



Malow Mustang Messenger



January 9, 2023

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- [Ike Bowling vs. Dakota \(Shore\) @ 3:45pm](#)
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Tuesday, January 10

- [Yearbook picture of Ike winter sport athletes during 5th hour](#)
- [Ike Girls Cross Country Info Meeting from 3:00pm - 3:20pm in the Malow Media Center \(8th & 9th grade interested girls\)](#)
- [Gaming Club in room B207 from 3:05pm - 4:00pm](#)
- [Ike Boys Freshman Basketball vs. PH Northern \(PHN\) @ 4:00pm](#)
- [Ike Varsity Cheer MAC Red #1 \(Ike\) @ 5:00pm](#)
- [Ike Boys JV Basketball vs. Port Huron Northern \(PHN\) @ 5:30pm](#)
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- [Ike Boys Varsity Basketball vs. PH Northern \(PHN\) @ 7:00pm](#)

Wednesday, January 11

- [NJHS Meeting in the Cafeteria from 3:00pm - 4:15pm](#)
- [Homework Club in the Media Center from 3:00pm - 4:00pm](#)
- [Ike Girls Freshman Basketball vs. Dakota \(Dakota\) @ 4:00pm](#)
- [Ike Girls JV Basketball vs. Dakota \(Dakota\) @ 5:30pm](#)
- [MADE Information Night @ 6:30 pm, Stevenson High School](#)
- [Ike Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Dakota \(Dakota\) @ 7:00pm](#)
- [Band Jazz Night \(Ike PAC\) @ 7:00pm](#)



Thursday, January 12

- [Sounding Board Meeting @ 1:30pm - In Person at Malow](#)
- [Student Council Meeting in room A111 from 3:00pm - 4:00pm](#)
- [8th Boys Basketball vs. Shelby \(Shelby\) @ 4:00pm](#)
- [Ike Wrestling MAC Red Meet \(Warren Woods Tower\) @ 5:00pm](#)
- [7th Boys Basketball vs. Shelby \(Shelby\) @ 5:30pm](#)
- [Ike Boys JV Basketball vs. New Haven \(New Haven\) @ 5:30pm](#)
- [Ike Boys Swim Tri-Meet \(Romeo\) @ 6:00pm](#)
- [CSI Information Night @ 6:30 pm, IRC](#)
- [Ike Boys Varsity Basketball vs. New Haven \(New Haven\) @ 7:00pm](#)

Friday, January 13

- [Ike Girls Freshman Basketball vs. LCN \(Ike\) @ 4:00pm](#)
- [Ike Girls JV Basketball vs. LCN \(Ike\) @ 5:30pm](#)
- [Ike Girls Varsity Basketball vs. LCN \(Ike\) @ 7:00pm](#)

Saturday, January 14

- [Ike Wrestling Adam's Invitational \(Adams\) @ 8:00am](#)

***Important: First Semester Report Cards**

First Semester report cards will be available only through PowerSchool accounts. Please note, the report card link is not available through the PowerSchool App. Parents will need to use a browser (Edge, Chrome, Safari, etc.). If you use only the PowerSchool App, we recommend you try to log on through a browser. If you need to reset your password, please see the directions at this [link](#). If you need assistance, please call (586-797-3585) or email (rosemary.bertucci@uticak12.org).

How to make a PS parent portal account

Click through tutorial: <https://ior.ad/8OJY>

Video Tutorial: <https://youtu.be/vLgq4YtjTxM>

How to download report cards:

Click through tutorial: <https://ior.ad/8PRj>

How to download NWEA Reports:

Click through tutorial: <https://ior.ad/8BQs>

How to reset a PS Password:

Click through tutorial: <https://ior.ad/8OUf>

Report cards will be available through PowerSchool beginning at noon on Monday, January 9, 2023

***Ike Winter Sport Athletes - Yearbook Picture**

Attention all members of an IKE winter sport! On Tuesday, January 10th Yearbook will be taking pictures of all the sports teams. Please wear your team jersey, hoodie, or tee shirt that day. You will report to your 5th hour, then will be called down to the AUX gym. After your team picture is taken, you will be sent back to your classroom.

***January Bake Sale**

The next bake sale will be on Tuesday, January 17 during all lunch periods. Click on the following link for a SignUpGenius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090844ACAA2CA0FA7-malow3>

Macomb County Student Government Day – January 2023

The Macomb County Board of Commissioners is inviting public and private school students in grades 9-12 to partake in the county's first Student Government Day in mid to late January of 2023. Interested students are to write an essay according to the prompt on the [attached flyer](#). The Commissioners will choose their favorite essays and invite those students to the event. A \$1,000.00 scholarship will be awarded to the student writing the top essay.

***2022-2023 Make a Difference Award**

The Make a Difference Award is given on an annual basis to individuals who have made a significant positive impact on the educational experience of a special needs student. Please [click here](#) to recognize currently employed staff members within UCS or the MISD. Nomination forms and supporting criteria are due by Friday, February 10, 2023 to Jennifer Puzella at Macomb ISD/Special Education, 44001 Garfield Road, Clinton Twp., MI 48038. Parents/caregivers may send their nomination form and supporting criteria electronically to jpuzella@misd.net.

***UCS Art Box Studio Drawing**

[Click here](#) for a flyer with information on these UCS Community Education classes. Click on the following for the registration link: [Art Box Studio Drawing - UCS Community Education \(eleyo.com\)](#)

***Clinton River Watershed Council (CRWC) Winter 2023 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 for us all. Please [click here](#) for winter events information. Also please see following link to participate in a watershed survey:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/146M_OwNhChc2fQZcAPgnsvtl93aBU8hVBJAo_ijn8hY/viewform?edit_requested=true

Cafeteria Lunch Line

Two friendly reminders to students when they are in the lunch line: It is very important that you have your student ID. Students are doing an **excellent** job presenting their IDs to the lunch cashiers. This process expedites purchases and keeps the line moving along. Also, please do **NOT** touch food (that you are not taking) while you are waiting in line.

Malow Yearbook

Yearbooks are still on sale. You can purchase one at www.jostensyearbooks.com. We are also selling recognition ads for all students. This is a perfect way to celebrate your child's milestones. You can purchase these at www.jostensadservice.com/student or contact the yearbook adviser at laurel.mervich@uticak12.org.

2022-23 and 2023-24 School Calendars

To view the calendars for the next two school years please [click here](#).

Lunch Time Math Tutoring

We will be starting the Math Tutoring in the Media Center during lunches beginning Monday, Sept. 26th. If a student would like to leave lunch to go to Math Tutoring, the lunchroom teachers will give the student a pass to go to the Media Center.

Copy Volunteers Needed

Are you interested in helping at Malow? We are looking for volunteers to make copies for the teachers. The daily time slots are 9:00am–11:00am or 12:30pm–2:30pm. If interested, please send your name, phone number, day availability, morning or afternoon preference, and if you want to be scheduled weekly or bi-weekly to Laura at MalowCopyMom@gmail.com.

Attention Freshmen Athletes!

Freshmen athletes that store their athletic equipment in our old school store (room on the right side of the lower cafeteria), please make sure you put your equipment into the room and not left in the doorway for others to trip over. Thank you!

Information for 7th Graders and New Students

Please click on the following links for important information:

[Who's Who at Malow](#)

[Locker Information](#)

[Layout of Malow](#)

[Bell Schedule and Lunches](#)

Vaccination Information for 7th Graders - Update

The State of Michigan requires children to be age-appropriately vaccinated to enroll in school programs, unless a valid exemption applies. Vaccination information for children entering 7th grade can be found by [clicking here](#). Shot records are to be turned in by September 15, 2022. Updated shot records, FERPA form, or Waiver can be uploaded to PowerSchool or dropped off to the office.

Food Deliveries at Malow

Food that is delivered by a company such as Door Dash or Grub Hub will not be permitted at Malow. 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 buy a lunch from the cafeteria or school store. If a student forgets their lunch, they may borrow against their lunch account 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. This is the practice that takes place at the high school level and Malow is aligning with Eisenhower in order to provide consistent expectations for our students. If you would like to apply for free or reduced lunch program, please [click here](#). Thank you for your understanding and we appreciate your support.



2022-2023 School Year Returns to Paid Meals

The USDA sponsored pandemic-related free school meal program has ended. During the 2022-2023 school year all families will be responsible for the full price of school meals unless they have applied and been approved for free or reduced priced meals. To apply for these accommodations, visit <https://utica.familyportal.cloud>. Please note that last year's application will expire on October 13, 2022. Additionally, families may deposit funds on their student's lunch accounts at the same website. [Click here](#) for questions regarding this transition. For a How-To Guide, [click here](#). For a How-To Video, [click here](#).

After School Pick Up on Horizon Drive

If you pick up your Malow student on **Horizon Drive** after school, please be courteous to the homeowners and **NOT** block driveways!

Students Walking to (and from) Malow

Students that walk to (and from) Malow are reminded **NOT** to cross 25 Mile Road in front of either Malow or Eisenhower. They will need to go to the corner of Mound and 25 Mile Road (by the Marathon gas station) and cross by the light before heading home.

Grade Point Average (GPA), Grading Scale, and Example GPA

[Click here](#) for information.

Assistive Technology Accessibility

[Click here](#) for a document that will help explain using technology supports to maximize the educational experience. The interactive slides and QR codes will help users explore accessibility features and tools to reduce learning challenges and what assistive technology supports are available.

Malow School Store

The Malow Mustang School Store is open every day during lunch hours. **The school store accepts cash only.** The store is different from the school cafeteria where deposits can be made to students' accounts. Due to an increase in the cost of food items and supplies, price adjustments will begin Monday, September 19. Students can purchase the following items in the school store:

Monday - Little Caesars Pizza, Water, Slushies, and Menchie's frozen yogurt

Tuesday - Little Caesars Pizza, Water, Slushies, and Menchie's frozen yogurt

Wednesday - Little Caesars Pizza and Crazy Bread, Water, Pop, Slushies, Menchie's frozen yogurt, and candy

Thursday - Little Caesars Pizza, Water, Slushies, and Menchie's frozen yogurt

Friday - Little Caesars Pizza and Crazy Bread, Water, Pop, Slushies, Menchie's frozen yogurt, and candy

Pizza	\$2.00	Breadsticks (Wed./Fri.)	3 pack \$3.00, 5 pack \$5.00
Pop (Wed./Fri.)	\$1.00	Water	\$1.00
Gatorade (Wed./Fri.)	\$2.00	Menchie's Frozen Yogurt	\$4.00, Toppings \$.50
Slushie	\$2.00	Candy (Wed./Fri.)	\$.25 - \$2.00

Attendance Policy: Revision to Policy 5115

Revision to Policy 5115: Attendance rules have been developed to reduce/prevent chronic absenteeism. The U.S. Department of Education Civil Rights Data Collection defines chronic absenteeism as missing more than 10% of school days in a year. For grade specific attendance rules, please [click here](#). Please [click here](#) for additional information.

Save the Date – Utica Community School Events

Pathways to Success Henry Ford II High School January 17, 2023 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Young Fives and Kindergarten Open House Elementary Buildings March 1, 2023 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
District Art Show Sterling Heights Community Center March 7, 8 and 9, 2023 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	College Fair Henry Ford II High School April 20, 2023 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Elementary Math Tournament Utica High School May 11, 2023 4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	

*2022-2023 Specialty School Information – Summary Flyer

Informational Nights at 6:30 p.m.

Program	Location	Information Night
MST	IRC	January 18
UAIS/IB	Heritage/UAIS	January 10
Stevenson MADE	Stevenson	January 11
CSI	IRC	January 12
UAHHS	Utica High School	January 19

Pathways to Success Event: January 17, 2023

Application Opens: January 20, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Please [click here](#) for a flyer summarizing all events.

Application Due: January 27, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Evaluation Dates

Program	Testing Location	Testing Date	Testing Date
CSI/Writing	IRC	March 4 @ 8:00 a.m.	Feb 11 @ 11:00 a.m.
MST/Science	IRC	Feb 11 @ 8:00 a.m.	March 4 @ 11:00 a.m.
UAIS/Socratic Circle	Heritage/UAIS	March 4 @ 8:00 a.m. or 12:00 p.m.	Feb 11 @ 8:00 a.m. or 12:00 p.m.

Notification Mailing Date (sent by email): March 17, 2023

Program Commitment Date (by 3:00pm): March 24, 2023

Malow Athletic Director

Kati Campbell (katherine.campbell@uticak12.org)

Big Teams Student Central – Pre-Participation Athletic Forms

The Athletic Department at Malow Junior High School now hosts their Pre-Participation Athletic Forms **online** with BigTeams. This digital platform will allow you, and your student(s), to complete and access athletic forms via computer, tablet, or mobile phone. [Click here](#) for the introductory letter. [Click here](#) for the Getting Started Guide. This online system is now district wide, and physical forms **MUST** be uploaded prior to tryouts. Coaches and the front office are no longer accepting paper copies of physical forms.

Physical Required for Sports

All athletes must have a physical on file dated after April 15, 2022. Students will not be able to try-out for a sport without this physical. For more information and other athletic forms on the UCS website please [click here](#).

Online Link for Pay to Play

Click [here](#) to access the PaySchools link to Pay to Play for your Malow student athlete.

7th Grade Boys Basketball

Coach Thomas (james.thomas@uticak12.org). There was an informational meeting on Wednesday, November 9. All tryout information was given out at the meeting. Please register with BIG TEAMS ([click here](#)) ASAP!!!

8th Grade Boys Basketball

Coach Diggs (gregory.diggs@uticak12.org). There was an informational meeting on Wednesday, November 9. All tryout information was given out at the meeting. Please register with BIG TEAMS ([click here](#)) ASAP!!!

7th Grade Girls Basketball

Coach Savage (robert.savage@uticak12.org). There will be an informational meeting on Thursday, December 15 in Room C305 at 3:00pm. All tryout information will be given out at the meeting. Please register with BIG TEAMS ([click here](#)) ASAP!!!

8th Grade Girls Basketball

Coach Thoel (jason.thoel@uticak12.org). There will be an informational meeting on Thursday, December 15 in room B208 at 3:00pm. All tryout information will be given out at the meeting. Please register with BIG TEAMS ([click here](#)) ASAP!!!

7th/8th Grade Competitive Cheer

Coach Mitchelson (mariam@malowcheer.com). There was a parent informational meeting on Wednesday, November 2. Tryouts were on Monday, November 14 in the Cafeteria from 6:30pm – 8:30pm.

Eisenhower Eagles Youth Wrestling Club

There was a parent informational meeting on Monday, November 28 in the Eisenhower Cafeteria at 6:30pm. If you have questions email eagleswrestlingyouth@gmail.com or david.drath@uticak12.org. For the Eagles Youth Wrestling Club flyer, please [click here](#).

9th Grade Sports

All 9th grade sports are handled through Eisenhower. Please see the [next section](#) for all Eisenhower High School sports information.

UCS Code of Conduct

The UCS Code of Conduct for Student Athletes may be found [here](#).

Senior Citizen Athletic Pass



Local senior citizens are invited to take advantage of “Friday Night Lights” and all other home athletic games with a Utica Community Schools lifetime pass.

The pass gives residents 62 years and older free admission to UCS home athletic events at all junior high schools and high schools. The pass is not valid at tournaments hosted by the Michigan High School Athletic Association that are held at UCS sites.

Passes are available for free at athletic events, UCS secondary schools or by calling 586-797-1078.

7th/8th Grade Athletic Admission and Prices

Event	Ticket Prices	Season Passes
Football Volleyball Basketball Track	Students = \$1.00 Adults = \$2.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student Pass = \$20, Admits 1 student only. Good for 7th/8th grade home athletic events only.• Adult Family Pass = \$30, Admits 2 adult members 18 years and older in addition to 6th grade and younger children when accompanied by a parent.• Senior Citizen Pass = No Charge. Lifetime pass, age 62 years or older. Admits bearer to all UCS athletic home events. <p>Free admission for all K-6 students when accompanied by parent or adult.</p>
Competitive Cheer	Students = \$1.00 Adults = \$3.00	

9th Grade / Freshman Sports

9th graders participate in sports through Eisenhower's sports program. Check the [IKE website](#) for further information or contact Eisenhower's Athletic Director with any questions or concerns: John Bertich john.bertich@uticak12.org. For information about Ike Sports, follow this link: www.eisenhowerathletics.org. For information on registering athletes on PlanetHS please [click here](#).

9th Grade Athletic Ticket Information

Eisenhower is using digital ticketing. The link families can use to purchase tickets is as follows: <https://gofan.co/app/school/MI10109>
Junior high students need to be with a parent to enter sporting events.

Eisenhower Winter Sport Summary

[Click here](#) for a summary of Ike winter sports tryouts and coaches.

*Eisenhower Girls Cross Country

Coach Sinning (julie.sinning@uticak12.org). Ike Girls Cross Country is looking to do some winter training with interested athletes. There will be a meeting on January 10 from 3:00pm – 3:20pm in the Malow Media Center. This meeting is open to any athletes that are not currently in season but highly suggested for 8th and 9th graders interested in running track this spring or cross country in the fall.

Eisenhower Baseball

Coach Spisak (steven.spisak@uticak12.org). Freshmen interested in playing baseball for Ike in the Spring? Email Coach Spisak to set up your winter workout times for January.

Eisenhower Girls Soccer

Coach Nekoogar (nekoogar05@gmail.com).

Utica-Ike Boys Lacrosse

There was a mandatory parent and player information meeting on Thursday, December 8 at 6:30pm in the Ike Commons. Email any questions to ikeboyslacrosse@gmail.com or join and check out the Utica Ike Boys Lacrosse Facebook page for updated info.

Eisenhower Girls Tennis

Coach Pearson (michael.pearson@uticak12.org). There was an Ike Girls Tennis meeting on Wednesday, October 26.

Eisenhower Girls Softball

Coach Hall (robert.hall@uticak12.org). There was an informational meeting on Thursday, October 13 in the Ike Media Center at 6:30pm.

Eisenhower Girls Freshman Basketball

Coach Piper (cliff.piper@uticak12.org).

Eisenhower Boys Freshman Basketball

Coach Gilbert (jay.gilbert@uticak12.org).

Eisenhower Bowling

Coach Matheson (lisamatheson3@yahoo.com).

Eisenhower Wrestling

Coach Drath (david.drath@uticak12.org).

Eisenhower Competitive Cheer

Coach Shaffer (taylor.shaffer@uticak12.org).

Eisenhower Boys Swim

Coach Cahill (brian.cahill@uticak12.org).

Eisenhower Hockey

Coach Hall (robert.hall@uticak12.org).

UCS Code of Conduct

The UCS Code of Conduct for Student Athletes may be found [here](#).

Eisenhower High School Athletic Admission Prices

Event	Ticket Price	Season Passes/Use for UCS home athletic events
JV/Varsity Football JV/Varsity Basketball (Boys & Girls) JV/Varsity Volleyball JV/Varsity Soccer Wrestling Swimming Competitive Cheer	\$5.00 Home Games	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletic Pass Adult Family (Eisenhower) \$55.00 This item is an adult family season pass to UCS home athletic events. The pass admits 2 adults (18 and older) in addition to 6th grade and younger children when accompanied by a parent. • Athletic Pass Student (Eisenhower) \$35.00 This item is a student athletic season pass to UCS home athletic events. (Students in 7th thru 12th grade) Admits one only. • Athletic Passes-Single Adult (Eisenhower) \$40.00 This item is a pass which admits one adult (18 years and older) to all UCS home athletic events.
*Freshman Football *Freshman Volleyball *Freshman Basketball	\$3.00 Home Games	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Pass: 7th-12th grade student only. \$35.00 • Senior Citizen Pass: No Charge Lifetime pass, age 62 years or older. Admits bearer to all UCS athletic home events. (See below) • FREE ADMISSION for all K-6 grade students, when accompanied by parent or adult.
*Freshman Soccer *Varsity Track	3.00 Home Games (if admission charged)	<p>You must show your on-line purchase receipt to the Bookkeeper at Eisenhower High School to pick up your athletic pass.</p>

*When a freshman contest is immediately followed by a JV contest on the same date, the freshman admission rate will be applied until 45 minutes prior to the start of the JV contest. At that time, the JV admission rate will be used.

- You can purchase a pass during registration at the beginning of the year.
- You can purchase a pass online at [Athletic pass through Pay Schools](#)

NOTES: League, State and Invitational Tournament games are not covered by any season pass. If for any reason a pass should be lost or destroyed, we will NOT replace it.

Next Week at a Glance

Monday, January 16

- **NO SCHOOL** – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Ike Varsity Hockey vs. Birmingham Unified (Mt. Clemens Ice) @ time TBA



Tuesday, January 17

- [Bake Sale during all lunch periods](#)
- [Gaming Club in room B207 from 3:05pm - 4:00pm](#)
- 8th Boys Basketball vs. Bemis (Bemis) @ 4:00pm
- Ike Girls Freshman Basketball vs. Port Huron (PH) @ 4:00pm
- 7th Boys Basketball vs. Bemis (Bemis) @ 5:30pm
- Ike Girls JV Basketball vs. Port Huron (PH) @ 5:30pm
- [Pathways to Success @ HFII from 6:00pm - 8:30pm](#)
- Ike Boys Swim vs. Lamphere (Lamphere) @ 6:00pm
- Ike Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Port Huron (PH) @ 7:00pm

Wednesday, January 18

- [Homework Club in the Media Center from 3:00pm - 4:00pm](#)
- Ike Boys Freshman Basketball vs. GPN (GPN) @ 4:00pm
- Ike Boys JV Basketball vs. GPN (GPN) @ 5:30pm
- [MST Information Night @ 6:30 pm, IRC](#)
- Ike Boys Varsity Basketball vs. GPN (GPN) @ 7:00pm

Thursday, January 19

- Ike Girls Freshman Basketball vs. Cousino (Cousino) @ 4:00pm
- Ike Wrestling MAC Meet 2 (Romeo) @ 5:00pm
- Ike Girls JV Basketball vs. GPN (GPN) @ 5:30pm
- [UAHHS Information Night at Utica High School @ 6:30pm](#)
- Ike Girls Varsity Basketball vs. GPN (GPN) @ 7:00pm

Friday, January 20

- [Application Opens for Specialty Programs @4:00 pm](#)
- Ike Boys Freshman Basketball vs. Warren Mott (Mott) @ 4:00pm
- Ike Wrestling (Birmingham Groves) @ 5:00pm
- Ike Boys JV Basketball vs. Warren Mott (Mott) @ 5:30pm
- Ike Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Warren Mott (Mott) @ 7:00pm
- Ike Varsity Hockey vs. Dakota (Suburban Ice) @ 8:30pm



Saturday, January 21

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Pathways to Success - January 17, 2023

Please [click here](#) for a flyer!

Attendance & Grading

Attendance is required and tracked in accordance with [Board of Education policy 5115](#). Parents should call the attendance line to report all absences (586-797-3599). Attendance will be taken each hour. Tardiness will be tracked the same way as face-to-face instruction. The Malow office will continue to communicate all absences via automated email to parents on the same day. Actual grades will be given and posted on PowerSchool. We recommend that all parents consistently check PowerSchool for updated grades and attendance.

Attendance Line / Late Arrival Call-in

If an absence is absolutely necessary, **parents must call the Malow attendance voice mail BEFORE 9:00 a.m. The attendance phone number is 797-3599**. Give the student's name (**spelling the last name**), grade, reason for absence and length of absence. The voice mail is on twenty-four hours a day, so you can avoid busy phone lines in the morning by phoning in the night before. If unable to reach the voice mail, parents may call the Main Office at 797-3500. If it is impossible to call the school, the parent must supply a signed note stating the date and reason for absence when the student returns to school or the absence will be counted as unexcused.

Early Dismissals

[Click here](#) for information on Malow's early dismissal process.

Automated Attendance

For the safety of our students, Malow uses an automated attendance phone system. If you have not called the attendance line to excuse your student's absence for the day, you will receive an automated phone call beginning at 6:00 pm.

Injury or Illness – Dispensing of Medication

When a student becomes ill or injured during the school day, we will contact a parent or designated adult for directions. Please arrange to pick up a sick or injured student as quickly as possible. Students who require medication (prescription or over the counter) during the school day, **must have a medication permission form** signed by the parent and the doctor. This form will be filed along with the medication in the Main Office. **All medication MUST be in the original container labeled with the student's name.** Please [click here](#) to access the General Health Care Plan form.

Health Care Plan Forms

Please [click here](#) for additional health care forms and more information.

Daily Schedule / Lunch Schedule

[Click here](#) for a daily schedule for the 2022-2023 school year.

Teacher Locator - 2022-2023 School Year

Click [here](#) to see Malow teachers and their locations within Malow.

Do You Drive Your Student to School?

Safety in our parking lot is our number one priority. We truly appreciate the patience and courtesy extended between drivers. Please continue to drive slowly and be aware of your surroundings. Our students do a great job complying with our rules in the parking lot, but we still need to be extremely cautious.

If it is necessary to drive your child to school, please use the outer lane for quick drop off of students while reserving the inner lane for thru traffic. Have your student exit the vehicle as **quickly** as possible. **Please do not wait until you are the first car in line before dropping your student off, and do not wait until your child is in the building before driving away.** The idea is to reduce the long line of cars coming into the parking lot in the morning by allowing several cars to drop off students at one time. If you or your student insists on waiting to get to the front of the line to exit the car, the purpose is defeated, and traffic flow will be impeded.

Once buses begin exiting after school, cars must wait until all buses are in the driveway before exiting the parking lot or pick-up area.

Locker Information

Lockers will be utilized for the 2022-2023 school year. For a map of Malow with lockers, [click here](#). For a list of lockers with location, [click here](#).

Technology Responsibility

We are asking for everyone to review the [5160 Rules and Regulations Information and Communication](#). Please make sure that when laptops are transported back and forth to school that they are secured in a backpack. Please also remember, as stated in the linked document above, parents/students will be held financially responsible for damage to or loss of UCS the laptops.

Student Procedures for In-Person Instruction

- Students will be allowed to carry string backpacks and full-sized backpacks each day.
- Students will be expected to bring their **charged** laptops each day. It is recommended that the laptops charge overnight to be ready to bring the next day.
- Our [student ID policy](#) is attached.
- Our [cell phone policy](#) is attached.
- All students will enter the building through Door 1. From there, they will move to 3 separate locations based on grade level:
 - 7th grade will move to cafeteria.
 - 8th grade will move to the Main Gym.
 - 9th grade will move to Aux Gym.Students will remain in these locations until the warning bell rings, at which point they will move immediately to class.
- At the end of the day, all students will exit out of Door 1 and Door 2, which are in the front of the building.

Technical Support Contact Information for Students and Parents

Starting Tuesday, January 19, 2021 the UCS Helpdesk will offer two ways for parents and students to contact them directly for technical support: Telephone: 586-797-1055 from 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Email: techsupport@uticak12.org While the first resource for addressing issues is the school, this contact information will be useful if students have a technical support issue that we are not able to address, or students are encountering issues after school hours.

Laptop Information

For detailed instructions on how to sign on to your device please [click here](#). For the professional development video that was shown to students during technology distribution please [click here](#).

Discipline Policy

Please [click here](#) for the Malow Junior High Discipline Policy Procedures

Typical Supplies Used at Malow and Tips for Becoming a Super Organized Student

Please [click here](#) for a printable version of these items.

Malow Map

Click [here](#) to see a map of Malow Junior High.

Bus Safety Reminders

Please be sure you are following these rules:

- Stand 10 feet from the road at the bus stop.
- **NO** cell phone / electronic pictures taken on the bus.
- Don't rush to the bus as it approaches the stop.
- Must be sitting while the bus is moving (at all times).
- **Respect** the bus driver.

Direct Links to Important Information

[Mustang Respect Code](#)

[Cell Phone Policy](#)

[Dress Code](#)

[Success Skills](#)

[Student ID Policy](#)

Automated Call Phone Contact Update

Utica Community Schools will continue to message important school-related information such as delayed openings or school closure through a number of resources including local media outlets. As a service to parents and staff, the District will also continue to call directly to phone numbers linked to our Automated Call Information Alert System. As we approach inclement weather season, it is a good time to remind parents and staff to ensure any recent change to phone number(s) has been reported. Parent phone numbers for the automated call are drawn from PowerSchool which should be updated at the building level.

Inclement Weather – School Closing

[Click here](#) for school closing information.

UCS Community Education

The UCS Community Education department is introducing a new website that features an easy to use on-line registration system. Please [click here](#) for the UCS Community Education website.

“Family Portal” Replacing “Send Money to School”

Attention all families: Sendmoneytoschool.com, the site used to deposit funds to your student’s meal account, has been replaced. Please begin using <https://utica.familyportal.cloud> to deposit funds. If you currently have an account with sendmoneytoschool.com your children will be moved over to the new account after completing registration. Please view this video showing how to create an account on the new website: <https://utica.familyportal.cloud/tutorials>.

This site also contains the link to apply for free and reduced price meals. As a reminder, the USDA subsidized free meal program is ending June 30, 2022. Families without an approved free or reduced price meal application will be charged the full meal price next school year. You can apply for the 2022-2023 school year as early as July 1.

Allergy Accommodation Forms

UCS takes food allergies very seriously. Parents must have the SNP [Special Dietary Accommodations Form](#) filled out and signed by a physician for students with a food allergy requiring a meal accommodation. This completed and signed form must be submitted to the Food and Nutrition Services department at foodservice@uticak12.org and is required before meal accommodations can be made. The SNP Special Dietary Accommodations Form must be submitted every year. Allergy menus are found online at <https://uticak12.nutrislice.com/> under the Elementary Allergy Menu tab. If your child requires a substitution, please inform your child's school at least 48 hours in advance.

Texting Service

Malow Junior High and Utica Community Schools have a service for parents who would like information texted directly to them. The texting service provides school news and announcements, district information such as emergency school closing situations, or updates issued from UCS departments, such as transportation. **To join this system, please text “Y” to 67587.** Note – if you have previously registered for this system and are not receiving texts from our school or UCS, please contact the school office to ensure we have your most recent cell phone number on file.

Malow Staff Emails

Need to find a Malow staff member’s email address? Please [click here](#).

Virtual Library Card

The UCS Virtual Library Card includes access to eBooks, music streaming and downloads, eMagazines, and a host of other electronic reference resources. Also available: Tutor.com. Linked to the following are the directions on how to log in to the [Virtual Library Card](#) and the [Virtual Library Card-Tutor.com](#), located on the ClassLink dashboard. The Virtual Library Card gives students access to digital resources from the local library. The Virtual Library Card – Tutor.com provides online tutoring and homework help for students.

Additional Resources

[Digital Citizenship Resources](#)

[Malow Junior High Facebook Page](#)

[Work Permit](#)

[Concussion Awareness](#)

Malow Sounding Board

Parents and guardians are invited to attend our monthly Sounding Board meetings. [Click here](#) for more information on the Malow Sounding Board. For information on our annual fall donation drive, please [click here](#). If you have any questions, or you would like to be added to our email list, please email Renee Edgar and Carrie Barrette at info@malowsb.org. The dates and formats for the 2022-2023 Sounding Board meetings are as follows. All meetings will be at 1:30pm.

October 13, 2022	In-Person at Malow	November 10, 2022	TEAMS
January 12, 2023	In-Person at Malow	February 9, 2023	TEAMS
March 9, 2023	In-Person at Malow	May 11, 2023	In-Person (staff appreciation luncheon)

Bake Sales are back!! Students get your quarters ready, and bakers get your ovens ready! Upcoming Bake Sale dates are as follows:

Thursday, December 15

Tuesday, January 17

Tuesday, February 14

Tuesday, March 14

The Malow Sounding Board is currently looking for a Chairperson to coordinate restaurant nights. If interested, please send an email to info@malowsb.org.

Clubs at Malow

Research shows that kids who are involved in extracurricular activities do better in school and enjoy school more. For additional details, please use the contact information listed below for each group.

Chess Club Mr. Martin Ashman (Teacher) martin.ashman@uticak12.org

- Most Mondays after school from 3:05pm to 4:00pm in room B207 (check calendars above).
- Students should arrange a ride home at 4:00pm.
- The Malow Knights Chess Club is open to anyone who likes to play chess or is interested in learning how to play the game.
- Grades 7 - 9

The Malow Knights Chess Club is open for business, and the first day was Monday, September 19! If you have a child that likes to play chess, have them stop by for a game. If you have a child that does not know how to play, we will teach them. It is just a friendly place to come and enjoy a couple of games of chess. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Ashman at 797-3537 or martin.ashman@uticak12.org.

Gaming Club Mr. Martin Ashman (Teacher) martin.ashman@uticak12.org

- Most Tuesdays after school from 3:05pm to 4:05pm in room B207 (check calendars above).
- Students should arrange a ride home at 4:05pm.
- The Gaming Club will be a place where you can play your games with other people and discuss different games and their strategies. It will be a place to share fun times in the gaming world! You will have to bring your own equipment (phone, Nintendo Switch, school computer). You must have your parent's permission to bring in your Nintendo Switch (clearly marked with your name) and it can be stored in a cabinet in Mr. Ashman's room during the school day instead of keeping it in your backpack. Hope to see you there!!
- Grades 7-9

The Gaming Club started on Tuesday, September 20. The club is a place for students to come and play games (either electronic or not). There are some regular board games that we have, your child can bring in their Nintendo Switch if parents allow. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Ashman at 797-3537 or martin.ashman@uticak12.org.

Homework Club Malow Staff (rotating basis)

- After School Homework Club runs after school on select days from 3:00pm to 4:00pm in the library. **As these dates change from week to week, please refer to the weekly calendars above for dates offered.**
- Grades 7 – 9: This staff supervised after-school homework club is held in the library. Students must have a signed [permission slip](#) on file to attend, and plan to spend the entire hour until 4:00pm. Students must come prepared with work to do, and they will need to make arrangements for their own transportation home. Student tutors are sometimes available to assist students.

Homework Club began on Monday, September 19 for the 2022-2023 school year.

The 2022-2023 year has raced off to a blazing start. Members have been busy with volunteering service inside Malow (eg. Homework Club, School Store - Peer to Peer, Academic Assist, etc.) and with numerous outside of school in the community. Some of these include: Blanket Making with Eisenhower Key Club for the Homeless Coalition of Macomb County, Breakfast with Santa at St. John Vianney, Christmas Crafts with Kids at St. Kieran's and with Santa at Crissman, Duncan BINGO Night, Kensington Thanksgiving Food Packaging and Delivery, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, amongst others. More to be shared, once-a-month, in upcoming newsletters.

At our December 14 member meeting, the attendees made homemade holiday greeting cards for both Veterans and Children in the hospital. A total of 137 cards were made and distributed before Winter Recess to the following organizations: Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4659 - Shelby Township, American Legion Post 351 - Utica/Shelby Township, and Beaumont Hospital Troy - Pediatric Floor.

The next NJHS Member Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 11, after school from 3:00pm-4:15pm in the Cafeteria.

See the [Malow Highlights section below](#) for some pictures of these events.

Science Olympiad

Mrs. Skye Bastounis (Parent) greekrx@msn.com

- October through April practices for individual events
 - Grades 7 – 9: *Science Olympiad is a nationwide academic competition. Students compete in 23 science-oriented events that involve engineering, biology, chemistry and physics. Students compete first at the Macomb County level tournament in March. Practices will be held from November through April. Please note as of now the competition this year will be in-person.*
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Snowsports Club

Mr. Jacob Steinberger (Teacher) jacob.steinberger@uticak12.org

There was a meeting on Tuesday, November 22 in the Malow Cafeteria at 7:00pm.

Student Council

Ms. Amy Gastmeier (Teacher) amy.gastmeier@uticak12.org

Mrs. Annmarie Hitzelberger (Teacher) annmarie.hitzelberger@uticak12.org

- Meets every two weeks after school.
- Grades 7 – 9: *The Malow Student Council promotes student body participation in fundraising, school events, and school improvement. Student Council also participates in community service projects such as the canned food drive and Toys for Tots. The main goals are to make Malow Jr. High a more enjoyable environment and to increase the school spirit of the students. Student Council consists of five committees: Dance, Community Service, Success Skills, Communications and School Spirit.*

Student Council plans dances, activities, community service projects and school spirit days. Our group is a great way for you to make a difference in your school and make great friends.

Malow Counseling Department Contact Information

Malow counselors are eager to help students have a wonderful junior high school experience. We are available to assist students with personal, social, career, college, academic, scheduling and other concerns. Students can sign up to see counselors by completing a blue request slip in the front office. Parents are encouraged to reach out to us at any time with questions or concerns. If you're not sure who to call or where to start, please reach out to us and we will be happy to help! For answers to frequently asked questions click [here](#).

Mrs. Raupp	Counselor (A – G)	april.raupp@uticak12.org	(586) 797-3592
Mrs. Witt	Counselor (Gr – N)	michelle.witt@uticak12.org	(586) 797-3591
Mr. Nassar	Counselor (O – Z)	charles.nassar@uticak12.org	(586) 797-3594

Making a Counseling Appointment During the School Day

Counselors will be available on the days you are in school to meet with you in person. You can sign up the following ways:

1. Use the link on the Counseling Schoology Page in the folder titled, "Counselor Office Hours"
2. Sign up in the counseling office using blue paper sign-up sheets
3. Scan the QR code posted on the counseling office windows (also found by [clicking here](#))

After you sign up, your counselor will call you down sometime during the school day to meet with you in the Counseling Office.

Updated Resources Provided by UCS and the UCS Counseling Department

For the district Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Well-Being Program website of resources, please [click here](#). For the Virtual Calming Room on the UCS Wellness page [click here](#).

Tips for Success at Malow

[Typical Supplies Used / Tips for Becoming a Super Organized Student](#)

[Top 10 Tips for Success at Malow](#)

Macomb County Mobile Crisis

[Click here](#) for the MCCMH Mobile Crisis brochure.

Counseling Resources – Traumatic Stress

Please click on the following parent resource: [Talking to Children About Violence: Tips for Parents and Teachers](#)

Malow College Mondays

Malow College Mondays are back! Students are invited to join the staff in wearing college shirts and sweatshirts on Mondays. Students are encouraged to ask questions and learn more about the colleges they see others wearing.



Schoology Parent Access

Parents are now able to access their student's Schoology accounts. If you would like your Schoology Parent Access Code, please email Mrs. Rosales (gladys.rosales@uticak12.org) to request it and she will email it to you. Once receiving it, please follow these [instructions](#).

AP Exam Registration

For the 2022-2023 school year, parents and students will submit payments for all AP exams to APTS. Review and share the following link for information regarding payments. [Utica Community Schools AP® Exam Payment Submission \(aptusa.com\)](https://www.aptusa.com)

Payments may be submitted in two parts: A deposit of \$40 per exam is due by Monday, October 31, 2022, with the balance of fees due by Friday, February 17, 2023. No payments will be processed/accepted between November 1, 2022 and November 15, 2022. Payments made after Tuesday, November 15, 2022 will be subject to a \$40.00 late fee.

If you are planning to take an AP exam in May, you should have already received an invoice for the non-refundable deposit of \$40 per exam. The deadline to pay this deposit is October 31. The invoice was sent to the parent email on file in PowerSchool and it will be coming from: "APTS Exam Fees" with a Subject: AP Exam Fee Invoice 2022-2023. If you have not received an invoice, please email info@APTSUSA.com. Give them your name, and the name(s) of the exams you are taking, and they will generate an invoice for you.

Questions regarding payments can be directed to APTS, email info@aptusa.com or call 1-855-663-8348.

***UCS Wellness Podcast**

The UCS Wellness team is happy to announce the tenth episode (Self-Regulation Strategies) of our podcast series. The team worked with community members to create a podcast regarding different areas of physical, mental and social health for UCS staff, students and families. These podcasts are available on the [UCS Wellness page](#).

Below is a list of the podcasts available on the Wellness page

- Mental Health with guest, Nancy Buyle
- Grief and the Grieving Process for Children
- Family Communication
- CARE of Southeastern Michigan
- Discussing Dating Violence with Turning Point
- Tackling Tough Topics with the Macomb County Sheriff's Office
- Our Youth and Vaping
- Youth and Suicide Prevention
- The Detour Project
- Self-Regulation Strategies

2022-2023 Guide to Admissions: Michigan's Public Universities

[Click here](#) for the guide.

PowerSchool Issues?

Are you having issues getting on PowerSchool? Please contact Rose Bertucci at rosemary.bertucci@uticak12.org.

Social Emotional Well-Being Program

Several committees have been meeting to develop a district social-emotional program. This program is for all stakeholders within the community. Below is an outline of initiatives for the month of March as we continue to incorporate SEL into the district plan.

District website of resources: <https://mi50010997.schoolwires.net/Page/148>

Virtual Calming Room

Monday Moments: Weekly quote, thought and challenge for all stakeholders

AP Human Geography – Information for 8th Grade Students and Parents

[Click here](#) for information on the Human Geography Elective/AP Human Geography.

Naviance and the Malow Counseling Department Website

[Click here](#) for information.

Suicide Free Schools – It is Time to be Extra Vigilant!

Caring people in Macomb County collaborated to bring suicide prevention education and materials to schools, parents and community groups. Please [click here](#) for a brochure with more information. Break a secret and save a life!

CARE of Southeastern Michigan

CARE of Southeastern Michigan is an accredited behavioral health nonprofit organization that offers many programs for children, adults and families associated with Utica Community Schools. Click on the following link for additional information: [CARE of Southeastern Michigan \(careofsem.com\)](http://careofsem.com).

Student Assistance Services

UCS administrators, counselors, psychologists, or social workers may make a formal referral for an assessment (4B). A formal referral includes timely progress reports to the district. The following services are available to UCS through the student assistance program:

- Individualized assessments and resource referral and linking
- On-site Critical Incident Stress Debriefing and crisis support for traumatic events
- Professional development training, including Mental Health First Aid, substance use trends, stress management, depression and suicide, and other training topics as requested
- Unlimited orientations and presentations about student assistance services to parents and school personnel

Additional Services

In addition to the student assistance services, CARE specializes in delivering services targeted to reduce alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use. These services are available at no cost to UCS students and families. CARE also offers classes via funding CARE receives from the Macomb County Office of Substance Abuse. Some of the classes offered:

- Active Parenting
- Peaceful Alternatives to Tough Situations
- INDEPTH
- Teen Intervene
- Early Childhood Prevention Services
- Parent Education

Perspectives Counseling Centers – Discovering YOU!!

Discovering YOU will be a 10-week group at Perspective’s Troy location for all teens ages 13-18 years old. Please [click here](#) for a flyer with more information.

SAT Information and Practice

The Khan Academy site for SAT and PSAT practice is now available. Students, parents, and staff members can access the practice site at: <https://www.khanacademy.org/mission/sat/tasks/onboard-92829382938>.

Grading

Student’s work will be graded and tracked in accordance with [Board of Education policy 6205](#).

MI Child

Utica Community Schools is committed to promoting the safe and effective use of technology. Through our district’s K-12 digital citizenship initiatives, we are providing students with information that promotes the proper use of digital content and tools. A tool that families can use to help protect their children is the Michigan Child Protection Registry. This free service from the State of Michigan protects children’s e-mail, cell phone numbers and Instant Messaging addresses from receiving inappropriate, adult-themed material. The registry can be accessed by visiting www.protectMICHild.com. In addition, parents can click on the Protect MI Child icon, which will soon appear on the district and school Web sites for direct access to the registry.

Struggling Students

It is important to Malow counselors that ALL our students are successful. For students who may be struggling, we first encourage communication between the parent and the classroom teacher. If missing assignments are a problem, we encourage parents to try changing the question from, “Do you have homework tonight?” to “When will you complete your nightly study time?” Even on rare nights when no homework is assigned, all students will benefit from spending a minimum of 20-30 minutes each night reading textbooks, reviewing vocabulary flashcards, preparing for upcoming quizzes/tests, etc. If students don’t bring home books and materials for this study time, parents can assign reading from a book at home, etc. Once students realize that their parents are serious about consistently enforcing a mandatory nightly study time on each school night (Sunday through Thursday), they will begin to bring home and complete their assignments.

Virtual Library Card and Virtual Library Card – Tutor.com

[Click here](#) for the directions for students on how to login to their Virtual Library Card and Virtual Library Card – Tutor.com, located in the ClassLink dashboard. The Virtual Library Card gives students access to digital resources from the local library. The Virtual Library Card – Tutor.com provides online tutoring and homework help for students.

Resolving the Microsoft Licensing Issue

For detailed instructions, please [click here](#).

Advice for 9th Graders

High School officially begins in 9th grade and students are encouraged to make a strong start with their GPA. We also recommend that students begin recording their involvement in clubs, sports, community service, and other activities. On our [Malow Naviance Family Connection Page](#) families can find a sample “Student Record for College” located in the documents area in the upper right hand corner. Recording this information each year will make college application time much less stressful.

Michigan Career and Job Outlook Through 2028

For the Michigan Career Outlook through 2028 please [click here](#). For the Michigan Job Outlook through 2028 please [click here](#).

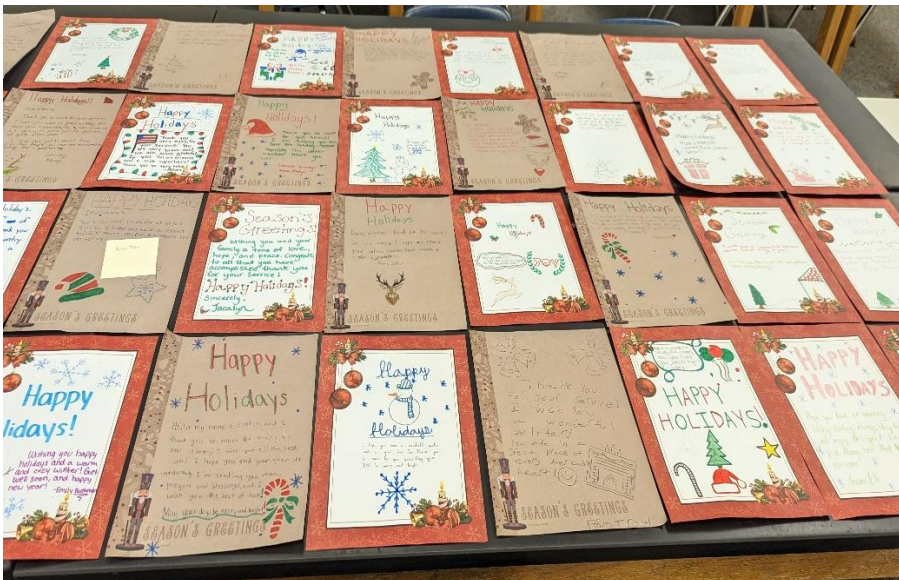
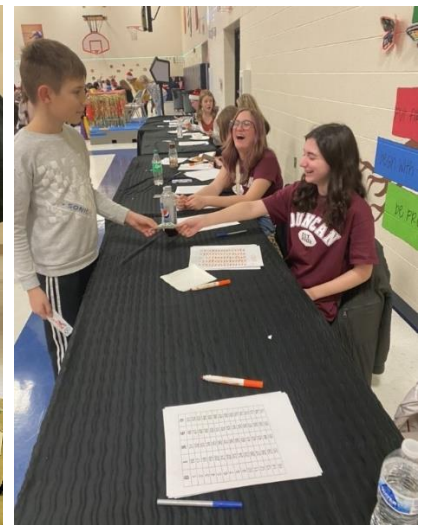
The College Board Opportunity Scholarship Program

The College Board is committing \$25 million in scholarships over the next five years, beginning with the class of 2020. Students earn chances at scholarships by completing key actions along the path to college. Students in the class of 2020 can opt into the program via their College Board account and start earning scholarship opportunities for their college planning efforts. If a student does not have a College Board account, they can [create one for free](#) to join the program.

Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids and the Truth about Vaping and E-Cigarettes

[Click here](#) for information.

*NJHS Service Projects



Rewards

The Malow Sounding Board has simple ways that families and friends can help raise money to benefit all of our students. The following are a few:

Kroger Rewards



Don't Miss Out on the Opportunity to Give FREE Money to Our School!



1. Simply register online at krogercommunityrewards.com
 2. Have your Kroger Plus card handy and register your card with "MALOW JUNIOR HIGH" after you sign-up.
 - If you do not have a Kroger Plus card, they are available at customer service at any Kroger.
 - Do you use your phone number at the register? Call 877-576-7587 to get your Kroger Plus card #.
 3. Click on "Sign In/Register"
 4. If you are a new online customer, you must click on "SIGN UP TODAY" in the "New Customer?" box and enter your information.
 - Almost immediately, Kroger will send you an email. Click on the link in the body of the email and sign-in to "My Account" with your email and password to activate your account.
 5. Click on "Edit Kroger Community Rewards" information and input your Kroger Plus card number.
 6. Update or confirm your information.
 7. Enter **28150** or **MALOW JUNIOR HIGH**, from list and click on confirm.
 8. To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see "MALOW JUNIOR HIGH" on the right side of your info page.
- REMEMBER, purchases will not count for your group until after you register your card(s).
 - Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to

Box Tops for Education – You can earn cash for our school by clipping Box Top coupons from hundreds of participating products. Just turn in your Box Tops to the main office!

Click [here](#) for information on the Box Top App.

