



Malow Mustang Messenger



March 27, 2023

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This Week at a Glance

Monday, March 27

- [College Monday](#)
- [Student Council Meeting in room A111 from 3:00pm - 4:00pm](#)
- [Homework Club in the Media Center from 3:00pm - 4:00pm](#)
- [Chess Club in room B207 from 3:05pm - 4:00pm](#)
- Ike Girls JV Soccer vs. Stevenson (Swinehart Field) @ 4:00pm
- Ike JV Baseball vs. Lake Shore (Ike) @ 4:30pm
- Ike Girls JV Lacrosse vs. Notre Dame Prep (Notre Dame Prep) @ 5:30pm
- Ike Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Stevenson (Swinehart Field) @ 5:30pm
- Ike Girls Varsity Lacrosse vs. Notre Dame Prep (Notre Dame Prep) @ 7:00pm

Tuesday, March 28

- [Gaming Club in room B207 from 3:05pm - 4:00pm](#)
- Ike Track (Macomb Indoor Meet) @ time TBA
- Ike Girls JV Lacrosse vs. Divine Child (Swinehart Field) @ 5:30pm
- Ike Boys Varsity Lacrosse vs. Chippewa Valley (CV) @ 7:00pm
- Ike Girls Varsity Lacrosse vs. Divine Child (Swinehart) @ 7:00pm



Wednesday, March 29

- [Homework Club in the Media Center from 3:00pm - 4:00pm](#)
- Ike Freshman Baseball vs. Fraser (Ike) @ 4:30pm
- Ike JV Softball vs. Utica (Utica) @ 4:30pm
- Ike Varsity Softball vs. Utica (Ike) @ 4:30pm
- Ike JV Baseball vs. Fraser (Ike) @ 4:30pm
- Ike Varsity Baseball vs. Fraser (Fraser) @ 4:30pm
- Ike Boys JV Lacrosse vs. Cass Tech (Swinehart Field) @ 6:00pm

Thursday, March 30

- [Detour Project in room E504 from 3:00pm - 4:15pm](#)
- Ike Varsity Baseball vs. Utica (Ike) @ 4:00pm
- Ike Freshman Baseball vs. Utica (Eppler) @ 4:30pm
- Ike JV Baseball vs. Utica (Utica) @ 4:30pm
- Ike Boys JV Lacrosse vs. L'anse Creuse (Swinehart) @ 5:30pm
- Band Concert in the Cafeteria from 6:00pm - 9:00pm
- Ike Boys Varsity Lacrosse vs. LCN (Swinehart) @ 7:00pm

Friday, March 31

- [Spring Spirit Friday – Tropical Day!](#)
- Ike Varsity Baseball vs. Rochester Adams (Rochester Adams) @ 4:00pm



Saturday, April 1

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***A Message from Mrs. Hodsdon to Parents of Malow Seventh Graders**

Please [click here](#) for a letter from Mrs. Hodsdon regarding the M-STEP.

***A Message from Mrs. Hodsdon to Parents of Malow Eighth and Ninth Graders**

Please [click here](#) for a letter from Mrs. Hodsdon regarding PSAT 8/9.

***Spring Testing – April 12, 2023**

This is a reminder that **ALL** students will be testing on Wednesday, April 12, during 1, 2, and 3 hours.

- Testing will begin right away so students must be on time. Students should go to their lockers then right to their assigned testing rooms upon arrival.
- **7th graders** report to their assigned testing room in **C Pod** first hour to complete the M-STEP English test.
- **8th graders** report to their assigned testing room in **A Pod** first hour to complete the PSAT 8/9 test.
- **9th graders** report to either the **Aux Gym** or **Main Gym** first hour to take the PSAT 8/9 test.
 - **Main Gym:** Students with last names A – Land
 - **Aux Gym:** Students with last names Lang—Z and Virtual Academy 9th graders.
- Room assignments are posted outside the Counseling Office, Main Office, and on both bulletin boards in the cafeteria. Students must check the signs ahead of time, so you know where you are going on testing day.
- **All students must leave backpacks, phones, and wearable technology in their locker. These items are not allowed in testing rooms.**
- **All students MUST bring their student ID to the testing room with them.**
- 8th and 9th graders **must leave** computers, earbuds/headphones/air pods, smart watches, backpacks, food/drink (except for water), and any other personal items in their lockers during testing.
- 8th and 9th graders **must bring** a calculator (graphing calculators **ARE** allowed) and two sharpened #2 pencils (mechanical pencils **ARE NOT** allowed) to testing.
- 7th graders **must bring** hardwired headphones, their charged laptop, and charging cord to testing. Students may also want to bring a book or non-English related homework to work on if they finish before the end of the testing session.
- After testing, all students will have lunch and attend 4, 5, and 6 hours.
 - **A Lunch:** 7th Grade Classes
 - **B Lunch:** 8th Grade Classes plus the following split grade 4th hr. classes: Gastmeier, Hitzelberger, Holevar, Mervich, Reynaert, White
 - **C Lunch:** 9th Grade Classes plus the following split grade 4th hr. classes: Palazzolo, Parks, Vogwill

Please reach out to your student's counselor with questions!

***Student Council Sponsored Spring Spirit Fridays!!**

The 5th hour class with the highest percent participation will win an ice cream treat! [Click here](#) for a flyer!

Friday, March 24

Tie-Dye Day!

(Wear tie-dyed apparel)

Friday, March 31

Tropical Day!

(Wear Hawaiian/floral shirts, leis, sunglasses, etc.)

Friday, April 14

Tourist Day!

(Wear your favorite destination t-shirt or tourist-y apparel)

Friday, April 21

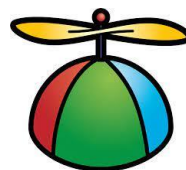
Hilarious Hat Day!

(Wear a crazy hat – or any hat will do!)

Friday, April 28

Comfy/Cozy Day!

(Wear your PJ's or any comfy apparel)



Current 9th Graders - Save these Dates!

Friday, May 19

Freshmen Farewell @ Shelby Gardens from 6:30pm – 9:30pm

Wednesday, May 24

9th Grade Honors Night (by invitation) @ 7:00pm. Invitations will be mailed in May.



Freshmen Farewell

The Freshmen Farewell is on Friday, May 19 from 6:30pm – 9:30pm at Shelby Gardens. The cost is \$35, and tickets will be on sale through PaySchools from Monday, April 10 through Monday, April 24. [Click here](#) for a flyer with more information.

*Third Marking Period Report Cards

Dear Parents,

Similar to the second marking period, report cards will be accessed from your secure PowerSchool account. Report cards will be posted in your PowerSchool account at noon on Friday, March 31, 2023.

Here are the top three things you need to know:

- Access to the report cards will not be available through the PowerSchool app. The report cards are available by logging into your account through your favorite browser (Edge, Chrome, Firefox, Safari, etc.).
- We strongly encourage you to make sure you can access your account by a web browser. If you need technical assistance, please contact our school office.
- You must have a PowerSchool account to see the report card. If you do not have an account, please follow the instructions at this [link](#).

For more information on how report cards will be shared, where to access the report cards, how to request a new password or set up a PowerSchool account, please see this [link](#).

*School Calendar Change for May 2

Safety remains a priority in Utica Community Schools. On May 2, Utica Community Schools will be holding a special election that will allow voters to consider the district's Safety and Success proposals. Our schools remain the centerpiece of the community, and we are proud that many of our school facilities are used to support the voting process. During these elections, school facilities need to be open and easily accessible to allow voters to cast their ballots.

As has been the practice of UCS for past elections, **there will be no school on May 2**. The cancellation of school maintains our commitment to safety and allows our facilities to be open for community members to cast their ballots in this important election. This will also provide an opportunity for professional development opportunities for staff.

SACC Bi-Weekly Bonus

Our School Age Child Care (SACC) staff makes a difference every day in the lives of our students. We are seeking individuals who love working with children and enjoy flexible hours. We are excited to announce the addition of a bi-weekly bonus for SACC staff. [Click here](#) for a flyer with more information. Please contact Jenelle Dubey at 586-797-6904 or Jenelle.Dubey@uticak12.org if interested.

UCS Art Box Studio Drawing

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

Cafeteria Lunch Line

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

Malow Yearbook

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

2022-23 and 2023-24 School Calendars

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

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!

Attention Freshmen Athletes!

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

Information for 7th Graders and New Students

Please click on the following links for important information:

[Who's Who at Malow](#)

[Locker Information](#)

[Layout of Malow](#)

[Bell Schedule and Lunches](#)

Vaccination Information for 7th Graders - Update

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

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.

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.

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.

Safety and Success Bond Proposal

[Click here](#) for information on the Safety and Success proposals to be considered by voters on May 2.

Bond Project List for Malow

[Click here](#) for the Bond project list for Malow Junior High School.

Malow Athletic Director

Kati Campbell (katherine.campbell@uticak12.org)

Big Teams Student Central – Pre-Participation Athletic Forms

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

Physical Required for Sports

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

Online Link for Pay to Play

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

7th Grade Girls Track

Coach Bechtel (jeffrey.bechtel@uticak12.org). Assistant Coach Davis (aaron.davis@uticak12.org). There was an informational meeting on Tuesday, March 14. Please register with [BIG TEAMS](#) ASAP!!!

7th Grade Boys Track

Coach Campbell (katherine.campbell@uticak12.org). Assistant Coach Davis (aaron.davis@uticak12.org). There was an informational meeting on Thursday, March 9. Please register with [BIG TEAMS](#) ASAP!!!

8th Grade Girls Track

Coach Berdeski (derek.berdeski@uticak12.org). Assistant Coach Thoel (jason.thoel@uticak12.org). There was an informational meeting on Wednesday, March 15. Please register with [BIG TEAMS](#) ASAP!!!

8th Grade Boys Track

Coach Bayer (carlin.bayer@uticak12.org). Assistant Coach Thoel (jason.thoel@uticak12.org). There was an informational meeting on Wednesday, March 15. Please register with [BIG TEAMS](#) ASAP!!!

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	• 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. Free admission for all K-6 students when accompanied by parent or adult.
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 Spring Sport Summary

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

*Eisenhower Football

Contact (ikefootballparents@gmail.com). There will be 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 Eagles Youth Tennis Camp

[Click here](#) for a flyer with information on the Spring 2023 Eagles Youth Tennis Camp.

Eisenhower Boys Golf

Coach Brzezinski (david.brzezinski@uticak12.org). Freshmen tryouts were Monday, March 13 through Wednesday, March 15.

Eisenhower Baseball

Coach Spisak (steven.spisak@uticak12.org). Tryouts were Monday, March 13 through Wednesday, March 15.

Eisenhower Softball

Coach Hall (robert.hall@uticak12.org). Tryouts were Monday, March 13 through Wednesday, March 15.

Eisenhower Track

Coach Smith (christopher.smith2@uticak12.org). Ike Track began on Monday, March 13.

Eisenhower Girls Soccer

Coach Nekoogar (nekoogar05@gmail.com). Tryouts were Monday, March 13 through Thursday, March 16.

Eisenhower Girls Lacrosse

Coach Musina (ikegirlslaxcoach@gmail.com). Tryouts were Monday, March 13 through Friday, March 17.

Utica-Ike Boys Lacrosse

Contact (ryanswiatkowski@gmail.com). To join the TeamSnap or if you have any questions, email ikeboyslacrosse@gmail.com or check out the Utica Eisenhower Boys Lacrosse Facebook page for info. Tryouts were March 13 through March 16.

Eisenhower Girls Tennis

Coach Pearson (michael.pearson@uticak12.org). Tryouts were Monday, March 13 through Wednesday, March 15.

Eisenhower Clay Shooting

Contact (markeisenhowerclaycoach@gmail.com). There was an orientation meeting on Monday, March 20. [Click here](#) for more information on Ike Clay Shooting. [Click here](#) for frequently asked questions.

Eisenhower Volleyball

Coach LaPratt (cemaloney@sbcglobal.net). There will be an Ike Volleyball pre-season Zoom meeting on Wednesday, May 3rd at 6:30pm. Any parents interested in the meeting will want to join our Eisenhower Volleyball Remind @ikevo. Information to join the meeting and all other updates will be sent through our remind. Tryouts are Aug 7-9, from 9am – 11am.

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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	• 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	• Student Pass: 7th-12th grade student only. \$35.00 • Senior Citizen Pass: No Charge Lifetime pass, age 62 years or older. Admits bearer to all UCS athletic home events. (See below)
*Freshman Soccer *Varsity Track	3.00 Home Games (if admission charged)	• FREE ADMISSION for all K-6 grade students, when accompanied by parent or adult. You must show your on-line purchase receipt to the Bookkeeper at Eisenhower High School to pick up your athletic pass.

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

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

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

Next Week at a Glance

Monday, April 3

- NO SCHOOL



Tuesday, April 4

- NO SCHOOL



Wednesday, April 5

- NO SCHOOL

Thursday, April 6

- NO SCHOOL

Friday, April 7

- NO SCHOOL

Saturday, April 8

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***Date and Event Change: Utica Community Schools 2023 College and Career Pathways**

The district will host its 17th annual College and Career Pathways from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 27, 2023 at Henry Ford II High School. This event is aimed at current eighth through eleventh graders. Up to fifty post-secondary institutions will be in attendance to offer information to assist students with their post-secondary plans.

Save the Date – Utica Community School Events

College and Career Pathways Henry Ford II High School April 27, 2023 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Elementary Math Tournament Utica High School May 11, 2023 4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
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Macomb County Bar Foundation Law Day Art and Essay Contest

The Macomb County Bar Foundation is once again sponsoring a Law Day art and essay contest. For more than twenty-five years the local legal community has joined with the nation in celebrating Law Day on May 1, 2023. Law Day provides an opportunity for all Americans to celebrate and learn about our country's heritage of liberty under law.

The Law Day 2023 theme is "Cornerstones of Democracy: Civics, Civility and Collaboration." We invite all to join in rebuilding trust in our institutions, respect for one another, and our willingness to collaborate to address the challenges that face our nation. Artwork and essays must be received by March 31, 2023. Please [click here](#) for additional information.

Attendance & Grading

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

Attendance Line / Late Arrival Call-in

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

Early Dismissals

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

Automated Attendance

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

Injury or Illness – Dispensing of Medication

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

Health Care Plan Forms

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

Daily Schedule / Lunch Schedule

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

Teacher Locator - 2022-2023 School Year

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

Do You Drive Your Student to School?

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

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

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

Locker Information

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

Technology Responsibility

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

Student Procedures for In-Person Instruction

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

Technical Support Contact Information for Students and Parents

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

Laptop Information

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

Discipline Policy

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

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

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

Malow Map

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

Bus Safety Reminders

Please be sure you are following these rules:

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

Direct Links to Important Information

[Mustang Respect Code](#)

[Cell Phone Policy](#)

[Dress Code](#)

[Success Skills](#)

[Student ID Policy](#)

Automated Call Phone Contact Update

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

Inclement Weather – School Closing

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

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.

"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.

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](#).

Virtual Library Card

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

Additional Resources

[Digital Citizenship Resources](#)

[Malow Junior High Facebook Page](#)

[Work Permit](#)

[Concussion Awareness](#)

*Malow Sounding Board

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

March 9, 2023 (In-Person at Malow @ 1:30pm)

May 18, 2023 (In-Person - staff appreciation luncheon at 12:00pm)

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

Tuesday, March 14 (Pi Day Bake Sale)

Tuesday, April 18

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.

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

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

Homework Club

Malow Staff (rotating basis)

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

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

Our next fundraiser will be a NJHS-membership only one. The organization we are supporting is "Michigan Women Forward". Their mission is to expand economic opportunity for women and entrepreneurs of color, empower the next generation, and to celebrate and honor the accomplishments of Michigan women.

We will be collecting gift cards of \$5, \$10, or other denomination to only Meijer, Staples, or Office Depot. All gift cards are to be placed in an envelope with the NJHS member name on it and turned in to Mr. Pretari in room C-312 or to his mailbox in the main office. The collection drive runs March 8 - April 19, 2023. Thank you in advance, members, for your generosity and support!

Science OlympiadMrs. 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 ClubMr. Jacob Steinberger (Teacher) jacob.steinberger@uticak12.org

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

The Snowsports Club will travel to Mt. Holly from 3:10pm – 9:00pm on the following Wednesdays (weather permitting):

January 11, 2023
January 18, 2023
January 25, 2023
February 1, 2023
February 8, 2023
February 15, 2023

Student CouncilMs. Amy Gastmeier (Teacher) amy.gastmeier@uticak12.orgMrs. 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.

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.

AP Exam Registration

Any student registered for an Advanced Placement (AP) exam must pay in full by Feb 17th. Parents and students received an email from APTUSA with an invoice detailing any outstanding balance and instructions regarding the payment process. Emails were sent to the address listed in PowerSchool.

Students who have not paid in full by Feb 17th will be dropped from the AP exam schedule and their deposit forfeited.

Questions regarding exam payment must be addressed to APTUSA. Contact information is available here: www.aptusacom/utica/

UCS Wellness Podcast

The UCS Wellness team is happy to announce the eleventh episode of our podcast series, featuring the students from Utica High School Student Mental Health Committee focusing on Teen Mental Health and Wellness.

Below is a list of the podcasts that are available on the UCS Wellness page. [UCS Wellness - Utica Community Schools](#):

- 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

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

[Click here](#) for the guide.

PowerSchool Issues?

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

Social Emotional Well-Being Program

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

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

Virtual Calming Room

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

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

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

Naviance and the Malow Counseling Department Website

[Click here](#) for information.

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

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

CARE of Southeastern Michigan

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

Student Assistance Services

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

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

Additional Services

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

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

Perspectives Counseling Centers – Discovering YOU!!

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

SAT Information and Practice

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

Grading

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

MI Child

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

Struggling Students

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

Virtual Library Card and Virtual Library Card – Tutor.com

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

Resolving the Microsoft Licensing Issue

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

Advice for 9th Graders

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

Michigan Career and Job Outlook Through 2028

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

The College Board Opportunity Scholarship Program

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

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

[Click here](#) for information.

*Geography 7 with Mrs. Gendreau – Greek Olympics



*40th Annual Macomb Science Olympiad

The Malow Science Olympiad Team competed against 15 other teams in our region on March 18. Malow came in 1st place!! They also won the Dorothy Wood Spirit Award! The spirit award goes to the team that shows positive attitude, teamwork and exhibits great sportsmanship! Medals were given up to 6th place and they now qualify for the state tournament which will be at MSU on April 22! Congratulations to the Malow Science Olympiad Team!!!

Code Busters: 1st place - Vivian Catlin, Bella Kozyra & Manuel Vazquez

Crave the Wave: 1st place - Vaughn Fick & Lucas Walker

Exp Design: 1st place - Mikel Camaj, Cole Hartley & Anshna Moradia

Solar System: 1st place - Anya Khullar & Manuel Vazquez

Sound of Music: 1st place - Michael Tidrow & Lucas Walker

Storm the Castle: 1st place - Cole Hartley & Joseph Nowicki

Write It Do It: 1st place - Vivian Catlin & Eli Ponton

Crime Busters: 2nd place - Vivian Catlin & Eli Ponton

Fast Facts: 2nd place - Cole Hartley & Anshna Moradia

Dynamic Planet: 3rd place - Mikel Camaj & Vaughn Fick

Bio Process Lab: 3rd place - Brendan Aamodt & Bella Kozyra

Can't Judge a Powder: 3rd place - Brendan Aamodt & Sheryl Paul

Forestry: 3rd place - Jack Nowicki & Joseph Nowicki

Road Scholar: 3rd place - Cole Hartley & Joseph Nowicki

Roller Coaster: 3rd place - Anshna Moradia & Jack Nowicki

Disease Detectives: 4th place - Sheryl Paul & Michael Tidrow

Flight: 4th place - Mikel Camaj & Lucas Walker

Meteorology: 4th place - Bella Kozyra & Anshna Moradia

Wheeled Vehicle: 4th place - Brendan Aamodt & Michael Tidrow

Anatomy & Physiology: 5th place - Bella Kozyra & Sheryl Paul

Bridges: 5th place - Anya Khullar & Manuel Vazquez

Green Generation: 6th place - Vaughn Fick & Anya Khullar



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.

