October 30, 2023



Eppler Express

Monday, October 30	Thursday, November 2
7th/8th Grade Volleyball Davis @ Eppler 4:00 pm	None
Chess Club in Ms. Byrons Room #19 2:15 - 3:15	
Tuesday, October 31	Friday, November 3
Standard Response Protocols	Fall Pep Assembly Main
Video Shown in All Science	Gym 5th and 6th Hours
Classes	
	• First Marking Period Grades
Halloween Spirit Day	Posted in PowerSchool
Wednesday, November 1	Saturday, November 4
• 7th/8th Grade Volleyball Malow	None
@ Eppler 4:00 pm	
	Sunday, November 5
	None





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School News & Information

Vision and Mission Statements

Our Vision Statement: Eppler Junior High School, in partnership with our community, will empower students to achieve their full potential and become productive contributors in a diverse society.

Eppler Junior High School Mission Statement: The Eppler community will collaborate to foster a safe, respectful, and inclusive learning environment that will inspire growth, excellence, and achievement.

Parent Access for Schoology

Parents/Guardians,

Did you know that you can have a parent account for your child's Schoology classes? You can access each of their classes, as well as the counseling department's Schoology page. The counseling page has many resources ranging from support groups and therapy to community resources for help with everyday problems. If you would like access to your child's Schoology account (this is different than PowerSchool), you can contact the main office at 586-797-2900 to request your child's 12-digit-code and instructions.

PARENT ACCESS DIRECTIONS FOR SCHOOLOGY

- 1. Go to www.schoology.com.
- 2. Click Sign Up at the top of the page and choose Parent.
- 3. Enter your Parent Access Code. This is the 12-digit code in xxxx-xxxx 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.

Life Skills Accepting Donations

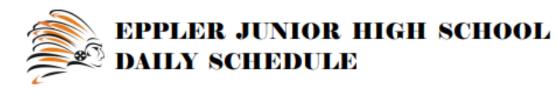
Mrs. Blanchard needs your help!! Every year the students love to cook, cook, cook, and I believe this is a wonderful experience for them. Not only are they learning basic cooking skills, they are also having a ton of fun. Unfortunately feeding 100 students can be rather expensive. Any donations from 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



1 st HOUR	7:20 a.m. – 8:17 a.m.
2 ND HOUR	8:23 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.
3 RD HOUR	9:26 a.m. – 10:23 a.m.
4 [™] 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 [™] HOUR	12:14 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.
6™ HOUR	1:16 p.m. – 2:11 p.m.

EXAM DAY SCHEDULE

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





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 <u>ANY REASON</u>.

Cell Phones/Electronic Devices <u>ARE NOT</u> 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.

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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.





EVERY student must WEAR his or <u>her</u> student ID while on school grounds.

- · Student IDs must be worn and visible at all times.
- Student ID must be presented to any school staff member or person of authority upon request.
- The front and back of the ID cannot be altered. Defacing or altering the student ID is prohibited.
- · Wearing another student's ID card is prohibited.
- · Lost, stolen, altered, damaged, and/or defaced ID cards must be replaced immediately.

Students who fail to adhere to the above are subject to an <u>after school</u> detention and replacement fee.

\$5 ID REPLACEMENT for lost/broken IDs

3 times without ID = detention

6 times without ID = automatic \$5 ID replacement & Saturday School

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)

** Students who are insubordinate or persistently disobedient are subject to further school consequences.

Lunch Deliveries : **REMINDER**



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. nowever, 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 <u>here</u>.

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

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- 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 by 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 of \$35 per the MA State subsidies established for 2023-2024.
 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 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 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

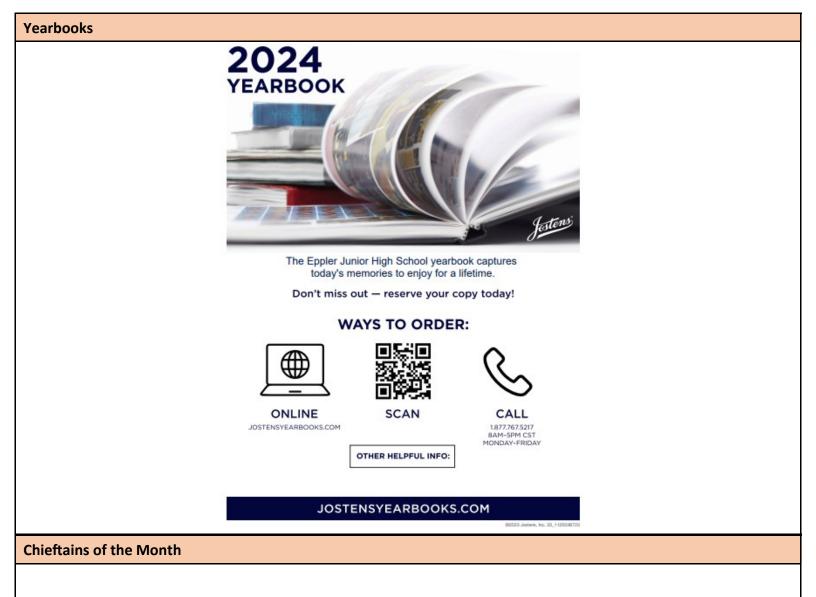
For more information and details as well as assistance and support visit

http://aptsusa.com/utica



Open House 23-24





Congrats to our October Chieftains of the Month!

Brendan Antias, Nicholas Wright, Christian Toye, Michael Long, Charlotte Orlowski, America Gonzalez, Sophia Zdravkoski, ,Victoria Gjekaj, Jozlynn Schroeder, Malgorzata Ojrzynska, Olivia Blumke, Madelynne Quinlan

Great Job Everyone!



Tuesday, October 31st, is Halloween. Students are permitted to dress up for Halloween but MUST understand that **ALL** school dress code still applies. Shorts or skirts must be knee length. **NO** masks or face paint will be permitted. **NO** fake weapons or fake blood will be permitted. Any costumes representing alcohol or drugs will not be permitted. Let's have fun! ... but please enjoy the day appropriately.



School Safety

Safety remains a priority for our school. Eppler Junior High School is once again providing training to our students and staff on our safety protocols. The protocols identify actions that students may be asked to take in the event of a potential incident: hold, secure, lockdown, evacuate and shelter.

The protocols will continue to be part of the training while practicing our regular school safety drills, such as fire drills, security drills, tornado drills, evacuation procedures, etc.)

The video is available for you to review at this link: <u>UCS School Safety: Standard Response Protocol – Junior High -</u> <u>YouTube</u> If you have any questions, please contact our office.



Thank you

The Eppler staff would like to give BIG thank you to our EPIC Group for supplying the "Tailgate Dinner" coordinated by Ms. Bluhm and Ms. Mansfield.



Eppler & Utica Sports

Eppler 7th/8th Grade Football

UCS 7th & 8th GRADE FOOTBALL 2023

Game Times: @ 3:30 pm and 5:00 pm Stadium Game Times: 4:30pm & 6:30pm

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Monday, October 30

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Bemis @ Heritage

Davis @ Eppler

Bye: Malow



Utica High School Boys Basketball Freshmen Tryout Info

Tryout Sign-up: Please use the following Microsoft Forms QR code to sign up if you intend on trying out



Prerequisites

- Eligibility (June 2023 final grades and current)
- Physical on File 2023-24 sport physical requirements: A valid 2023-24 physical examination must be completed on or after April 15, 2023.

Boys Basketball Tryout Schedule

≻	Freshmen	(Grade 9	ONLY)	All 9" graders (please bring	a copy of your 1" Q	uarter grades fro	m PowerSchool*
	November	13 th	4:30 pm	- 6:30 pm	Main Gym	(meet in cafete	eria at 4:15 pr	n)
	November	14 th	4:30 pm	- 6:30 pm	Main Gym	(meet in cafete	eria at 4:15 pm	n)
	*November	15 th	4:30 pm	- 6:30 pm	Main Gym	*If needed, co	ach's discreti	on

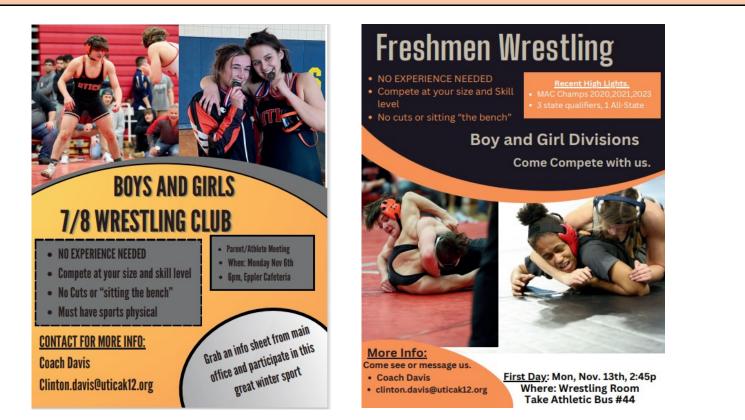
****All athletes will enter Utica High School through Door #5 for tryouts****

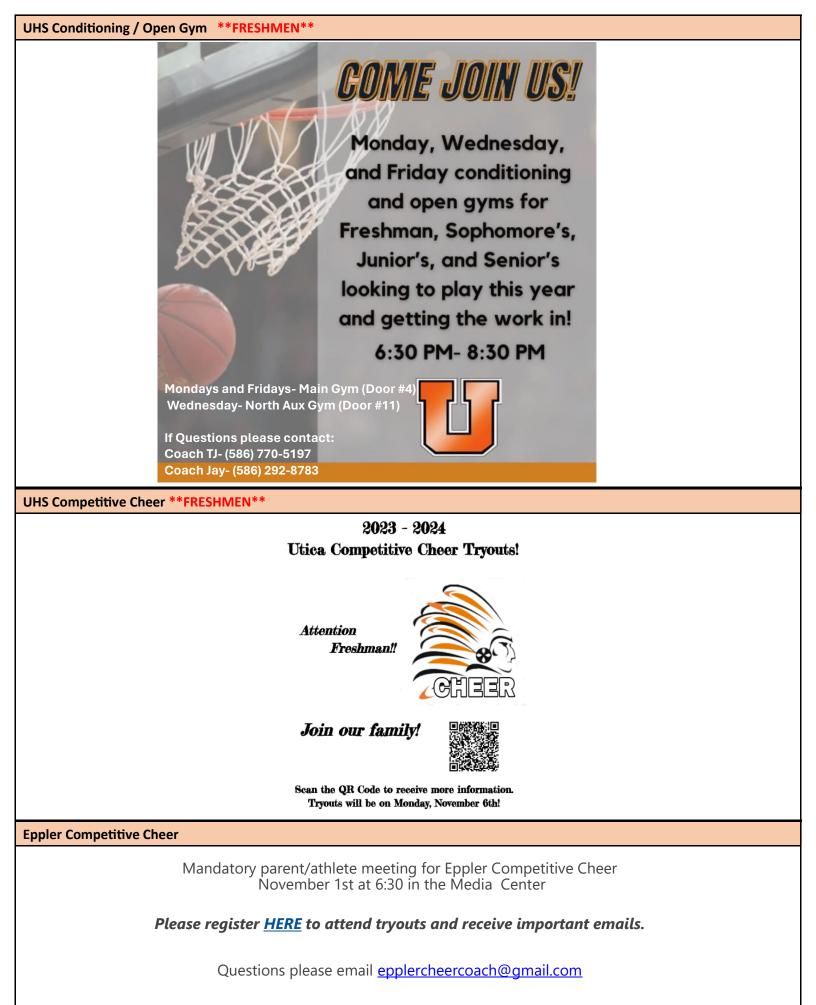
Please **be on time** for all scheduled events. It will be a great indicator of what you are all about!

Please know that these dates and times for tryouts are subject to change based on rulings from the MHSAA and Utica Community Schools

Contact the Varsity Boys Basketball Coach Dave Hinkle if you have any follow-up questions at david.hinkle@uticak12.org

Wrestling





Reward Programs

Calling All Shoppers!

Eppler has a reward program at Kroger. All you have to do is shop, swipe your card, and Eppler gets cash back! The Kroger Community Rewards program makes fundraising easy by donating based on the shopping you do every day. Once you link your Card all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Shopper's Card. Here's how :



- Go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com
- Click Sign in the upper right-hand corner
- Put the email address and password used to enroll your card
- Go to "Savings & Rewards", then "Kroger Community Rewards", I'm a Customer"
- Enter the group number EJ598 or search Eppler Junior High School
- Click on the organization then click "Enroll"

NJHS – Planet Green Fundraiser



Thank you to all who have donated to Planet Green! We have raised over \$400 over the last couple of years by recycling used ink cartridges and electronics! Planet Green is no longer accepting used electronics. They are only accepting ink cartridges. Please continue to send those into Mrs. Byron in room 19! Thank you!

NJHS is doing a yearlong fundraiser with Planet Green. Please send in Inkjet cartridges (NO toner or laser cartridges) to room 19. NJHS sends them to Planet Green, and then Planet Green sends Eppler a check! This fundraiser helps the environment and our school! NJHS members can receive one hour for every 5 items, but everybody is encouraged to participate!

Eppler Clubs & Organizations

We Need Volunteers

We still have a couple of clubs/organizations without sponsors and could use YOUR help in re-launching these groups to give interested students a wonderful opportunity!

Please contact Mr. Pantano at gerard.pantano@uticak12.org if interested in helping with:



Robotics Club



Cultural Diversity Club

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



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

<u>Current 9th grade NJHS members:</u> 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 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 Members, you can come in the morning at 7:00 or in the afternoon at 2:15. We will meet in Ms. Berg's classroom, Room 107, for both meetings.

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

Homework Club

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 2:20 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. <u>Please be</u> <u>advised that if a student comes to Homework Club with nothing to work on, he/she will not be</u> <u>admitted to Homework Club that day</u>. All students will be expected to remain in the Media Center until 3:20 PM. Students will need to sign <u>in</u> 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).



My child, (please <u>print)</u>, 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. <u>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.</u> 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:	
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Student Signature:

Chess Club is starting up again! Our first meeting is September 25 in Mrs. Byron's room, 19. We will meet from 2:15-3:15. Please make sure your student is picked up by 3:20. You can pick up an informational flyer in Mrs. Byron's room.

Eppler Elephants Chess Club

"We stomp on our competition"

Teacher Advisor: Mrs. Byron renee.byron@uticak12.org

<u>Coaches:</u> Braden Cheung and Marwan Hassan <u>CheungB@stu.uticak12.org</u> <u>HassanM1@stu.uticak12.org</u>

When: Mondays after school from 2:15-3:15 in room 19 beginning September 25

Braden and Marwan will teach you how to play chess, and if you already know how, they will show you various techniques to elevate your game (and your chess rating!)

Please return the bottom portion of this form.

Student:	Grade level
Parent:	parent phone
Student's chess background:	

please make sure that your student is picked up at 3:20. We will dismiss chess club at 3:15

**** There will not be a Chess Club meeting on Monday, November 6.****

PowerSchool/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: <u>Click here for info on how to reset your password.</u>

PowerSchool Mobile App:

1. Download the PowerSchool Parent App through your device's <u>GooglePlay</u> or <u>Apple App Store</u>.

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/bt for more info.



Upcoming Activities	Back to Menu
Monday, November 6	Thursday, November 9
• None.	• None.
Tuesday, November 7	Friday, November 10
No School for K-12 Sudents—Election Day	• None.
Wednesday, November 8	Saturday, November 11
• None.	None
	Sunday, November 12
	• None

<u>Click here</u> to view the 2023-2024 District Calendar

District News

Update - Heritage Junior High/Gene L. Klida Utica Academy for International Studies Building Study



Parents, please see the following update from Mr. Monroe:

Utica Community Schools is committed, in partnership with the community, to empower students to positively transform their future and the world. We strive to prepare students for success beyond UCS, focusing on their education and safety today, and ensuring our schools are meeting student needs both now and in the future.

This commitment requires us to constantly review the use of our physical resources, to make certain our buildings are functioning safely and effectively and meeting the needs of the students and families in our community.

As we shared during last year's Safety and Success Bond election, we are taking a long term approach to our facility needs. This study is based on:

· Safety

· Age of the Facility

· Enrollment Patterns and Trends

This study includes a comprehensive look at the future of the shared site for Heritage Junior High School and the Gene L. Klida for International Studies. This was a need identified during both our strategic planning process and community surveys about future facility improvements. Heritage Junior High School and GLK-UAIS have been sharing a facility for the past 16 years. During that time, enrollment and building needs at Heritage and GLK-UAIS have experienced significant changes.

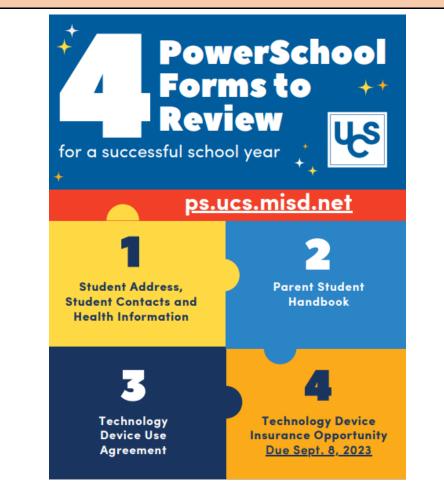
The district's long-standing citizens' committee – the Enrollment Distribution Advisory Committee – began to look at this issue in the spring. Their input will be considered along with enrollment projections, building needs assessments from our auxiliary services department, the efficient use of district resources, and making sure our students have access to programs and experiences that will empower their future.

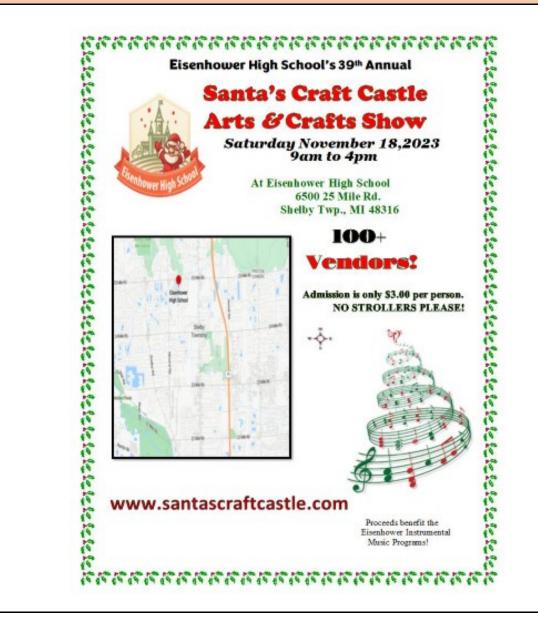
Additional information is available through a Fact Sheet on this website: <u>https://www.uticak12.org/buildingforthefuture</u>. You can also share your thoughts and questions here: <u>http://www.uticak12.org/feedback</u>. A final determination on the future of this site is expected in November.

Safe, secure, and educationally vibrant schools remain a priority. We also recognize that change can be difficult. By working in partnership, we can position our district to continue supporting student success for today's students and our future generations.



PowerSchool Forms to Review





CARE

"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."

Macomb County Crisis Center: 586-948-0222

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

Alateen/Alanon Family Groups: 800-813-3105

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

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

Polson Control Center: 800-222-1222C

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

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



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Youth and Family Programs

Visit www.careofsem.com for locations, times, and dates for all programs.

Peaceful Alternatives to Tough Situations (PATTS):

emotions in appropriate ways by understanding their own resources and developing their own plan Parent participation required

Teen Intervene:

CARE's Student Assistance

difficulties at school or in other social

Have you noticed a change in your child's/student's behaviors and/or

CARE of Southeastern Michigan understands the struggles that families are facing today.

emotional health concerns, there is a greate likelihood that a young person will experienc difficulties. Student Assistance offers

will conduct initial screenings and assess-ments to determine the extent of a student's problems and provide resources to best help

access to the most appropriate service for their area of concern.

attitudes?

Power of Drugs and Alcohol is a series designed 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



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



INDEPTH is the American Lung Association's

Camp CARE:

This program is offered for children/families who have been impacted by alcohol and other drugs by a loved one. Through small group discussions, children, youth and teens learn: You are not alone, identify and process feelings, how to be safe, celebrate themselves, how to handle peer pressure, conflict resolution, making healthy choices, and life skill building.

Teens Talking Truth:

T³ participates in social events, community service opportunities, and workshops that address the challenges of today's youth, with a primary focus on alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention and a healthy teen lifestyle. T³ also works to get rid of the myth that all teens require drugs or alcohol to have fun!



INDEPTH:

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 establishing healthy alternatives and making the trained, CARE facilitator either one-on-one or in a

group setting.

teaches students about nicotine dependence change to be free of all tobacco products. including e-cigarettes. INDEPTH is led by a



Dear Parent or Guardian:

Our school will be hosting a Zoom presentation on <u>OK2SAY – Michigan's student safety program</u> for students in 7th grade on **October 27**, **2023**, during 2nd hour.

The program is designed to inform students how they can help make their school and community safer by reporting dangerous and concerning behaviors to a trusted adult or OK2SAY.

Students in 6th – 8th grade learn about the program's purpose and how the tipline operates, including what incidents can be reported, how to submit a tip, and the actions taken after a tip is received. Students are encouraged to examine their behaviors and make smart and thoughtful decisions both online and off. The presentation discusses many issues that impact middle school students including bullying, cyberbullying, mental health issues, self-harm, suicide thoughts, sexting/sextortion, types of abuse, and the predator threat. Throughout the presentation, students are encouraged to stand up for themselves and their peers and always to be mindful of the power of their words. Please take a moment to review the videos featured in the presentation.

Additional information and resources are available at <u>OK2SAY(ok2say.com</u>).

If you do NOT want your child to participate, email your student's counselor by Tuesday, October 24, 2023.

Mrs. Raupp – A-K april.raupp@uticak12.org

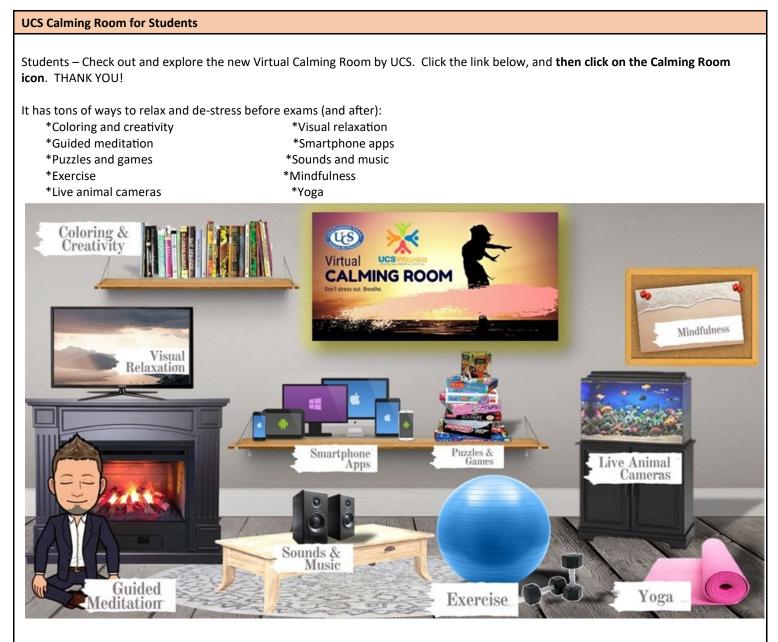
Mrs. Blanchard – L-Z autumn.blanchard@uticak12.org

Care Solace

Eppler students, staff, and families can use Care Solace to quickly connect to verified mental health and substance abuse treatment providers in our community.

Care Solace can connect you directly to their support staff when you call them at 888.515.0595 or you can search anonymously at <u>www.caresolace.com/utica</u>. You can also seek assistance from your student's counselor.

The Care Solace team is available 24/7/365 and can support you in any language.



UCS Calming Room - Utica Community Schools (uticak12.org)

Check out Monday Moments, COVID-19 Support Services, Macomb Food Program and more at: <u>www.uticak12.org/UCS_Wellness</u>

UCS Wellness Podcast

The UCS Wellness team is happy to announce the 13th 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. <u>UCS Wellness - Utica Community</u> <u>Schools</u>. The 13th podcast in the series is Managing Components of Biology.

Below is a list of the podcasts available on the Wellness page:

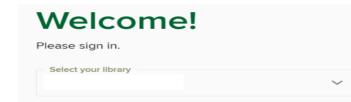
- Mental Health with guest, Nancy Buyle
- Grief and the Grieving Process for Children
- Family Communication
- CARE of Southeastern Michigan
- Discussing Dating Violence with Turning Point
- Tackling Tough Topics with the Macomb County Sheriff's Office
- Our Youth and Vaping
- Youth and Suicide Prevention
- 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.

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Click on the Virtual Library Card icon from the ClassLink dashboard.
 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)

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	UAIS			
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	Virtual School (Elementary, Junior			
for LIBRARY	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.

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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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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 <u>brand named</u> 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

Free and Reduced Lunch Applications

Last year's free & reduced applications expired on Friday, October 13, 2023.

As required by federal guidelines, students without an approved 2023-2024 Free and Reduced Meal Application on file will not be eligible to receive additional benefits such as EBT assistance, reduced pay to participate and AP test fees, and other items beginning October 14th. Families must fill out a new application form located at https://utica.familyportal.cloud as soon as possible in order for benefits to continue.

If there are any questions, please call the Office of Food and Nutrition Services at 586-797-1180.



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. <u>MDE Special Diet Form.</u>

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 Ed

Art Box Studio



In Case You Missed It

Back To School

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



Staff Lounge Make-Over

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



















Thank you to our football, volleyball, and student council members for participating in the annual Homecoming Parade. Beautiful weather, fun times and great memories for all.



Each month staff members nominate kids they catch doing random acts of kindness. These are students who are not being asked to do anything, they just graciously do it out of the goodness of their hearts. Then once a month the counselors go into the classrooms and reward these students for their kind gesture. This months nominees were:

Tommy Mercario, Alexander Moore, Aleyna Margilaj, Layleigh Monroe, Madilyn Backus, McKenna Jordan, Tristan Taepke, Justin Nrecaj, Charlie Hinton, Hope Jasmund, James Bishop, Karly Ingals, Gavin Camp, Jaxson Readett, Jacob Koja, Christian Priester

Thank you to all of the nominees and keep up the kindness

Chieftain of the Month

Congrats to our September Chieftains of the Month!

Alexander Sesi, Joshua Hayes, Justin Nrecaj, Tristyn Taepke, Christian Wilson-Hardwick, Peyton Combs, Gabriella Still, Samantha Gott, Emma Stone, Alyssa Martin, ,Karly Ingalls, Kylee Backus



The Eppler staff would like to give a BIG thank you to Ms. Bluhm and Ms. Mansfield for putting together the pizza lunch for staff prior to the October 13 conferences. We would also like to thank Sam's Sorrento's Pizza in Utica for their generous donation of all the pizza.









Kindness Branches Out

Students and staff signed their name to a leaf pledging to be kind to one another and attached it to our kindness tree. The beautiful tree was created by Evelyn Urban and Daniella Najar.





Students colored placemats with positive messages which were donated to a local Meals-On-Wheels program to give to their special clients.



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Each day staff and students were asked to dress up in a kindness theme. Thursday's participants wore their favorite music artist/band t-shirt to show KINDNESS ROCKS! Good job everyone!

Dress Up Days





Door Decorating Contest

All 4th hour classes were given the challenge to decorate their classroom door in a design that promotes kindness. The three classrooms below won a pizza party. All of the doors were awesome!







Rooms 113/114

Room 134

Room 117



Guest Speaker

To start off our Kindness Matters Week, students saw a presentation by motivational speaker and magician, Anthony Grupido.



Students were able to color and fill out notes of appreciation for teachers and other school staff which were then delivered.



Special thanks to the AVID students who helped out!

