

WEEK OF OCTOBER 2

BEMIS BULLETIN BOARD (B3).

Bemis Jr. High School's Newsletter for Parents

hello
OCTOBER

UCS student achieves perfect M-STEP Math score for third time!



Despite math coming easy to **Bemis Junior High School 8th grader Isabella Bronzovich**, it was challenging to add up how she could get a perfect Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP) Math score for the third consecutive time.

"It's crazy, I don't know how I do it, honestly," Bronzovich said.

The M-STEP is an assessment to gauge how well students are mastering state standards in Math, English, Science and Social Studies.

"It's really hard," **Bemis Junior High School math teacher, Michael Galli**, said. "There are a lot of questions that the students really have to think and work hard at."

Bronzovich has achieved a perfect M-STEP Math score each time she has taken the test – in 3rd, 6th and 7th grades. When she found out about her perfect score from her mom, she felt surprised and proud of herself.

"The girl is a rockstar, she's awesome," Galli said. "She works hard and doesn't give up."

Bronzovich is now enrolled in accelerated geometry, a 10th grade course, and explained she has always enjoyed math even since she was three years old.

When asked what her favorite thing about Math was, Bronzovich explained, "it makes sense and you can figure it out with logic."

As a former math teacher of her, Galli hopes to have been a part of Bronzovich's success yet recognizes it all comes down to her.

"She's a good kid with a great head on her shoulders that will go far," said Galli.

Bronzovich's advice to students looking to emulate her M-STEP success: try your best, take your time and pay attention during class.



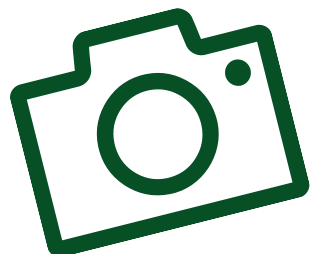
The Michigan Attorney General's office will be conducting presentations on student safety featuring the OK2SAY program.

The presentation will be given to 7th grade Bemis Jr. High students on October 27, 2023, during 3rd hour. Information regarding OK2Say can be found at <https://www.michigan.gov/ok2say>.

If you DO NOT want your student to view the presentation, please email Carrie Bohm @ carrie.bohm@uticak12.org by October 26, 2023.



SCHOOL PICTURES



The School ID Code for your school is **2324BEMISJR** (not case sensitive).

<https://kaiserstudio.com>

Re-Take Day - 10/24

****PLEASE BRING YOUR ORIGINAL PICTURE PACKET WITH YOU TO RE-TAKES***

Reminder



**Please use the church parking lot
(across the street) for the early
home football game on
10/17**



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](#)
586-797-7100**

Upcoming Dates

10/3: Basketball Open Gym - 7th/8th gd boys (6:30-8:00pm)

10/5: Fall Sports Team Pictures

10/6: Ford Homecoming Spirit Day

10/10: Basketball Open Gym - 7th/8th gd boys (6:30-8:00pm)

10/12: Half Day for students (Fall Parent Teacher Conferences)

10/16: Basketball Open Gym - 7th/ 8th gd boys (3:10 -4:45pm)

10/18: NO SCHOOL

10/19: Evening Conferences

10/23: Basketball Open Gym - 7th/8th gd boys (3:10-4:45pm)

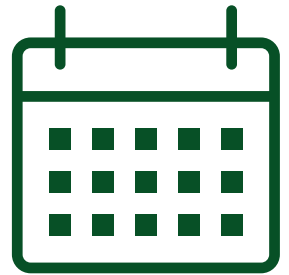
10/24: Picture Re-Takes

10/27: End of First Marking Period

10/30: Basketball Open Gym - 7th/8th gd boys (3:10-4:45pm)

11/6: Basketball Open Gym - 7th/8th gd boys (3:10-4:45pm)

11/7: NO SCHOOL (Election Day)



Click [HERE](#) for Football/Volleyball Schedules

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



OPEN GYM



7th/8th-grade boys

At open gym you will be playing multiple games of basketball. Wear the appropriate clothing and shoes. Listen to upcoming announcements for the schedule.

See you there, Coach Marchand.

Click [HERE](#) for upcoming dates.



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

FULL FRONT LOGO - BEMIS

Choose Design*

FULL FRONT LOGO - CHEER
FULL FRONT LOGO - FOOTBALL
FULL FRONT LOGO - VOLLEYBALL
FULL FRONT LOGO - BEMIS

Qty 1

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!



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!!!!

You Are Invited ^{2nd annual}

Retiree Gathering

Bemis Spartans

Friday, October 6th, 9:15 am – 1 pm.

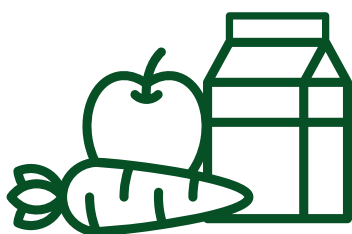
- Upon arrival , please sign into the main office, then head out to the track to hear the Ford/Bemis Marching Bands.
- After, you will be able to walk the halls/building to see what has changed.
- Have lunch with all your favorite old buddies from 11:10 am-1 pm.

Lunch will be provided.

RSVP to Amanda Castro by Wednesday, October 4th
amanda.castro@uticak12.org or text 586-201-2016



**Shout Out to our
Nutrition Team!**

Two photographs of the nutrition team. The left photo shows five women standing in a school hallway. The right photo shows four women sitting on stools in a school cafeteria. Both photos are framed with a white border and a blue background with confetti and stars.

Bemis Junior High

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

A circular logo with a yellow background, featuring a black crossed fork and spoon, with the letters 'UCS' below them.



Click the Falcon for HF II Info



Utica Community Schools
 Instrumental Music Department
 proudly presents
BAND-A-RAMA 2023
 Come see all four UCS High School Marching Bands perform!

Henry Ford II Falcon Marching Band presents MÚSICA CALIENTE	MÚSICA CALIENTE HENRY FORD II FALCON MARCHING BAND	Utica Chieftain Marching Band presents GUITAR HEROES	2023 Utica High School MARCHING EAGLES 2023 GUITAR HEROES
Stevenson Titan Marching Band presents NIGHTMARE IN THE SHADOWS	STEVENSON TITAN MARCHING BAND PRESENTS: NIGHTMARE IN THE SHADOWS	Eisenhower Eagle Marching Band presents THE TIME IS NOW	EISENHOWER HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING EAGLES 2023 THE TIME IS NOW

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8TH at 7 p.m.
 Swinehart Field
 47255 Shelby Road ● Shelby Twp., MI 48317

Admission \$5 for high school age and above,
 free for junior high and younger.
 All proceeds benefit the
 Louis Gonda Memorial Music Scholarship Fund.

more stuff...



Our latest UCS Podcademy episode is now available! The Utica Community Schools Foundation for Educational Excellence partners with the district to provide unique opportunities for students and staff to benefit from.

Learn more about this important organization and how to get involved:

Audio only 🎧- <https://bit.ly/48yR4cy>

Video 📺- https://youtu.be/xYL_bcVVkUw



**UTICA
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Afterschool Enrichment



**ART
BOX
STUDIO**

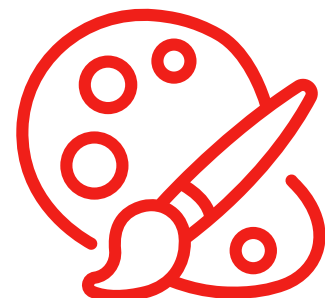
Art Box Studio-Drawing
Grades 5th-8th

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:
communityquestions@uticak12.org
or ArtBoxStudio4u@gmail.com
www.ArtBoxStudioLLC.com

6071-F23A Tues. 9/26 - 10/24/23 Drawing @ Eppler Jr. High 6:00-7:30pm
6071-F23B Tues. 11/14 - 12/12/23 Drawing @ Eppler Jr. High 6:00-7:30pm
Tuition: \$97 5wks. New Experience each session!!!

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



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





- October is the tenth month of the Gregorian calendar and is known for its beautiful fall foliage, particularly in North America and Europe.
- The name "October" comes from the Latin word "octo," which means eight, as it was originally the eighth month of the year in the Roman calendar.
- October is known for its beautiful fall foliage.
- The birthstones for October are tourmaline and opal.
- The zodiac signs for October are Libra and Scorpio.
- In the United States and Canada, October is recognized as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.
- In Mexico, October 31st is celebrated as the Day of the Dead.
- The Oktoberfest is celebrated annually in Munich, Germany.

Word of the Day

Monday	Region	an area of the earth's surface that has a certain type of land and climate. *This tree grows only in tropical regions.
Tuesday	Shift	to move or change position. *The boy shifted in his chair.
Wednesday	Modify	to change in some way; alter. *They modified the language of the play so that the younger children could understand it.
Thursday	Evident	easily seen; clear. *Her happiness was evident to all.
Friday	Conceive	to give shape to, in the mind. *She conceived a clever story.



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.



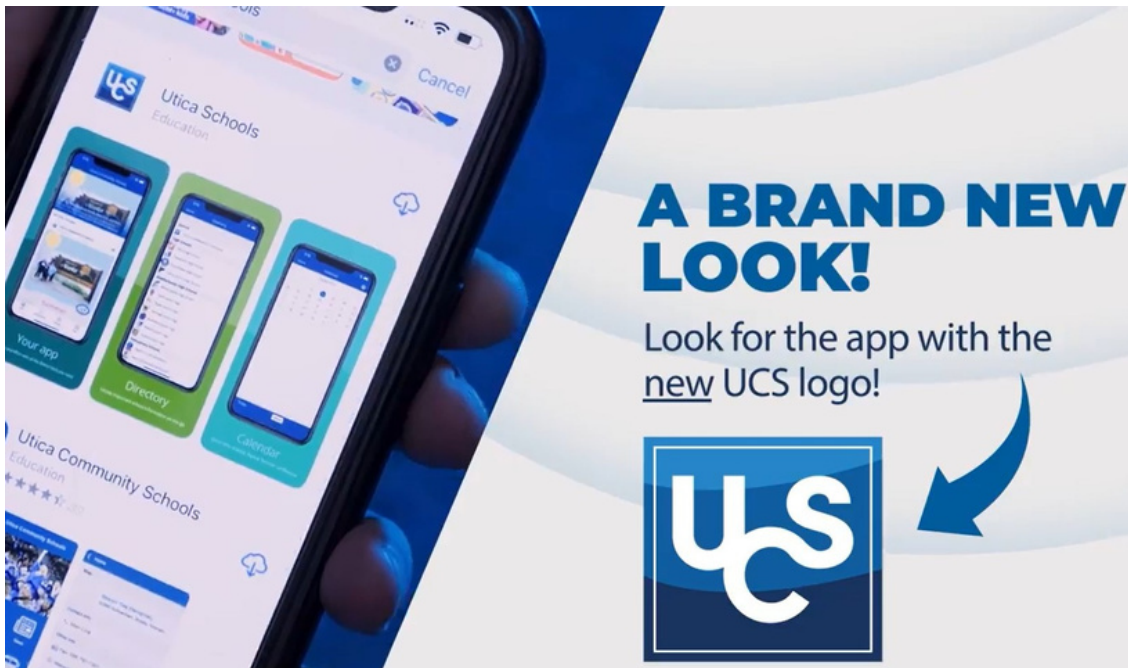
Keep up to date with all Bemis events on our website **CALENDAR**. Club meetings, sporting events, spirit days, days off, conferences... As soon as information is available it is updated on the website calendar.



Lost & Found

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

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

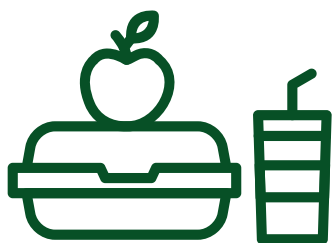
Class from 11:55am – 12:57pm

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

