



BEMIS BULLETIN BOARD (B³)

October 2018

Week of October 1

UCS BandARama 2018

Sunday, October 7, 2018 at 6:00 pm. See [flyer](#) for details.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Fall Conferences:

Wednesday, October 10: 4:00 – 8:00 PM

Thursday, October 11: 12:00 – 3:00 PM



***Thursday, October 11 is a half day of school. Students will be dismissed at 11:12 AM.**

Picture Re-Take Day



Don't like the way your pictures turned out? Have no fear! Kaiser Studios will be here Thursday, October 11th for picture re-takes. Just bring your unwanted picture pack with you

Upcoming Spirit Days



October 4: Detroit Red Wings Day for home opener

October 5: Henry Ford II Day (Homecoming)

October 12: Health and Fitness Day

October 19: MSU vs UofM Day

October 26: Halloween Costume Day & Halloween Dance

Student Clubs

Strive Homework Club – 'Drop-in', come when you need help. Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:05-4:00 in the Media Center.

Builders Club – Friday's before school at 7:30 AM in Room 43.

Ecology Club – Next meeting **October 10th** will meet after school until 3:45 PM in Room 29.

Forensics Club – **Every Friday** after school until 4:00 PM in Room 39.

Static Club –S.T.A.T.I.C. Club (Students Taking Action Together in Christ) is a safe, supportive, student run social club. The club meets every Wednesday morning @7:30 in room 38. The first meeting will be held on **October 3, 2018**.

Student Council – **Oct 2** after school from 3:00-3:30 PM in Room 11.

[Click here](#) for more information about the clubs at Bemis.

Strive Homework Club



Strive drop-in club will run on Monday's and Wednesday's from 3:05-4:00 pm. Students must stay the entire hour. Students are to go to their locker to get the work they need help with, and then go directly to the Library. They are to sign in and find a seat to begin quietly working. They will raise their hand to ask a teacher for support with any subject that they need help with (no Language support). At the end of the hour they are to return to their locker to get their coat and backpack, and then leave the building immediately. All students must have a ride arranged if they use the bus. Mondays – Mrs. Miller & Mrs. Finkbeiner will be available to help and Wednesdays – Mrs. Forsyth & Ms. Grey will be available to help. Any questions, please ask Mr. Mastrogianis in the Counseling Office.

Bemis Parent Advisory Committee

The Bemis Parent Advisory Committee allows parents to meet with school administration to learn more about what is happening at our school. Parents also have an opportunity to discuss school-wide issues and concerns. Meetings are once per month. **Next meeting is October 9th at 5:00PM** in the Bemis Presentation Room.

Bemis Athletic Booster Club

Bemis Athletic Booster Club meetings are once per month in the Bemis Junior High Presentation Room. **Next meeting is October 9th at 6:00PM** in the Bemis Presentation Room.

Ford Homecoming



Are you ready for FORD'S
Homecoming Parade & Game?

Shopping Night At the Ford School Store



Tuesday October 2, 2018 5:00pm-7:00pm

We accept credit cards, apple pay, cash, and check



Homecoming Parade: October 5th, 2018 4:00-4:30pm

Homecoming Game: October 5th, 2018 7:00-9:00pm

****Come out and show your support****

Sporting Events



The **NEXT** 7th grade Football game is Wednesday, October 3rd, @4:00 HOME against Davis

The **NEXT** 8th grade Football game is Wednesday, October 3rd, @ 4:00 AWAY against Davis.



The **NEXT** Volleyball game is Monday, October 1st, Home against Heritage. The 8th grade starts at 4:00 and the 7th grade starts at 5:00. Click here for the entire [football and volleyball schedules](#).

Bemis Calendar



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.

Backpack Policy



Bemis students can no longer carry full-size backpacks during the school day from class to class. These backpacks have become a safety issue in both our hallways and classrooms. Backpacks must remain in student lockers during the school day. If a student chooses to, he/she may carry a nylon drawstring tote from class to class. These hold a maximum of two (2) books and can hang on the back of student chairs. These nylon drawstring totes are available for purchase in our school store, The Pitstop. They are also available at stores throughout the community.

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 [2017-18 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. 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' yellow Emergency Card. Students will not be released to anyone that is not listed on the Emergency Card.

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.

2018 Bemis Yearbooks



Order your 2019 Bemis Yearbook today at jostensyearbooks.com.

The Pit Stop – School Store



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

Breakfast – Start the day right – come join us for breakfast!

A nutritious breakfast is available for students starting at 7:45 AM. The cost is \$1.75, milk included. Milk alone is \$0.45. For students with an approved free or reduced price application on file, the price is \$0.30 or free. A variety of food choices are offered. We look forward to serving our students the most important meal of the day!

Lunch



Full lunches are \$2.75 for elementary students, \$2.90 for junior high students and \$2.95 for high school students. Milk is \$0.45 at all levels. [Click here](#) to view how to apply for free lunch, put money in your student's account, and more. Applications for free & reduced lunch must be filled out every year.

Food and Nutrition Service Meal Policy

A new meal charging policy is in effect this year in an effort to provide clear and consistent meal account procedures, including the charging of meals and handling and disposition of negative meal balances. When a student meal charge creates a negative balance, prompt repayment is expected. To bring the meal account up to date, families can make deposits online, send cash or a check to school with the student's full name on the memo line (checks made payable to Utica Community Schools).

By establishing an account with [sendmoneytoschool.com](http://www.uticak12.org/foodandnutrition) through the food and nutrition service link on the district website (<http://www.uticak12.org/foodandnutrition>) or app, families/parents can monitor balances and receive low balance email alerts on their students' account. Students who pay for meals may only charge (have a negative account balance) up to five (5) meals (breakfast and/or lunch). If a student has a zero or negative account balance, they will not be allowed to make any a la carte or beverage purchases. After the fifth charge, students will not be able to make purchases of any kind in the cafeteria using their meal accounts. Instead students will be offered a regular meal (alternate meal).

Alternate meals are provided at no charge and include all the components federally required to qualify for a reimbursable meal. Alternate meals will continue to be offered while the negative balance is being resolved. For elementary school households, auto-messages from the school regarding negative/low balances are initiated weekly each Thursday (by email if provided or letter sent home). When an account balance is low or negative, cashiers will share that information with the student in a respectful age-appropriate manner. Please contact the Food and Nutrition Services Department at 586-797-1180 for further assistance.

Parents and Visitors

Everyone who enters Bemis Junior High 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.

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

Student Drop Off and Pick Up Parking Lot Usage

Welcome to Bemis Junior High! I am writing today about the student drop off and pick up procedures in the school driveway and parking lot. I have attached a diagram of our driveway and parking lot to this email and I will be referring to it within this message.

If you will be dropping off your student between 7:40am and 8:10am, please refrain from driving in the bus loop, which is the main drive in front of the school and is identified on the diagram as "buses only." Buses need to be able to access the drop off area and cannot do so when cars are using/blocking the driveway. As you look at the diagram, please note the rows in the parking lot. The traffic flow is indicated by the arrows on the diagram.

When dropping off your student please drive down any of these rows. The cars do back up, but please only let your student exit the car when you are at the end of the row before you enter the driveway to exit the campus. Please have your student cross the driveway, carefully, at the end of the row before you depart. It is important that your student does not leave the car and cut between the rows to get to the school.

After school pick up: The buses line up in the bus loop as early as 2:40pm. They park close together to prevent students from walking between the buses. Please don't drive or park in the bus loop while buses are present. Please line up in the parking rows to pick up your student. We ask the students who are being driven home to walk to the end of the row and cross the driveway at that point and proceed to your waiting car.

Due to the configuration of the parking lot and need for the buses to access the bus lane, a little bit of waiting is required to drop off and pick up students. I am asking for your help in making the students understand the importance of being careful in the parking lot and not to dart between cars for their own safety. We would much prefer to have a student arrive a little late, but safe in the morning and to your waiting car at the end of the day. Thank you for your understanding and patience during the morning and after school transportation routine.

Thomas Yaw, Principal

19 Mile Rd.

Drop off -->

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No Cars in this Area, Busses Only Please

