

WEEK OF APRIL 3 - 14

# BEMIS BULLETIN BOARD (B3).

Bemis Jr. High School's Newsletter for Parents



Spring Break



There will be **No School:**  
Monday, April 3rd - Friday April 7th  
School will resume on  
Monday April 10th.

# UPCOMING DATES

4/10: Classes resume

4/12: PSAT 8

4/13: PSAT 8

4/14: 7/8th Track vs. Eppler (Eisenhower Track)



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**Dear Parents,**

**This is a reminder that report cards will be available on your parent PowerSchool account later today. Similar to the last report card for the 2nd marking period, Report cards are being shared through a more secure method using your parent PowerSchool account. The file can only be accessed through a web browser, such as Edge, Chrome or Safari. Please note that the link is not available through the PowerSchool App.**

**Directions on how to access the report cards are available at this <https://www.uticak12.org/domain/3330>**

**Utica Community Schools will send an email when the report cards are available. If you have issues accessing the file once it is available, please contact us at 586-797-2500.**

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Getting on the honor roll is a big, but attainable, goal. It looks good on college and university applications and raises your confidence in your work ability. The honor roll is one of the most important awards to get. So if you achieve this goal while you are in school, you should feel very proud of your accomplishment. Though seemingly a lot of work, it can be a straightforward task to get on the honor roll by simply applying yourself and putting in a little extra, strategic effort.

Congratulations to all of our Bemis Spartans who made the 'A' or 'B' Honor Roll this quarter and All O's for Citizenship!

***Click the pic to view***

# SPARTAN OF THE MONTH

## February | March 2023

Each month, Bemis staff members can nominate students to be a Spartan of the Month. Staff members look for students who display various success skills: organization, initiative, integrity, and responsibility are just a few of the examples.

Spartans of the Month will receive a "Front of the Line pass," be honored at lunch that month, \$2 Gift Card to the Bemis PitStop, be listed here, on our school website, Facebook/Instagram and be featured on our in-school tv's. Great job Spartans!



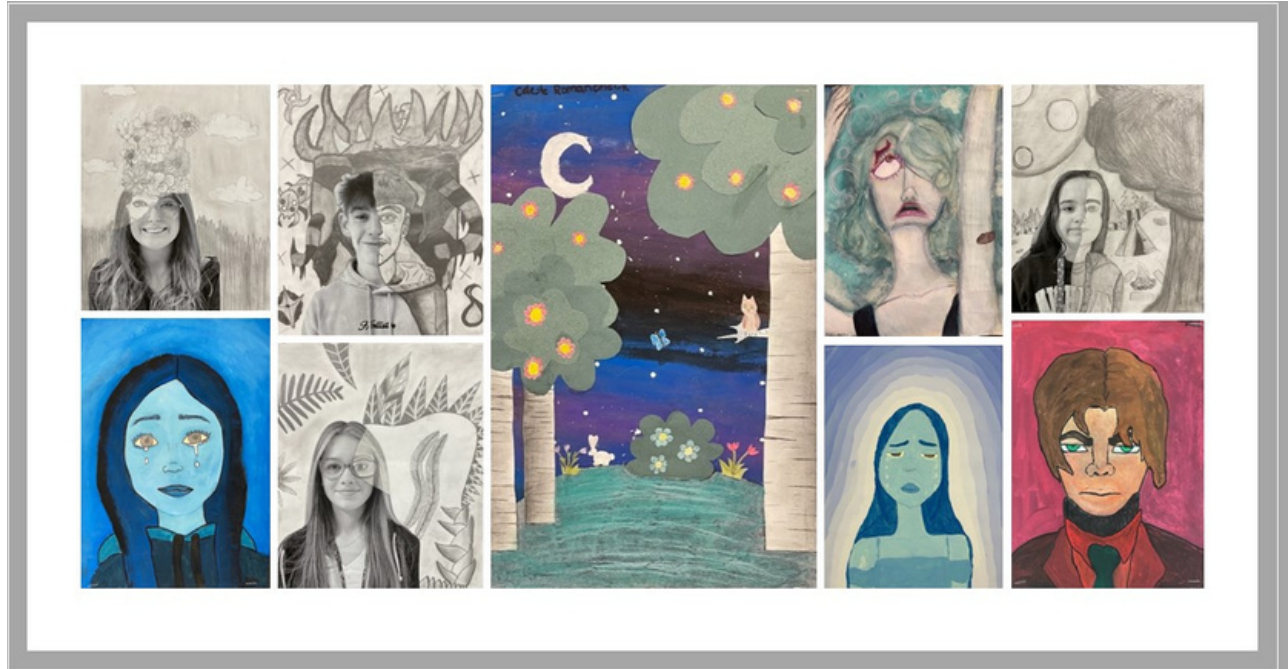
**7th grade:** Ja'Saund C, Katia D, Aaron D, Marina K, Emily L, Julianna L, Kaylee M, Julie N, Chase P, Connor T, Isabelle V, Reegan W, Isabella W

**8th grade:** Yazin A, Jasmine B, Derrick C, Haydar F, Gabriel F, Aubrey F, Alexander L, Liam L, Michael L, Alice O, Lily O, Allison P, Aidan S, Cameron W, Maya Z

*Go Spartans!*



# April Artists of the Month



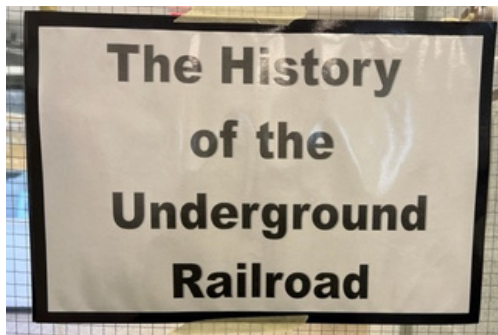
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Hannah U, Khadijah M, Alexis O, Rosalia D, Maya L, Claryssa L, Jasmine  
C, Mike L, Julie N, Velandia M, Reema H



Instructor: Ms. Leisa Borrer



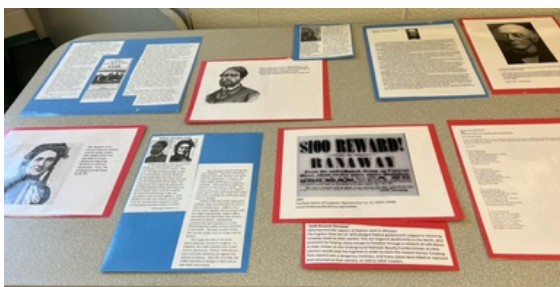
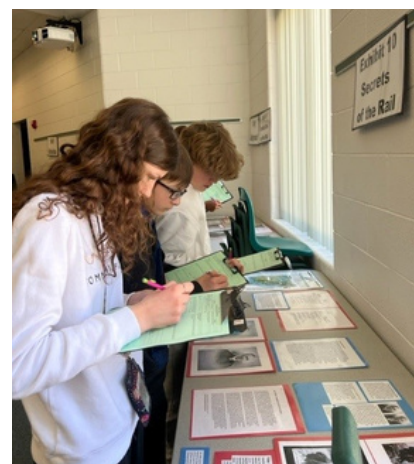
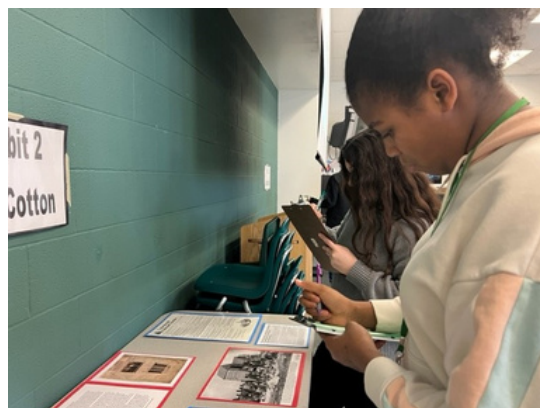
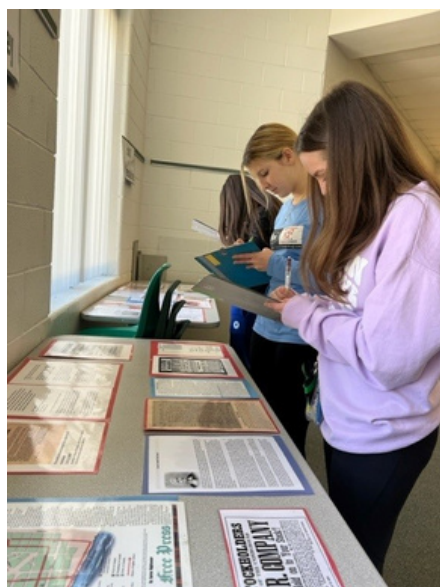
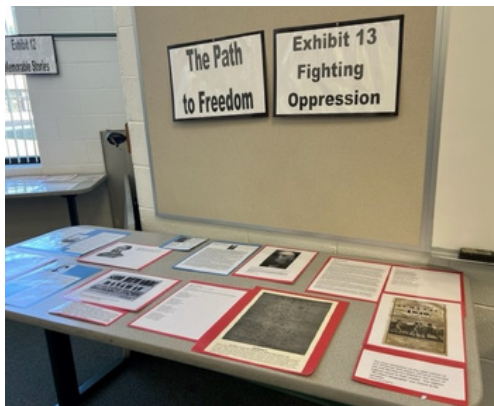
# Underground Railroad Museum



In Mrs. Kauflin's 8th grade U.S history classes at Bemis, students had the opportunity to explore an Underground Railroad Museum in the school Presentation Room.

While exploring the museum students analyzed primary and secondary sources related to all aspects of slavery from its beginning in America, up through the Civil War.

Through their exploration of the museum, students discovered powerful images, stories of courage, and a variety of individuals who had an influential role in the story of slavery in America. Following this close and critical look at the documents displayed, students used their expertise to answer critical thinking questions. These questions required students to cite evidence from the museum exhibits to support the claim that they made.





***\*Students must be accompanied by their parent or guardian for both home and away athletic events.***

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7th & 8th Grade Track  
Friday, April 14th (Bemis vs. Eppler)  
Eisenhower Track @ 4pm

## Track Spirit Wear



### **Bemis Jr. High Spirit Wear**

Bemis (Grey) <https://ts030888.prospherefanshop.com/>

Bemis (White) <https://ts030889.prospherefanshop.com/>

Bemis (Black) <https://ts030887.prospherefanshop.com/>



The Pit Stop will be open every day during 4th hour lunches. Students may buy string backpacks, school supplies, and so much more!



Order your 2022-2023 Bemis Yearbook today at [Jostensyearbooks.com](https://jostensyearbooks.com).

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## School Laptop Reminders



- CHARGE each night & Shut Them Down, do not just put to sleep!
- Save all your work in One Drive in case we have to swap your computer
- Please do not apply any stickers to the laptop
- Please do not eat or drink near your laptop, avoid sticky keys
- Keep it off the floor so it doesn't get stepped on
- Keep your hands to yourself. If you damage another computer you are responsible
- Keep your hands to yourself when in the halls. Pushing could = cracked screen
- Please put a label on your charger with your name on it
- Students "New" to the district have 10 calendar days from their first day of school to enroll in insurance program.



**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



## College & Career Pathways

Henry Ford II High School

April 27, 2023

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



## Elementary Math Tournament

Utica High School

May 11, 2023

4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Henry Ford II HS Instrumental Music Boosters



**Mom 2 Mom Sale**  
**Saturday, April 22**

Over 150 Tables!

**9am to 1pm**  
**Admission: \$3**  
**Early Bird at 8am/\$5**

**Henry Ford II High School**  
**11911 Clinton River Road, Sterling Heights**  
**(South of 19 Mile Road)**

Seller space rental at [www.hf2imb.org](http://www.hf2imb.org)



Click the *Falcon* for HF II Info





Calling All Browning Alumni!

## **BROWNING FUN FAIR**

**We need your HELP!**

We need your help to work shifts the day of the event. If you are interested in helping make the Fun Fair great, please send us an email and we will add you to the list.

**When: Friday, May 12, 2023**

**Time: 6:00 - 9:00pm**

**Location: Browning Elementary**

**Email: [browningpta@gmail.com](mailto:browningpta@gmail.com)**

*Volunteers  
needed*



Utica Community Schools  
Community Education

### **2023 Eisenhower High School Eagles Youth Tennis Camp Spring 2023**

**Grades 3—8**

Players will learn the basic skills of tennis including: groundstrokes, volleys, serving, singles and doubles strategy and how to keep score.

Incorporates practices and match play. This is an opportunity for middle school students to play a sport offered at the high school.

\* Includes about 30 hours of tennis.

Questions: Contact the Coach!  
[Michael.pearson@uticak12.org](mailto:Michael.pearson@uticak12.org) or [Kevin.donahue@uticak12.org](mailto:Kevin.donahue@uticak12.org)

Camp#: 6700-WS23A  
Grades: 3-8 (Fall 2023)  
Location: Eisenhower Tennis Courts  
Dates: April 25 - June 4 (T/TH/SUN)  
Times: 5:15 - 7:15 pm (T/TH)  
1:00 - 3:00 pm (Sun)  
Cost: \$180  
Director: Mike Pearson  
Coaches: Josh Donahue & Varsity Tennis Assistants  
Please bring water/drink

Register online or by phone  
**[ucsccommunityeducation.ce.eleyo.com](http://ucsccommunityeducation.ce.eleyo.com)**  
586-797-6900  
No refunds. No registrations taken on site.



## HF II Dance Team Clinics/Tryouts

Stevenson & Ford's Dance Team tryouts are right around the corner! Please complete the tryout interest form if you are interested in joining the team!

We will also have some pre-tryout clinics to help prepare for tryouts. Contact us if you have any questions, we can't wait for our upcoming season!

### Interest Form

<https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSd7wR1geDI9jN.../viewform>



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## Utica Community Schools 2023 College and Career Pathways

The district will host its 17th annual College and Career Pathways from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 27, 2023 at Henry Ford II High School. This event is aimed at current eighth through eleventh graders. Up to fifty post-secondary institutions will be in attendance to offer information to assist students with their post-secondary plans.

# The more you know...



- Spring Break started in the 1930s as a swim coach's idea to have his team train in Florida during their school break.
- The most popular spring break destinations for college students in the US are Cancun, Mexico, and Panama City Beach, Florida.
- Between 1.5 and 2 million students go on spring break every year and collectively spend over one billion dollars.
- Corporate brands promoting their products and services on Spring Break stand a very good chance of increasing their brand awareness by 30 percent by the time their campaign is over.
- Spring Break injects hundreds of millions of dollars into the local economy and provides local businesses nearly 40 percent of their income for the entire year.
- Spring Break is a chance for students to take some time off, de-stress and enjoy some downtime before heading back to school, college or university for the end of the academic year.

## Word of the Day

Monday	<b>Trace</b>	A very small amount of something. *There was a trace of smoke in the air. *The police detective found a trace of lipstick on the glass.
Tuesday	<b>Ultimate</b>	Last or farthest in a progression; final. *Your grade will be based on the quality of your ultimate product. *To become a full professor is her ultimate goal.
Wednesday	<b>PSAT</b>	PSAT
Thursday	<b>PSAT</b>	PSAT
Friday	<b>Period</b>	A section of time with a set beginning and end. *We will be on vacation for a period of three weeks.



Check us out and like us on FB & IG to stay up to date on happenings at Bemis Junior High School. Click the pic to be taken to our pages.



Keep up to date with all Bemis events on our website **CALENDAR**. Club meetings, sporting events, spirit days, days off, conferences... As soon as information is available it is updated on the website calendar.



### Lost & Found

The Lost and Found is located on the stage in the cafeteria. Please take a moment to look for your lost items.



# Homework Club Permission Form

## **Bemis Junior High School Homework Club Parent and Student Permission form**

My child: \_\_\_\_\_, grade \_\_\_\_\_, has my permission to participate in The Bemis Homework Club. I understand that it is my responsibility to provide transportation for my child. My child understands that it is his/her responsibility to arrive on time, bring all necessary materials to the Bemis Junior High School Media Center and be prepared to work. My child also understands that all Bemis Junior High School rules apply, and he/she will follow them or face removal from The Bemis Homework Club.

Students will sit quietly at a table and begin homework assignments. When in need of help with the assignment, students will raise their hand. At times the students can quietly work together on common assignments. All students must have a book to read quietly if they finish their work prior to the time of dismissal.

Parent Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### STUDENT

I understand that I am expected to bring all my supplies to The Bemis Homework Club and work in a quiet and respectful manner from 3:05 – 4:05.

Student Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_

# Homework Club Session Dates

## Bemis Junior High School Homework Club

### 2022-2023 Sessions\*

Homework Club Dates
Monday 11/14/22
Tuesday 11/15/22
Wednesday 11/16/22
Monday 11/21/22
Tuesday 11/22/22
Monday 11/28/22
Tuesday 11/29/22
Wednesday 11/30/22
Monday 12/5/22
Tuesday 12/6/22
Wednesday 12/7/22
Monday 12/12/22
Tuesday 12/13/22
Wednesday 12/14/22
Monday 1/9/23
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Tuesday 5/16/23
Wednesday 5/17/23
Monday 5/22/23
Tuesday 5/23/23
Wednesday 5/24/23
Tuesday 5/30/23
Wednesday 5/31/23
Monday 6/5/23
Tuesday 6/6/23

\*Homework Club sessions may be cancelled due to unplanned reasons. All cancelled Bemis Junior High School Homework Club sessions will be announced prior to dismissal that day.

If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact Mrs. Helle at [regina.helle@uticak12.org](mailto:regina.helle@uticak12.org).



## ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

Please call the Attendance Line  
and NOT the Main Office number.

Please call 586-797-2599 for:

*Early Dismissals    Late Arrival    All Day Absences*

Clearly state and spell your child's first & last name when leaving a message. Please note that it **MUST** be a parent/guardian that calls in and not a student or sibling.

### EARLY DISMISSALS

When an Early Dismissal is necessary please call the attendance line before the start of the school day.

Students who become ill at school and require an early dismissal must report to the Main Office before calling home.

### ATTENDANCE IN POWERSCHOOL

Attendance is recorded in PowerSchool late in the school day. Our goal is to have call-ins recorded before the office closes for the day. However, if you have any questions regarding your students attendance, please wait 24 hours to ensure that all records are complete and up to date.

PowerSchool is now generating automated phone calls to parents informing them of any absences for their students on a daily basis. Please use your Parent Portal to view your student's attendance. If you have any concerns, email the individual teacher directly through the staff tab of the school's web site:

**<http://bemis.uticak12.org>** or through the PowerSchool access.

If a correction is warranted, the teacher will request one.





## WHAT'S NEXT FOR UCS?

### PROJECT PROPOSALS FOR BEMIS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL



#### SAFETY

##### SAFETY AND SECURITY

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

##### SITE IMPROVEMENTS

- Redesign Bemis/Browning parking lot and replace paving
- Improve the track and bleachers
- Replace drinking fountains with water bottle filling stations

##### REMODELING

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

##### INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY

- Purchase instructional technology equipment for classrooms

##### FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

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

\*Project scheduled for 2023 from 2018 bond issue



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

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## Dress Code

Bemis follows the dress code located in the [Parent and Student Handbook](#). This dress code does differ from the elementary school dress code. Student conduct is affected by student dress. Bemis strives to maintain a comfortable learning environment and our staff appreciates parental support in guiding appropriated dress for school. Students not conforming to the district code will have to call home for a change of clothing or wear a clean t-shirt and/or sweatpants provided by the school for the day.

## Junior High School Parent and Student Handbook

The Utica Community Schools Parent-Student Handbook serves as quick references for families seeking answers to school policies, procedures and district activities. UCS Handbooks are published for elementary, junior high and senior high schools. Each handbook is created with student learning and parent partnership in mind. You are encouraged to download a copy and find the answers you seek at your leisure. Save a copy for future reference or go back and visit again. Remember: Handbooks are updated each year. Please [click here](#) to find the [2022-2023 Handbook](#).

## PowerSchool

Parents and students can view their student's schedules, attendance and grades. [Click here](#) to access the PowerSchool Portal. Parents with multiple UCS students can now create an account to access all of their data with a single login. Parents will need the access ID and access password for each student. [Click here](#) for helpful instructional guides. Access IDs and passwords follow students from year to year. Please contact the main office with any questions.

## Bemis Attendance Line

Parents are reminded to call the school attendance line, **586-797-2599**, to report their child's absence or tardiness. In order to be excused, all late/tardy students must be called in by a parent. A doctor's note must be provided to excuse late/tardy arrivals. Bemis Attendance line is available 24 hours a day. All late arrival/tardy students must report to the Main Office upon arrival to receive a late pass. If your child is absent and we have not received notification, we will call the parents.

## Early Dismissal

Students who need to be excused during the school day should bring a signed note from their parents to the Main Office before school begins that morning. The note should include the date, time, and reason for dismissal as well as who will be picking the child up. By doing this, we keep classroom disruptions to a minimum as well as have your child waiting for you in the Main Office when you arrive. **PLEASE NOTE: Anyone signing a student out, must show identification and that person must also be on the students' contact list.** Students will not be released to anyone that is not listed on the contact list.

## Homework Requests

Homework requests are not accepted until the third consecutive day of absence. You may request your child's homework on that third day by emailing your child's teacher. You can find a list of email addresses by clicking [here](#).

## Use of Electronic Communication Devices is Prohibited

The personal use of cell phones or other electronic communications devices (ECD) by students is prohibited at any time while in school or in a district vehicle. Students may carry ECDs during the school day, but they cannot be displayed or used without permission from a teacher or administrator for educational purposes. Personal use of the device shall be limited to the time before and after the school day and only when students are outside the building. ECDs shall not be used during instructional time, lunch, passing time between classes or on any school bus without permission of a school official. The use of an ECD's picture-taking or internet connection capability is not permitted without permission of a teacher or administrator. Utica Community Schools will not be responsible for the theft, loss or damage of any ECD. Appropriate disciplinary action will be taken against students who violate the policy regulating ECDs.

If a student's ECD rings/vibrates during the school day, the ECD will be confiscated and must be picked up in the main office by the student's parent. Should this occur a second time, the student will receive a one-day suspension. If a student uses an ECD anytime inside the school, the ECD will be confiscated and the student will receive a one-day suspension.

All school meal menus are digitally accessible on all devices allowing for personalized viewing options. Users can select to view nutritional and allergen information, as well as customize print and language settings. Menus can be viewed at <https://uticak12.nutrislice.com>

### **Concussion Awareness**

As part of a new state law, all UCS and Michigan parents will receive information about concussions, their symptoms and what to do if you suspect a concussion. All athletes are required to have this form completed and on file in the Main Office prior to participating on any sports teams. Click [HERE](#) for the concussion form.

### **Body Spray**

Bemis Junior High has several students and staff members who have allergic reactions to strong perfumes, after-shave and men's cologne. The reactions range from mild to severe headaches that can result in nausea and being sent home from school. In addition, strong perfume smells can trigger asthma attacks. Junior high is filled with a variety of smells ranging from strawberries to old spice. When those smells dominate the hallways, problems do occur. We are asking students to put on your favorite fragrance once in the morning before school. Please do not bring in bottles and sprays of cologne, after-shave and perfume to re-apply throughout the day.

### **Recycle for Charity at Bemis**

Look for the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Donation Bin, located in the receiving driveway on the east side of Bemis Junior High. All items will go to the Disabled American Veterans, a non-profit organization located in Westland. Tax receipts can be found in the office. Donate your gently used clothes, shoes, toys, and small house appliances. [DAVThriftMichigan.com](http://DAVThriftMichigan.com)

### **Kroger Plus card**

Did you know that you can not only earn points for yourself, but you can also earn points for our school? How? It is easy! Just shop at Kroger and link your Plus Card to Bemis Jr. High.

Click on link for more information [Kroger Community Rewards](#)

### **Student Drop Off Map**

