

Counseling Updates from IKE

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2022-2023 BREAKDOWN AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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IMPORTANT COUNSELING INFORMATION

Counselors deliver information regularly through the Schoology Group page. All students should have access to the group affiliated with their grade level. If you have not been added to that group, please add yourself with the codes below. Parents are encouraged to view the information posted on these pages regularly.

Class of 2023 Schoology Access Code: KMPW-FQXX-VGTGN

Class of 2024 Schoology Access Code: 26DP-M4SB-SRN8W

Class of 2025 Schoology Access Code: QW3S-RWDK-DSXZ4

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NEW! WELCOME OUR NEW COUNSELOR, MS. AHLBORN!!

As many of you know, Ms. Kretchmer retired last month and will be pursuing her second career after enjoying some time off. We are thrilled to welcome her replacement, Ms. Maura Ahlborn. Ms. Ahlborn arrives with a wealth of knowledge from her years of experience prior to joining us in UCS. Her first day will be March 10th and we are excited to have her!

MME & PSAT 10

JUNIORS: UPCOMING MME TESTING:

FULL MME PARTICIPATION, ALL 3 ASSESSMENTS, IS A GRADUATION REQUIREMENT FOR ALL UCS STUDENTS.

Part 1 April 12: As part of the state assessment, all juniors will take the SAT on Wednesday, April 12th. Students can prep for this exam on Khan Academy after linking their College board account.

Part 2 April 13: As part of the state assessment, all juniors will take the Work Keys test on Thursday, April 13th. Students who successfully complete the WorkKeys exam may receive a National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) from ACT.

****ALL 11th Grade VA/GA students will complete the MSTEP test after their WorkKeys. Students must bring their laptop and lunch. ****

Part 3 April 14-20: MSTEP is the final part of the MME assessment. Students will take 2 computer-based assessments in Science and Social Studies subjects. This will be completed in one sitting based on the student's English class. MSTEP schedule will be distributed through English classes.

SOPHOMORES: UPCOMING PSAT TESTING

April 13th: All sophomores are required to take the PSAT10 during the school day on Thursday, April 13th. This test serves as the state assessment for 10th grade students. The PSAT10 also prepares sophomores for the SAT and for the PSAT/NMSQT taken in 11th grade.

****MME & PSAT10: All students attending VA/GA are required to test at their home school on the scheduled dates. ****

CLASS OF 2024 AND 2025 TEST OPTIONAL PRACTICES

Some college and universities have already made the decision to continue with their test optional practice through 2024 while others are still looking at data from the past three years to support the continuation, or discontinuation, of this practice. Many schools will announce their decision this spring of whether they will be test optional for next year. We advise students to submit their score if it is at or above the average test scores published by their admissions office. Some of the more competitive schools will draw their own conclusion about a test score if one was not submitted. We advise that students should continue to take these standardized assessments seriously and if students who plan to apply to any four-year university should consider taking an additional test on a national test day.

SAT AND ACT TESTING

While juniors are scheduled to take the **SAT** on April 12th as part of the mandated state assessments, any student may sign up to take the SAT on a National test date. The test is available at multiple locations throughout Metro Detroit. Dates do fill up quickly. Students can sign up to take the **SAT** on their own at: [SAT Registration | SAT Suite of Assessments – The College Board](#)

The **ACT** is equally as valuable as the SAT. If you (your student) are planning on taking the **ACT**, [sign up here](#). Tests are offered at local high schools and colleges. Students can select the location that is best for them, however these test dates also fill up quickly. The **ACT** is readily accepted at all colleges and universities as an admissions test and used for scholarship purposes as well.

**If you need test prep information, please see your counselor.*

SCHEDULING FOR THE 2023/2024 SCHOOL YEAR

At this point, all students have (or should have!) completed their course requests for the 2023-2024 school year. Counselors met with all incoming 10th, 11th and 12th grade students individually to ensure students were on track to graduate and had built schedules that supported and aligned with their post-secondary goals.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SENIORS!

Scholarship lists are published in the Resources tab in Schoology. They are also posted on the [Eisenhower website](#) (IKE NEWS—SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SENIORS). Updated lists are posted in both locations whenever changes are made. Students must stay on top of the deadlines! Although there are scholarship opportunities throughout the year, **the bulk of scholarship opportunities present now through May. Check the website and Schoology regularly for updates. Pay attention to deadlines as these are never negotiable!**

MICHIGAN ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP NEW FOR THE CLASS OF 2023

Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced that the high school graduating Class of 2023 can apply for the Michigan Achievement Scholarship and lower their cost of college by thousands of dollars a year. Students and parents/guardians should gather documents and fill out their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible to take advantage of this scholarship opportunity. For more information on this scholarship, [click here!](#) Starting with the high school Class of 2023, students will be eligible for more financial aid from the State:

- Up to \$2,750 if they attend a community college, per year
- Up to \$5,500 if they attend a public university, per year
- Up to \$4,000 if they attend a private college or university, per year

Students will be eligible if their family demonstrates financial need* when they complete the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#).

RESOURCES FOR MACOMB COUNTY FAMILIES IN NEED

The Right Connection Resource Directory was developed to assist families in locating free, low-cost, or unique human services in Macomb County. Families needing assistance can access this resource at the link provided. [The Right Connection in Macomb County \(misd.net\)](#)

Julie's List was developed to help individuals throughout the Metro Detroit area find necessary resources that are low cost or free. Families in crisis or needing assistance can access this resource at the link provided. [Julies List \(SE Michigan\)](#)

FOCUSING ON THE TRADES

Skilled trades are occupations that require a special skill, knowledge or ability which can be obtained at a college, technical school or through specialized training. Skilled trades provide an alternative to jobs that require four years of college education. Opportunities exist in a variety of emerging, high demand, industries including IT, advanced manufacturing, construction, automotive and healthcare. While skilled trades can be separated into many areas such as manufacturing technology, energy, and healthcare, they are generally divided into the following categories:

Skilled Industrial Trades: welders, machinist, mechanics, tool and die makers, programmers

Skilled Construction Trades: electricians, plumbers, gasfitters, carpenters, bricklayers, technicians, insulators

Skilled Service Trades: nurses, aides, orderlies, therapists, service technicians

***Students interested in the Construction Trades- Do you know about Southeast Michigan Construction Academy (SEMCA)?** You can take trade school classes in Madison Heights for careers as an Electrician, Carpenter, Heavy Construction and Welder. Apply on semcaschool.org. You will choose your trade on the registration form emailed to you after applying. Tuition rates range depending on the trade.

[Set up a tour of campus!!](#)

For more information, contact SEMCA directly Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

248-298-3600 OR mdownloads@abcsemi.org

Learn more about [SEMCA here!](#)

***MUST Construction Careers** will connect you to apprenticeship opportunities within the unionized construction trades. The **MUST** organization consists of the trade affiliates of the Michigan Building and Construction Trades Council and their contractor association partners. Apprenticeships begin immediately for enrolled students. Apprenticeship education is paid for by the partnership between labor and management for each trade. Apprentices graduate debt free and earn money while in school. These are a unique way to earn-while-you-learn to build a life-long career in the Union construction trades. For more information contact **MUST Construction Careers** directly at: apprenticeships@MUSTCareers.org

You can download the [MUST Construction Careers Brochure here!](#)

Requirements for applicants: Union apprenticeships have different specific requirements and guidelines for application. In general, applicants must have a high school diploma (or GED), be 18 years of age at the time of application, have proof of U.S. Citizenship, have reliable transportation and a strong work ethic. To find out more about the specific requirements for application, please contact the individual trades listed on this [TRADE CONTACT INFORMATION SHEET](#).

Great Lakes Boat Building School in Cedarville, Michigan prepares students for rewarding careers in the marine industry. This is a 12-month training program where students learn by doing. Upon graduation, GLBBS students enter the workforce as industry-ready craftsmen and technicians. To request more information or apply to GLBBS, [click here!](#) High School Seniors who complete a year (two semesters) of any CTE program with a 3.0 or higher are also eligible to apply for a CTE Award of \$1,500. Questions? Visit glbbs.edu, Call (906) 484-1081 or email admissions@glbbs.edu

CAREER EXPLORATION AND AWARENESS

The State Department of Talent and Economic Development has developed two state-of-the-art and first-of-its kind online resources to help students and job seekers explore careers and pathways as an effort to close the talent gap that is spanning Michigan. Students are encouraged to further explore **Going PRO** and **Michigan Education & Career Pathfinder!**

[Going PRO with Professional Trades Careers in Michigan | GoingPro \(going-pro.com\)](#) is a one-stop online tool that provides students and all Michiganders with information on the state's most high-demand, high-wage career opportunities in the **Professional Trades**, including salaries and job growth data, 'A Day in the Life' series that highlights professionals in their careers and how they got

there, and local schools and training facilities to get started in a Professional Trades career. Click on the link to explore this online tool!

[Michigan Education & Career Pathfinder \(mitalent.org\)](http://mitalent.org) is a tool that allows students to pick a career field and see, all at once, how to get there from training to full-time career. Click on the link to explore this online tool!

UCS COLLEGE CENTRAL

Welcome to UCS College Central - Home for all current and future UCS Alumni! Consider this your one stop for valuable resources as you prepare for your next academic step. These resources are organized with links and videos to provide students and parents self-directed assistance to navigate through the post-secondary planning process. Visit [UCS College Central](#) today!

IMPORTANT DATES

April 12th MME Day 1 SAT Testing for ALL Juniors

April 13th MME Day 2 WorkKeys Testing for ALL Juniors
PSAT 10 Testing for ALL Sophomores

April 14th – April 20th MME MSTEP Testing for ALL Eisenhower Juniors (in English Classes)

May 1st – May 12th [Advanced Placement Testing](#)- Students taking AP exams have signed up in advanced. Arrival times announced later. Please visit the [Eisenhower AP Website](#) for additional and updated information!

Week 1				Week 2			
Monday May 1	AM	US Government & Politics		Monday May 8	AM	Calculus Ab and BC	
	PM	Chemistry			PM	Computer Science Principles	
Tuesday May 2	AM	Environmental Science		Tuesday May 9	AM	English Language	
	PM	Psychology			PM	Physics C: Mechanics	Physics C: E/M
Wednesday May 3	AM	English Literature		Wednesday May 10	AM	Spanish Language	
	PM	Computer Science A			PM	Biology	
Thursday May 4	AM	Macroeconomics		Thursday May 11	AM	French Language	World History
	PM	Statistics			PM	Physics 1: Algebra Based	
Friday May 5	AM	European History	US History	Friday May 12	AM	German Language	
	PM	Microeconomics			PM	Physics 2: Algebra Based	
AP ART Portfolio submission will be arranged with Mrs. Druia							

SCHOOL TO WORK INTERNSHIPS

Students interested in the School to Work Internship program for the 2023-2024 school year need to apply for the program and discuss opportunities with Mrs. Lelito. Internship opportunities are available in medical, business and manufacturing. For more information, contact Mrs. Lelito at catherine.lelito@uticak12.org or students may send her a message in TEAMS.

SCHOOL TO WORK(STW/CO-OP) MAKING THE CONNECTION



- The objective of our STW Program is to connect classroom learning with work-based learning experiences, prepare students for the move from classroom to the workplace, support supervised on-the-job training, and help students make career decisions.
- Our Students will:
 - Develop the essential skills and habits required in the workplace.
 - Receive a **GRADE** and **CREDIT** towards graduation for this full year course.
 - Gain valuable **PAID** work experience to help build a resume for post-secondary programs and future employment in a variety of career areas.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?



GPA-2.0 Minimum



Attendance: Must be excellent at school; including tardies and unexcused absences from 9th grade and beyond.



Enrollment in a CTE Course concurrent with their internship placement(see courses listed on reverse side).



Students work 10 hours a week at minimum, 24 maximum per child labor laws. Must have reliable transportation and leave school after 5th hour.



Grades are based on: Student completed time books. Employer quarterly evaluations of the student and attendance at monthly meetings with coordinator.



Coordinators visit work sites to ensure a safe and productive training environment and build relationships with employers.

Next Steps...

1. Talk with your parents about STW-can you do it?
 - ✓ Transportation
 - ✓ Extracurricular activities
 - ✓ Availability (employer provided schedule)
2. Scan the QR Code to Apply
3. Obtain Parent signatures for Policies/Grading
4. Create your resume/request references
5. Set Up Your Voicemail
6. Schedule a time to meet with Mrs. Lelito

SCAN HERE TO APPLY:



For more information contact Mrs. Lelito
catherine.lelito@uticak12.org or send a TEAMS message

Service Academy Information for Juniors: Your application timeline starts now!

Service Academy Application Deadlines Are Approximate. Check with the Individual Academies for Precise Dates:

- **U.S. Military Academy**
 - Application deadline: end of February
 - <http://admissions.usma.edu>
- **U.S. Naval Academy**
 - Applications typically open 1 April
 - Applications deadline: end of January
 - <http://www.usna.edu/admissions>
- **U.S. Air Force Academy**
 - Pre-Candidate Questionnaire deadline: end of December
 - Candidate Kit Documents deadline: end of January
 - <http://academyadmissions.com>
- **U.S. Merchant Marine Academy**
 - Application deadline: typically, 1 February
 - SAT/ACT scores deadline: typically, 1 March
 - <http://usmma.edu/admissions>
- **U.S. Coast Guard Academy**
 - Application deadline: typically, January
 - <http://www.cga.edu/apply>

**It is recommended that students who are interested in applying to a Service Academy begin the application process; take the ACT and SAT; and reach out to their Congressional Representatives in the spring of their Junior year of high school.*

A General Timeline for applying to a Service Academy would look like:

- **January-June of Junior Year:** Begin application process including application form, sat/act exams, and contacting Congressional Representatives during spring of Junior Year.
- **June- January:** Congressional Nominations will be sent to the Service Academies with a deadline of the end of January.
- **December-February:** Applications are due, exact dates vary depending on the specific Service Academy.
- **January-March:** Appointments are received and must be accepted or denied, dates vary based on Service Academy.

Summer Programs for High School Students

Students interested in unique opportunities for the summer, look no more! Many schools offer summer programs for high school students to gain experience, knowledge, and independence. Opportunities are endless, but some are listed below. We will post them as they come into us. Click on the blue links, or contact the schools/programs directly, for additional information.

[Oakland University Summer Camp Opportunities](#): Fun and unique specialty camps for the arts, business, engineering & computer science, music, theater & dance, nursing, philosophy, SAT prep, writing, reading and more!

[Stevens Institute of Technology](#)- Students interested in pre-college programs in the STEM field will have the opportunity to learn from Stevens faculty, connect with current students, participate in social activities, and learn more about the college admissions process.

[Buckeye Pre-College Program at The Ohio State University](#): Buckeye precollege offers academically ambitious and intellectually curious high school students the opportunity to participate in academic summer program at Ohio State. This program is designed to give students a taste of college life and prepare them for the road ahead. There are a variety of courses for students to choose from!! [Click here](#) for specific information!

[University of Pacific High School High School Pre-College Program](#): The Pacific Summer High School Institute is a two-week residential pre-college summer program designed for curious high school students to live, learn, and grow at one of America's top universities. During the program, summer institute students will become immersed in cutting-edge topics and issues through learning environments focused on real-world, hands-on experiences in our labs, studios, fields, and makerspaces.

[Macomb Community College](#) offers career academies and other programs for high school students. Although they do not have this information available yet, please check their website for updates! We will also send this out to students when it becomes available.