



BEMIS BULLETIN BOARD (B³)

December 2018



Week of December 24th



The Bemis Junior High Staff would like to wish everyone a Safe and Happy Holiday!

*There will be No School Monday, December 24 through Tuesday, January 1
School will resume on Wednesday, January 2, 2019

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Attention all eighth-grade students and parents. Please take a few minutes to view the attached video of the UCS Specialty High School Programs. The video can be found on the district's YouTube channel – <http://youtube.com/uticaschools>.



Utica Academy for International Studies (IB)

Website: <http://uais.uticak12.org>

Info Night: Tuesday, January 15th – promptly begins at 6:30 pm
Location: Heritage Junior High: 37400 Dodge Park Road, Sterling Hts.
Questions? Contact: Christopher.Layson@uticak12.org



Utica Center for Mathematics, Science & Technology (MST)

Website: ucmst.uticak12.org

Info Night: Thursday, January 17th – promptly begins at 6:30 pm
Location: Instructional Resource Center: 14201 Canal Road, Sterling Hts.
Questions? Contact: Kristi.Carpenter@uticak12.org

Utica Center for Science and Industry (CSI)

Website: ucsi.uticak12.org

Info Night: Thursday, January 10th – promptly begins at 6:30 pm
Location: Instructional Resource Center: 14201 Canal Road, Sterling Hts.
Questions? Contact: Jill.Rilley@uticak12.org

Stevenson Center for Manufacturing, Automation, and Design Engineering (MADE)*

Website: stevenson.uticak12.org

Info Night: Tuesday, January 8th – promptly begins at 6:30 pm
Location: Stevenson High School, 39701 Dodge Park Road, Sterling Hts.
Questions? Contact: Alison.Hildebrand@uticak12.org

UCS Academic Blitz – Information Night for ALL District Opportunities

Website: uticak12.org

Info Night: Thursday, February 7th – doors open at 6:00 pm
Location: Henry Ford II High School, 11911 Clinton River Road, Sterling Hts.
Questions? Contact: Kim.Charland@uticak12.org

Applications will be available online at Uticak12.org beginning January 18, 2019 at 4:00 pm.

The deadline to submit applications is Friday, February 15, 2019 at 3:00 pm*

*Because students are only permitted to apply to two programs, it is highly recommended that families do not complete the application until familiarizing themselves with the available information about each program. Attendance at the program-specific information nights and/or the Academic Blitz is highly encouraged.

Save the Date!



1. Academic Blitz 2019

Utica community Schools Teaching and Learning Department is sponsoring **Academic Blitz 2019**.

When: Thursday, February 7, 2019

Where: Henry Ford II High School

Time: 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Students in grades 5th through 11th, parents and staff are invited to this **free** event. The Academic Blitz features information regarding UCS secondary academic courses, clubs and specialty programs.

The Blitz serves as an opportunity for students to begin exploring secondary options offered to students. Students will also have a chance to meet with counselors and teachers to learn how high school classes can bring them closer to their post-secondary goals.

2. Early Childhood Open House

Parents of young children in Utica Community Schools and neighboring areas are invited to an open house for the District's Early Childhood (Nursery and Preschool) programs. Come meet the teacher, see the classrooms, and get answers to your questions. For additional information call (58)797-4660 or visit www.ucsccommunityeducation.com

When: Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Where: All Current Locations

Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

****In district phone registration begins February 26, 2019****

3. **Mid-Winter Break Velocity Jr. Program**

Velocity Jr. Camps (#7A) will be available during the **Mid-Winter Break (February 18-22, 2019)** located at Duncan Elementary and Rose Kidd Elementary. These specialty classes provide students with exciting educational challenges for the week. Rose Kidd has child care available for working families. Child care is provided before and after the scheduled class time. Parents are to supply snacks and lunch. Duncan Elementary has child care available during lunch if your child will be taking a morning and afternoon class. Parents are to supply snacks and lunch.

[*Click here for more information*](#)

4. **Utica Community Schools 2019 Career Expo**

Utica Community Schools Career and Technical Education Department is sponsoring **Career Expo 2019**.

When: Thursday, March 21, 2019

Where: Eisenhower High School

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Students in 7th through 12th grades, parents and staff are invited to this **free** event. The Expo will feature information of more than 100 different careers. The Expo serves as an opportunity for students to begin exploring career possibilities. Students will also have a chance to meet with CTE teachers to learn how high school classes can bring them closer to their career objective.

5. **Utica Community Schools 2019 College Fair**

The district will host its fourteenth annual College Fair. This event is aimed at current eighth through eleventh graders. Up to 70 college representatives will be in attendance to offer information to college-bound students.

When: Thursday, March 28, 2019

Where: Henry Ford II High School

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Semester Exam Review guides

The semester review guides have been posted on the district web page for students and parents to access. Due to science pilots - Science teachers are expected to distribute the exam review guide for their class.

Below are the steps to access the review guides:

- Utica Home Page (<http://www.uticak12.org>)
- Academics
- Secondary
- Semester 1 Exam Review Guides
 - Social Studies
 - English
 - Health
 - Math

Link:

http://www.uticak12.org/academics/secondary/semester_1_exam_review_guides/

****NOTE:** The linked DLMD study guide is for Bemis DLMD classes. DO NOT STUDY WITH THE DLMD STUDY GUIDE ON THE UCS DISTRICT SITE!
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Fun Fact



It sometimes snows where you least expect it! You wouldn’t be shocked to see snow on the ground in Michigan or Montana when traveling during the winter months. But northern areas don’t have a monopoly on snowfall—the white stuff has been known to touch down everywhere from the Sahara Desert to Hawaii. Even the driest place on Earth isn’t immune. In 2011, the Atacama Desert in Chile received nearly 32 inches of snow thanks to a rare cold front from Antarctica.

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*****Attention all 7th & 8th grade girls interested in playing basketball this season*****

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Please have your ride arrangements made prior to the meeting.

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MedExplore

Midwinter break opportunity for 6th-9th graders. Are you looking for a productive and fun way to spend Midwinter Break? Interested in exploring healthcare in a hands-on way to gain insight into your personal aptitudes and interests within the medical field? Reserve your spot in MedExplore for Midwinter Break 2019.

February 19-21, 2019 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Utican Academy for International Studies
37400 Dodge Park Rd,
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

Through a 3-day camp, students will have the chance to participate in a variety of fun and engaging activities and simulate medical procedures with authentic medical supplies. Participants will also delve into specific facets of the medical field of their choosing that spark their interest. The camp will additionally feature presentations by practicing medical professionals and current medical students, with discussion time for students to get all their questions answered.

Sign up for MedExplore, please email the participant's full name, school, and grade level to Julie ElFishawy at elfishawyj@stu.uticak12.org
Participant spaces are limited.

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Tuesday	Proceed	To move forward after a stop. *After you give your name, you may proceed to the front of the line.
Wednesday	Theory	A statement that explains why something happens but has not been proven. *The scientists discussed theories about the beginning of life on Earth.
Thursday	Undergo	To have the experience of; receive; endure *She'll undergo surgery on her foot next week. Our family underwent major changes last year.
Friday	Status	A person's position or level in comparison with the position of other people. *His status rose when he got the new job.

Fun Fact



World's Smallest Snowman: In 2009, the scientists at the National Physical Laboratory in West London used the tools and knowledge at their disposal to create the tiniest snowman known to mankind. Their creation stood at only 0.01mm tall and used technology that was created for Nano-particle manipulation.

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7th & 8th Grade Season Home Game Pass: Students: \$20.00/Adult Family Pass = \$30.00 (Admits 2 adult members 18 years and older)

Senior Citizen Pass: No charge. Lifetime Pass, age 62 years and older. Admits bearer to all UCS athletic home events.

**Free admission for all K-6 students when accompanied by parent or adult.

All season passes may be purchased in the main office. Please send check or money order only, made payable to Utica Community Schools.

You may also purchase passes through PaySchools. [Click here](#) to purchase your passes online. To redeem online purchases, the original printed receipt from the transaction, must be provided to the ticket attendant for their records.

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Wednesday	Criterion	A standard or test by which to judge or decide. *Power is only one criterion of the car's quality.
Thursday	Establish	To start or make something that did not exist before. *He established a new business last year.
Friday	Initial	First. *I was nervous before my initial visit to the doctor.

Fun Fact



The largest snowman ever built was actually a snowwoman. She stood 37.21 m tall (122 feet 1 in). The snowy sculpture, which was built in Maine in 2008, was so big that huge she didn't completely melt until the middle of the summer.

- 13 million pounds of snow were used to build Olympia the snow woman
- She was only a few feet shorter than the Statue of Liberty.
- Eyelashes were made from eight pairs of skis
- 48-ft-wide fleece hat
- 8-ft-long nose made from chicken wire and painted cheesecloth
- Lips made from five red car tires
- Arms made from two 30-ft-tall spruce trees
- 6-ft 6-in-wide snowflake pendant
- 130-ft-long scarf
- Three 5-ft-wide truck tires as buttons

Week of December 3

Bemis Parent Advisory Committee Fundraiser



The Bemis Parent Advisory Committee is hosting a Chipotle Restaurant fundraiser on **Saturday, December 8th** between 5:00 and 9:30 PM. Bring the flyer, show it on your smartphone, or tell the cashier that you are supporting Bemis Junior High School and the school will receive 33% of the proceeds.

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7th & 8th Grade Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Track: Students = \$1.00/Adults = \$2.00

7th & 8th Grade Competitive Cheer: Admission is generally \$5 and no passes are accepted

7th & 8th Grade Season Home Game Pass: Students: \$20.00/Adult Family Pass = \$30.00 (Admits 2 adult members 18 years and older)

Senior Citizen Pass: No charge. Lifetime Pass, age 62 years and older. Admits bearer to all UCS athletic home events.

**Free admission for all K-6 students when accompanied by parent or adult.

All season passes may be purchased in the main office. Please send check or money order only, made payable to Utica Community Schools.

You may also purchase passes through PaySchools. [Click here](#) to purchase your passes online. To redeem online purchases, the original printed receipt from the transaction, must be provided to the ticket attendant for their records.

Student Clubs

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

SWAT Homework Club – Need permission from the counseling office. Will meet every Tues in the Media Center from 3:05-4:00.

Builders Club – The Next meeting is TBA- before school at 7:30 AM in Room 43.

Ecology Club – Dec 19th after school until 3:30 PM in Room 29.

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

Static Club - Every Wednesday before school at 7:30 AM in the Room 38.

Student Council – Next meeting is Jan 15th- after school from 3:00-3:30 PM in Room 11.

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

Used Battery Recycling



The Bemis Jr. High Ecology Club is recycling used household batteries. There is a battery recycling box in the library to collect the used batteries, so send in your batteries to be recycled!

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 **December 11th at 5:00 PM** 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 **December 11th at 6:00 PM** in the Bemis Presentation Room.

School Texting Service



Bemis Junior High School 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.

Note – if you have previously registered for this system and are not receiving texts from our school or UCS, please contact the school office to ensure we have your most recent cell phone number is on file.

Word of the day

Monday	Species	A group of living things that are the same in many important ways. *Cats and dogs belong to different species .
Tuesday	Presume	To take for granted; assume. *I presumed you would wait for me even if I was late.
Wednesday	Negative	Saying or meaning "no". *He gave a negative answer to the question.
Thursday	Expand	To make larger or wider. *The supermarket expanded its parking lot.
Friday	Complicate	To make more difficult to do or understand. *the bad weather complicated our vacation plans.

Fun Fact



Playing with snow can keep you trim. According to The History of the Snowman, laboring for an hour to build a snowman burns approximately 238 calories. That's more than dancing and not far from what you'd burn going for a bike ride.

The Pit Stop – School Store



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

**Click here for an order form- [Bemis Spiritwear](#) **

You can turn in the form, with cash or check (payable to Bemis Jr. High), to either the Pit Stop or the front Office. Orders will be placed monthly.

2018-2019 Bemis Yearbooks



Order your 2018-2019 Bemis Yearbook today at Jostensyearbooks.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's easy! Just shop at Kroger and [link](#) your Plus Card to Bemis Jr. High.

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.

Bemis Staff and Student Identification Card Policy

As a component of our school security and safety procedures, we have purchased and issued lanyards to all students in order for them to wear their school identification cards throughout the school day. The wearing of identification badges provides a professional setting and promotes College and Career Readiness for all students. Many workplaces, as well as colleges require the wearing of identification badges as well. Teaching and support staff have been wearing identification badges, while at school for many years.

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 [2018-19 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.

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

