BEMIS BULLETIN BOARD (B3)

Bemis Jr. High School's Newsletter for Parents





"The influence of a mother in the lives of her children is beyond calculation."

Attendance Intervention

Dear Parent or Guardian,

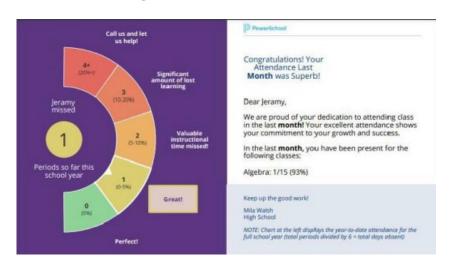
I am writing to inform you about an exciting new program we implemented on May 1, 2025. To enhance communication regarding student attendance, we will be utilizing Attendance Intervention, a PowerSchool product designed to streamline updates and alerts for families.

With Attendance Intervention, you will receive text messages and email alerts directly from teachers and school leaders, keeping you informed about your child's attendance in real time.

What makes Attendance Intervention unique?

- No Login Required: Messages will automatically be sent to the phone number and email address the school has on file for you.
- Direct Communication: Each message will come from a unique phone number associated with the sender. This direct line allows you to easily save the sender's number in your phone and reply directly to them, if desired.
- Absence Alerts: Families will be notified if a student is absent from school in a timely fashion.
- Say Goodbye to Language Barriers: Attendance Intervention translates text and email messages into more than 90 languages, based on the preferred language on file.

You will receive a digital postcard as an attachment to the email message. It will look like this:



This new form of communication will be modified and adjusted, if needed, during the remainder of the current school year. We are confident that this program will enhance communication and ensure we are all working together to support our students' successes. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to the school office.

Thank you for your continued partnership in your child's education.

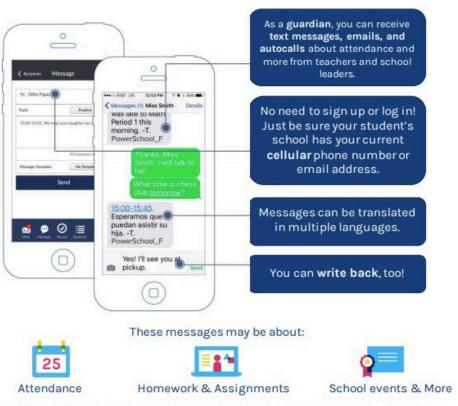
Sincerely,

Thomas Yaw, Bemis Junior High School, Principal



Unified Operations Attendance Intervention Suite & Communication

The all-in-one solution for improving communication between school and home.



To opt out, write STOP to a text message or press # 1 via autocall. You may also contact your student's school.



VOLUNTEERS/DONATIONS CLICK HERE



This is a *free* event for current 8th graders only. RSVP to your 6th hour teacher by 5/16/25.

Students must have transportation home at 4:30 pm. Bussing not provided.

Students on the No-Go list for citizenship or attendance are not permitted to attend the celebration.



WE APPRECIATE YOU















DODGEFEST 2025 CHAMPS 'Chicks & Chickens' CONGRATS SPARTANS!!



Mia R, Arxhenda H, Benji R, Caleb R, Mason D, Rowen G









SUMMER LEARNING

Summer Programs for students entering grades 6-12 will run from June 23, 2025 to August 1, 2025. Fully funded by grants, these programs are free for all participants and include complimentary breakfast, lunch and transportation.

Registration begins April 28, 2025 through Community Education, at which time families can register using the following link:

https://ucscommunityeducation.ce.eleyo.com/



Spring PSAT 8/9 2025 Results Release Timeline

Student score release will occur in two phases based upon when Michigan schools complete testing. Students who submit tests between April 7 and April 11 can view their scores starting on May 1, 2025. Those who submit tests between April 14 and April 25 can view their scores starting on May 15, 2025. Bemis students can view their scores via their College Board accounts after the release dates.



Upcoming Dates

5/11: Mother's Day

5/12-13: 6th Grade Visits 5/13-14: District Art Show 5/22: 8thgd Celebration

5/26: No School (Memorial Day)

6/3: Band Concert @ HF II 6/6: Awards Assemblies

6/9: Exams ½ Day 6/10: Exams ½ Day

6/11: Exams ½ Day (Last Day of School!)





Bemis Track Schedules





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

BEMIS SPORTS 2025-2026 School Year

It's that time to get ready for NEXT SCHOOL YEAR!!

All students that intend to play any sports at Bemis during the 24/25 schoolyear must have an MHSAA Physical on file dated on or after 4/15/25

Physical Forms

All student - athletes must also fill out Big Teams before participating in a sport. When filling out BigTeams, please choose sports you are interested in. You only need to fill out BigTeams once per year.

Big Teams

All fall sports participants, please pay attention to announcements during the first week of school for tryout information.



Teaching and Learning 11303 Greendale Sterling Heights, MI 48312 (586) 797-1095 www.UticaK12.org

All secondary English learner (EL) families:

We would like to invite you to an online EL parent meeting for students and families learning English as a second language. This meeting will be virtual, register through the QR code or use links provided below. You'll need Microsoft teams to access the meeting. You can either access teams by downloading the app or use your child's laptop from school.



There will be 5 options for meeting and each will be in a different language. If you do not speak Albanian, Arabic, Spanish or Ukrainian, please join us for an English meeting.

To attend the meeting in English on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 Time: 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

https://tinyurl.com/ybrk44hf

To attend the meeting in Arabic on Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. https://tinyurl.com/ytz66x7m

To attend the meeting in <u>Ukrainian</u> on Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. https://tinyurl.com/3brcue7d

To attend the meeting in Albanian on Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. https://tinyurl.com/ya6n2b5p

To attend the meeting in Spanish on Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. https://tinyurl.com/dppnfdx7 Register via the QR code and a meeting link will be emailed to you:





We will share information about the following:

- English Learners program and course offerings Fall 2025
- EL Curriculum
- Grading System
- Supporting learning at home through summer
- Attendance and its impact on credits

& opportunity to ask questions



4th Quarter Spirit Days

April 4th – Tigers Day – Baseball Hats allowed!

April 11th - Comfy Cozy Day

April 17th - Pastel/Spring Colors Day

April 25th - Pajama Day

May 2nd - Villians vs. Superheroes

May 5th - May 9th Spring Spirit Week

Monday - Spartan Pride!

Tuesday - Decades Day

Wednesday - Neon Day

Thursday - Team Jersey Day (any team!)

Friday - White/Black out

May 16th - Culture Day

May 23rd - Ford Falcon Day (Maroon, Gold, & White)

May 30th – Hat/Headwear Day

June 6th – Red Carpet Day

All clothing during spirit days MUST be school appropriate and follow the school dress code including no paiamas or hats unless specifically allowed.





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



Science Olympiad



AVID FUNDRAISER!!





BEMIS JUNIOR HIGH AVID PIZZA FUNDRAISER NIGHT

19 & Hayes 586-566-9700

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:	- 100

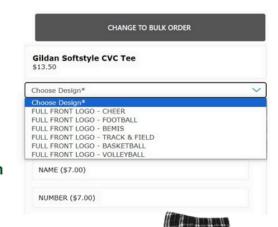


Bemis Spirit Wear





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













Bemis Spartans Drawstring Bag Available in the PitStop \$20





Homework Club



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
understands that it is his/her responsibility	y to arrive on time, br vork. My child also u	has my permission to participate in The Bemis wide transportation for my child. My child ring all necessary materials to the Bemis Junior High nderstands that all Bemis Junior High School rules emis Homework Club.
	students can quietly	nents. When in need of help with the assignment, work together on common assignments. All students to the time of dismissal.
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Parent Signature	toppag = static = solo >	
STUDENT		
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Student Name (printed)		_
Student signature		-



Bemis Junior High School Homework Club 2024-2025 Sessions*

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uesday 11/12/24	Tuesday 2/4/25
Vednesday 11/13/24	Wednesday 2/5/
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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, LENSA, 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 Schoology.



STEM and Literacy Summer Camp 2025

For students entering grades 3-5



Camp Locations:

Beacon Tree Elementary Crissman Elementary Dresden Elementary Flickinger Elementary Jack Harvey Elementary Havel Elementary

Camp Dates & Times

June 23, 2025 – August 1, 2025 Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. No session on Thurs. 7/3/2025 and Fri. 7/4/2025

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- Learn from high-interest, science-based texts focused on developing craft, structure, vocabulary, and using knowledge and ideas.
- Engage in STEM activities and experiments focused on developing rich content knowledge and a love for scientific exploration.
- Design and explore science concepts through an inquiry and investigative approach and framework.
- Transportation will be provided for in-district families. Breakfast and lunch will be provided free of charge for students.

Register at https://ucscommunityeducation.ce.eleyo.com



Online registration will open on Monday, April 28, 2025, and will close on Friday May 16, 2025. Registration spaces are limited. District Benchmark Assessment results will be considered to determine placement. Placement confirmation will be sent by Friday, May 30, 2025. Please direct any questions to your building administrator.



SUN Bucks is the new name for the Summer EBT grocery benefit. Eligible families will receive \$120 per child to purchase groceries over the summer. Once your family is enrolled, SUN Bucks will be automatically added to your SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) account or you will be issued a separate EBT (Electronic Benefit Transfer) card.

Families will be automatically enrolled in SUN Bucks if they are already enrolled in SNAP, TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.)

The Education Benefit Form (EBF) will not count towards this - you will need to enroll separately for SUN Bucks.

Apply by April 15, 2025 to be eligible for the first issuance of benefits in May 2025. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until August 31, 2025.



First Grade Fundamental Camp 2025

(For registered Children entering 1st Grade in September 2025)

Join Utica Community Schools in a Family Partnership for Learning!







Camp Location

Beacon Tree Elementary Crissman Elementary Dresden Elementary Flickinger Elementary Jack Harvey Elementary Havel Elementary

Camp Dates & Times

June 23, 2025-August 1, 2025 Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m .- 12:00 p.m. No session on Thurs. 7/3/25 or Fri. 7/4/2025

- First Grade Fundamentals targets literacy and math development for students entering First Grade with identified needs in literacy and math based upon district benchmark assessments.
- Students will be engaged in daily literacy experiences through interactive and meaningful
- Transportation will be provided for in-district families. Breakfast and lunch will be provided free of charge for students.
- All participating students will receive a learning kit to be used at home.



Register at https://ucscommunityeducation.ce.eleyo.com





Summer Scholars Program 2025

For students entering grades 2-5

JOIN US FOR FREE!

- The Summer Scholars Program is an instructional school-based program targeting literacy and math intervention for students entering Grades 2-5, with identified needs in literacy and math based upon district benchmark assessments.
- Students will be engaged in comprehensive and meaningful literacy and math instruction using evidenced based practices to address their individual needs.
 - The goal of the Summer School Program is to accelerate student growth in literacy and math.
 - Transportation will be provided for in-district families. Breakfast and lunch will be provided free of charge for students.
 - Program runs Monday through Friday 8:30 12:00 p.m. Daily attendance is required for all participating students.



Camp Locations:

Beacon Tree Elementary Crissman Elementary Dresden Elementary Flickinger Elementary Jack Harvey Elementary Havel Elementary

Camp Dates & Times

June 23, 2025 - August 1, 2025 Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. No session on Thurs. 7/3/25 or Fri. 7/4/2025

LITERACY

Areas of Instruction - Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, Comprehension, Fluency, Vocabulary, and Writing Components of the Literacy Workshop: Literacy Workstations, Whole Group, Small Group, and One-on-One tailored instruction in Reading and Writing

Literacy Framework:

- 1. Modeled and Shared Reading, Guided Reading, and Independent Reading.
- 2. Modeled and Shared Writing, Interactive Writing, and Independent Writing. 3. Social Emotional Learning (SEL) - Literacy Mindset

MATHEMATICS

Area of Instruction - Grade Level Concepts with a focus on number sense and mathematical fluency

Math Framework - Number sense routine, activities, games, choice time, and math mindset activities

Register at https://ucscommunityeducation.ce.eleyo.com



Online registration will open on Monday, April 28, 2025, and will close on Friday May 16, 2025. Registration spaces are limited. District Benchmark Assessment results will be considered to determine placement. Placement confirmation will be sent by Friday, May 30, 2025. Please direct any questions to your building administrator.







SUMMER SWIM CAMP

Three sessions to choose from:

Competitive – June 16-27 & July 7-18 @ 8:00-9:30am Open to Grades 6-12 that are currently on a swim team (club, middle school, or high school)

Middle School – June 16-27 @ 9:30-11:00am Open to Grades 5-8 regardless of swim experience

Elementary – July 7-18 @ 9:30-11:00am Open to Grades 1-4 regardless of swim experience

Where Henry Ford II High School Pool

Enter Door 14 11911 Clinton River Rd, Sterling Heights, MI, 48313

Learn to Swim - Level Up. This camp is designed to accommodate swimmers of all skill levels with a focus on improving confidence, technique, and performance.

STREAMLINE SWIM

SUMMER SWIM CAMP

2025

COST

Competitive - \$190 Middle School - \$100 Elementary - \$100

INSTRUCTORS

Coach Austin from Henry Ford II and staff from around the area



Coach Austin hfiswimanddive@gmail.com or message on Band

SPREAD THE WORD

Share this flyer and join our Band app for schedules and registration info.



SCAN THE QR TO JOIN

All camps run Monday-Friday. No Saturdays or Sundays.





Do you know of any teachers, administrators, or support staff who made a difference this year?

In honor of upcoming Employee
Appreciation days, email your 'Shout
Outs' to UCS@uticak12.org

'Shout Outs' will be shared on social media and with the staff directly, beginning May 1, 2025



UTICA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS







Walk In Wednesdays. Click <u>HERE</u> 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!

Click HERE to See Postings for all available UCS Jobs.

Future Falcon



What Awaits Future Falcons?

"Future Falcons should look forward to joining a school where family comes first. At Henry Ford II, we believe in Empowering Excellence in Everyone, providing opportunities to grow academically. discover your passions, and achieve greatness, whether it's excelling in the classroom, performing on stage, or competing on the field. Together, we soar!"



Lori Singleton Principal

Points of Pride

Michigan and National Blue Ribbon Exemplary School

Honored nationally in such areas as national merit, career and technical education, advanced placement, film, music and Milken family foundation for the nation's top teacher

One of the most academically challenging schools in the United States by the Washington Post

Newsweek Magazine honored school as among the top ten percent in the nation for providing student experiences in science, technology, engineering, and Mathemetics (STEM)

Among the highest level of achievement at local, state and national level

What Makes a Falcon?

Resilient - Falcons overcome challenges with strength and determination.

Compassionate - Falcons care deeply about each other and their community.

Innovative - Falcons think creatively and explore new possibilities.

Determined - Falcons are focused on their goals and work hard to achieve them.

Respectful - Falcons treat others with kindness, fairness, and dignity.

Curious - Falcons embrace learning and seek knowledge in every opportunity.

Empowered - Falcons take initiative and inspire those around them to excel.

Sucess in the school

- Associate principal Anthony Tocco was selected among 12 statewide to be a part of Michigan Leadership for Equity and Transformation as a fellow.
- Past graduate Jaden Rosenberger earned a silver medal in 2024 Scholastic Art and Writing competition.
- Two seniors have been awarded with scholarships \$100,000 or more to attend the College of Creative studies located in Detroit, Michigan.



What would you tell Future Falcons?

"The dedication of our teachers and the achievements of our classmates, both academically and in extracurricular activities make me proud to be part of such a vibrant school."

- Josh Houston, HFII Senior



HFII CHEER TRYOUT REQUIREMENTS

All athletes who tryout will make a team either jv or varsity. NO CUTS!!! having the skills outlined
below does not guarantee
you a spot on varsity, it is
just the minimum
should have good attitudes,
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

2025HF II SIDELINE CHEER <u>Registration Form</u>



come soon!!

Volunteers Needed Browning Elementary Fun Fair

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for our Annual Family Fun Fair!
Family Friendly Volunteer opportunity! Grandparents, High school students in need of volunteer hours,
Browning Alumni, community members welcome.
Pastry Donations will be needed for the Cake walk as well!
Food, Games, Raffles! This will be a great ending to an amazing year!
Come be a part of the Fun! Click HERE to sign up!
FRIDAY, MAY 16th
5:30-8:00pm





UTICA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



Afterschool Enrichment and Summer Camps





The Clinton River Watershed Council (CRWC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting, enhancing and celebrating the Clinton River, its watershed and Lake St. Clair. They provide residents, schools, governments, businesses and other community groups with wide-ranging programs and events to ensure a healthy Clinton River Watershed for us all.

Participation in the watershed **survey** would also be greatly appreciated.



more stuff...



The <u>UCS Wellness podcast</u> 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.







- The first Mother's Day was organized on May 10, 1908 in West Virginia and Pennsylvania.
- Mother's Day became an official holiday in 1914
- Carnations are the official flowers of Mother's Day
- Consumers are expected to spend \$33.5 billion on Mother's Day
- Phone calls will likely soar on Mother's Day.
- Mother's Day isn't always on the same date each year.
- Mother's Day is the third highest selling holiday for flowers and plants.

Monday	Environment	the objects and conditions that exist in a place and influence how people feel and develop. A safe environment is important for the proper development of a child.
Tuesday	Require	to make something necessary. When someone requires you to do something, you must do it.
Wednesday	Element	a basic part of any whole. One element of this recipe is missing.
Thursday	Reverse	opposite in direction, position, or movement. The reverse side of the towel is softer.
Friday	Involve	to have as a necessary part; include. Police work involves danger. Please don't involve me in your problems.



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 & Lunches

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.

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		





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 OK2SAYwebsite.

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

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









Download the 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!

Dress Code

Bemis follows the dress code located in the <u>Parent and Student Handbook</u>. 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. <u>Click here</u> 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. <u>Click here</u> 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 <u>here</u>.

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.

IMPORTANT SCHOOL POLICIES

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 <u>HERE</u> 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. Clink on link for more information *Kroger Community Rewards*

