share of state revenue.
- Is NOT levied on owner-occupied primary homes and has ZERO impact on a homeowner's property taxes.
- Supports school operations, including safety initiatives and training, teachers and staff, programs and services, and utilities such as heat and water.
- Represents \$41 million in annual funding to help maintain academic programs and services that support the district's track record of excellence.



[WWW.UTICAK12.ORG/SAFETYANDSUCCESS](https://WWW.UTICAK12.ORG/SAFETYANDSUCCESS)

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# WHAT'S NEXT FOR UCS?

## PROJECT PROPOSALS FOR EPPLER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL



### SAFETY

#### SAFETY AND SECURITY

- Create additional layers of security to limit access for exterior entry points at main entrance and corridors, such as shatter-resistant glass
- Replace interior door hardware to integrate improved locking system based on industry-level safety standards\*
- Upgrade network infrastructure
- Upgrade security systems (cameras and access control)
- Replace public address system\*

#### SITE IMPROVEMENTS

- Improve the track and bleachers
- Replace drinking fountains with water bottle filling stations

#### REMODELING

- Improve exterior façade and landscaping
- Upgrade the gym's lighting and audio system
- Improve the media center
- Renovate restrooms
- Upgrade power systems
- Upgrade interior and exterior lighting systems
- Modernize school sign with digital technology
- Upgrade HVAC system\*

### SUCCESS

#### INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY

- Purchase instructional technology equipment for classrooms

#### FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

- Purchase computers for students and staff
- Purchase classroom furniture
- Purchase media center furniture

\*Project scheduled for 2023 from 2018 bond issue



[WWW.UTICAK12.ORG/SAFETYANDSUCCESS](http://WWW.UTICAK12.ORG/SAFETYANDSUCCESS)

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DISTRICT  
ART SHOW

March 7 - 9, 2023

STERLING HEIGHTS  
COMMUNITY CENTER

*40250 Dodge Park Rd.  
Sterling Heights, MI 48313*

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FREE ADMISSION

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GALLERY HOURS:

TUESDAY, MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>:  
*10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>:  
*10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.*

THURSDAY, MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup>:  
*10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.*

Shuttle Busses will be  
available Tuesday  
through Thursday 5:00  
p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at  
Stevenson High School



## School Bus Drives Needed

### Walk-In Interviews School Bus Drivers March 8 March 15 March 22

Our UCS bus drivers make a difference every day in the lives of our students. UCS drivers are the first person students see every morning and the last at the end of the day. We are looking for individuals who want to help drive the future for our students.

If you are interested in becoming a bus driver, walk in interviews are being held on March 8, 15 and 22 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at our UCS Auxiliary Services Department, 6600 18 Mile Rd, Sterling Heights, MI 48314.

This is a great opportunity for individuals who are looking for a full or part time job that follows the school calendar. For more information, please visit <https://www.uticak12.org/driverseat>.

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

## CARE

### What students and parents are saying...

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

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

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

### Resources:

**Macomb County Crisis Center:**  
586-948-0222

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

**Alateen/Alanon Family Groups:**  
800-813-3105

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

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

**Poison Control Center:**  
800-222-1222C

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

### Substance Abuse Prevention websites:

[www.mcosa.net](http://www.mcosa.net)  
[www.abovetheinfluence.com](http://www.abovetheinfluence.com)  
[www.thetruth.com](http://www.thetruth.com)  
[www.drugabuse.gov](http://www.drugabuse.gov)



Main Office  
31900 Utica Road  
Fraser, Michigan 48026

586.541.CARE (2273)  
[www.careofsem.com](http://www.careofsem.com)

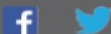


SCAN HERE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT US

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](http://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:

T<sup>3</sup> 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. T<sup>3</sup> also works to get rid of the myth that all teens require drugs or alcohol to have fun!



## UCS Calming Room for Students

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

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

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



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

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

[www.uticak12.org/UCS\\_Wellness](https://www.uticak12.org/UCS_Wellness)



# MONDAY MOMENTS

NEW DAY · NEW WEEK · NEW GOAL



## Monthly Theme: Get Joyous Week 21: Smile Like You Mean It!



“Let your smile change the world but don’t let the world change your smile.” ~ Connor Franta, American YouTuber



If you think about it, there are 8 billion different SMILES in the world because there are 8 billion people on our planet. What makes you SMILE might be similar as well as incredibly different from those around you. When we are open-minded and receptive to other perspectives, we can understand others better as well as what makes them SMILE. Smiling can be contagious. When someone smiles at you, our natural response is to SMILE back. Helping put a SMILE on someone’s face is one of the greatest gifts we can give. How might SMILING LIKE YOU MEAN IT help someone else GET JOYOUS?



Say Cheese ~ Do you ever come across times when a family member isn't feeling like themselves and could use a SMILE? Create a list together that you can refer to when someone needs a SMILE and JOY in their life. List as many ideas as possible so you will always be ready to give the gift of a smile.



[www.uticak12.org/UCS\\_Wellness](http://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

# Welcome!

Please sign in.

Select your library

3. Enter in your Virtual Library Card number and pin

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

PIN = MMDD (birth month and birth day)

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Sign in

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

4. Click Sign in

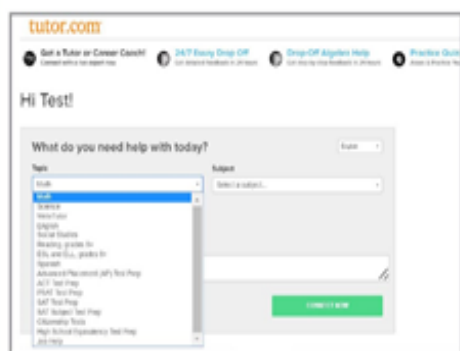


# FREE Online Tutoring

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

To access the free tutoring:

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



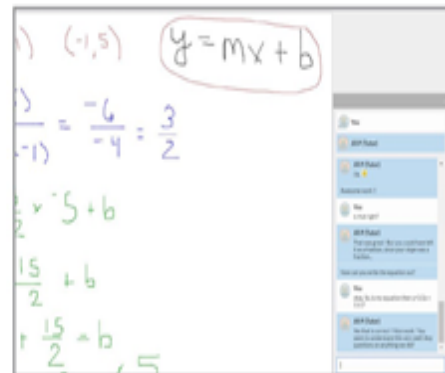
## CONNECT WITH A TUTOR

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

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## CHAT WITH YOUR TUTOR

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



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## Virtual Library Card – Tutor.com



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

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

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

PIN = MMDD (birth month and birth day)

Would you like to save your login?



Virtual Library Card - Tutor.com(Suburban)

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

Fields marked as \* are required

\* Barcode

UCS100023456



\* Password

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Save

4. Click Save

### Free and Reduced-Priced Meals Application Expire

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

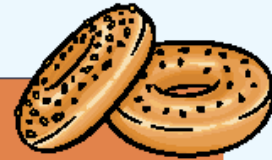
As required by federal guidelines, students without an approved 2022-2023 Free and Reduced Meal Application on file will pay full price for all breakfast and lunch meals beginning October 14, 2022. **Families must fill out a new application form located at <https://utica.familyportal.cloud> today in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

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



## How-To Guide for School Meals SECONDARY

### Breakfast



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

### Lunch

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



### Payment

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

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

#### How-To Guide for School Meals SECONDARY (continued)

### Allergies

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



### Other Important Info

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

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

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

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



## UCS Meals Are Nutritious And Delicious!

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

## "Hey Alexa, what's for lunch?"

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

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



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



### 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>

# Community Ed

## Art Box Studio



### 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](mailto:communityedquestions@uticak12.org)  
or [ArtBoxStudio4u@gmail.com](mailto:ArtBoxStudio4u@gmail.com)  
[www.ArtBoxStudioLLC.com](http://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:** [ucsccommunityeducation.ce.eleyo.com](https://ucsccommunityeducation.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 this semester. And here is the rest of the story.....***

### 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

## Macomb Diversity Summit

Eppler students participated at the Macomb Student Diversity Summit on February 14, 2023.

This Macomb Student Diversity Summit was first convened eight years ago as a way to engage in conversations about diversity with students across the entire county. The event brought together students in grades 8 - 11 to discuss this important topic. The summit continues to have multiple sessions that touch on the challenges, opportunities, and celebrations experienced in diverse school populations and neighborhoods. Each year the student engagement at this event is inspiring and the personal growth from their shared perspectives brings a sense of understanding that is unmatched. The planning committee for this event is continually encouraged by the willingness of Macomb County students to accept people where they are and open their hearts to everyone in our communities.



Shyla Cheateum, Braden Chung, America Gonzalez, Aaron Humes, Amanda Meholic

## Caught Being Kind



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Gabby Sun, Shayla Alexander, Mikolinda Ariceski, Reese Noonan, Brennan Rossini, Victoria Trifunovski, Nathan Esno, Victoria Trifunovski, Cali Kaczmar, Nathan Reese, Jack Stone, Jiovani Jarbo, Gage Diem, Matthew McIntyre, Ahmante Cheatum, Brady Vansickle, Madelynn Quinlan, Jaden Ervin, Louis Berant, Hunter Brockway, Stevin Nikoli, Maria Martinez, Jaden Long, Eva Normandin, Angelina Bshara, Baylie Cloud, Cali Kaczmar, Amaya Kinsman.



## Leadership Day

Eppler Freshmen Student Council and Avid members joined Utica High School Student Council for their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Leadership Day. Students learned about leadership through fun activities, conversations and an inspirational speaker, Tunji Adebayo from FEE.



## Chieftain of the Month

**Congrats to our January Chieftains of the Month!**

*Isabella Susalla, Landon Cooke, Mavlyn Moshe, Banah Alsafar, Bredan Silver, Tyler Sutter, Kaitlyn Gorlewski, Brodie Zbytowski, Ashely Wiseman, Patyon Fertick, Olivia Muylaert, Dericck Keehn*

Great Job Everyone!





## 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!



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*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: 9<sup>th</sup> 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

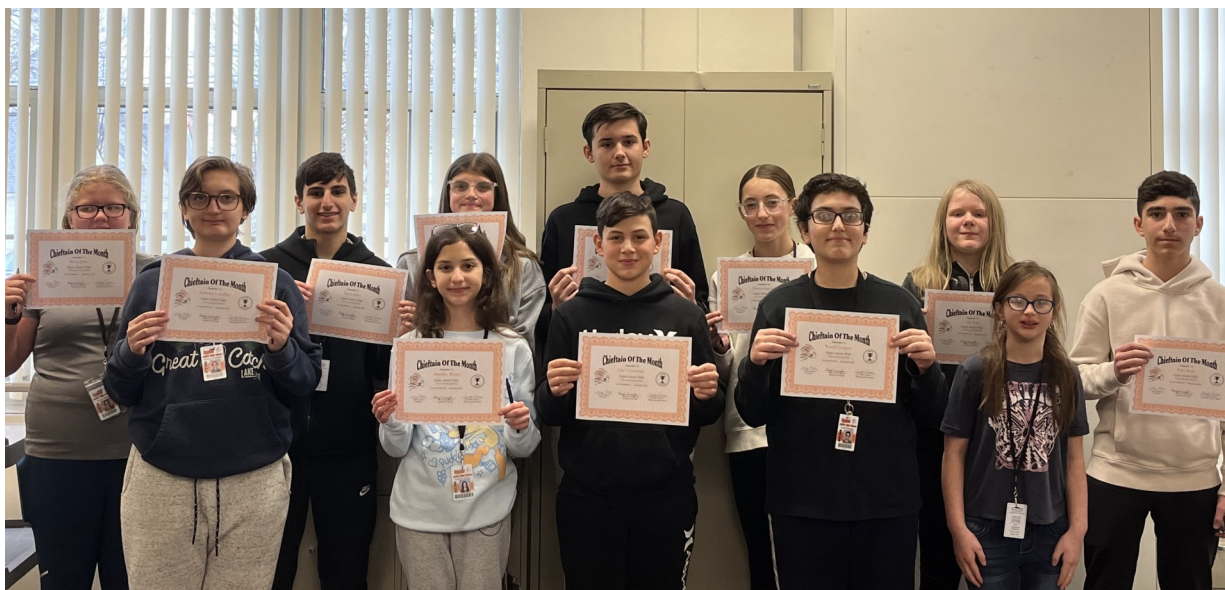
Congrats to our September Chieftains of the Month!! These students were nominated by one or more staff members for practicing the Eppler Code of Conduct. For being responsible, respectful and reasonable, these chieftains receive a pride pin, certificate, chieftain ink pen and pizza lunch with the administrators. 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 9<sup>th</sup> grade science classes participated in a water balloon toss as part of their unit on Forces and designing safer vehicles

