

WEEK OF MARCH 17

BEMIS BULLETIN BOARD (B3).

Bemis Jr. High School's Newsletter for Parents



Basketball Champs 8th Grade Girls Go SPARTANS!!

Coached by: Mr. Kraft



The Utica Shelby Kiwanis Club has been busy making a positive impact in the community.

Over the past 6 months, the Utica Shelby Kiwanis has:

- Donated 120 backpacks filled with school supplies to 2 local elementary schools
- Passed out goodies at the Nightmare on Auburn and Shelby Twp. Spooktacular
- Hosted a free family pumpkin painting event at Kiwanis Whispering Woods Park
- Supported Fueling Kids' Futures Utica Halloween Run Against Hunger 5K
- Installed a new book in the Kiwanis Whispering Woods Story Walk
- Partnered with 4 local libraries to spread holiday cheer with Santa Letters
- Collected over 1,200 boxes of food from 20 UCS schools and delivered them to 3 local food pantries for the Food Distribution Project. We are also hosting a Thank You Breakfast for those students, faculty and volunteers who made this event an overwhelming success.
- Adopted 13 local families for the holidays and provided them with food for a holiday meal, poinsettia, wrapping paper and bows, clothes, winter apparel and toys
- Volunteered with and donated hygiene kits to the WAVE Project, which provides a mobile shower trailer, hot meal, and an essentials van for those in need
- Featured in the Winter 2025 Issue of Macomb Now Magazine under Service Groups that Give Back

In order to continue making a difference, we are partnering with the Shelby Golden K for a Night at the Races Fundraiser on Saturday, March 22, 2025 at Tina's Country House. The doors open at 5:30 pm and dinner is at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$50 and include a buffet dinner and open bar. There will be a 50/50 Raffle, Gift Card Raffle, Best Derby Hat, Games and more!

Join in the fun and excitement as we take a trip to the grandstands to cheer on your favorite horse in a pre-recorded horse race narrated by a professional race announcer!

If you would like to join us and purchase tickets and/or a sponsorship, please scan the QR Code on the flier below or visit our website:

<https://www.uticashelbykiwanis.org/.../a-night-at-the-races>



Shelby Golden K & Utica Shelby Twp
Kiwanis Clubs Invite You To ...

A Night At The Races

fundraising event

SATURDAY, MARCH 22
DOORS 5:30 PM
DINNER 6:30 PM

\$50
INCLUDES
BUFFET DINNER
& OPEN BAR

Only 10 Available!

Tina's Country House
50828 North Ave, Macomb
Must be 21+ to Attend



50/50 Raffles
Best Derby Hat
Heads & Tails Game
Gift Card Prize Raffle
& More!

Sharon Gordon: 586-453-6599
sharongordon347@gmail.com

Theresa Farmer
secretary@uticashelbykiwanis.org

Take a trip to the grandstands as pre-recorded horse races are narrated by a professional race announcer! Cheer on your favorite horse to win!

TRIFECTA SPONSORSHIPS

\$250
Receive a full page ad in event program book, mentions during race, business highlights on screen and name your own horse.

\$150
Receive a 1/2 page ad in event program book, mentions during race, business highlights on screen. Horse ownership not included.

All proceeds directly impact the Kiwanis Clubs areas of focus: Improving the lives of Children, Seniors & Veterans.

Sponsorship Opportunities

RACE SPONSOR - \$100
Receive mentions during the race, business name noted in our event program book.

APPRENTICE - \$75
Showcase your business in our event program book with a business card sized ad.

HORSE OWNER - \$25
Name your horse & you'll be listed as the horse owner! Horses sell fast!

Get Your Tickets Today!

uticashelbykiwanis.org

Upcoming Dates

3/17: Track Sign Ups during lunch hours

3/21: Spirit Day (Vacation Day)

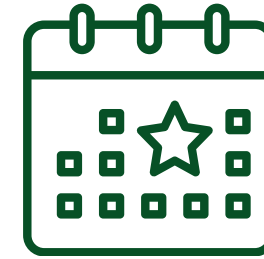
3/21: End of 3rd Marking Period

3/24-28: No School (Spring Break)

3/31: First Track practice

4/9: Spring Testing begins

4/18: No School (Good Friday)



Bemis Track

Track sign-up sheet will be in the cafeteria on Monday 3/17 during lunch hours. *First practice MARCH 31st.*

Make sure you have BigTeams complete along with an MHSAA Physical uploaded to your account. If you do not have these completed, you will not be able to participate.



FEES

Does your Student owe any fees?
Check their Power School account and
any money owed will be there.

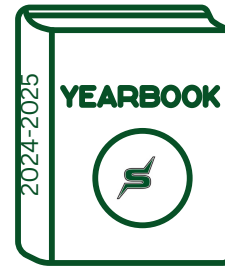


Everyone who enters Bemis must report to the Main Office. This is a school district policy. You will need to sign in, put a visitor's pass on, and our office staff will be glad to assist you.



If your student forgot something at home and you are dropping it off, we will buzz you in and have you write their name on a sticky note. Your student will be called down **one time** to pick up the item off the table in the lobby. Encourage them to check the table if they are expecting something.

ORDER YOUR BEMIS YEARBOOK TODAY!



Order online at:
jostensyearbooks.com
Make checks payable to:
Bemis Jr. High
Price starting @ \$35.00

School Pictures
School ID Code: 24BEMISJR25
Click [HERE](#) to order online



AVID FUNDRAISER!!



BEMIS JUNIOR HIGH AVID PIZZA FUNDRAISER NIGHT

19 & Hayes 586-566-9700

- October 3rd
- November 7th
- December 12th
- January 9th
- February 6th
- March 6th
- April 3rd
- May 1st
- June 5th

11am-10pm

Let's help raise money for Bemis Junior High!

Hungry Howie's will donate 20% of our Pizza Night purchases back to our school.

Just fill in the slip below and hand it to the cashier or delivery driver and enjoy your dinner. Let's all make this a great year. If you happen to forget your flyer, please mention it to the cashier or driver so we can credit the school. We will have extra flyers available at the stores.

HUNGRY HOWIE'S WILL DONATE 20% CASH BACK TO OUR SCHOOL FOR ALL FLYERS TURNED IN ON THESE NIGHTS. IF YOU ORDER ONLINE: JUST PUT A NOTE THAT SAYS BEMIS JUNIOR HIGH.

Name: _____ Order total: _____



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RAMADAN MEALS

The USDA has allowed schools to send breakfast and lunch meals home with students during the Ramadan observance March 3-21. Please follow the link below to order your breakfast and lunch meals to go home. Students must be present at school to receive a meal.

Meals will be distributed during lunch.

Students cannot eat meals at school as well as take them home.

Only one breakfast and one lunch per person.

To ensure we have enough food prepared,
please order by 9am on February 27 via the following link:

www.uticak12.org/RamadanMeals

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<u>BREAKFAST</u> Cereal, fruit, juice & milk	<u>BREAKFAST</u> Benefit bar, fruit, juice & milk	<u>BREAKFAST</u> Cereal, fruit, juice & milk	<u>BREAKFAST</u> Benefit bar, fruit, juice & milk	<u>BREAKFAST</u> Cereal, fruit, juice & milk
<u>LUNCH</u> Chickpea sandwich, crackers, fava beans, fruit, veggie & milk	<u>LUNCH</u> Hummus, crackers, fruit, veggie & milk	<u>LUNCH</u> Wowbutter & jelly sandwich, fruit, veggie & milk	<u>LUNCH</u> Hummus, crackers, fruit, veggie & milk	<u>LUNCH</u> Soft Pretzel w/ yogurt, sun flower seeds, fruit, veggie & milk

Menus are subject to change due to availability.
This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



Upcoming Spirit Days – 3rd Quarter



Friday 1/10: Elementary Shirt/School throwback Day

Friday 1/17: Favorite Band/Musician

Friday 1/24: Cozy Sweater Day

Friday 1/31: Detroit Day – Dress in your favorite Detroit Clothes

Friday 2/7: Red Carpet Day (Snowball Dance after school)

Friday 2/14: Pink and Red Day (Valentine's Day)

Friday 2/28: Twin Day

Friday 3/7: Opposites Day – Find a friend and dress opposite!

Friday 3/14: Green Day for St. Patrick's Day!

Friday 3/21: Vacation Day- dress like you are on vacation!



All clothing during spirit days MUST be school appropriate and follow the school dress code including no pajamas or hats.



Bemis Spirit Wear



- 1. pick item you love
- 2. click on **Choose Design**
- 3. optional add name/#

CHANGE TO BULK ORDER

Gildan Softstyle CVC Tee
\$13.50

Choose Design*
Choose Design*
FULL FRONT LOGO - CHEER
FULL FRONT LOGO - FOOTBALL
FULL FRONT LOGO - BEMIS
FULL FRONT LOGO - TRACK & FIELD
FULL FRONT LOGO - BASKETBALL
FULL FRONT LOGO - VOLLEYBALL

NAME (\$7.00)

NUMBER (\$7.00)





Bemis Junior High School
12500 19 Mile Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48313
(586) 797-2500
www.UticaK12.org/Bemis

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 _____



Bemis Junior High School Homework Club
2024-2025 Sessions*

Homework Club Dates
Monday 10/21/24
Tuesday 10/22/24
Wednesday 10/23/24
Monday 10/28/24
Tuesday 10/29/24
Wednesday 10/30/24
Monday 11/4/24
Wednesday 11/6/24
Monday 11/11/24
Tuesday 11/12/24
Wednesday 11/13/24
Monday 11/18/24
Tuesday 11/19/24
Wednesday 11/20/24
Monday 11/25/24
Tuesday 11/26/24
Monday 12/2/24
Tuesday 12/3/24
Wednesday 12/4/24
Monday 12/9/24
Tuesday 12/10/24
Wednesday 12/11/24
Monday 12/16/24
Tuesday 12/17/24
Wednesday 1/6/25
Tuesday 1/7/25
Wednesday 1/8/25

Homework Club Dates
Monday 1/13/25
Tuesday 1/14/25
Wednesday 1/15/25
Tuesday 1/21/25
Wednesday 1/22/25
Monday 1/27/25
Tuesday 1/28/25
Wednesday 1/29/25
Monday 2/3/25
Tuesday 2/4/25
Wednesday 2/5/25
Monday 2/10/25
Tuesday 2/11/25
Wednesday 2/12/25
Monday 2/24/25
Tuesday 2/25/25
Wednesday 2/26/25
Monday 3/3/25
Tuesday 3/4/25
Wednesday 3/5/25
Monday 3/10/25
Tuesday 3/11/25
Wednesday 3/12/25
Monday 3/17/25
Tuesday 3/18/25
Wednesday 3/19/25

Homework Club Dates
Monday 3/31/25
Tuesday 4/1/25
Wednesday 4/2/25
Monday 4/7/25
Tuesday 4/8/25
Wednesday 4/9/25
Monday 4/14/25
Tuesday 4/15/25
Wednesday 4/16/25
Monday 4/21/25
Tuesday 4/22/25
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Tuesday 5/13/25
Wednesday 5/14/25
Monday 5/19/25
Tuesday 5/20/25
Wednesday 5/21/25
Tuesday 5/27/25
Wednesday 5/28/25
Monday 6/2/25
Tuesday 6/3/25
Wednesday 6/4/25

* Homework Club sessions may be cancelled due to unplanned reasons. All cancelled Homework Club sessions will be announced prior to dismissal that day.

You are to read Student Responsible Use agreement that appears when you log on to the laptop.

THIS LAPTOP DEPLOYED TO YOU IS FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY
DO NOT USE IT FOR PERSONAL COMMUNICATION OR PERSONAL USE
DO NOT LET ANYONE ELSE USE OR LOG ON TO THIS LAPTOP!
DO NOT USE TEAMS OR ANY APP TO CHAT OR CALL ANY FAMILY MEMBERS OR
OTHER STUDENTS
IF YOU ARE NOT USING IT FOR SCHOOL WORK, THEN YOU ARE NOT USING IT AT ALL.

DO NOT USE SCHOOLOGY OR EMAIL TO SEND PERSONAL MESSAGES -THESE TOOLS
ARE FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY
DO NOT ADD ANY APPS, VPN'S, GAMES, EXTENSIONS, ETC.
DO NOT ACCESS YOUR PERSONAL SOCIAL MEDIA ON THIS LAPTOP
DO NOT ADD ANY APP OR TOOL UNLESS APPROVED BY ONE OF YOUR TEACHERS
This means no games, no ZOOM, no Discord, no private chat accounts, ETC.
DO NOT USE ANY ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE APP OR ACCESS ANY SITE TO ACCESS AI
CHAT GPT, ELSA, GOOGLE ASSISTANT, AMAZON ALEXA, LENSEA, ASK AI, YOU CHAT,
ETC.
ARE NOT USED FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES AND SHOULD NOT BE ACCESSED

PLEASE REMOVE ALL PROFILE PICTURES
You have 6 teachers and they do not want to see anime, celebrities, characters,
cars, pets, objects, etc.
You do not need a profile picture but if you do want one, it MUST be of your face
only.

DO NOT CHANGE ANY SETTINGS -VERY IMPORTANT!
The laptop is set up accordingly for you to use for schoolwork only.
Charge your laptop EVERY night so it is ready for the next day.
IF YOU FORGET TO CHARGE IT OVER NIGHT, BRING YOUR CHARGER WITH YOU.
DO NOT LOAN OUT YOUR CHARGER, IF IT GOES MISSING, YOU HAVE TO PAY \$38 TO
REPLACE IT.
You only receive one at no cost as that has to be returned when you leave Bemis.

IMPORTANT IF YOU HAVE ANY ISSUES AT ANY TIME WITH THE LAPTOP OR YOUR
CHARGER,
PLEASE ASK TO SEE MRS. BROWN AS SOON AS YOU NOTICE AN PROBLEM
Her office is in the Media Center (8:15-2:45 daily).
You can reach her by email at nicole.brown@uticak12.org Or send a message in
Schoolology.





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Take A Look At Our Future



Rendering of DeKeyser Elementary School

Save the Date

Sunday, August 24, Beginning at 2 p.m.

DeKeyser Elementary represents the first step of our vision on how UCS school designs will spur growth and achievement. We hope you will take this opportunity to see how we are transforming the future, thanks to your support of the 2023 Safety and Success Bond Issue.

DeKeyser Elementary
39600 Atkinson
Sterling Heights



Rendering of DeKeyser Classrooms



Rendering of DeKeyser Gym and Lunchroom

2025 SUPERINTENDENT'S SCHOLARSHIP

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS!

UCS graduating seniors are invited to apply for the 2025 Superintendent's Scholarship awards program.

Through the Utica Community Schools Foundation for Educational Excellence and other community sources, **over \$35,000 in scholarships** will be awarded this year!

**DEADLINE:
APRIL 3**



Foundation



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Make **SMILES**
Happen.

Become a
BUS DRIVER.

A circular inset photo showing two young children sitting on a bus. The child on the left is wearing a green shirt and a pink backpack, and the child on the right is wearing a pink shirt and a pink backpack. Both are wearing paper crowns and smiling.

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Uticak12.org/driverseat Monique.Potts@Uticak12.org (586) 797-7113

Walk In Wednesdays. Click [HERE](#) for more info.
Starting pay for UCS bus drivers is \$21/hr! 🚌 Not able to join for walk-in hours? Call (586) 797-7113 or email Monique.Potts@Uticak12.org to schedule an interview outside this timeframe!



Henry Ford II HS Instrumental Music Boosters

Mom 2 Mom Sale

Saturday, April 12, 2025

\$3 Admissions: 9am to 1pm

\$5 Early Bird: 8am – 9am




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

Seller space rental agreements: www.hf2imb.org

Questions: jendelgreco21@gmail.com



STEVENSON FORD UNITED DANCE TRY OUT INFO







PRE TRYOUT CLINICS
4-5:30PM
4/8 @ HFII
4/15 @ HFII
OPTIONAL

TRYOUT CLINICS
3:30-5:30PM
4/22 @ SHS
4/23 @ SHS

TRYOUT EVALUATION
4:30-?
4/24 @ SHS
TRYOUT PLACEMENTS
4PM 4/25 @ SHS
SIGN UP LINK IN INSTAGRAM BIO

FOR ANY 8TH - 11TH GRADERS WHO WILL BE ATTENDING SHS, HFII, OR FEEDER SCHOOL IN THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR.

CONTACT US WITH ANY QUESTIONS!
STEVENSONFORDUNITED@GMAIL.COM



Varsity Tryout Skills:

- Triple & Quad Pirouette Turn
- Second Turns-4 into a Double
- Advanced Second Turns(changing spots, arm variations, floats)
- Toe Touch with Advanced prep
- Acro Skills: Aerial, Kip up, Headspring, Front Handspring
- Center (open) Leap
- Calypso
- Turning Disc
- R/L Jete Leap
- Splits R/L
- Surprise Leap
- Advanced Kick Sequence

Contact us with any questions!!

STEVENSONFORDUNITED@GMAIL.COM

2025-2026 HFII
Dance Team
Interest Form

HFII CHEER TRYOUT REQUIREMENTS

All athletes who tryout
will make a team
either jr or varsity. NO
CUTS!!!

having the skills outlined
below **does not** guarantee
you a spot on varsity, it is
just the minimum
requirements! All athletes
should have good attitudes,
be a team player, and have
willingness to learn!

Varsity hard requirements

- right leg back walkover or higher (bhs, tuck, etc)
- table top level jumps
- tight and properly placed motions
- energetic facials and powerful vocals
- stunting: extended cupie (lib preferred)
- flyers must be able to perform a twist cradle
- switch splits to the ground (preferred)

IMPORTANT DATES!!!

Parent-Athlete Meeting: May 12th 6:00
p.m. in ECC

Tryouts: June 2nd & 3rd 5:30-7:30 p.m.
and June 4th 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Physical Due: June 2nd (upload to
bigteams & must be dated April 15th
2025 or later



SIDELINE 2025 TRYOUTS!!!

sign up using QR code or link. Tryout
link will remain in bio!!

More info on dates and times to
come soon!!

2025HF II
SIDELINE CHEER
Registration Form

CALLING ALL DESIGNERS

PAPER PROM!! (Grades 8-12)

Sterling Heights Library on Saturday, March 22 (1-4pm)

40255 Dodge Park Road

Students in grades 8-12 will compete against each other from 1-4PM to make a prom outfit out of newspapers.

Students should form in teams of two (one designer/one model, both in grades 8-12) with each team's 'designer only' **registering online.**

Students will work on the outfits for several hours before doing a runway show, and 3 teams will be declared winners with each team winning \$50 gift card (designer and model each will receive a \$25 gift card.)

All participants will receive a small gift for their participation. The library will provide newspaper, staplers, tape and markers for the students to create their designs.

For additional rules/questions, ask at the Libraries Youth Services Desk (586) 446-2665.





The GO League -Girls Only Basketball League

The purpose of this league is to create a more competitive experience for GIRLS ONLY by providing high quality instruction to improve individual skills and understanding of team concepts. The GO League will consist of five sessions where your daughter will be coached by varsity level coaches. Not only will each session consist of a practice, but the girls will be split into teams and have the opportunity to compete in games. This is NOT a typical rec league. If you are looking for a more competitive experience for your daughter with high level coaching, you are in the right place!

6th & 7th Grade

Bemis Jr High School : Auxiliary Gym and Main Gym

Wednesdays, Mar 19 - Apr 16

7:00 - 8:15 PM

No Class Mar 26

[CLICK HERE](#)



7th/8th Grade Falcon Juniors Strength & Conditioning Camp

Winter Session Jan 14 - Mar 6

Spring Session Apr 1 - May 15

**[CLICK HERE FOR
MORE INFO](#)**





The UCS Wellness podcast is a resource created by Utica Community Schools, a K-12 school district located within Macomb County, Michigan. With a focus on physical, mental and social health, UCS Wellness serves as a health hub for students and their families, as well as the community as a whole.



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Afterschool Enrichment





- Reading can lower your heart rate and ease muscle tension.
- Reading can reduce stress levels by up to 68%.
- Reading can help you relax and drift off to sleep.
- Reading can improve your concentration over time.
- Reading can improve writing skills.
- Reading strengthens the brain, similar to how exercise strengthens the body.
- Reading makes the reader more knowledgeable, with wider perspectives and vision.
- Reading introduces new vocabulary and information, which can enhance literacy and intelligence.

Monday	Tense	pulled or stretched tight. My muscles are still tense from lifting those heavy boxes.
Tuesday	Usage	way or manner of using or treating something. The teacher explained the usage of the new words and expressions.
Wednesday	Subsequent	coming or happening after; following. His first film was a complete flop, but his subsequent films were quite successful.
Thursday	Phase	a particular stage of development or of a process. Teenagers go through many phases as they become adults.
Friday	Generate	to bring into being or to produce. The human body generates heat.



Check us out and like us on FB, IG & YT 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.



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

BELL SCHEDULE

Doors open 7:45am
Breakfast 7:45 - 8:00am
Students to lockers 8:00- 8:10am

- 1st Hour 8:10am – 9:08am
- 2nd Hour 9:14am – 10:10am
- 3rd Hour 10:16am – 11:12am
- 4th Hour 11:18am – 12:57pm
- 5th Hour 1:03pm – 1:59pm
- 6th Hour 2:05pm – 3:01pm



End of the day buses depart 7 minutes after the dismissal bell.

LUNCHES

Bemis runs 3 lunches a day, all which occur during 4th hour. This means that you'll go to lunch with your 4th hour teacher. So, if your 4th hour teacher has A lunch, you'll go to lunch first and then go to class. If your teacher has B lunch, your lunch will split up class. So, you'll go to class first, then eat, and then go back to class. If your teacher has C lunch, you'll go to all of your 4th hour first, and then go to lunch.

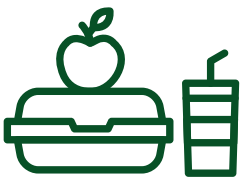
BEMIS LUNCH SCHEDULE

A Lunch

Lunch from 11:18am – 11:49am
Class from 11:55am – 12:57pm

B Lunch

Class from 11:18am – 11:49am
Lunch from 11:55am – 12:20pm
Class from 12:26pm – 12:57pm



C Lunch

Class from 11:18am – 12:20pm
Lunch from 12:26pm – 12:57pm



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.

2024-2025 Calendar	
August 27	First Day of School All K-12 Students- Elementary Student Half Day
August 30	No School for K-12 Students
September 2	No School for K-12 Students - Labor Day
September 18	No School for K-12 Students
October 10	Secondary Student Half Day - All Secondary Afternoon Conferences, High School only Evening Conferences
October 16	No School for K-12 Students
October 17	Junior High School Only - Evening Conferences
October 31	Elementary Student Half Day
November 1	Elementary Student Half Day - End of Marking Period
November 5	No School for K-12 Students - Election Day
November 7	Elementary Student Half Day - Afternoon Conferences
November 27-29	No School for K-12 Students - Thanksgiving Break
December 18	Secondary Student Half Day - Exams
December 19	Secondary Student Half Day - Exams
December 20	All Students K-12 Half Day - Exams and End of Marking Period
December 23 - January 3, 2025	No School for K-12 Students - Winter Break
January 20	No School for K-12 Students - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 17-21	No School for K-12 Students - Mid-Winter Break
March 21	Elementary Student Half Day - End of Marking Period
March 24-28	No School for K-12 Students - Spring Break
April 18	No School for K-12 Students – Good Friday
May 26	No School for K-12 Students - Memorial Day
June 9	Secondary Student Half Day- Exams
June 10	All Students K-12 Half Day - Exams
June 11	All Students K-12 Half Day - Exams and Last Day of School
<i>*Please note - The calendar is contingent on the State of Michigan consideration for an early start.</i>	





OK2Say is a nationally recognized program designed to enhance school safety by giving students the tools to step up and speak out when they are concerned about their safety or the safety of another. The OK2SAY student safety program provides a confidential way to file tips on criminal activity or potential harm directed at students, school employees, and schools.

Tips can be submitted 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week.

- Telephone: 8-555-OK2SAY (855-565-2729)
 - Text: 652729 (OK2SAY)
 - Email: ok2say@mi.gov
 - Website: ok2say.com
- OK2SAY Mobile app: Available in the Apple Store or Google Play.

OK2SAY tips have helped thousands of students and saved many lives because students are stepping up and speaking out when they are concerned about a friend or peer. There are 31 tip categories to choose from when submitting a confidential tip. Most tips were related to bullying, cyberbullying, self-harm, anxiety, stress and depression, and suicide. Other top tips include drug/alcohol use, weapon possession, or assault.

Upon receipt of a tip, specially trained OK2SAY technicians address the immediate need and forward the information to the appropriate responding law enforcement agency or organization. Tips go to schools, local law enforcement agencies, community mental health agencies or the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

To ensure tips are acted upon, agencies receiving tips are asked to submit outcome reports detailing how the tip was handled. Annual reports on the program's impact detail the types and numbers of tips handled. Annual reports are available on the OK2SAY website.

More information is available on the
<https://www.michigan.gov/ok2say/about>

Have questions or concerns, just ask UCS!
<https://bit.ly/3W6LbPP>



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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 [2024-2025 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

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](#)

