



# Malow Mustang Messenger



August 28, 2023

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### This Week at a Glance

#### Monday, August 28

- NO SCHOOL  
(Building CLOSED for walk throughs)
- Ike Boys JV Tennis Quad #2 (Ike) @ 8:30am
- Ike Boys JV Soccer vs. Romeo (Swinehart Field) @ 4:00pm
- Ike Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Romeo (Swinehart Field) @ 5:30pm



#### Tuesday, August 29

- First day of school (8:10am – 3:01pm)
- (All 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> grade students without a computer will go to the Media Center 3<sup>rd</sup> hour)
- [7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball tryouts from 3:10pm – 4:30pm](#)
- [8<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball tryouts from 3:10pm – 4:30pm](#)
- [7<sup>th</sup> Grade Football tryouts from 3:10pm – 5:00pm](#)
- [8<sup>th</sup> Grade Football tryouts from 3:15pm – 5:15pm](#)
- Ike JV Volleyball vs. Rochester Adams (Adams) @ 5:00pm
- Ike Boys Freshman Soccer vs. Anchor Bay (Ike) @ 5:00pm



#### Wednesday, August 30

- [7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball tryouts from 3:10pm – 4:30pm](#)
- [8<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball tryouts from 3:10pm – 4:30pm](#)
- [7<sup>th</sup> Grade Football tryouts from 3:10pm – 5:00pm](#)
- [8<sup>th</sup> Grade Football tryouts from 3:15pm – 5:15pm](#)
- Ike Girls Golf vs. GPS (GP) @ 3:30pm
- Ike Freshman Football vs. Henry Ford II (Swinehart Field) @ 4:00pm
- Ike Freshman Volleyball vs. Rochester Adams (Adams) @ 5:00pm
- Ike JV Football vs. Henry Ford II (Swinehart Field) @ 6:00pm

#### Thursday, August 31

- [7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball tryouts from 3:10pm – 4:30pm](#)
- [8<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball tryouts from 3:10pm – 4:30pm](#)
- [7<sup>th</sup> Grade Football tryouts from 3:10pm – 5:00pm](#)
- [8<sup>th</sup> Grade Football tryouts from 3:15pm – 5:15pm](#)
- Ike Boys Freshman Soccer vs. GPS (Barnes Field) @ 4:30pm
- Ike Cross Country Adams Invite @ 5:00pm
- Ike Varsity Football vs. Henry Ford II (HF II) @ 7:00pm

#### Friday, September 1

- NO SCHOOL

#### Saturday, September 2

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### \*UCS Transportation

UCS Transportation contacted eligible families regarding bus information. For Malow bus routes, please [click here](#). [Click here](#) for more information on transportation.

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### \*Malow Yearbook Sales

Buy your child's yearbook today to save money! The Back to School Special will last until September 15. Go to [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com) to order one today.

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### 2023-2024 Technology Device Insurance Program

Families may choose to enroll in this optional program by the deadline of Thursday, September 8, 2023 for a fee of \$17.50 per device. [Click here](#) for more information.

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### Free Meals for the 2023-2024 School Year

UCS students will receive a free breakfast and lunch throughout the 2023-24 school year. All UCS families are asked to complete the *School Meals & Summer EBT application* or the *Education Benefits form* by [clicking here](#) - enter "Utica Community Schools" and follow the prompts. For more information, please [click here](#).

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### Student Athletes and BIG TEAMS

If you think your child will play a sport at Malow, please upload their physical to BIG TEAMS as soon as possible! Physicals for the 2023-2024 school year **MUST** be dated after April 15, 2023.

The Athletic Department at Malow Junior High School now hosts their Pre-Participation Athletic Forms **online** with BIG TEAMS. 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.

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### 10 Things for Back to School

[Click here](#) for a flyer with 10 things for back to school!

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### Information for 7<sup>th</sup> Graders and New Students (2023-2024 School Year)

Please click on the following links for important information:

[Who's Who at Malow](#)

[Locker Information](#)

[Layout of Malow](#)

[Bell Schedule and Lunches](#)

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### Locker Information

For a map of Malow with lockers, [click here](#). For a list of lockers with location, [click here](#).

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### \*Malow Sounding Board

Parents and guardians are invited to attend our monthly Sounding Board meetings. Our first meeting will be October 12 from 1:30pm – 2:30pm at Malow. 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 at [info@malowsb.org](mailto:info@malowsb.org).

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### 2023-2024 School Year Information (Dates Subject to Change)

8/28	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> - Professional Development (building closed for walk throughs)
8/29	First day of school for students
9/1	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
9/4	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> – Labor Day
9/7	Picture Day
9/8	Last day to purchase Technology Device Insurance
9/20	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> – Professional Development
9/29	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Fall Party
10/24	Picture Retake Day

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### UCS SACC is Hiring!

UCS School Age Child Care is hiring! Please [click here](#) for a flyer.

## **PaySchools is Now PaySchools Central**

All UCS schools now utilize a central PaySchools site, which can be visited at [www.payschoolscentral.com](http://www.payschoolscentral.com). For more information and a PaySchools Central parent/student guide, please [click here](#).

## **Non-School Issued Electronic Communications Devices (UCS Student Handbook)**

The personal use of non-school issued cell phones or other electronic communications devices (ECDs) 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.**

During tests and assessments, cell phones/ECDs must be placed in lockers, backpacks, or another location away from students and their desks. Please see the UCS Student Handbook for ECD protocols during state testing.

If a student needs to place an emergency phone call during the day, they should request to go to the main office to use an office phone. If a parent needs to give a message to or speak with their child during the school day, they should call the main office.

If a student does not comply with the request to provide the staff member their cell phone for a violation, they could face consequences for insubordination/disrespect.

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 is found to be in violation of the above expectations, the following plan will be implemented:

### **First Violation – Warning #1**

Cell phone/ECD will be taken to the office with first and last name of student.  
Student picks up phone at the end of day.

### **Second Violation – Warning #2**

Cell phone/ECD will be taken to the office with first and last name of student.  
Malow office will contact the parent.  
Student picks up phone at the end of day.

### **Third + Violation**

Cell phone/ECD will be taken to the office with first and last name of student.  
Malow office will contact the parent.  
Student picks up phone at the end of the day.  
Disciplinary Action per Administration.

## **Fall 2023 Expansion of Secondary Special Education Programs and Services**

[Click here](#) for a flyer with information about new Academic Resource Centers at each secondary school.

## **Copy Volunteers Needed for 2023-24 School Year**

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 fill out the [linked form](#). If you have any questions, please email [MalowCopyMom@gmail.com](mailto:MalowCopyMom@gmail.com).

## **2023-24 School Calendar**

To view the calendar for the school year please [click here](#).

## **Vaccination Information for 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> grade can be found by [clicking here](#). Shot records are to be turned in by September 15, 2023. Updated shot records, FERPA form, or Waiver can be uploaded to PowerSchool or dropped off to the office.

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**Malow Athletic Director**

Kati Campbell ([katherine.campbell@uticak12.org](mailto:katherine.campbell@uticak12.org))

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**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.

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**Physical Required for Sports**

All athletes must have a physical on file dated after April 15, 2023. 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](#).

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**Online Link for Pay to Play**

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

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**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Sideline Cheer**

Coach Mitchelson ([mariam@malowcheer.com](mailto:mariam@malowcheer.com)). Tryouts for the 2023-2024 school year were on Monday, June 5 and Tuesday, June 6.

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**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Football**

Coach Berdeski ([derek.berdeski@uticak12.org](mailto:derek.berdeski@uticak12.org)). Tryouts will be Tuesday, August 29 through Thursday, August 31 from 3:10pm – 5:00pm. A physical dated after April 15, 2023 must be on file in order to tryout. [Click here](#) for a physical form that must be uploaded to BIG TEAMS. [Click here](#) for a flyer with more information regarding tryouts.

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**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Football**

Coach Thomas ([james.thomas@uticak12.org](mailto:james.thomas@uticak12.org)) and Coach Davis ([aaron.davis@uticak12.org](mailto:aaron.davis@uticak12.org)). Tryouts will be Tuesday, August 29 through Thursday, August 31 from 3:15pm – 5:15pm. A physical dated after April 15, 2023 must be on file in order to tryout. [Click here](#) for a physical form that must be uploaded to BIG TEAMS. [Click here](#) for a flyer with more information regarding tryouts.

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**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball**

Coach Bayer ([carlin.bayer@uticak12.org](mailto:carlin.bayer@uticak12.org)). Tryouts will be Tuesday, August 29 through Thursday, August 31 from 3:10pm – 4:30pm. A physical dated after April 15, 2023 must be on file in order to tryout. [Click here](#) for a physical form that must be uploaded to BIG TEAMS. [Click here](#) for a video from the coaches with all the information needed to tryout!

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**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball**

Coach Thoel ([jason.thoel@uticak12.org](mailto:jason.thoel@uticak12.org)). Tryouts will be Tuesday, August 29 through Thursday, August 31 from 3:10pm – 4:30pm. A physical dated after April 15, 2023 must be on file in order to tryout. [Click here](#) for a physical form that must be uploaded to BIG TEAMS. [Click here](#) for a video from the coaches with all the information needed to tryout!

## 9th Grade Sports

All 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> 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"><li>• Student Pass = \$20, Admits 1 student only. Good for 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade home athletic events only.</li><li>• Adult Family Pass = \$30, Admits 2 adult members 18 years and older in addition to 6<sup>th</sup> grade and younger children when accompanied by a parent.</li><li>• Senior Citizen Pass = No Charge. Lifetime pass, age 62 years or older. Admits bearer to all UCS athletic home events.</li></ul> <p>Free admission for all K-6 students when accompanied by parent or adult.</p>
Competitive Cheer	Students = \$1.00 Adults = \$3.00	

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### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade / Freshman Sports

9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:john.bertich@uticak12.org). For information about Ike Sports, follow this link: [www.eisenhowerathletics.org](http://www.eisenhowerathletics.org). For information on registering athletes on PlanetHS please [click here](#).

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### 9<sup>th</sup> 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>

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### \*High School Sporting Event Entrance Requirements

All students (home or visitors) must present a school ID for entrance to the game.

All middle school or junior high students **must present a school ID AND be accompanied by an adult**. There are no exceptions. The adult must enter the contest with the student and cannot simply drop off the student at the gate. The adults are expected to stay at the event and be responsible for the supervision of their child.

Failure to have a school ID and adult present with a junior high or middle school students, will result in non-admittance to the event.

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### Eisenhower Live Streamed Sports

Eisenhower is now able to stream all sporting events in the gym and pool area. Following is the link, and it does require a monthly fee to watch everything live. The fee is \$10. [Eisenhower High School - Shelby Township, MI \(nfhsnetwork.com\)](http://Eisenhower High School - Shelby Township, MI (nfhsnetwork.com))

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### Eisenhower Girls Golf

Coach Griesbeck.

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### Eisenhower Girls Swim

Coach Doherty ([lisa.doherty@uticak12.org](mailto:lisa.doherty@uticak12.org)).

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### Eisenhower Cross Country

Coach Sinning ([julie.sinning@uticak12.org](mailto:julie.sinning@uticak12.org)).

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### Eisenhower Boys Soccer

Coach Nekoogar ([nekoogar05@gmail.com](mailto:nekoogar05@gmail.com)).

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### Eisenhower Football

Contact ([ikefootballparents@gmail.com](mailto:ikefootballparents@gmail.com)).

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### Eisenhower Volleyball

Coach LaPratt ([cemaloney@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cemaloney@sbcglobal.net)).

## UCS Code of Conduct

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

### 2023-2024 Eisenhower Athletic Booster Club

[Click here](#) for the Ike Athletic Booster Club registration / renewal form.



## Next Week at a Glance

**Monday, September 4**

- NO SCHOOL

**Tuesday, September 5**

- Ike Freshman Volleyball vs. Dakota (Dakota) @ 4:30pm
- Ike JV Volleyball vs. Dakota (Dakota) @ 5:30pm
- Ike Girls Swimming vs. Utica (Utica) @ 6:00pm
- Ike Varsity Volleyball vs. Dakota (Dakota) @ 6:30pm

**Wednesday, September 6**

- Ike Boys JV Tennis vs. Romeo (Ike) @ 4:00pm
- Ike Boys Varsity Tennis vs. Romeo (Romeo) @ 4:00pm
- Ike Boys JV Soccer vs. Stevenson (Swinehart Field) @ 4:00pm
- Ike Cross Country MAC Red Jamboree (Bay Pointe) @ 5:00pm
- Ike Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Stevenson (Swinehart Field) @ 5:30pm

**Thursday, September 7**

- Picture Day
- Ike Freshman Volleyball vs. Marysville (Ike) @ 4:30pm
- Ike JV Volleyball vs. Marysville (Ike) @ 4:30pm
- Ike Boys Freshman Soccer vs. Stevenson (Stevenson) @ 4:30pm
- Ike Freshman Football vs. Chippewa Valley (Chippewa Valley) @ 4:30pm
- Ike Varsity Volleyball vs. Marysville (Ike) @ 5:30pm
- Ike JV Football vs. Chippewa Valley (Chippewa Valley) @ 7:00pm

**Friday, September 8**

- [Last day to purchase technology insurance in PaySchools Central](#)
- Ike Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Utica (Swinehart Field) @ 3:00pm
- Ike Boys JV Soccer vs. Utica (Swinehart Field) @ 4:30pm
- Ike Girls Swimming Titan Relays (WWT) @ 5:00pm
- Ike Varsity Football vs. Chippewa Valley (Swinehart Field) @ 7:00pm

**Saturday, September 9**

- Ike Cross Country Kensington Park / Possum Hollow @ time TBA
- Ike Boys Varsity Tennis Quad #5 (Ike) @ 8:30am

**\*Malow Open House**

Malow's Open House has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 12 at 7:00pm. More information to follow on this in-person event.



### Attendance & Grading

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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

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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

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

### Automated Attendance

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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

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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

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

### Daily Schedule / Lunch Schedule

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[Click here](#) for a daily schedule for the 2023-2024 school year.

### Teacher Locator - 2023-2024 School Year

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

### Students Walking to (and from) Malow

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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.

### After School Pick Up on Horizon Drive

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

### Inclement Weather – School Closing

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

### Laptop Information

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For detailed instructions on how to sign on to your device please [click here](#).

### Assistive Technology Accessibility

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[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.

## 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

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:
  - 7<sup>th</sup> grade will move to cafeteria.
  - 8<sup>th</sup> grade will move to the Main Gym.
  - 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

## 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.

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### New District App

Utica Community Schools has a new mobile app! Search for 'Utica Schools' in your phone's app store and download the free app to stay up-to-date on district and school news. The old mobile app 'Utica Community Schools' is no longer supported and should be deleted from your devices. Download at the App store [here](#) and Google Play [here](#).

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### Direct Links to Important Information

[Mustang Respect Code](#)

[Cell Phone Policy](#)

[Dress Code](#)

[Success Skills](#)

[Student ID Policy](#)

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### 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.

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### 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 practice takes place at the high school level and Malow is aligning with Eisenhower in order to provide consistent expectations for our students. Thank you for your understanding and we appreciate your support.

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### 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.

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### "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>.

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### Vegetarian Options

Did you know that we offer [vegetarian options](#) every day? Please go to <https://uticak12.nutrislice.com> for menu offerings.

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### \*Malow School Store

The Malow School Store will be open during all lunch periods. The store accepts cash only for purchases.

Items available everyday include:

Water	\$1.00
Slushies	\$2.00
Little Caesars Pizza slices	\$2.00
Menchie's Frozen Yogurt	\$4.00

Additional items available on Wednesdays and Fridays:

Pop	\$1.00
Little Caesar's breadsticks	\$3.00/\$5.00
Candy	\$.25 - \$2.00

### **P-EBT Reconsideration Forms**

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Parents/guardians: please refer to the following notice regarding whether you are eligible for the Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) program and what factors are used in determining individual student eligibility for P-EBT. If a household feels they should be reconsidered for P-EBT benefits, they must fill out the [reconsideration form](#).

The qualifying events for reconsideration are:

- Must have Free or Reduced-Price Benefits **AND** enrolled in Virtual Academy for any part of the school year **OR** enrolled in-person school but missed 5 days or more due to COVID.
- The form is fillable, so parents can fill in Section 1 and Section 2. Then email PDF to Food Services at [foodservice@uticak12.org](mailto:foodservice@uticak12.org)
- School year benefits may only be paid through May 11, 2023 due to the end of the Public Health Emergency
- To be considered, all P-EBT Reconsideration forms must be received by MDHHS by June 30, 2023
- Parents can call the DHHS helpdesk at 833-905-0028, option 2, Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. with any questions or they can email at [MDHHS-PEBT@michigan.gov](mailto:MDHHS-PEBT@michigan.gov).

### **\*Allergy Accommodation Forms**

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Students with food allergies that wish to use school meals must have a [Special Dietary Needs form](#) completed and signed by a physician. Forms need to be turned in to the office of Food and Nutrition Service. Without this form we cannot make accommodations. This form must be updated every year to ensure accuracy. Since all schools have vegetarian options, parents do not need to complete a form for that option.

This completed and signed form must be submitted to the Food and Nutrition Services department at [foodservice@uticak12.org](mailto: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 at <https://uticak12.nutrislice.com/> under the Elementary Allergy Menu tab. If your child requires a substitution, please inform the school at least 48 hours in advance.

### **Texting Service**

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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.**

### **Malow Staff Emails**

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

### **Additional Resources**

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[Digital Citizenship Resources](#)

[Malow Junior High Facebook Page](#)

[Work Permit](#)

[Concussion Awareness](#)

## 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.

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### Chess Club

Mr. Martin Ashman (Teacher) [martin.ashman@uticak12.org](mailto: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

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### Detour Project

Mrs. Mary Merza (Teacher) [mary.merza@uticak12.org](mailto:mary.merza@uticak12.org)

- Select Tuesdays after school from 3:00pm – 4:15pm in room E504 (check calendars above).
- Students must have a permission slip on file to attend meetings.  
For more information visit: <http://www.detourproject.org>
- Grades 7-9

Detour Project is a youth-driven expressive art program meant to give teens a set of skills and tools to help them improve their overall emotional well-being.

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### Gaming Club

Mr. Martin Ashman (Teacher) [martin.ashman@uticak12.org](mailto: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

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### 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.

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### National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)

- Grades 8 – 9: National Junior Honor Society is an organization that recognizes outstanding middle level students. More than just an honor roll, NJHS recognizes students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship and character. NJHS recognizes students for their accomplishments, but also challenges them to develop further through active involvement in school activities and community service.

**Science Olympiad**Mrs. Skye Bastounis (Parent) [greekrx@msn.com](mailto: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](mailto:jacob.steinberger@uticak12.org)

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**\*Student Council**Ms. Amy Gastmeier (Teacher) [amy.gastmeier@uticak12.org](mailto:amy.gastmeier@uticak12.org)Mrs. Annmarie Hitzelberger (Teacher) [annmarie.hitzelberger@uticak12.org](mailto: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.

Apply for Malow Student Council today! Due by Wednesday September 13<sup>th</sup>!

Applications are now available for the 2023-2024 Malow Student Council. Please complete the [attached application](#) and turn in the recommendation form either by email to Ms. Gastmeier ([amy.gastmeier@uticak12.org](mailto:amy.gastmeier@uticak12.org)) or to the main office no later than Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for enthusiastic 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students who want to make a difference in our school! We will meet once every 2 weeks after school. We are looking forward to a great year!

Mrs. Hitzelberger and Ms. Gastmeier

## 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. Hickey	Counselor (A – Go)	<a href="mailto:jennifer.hickey@uticak12.org">jennifer.hickey@uticak12.org</a>	(586) 797-3592
Mrs. Witt	Counselor (Gr – N)	<a href="mailto:michelle.witt@uticak12.org">michelle.witt@uticak12.org</a>	(586) 797-3591
Mr. Nassar	Counselor (O – Z)	<a href="mailto:charles.nassar@uticak12.org">charles.nassar@uticak12.org</a>	(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](#).

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

[Click here](#) for information.

## 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.



## 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.



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**UCS Wellness Podcast**

The UCS Wellness team is happy to announce the 13th episode of our podcast series featuring Matt Cecil, Jeannette Junior High physical education teacher with host, Erin Chambers, Shelby Junior High physical education and health teacher. This two-part series will inform listeners how to increase their focus and decrease their stress. These podcasts are available on the UCS Wellness page. [UCS Wellness - Utica Community Schools](#). The 13th podcast in the series is Managing Components of Biology.

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  
Teen Mental Health and Wellness  
Raising an Intuitive Eater  
Managing Components of Biology (two-part series)

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**PowerSchool Issues?**

Are you having issues getting on PowerSchool? Please contact Rose Bertucci at [rosemary.bertucci@uticak12.org](mailto:rosemary.bertucci@uticak12.org).

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**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

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**AP Human Geography – Information for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students and Parents**

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

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**Naviance and the Malow Counseling Department Website**

[Click here](#) for information.

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**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!

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## 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

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## 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>.

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## Grading

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

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## 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](http://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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## Resolving the Microsoft Licensing Issue

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

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**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.

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**Advice for 9<sup>th</sup> Graders**

High School officially begins in 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**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](#).

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**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.

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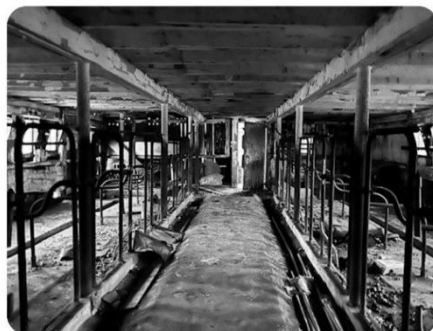
**Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids and the Truth about Vaping and E-Cigarettes**

[Click here](#) for information.

### Photo and Film with Mrs. Cooper – Elements of Design

Students in Photo and Film Class learned about the elements of design relating to photography. They learned about compositional techniques to improve their photography. These images focused on the rule of thirds and organic and geometric shapes.

Photography by: Katarina Djordjevic (tennis racquet), Adilyn Reinhardt (vase), Sally Abed (wilted flower), Alessandra Provenza (tulips), Logan Bauman (window), Alaina Eleas (black and white stables), Prince Qarana (fish), Enrid Pali (brown leaves), Joyce Hartman (green leaves).





## 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](http://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.

