



Bemis Junior High School
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Good afternoon, Bemis Parents and Guardians.

I am writing to inform you of our registration process that was designed to streamline our student information gathering. Please follow this [link](#) for directions to logon to PowerSchool's Unified Classroom to complete and submit your child's required information for the 2024-2025 school year.

IMPORTANT: The deadline to submit the completed forms is 12:00 noon Monday, August 19, 2024.

On Tuesday, August 20 and Wednesday, August 21, 2024, we will be hosting our Spartan Registration Day events. Students will have their school photos taken, (please wear school appropriate clothing for the photographs) and receive their school identification card, ID Card protector and lanyard. 7th graders and new 8th grade students will be issued their school owned laptop for this school year. Student schedules for the 2024-2025 school year can be viewed using your PowerSchool account just prior to the Spartan Registration days. **NO SCHEDULE CHANGES WILL BE ALLOWED!**

All returning Bemis students who will be in the 8th grade kept their laptops over the summer. New Bemis 8th graders will receive their school issued laptop computers and a charger during the 8th grade registration on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, from 8:30-12:00 noon. All new Bemis Virtual Academy 8th grade students and all 7th grade Virtual academy students will receive their laptops on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, from 1:00-2:30 pm. All seventh graders will receive their UCS laptops during their assigned registration session on Wednesday, August 21, 2024. Seventh grade students whose last names begin with A-M can register from 8:30 to 11:00. Students with last names beginning with N-Z will be able to register from 12:30-3:00 **IMPORTANT: We will NOT distribute UCS laptop computers to students who do not complete the required forms in PowerSchool!**

UCS will continue to offer insurance for district laptops. I am strongly encouraging the purchase of the \$20.00 insurance plan using PaySchools, which can be accessed by following this link: <https://www.uticak12.org/device> **Please note: the final date to enroll in the optional device insurance program is Friday, September 6, 2024.**

Since all required "books" will be digital, below is a very general supply list:

- A string backpack for students to carry their laptop, charger, earphones
- A notebook and writing instrument(s)

During the registration session your child will have their photo taken for their school identification card they are expected to wear at all times during the school day. Please access the link to the [Kaiser Studio order form](#) to choose your child's school photographs package. Bemis ID code for Kaiser Studio orders: 24BEMISJR25

During the 2024-2025 school year, students will be sharing lockers with another student, the lockers will be assigned the first day of school during their sixth hour class. Students will be able to use full-sized backpacks to bring items to and from school, but they must leave them in their locker and use a string backpack during the school day. Since students will not have their locker until the last hour of the first day of school, they may use a full-sized backpack to carry their lunch and gym clothes if needed all day on Tuesday, August 27, 2024.

Please take the time to review our [2024-2025 Utica Community Schools Parent and Student Handbook](#) with your child before their first day of school this year. This is an important document outlining policies and procedures that all students must follow during the school day and at school sponsored activities/events.

This school year, breakfast and lunch will be offered to all students, free of charge. Additional food and drink items will be available for purchase. Please follow the link to access the UCS Family Portal at <https://utica.familyportal.cloud/> for more information.

Please follow the link to order your [2024-2025 Bemis Junior High School Yearbook](#) beginning at \$35.00 each.

Also linked to this message is the [2024-2025 MHSAA Medical History/Pre-participation Physical form](#). Please be aware that our team sports require a [participation fee application](#) which will be due once final sport teams have been determined following our tryout processes.

On Tuesday, August 20, we will have medical doctors and medical interns who will provide physicals for a donation of \$25.00. Eighth graders can obtain a sports physical from 8:30-12:00 pm. Seventh graders will be able to secure an athletic physical from 1:00-3:30 pm.

For those who cannot attend their assigned registration times, we will issue laptops to those students who require one the first day of school, Tuesday, August 27, 2024, during their first hour class. School identification cards and school photos will be taken during picture retake day, which is Tuesday, September 10, 2024. A temporary student photo identification card will be issued to students during the first day of school.

On behalf of the staff at Bemis Junior High School, we are looking forward to seeing our returning students as 8th graders and meeting our new students on August 20 and August 21, 2024.

Mr. Yaw
Bemis Junior High School Principal