

WEEK OF APRIL 15

# BEMIS BULLETIN BOARD (B3).

Bemis Jr. High School's Newsletter for Parents



Getting on the honor roll is a big, but attainable, goal. It looks good on college and university applications and raises your confidence in your work ability. The honor roll is one of the most important awards to get. So if you achieve this goal while you are in school, you should feel very proud of your accomplishment. Though seemingly a lot of work, it can be a straightforward task to get on the honor roll by simply applying yourself and putting in a little extra, strategic effort. Click [HERE](#) to view the list.

**Congratulations to all of our Bemis Spartans  
who made the 'A' or 'B' Honor Roll this quarter!!**



**The following students earned Outstanding citizenship marks in all 6 classes.**

**Click [HERE](#) to view the list.**

**Congratulations!**





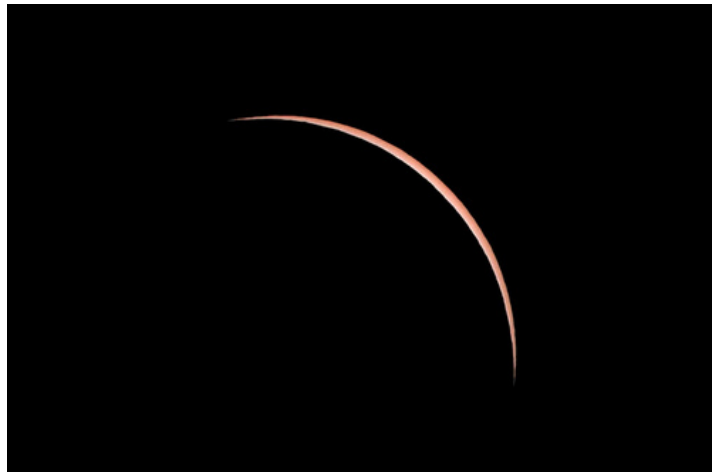
## Eclipse photos from Mr. Stokes & Mr. Peters!



*Above pic was taken with a  
Sunspotter Solar Telescope*



**WOW**



## Upcoming Dates

- 4/15: MSTEP continues... dun dun dun
- 4/19: Sunshine & Rainbows Day
- 4/26: Pajama Day
- 4/27: Mom 2 Mom sale @ HFII



## [Click here for Track Schedules](#)

**\*Students must be accompanied by their parent or guardian for both home and away athletic events.**



### 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Spirit Days

*Tigers* April 5<sup>th</sup> – Tigers Day – Tigers Hats allowed!  
April 12<sup>th</sup> – Tie Dye Day  
April 19<sup>th</sup> – Sunshine and Rainbows Day  
April 26<sup>th</sup> – Pajama Day  
*Barbie* May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Barbie and Ken Day  
May 10<sup>th</sup> – Think Spring! Pastels/Flowers  
May 17<sup>th</sup> – Twin Day  
May 24<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> black out/7<sup>th</sup> white out  
May 31<sup>st</sup> – Spartan Day



**All clothing during spirit days MUST be school appropriate and follow the school dress code including no pajamas or hats unless specifically allowed.**

# School Spirit

## Bemis Spirit Wear



CHANGE TO BULK ORDER

Gildan Softstyle CVC Tee  
\$13.50

- Choose Design\*
- Choose Design\*
  - FULL FRONT LOGO - CHEER
  - FULL FRONT LOGO - FOOTBALL
  - FULL FRONT LOGO - BEMIS
  - FULL FRONT LOGO - TRACK & FIELD
  - FULL FRONT LOGO - BASKETBALL
  - FULL FRONT LOGO - VOLLEYBALL

NAME (\$7.00)

NUMBER (\$7.00)



1. pick item you love
2. click on **Choose Design**
3. optional add name/#



## Welcome!

Everyone who enters Bemis must report to the Main Office. This is a school district policy. you will need to sign in, put a visitor's pass on, and our office staff will be glad to assist you.



Order pictures at [kaiserstudio.com](http://kaiserstudio.com) (ID Code: 2324BEMISJR)



Order your 2023-2024 Bemis Yearbook today at [jostensyearbooks.com](http://jostensyearbooks.com)



The Pit Stop will be open every day during 4th hour lunches. Students may buy string backpacks, school supplies, and so much more!

## School Laptop Reminders



- CHARGE each night & Shut Them Down, do not just put to sleep!
- Save all your work in One Drive in case we have to swap your computer
- Please do not apply any stickers to the laptop (\$10 to remove)
- Please do not eat or drink near your laptop, avoid sticky keys
- Keep it off the floor so it doesn't get stepped on
- Keep your hands to yourself. If you damage another computer you are responsible
- Keep your hands to yourself when in the halls. Pushing could = cracked screen
- Please put a label on your charger with your name on it
- Students "New" to the district have 10 calendar days from their first day of school to enroll in insurance program.

**HELP DESK for STUDENTS/PARENTS:** 586-797-1055 | **Email:** [techsupport@uticak12.org](mailto:techsupport@uticak12.org)

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**Food Deliveries:** Food that is delivered by a service such as Door Dash or Grub Hub will not be permitted at Bemis. 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 get a free lunch from the cafeteria.

If a student forgets their lunch, they may get a free lunch 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.

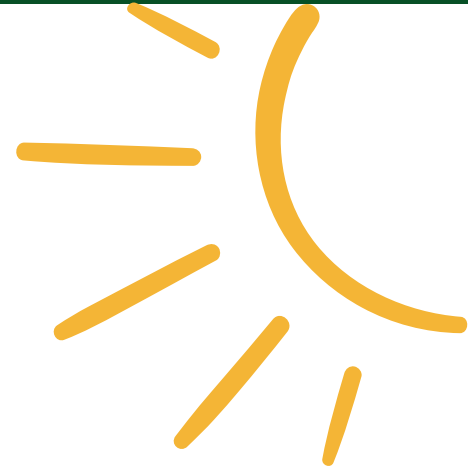
If your child would like to purchase extras you can establish a lunch account for your child, please click [here](#).

Thank you for your understanding and we appreciate your support.

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**If you have bus issues, please call [transportation](tel:586-797-7100)  
586-797-7100**



## **SUMMER LEARNING**

### **Elementary:**

***Registration opens: Monday, April 29, 2024***

***Closes: Friday May 17, 2024***

### **Secondary:**

***Registration opens Monday, April 29, 2024***

***Closes: Friday, June 14, 2024.***

Click **[HERE](#)** to register.

**SUMMER**



# EARTH DAY POSTER CONTEST

*Create a poster with an  
Earth Day theme.*



*Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd PLACE*

*Put your Name and Science Teacher on the back of your poster*

*Use 8 1/2 X 11 paper only. Turn in to Mrs. Forsyth in Room 29.*

**Posters are DUE by April 18th!!!**

**Sponsored by the Bemis ECO Club!!**





# UCS K-12 DISTRICT ART SHOW

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**APRIL 23-25, 2024**

STERLING HEIGHTS  
COMMUNITY CENTER  
40240 DODGE PARK ROAD  
STERLING HEIGHTS, MI 48313

ENJOY THOUSANDS OF WORKS  
OF ART BY EXTRAORDINARY  
ELEMENTARY, JUNIOR HIGH, &  
HIGH SCHOOL ART STUDENTS



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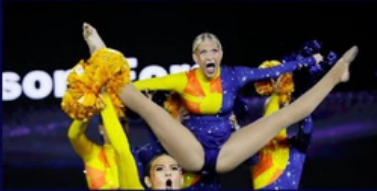


FREE ADMISSION \* DAILY HOURS: 10:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.





## STEVENSON FORD UNITED DANCE TRY OUT INFO



**PRE TRYOUT CLINICS**  
4/30 @ HFII  
5/8 @ SHS  
5/16 @ HFII  
6:00-7:30 PM  
\*\*OPTIONAL\*\*

**PRE TRYOUT  
MEET & GREET**  
5/15 @ HFII  
6:30 PM  
FOR PARENTS & DANCERS TO LEARN MORE  
ABOUT SFUD & TRYOUT PROGRESS!



**TRYOUTS**  
5/20 4:30-7PM  
5/21 4:30-7PM  
5/22 4:30-?  
5/23 - TEAM PLACEMENTS 5PM  
@ SHS  
SIGN UP LINK IN INSTAGRAM BIO

FOR ANY 8TH - 11TH GRADERS WHO WILL BE  
ATTENDING SHS, HFII, OR FEEDER SCHOOL IN  
THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR.

CONTACT US WITH ANY  
QUESTIONS!  
STEVENSONFORDUNITED@GMAIL.COM



Want to be a part of the Visual Effect of the Falcon Marching Band?

## HENRY FORD II COLOR GUARD

**NO JEANS!!      AUDITIONS!**  
**BRING WATER!!**

For current 8th grade and  
high school students!

### QUESTIONS?

CONTACT COACH EMILY AT  
henryford2guard@gmail.com  
OR  
MR SCHOENHERR AT  
matthew.schoenherr@uticak12.org



**Clinic**  
Tuesday, April 16 6 - 9 pm

**Audition**  
Thursday, April 18 6 - 9 pm

**Where @???**

HFII Band Room  
Enter through door 6!!



Henry Ford II  
2024  
*Sideline Cheer*

Registration  
Now Open  
For Tryouts!

Interested in joining our program? Register for tryouts! Information on our mandatory parent/athlete meeting as well as tryout dates will be emailed out to everyone who registers.

<https://docs.google.com/.../1sM.../viewform>

HF II Falcons Freshmen Football

Scan me!



### Henry Ford II Freshman Football Combine

Date: Saturday June 8, 2024

Time: 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Location: HFII High School; varsity practice field  
(if raining, location will be in school gym)

Clothing: comfortable exercise clothes, sneakers, cleats

- 40 Yard Move-ups
  - Set up cones or markers 40 yards apart and have players sprint the length one at a time. Each player's time should be recorded.
- Vertical jump (if we have measure device)
  - Have athletes start by standing, then lowering into a quarter squat and exploding into a jump, leaping forward as far as they can go. The length of each player's jump should be measured and recorded.
- Shuttle run
  - Place three cones in a line, 5 yards apart. Have players start at the center cone and then sprint to the right cone, then sprint to the left cone, then back to the center cone. Evaluators should record each player's time.
- Passing and Receiving
  - The WR should sprint 10 yards downfield and then turn back and look at the quarterback, who throws the pass and tries to hit the WR as he turns. The receiver should then drop the ball, cut 90 degrees to run across the field, and await a second pass from the QB. The receiver should make this catch on the run. He should then drop the ball and run across the field in the opposite direction to catch a third pass. This drill tests both the QB's accuracy and the receiver's ability to run a route and make a catch.
- Blocking Drill
  - place two bags side-by-side, 2 yards apart. Have two players line up between the bags with their hands on each other's shoulders. Their feet should be beneath them, and their butts should be down. The players should try to push or block the other one out of the gap between the bags.
- Pushups
  - Have players perform pushups for 1 minute. Evaluators should ensure each athlete lowers himself to a specific target. The total number of push-ups performed to the desired level should be recorded.







## Come work with the 2024 Utica Ford Falcons Baseball Coaching Staff and Players!!

Head coach Dan Tallant and the Falcons coaching staff and varsity players will be emphasizing each participant's improvement of fielding, catching, throwing, hitting, base-running, and baseball IQ. This camp is geared towards players of all skill levels, with groups being divided by age/skill. Get a chance to work alongside the current Varsity team, taking part in the exact drills and set up that the Falcons baseball program goes through.

\*Please bring your baseball pants, hat, glove, cleats/tennis shoes, mouth guard, protective cup, water, and bat.

DATE: Saturday, April 20 (Grades K-8)

TIME: 9:00-12:00pm (Grades K-8)

COST: \$85 (Grades K-8)

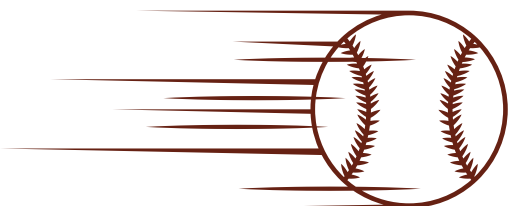
LOCATION: Utica Ford Varsity Baseball Field

\*\*\*All Participants will receive a camp T-shirt\*\*\*

Register online at:  
[ucscommunityeducation.ce.eleyo.com](https://ucscommunityeducation.ce.eleyo.com)  
or call 586-797-6900



#6125-S24



## MARCH 21 - APRIL 12

STATE  
CHAMPIONSHIP



REGISTRATION: \$4K

BUS: \$4.4K

HOTEL: \$3.5K

FOOD: \$7.5K

TOTAL: \$19.4K

EVERY DONUT DRIVES  
INNOVATION!

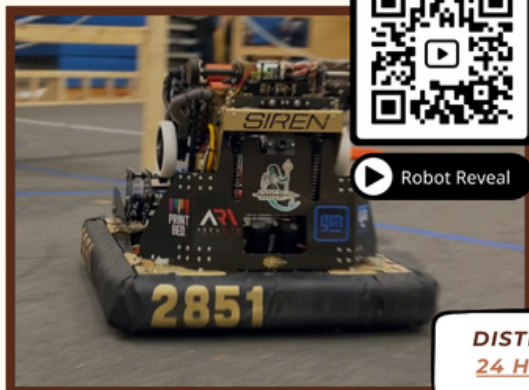
SUPPORT CREVOLUTION'S  
CREATIVE REVOLUTION.



—2024 GAME—  
CRESCENDO



WORLD  
CHAMPIONSHIP



Robot Reveal

REGISTRATION: \$5.75K

PLANE: \$12.5K

\$250/PERSON

HOTEL: \$12K

\$200/NIGHT

20 ROOMS, 3 NIGHTS

FOOD: \$10K

TOTAL: \$40.25K

DISTRIBUTED WITHIN  
24 HOURS VIA EMAIL



**DIGITAL VOUCHER (DOZEN DONUTS)**

\$14.00 + TRANSACTION FEE

**DIRECT DONATION**

ANY AMOUNT + TRANSACTION FEE

CREVO.ROBOTICS@GMAIL.COM | CREVOROBOTICS.ORG  
37400 DODGE PARK RD, STERLING HEIGHTS, MI 48312

**Crevolution, a districtwide FIRST robotics team, is getting ready to take on the world! Please consider supporting this team as it travels to take part in the FIRST Robotics World Championship.**





# Babysitting 101

For those  
going into  
6th to 9th  
Grades



Receive Upon Completion:  
Babysitter Certificate  
First Aid Kit  
Emergency Information Form  
Make & Take Crafts



## JOIN US!

- 3 Day free in person course
- Be prepared and equipped to babysit infants and young children
- Hands on course will teach:
  - Behavior Management
  - Age-appropriate activities
  - First Aid & CPR
  - Safety Protocols
  - Bedtime Routines
  - Child care
  - Promoting yourself



It is the policy of Utica Community Schools that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, age, disability, height, weight or marital status be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination during any instructional opportunities, programs, services, job placement assistance, employment or in policies governing student conduct and attendance. Link to full policy: [Non-Discrimination Policy - Utica Community Schools \(uticak12.org\)](https://www.uticak12.org)

Camp Location:  
Eppler Junior High  
45461 Brownell  
Utica, MI 48317

Transportation Available

Camp Dates & Times:

each session limited to 20 participants

Session A: June 17-19, 2024

Session B: July 8-10, 2024

Session C: July 15-17, 2024

Session D: July 22-24, 2024

All session run 8:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Free Breakfast & Lunch will be  
provided daily

Breakfast: 8:15 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Lunch: 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

For additional questions please email  
the CTE department at:  
[melissa.willman@uticak12.org](mailto:melissa.willman@uticak12.org)

To register

[CLICK HERE](#)



Online registration will open

Monday, April 29, 2024,

and will close 1 week before each session starts.



# 25th UCS CHESS TOURNAMENT



It is that time of year again! Registration is open for the 25th UCS Chess Tournament-Saturday April 13, 2024. Perhaps you have a student or two (or family member) who loves the game! Please help spread the word as this one is going to be special-#25!!!

The UCS Chess Tournament is a perfect first tournament for ANY student in ANY grade. Kindergarten-12th grade sections. This is a fun, unrated event with five rounds. Check-in 8:00-8:30 a.m. with games: @ 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, & 1:00. Awards 2:00-3:00. The tournament is held at Henry Ford High School. Usually there are nine sections: K/1/2/3/4/5/6/7-8/9-12

Visit the tournament website for the registered player list, to download the entry form, and other information: [www.ucschestournament.weebly.com](http://www.ucschestournament.weebly.com)



This summer, Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer (Summer EBT) will be available to families with eligible school-age children to buy groceries, similar to the USDA's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Although meals are free for all students this school year, not all students are eligible for Summer EBT benefits. To be eligible, families must complete an Electronic Benefits Form (EBF) online or currently be approved for these benefits by Count Day, February 14, 2024!



**Please go to <https://utica.familyportal.cloud> and apply today!**

QUESTIONS??

foodservice@uticak12.org  
Food Service: 586-797-1180  
DHHS for Michigan 833-905-0028 X2  
DHHS for Macomb County 586-469-7700

This institution is an equal opportunity provider



## Nourished By Nature Reptile & Amphibian Walk

Saturday, April 20, 2024  
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Clinton River Watershed Council  
1115 West Avon Road, Rochester Hills, MI,  
48309, United States (map)

Join us for a night of reptile and amphibian fun with local experts to learn about common critters and the most common calls that you will hear within the Clinton River Watershed watershed from both frogs and toads!

More information and a link to register are coming soon!

Posted In: Nourished By Nature, Recreation

### WHAT DO STREAM LEADER SCHOOLS DO?

Stream Leaders is an outdoor education program that fosters experiences in citizen science, civic engagement, and environmental stewardship.

Stream Leader classrooms have a chance to participate in real field research and get out into the river with scientists and mentors. CRWC Staff teaches students about water quality testing, stream assessment practices, and aquatic insect identification. Students have an opportunity to showcase their experiences and continue building school-community partnerships at our Annual Student Congress.

### WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN STREAM LEADERS?

Upper Elementary, Middle school, and High school students within the Clinton River Watershed, Lake St. Clair Direct Drainage Area and Anchor Bay sub-watershed are eligible to participate in this program. Stream Leaders is best suited for Middle school, High school, and College-age students, although adaptations can be made for Elementary school ages.





Henry Ford II HS Instrumental Music Boosters

# Mom 2 Mom Sale Saturday, April 27, 2024

**\$3 Admissions: 9am to 1pm**

**\$5 Early Bird: 8am – 9am**

Henry Ford II High School  
11911 Clinton River Road,  
Sterling Heights  
(South of 19 Mile Road)

Seller space rental agreements: [www.hf2imb.org](http://www.hf2imb.org)  
Questions: [mom2momhenryford@gmail.com](mailto:mom2momhenryford@gmail.com)



Click the Falcon for HF II Info



The UCS Wellness podcast is a resource created by Utica Community Schools, a K-12 school district located within Macomb County, Michigan. With a focus on physical, mental and social health, UCS Wellness serves as a health hub for students and their families, as well as the community as a whole.

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**Afterschool Enrichment**



**Sterling Heights  
LIBRARY**



# The more you know...



- The name for the month of April originally came for April is which means to open.
- Small animals that hibernate are usually coming out of their burrows in April.
- April is Humor Month, so laugh it up!
- America's first astronauts were announced by NASA on April 9, 1959.
- The first Webster Dictionary was copyrighted by Noah Webster on April 14, 1828
- The Titanic sank on April 15, 1912
- The United States Library of Congress was established April 24, 1800.
- Our first President George Washington was inaugurated on April 30, 1789
- April is also the month of the Thai New Year in Thailand and the Khmer New Year Cambodia.
- The birthstone for April is the diamond.

Monday	<b>Random</b>	made or done without purpose or pattern; made or done by chance. * I made a random choice of five books from the library.
Tuesday	<b>Constant</b>	going on without a pause. *The dog's constant barking annoyed the neighbors.
Wednesday	<b>Concept</b>	a general idea or thought. The concept of marriage is different in different countries. *My youngest child has difficulty learning new concepts.
Thursday	<b>Chapter</b>	one of the main parts of a book. *The last chapter of this novel is the most exciting.
Friday	<b>Devote</b>	to give to a purpose; dedicate. *They devoted their time and energy to helping others.



Check us out and like us on FB & IG to stay up to date on happenings at Bemis Junior High School. Click the pic to be taken to our pages.



Keep up to date with all Bemis events on our website **CALENDAR**. Club meetings, sporting events, spirit days, days off, conferences... As soon as information is available it is updated on the website calendar.

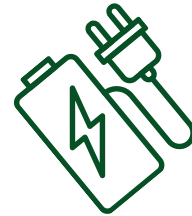


## Lost & Found

The Lost and Found is located on the stage in the cafeteria. Please take a moment to look for your lost items.



## ***Laptop Charger Issue***



Every student has been provided with a UCS laptop and UCS compatible charger.

Students are expected to bring a **charged laptop** along with their charger (if needed) to school every day (please label the charger with student's name).

Bemis Junior High School provides loaner laptops and loaner chargers for students that need to drop off their own equipment to have the Media Center Tech look at it, for troubleshooting, for quick fixes, to open repair tickets, etc. The loaner laptops and chargers are not intended to be given out to students simply because "I forgot it at home".

The forgetfulness can (and has) become an epidemic problem when you consider how many students attend school here every day. Loaner laptops and loaner chargers are limited in number. Priority loans must be given to those students that need a replacement device and did not forget their device at home.

Students that borrow chargers daily have most likely lost theirs. Lost chargers can be replaced for \$38. Once they are in 8th grade at the end of the year they will turn in both laptop & charger. If no charger they will be charged.

Chargers are also being borrowed and not returned so we are having to call the student out of class to find out why. Please talk to your student and make sure they have all their equipment for the day.

A **BIG THANK YOU** to ALL students who remember to bring their charged laptops and chargers to school every day!! It is very much appreciated.

## WHAT'S NEXT FOR UCS? PROJECT PROPOSALS FOR BEMIS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL



### SAFETY

### SUCCESS

#### PHASE 1: Projects in this phase will be scheduled for summer 2024 through 2026

- Create additional layers of security to limit access for exterior entry points at main entrance and corridors, such as shatter-resistant glass
- Replace drinking fountains with water bottle filling stations
- Modernize school sign with digital technology

#### PHASES 2-5

- Renovate facility to address identified safety concerns related to the building's original design
- Upgrade network infrastructure
- Upgrade security systems (cameras and access control)
- Redesign Bemis/Browning parking lot and replace paving
- Improve the track and bleachers
- Improve exterior façade with new landscaping
- Upgrade the gym's lighting and audio system
- Renovate the media center
- Renovate restrooms
- Upgrade plumbing and HVAC systems
- Upgrade power systems
- Upgrade interior and exterior lighting systems
- Purchase instructional technology equipment for classrooms
- Purchase computers for students and staff
- Purchase classroom furniture
- Purchase media center furniture

#### PROJECTS IN PROCESS/COMPLETED

- Replace interior door hardware to integrate improved locking system based on industry-level safety standards\*
- Replace public address system\*
- Upgrade kitchen\*

\*Funded by 2018 bond issue



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## Bemis Junior High School Homework Club

### Parent and Student Permission form

My child: \_\_\_\_\_, grade \_\_\_\_\_, has my permission to participate in The Bemis Homework Club. I understand that it is my responsibility to provide transportation for my child. My child understands that it is his/her responsibility to arrive on time, bring all necessary materials to the Bemis Junior High School Media Center and be prepared to work. My child also understands that all Bemis Junior High School rules apply, and he/she will follow them or face removal from The Bemis Homework Club.

Students will sit quietly at a table and begin homework assignments. When in need of help with the assignment, students will raise their hand. At times the students can quietly work together on common assignments. All students must have a book to read quietly if they finish their work prior to the time of dismissal.

Parent Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

#### STUDENT

*I understand that I am expected to bring all my supplies to The Bemis Homework Club and work in a quiet and respectful manner from 3:05 - 4:05.*

Student Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_



# Homework Club Dates

## Bemis Junior High School Homework Club

### 2023-2024 Sessions\*

Homework Club Dates
Monday 10/23/23
Tuesday 10/24/23
Wednesday 10/25/23
Monday 10/30/23
Tuesday 10/31/23
Wednesday 11/1/23
Monday 11/6/23
Wednesday 11/8/23
Monday 11/13/23
Tuesday 11/14/23
Wednesday 11/15/23
Monday 11/20/23
Tuesday 11/21/23
Monday 11/27/23
Tuesday 11/28/23
Wednesday 11/29/23
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Homework Club Dates
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Tuesday 3/19/24
Wednesday 3/20/24

Homework Club Dates
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Monday 4/8/24
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Wednesday 5/8/24
Monday 5/13/24
Tuesday 5/14/24
Wednesday 5/15/24
Monday 5/20/24
Tuesday 5/21/24
Wednesday 5/22/24
Tuesday 5/28/24
Wednesday 5/29/24
Monday 6/3/24
Tuesday 6/4/24

\* Homework Club sessions may be cancelled due to unplanned reasons. All cancelled Homework Club sessions will be announced prior to dismissal that day.



# School Calendar

## 2023-2024 Calendar

August 29	First Day of School All K-12 Students- Elementary Student Half Day
September 1	No School for K-12 Students
September 4	No School for K-12 Students - Labor Day
September 20	No School for K-12 Students
October 12	Secondary Student Half Day - All Secondary Afternoon Conferences, High School only Evening Conferences
October 18	No School for K-12 Students
October 19	Junior High School Only - Evening Conferences
October 27	Elementary Student Half Day - End of Marking Period
October 31	Elementary Student Half Day
November 7	No School for K-12 Students - Election Day
November 9	Elementary Student Half Day - Afternoon Conferences
November 22 - 24	No School for K-12 Students - Thanksgiving Break
December 19	Secondary Student Half Day - Exams
December 20	Secondary Student Half Day - Exams
December 21	All Students K-12 Half Day - Exams and End of Marking Period
December 22 - January 2, 2024	No School for K-12 Students - Winter Break
January 15	No School for K-12 Students - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 19-23	No School for K-12 Students - Mid-Winter Break
March 22	Elementary Student Half Day - End of Marking Period
March 25-29	No School for K-12 Students - Spring Break
May 27	No School for K-12 Students - Memorial Day
June 5	Secondary Student Half Day - Exams
June 6	All Students K-12 Half Day - Exams
June 7	All Students K-12 Half Day - Exams and Last Day of School

**\*Feb. 27 - No School  
Voting**





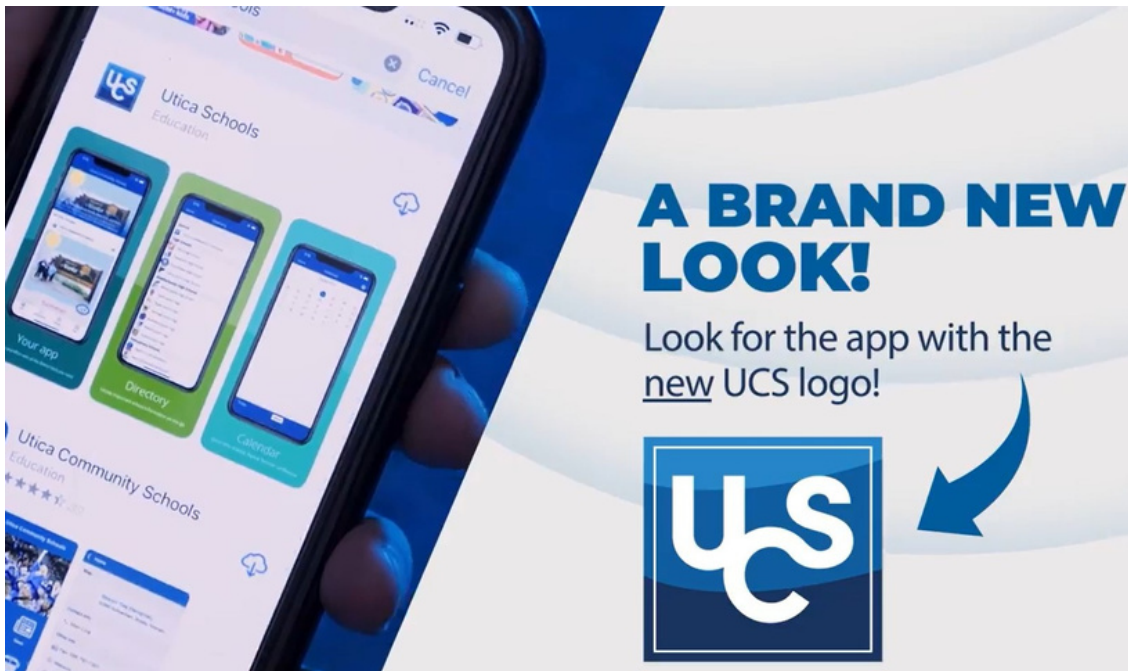
# 2024-2025 School Calendar

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August 27	First Day of School All K-12 Students- Elementary Student Half Day
August 30	No School for K-12 Students
September 2	No School for K-12 Students - Labor Day
September 18	No School for K-12 Students
October 10	Secondary Student Half Day - All Secondary Afternoon Conferences, High School only Evening Conferences
October 16	No School for K-12 Students
October 17	Junior High School Only - Evening Conferences
October 31	Elementary Student Half Day
November 1	Elementary Student Half Day - End of Marking Period
November 5	No School for K-12 Students - Election Day
November 7	Elementary Student Half Day - Afternoon Conferences
November 27-29	No School for K-12 Students - Thanksgiving Break
December 18	Secondary Student Half Day - Exams
December 19	Secondary Student Half Day - Exams
December 20	All Students K-12 Half Day - Exams and End of Marking Period
December 23 - January 3, 2025	No School for K-12 Students - Winter Break
January 20	No School for K-12 Students - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 17-21	No School for K-12 Students - Mid-Winter Break
March 21	Elementary Student Half Day - End of Marking Period
March 24-28	No School for K-12 Students - Spring Break
April 18	No School for K-12 Students – Good Friday
May 26	No School for K-12 Students - Memorial Day
June 9	Secondary Student Half Day- Exams
June 10	All Students K-12 Half Day - Exams
June 11	All Students K-12 Half Day - Exams and Last Day of School

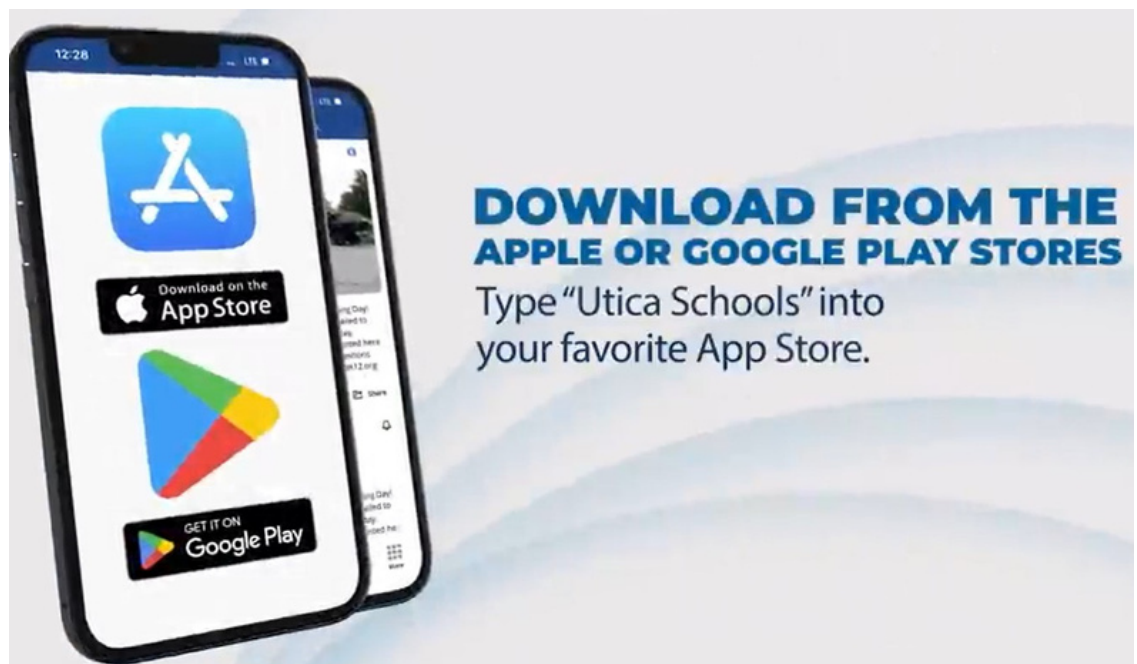
*\*Please note - The calendar is contingent on the State of Michigan consideration for an early start.*



# Download the "NEW" UCS App



UCS is pleased to introduce its new mobile App. Simply download it from the App Store <https://apple.co/3OQx6St> or Google Play <https://bit.ly/3qiygNv> to get all the latest updates from UCS and your favorite school!





## ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

Please call the Attendance Line  
and NOT the Main Office number.

Please call 586-797-2599 for:

*Early Dismissals    Late Arrival    All Day Absences*

Clearly state and spell your child's first & last name when leaving a message. Please note that it **MUST** be a parent/guardian that calls in and not a student or sibling.

### EARLY DISMISSALS

When an Early Dismissal is necessary please call the attendance line before the start of the school day.

Students who become ill at school and require an early dismissal must report to the Main Office before calling home.

### ATTENDANCE IN POWERSCHOOL

Attendance is recorded in PowerSchool late in the school day. Our goal is to have call-ins recorded before the office closes for the day. However, if you have any questions

regarding your students attendance, please wait 24 hours to ensure that all records are complete and up to date.

PowerSchool is now generating automated phone calls to parents informing them of any absences for their students on a daily basis. Please use your Parent Portal to view your student's attendance. If you have any concerns, email the individual teacher directly through the staff tab of the school's web site:

**<http://bemis.uticak12.org>** or through the PowerSchool access.

If a correction is warranted, the teacher will request one.

## BELL SCHEDULE

**Doors open 7:45am**

**Breakfast 7:45 - 8:00am**

**Students to lockers 8:00- 8:10am**

1st Hour 8:10am – 9:08am

2nd Hour 9:14am – 10:10am

3rd Hour 10:16am – 11:12am

4th Hour 11:18am – 12:57pm

5th Hour 1:03pm – 1:59pm

6th Hour 2:05pm – 3:01pm

**End of the day buses depart 7 minutes after the dismissal bell.**



## LUNCHES

Bemis runs 3 lunches a day, all which occur during 4th hour. This means that you'll go to lunch with your 4th hour teacher. So, if your 4th hour teacher has A lunch, you'll go to lunch first and then go to class. If your teacher has B lunch, your lunch will split up class. So, you'll go to class first, then eat, and then go back to class. If your teacher has C lunch, you'll go to all of your 4th hour first, and then go to lunch.

## BEMIS LUNCH SCHEDULE

### A Lunch

Lunch from 11:18am – 11:49am

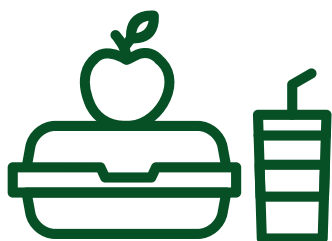
Class from 11:55am – 12:57pm

### B Lunch

Class from 11:18am – 11:49am

Lunch from 11:55am – 12:20pm

Class from 12:26pm – 12:57pm



### C Lunch

Class from 11:18am – 12:20pm

Lunch from 12:26pm – 12:57pm



# Computer Use Rules

You are to read Student Responsible Use agreement that appears when you log on to the laptop.

**THIS LAPTOP DEPLOYED TO YOU IS FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY**

**DO NOT USE IT FOR PERSONAL COMMUNICATION OR PERSONAL USE**

**DO NOT LET ANYONE ELSE USE OR LOG ON TO THIS LAPTOP!**

**DO NOT USE TEAMS OR ANY APP TO CHAT OR CALL ANY FAMILY MEMBERS OR OTHER STUDENTS**

**IF YOU ARE NOT USING IT FOR SCHOOL WORK, THEN YOU ARE NOT USING IT AT ALL.**

**DO NOT USE SCHOLOGY OR EMAIL TO SEND PERSONAL MESSAGES - THESE TOOLS ARE FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY**

**DO NOT ADD ANY APPS, VPN'S, GAMES, EXTENSIONS, ETC.**

**DO NOT ACCESS YOUR PERSONAL SOCIAL MEDIA ON THIS LAPTOP**

**DO NOT ADD ANY APP OR TOOL UNLESS APPROVED BY ONE OF YOUR TEACHERS**

**This means no games, no ZOOM, no Discord, no private chat accounts, ETC.**

**DO NOT USE ANY ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE APP OR ACCESS ANY SITE TO ACCESS AI CHAT GPT, ELSA, GOOGLE ASSISTANT, AMAZON ALEXA, LENSEA, ASK AI, YOU CHAT, ETC. ARE NOT USED FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES AND SHOULD NOT BE ACCESSED**

**PLEASE REMOVE ALL PROFILE PICTURES**

**You have 6 teachers and they do not want to see anime, celebrities, characters, cars, pets, objects, etc.**

**You do not need a profile picture but if you do want one, it MUST be of your face only.**

**DO NOT CHANGE ANY SETTINGS -VERY IMPORTANT!**

**The laptop is set up accordingly for you to use for schoolwork only.**

**Charge your laptop EVERY night so it is ready for the next day.**

**IF YOU FORGET TO CHARGE IT OVER NIGHT, BRING YOUR CHARGER WITH YOU.**

**DO NOT LOAN OUT YOUR CHARGER, IF IT GOES MISSING, YOU HAVE TO PAY TO REPLACE IT.**

**IMPORTANT IF YOU HAVE ANY ISSUES AT ANY TIME WITH THE LAPTOP OR YOUR CHARGER,**

**PLEASE ASK TO SEE MRS. BROWN AS SOON AS YOU NOTICE A PROBLEM**

**Her office is in the Media Center.**

**You can reach her by email at [nicole.brown@uticak12.org](mailto:nicole.brown@uticak12.org) Or send a message in Schoology.**





# IMPORTANT

## GENERAL POLICIES

### **Dress Code**

Bemis follows the dress code located in the [Parent and Student Handbook](#). This dress code does differ from the elementary school dress code. Student conduct is affected by student dress. Bemis strives to maintain a comfortable learning environment and our staff appreciates parental support in guiding appropriated dress for school. Students not conforming to the district code will have to call home for a change of clothing or wear a clean t-shirt and/or sweatpants provided by the school for the day.

### **Junior High School Parent and Student Handbook**

The Utica Community Schools Parent-Student Handbook serves as quick references for families seeking answers to school policies, procedures and district activities. UCS Handbooks are published for elementary, junior high and senior high schools. Each handbook is created with student learning and parent partnership in mind. You are encouraged to download a copy and find the answers you seek at your leisure. Save a copy for future reference or go back and visit again. Remember: Handbooks are updated each year. Please [click here](#) to find the [2023-2024 Handbook](#).

### **PowerSchool**

Parents and students can view their student's schedules, attendance and grades. [Click here](#) to access the PowerSchool Portal. Parents with multiple UCS students can now create an account to access all of their data with a single login. Parents will need the access ID and access password for each student. [Click here](#) for helpful instructional guides. Access IDs and passwords follow students from year to year. Please contact the main office with any questions.

### **Bemis Attendance Line**

Parents are reminded to call the school attendance line, **586-797-2599**, to report their child's absence or tardiness. In order to be excused, all late/tardy students must be called in by a parent. A doctor's note must be provided to excuse late/tardy arrivals. Bemis Attendance line is available 24 hours a day. All late arrival/tardy students must report to the Main Office upon arrival to receive a late pass. If your child is absent and we have not received notification, we will call the parents.

### **Early Dismissal**

Students who need to be excused during the school day should bring a signed note from their parents to the Main Office before school begins that morning. The note should include the date, time, and reason for dismissal as well as who will be picking the child up. By doing this, we keep classroom disruptions to a minimum as well as have your child waiting for you in the Main Office when you arrive. **PLEASE NOTE: Anyone signing a student out, must show identification and that person must also be on the students' contact list.** Students will not be released to anyone that is not listed on the contact list.

### **Homework Requests**

Homework requests are not accepted until the third consecutive day of absence. You may request your child's homework on that third day by emailing your child's teacher. You can find a list of email addresses by clicking [here](#).

### **Use of Electronic Communication Devices is Prohibited**

The personal use of cell phones or other electronic communications devices (ECD) by students is prohibited at any time while in school or in a district vehicle. Students may carry ECDs during the school day, but they cannot be displayed or used without permission from a teacher or administrator for educational purposes. Personal use of the device shall be limited to the time before and after the school day and only when students are outside the building. ECDs shall not be used during instructional time, lunch, passing time between classes or on any school bus without permission of a school official. The use of an ECD's picture-taking or internet connection capability is not permitted without permission of a teacher or administrator. Utica Community Schools will not be responsible for the theft, loss or damage of any ECD. Appropriate disciplinary action will be taken against students who violate the policy regulating ECDs.

**If a student's ECD rings/vibrates during the school day, the ECD will be confiscated and must be picked up in the main office by the student's parent.** Should this occur a second time, the student will receive a one-day suspension. If a student uses an ECD anytime inside the school, the ECD will be confiscated and the student will receive a one-day suspension.

All school meal menus are digitally accessible on all devices allowing for personalized viewing options. Users can select to view nutritional and allergen information, as well as customize print and language settings. Menus can be viewed at <https://uticak12.nutrislice.com>

## **Concussion Awareness**

As part of a new state law, all UCS and Michigan parents will receive information about concussions, their symptoms and what to do if you suspect a concussion. All athletes are required to have this form completed and on file in the Main Office prior to participating on any sports teams. Click [HERE](#) for the concussion form.

## **Body Spray**

Bemis Junior High has several students and staff members who have allergic reactions to strong perfumes, after-shave and men's cologne. The reactions range from mild to severe headaches that can result in nausea and being sent home from school. In addition, strong perfume smells can trigger asthma attacks. Junior high is filled with a variety of smells ranging from strawberries to old spice. When those smells dominate the hallways, problems do occur. We are asking students to put on your favorite fragrance once in the morning before school. Please do not bring in bottles and sprays of cologne, after-shave and perfume to re-apply throughout the day.

## **Recycle for Charity at Bemis**

Look for the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Donation Bin, located in the receiving driveway on the east side of Bemis Junior High. All items will go to the Disabled American Veterans, a non-profit organization located in Westland. Tax receipts can be found in the office. Donate your gently used clothes, shoes, toys, and small house appliances. [DAVThriftMichigan.com](http://DAVThriftMichigan.com)

## **Kroger Plus card**

Did you know that you can not only earn points for yourself, but you can also earn points for our school? How? It is easy! Just shop at Kroger and link your Plus Card to Bemis Jr. High. Click on link for more information [Kroger Community Rewards](#)

## **Student Drop Off Map**

