



December 4, 2023

Eppler Express



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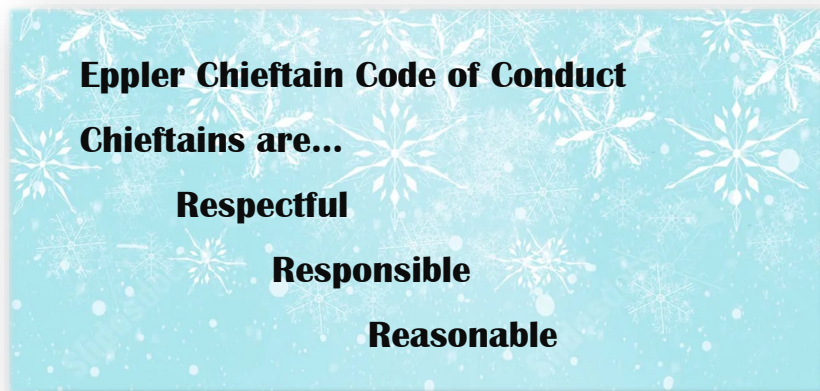
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Monday, December 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chess Club in Ms. Byron's Room #19 2:15 - 3:15 	Thursday, December 7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None.
Tuesday, December 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESAB Meeting Room 136 2:25 – 3:25 pm 	Friday, December 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirit Day : Red Wings Day 
Wednesday, December 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eppler Vocal Music Concert @ UHS Auditorium 7:00 pm • Wellness Wednesday : PJ Day 	Saturday, December 9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
	Sunday, December 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None





Dear Chieftain Family and Friends,

In the past, the Eppler Chieftain family has generously supported many worthwhile charitable causes, especially during the holidays. We, as a community, have championed the endeavors of the United States Marine Corps' **Toys for Tots** program, the Shelby Township Lions Club's **Township Food Basket/Canned Food Drive** program, Bright Side Dental's **Candy for Soldiers** program, Hamlin Pub's **Hamlin Holiday/Adopt A Family** program, as well as offered support to families in need within our own community. During the trying times we find ourselves in, most of these programs are operating at limited capacity, and we will still support them as we are able. However, we have also determined that we would again like to focus on our families in need right here at Eppler.

To borrow a title for this program from a neighboring school community, we will embark on our **Friends Helping Families** program once again this year, and will continue to make it one of our annual community projects. We are asking that you partner with us to support our own families who may be struggling. I know, yes, I absolutely know, how caring and generous this community is, and know we can, together, make a difference!!

We are asking that you, should you want to be involved, purchase gift cards in any amount, from stores such as Meijer, Target, Walmart, Kroger, other grocery stores, local gas stations, etc., and any gift card will be graciously accepted! Please indicate the amount of the gift card you are donating. Gift cards in the \$10 - \$25 range seem to work best to spread this blessing to all our families in need. **Please send in your donation to Eppler, or drop it off at the school, by Wednesday, December 13, 2023.**

If you find your family needing a little extra help this holiday season, please contact one of our wonderful school counselors, who will confidentially add your name to our list, and make arrangements with you. Our counselors can be contacted at april.raupp@uticak12.org (Counselor for students with last names A-K), and autumn.blanchard@uticak12.org (Counselor for students with last names L-Z).

I am thanking you in advance, with the greatest of confidence, for your generous support of our Eppler Chieftain families who may be struggling this holiday season.

You may send in your donation with your child OR drop off your donation at the school between the hours of 7:00 am and 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday, until Wednesday, December 13, 2023, OR mail to the school at Eppler Junior High School, 45461 Brownell, Utica, MI, 48317, Attn: Ms. Autumn Blanchard-Brinich.

I again genuinely and warmly thank you!! Be well! Be safe! Be healthy! Be happy!! And enjoy the blessings of this holiday season!!

Jerry

Toys for Tots

This year we are putting a fun spin on our "Toys for Tots" campaign. The local fire department is sponsoring a fun competition between local schools, including Trinity and St. Lawrence, to see who can collect the most toys. The winning school will win a trophy that will be rotated each year based on the results. We would love to take home this trophy while also raising awareness for a great program. Please consider donating new and unwrapped toys to Eppler junior high to support this great cause. This campaign will run through December 8th, and the winning school announced at the City of Utica's Tree Lighting event on December 9th. Students will receive a raffle ticket for every toy donated for an opportunity to win an ice cream party for them and two friends of their choice. Please contact Ms. Blanchard for more details



Chieftain of the Month

Congrats to our November Chieftains of the Month!

Carter Smith, Jaydon Washington, Jayden Fuller, Jose Gonzalez, Noah Karrandja, McKenzie Boyd, Alie Garrett, Emerson Hansen, Cassidy Smiley, Megan Dziadzio, Eva Normandin and Abigail Luzier



Thankful Thursday

The Eppler staff would like to give another BIG thank you to our EPIC Group for supplying a Thankful Thursday lunch coordinated by Ms. Bluhm and Ms. Mansfield, Ms. Blash and Mrs. Panoff.



WELLNESS WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 6, 2023

1 PJ Day - The first hour class with the highest participation will win a donut and juice breakfast.

2 Fun Wellness Activities offered during all lunch periods.

3 Wellness Strategies introduced in each class to help students put some wellness "tools" in their "toolboxes."

4 Wellness Tips for healthy sleep habits shared at the start of each hour.

*Next Wellness Wednesday is February 7, 2024!

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-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



EPPLER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL DAILY SCHEDULE

1ST HOUR 7:20 a.m. – 8:17 a.m.
2ND HOUR 8:23 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.
3RD HOUR 9:26 a.m. – 10:23 a.m.
4TH 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.

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

EXAM DAY SCHEDULE

1ST EXAM 7:20 a.m. – 8:48 a.m.
2ND 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 st Time	2 nd Time	3 rd Time	4 th time
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taken to Office• Parent must pick up	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taken to Office• Parent must pick up• After-School Detention	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taken to Office• Parent must pick up• Saturday School	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taken to Office• Parent must pick up• One-Day Suspension• Phone banned from building

Note: Eppler Junior High and UCS assume NO responsibility for theft, loss or damage of your device. The student assumes full responsibility and brings the device at their own risk.



Eppler Jr. High

ID Badge Requirements

(directly from the handbook)



EVERY student must WEAR his or her 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 after school 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. 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

Please stop in the Counseling Hallway to check out the selection of Lost and Found items. Items not claimed by the end of the semester will be donated.



Utica CSD 2023-2024 AP® Exam Registration

Join your 2023-2024 MyAP Classroom:

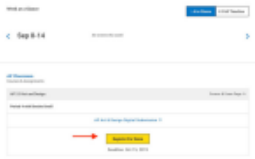
- All students will be able to join an AP® Classroom on the College Board MyAP at <http://myap.collegeboard.org> where they will be able to access College Board provided course resources and materials as well as an individualized performance dashboard.
- Teachers will be able to use the resources in 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 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>



Learn more about the 2023-24 school year by visiting

UticaK12.org/OpenHouse

or scan the QR code



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: [UCS School Safety: Standard Response Protocol – Junior High - YouTube](#) If you have any questions, please contact our office.



Shadowing visits for the IB Program

Can you believe it? It's time to start planning for the 2024-2025 school year. If you have an 8th grader who is interested in attending Utica's IB Program at GLK-UAIS, we are now offering shadowing! Please complete this form: <https://forms.office.com/r/ziyv7kKTCE?origin=lprLink> to sign up. Shadows are limited to 3 spots per day, so be sure to secure your spot for a shadow opportunity today!

- Dates for shadowing visits will be available beginning on **November 1, 2023**. **Shadowing ends March 15, 2024**.
- After submitting your shadowing request, our staff will contact you within a week about confirming a date and provide more information about the process.

Yearbooks



The Eppler Junior High School yearbook captures today's memories to enjoy for a lifetime.

Don't miss out — reserve your copy today!

WAYS TO ORDER:



ONLINE

[JOSTENSYEARBOOKS.COM](https://www.jostensyearbooks.com)



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CALL

1.877.767.5217
8AM-5PM CST
MONDAY-FRIDAY

OTHER HELPFUL INFO:

[JOSTENSYEARBOOKS.COM](https://www.jostensyearbooks.com)

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Eppler & Utica Sports

7th/8th Grade Boys Basketball

UCS 7th/8th GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL 2023 - 2024

Game Time: 4:00 & 5:30

**Dec. 4 – Jan 8: 7th grade will play the first game followed by the 8th grade
Jan 11– Feb 1: 8th grade will play the first game followed by the 7th grade

Mon., December 4

Bemis @ Malow
Davis @ Jeannette
Eppler @ Heritage
Shelby - Bye

Thurs., December 7

Heritage @ Davis
Jeannette @ Bemis
Malow @ Shelby
Eppler - Bye

Mon., December 11

Davis @ Shelby
Eppler @ Malow
Heritage @ Jeannette
Bemis - Bye

Thurs., December 14

Jeannette @ Eppler
Malow @ Davis
Shelby @ Bemis
Heritage - Bye

Mon., December 18

Eppler @ Bemis
Heritage @ Shelby
Jeannette @ Malow
Davis - Bye

Fri., January 5

Malow @ Heritage
Shelby @ Eppler
Bemis @ Davis
Jeannette - Bye

Mon., January 8

Shelby @ Jeannette
Bemis @ Heritage
Davis @ Eppler
Malow - Bye

Thurs., January 11

Malow @ Bemis
Jeannette @ Davis
Heritage @ Eppler
Shelby - Bye

Tues., January 16

Davis @ Heritage
Bemis @ Jeannette
Shelby @ Malow
Eppler - Bye

Thurs., January 18

Shelby @ Davis
Malow @ Eppler
Jeannette @ Heritage
Bemis - Bye

Mon., January 22

Eppler @ Jeannette
Davis @ Malow
Bemis @ Shelby
Heritage - Bye

Thurs., January 25

Bemis @ Eppler
Shelby @ Heritage
Malow @ Jeannette
Davis - Bye

Mon., January 29

Heritage @ Malow
Eppler @ Shelby
Davis @ Bemis
Jeannette - Bye

Thurs., February 1

Jeannette @ Shelby
Heritage @ Bemis
Eppler @ Davis
Malow - Bye

UHS Conditioning / Open Gym ****FRESHMEN****



COME JOIN US!

**Monday, Wednesday,
and Friday conditioning
and open gyms for
Freshman, Sophomore's,
Junior's, and Senior's
looking to play this year
and getting the work in!**

6:30 PM- 8:30 PM



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

LOCATION – EISENHOWER HS MEDIA CENTER
DATE – DECEMBER 5TH 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 10-12th grade at Utica High School AND Eisenhower High School and 9th grade students (Malow, Shelby, Eppler and Jeanette) whose students are eligible to play for Utica or IKE. If you were unable to attend the first meeting in October, please plan on attending as we are trying to get all the specifics for the team in order. Player experience is not required but would be beneficial. The teams will continue to be merged for the 2024 season.

The Board and Coaches will provide updates to the timelines for spring season, meet the coaches, update winter conditioning and box team programs, equipment and merch, and athletic requirements, team parent involvement, Q&A and a few other topics.

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

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

GO UTICA-IKE!



Wrestling



**BOYS AND GIRLS
7/8 WRESTLING CLUB**

- NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED
- Compete at your size and skill level
- No Cuts or "sitting the bench"
- Must have sports physical

- Parent/Athlete Meeting
- When: Monday Nov 6th
- 6pm, Eppler Cafeteria

CONTACT FOR MORE INFO:
Coach Davis
Clinton.davis@uticak12.org

Grab an info sheet from main office and participate in this great winter sport

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

**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 9th 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 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

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. **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: _____

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

Coaches: Braden Cheung and Marwan Hassan CheungB@stu.uticak12.org
HassanM1@stu.uticak12.org

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: _____

Student's math teacher _____ hour _____

(in case I need to relay information about chess practice)

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: [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.



Monday, December 11	Thursday, December 14
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chess Club in Ms. Byron's Room #19 2:15 - 3:15 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7th/8th Grade Boys Basketball Jeannette @ Eppler
Tuesday, December 12	Friday, December 15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Council 7:00 am and 2:15 pm Room 107 or Room 120 Instrumental Music Concert Main Gym 7:00 pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chieftain of the Month Lunch Room 136 11:06-12:08 pm
Wednesday, December 13	Saturday, December 16
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drama Performance at UHS 7:00 pm Epic Meeting MC Conference Room 9:00 - 10:00 am 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None
	Sunday, December 17
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None

[Click here](#) to view the 2023-2024 District Calendar



Robert S. Monroe
Superintendent of Schools
11303 Greendale
Sterling Heights, MI 48312
(586) 797-1100
www.UticaK12.org

November 15, 2023

Dear UCS Community,

The UCS Empowered Strategic Plan was developed to guide the future success of Utica Community Schools. We are committed to sharing important updates with you as we implement key aspects of this planning process.

As we have previously shared, an area of focus over the past few months was the shared use of Heritage Junior High School and the Gene L. Klida Utica Academy for International Studies. Secondary attendance boundaries in this area were also included in this assessment.

The district will pursue a long-term plan based on input from the Enrollment Distribution Advisory Committee (EDAC). This group, composed of parents from each school, reviewed the building needs assessments from our Auxiliary Services Department, student access to programs and experiences, and attendance patterns. District leadership has considered options based upon the UCS vision of providing students with a range of opportunities.

Based upon the data and discussions to date, the district plans to move forward with adjustments to its junior high school attendance areas. Under these changes, students at Heritage Junior High School will begin attending other area secondary schools next school year. This change will ensure that current Heritage Junior High School students have access to the same opportunities available to students in schools with greater enrollment.

The new attendance areas will follow the major boundaries of Van Dyke and the Clinton River. These adjustments to the attendance areas will help balance junior high school enrollment. In addition, it will address long-term instances where subdivisions are geographically separated from the neighboring communities or families have to travel great distances to attend their assigned school.

Our focus is to make this transition as seamless as possible and work to minimize the impact of this change. We are committed to helping families and our staff by personally addressing questions that may arise. In the long-term, these modifications will increase opportunities for students while using resources and facilities more effectively. We have provided additional information on our website. In addition, there is an online form on this site that you may use to share feedback or ask questions.

At UCS, our priority is providing our students with safe, secure and educationally vibrant schools. We want every student to have opportunities to grow, develop and ultimately pursue their educational passion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Robert S. Monroe'.

Robert S. Monroe
Superintendent of Schools

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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: <https://www.uticak12.org/buildingforthefuture>. You can also share your thoughts and questions here: <http://www.uticak12.org/feedback>. 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.

Macomb County Student Government Day



Macomb County Board of Commissioners

The Macomb County Board of Commissioners is inviting public and private school students in grades 9-12 to partake in the county's second annual Student Government Day in mid to late January of 2024. Interested students are to write an essay according to the prompt on the attached flyer (16A). The Commissioners will choose their favorite essays and invite those students to the event. A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to the student writing the top essay. Click on the following link for additional details and feel free to share with grade 9-12 students. [Student Government Day | Macomb County \(bocmacomb.org\)](https://www.bocmacomb.org)

A free event for the entire community, including students and their parents/guardians.

Explore Careers in Manufacturing and Technology

Thursday, Dec. 7, 2023 • 5:30–7:30pm

Macomb Community College Sports & Expo Center • 14500 E. 12 Mile Road, Warren, MI 48088

- Enjoy hands-on exhibits and activities, including concept cars
- Learn about job skills that are in high demand
- Hear from recent graduates who found good-paying career employment
- Meet local businesses and learn who employers are hiring
- Discover the career pathway that's right for you
- Learn about apprenticeship programs, including the Michigan Apprenticeship Program Plus (MAP+)



Register Today! macomb.edu/MFGevening **Walk-ins Welcome.**



Center for Advanced
Automotive Technology



Supported by a generous grant
from the Farns Family Foundation



Presented by Macomb Community College in collaboration with Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Manufacturing and Mathematics (STEM) partners.

About Engineering & Advanced Technology at Macomb

We offer a range of programs designed to prepare you for careers in advanced manufacturing and automotive technology. Options include traditional educational pathways that lead to certificates and associate degrees, apprenticeship programs that combine on-the-job training with practical classroom and lab instruction, and short-term training programs designed to address immediate employment needs.



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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

Questions? Contact Jenelle Dubey:

586.797.6904 or 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

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



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WALK-IN INTERVIEWS
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18
10AM - NOON


EISENHOWER HIGH SCHOOL
6500 25 MILE ROAD


THE UCS AUXILIARY SERVICES CENTER
6600 18 MILE RD

4 **PowerSchool
Forms to
Review** 
for a successful school year

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 <u>Due Sept. 8, 2023</u>

The graphic is a 2x2 grid of puzzle pieces. The top-left piece is yellow with the number 1 and text 'Student Address, Student Contacts and Health Information'. The top-right piece is blue with the number 2 and text 'Parent Student Handbook'. The bottom-left piece is dark blue with the number 3 and text 'Technology Device Use Agreement'. The bottom-right piece is orange with the number 4 and text 'Technology Device Insurance Opportunity Due Sept. 8, 2023'. Above the grid is a red banner with the website 'ps.ucs.misd.net'. The top section has a dark blue background with the title '4 PowerSchool Forms to Review' and 'for a successful school year' with stars and the UCS logo.

**HOLIDAY
SHOPPING
NIGHT**

**UTICA HIGH SCHOOL
CHIEF CONNECTION
DECEMBER 7, 2023**

5:30-7:30 PM **ENTER THRU DOOR 5**

The poster features a Santa Claus character on the left side, wearing a red suit and white beard, holding a sign. The background is a light purple gradient. The text is in large, bold, teal and red fonts. At the bottom, there is a red banner with the time '5:30-7:30 PM' and a teal banner with 'ENTER THRU DOOR 5'.

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 for locations, times, and dates for all programs.

Peaceful Alternatives to Tough Situations (PATS):

An educational series to help youth deal with their emotions in appropriate ways by understanding their own resources and developing their own plan of action with skills that really work!

* Parent participation required

Teen Intervene:

Power of Drugs and Alcohol is a series designed to provide education, support and guidance to teens that have experienced mild to moderate use of alcohol or other drugs. This program also offers parents and guardians the opportunity to learn healthy communication skills and the importance of establishing family rules regarding alcohol or other drug use.

* Parent participation required

Parent Education Classes:

A series for parents to discuss ways to understand behavior, build self-esteem, increase cooperation and provide discipline that teaches personal responsibility. Groups include early childhood (ages 0-5), school age (ages 6-12) and teens (ages 13-18). A book for the appropriate age group is required.



INDEPTH:

INDEPTH is the American Lung Association's Intervention for Nicotine Dependence, Education, Prevention, Tobacco and Health program. A forward-thinking alternative to suspension or citation for tobacco use, including e-cigarettes, INDEPTH addresses the teen vaping epidemic in a more supportive way. This interactive program teaches students about nicotine dependence, establishing healthy alternatives and making the change to be free of all tobacco products, including e-cigarettes. INDEPTH is led by a trained, CARE facilitator either one-on-one or in a group setting.

Camp CARE:

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

Teens Talking Truth:

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



Care Solace

If you or a family member are looking for help with mental health or substance use, Care Solace can help you quickly find treatment options matched to your needs regardless of the circumstance. Care Solace is a complimentary and confidential service provided to students, staff, and their families by Utica Community Schools.

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

If you would like to use Care Solace to help you find a provider:

- Call 888-515-0595 (available 24/7/365)
- Search on your own OR click "Book Appointment" for assistance by video chat, email, or phone via caresolace.com/Utica.

Disclaimer:

Information on individual treatment providers was gathered by Care Solace based on criteria such as geographic proximity, whether the provider accepts the authorized user's insurance, and whether the provider is accepting new patients. The school district does not recommend, endorse, promote, or refer to any of the individual treatment providers.

UCS Calming Room for Students

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

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

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



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

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

www.uticak12.org/UCS_Wellness

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. [UCS Wellness - Utica Community Schools](#). 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.



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 homepage with a search form titled "What do you need help with today?". The form includes a "Topic" dropdown menu with options like Math, Science, English, and History. Below the topic menu is a "Grade" dropdown menu with options like 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, and "I don't know". There is also a "Subject" dropdown menu and a "Grade" dropdown menu. 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.

02

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 shows messages from a tutor and a student, including a question about the equation $y = mx + b$.

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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



Macomb Community College's K12 Relations Department is hosting an informational meeting for high school students and their families on Dual Enrollment opportunities at the college.

Students can qualify to receive college credit at no cost while still attending high school. The presentation will explore the "Facts of Dual Enrollment," including finances, convenience, and the Michigan Transfer Agreement. There will also be information available about other programs offered at Macomb. Preregistration is strongly encouraged but not required. Contact Jim Lundie at 586.349.8719 or lundie659@macomb.edu if you have questions about the event.

In Case You Missed It

Back To School

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



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



Homecoming

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.



Caught Being Kind

Choose 
KINDNESS.

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 month's 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



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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!



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.



Thank You!!!

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 Matters

A WEEK IN REVIEW

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 Najjar.



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



Dress Up Days

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!



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!



Room 134



Room 117



Rooms 113/114



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!

Kindness Matters at Eppler!



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:

Carter Czapski, Jayden Washington, Dominic Toth, Mateo Pipetone, Presley Orlovski, Audrey Hinton, Brooke Maffetone, Manuel Yaldo, Hunter Brockway, Abby Luzier, Eva Normandin, Evelyn Urban, Daniella Najar, Farah Hami, Afra Lopez, Maria Martinez, Melanie Macias-Gonzalez, Anthony Camilleri, Cassidy Smiley, Jackson Jolly, Ella Lobb, Carl Ventimiglia, Denise Acebedo, Veronica Timmons, Michael Long, Lilian Boskovich, Jacob Koja, Jayden Washington and Derrick Keehn

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

GOLDEN TICKET RAFFLE RESULTS



Last week, students were given a Golden Ticket for each class in which they had ZERO missing assignments. Students used the tickets to enter a raffle. The grand prize was a pizza party at lunch with two friends and the runner-up winners were given a coupon to use at the school store. Good job everyone!

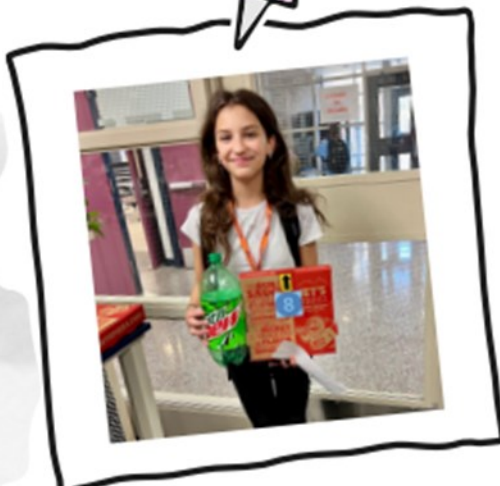


CONGRATULATIONS!



GRAND PRIZE WINNERS

Emma Blash
Angelina Bshara
Hollye Kilburg



RUNNER-UP WINNERS

Savanna Stachurski
Michael Lasceski
Milania Bitti
Brayden Beebe
Layleigh Monroe
Gavin Anys
Abigail Gabridge
Kaitlyn Gorlewski
Nachelle Hopson
Sawyer Willis
Tristyn Taepke
Lilly McNair
Mariana Bleck
Kendall Yousef
Matthew Thomas



2023 HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST



Above: Teachers' choices from each class selected to move on to the final judging

Below: Final Winners !!

Each winner received a coupon to the Chieftain Corner Store for one item of their choice.

