



Malow Mustang Messenger



June 5, 2023

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Tuesday, June 6

- [Malow 2023 7th/8th Sideline Cheer tryouts in the Cafeteria from 6:00pm - 8:00pm](#)



Wednesday, June 7

- **Half Day – Dismissal 11:02am**
1st Hour Exams are 8:00am – 9:28am
2nd Hour Exams are 9:34am – 11:02am

Thursday, June 8

- **Half Day – Dismissal 11:02am**
3rd Hour Exams are 8:00am – 9:28am
4th Hour Exams are 9:34am – 11:02am

Friday, June 9

- **Half Day – Dismissal 11:02am**
5th Hour Exams are 8:00am – 9:28am
6th Hour Exams are 9:34am – 11:02am



Saturday, June 10

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***Laptop Collection**

We will be collecting laptops from our 9th graders and any student that will not be attending Malow in the upcoming school year on Friday, June 9th. Please be advised that if students do not return their chargers with the laptop a fee of \$38.00 will be charged to their PowerSchool account. The laptops will be later evaluated by our technology team for any damage. If the laptop is damaged, the technology team will issue the appropriate charge for the repair. If the student purchased technology insurance, charges will be made according to the technology agreement form. Please be advised the laptop should be returned in the same condition it was distributed. If the student adhered any stickers on the laptop those must be removed, failure to do so will result in a \$10 charge. Any questions should be directed to rosemary.bertucci@uticak12.org.

Honors Award Information

Congratulations! ***Please [click here](#) for an updated list of all students on our honors list***

***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.

Notice to Parents of Students with Medication Stored in the Office

Medication stored in the office (EpiPens, inhalers, Tylenol, etc.) must be picked up beginning Wednesday, June 7. Any medication that has not been picked up by noon on Friday, June 9, 2023 will be disposed of. The district does not allow for medication to be stored over the summer. Due to the safety of the children, we cannot allow students to transport medication to and from school.

In preparation for the 2023-2024 school year all health plans and authorization for medication forms should be returned to the office before the first day of school with any required medications. For your convenience we will be emailing these forms home to families we currently have on file. The forms are also available on the district website at: <https://www.uticak12.org/domain/3272>. If you do not have access to the website, please contact the Malow office to arrange for copies to be picked up. If your child takes the bus, you will also be asked to complete two Transportation forms. Please return one to the school office when you bring your Health Care Plan, and the second should be handed to the driver on the first day of school, both with color pictures attached. Transportation requires this be done promptly to ensure the driver is aware of any potential emergencies.

Student Plans for the 2023 – 2024 School Year

If you know you are moving or planning not to return to Malow Junior High next year, please send an email to Mrs. Newbold at patricia.newbold@uticak12.org or contact her at school (586-797-3503). This is sometimes overlooked by parents with the activities of the end of a school year, and if we know ahead of time this can help determine our numbers and staffing needs as well as letting us know to be on the lookout for student record request forms that are sent by the new school. We will also need to collect your child's UCS issued laptop device and we want to be prepared to facilitate this at the end of the school year. If you know your plans, please let us know so we can partner with you for a smooth transition for you and your child. Finally, if you have moved, but are still attending Malow, please let Mrs. Newbold know this as address information will need to be updated in PowerSchool.

***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.

***#UCS Summer Style**

To help encourage community engagement this summer, we are inviting UCS students, staff and their families to send us photos wearing their UCS gear. Please [click here](#) for a flyer with more information.

2022-23 and 2023-24 School Calendars

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

Information for 7th Graders and New Students

Please click on the following for important info: [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, 2023. Updated shot records, FERPA form, or Waiver can be uploaded to PowerSchool or dropped off to the office.

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.

Junior High Cross Country Club

[Click here](#) for a flyer with more information.

*8th Grade Football

Coach Thomas (james.thomas@uticak12.org). There will be an informational meeting for any current 7th grade boy interested in playing football in the fall on Monday, June 5 in the Gym after school until 3:20pm.

7th & 8th Sideline Cheer

Coach Mitchelson (mariam@malowcheer.com). There will be a parent informational meeting on Monday, May 30 at 6:30pm in the Malow Cafeteria. Tryouts will be Monday, June 5 and Tuesday, June 6 in the Cafeteria from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Click on the following link to register: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=aOluQawUGz37nrhmVnJUSQ5ohNLRpDhnK9ewbeBhBUNVlaMVgyTORRSFJSTUFBOkpXTUI0MIBCWi4u&fbclid=PAAaYbskZU5rwITRtN_EovFqsgGCNe78AMnCIPRmmxINMD3g5peDttzc1UYjM

7th Grade Girls Track

Coach Bechtel (jeffrey.becht@uticak12.org). Assistant Coach Davis (aaron.davis@uticak12.org).

*7th Grade Boys Track – Broke Record in the 400m Relay!

Coach Campbell (katherine.campbell@uticak12.org). Assistant Coach Davis (aaron.davis@uticak12.org). Congratulations to Jonah Krajenke, Jayden You, Jacob Leuffgen, and John Cole who broke the record for the 400m Relay with a time of 48.8 seconds!



8th Grade Girls Track

Coach Berdeski (derek.berdeski@uticak12.org). Assistant Coach Thoel (jason.thoel@uticak12.org). Congratulations Maggie Baginski who broke two school records this year!!! 1 mile – 5:47 and 2 mile – 12:39!

8th Grade Boys Track

Coach Bayer (carlin.bayer@uticak12.org). Assistant Coach Thoel (jason.thoel@uticak12.org).

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 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))

*Eisenhower Girls Golf

Coach Griesbeck. [Click here](#) for information on summer golf and fall tryout information.

*Eisenhower Girls Swim

Coach Doherty (lisa.doherty@uticak12.org). [Click here](#) for 2023 Ike Girls preseason information. [Click here](#) for information on Elite Diving.

Eisenhower Cross Country

Coach Sinning (julie.sinning@uticak12.org). There will be a parent meeting for any athlete interested in running cross country in the fall on Wednesday, May 31 in the Ike Commons at 6:00pm. This meeting is open to current 8th and 9th graders. You will get to meet the coaches, go over team expectations and receive a summer calendar. Please e-mail Coach Sinning with questions.

Eisenhower Boys Soccer

Coach Nekoogar (nekoogar05@gmail.com). There will be an Ike Boys Soccer pre-season informational meeting for players and parents on Thursday, June 1 in the Ike Commons at 6:30pm.

Eisenhower Summer Sports Camps

[Click here](#) for Eisenhower Summer Sports Camps offered through UCS Community Education.

Eisenhower Dance Teams – Eaglettes and JV/Varsity

Eisenhower Dance Teams clinic and tryout information is as follows:

2023 Eaglettes – Click here for a flyer	Tryouts are May 30 – June 2 from 4:30pm – 6:30pm in the Ike New Aux Gym
2023 JV/Varsity – Click here for a flyer	Tryouts are May 30 – June 2 from 3:00pm – 5:30pm in the Ike Main Gym

Eisenhower Football

Contact (ikefootballparents@gmail.com). There was a mandatory athlete/parent [round-up](#) on Sunday, May 21 in the Ike Commons @ 2:00pm. [Click here](#) for a flyer with more information.

Eisenhower Boys Golf

Coach Brzezinski (david.brzezinski@uticak12.org).

Eisenhower Baseball

Coach Spisak (steven.spisak@uticak12.org).

Eisenhower Softball

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

Eisenhower Track

Coach Smith (christopher.smith2@uticak12.org).

Eisenhower Girls Soccer

Coach Nekoogar (nekoogar05@gmail.com).

Eisenhower Girls Lacrosse

Coach Musina (ikegirlslaxcoach@gmail.com).

Utica-Ike Boys Lacrosse

Contact (ryanswiatkowski@gmail.com).

Eisenhower Girls Tennis

Coach Pearson (michael.pearson@uticak12.org).

Eisenhower Clay Shooting

Contact (markeisenhowerclaycoach@gmail.com).

Eisenhower Volleyball

Coach LaPratt (cemaloney@sbcglobal.net). There was an Ike Volleyball pre-season Zoom meeting on Wednesday, May 3rd at 6:30pm. Tryouts are Aug 7-9, from 9am – 11am.

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">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. \$35.00Senior Citizen Pass: No Charge Lifetime pass, age 62 years or older. Admits bearer to all UCS athletic home events. (See below)
*Freshman Soccer *Varsity Track	3.00 Home Games (if admission charged)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">FREE ADMISSION for all K-6 grade students, when accompanied by parent or adult. <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.

2023-2024 Eisenhower Athletic Booster Club

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

Next Week at a Glance

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Wednesday, June 14

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Thursday, June 15

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Friday, June 16

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**Michigan Council of Women in Technology Foundation – Technology Camps**

Due to generous grants from the State of Michigan and Corporate Partners, the Michigan Council of Women in Technology Foundation is sponsoring one-week technology camps for girls across the State of Michigan that introduce them to computer technologies through hands-on activities in a fun and engaging way. Each session will engage students in age-appropriate topics ranging from game design, website design and robotics programming.

During the sessions, campers will have an opportunity to meet with professional women and men who work in technological fields and explore the many exciting and rewarding tech careers. Each week-long technology camp includes a light breakfast and lunch.

Here is the link to more information about the camps and how to register: <https://mcwt.org/programs/list/K-12-Initiatives/CAMP-INFINITY>. For more information visit <https://mcwt.org/>.

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.

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.

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!

Inclement Weather – School Closing

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

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](#).

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.

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:
 - 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.

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.

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.

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.

*Summer Meet Up and Eat Up

Free summer meals for all kids 18 years and younger. [Click here](#) for a flyer with more information.

“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>.

Vegetarian Options

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

P-EBT Reconsideration Forms

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
- 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.

Malow School Store

[Click here](#) for items sold during all lunch periods, pricing, and more information.

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 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

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

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

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 upcoming 2022-2023 SB meetings are as follows: May 18, 2023 (In-Person – Sounding Board Meeting / Volunteer Luncheon at 12:00pm)

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.

Last Chess Club meeting of the 2022-2023 school year was on Monday, May 22!

Detour Project

Mrs. Mary Merza (Teacher) mary.merza@uticak12.org

- Select Thursdays after school beginning February 2, 2023 from 3:00pm – 4:15pm in room E504 (check calendars above).
- [Click here](#) for a flyer with permission slip and meeting dates. 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.

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

Last Gaming Club meeting of the 2022-2023 school year was on Tuesday, May 23!

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.

2022 - 2023 Malow NJHS Executive Board and Malow NJHS Membership,

What a great year this has been for the Malow Junior High National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)! To this end, you all were what made this youth-run service organization what it is meant to be and for that I am forever grateful, thankful, and appreciative of all of YOU!! To describe this year's class of NJHS in one word . . . AMAZING (nothing less).

We have lots of reasons, individually, and as a group, to be very proud. Thousands of service hours earned volunteering here at Malow, to our neighboring feeder schools, to joining the Eisenhower Key Club with some of their activities, to going out into our local (and sometimes beyond) community. I ask and challenge that you all continue to give back in your years ahead in school and as you eventually enter adulthood and in life. You know from the service activities you individually were involved in. I hope you feel good all that you accomplished. As a group I wanted to personally highlight some of our fundraisers and meeting activities this past year:

- \$1,496.50 school-wide, with a match by the membership, bringing the total to \$2,993.00 to "New Day Foundation" for families fighting cancer in a week-long Penny War class competition.
- Around \$1,100 collected solely by the membership alone in gift cards presented to "Michigan Women Forward" for expanding opportunities, empowering the next generation, and honoring the accomplishments of Michigan women.
- \$450 school-wide, with a match by the membership, bringing the total to \$900 from a 2-Day Dairy Queen Blizzards Sale to benefit the "Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan" for helping to grant a wish for another child today.
- A Spring Clean Up of our school grounds and along 25 Mile Road to Mound Road and back to the school as part of an Earth Day theme for April. In May, we added our green painted thumbs to simulate leaves on a tree branch (thank you Mr. Vogwill for the tree outline and eventual finished artwork) put on a canvas we will proudly display. At a later date, when the school grounds are landscaped (with now passage of the UCS Bond), NJHS will have an actual tree planted and dedication plaque from the Malow NJHS Class of 2023 within the new landscaped school grounds.
- Over 100 personally created homemade holiday cards with messages to our Veterans at the local Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion Posts in our area.
- Over 100 personally created homemade holiday cards with messages to sick children on the Pediatric Floor at William Beaumont Hospital in Troy.

You all have proven and upheld the pillars to the highest degrees that are associated with NJHS this past year: Character, Citizenship, Leadership, Scholarship, and Service. Thank you Henry, Madelyn, Anastasia, Kayley, Molly, and Cara for everything!! To my 9th grade newly inducted into NJHS and those that returned from last year, I wish all the best as you leave Malow. Key Club, a Kiwanis youth service organization, is offered at our high schools and National Honor Society (NHS) is an available option in 11th grade. To my 8th grade newly inducted into NJHS this year, I invite you to come back next year as a "Returning Member". Your gpa of a 3.5 or higher from your entire 8th grade year will make you eligible for next year.

Have an awesome summer and THANK YOU ALL once again. I am proud to be your Malow NJHS Advisor!! Please keep in touch and if you are ever in need of anything down the road, please reach out.

Yours in service and friendship, and in the highest respect,

Mr. Pretari

Malow Jr. High NJHS Advisor 2022 - 2023

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.*

Snowsports Club

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

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. Hickey	Counselor (A – Go)	jennifer.hickey@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](#).

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.



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](#).

Lunch Time Math Tutoring

Math Tutoring in the Media Center started during lunches on 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.

Summer Programs for Students

Summer Programs for students entering grades five through twelve begin on June 19, 2023 and will end on July 28, 2023. All summer programs will be supported by grant funds and will be free of charge for all participants. Students will be served a free breakfast and lunch and transportation will be provided. See the links below for each program and an outline document highlighting each program being offered. Click on the following for the most up-to-date offerings: [Summer Programs / Summer Learning \(uticak12.org\)](https://uticak12.org/Summer-Programs/)

Registration began May 8, 2023, through Community Education using the following link: <https://ucsccommunityeducation.ce.eleyo.com/>.

[Babysitting 101](#)

[UCS 2023 In-Person Credit Recovery](#)

[UCS 2023 Ed Ready English – Online Virtual Learning](#)

[UCS 2023 Ed Ready Math – Online Virtual Learning](#)

[UCS 2023 In-Person Credit Forward Algebra I – Semester 2 ONLY](#)

[UCS 2023 Literacy Boot Camp – Read 180](#)

[UCS 2023 Math Mindset](#)

[UCS 2023 Online Credit Forward – Michigan Virtual](#)

[UCS 2023 Online Credit Forward – UCS](#)

[UCS 2023 Online Summer Bridge to Algebra I](#)

[UCS 2023 Online Credit Recovery](#)

[UCS 2023 Readers and Writers Workshop](#)

[UCS 2023 Summer Bridge to Junior High Algebra I](#)

[UCS 2023 Summer Bridge to Advanced Math 7](#)

[UCS 2023 Summer Bridge to Math 7](#)

[UCS 2023 Summer Bridge to Math 8](#)

[UCS Secondary Summer School Options 2023](#)

UCS 2023 Summer Enrichment Catalog

[Click here](#) for the 2023 Summer Enrichment catalog. Inside you will find summer sports camps, health, fitness, dance, art, music, STEAM classes and more! [Click here](#) for an online version of the catalog. [Click here](#) to register!

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.

Kindergarten through Ninth Grade NWEA Winter Student Progress Report

Dear Parents - Winter NWEA MAP Growth student progress reports are now available on your parent PowerSchool Account at this link: <https://ps.ucs.misd.net/public/home.html>. Attached are [directions](#) on how to access and download the file. The file can only be accessed through a web browser, such as Edge, Chrome or Safari. Please note that the link is not available through the App. If you have any questions about this report, please contact your student's counselor.

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)

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:

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| • Active Parenting | • Teen Intervene |
| • Peaceful Alternatives to Tough Situations | • Early Childhood Prevention Services |
| • INDEPTH | • 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](#).

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.

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.

*Exploratory Design & Engineering I with Mr. Thoel – Glider Project

Students were in 2-3 person teams and had to design their own gliders.



3rd Hour Champs



5th Hour Champs



6th Hour Champs

***Mustangs of the Month – May 2023**

The following students have been named “Mustangs of the Month” for the month of May for performing good deeds. They received a lunch from Tubby’s on Friday as well as some other goodies.



Congratulations to the following:

(Pictured left to right) Isaac Sako, Santiago Sandoval Najera, Keaton Duda, Tanha Chowdhury, Gabriella Vasquez, & Abigail Beardsley
(Not pictured) Olivia Loughhead, Anshna Moradia, Grecia Sandoval Najera, & Evelyn Ungureanu

Congratulations!

***NJHS Dairy Queen Blizzard Days**

Thank you to Mr. Matt Daoud, Owner of Utica Dairy Queen, along with his crew for providing us a total of 225 Blizzards to sell over a 2-day period during all lunches. Proceeds netted \$450, and then matched by NJHS, for a grand total of \$900 to be donated to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan. Their mission is "Together, we create life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses". Thank you to all students and staff that supported our fundraising efforts.



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.

