



WEEK OF DECEMBER 11

BEMIS BULLETIN BOARD (B3).



Bemis Jr. High School's Newsletter for Parents

Artists of the Month



Sophie S, Theo Y, Gabby Y, Max K, Julie N, Madi L, Emily L, Alexis J, Luke R, Kaylee M, Ayesha A, Aarna B, Chloe F, Hannah K, May C, Travis H, Keira T, Valencia J



Instructors: Leisa Borrer & Marc Palombo



Vacation Notice



According to the Student Handbook, vacation or travel during school days is discouraged. Families should seek permission from a building administrator for an excused vacation absence prior to making any travel arrangements. The request should be made in writing at least one week prior to the vacation. Vacation absences of more than 10 days in a semester will not be approved. Vacation absences that would cause a student to be placed on the No-Go list will not be approved for excusal. Vacations taken without approval will be marked as unexcused absences.

Students approved for excusal should pick-up a "Pre-arranged Absent Form" from the Counseling office. Homework may be requested and requires 24 hours to process. However, most teachers post their assignments on Schoology. Work at the secondary level may be due upon return from vacation or travel.

Please be advised: UCS does not support international travel of our laptop devices. Teams links AND Class Link will not work outside of the US; therefore, students cannot access and complete class work while traveling.

Bemis students channel their inner Bueller through gratitude



In the words of the great Ferris Bueller – “Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it.”

That is especially true if you are a junior high school student.

To help students slow things down a bit and refocus their attention, Bemis Junior High School staff held a month-long challenge on practicing gratitude.

“There are so many benefits to focus on what is good in life,” said Bemis teacher Jennifer Kauflin. “It brings people to a better place and creates a more positive atmosphere built on unity.”

Through classroom work, journals, small group activities, and announcements, students were asked to practice gratitude.

“We were challenged to look at every aspect of our lives and show our gratitude and appreciation for the things we have in our lives,” said 8th grader Olivia Uhring.

Classmate Brennan Marchin realized through his journal entrees how fortunate he was in his life.

“When you think about things that other people may not have, I am grateful and blessed to have a roof over my head,” he said.

For Bemis, gratitude is defined as the quality of being thankful and the acts of showing appreciation and returning kindness. Gratitude is proven to increase a person’s overall well-being by 10 percent.

The November Gratitude Challenge was created through the Bemis Wellness Committee, which formed last year. During December, the committee is challenging students to “Be A Light” through intentional acts of kindness.

Photo - Bemis 8th graders next to a gratitude wall.

Holiday CHEER



Spirit Week

Monday 12/11-12/15



Monday: Holiday Pajamas

Tuesday: Grinch Day



Wednesday: Holiday T-Shirt



Thursday: Holiday Headwear

Friday: Holiday/Ugly Sweater



Best Dressed Prizes at Lunches




YEAH!



Bemis collected 372 toys this year!

Thank You to everyone who donated toys & money.

Candy Canes for everyone 

The winning team was (3rd hr) Team One

Mrs. Bettys

Mr. Stokes

Mrs. Forsyth

They will get a movie & popcorn 3rd hour next week!



Upcoming Dates

12/11-15 - Holiday Cheer Spirit Week

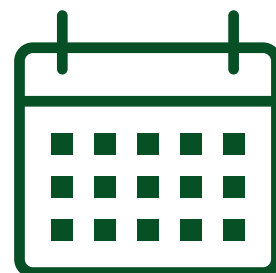
12.12: Girls Bball Open Gym (5:30-7pm) Main

12/19: Half Day (Exams 1&2) 8:10-11:12am

12/20: Half Day (Exams 3&4) 8:10-11:12am

12/21: Half Day (Exams 5&6) 8:10-11:12am

12/22-1/2: NO SCHOOL (Winter Break)



***Girls 7th and 8th Basketball Tryouts begin 1/4/24**

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

Click [here](#) for Basketball Schedules



Girls Basketball Open Gym

Girls basketball open gym will be held on the following dates below. This is open to all students for recreational purposes and is not part of trying out for the school basketball team. Students interested in participating must have a valid physical on file in Big Teams dated 4/15/23 or later.

~~November 21st @ 5:30 -7:00 (Main)~~

~~November 28th @ 5:30 -7:00 (Main)~~

~~December 5th @ 5:30 -7:00 (Main)~~

~~December 12th @ 5:30 -7:00 (Main)~~



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)

Splash Into Science Spring Break Trip



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**



Calling All Middle School Students!

Share your ideas and show off your civics skills in the National Civics Bee.

LOCAL

\$500
cash prize
FIRST PLACE

\$250
cash prize
SECOND PLACE

\$125
cash prize
THIRD PLACE

STATE

\$1,000
cash prize
FIRST PLACE

\$500
cash prize
SECOND PLACE

\$250
cash prize
THIRD PLACE

NATIONAL

State Finalists who advance to the national competition will compete for prizes worth more than **\$50,000**.

About the Bee

The National Civics Bee is an annual competition that encourages young Americans to engage in civics and contribute to their communities. In the first round of the contest, students will participate in an essay competition. Judges will then select 20 finalists to participate in the final round: a live quiz event testing civics knowledge.

How to Enter

If you are a 6th, 7th, or 8th grade student with an idea about using civics to solve a problem in your community, review the rules and guidelines on this page:

<https://www.chaldeanfoundation.org/national-civics-bee/>
(code sensitive)

Next, complete the online submission form, including contact information for your parent or guardian, and upload (preferred method) or mail your 500-word essay.

DEADLINE: Essays must be received by January 8, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. EST

Chaldean Community Foundation
3601 15 Mile Rd
Sterling Heights, MI 48310
info@chaldeanfoundation.org

The National Civics Bee is presented by the Chaldean Community Foundation and the Chaldean American Chamber of Commerce with support from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation.



click for more info

Essay Topic

Identify a problem facing your community. How might a citizen solve the problem?

Write a 500-word essay that includes the following:

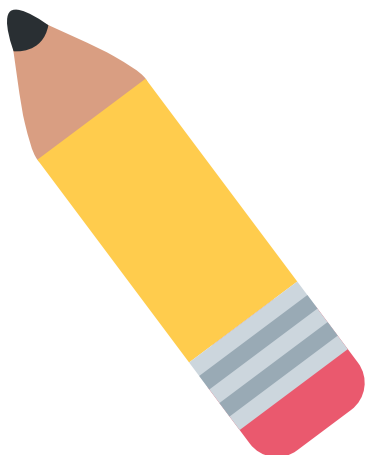
- What is the problem, and how do different members in your community or neighborhood view it?
- What civic principles or systems could help to address the problem?
- What is your idea or recommendation for solving the problem?
- What primary sources, such as the Declaration of Independence or the United States Constitution, provide supporting evidence or examples for your idea or recommendation?
- How might members of your community or neighborhood bring your ideas or recommendations to life?

Judging Criteria

Your essay will be evaluated based on how well you:

- Demonstrate an understanding of civics.
- Acknowledge and address opposing points of view.
- Use primary sources.
- Clearly describe an idea innovative or new to you.

Best of Luck!





We recycle, yes, we do!
We recycle, how about you?!??

Bemis students can bring in paper (no cardboard), empty ink cartridges, old markers, and old batteries.
Drop them off in the appropriate bins in the Media Center for recycling.
Help our Ecology Club make this world a better place!

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!!!!

Save the Date

~~FAFSA Event: Grade 12 only~~

~~Location: Utica High School~~

~~Date: November 27, 2023~~

~~Time: 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm~~



Pathways to Success:

Location: Henry Ford II High School

Date: January 18, 2024

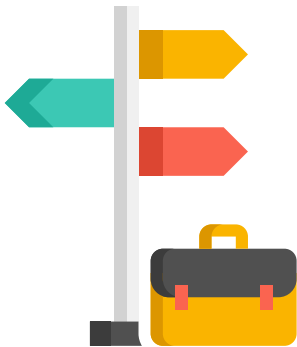
Time: 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Young Fives and Kindergarten Open House:

Location: Elementary Buildings

Date: March 6, 2024

Time: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.



College and Careers Pathway Event:

Location: Henry Ford II High School

Date: March 14, 2024

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

District Art Show:

Location: Sterling Heights Community Center

Dates: April 23 – 25, 2024

Time: TBD



UCS SPECIALTY SCHOOLS



Informational Nights at 6:30 p.m.

Program	Location	Information Night
UHHS	Utica High	January 8
GLK-UAIS/IB	Heritage-UAIS	January 9
Stevenson MADE	Stevenson	January 10
CSI	IRC	January 11
MST	IRC	January 17

Pathways to Success Event: January 18, 2024 @ Henry Ford II 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

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

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 @ 12:00 p.m.
MST/Science	IRC	Feb 10 @ 8:00 a.m.	March 2 @ 12:00 p.m.
GLK-UAIS/Socratic Circle	Heritage-UAIS	March 2 @ 8:00 a.m. or 12:00 p.m.	Feb 10 @ 8:00 a.m. or 12:00 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

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.

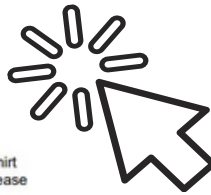
* FOCUS ON SAFE/ FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENT *



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



Click to register

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



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.



**UTICA
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Afterschool Enrichment



**Sterling Heights
LIBRARY**



Kindergarten & Young Fives

Registration for 2024-2025 kindergarten will begin on January 4, 2024.



Great Start Readiness Program



GSRP pre-application for the 2024-2025 school year opens on December 11, 2023. The Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) is a FREE preschool program funded through the Michigan Department of Education. Interested families can call the GSRP office at 586-797-6930 or email at gsrp@uticak12.org. For the 2024-2025 school year, children must be four years old on or before September 1, 2024.

Rick Bye Fieldhouse Dedication

The Rick Bye Fieldhouse will be dedicated at noon on Tuesday, December 19 at Stevenson High School. This event is open to the public. The fieldhouse is being renamed to honor Mr. Bye's 42 years of service and his positive impact in the classroom and on the athletic field.



Clinton River Watershed Council (CRWC) Events

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.

Additionally, participation in the watershed survey would be greatly appreciated. To access the survey, please see this [link](#).

The more you know...



- Then 8-year-old Natalie Wood believed her Miracle on 34th Street costar Edmund Gwenn was actually Santa Claus.
- In The Muppet Christmas Carol, the flowing look of the Ghost of Christmas Past was achieved by submerging the puppet in a water tank.
- An episode of Myth Busters proved that a tongue can instantly get stuck to a freezing pole à la A Christmas Story.
- Will Ferrell ate so much sugar while filming Elf that he had trouble sleeping.
- John Candy shot all of his Home Alone scenes in one long 23-hour day on set.
- Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer's stop-motion animation was produced in Japan, while most of the audio was recorded in Canada.

Word of the Day

Monday	Design	to draw plans for the form or structure of something. She designs and makes her own clothes. He designed an addition to his house.
Tuesday	Innovation	a new idea, product, or way to do something. Thanks to innovations in technology, many people can now make use of a computer.
Wednesday	Range	the two end points or limits between which something can vary, or the distance between these two limits. In this school, the range of ages is from twelve to fifteen.
Thursday	Sophisticated	having or showing a lot of knowledge or experience; not ignorant or simple. This author writes for a sophisticated audience.
Friday	Obvious	easy for anyone to see or understand; clear. It was obvious that he liked her a lot.



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.



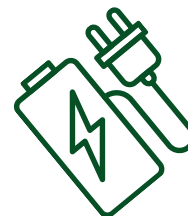
Keep up to date with all Bemis events on our website **CALENDAR**. Club meetings, sporting events, spirit days, days off, conferences... As soon as information is available it is updated on the website calendar.



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.



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
Tuesday 11/28/23
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Tuesday 12/12/23
Wednesday 12/13/23
Monday 12/18/23
Wednesday 1/3/24
Wednesday 1/8/24
Tuesday 1/9/24
Wednesday 1/10/24

Homework Club Dates
Tuesday 1/16/24
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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
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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.

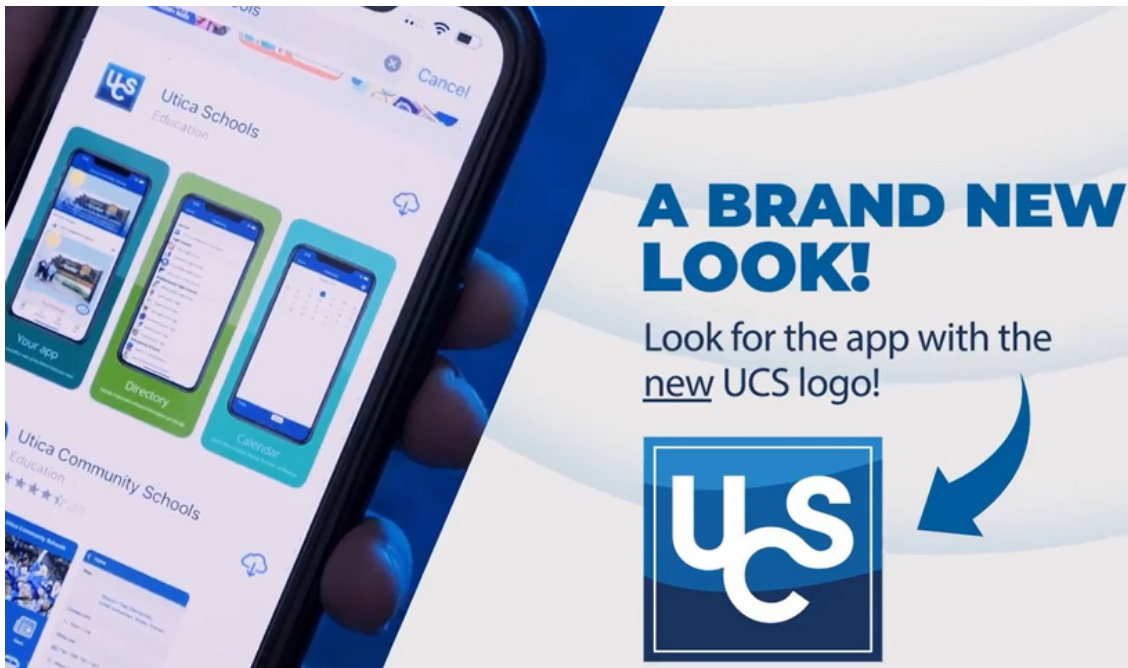
School Calendar

2023-2024 Calendar

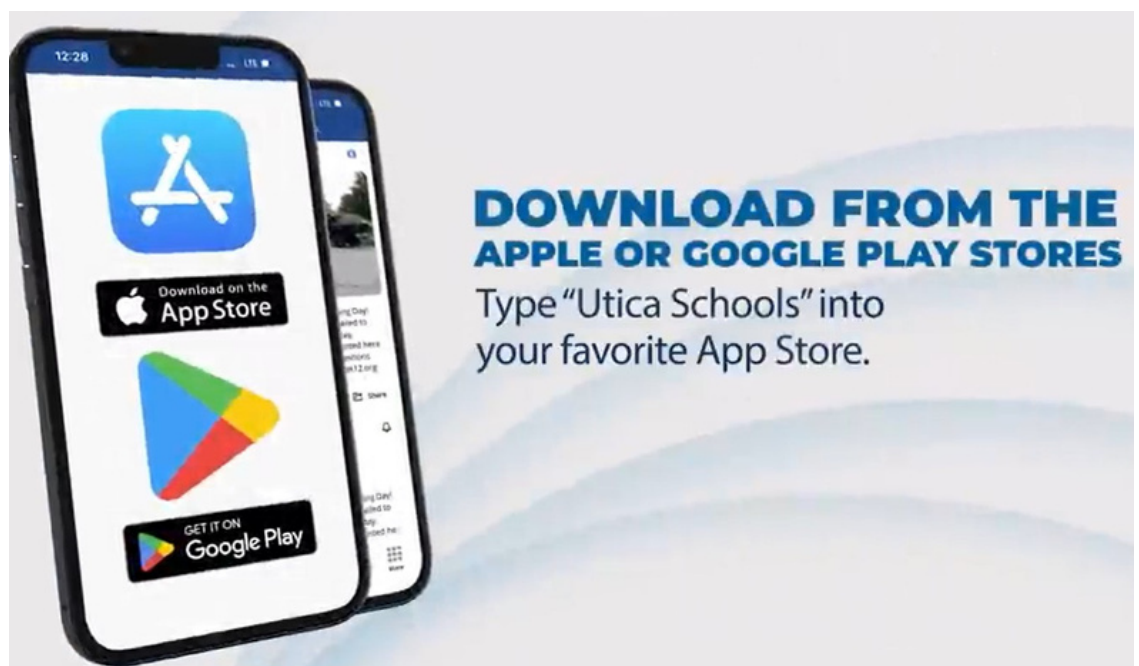
August 29	First Day of School All K-12 Students- Elementary Student Half Day
September 1	No School for K-12 Students
September 4	No School for K-12 Students - Labor Day
September 20	No School for K-12 Students
October 12	Secondary Student Half Day - All Secondary Afternoon Conferences, High School only 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



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

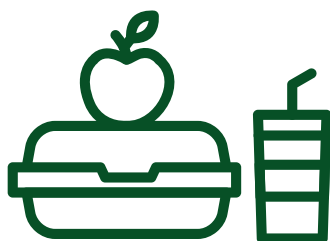
Class from 11:55am – 12:57pm

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

