

WEEK OF MARCH 25-APRIL 5

BEMIS BULLETIN BOARD (B3).

Bemis Jr. High School's Newsletter for Parents



SPRING BREAK



March 25 - 29

****classes resume April 1st***

Michigan Standardized Testing Schedule

All eighth-grade students enrolled in Michigan public schools will take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) 8/9 state assessment this spring. The PSAT 8/9 is the first exam in the SAT suite of assessments and will help families and the school staff see where students are in their overall achievement. Bemis Junior High School eighth grade students will be assessed using the PSAT 8/9 assessments on Tuesday, April 9, 2024.

The PSAT 8/9 is comprised of two tests: reading and writing, and math. It is important that our students do their best as the assessment will provide families with important information on academic progress. In addition to the PSAT 8/9, eighth grade students will begin taking the science M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress) assessments on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, and conclude on Friday, April 12, 2024, during their science classes. The social studies M-STEP assessment will be administered on Monday, April 15 and Tuesday, April 16, 2024, during U.S. History classes. The M-STEP measures your child's growth and progress on the Michigan Academic Standards. Those standards are available at the following web site: www.Michigan.gov/academicstandards.

Please note the following changes to our school calendar:

Tuesday, April 9, 2024 – PSAT 8

8:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. (Standard Testing Time)

- Bemis in-person and Virtual Academy 8th students will report to Bemis for am testing.
- Bemis in-person 8th graders will attend pm classes.
- Bemis Virtual Academy 8th graders will complete their UCS VA work at Bemis in the afternoon.

Wednesday, April 10, 2024- MSTEP

- 7th and 8th grade Virtual Academy students will report to Bemis for M-STEP am & pm testing.
- 8th grade in-person students will have a normal schedule (M-STEP tests will be administered during 8th grade in science classes)

This schedule is an additional measure to provide our students with every opportunity for success. Additionally, it ensures that every student's time in school is time well spent.

For more information regarding these assessments, refer to the following links:

[UCS Electronic Device Use Protocol for Statewide Testing](#)

PSAT 8 and SAT Suite of Assessments: <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/>

PSAT 8/9 Student Guide: [PSAT 8/9 Student Guide State \(michigan.gov\)](#).

It is essential that your student has their laptop and charger during testing. If they have lost their charger they need to pay for the lost charger and a new one will be given to them.



Upcoming Dates

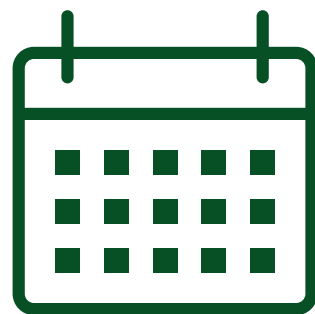
3/25 - 29: Spring Break (No School)

3/31: Happy Easter

4/3: PSAT 8/9 Digital Readiness check

4/9: PSAT 8/9 (hours 1-3)

4/10: MSTEP



Click here for Track Schedules

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



Please check your students PowerSchool account for grades and any fees due.

Tip: You can set up notifications so when anything is added into PS you get an alert.

2024-2025 School Calendar

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>	





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)



Welcome!

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.



Order pictures at kaiserstudio.com (ID Code: 2324BEMISJR)



Order your 2023-2024 Bemis Yearbook today at jostensyearbooks.com



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

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 (\$10 to remove)
- 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.

HELP DESK for STUDENTS/PARENTS: 586-797-1055 | **Email:** techsupport@uticak12.org



Food Deliveries: Food that is delivered by a service such as Door Dash or Grub Hub will not be permitted at Bemis. 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 get a free lunch from the cafeteria.

If a student forgets their lunch, they may get a free lunch 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.

If your child would like to purchase extras you can establish a lunch account for your child, please click [here](#).

Thank you for your understanding and we appreciate your support.



If you have bus issues, please call [transportation](tel:586-797-7100) 586-797-7100

The Bemis ECO Club is having a year-long SNEAKER DRIVE



Do you have worn-out sneakers that are no longer good?

Have you outgrown your shoes,
but they are still wearable?



Bring all sneakers in a bag to Room 29 or put them in the box outside of the main office. We will make sure they are recycled instead of going into the landfill.

GO GREEN!!!!

District Art Show:

Location: Sterling Heights Community Center

Dates: April 23 – 25, 2024

Time: TBD

Save
T.H.E.
DATE



ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK

FOR 6TH - 8TH GRADERS

IT'S FREE!

Alternative Spring Break activities help increase resiliency, self-esteem, and team building to empower students to be leaders in their communities. Expect a week of fun with "out of the box" experiences! Breakfast and lunch provided.

REGISTER TODAY!
www.careofsem.com

MARCH 25 - MARCH 28, 2024
8:30AM - 12:30PM
Eastland Middle School
18700 Frank St.
Roseville, MI 48066

CARE
of SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN

TEAM BUILDING

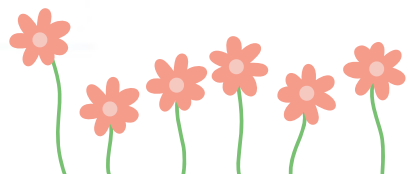
FUN!

BUILD SELF-ESTEEM

CARE COMMUNITY PARTNERS



Federal, state and local funding has been provided through Macomb Community Mental Health Substance Use Services and other funding sources in support of project costs. Recipients of substance use 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 30064, Lansing, MI 48909.



Ford Tryouts/Info



Henry Ford II
2024
Sideline Cheer

Registration
Now Open
For Tryouts!

Interested in joining our program? Register for tryouts! Information on our mandatory parent/athlete meeting as well as tryout dates will be emailed out to everyone who registers.

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

HF II Falcons Freshmen Football

Scan me!



Henry Ford II Freshman Football Combine

Date: Saturday June 8, 2024

Time: 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Location: HFII High School; varsity practice field
(if raining, location will be in school gym)

Clothing: comfortable exercise clothes, sneakers, cleats

1. 40 Yard Move-ups
 - a. Set up cones or markers 40 yards apart and have players sprint the length one at a time. Each player's time should be recorded.
2. Vertical jump (if we have measure device)
 - a. Have athletes start by standing, then lowering into a quarter squat and exploding into a jump, leaping forward as far as they can go. The length of each player's jump should be measured and recorded.
3. Shuttle run
 - a. Place three cones in a line, 5 yards apart. Have players start at the center cone and then sprint to the right cone, then sprint to the left cone, then back to the center cone. Evaluators should record each player's time.
4. Passing and Receiving
 - a. The WR should sprint 10 yards downfield and then turn back and look at the quarterback, who throws the pass and tries to hit the WR as he turns. The receiver should then drop the ball, cut 90 degrees to run across the field, and await a second pass from the QB. The receiver should make this catch on the run. He should then drop the ball and run across the field in the opposite direction to catch a third pass. This drill tests both the QB's accuracy and the receiver's ability to run a route and make a catch.
5. Blocking Drill
 - a. place two bags side-by-side, 2 yards apart. Have two players line up between the bags with their hands on each other's shoulders. Their feet should be beneath them, and their butts should be down. The players should try to push or block the other one out of the gap between the bags.
6. Pushups
 - a. Have players perform pushups for 1 minute. Evaluators should ensure each athlete lowers himself to a specific target. The total number of push-ups performed to the desired level should be recorded.



Ford Football Camp



HENRY FORD II YOUTH FOOTBALL CAMP

Follow us on Twitter@Ford_Football #GPA #TheDeuce



The HFII Football staff is dedicated to providing young men and women with the knowledge, discipline, and techniques to excel on the football field, in the classroom, and in the community. Every athlete at our camp will be treated with respect, class, and dignity!

Falcon Football Staff History

More than 100 years of experience, former players of all college level, 3 MHSAA State Championship appearances, 1 MHSAA State Championship, 4 MHSAA Regional Championships, 7 MHSAA District Championships, 2 MIAA Championships!

Youth Camp Football skill development focus:

- QBs -- Wide Receivers -- Tight Ends -- RBs -- DBs -- Linebackers --
O Lineman - D Lineman

Who

3rd – 6th grade
7th – 8th grade

Where

Henry Ford II High School
Gymnasium
11911 Clinton River Rd,
Sterling Heights, MI 48313

When

EASTER BREAK
3/25 - 3/28
3rd – 6th graders 5:00pm - 6:20pm
* 7th – 8th graders 6:30pm - 7:50pm

To Register Online

<https://ucsccommunityeducation.ce.eleyo.com/course/2260/winter-spring-2024/3rd-annual-henry-ford-ii-youth-football-camp>

OR

Call 589-797-6900

OR

follow the below QR Code:



Camp includes
a \$10.00 fee for

**HFII Camp
T-Shirt**

Camp Fee:

4 sessions, 6+ hours
of coaching for
\$100.00

A youth football camp is a structured program designed to provide young athletes with an immersive and educational experience focused on the fundamentals and skills of American football. These camps are typically organized and conducted by experienced HFII Football coaches and HFII football players. The main objectives of a youth football camp are to enhance participants understanding of the game, improve their individual skills, promote teamwork, and foster a love for the sport.

Fun and Camaraderie:

While the focus is on skill development, camps also aim to create a positive and enjoyable environment. Team-building activities and friendly competitions contribute to the overall camaraderie among participants.

Equipment needed:

Positive attitude, excitement, t-shirt, shorts or sweatpants, tennis shoes
(no crocs or cleats).

Grades: 3rd - 8th

<https://ucsccommunityeducation.ce.eleyo.com/course/2260/winter-spring-2024/3rd-annual-henry-ford-ii-youth-football-camp>

UCS SPECIALTY SCHOOLS



Application Opens: January 19, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

[Link to Application](#)

Application Due: January 29, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

Evaluation Dates

Program	Testing Location	Testing Date	Testing Date
CSI/Writing	IRC	March 2 @ 8:00 a.m.	Feb 10 @ 12:30 p.m.
MST/Science	IRC	Feb 10 @ 8:00 a.m.	March 2 @ 12:30 p.m.
GLK-UAIS/ Socratic Circle	Heritage-UAIS	March 2 @ 8:00 a.m. or 12:30 p.m.	Feb 10 @ 8:00 a.m. or 12:30 p.m.

Notification Mailing Date: March 18, 2024

- Accept/Decline/Waitlist notifications will be sent by email

Program Commitment Date: April 8, 2024, by 3:00 p.m.



Click the Falcon for HF II Info

25th UCS CHESS TOURNAMENT



It is that time of year again! Registration is open for the 25th UCS Chess Tournament-Saturday April 13, 2024. Perhaps you have a student or two (or family member) who loves the game! Please help spread the word as this one is going to be special-#25!!!

The UCS Chess Tournament is a perfect first tournament for ANY student in ANY grade. Kindergarten-12th grade sections. This is a fun, unrated event with five rounds. Check-in 8:00-8:30 a.m. with games: @ 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, & 1:00. Awards 2:00-3:00. The tournament is held at Henry Ford High School. Usually there are nine sections: K/1/2/3/4/5/6/7-8/9-12

Visit the tournament website for the registered player list, to download the entry form, and other information: www.ucschesstournament.weebly.com



This summer, Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer (Summer EBT) will be available to families with eligible school-age children to buy groceries, similar to the USDA's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Although meals are free for all students this school year, not all students are eligible for Summer EBT benefits. To be eligible, families must complete an Electronic Benefits Form (EBF) online or currently be approved for these benefits by Count Day, February 14, 2024!



**Please go to
<https://utica.familyportal.cloud> and
apply today!**

QUESTIONS??

foodservice@uticak12.org
Food Service: 586-797-1180
DHHS for Michigan 833-905-0028 X2
DHHS for Macomb County 586-469-7700

This institution is an equal opportunity provider

RIVER DAY DESIGN CONTEST

The Clinton River Watershed Council is now accepting submissions for its 26th Annual River Day design contest. The contest encouraged local artists to get involved in the promotion of River Day, which will be held on Saturday, June 8th. The event coincides with Michigan's Free Fishing Weekend and Great Lakes & Fresh Water Week. Events occur throughout the entire month of June and will include festivals, fishing derbies, fly-tying lessons, clean-up events, native plant sales, recreational opportunities, and more.

The winning River Day design is being used on official River Day shirts, the event guide, and the CRWC website to promote River Day. The winner of the River Day design contest received an official River Day T-shirt with their design on it and a one-year membership to the watershed council.

Guidelines

- Artist must reside within the Clinton River watershed
- Art must be black-and-white, thick line drawing, absolutely no gray tones
- Artist can be of any experience level
- Size: 8.5 x 11 inches or smaller
- The year 2024 must be prominent in the design of the logo, and the design must include the words River Day
 - o Electronic submissions (JPEG, PNG, AI, INDD, or PDF files only) are permitted, but they must meet the above requirements and be 300 dpi resolution or greater. Please email electronic submissions to cole@crwc.org by March 20, 2024.
- Hard copy submissions can be hand delivered or mailed to:
CRWC, 1115 W Avon Rd. Rochester Hills, MI 48309, and must arrive by March 20, 2024.

Entries will be judged on their ability to convey River Day's goal of celebration and enjoyment of the Clinton River and Lake St. Clair, as well as their clarity and ability to be reproduced easily at a variety of scales. Selection of the winning design will be completed on March 20, 2024.

Weekly Clean // April 3, 2024

Wednesday, April 3, 2024
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Welcome back to Weekly Clean in 2024 - CRWC's ongoing program dedicated to removing trash and debris from locations throughout the watershed. CRWC will provide trash bags, grabbers, and work gloves for each volunteer. Stay tuned for more information on this clean-up, including its location, which will be announced in the spring of 2024.

Weekly Cleans are open to individuals of all ages and skill levels. This cleanup will be canceled if conditions are deemed unsafe due to weather or if the temperature is below 20°F.

Cancellations will be announced 24 hours prior to the event on our website and social media whenever possible. Inclement weather can roll in without notice though.

Please call the CRWC office (248) 601-0606 if you have questions about Weekly Clean.

Prior registration is not required. If a large group plans on attending, please let us know at lydia@crwc.org or (248) 601-0606 ext. 29.



Nourished By Nature Reptile & Amphibian Walk

Saturday, April 20, 2024
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Clinton River Watershed Council
1115 West Avon Road, Rochester Hills, MI,
48309, United States ([map](#))

Join us for a night of reptile and amphibian fun with local experts to learn about common critters and the most common calls that you will hear within the Clinton River Watershed watershed from both frogs and toads!

More information and a link to register are coming soon!

Posted In: Nourished By Nature, Recreation

WHAT DO STREAM LEADER SCHOOLS DO?

Stream Leaders is an outdoor education program that fosters experiences in citizen science, civic engagement, and environmental stewardship.

Stream Leader classrooms have a chance to participate in real field research and get out into the river with scientists and mentors. CRWC Staff teaches students about water quality testing, stream assessment practices, and aquatic insect identification. Students have an opportunity to showcase their experiences and continue building school-community partnerships at our Annual Student Congress.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN STREAM LEADERS?

Upper Elementary, Middle school, and High school students within the Clinton River Watershed, Lake St. Clair Direct Drainage Area and Anchor Bay sub-watershed are eligible to participate in this program. Stream Leaders is best suited for Middle school, High school, and College-age students, although adaptations can be made for Elementary school ages.



COMMUNITY EDUCATION

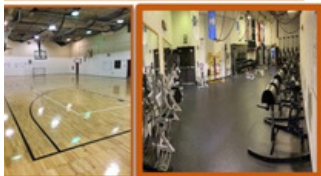
FALCON STRENGTH



7TH /8TH GRADE FALCON JUNIORS STRENGTH & CONDITIONING CAMP

This camp utilizes over \$60,000 in all new weight room equipment from Rogue Fitness & Rogers Athletic. The sessions are directed by Head Strength and Conditioning Coach, Luke Heide and Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach, Matthew Browe. This camp will focus on strength training, **fundamental movements**, proper warm up and mobility that will lead athletes to achieve success throughout their High School careers.

* FOCUS ON SAFE/ FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENT *



Start Date: **Tuesday January 16th, 2024**
End Date: **Thursday March 5th, 2024**
Cost: \$70 per camp session
Location: Henry Ford II High School
Session 1: 6400-WS24A
Tuesdays 5:00-6:00PM
(No training over mid-winter break)

Start Date: **Tuesday April 2nd, 2024**
End Date: **Thursday May 23rd, 2024**
Cost: \$130 per camp session
Location: Henry Ford II High School
Session 2: 6400-WS24B
T/TH 6:00-7:00PM

Cost includes \$10 fee for t-shirt
For additional information please email: Luke Heide
Luke.heide@uticak12.org

To register by phone with a Visa, Master Card, Discover or American Express, please call UCS Community Education (586) 797- 6900 To register online, visit ucsccommunityeducation.ce.eleyo.com.
No refunds. 6400-WS24A & B Falcon Jr. Strength & Conditioning Training Camp



CHECK IT OUT



Henry Ford II HS Instrumental Music Boosters

Mom 2 Mom Sale Saturday, April 27, 2024

\$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: mom2momhenryford@gmail.com



ART BOX STUDIO

Art Box Studio-Drawing Grades 5th-8th

Strengthen drawing skills and challenge your creativity. A variety of media, such as, graphite, charcoal, ink and more will be introduced. Students encouraged to utilize self-expression. Develop an understanding of line, shape, value, form, perspective and composition. Beginner through Advanced and Returning students are welcome. Bring sketchbook and pencil.

Questions Contact:
communityedquestions@uticak12.org
or ArtBoxStudio4u@gmail.com
www.ArtBoxStudioLLC.com

6071-WS24A Tues. 2/6 - 3/12/24 no class 2/20 Drawing @ Eppler Jr. High 6:00-7:30pm
6071-WS24B Tues. 4/9 - 5/14/24 no class 4/23 Drawing @ Eppler Jr. High 6:00-7:30pm
Tuition: \$98 5wks. New Experience each session!!!



Register Online: ucsccommunityeducation.ce.eleyo.com or 586-797-6900
UCS Community Education 38901 Dodge Park Sterling Heights, MI 48312

more stuff...



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



The more you know...



- Easter eggs have medieval origins.
- Easter clothes used to be considered good luck.
- Easter eggs date back way before Easter.
- The holiday was named after the Anglo-Saxon goddess Eostre.
- Good Friday is recognized as a holiday in only 12 states.
- In 2020, 77% of American adults celebrated the holiday.
- Easter and Halloween compete for the highest candy sales.
- Americans eat about 1.5 million Peeps during Easter.

Word of the Day 4/1 - 4/5

Monday	Principle	a basic law or belief on which action or behavior is based. *Our country's laws are based on the principles of liberty and justice for all.
Tuesday	Convert	to change into a different form or state. *This sofa converts to a bed. *He converted to his wife's religion.
Wednesday	Alternative	one of two or more choices. *Our two alternatives are walking or taking a taxi.
Thursday	Crucial	very important; deciding the success or failure of something. *It is crucial that you follow directions during a fire drill.
Friday	Illustrate	to provide pictures to go along with written material. *He illustrated the children's book with pictures of dinosaurs.



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.



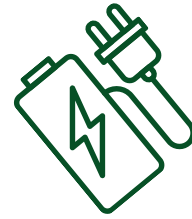
Keep up to date with all Bemis events on our website **CALENDAR**. Club meetings, sporting events, spirit days, days off, conferences... As soon as information is available it is updated on the website calendar.



Lost & Found

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

Laptop Charger Issue



Every student has been provided with a UCS laptop and UCS compatible charger.

Students are expected to bring a **charged laptop** along with their charger (if needed) to school every day (please label the charger with student's name).

Bemis Junior High School provides loaner laptops and loaner chargers for students that need to drop off their own equipment to have the Media Center Tech look at it, for troubleshooting, for quick fixes, to open repair tickets, etc. The loaner laptops and chargers are not intended to be given out to students simply because "I forgot it at home".

The forgetfulness can (and has) become an epidemic problem when you consider how many students attend school here every day. Loaner laptops and loaner chargers are limited in number. Priority loans must be given to those students that need a replacement device and did not forget their device at home.

Students that borrow chargers daily have most likely lost theirs. Lost chargers can be replaced for \$38. Once they are in 8th grade at the end of the year they will turn in both laptop & charger. If no charger they will be charged.

Chargers are also being borrowed and not returned so we are having to call the student out of class to find out why. Please talk to your student and make sure they have all their equipment for the day.

A **BIG THANK YOU** to ALL students who remember to bring their charged laptops and chargers to school every day!! It is very much appreciated.

WHAT'S NEXT FOR UCS? PROJECT PROPOSALS FOR BEMIS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL



SAFETY

PHASE 1: Projects in this phase will be scheduled for summer 2024 through 2026

- Create additional layers of security to limit access for exterior entry points at main entrance and corridors, such as shatter-resistant glass
- Replace drinking fountains with water bottle filling stations

SUCCESS

- Modernize school sign with digital technology

PHASES 2-5

- Renovate facility to address identified safety concerns related to the building's original design
- Upgrade network infrastructure
- Upgrade security systems (cameras and access control)
- Redesign Bemis/Browning parking lot and replace paving
- Improve the track and bleachers

- 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 interior and exterior lighting systems
- Purchase instructional technology equipment for classrooms
- Purchase computers for students and staff
- Purchase classroom furniture
- Purchase media center furniture

PROJECTS IN PROCESS/COMPLETED

- Replace interior door hardware to integrate improved locking system based on industry-level safety standards*
- Replace public address system*
- Upgrade kitchen*

*Funded by 2018 bond issue



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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 Dates

Bemis Junior High School Homework Club

2023-2024 Sessions*

Homework Club Dates
Monday 10/23/23
Tuesday 10/24/23
Wednesday 10/25/23
Monday 10/30/23
Tuesday 10/31/23
Wednesday 11/1/23
Monday 11/6/23
Wednesday 11/8/23
Monday 11/13/23
Tuesday 11/14/23
Wednesday 11/15/23
Monday 11/20/23
Tuesday 11/21/23
Monday 11/27/23
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Tuesday 1/9/24
Wednesday 1/10/24

Homework Club Dates
Tuesday 1/16/24
Wednesday 1/17/24
Monday 1/22/24
Tuesday 1/23/24
Wednesday 1/24/24
Monday 1/29/24
Tuesday 1/30/24
Wednesday 1/31/24
Monday 2/5/24
Tuesday 2/6/24
Wednesday 2/7/24
Monday 2/12/24
Tuesday 2/13/24
Wednesday 2/14/24
Monday 2/26/24
Tuesday 2/27/24
Wednesday 2/28/24
Monday 3/4/24
Tuesday 3/5/24
Wednesday 3/6/24
Monday 3/11/24
Tuesday 3/12/24
Wednesday 3/13/24
Monday 3/18/24
Tuesday 3/19/24
Wednesday 3/20/24

Homework Club Dates
Monday 4/1/24
Tuesday 4/2/24
Wednesday 4/3/24
Monday 4/8/24
Tuesday 4/9/24
Wednesday 4/10/24
Monday 4/15/24
Tuesday 4/16/24
Wednesday 4/17/24
Monday 4/22/24
Tuesday 4/23/24
Wednesday 4/24/24
Monday 4/29/24
Tuesday 4/30/24
Wednesday 5/1/24
Monday 5/6/24
Tuesday 5/7/24
Wednesday 5/8/24
Monday 5/13/24
Tuesday 5/14/24
Wednesday 5/15/24
Monday 5/20/24
Tuesday 5/21/24
Wednesday 5/22/24
Tuesday 5/28/24
Wednesday 5/29/24
Monday 6/3/24
Tuesday 6/4/24

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

School Calendar

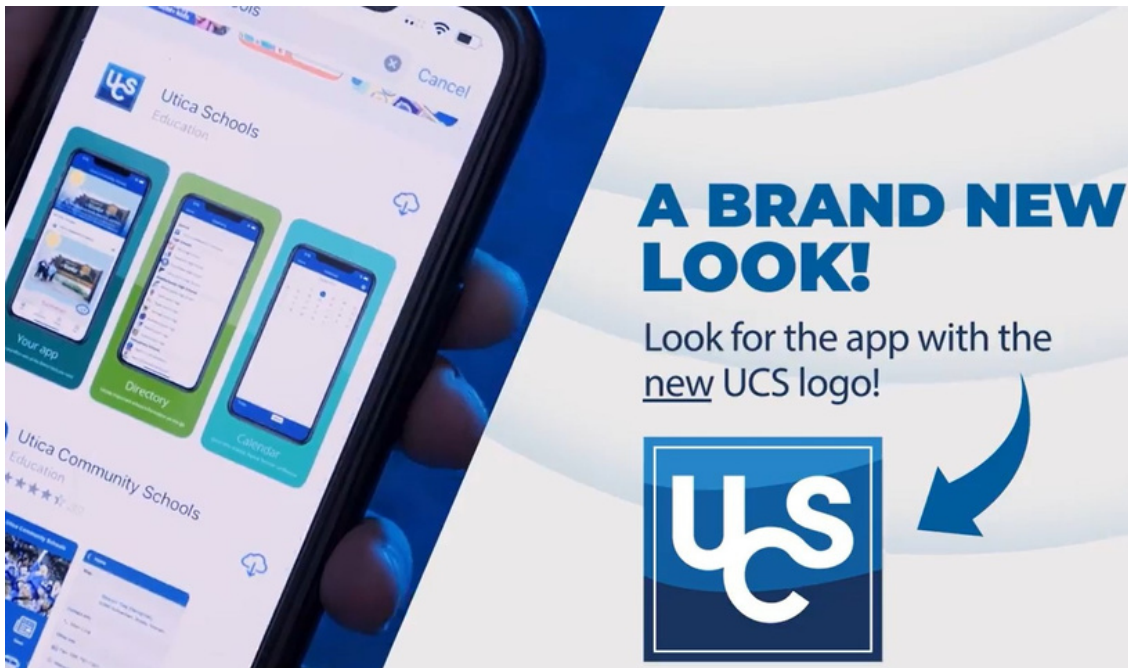
2023-2024 Calendar

August 29	First Day of School All K-12 Students- Elementary Student Half Day
September 1	No School for K-12 Students
September 4	No School for K-12 Students - Labor Day
September 20	No School for K-12 Students
October 12	Secondary Student Half Day - All Secondary Afternoon Conferences, High School only Evening Conferences
October 18	No School for K-12 Students
October 19	Junior High School Only - Evening Conferences
October 27	Elementary Student Half Day - End of Marking Period
October 31	Elementary Student Half Day
November 7	No School for K-12 Students - Election Day
November 9	Elementary Student Half Day - Afternoon Conferences
November 22 - 24	No School for K-12 Students - Thanksgiving Break
December 19	Secondary Student Half Day - Exams
December 20	Secondary Student Half Day - Exams
December 21	All Students K-12 Half Day - Exams and End of Marking Period
December 22 - January 2, 2024	No School for K-12 Students - Winter Break
January 15	No School for K-12 Students - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 19-23	No School for K-12 Students - Mid-Winter Break
March 22	Elementary Student Half Day - End of Marking Period
March 25-29	No School for K-12 Students - Spring Break
May 27	No School for K-12 Students - Memorial Day
June 5	Secondary Student Half Day - Exams
June 6	All Students K-12 Half Day - Exams
June 7	All Students K-12 Half Day - Exams and Last Day of School

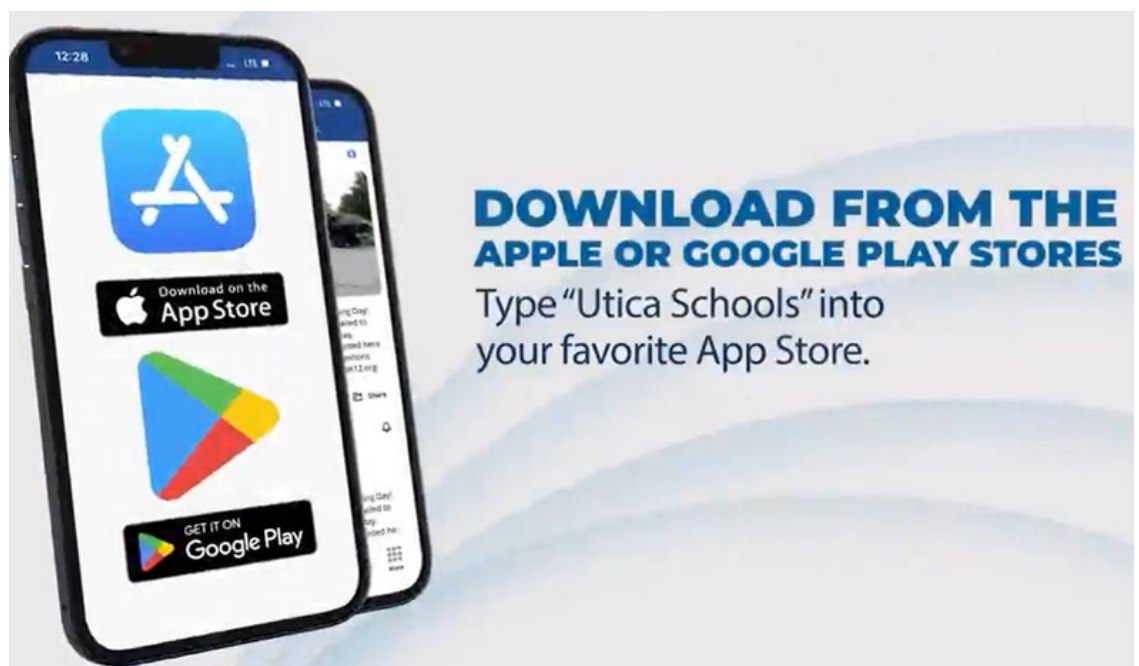
***Feb. 27 - No School
Voting**



Download the "NEW" UCS App



UCS is pleased to introduce its new mobile App. Simply download it from the App Store <https://apple.co/3OQx6St> or Google Play <https://bit.ly/3qiygNv> to get all the latest updates from UCS and your favorite school!





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.

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

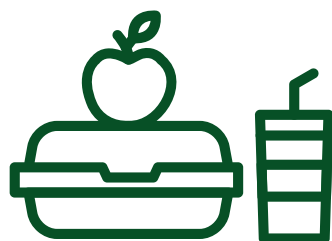
Class from 11:55am – 12:57pm

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

Computer Use Rules

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 TO REPLACE IT.

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 A PROBLEM

Her office is in the Media Center.

You can reach her by email at nicole.brown@uticak12.org Or send a message in Schoology.



IMPORTANT

SCHOOL POLICIES

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 2023-2024 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](#)

Student Drop Off Map

