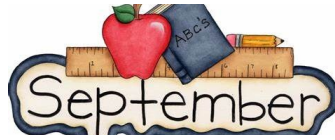



September 18, 2023



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<b>Wednesday September 20</b>	<b>Saturday, September 23</b>
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	<b>Sunday, September 24</b>
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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 SCHOOLOGY

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).

## Life Skills Accepting Donations

Mrs. Blanchard needs your help!! Every year the students love to cook, cook, cook, and I believe this is a wonderful experience for them. Not only are they learning basic cooking skills, they are also having a ton of fun. Unfortunately feeding 100 students can be rather expensive. Any donations from the list below would be greatly appreciated. You can drop them off to the main office, or have your student bring them to room 122. Thank you in advance for any and all help.

Below are the most commonly used items in our class:

Sugar (white or brown)	Marshmallows (large and mini)
Rice Krispy cereal, Flour Soft Tortillas	Non-stick cooking spray
Butter, Salsa	Flour, Ketch-up, BBQ Sauce, Ranch
Cake Mixes, Syrup	Brownie Mixes, Frozen Strawberries
Frosting, Bread Crumbs	Spaghetti Sauce
Pizza Sauce, Wheat Germ	Chocolate Chips (white, dark, milk, cinnamon, etc.)
Bisquick, Lasagna Noodles	Powdered Sugar
ANY disinfectant cleaners for kitchens without bleach	Aluminum Foil
Vegetable/Canola oil	Sandwich and gallon baggies
Paper Plates or cups or silverware	Kleenex, Cupcake Liners
Dish Soap, Antibacterial Wipes	Hand soap

Other food items may need to be brought in over the semester if they chose to do a lab not assigned by me. Thank you in advance for your support.

-Mrs. Blanchard



## **EPPLER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL DAILY SCHEDULE**

1<sup>ST</sup> HOUR 7:20 a.m. – 8:17 a.m.  
2<sup>ND</sup> HOUR 8:23 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.  
3<sup>RD</sup> HOUR 9:26 a.m. – 10:23 a.m.  
4<sup>TH</sup> HOUR 10:29 a.m. – 12:08 p.m.

**A Lunch** Lunch 10:29 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
Class 11:06 a.m. – 12:08 p.m.

**B Lunch** Class 10:29 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
Lunch 11:06 a.m. – 11:31 a.m.  
Class 11:37 a.m. – 12:08 p.m.

**C Lunch** Class 10:29 a.m. – 11:31 a.m.  
Lunch 11:37 a.m. – 12:08 p.m.

5<sup>TH</sup> HOUR 12:14 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.  
6<sup>TH</sup> HOUR 1:16 p.m. – 2:11 p.m.

## **EXAM DAY SCHEDULE**

1<sup>ST</sup> EXAM 7:20 a.m. – 8:48 a.m.  
2<sup>ND</sup> EXAM 8:56 a.m. – 10:24 a.m.

# **BE PROMPT!**



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 7:20

**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 2023-2024 school year.

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

## Lost and Found

Have you seen the new and improved Lost and Found Display in the lobby near the Counseling Office? Stop by and check it out. Especially if you are missing a lunch box, water bottle, winter jacket, hoodie, or sweats.



## Utica CSD 2023-2024 AP® Exam Registration

### Join your 2023-2024 MyAP Classroom:

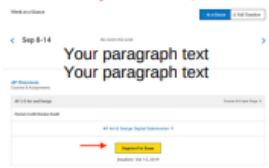
- All students will be able to join an AP® Classroom on the College Board MyAP at <http://myap.collegeboard.org> where they will be able to access College Board provided course resources and materials as well as an individualized performance dashboard.
- Teachers will be able to use the resources in the MyAP AP® Classroom for assignments, classroom activities, test and quizzes and more.
- Students will log into the MyAP site at <http://myap.collegeboard.org> with their College Board profiles and **JOIN the AP® Class with a Join Code** (access code) that will be distributed by teachers by September 22, 2023. (Simply click on "Join Exam/Class" and enter the code.)

### How to register for 2023-2024 AP® Exams:

AP Exam Fees for 2023-2024 is \$102 per exam (\$150 per AP Capstone exam)

To register for the optional AP® Exams, the additional steps need to be completed:

- STEP 1: Activate Exam on MyAP** - Students who have joined the AP Classroom on MyAP and choose to take the optional exam, **must also activate the exam by clicking on the yellow "Register for Exam" button** in the class dashboard.
  - Deadline to activate your exam is September 22, 2023**



- STEP 2: Submit Exam Deposit** - AP Exams are \$102 each (\$150 for AP Capstone Exams). Students who have an active exam on the MyAP System as of September 22 will receive on or around October 1 an invoice for a \$40 non-refundable deposit to be submitted to complete the exam order. Submit payment online or via mailing in a check or money order.
  - Deposit must be submitted by October 31, 2023 to order an exam for May 2024.**
  - BOTH** the exam deposit payment **AND** exam activation steps **MUST** be completed by **October 31, 2023 to have an active exam order.**
  - LATE registration will open on November 16 with a penalty fee. NO payments or orders will be accepted or processed between November 1 and November 15, 2023.
- STEP 3: Submit Balance Due** - Students who successfully completed step 1 and 2 above will receive a custom digital invoice for the balance of fees due. The invoice will be emailed in January. **Deadline to submit the balance of fees due is February 16, 2024**
- Visit <http://aptsusa.com/utica> for more information

## Utica CSD 2023-2024 AP® Exam Registration

### Frequently Asked Questions:

#### What if I can't log into my College Board account?

- Don't create a new one! Each student should have only ONE College Board account which houses AP, PSAT and SAT scores and information. For log in help visit:
  - <https://pages.collegeboard.org/account-help> or <https://myap.collegeboard.org>

#### What if I qualify for a fee reduction?

- All students regardless of status submit a \$40 deposit by October 31. Students who have successfully been approved for Free-Reduced Lunch status AND who sit for the exam in May will be eligible for a partial refund (Amount TBD based on State Subsidies)

#### How do I submit the fees?

- Exams are \$102 each (\$150 per AP Capstone Exam).** You will receive a custom invoice for a \$40 per exam deposit based on the exams you activated on MyAP. Payment can be submitted by clicking the Pay Now button in the top left of the invoice OR by mailing in a check or money order. (Instructions on the invoice.) A second invoice will be issued in January for the balance due. A 3.1% credit card processing fee is charged for debit/credit card payments.

#### I want to add an exam that is NOT on my invoice. What do I do?

- Email [info@aptsusa.com](mailto:info@aptsusa.com) to request an updated invoice.
- You will need to confirm that you have also joined the College Board MyAP dashboard with the appropriate Join Code for your exam. Penalty fees apply for registering an exam as of November 16, 2023. FINAL Day to add an exam or make payments is February 16, 2024.

#### I want to cancel an exam that is on my invoice?

- Email [info@aptsusa.com](mailto:info@aptsusa.com) to request that exam be removed
- If you have already paid a deposit or fees for that exam, the refund amount will be adjusted based on the policy posted on <http://aptsusa.com/utica>

### 2023-2024 Important Deadlines:

Exam Activation Deadline

September 22, 2023

Exam Deposit Payment Due

October 31, 2023

Balance of Fees Due

February 16, 2024

**FINAL Day for AP Registration (Final Payments or to add an order): Feb 16, 2024**

For more information and details as well as assistance and support visit  
<http://aptsusa.com/utica>



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- Actual printed pics
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- Your classmates
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- It's the lowest price of the year.

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ICONS	FREE!
AUTOGRAPH SECTION	\$5.00
PHOTO POCKETS	\$5.00
DONATE A YEARBOOK	\$38.00
CLEAR PROTECTIVE COVER	\$5.00

*Tax, service and delivery fee(s) will be added if applicable.  
Credit card installment plan available for orders of \$30 or more.*



# 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!

# 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**

## 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**

## Eppler Parent Involvement Committee (EPIC)

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

**Monday, September 25**  
**Tuesday, October 24**  
**Tuesday, November 14**  
**Wednesday, December 13**  
**Tuesday, January 23**

**Wednesday, February 28**  
**Monday, March 18**  
**Tuesday, April 23**  
**Tuesday, May 21**

## 9th Grade NJHS Members

**Current 9<sup>th</sup> grade NJHS members:** Meeting Dates for this year are listed below. Meetings are MANDATORY per NJHS guidelines. If you miss 2 meetings, you may be removed from NJHS. If you are sick or have proper documentation, this does excuse you from a meeting however, you need to communicate with me that you will be missing a meeting. Meetings will be **AFTERNOON ONLY** this year from 2:11pm to roughly 2:35pm. Make sure that you are checking our schoology page regularly for updates. Please contact me at [scarlet.gleason@uticak12.org](mailto:scarlet.gleason@uticak12.org) if you have any questions.

**Thursday September 28**  
**Monday, October 30**  
**Thursday, January 18**



**Thursday, February 29**  
**Thursday, March 21**  
**Thursday, April 11**  
**Thursday, May 23**

## Student Council

Student Council Meeting Dates (subject to change)  
Meetings will be held 7:00 am and 2:15 pm in Room 107 or Room 120

**Tuesday September 12**  
**Tuesday October 3**  
**Thursday, November 21**  
**Tuesday, December 12**

**Tuesday, January 23**  
**Tuesday, February 6**  
**Tuesday, March 12**  
**Thursday, April 16**

## EPPLER JUNIOR HIGH AFTER-SCHOOL HOMEWORK CLUB

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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 2:20 PM to 3:20 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 2:20 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 3:20 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: April.Raupp@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: \_\_\_\_\_

# Eppler & Utica H.S. Sports

LAX

## UTICA- EISENHOWER 2024 BOYS LACROSSE MANDATORY PARENT & PLAYER INTEREST & INFORMATION MEETING

LOCATION – EISENHOWER HS - MEDIA CENTER

DATE – TUESDAY - OCTOBER 3rd AT 6:30P

This is a **MANDATORY** interest meeting is for parents and any player interested in playing on the spring boys lacrosse team that attend 10-12<sup>th</sup> grades at Utica High School AND Eisenhower High School and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students (Malow, Shelby, Eppler and Jeanette) who are eligible to play Utica or IKE HS sports. Player experience not required but would be beneficial. The school team will continue to be merged for the 2024 season.

We will discuss timelines for spring season, meet the coaches, update on fall and winter conditioning programs, equipment, and athletic requirements, meet the current board members, team parent involvement, apparel, Q&A and a litany of other topics.

Email any questions to [ikeboyslacrosse@gmail.com](mailto:ikeboyslacrosse@gmail.com) or join and check out the Utica Eisenhower Boys Lacrosse Facebook page for updated info.

If you know any parents and players that would be interested - Please help get the word out!

GO UTICA-IKE!

## 7th/8th Grade Eppler Football

Game Times @ 3:30 pm except where noted.  
UCS in-district games @ 4:00 pm except where noted

*Tuesday, September 19 Eppler @ Wyandotte*  
*Tuesday, October 3 L'Anse Creuse North @ Eppler*  
*Tuesday, October 17 Eppler @ Davis*

*Tuesday, September 26 Eppler @ L'Anse Creuse Central*  
*Tuesday, October 10 L'Anse Creuse East @ Eppler*  
*Tuesday, October 24 Heritage @ Eppler*

## 7th/8th Grade Volleyball

Game Times @ 4:00

*Thursday, September 21 Jeannette @ Eppler*  
*Wednesday, September 27 Heritage @ Eppler*  
*Wednesday, October 4 Eppler @ Davis*  
*Monday, October 16 Eppler @ Jeannette*  
*Monday, October 23 Eppler @ Heritage*  
*Monday, October 30 Davis @ Eppler*

*Monday, September 25 Bemis @ Eppler*  
*Monday, October 2 Eppler @ Shelby*  
*Monday,, October 9 Eppler @ Malow*  
*Friday, October 20 Eppler @ Bemis*  
*Wednesday, October 25 Shelby @ Eppler*  
*Wednesday, November 1 Malow @ Eppler*

# 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.



## Upcoming Activities

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<b>Monday, September 25</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>7th/8th Grade Volleyball Bemis @ Eppler 4:00 pm</li></ul>	<b>Thursday, September 28</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None.</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday, September 26</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Eppler 7th /8th Football vs. L'Anse Creuse Central @ L'Anse Creuse 3:30</li></ul>	<b>Friday, September 29</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None.</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday, September 27</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Eppler 7th /8th Volleyball vs. Heritage @ Eppler 4:00 pm</li></ul>	<b>Saturday, September 30</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None</li></ul>
	<b>Sunday, October 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None</li></ul>

# District News

## Utica Community Schools School Age Child Care (SACC) **WE ARE HIRING!**

### POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

SACC Directors- \$16/hr  
SACC Assistants- \$14/hr  
Substitutes



### WHY WORK WITH US:

- Best compensation package in Macomb County
- Flexible hours
- Extra income
- Convenient locations
- Morning & afternoon shifts
- Guaranteed \$100 bonus every 10 days worked\*  
\*effective 2023-24 school year; subject to regular review and modification

Apply online: [uticak12.tedk12.com/hire](https://uticak12.tedk12.com/hire)

Questions? Contact Jenelle Dubey:

586.797.6904 or [Jenelle.Dubey@uticak12.org](mailto:Jenelle.Dubey@uticak12.org)



## SACC is Now Hiring! **BI-WEEKLY BONUS!\***



- Flexible Hours
- Extra Income at Competitive Pay Rates
- Convenient Locations
- Morning and Afternoon Shifts

**APPLY TODAY! CONTACT JENELLE DUBEY**


(586) 797-6904 [CommunityEdQuestions@Uticak12.org](mailto:CommunityEdQuestions@Uticak12.org)

\*Every 10 workdays (based on your regular shift), you are eligible to receive a \$100 stipend

## PowerSchool Forms to Review

# 4 PowerSchool Forms to Review

for a successful school year



[ps.ucs.misd.net](https://ps.ucs.misd.net)

- 1 Student Address,  
Student Contacts and  
Health Information
- 2 Parent Student  
Handbook
- 3 Technology  
Device Use  
Agreement
- 4 Technology Device  
Insurance Opportunity  
Due Sept. 8, 2023

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT UCS**

**UCS** UTICA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

**SUPERINTENDENT'S STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD**

All 9th grade students are welcome to apply!

**ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS THROUGH TUESDAY, SEPT. 26**

Online application : <https://www.tfaforms.com/5084887>



## College Fair

Current junior and senior students and their parents have an opportunity to listen to presentations and ask questions during a 30 minute session and will be able to attend up to 4 sessions per night.

SEPT. 25 <u>Utica High School</u> 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM	<a href="#">Michigan State University</a> , <a href="#">Saginaw Valley State University</a> , <a href="#">Lawrence Technological University</a> , <a href="#">Eastern Michigan University</a>
SEPT. 26 <u>Eisenhower High School</u> 6:00 - 8:30 PM	<a href="#">Wayne State University</a> , <a href="#">Grand Valley State University</a> , <a href="#">Kettering University</a> , <a href="#">Rochester University</a>
SEPT. 27 <u>Ford II High School</u> 6:00 - 8:30 PM	<a href="#">University of Michigan - Ann Arbor</a> , <a href="#">Central Michigan University</a> , <a href="#">Western Michigan University</a> , <a href="#">University of Michigan - Dearborn</a>
SEPT. 28 <u>Instructional Resource Center</u> 6:00 - 8:30 PM	<a href="#">Oakland University</a> , <a href="#">Macomb Community College</a> , <a href="#">University of Detroit Mercy</a> , <a href="#">Madonna University</a>





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
- www.abovetheinfluence.com
- www.thetruth.com
- www.drugabuse.gov



Main Office  
31900 Utica Road  
Fraser, Michigan 48026

586.541.CARE (2273)  
www.careofsem.com

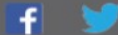


SCAN HERE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT US

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](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 \(uticak12.org\)](http://uticak12.org)

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

[www.uticak12.org/UCS Wellness](http://www.uticak12.org/UCS_Wellness)

## UCS Wellness Podcast

The UCS Wellness team is happy to announce the 13<sup>th</sup> episode of our podcast series featuring Matt Cecil, Jeannette Junior High physical education teacher with host, Erin Chambers, Shelby Junior High physical education and health teacher. This two-part series will inform listeners how to increase their focus and decrease their stress. These podcasts are available on the UCS Wellness page. [UCS Wellness - Utica Community Schools](#). The 13<sup>th</sup> podcast in the series is Managing Components of Biology.

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
- Teen Mental Health and Wellness
- Raising an Intuitive Eater
- Managing Components of Biology (two-part series)
- Raising an Intuitive Eater



## 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			
Schwarzhoff			
Stevenson			
UAIS			
Utica Alternative Learning Center			
Virtual School (Elementary, Junior High, High School)			



# 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 help.

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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

0923

4. Click Save

## 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>**



All meals are free this year thanks to the Michigan School Meals law. Students that would like to be eligible for benefits, such as pay-to-participate sports, college entrance/AP testing fees, summer EBT cards and more need to complete the Eligibility Benefits Form or the School Meals and Summer EBT Form. These forms are available at <https://utica.familyportal.cloud>.

### **Allergens Form**

We take food allergies and student safety very seriously. If your student has any food allergies, please have your physician fill out the MDE Dietary Needs Form and return it to the food service office. [MDE Special Diet Form](#).

- 1- You must fill out a physician signed MDE Special Needs Accommodation form and send it to the Food Service office. Without this, we cannot make any accommodations. Please make sure to be specific with regards to the allergy (Example: all dairy or just fluid milk intolerance, etc.)
- 2- Because allergies can change, you MUST fill out a new form EVERY YEAR.
- 3- You must indicate to your child's school which days and which menu item you would like at least 48 hours in advance. We will not automatically have these available if we do not hear from parents in advance.
- 4- A vegetarian and nut free options are available every day, so please see the regular menu.
- 5- Juice or water are not acceptable substitutes per USDA guidelines. At this time, we have Kikkoman Soy milk as a substitute. You're welcome to send in your own milk with your child if they don't like it.
- 6- We will do the best we can to accommodate other requests but there may be some limitations. For questions, please call our food service office at 586-797-1180



# Community Education



## 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-F23A Tues. 9/26 - 10/24/23 Drawing @ Eppler Jr. High 6:00-7:30pm

6071-F23B Tues. 11/14 - 12/12/23 Drawing @ Eppler Jr. High 6:00-7:30pm

Tuition: \$97 5wks. New Experience each session!!!



Register Online: [ucscommunityeducation.ce.eleyo.com](http://ucscommunityeducation.ce.eleyo.com) or 586-797-6900

UCS Community Education 38901 Dodge Park Sterling Heights, MI 48312



**MACOMB COUNTY**

# Health and Wellness Fair

**Saturday, September 23, 2023**  
10am-2pm

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

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

**Audience**  
For individuals and families from our diverse county.

**Goals**


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

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

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

For more information, contact Crystal Birchall, [cbirchall@msd.net](mailto:cbirchall@msd.net)


Logos: Macomb County, Michigan Department of Health & Human Services, Michigan Prevention Council, MISD



**MUST REGISTER – SPACE LIMITED – VERY POPULAR!!**

## Just Around the Corner...for Girls 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Girls and an important adult in their life are invited to attend...



- A maturation program to help answer questions that girls might have about their growing and changing bodies.
- The session will cover physical and emotional changes that occur in girls during puberty, including menstruation.
- A short video will be followed by a lively discussion session.


Local school districts usually present a maturation/reproductive health program for elementary students during their regular class time. *This class is not intended to replace any current reproductive health programs, which may continue as always.* The MISD is offering this class to those interested girls and their parent/guardian **IN ADDITION** to regular school programming.

*Open to any adult in the community and any 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>-grade girl in the community.*

**Where:** VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM

**When:** Thursday, September 28, 2023 - Register [HERE](#)  
Thursday, December 14, 2023 - Register [HERE](#)  
Thursday, January 11, 2024 - Register [HERE](#)  
Tuesday, March 16, 2024 - Register [HERE](#)

**Time:** 6 - 7:00pm (log in at 5:45pm)



MUST Register in advance for this meeting (fills up quickly)  
Registration information can also be found on the MISD website: [www.misd.net](http://www.misd.net) (lick course offering tab and search for 'Just Around the Corner')

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email. A few days before the class, you will receive a reminder and information about joining the meeting (Zoom link).  
**Contact Sara Orris with questions [sorris@misd.net](mailto:sorris@misd.net) or 586.228.3460**

# In Case You Missed It

Back To School

*Thank you staff, students and parents!! We had a fun and successful first week at Eppler.*



# In Case You Missed It

*A huge thank you to our EPIC parent group for the Staff Lounge make over.*

