

Chief Connection

Utica High School
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From the Principal's Desk



Your participation at the fall parent-teacher conferences demonstrates the value you place on your student's education. There were 3,123 conferences held. We continue to maintain a high average of parent participation at conferences. With parents as our partners, we are confident that we will continue to excel as a school community – CHIEFTAIN PARENTS ROCK!

Parents should plan to attend the Academic Blitz schedule to be held on Thursday, February 6, 2014 at Henry Ford II High School from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. – information booths open at 6:30 p.m. This event will assist parents in helping their student make informed decisions about programs they would like to pursue in UCS. Advanced placement programs offered at the high school will be highlighted, along with information about the Center for Science and Industry, Utica Academy for International Studies (IB), the Math, Science and Technology Center (MST), the Early College Program of Macomb and many more district programs and initiatives. This event will prepare our students in planning their program for the 2014-2015 school year. Please note that planning for the 2014-2015 school year will begin in February of 2014.

We always consider the less fortunate; however, we emphasize how important it is to support the less fortunate during the holiday season. We thank the staff and student body for supporting the Utica community during this holiday season—see listing provided.

The “Amazing Race” was again an exciting day at UHS. Staff and students raised a total of \$4,825 to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. The tee shirts were creatively designed with the pink ribbon symbol that is recognized across the country as being a sign of hope. We thank all the Student Council members who assisted with organizing and participating in the event. We also thank *Ms. Courtney DeFrance*, Class Advisor for coordinating the event. See details on page 28.

On behalf of our entire staff and student body, I would like to wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season filled with peace, love and happiness.

Enjoy the holidays and Happy New Year!

Janet Jones

CHIEFTAIN CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

Club/Group—Sponsored

Key Club—Canned Food Drive

Key Club—Villas of Shelby Senior Christmas Party

Key Club—Clothing Drive

National Honor Society—Adopt-A-Family (4)

National Honor Society—Cystic Fibrosis Donation

National Honor Society—Toys for Tots

German National Honor Society—Macomb Charitable Foundation

Sophomore Senior Program SSP—Macomb Children’s Giving Tree

National Hispanic Honor Society—Macomb Charitable Foundation

Mr. Haley’s Class—Macomb Charitable Foundation

Mr. Vigus 1st Hour Class—Adopt-A-Family

National Art Honor Society—Toys for Tots

Office Staff—Adopt-A-Family

Drama Class—Henry Ford Hospital Book Donation

Student Council—Susan G. Komen Amazing Race

Tribe Christian Youth Group—Thanksgiving dinners to families

Tribe Christian Youth Group—Snow & Go

HOLIDAY SHOPPING REMINDER



Parents should not forget the “Take Charge of Education Program” offered by all Target stores. When you sign up and shop at Target, Target donates up to 1% of purchases made to your identified school. Since shopping increases during the holiday season, we encourage parents to sign up. This is an easy way for you to support UHS. To sign up, visit the customer service counter at any Target store, or you can call 1.800.316.6142, or visit the website at www.target.com/tcoe.

Happy Holidays

UTICA HIGH SCHOOL SOUNDING BOARD MEETINGS

All parents are welcome to attend our monthly Sounding Board meetings to receive information regarding student activities and educational programs offered at UHS. These meetings are held on the second Monday of each month. Please mark your calendar and join us! The meetings are approximately one hour. **We welcome new members!** Meetings are at 9:30 a.m. unless otherwise indicated.

For the 2013-2014 school year the meeting dates are as follows:

December 9th
January 13th

February 10th at 7:00 p.m.

March 10th
April 14th

May 12th at 11:30 a.m.
June 9th

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES



Please be advised that students are NOT allowed to use electronic communication devices (ECD's) in the classrooms and lunchrooms during the school day.

The school is not responsible for any ECD's that are lost or stolen. We are asking that students not bring ECD's to school.

Any ECD's that are used or are in sight during the school day will be confiscated and may be picked up after school from the appropriate associate principal.

If any ECD is confiscated, your student will be assigned a Saturday School.



ATTENDANCE PHONE NUMBERS

Early Dismissal: 586-797-2471

Late Arrival: 586-797-2472

All Day Absences: 586-797-2473

Utica Administration

Janet Jones, principal
Peter Paulon, associate principal
A—K
Ken Voakes, associate principal
intern L—Z

"It is the mission of Utica High School to promote a sharing of responsibilities by the home, school, student and community in the learning process. This collaboration will enable students to master critical thinking and problem-solving skills."

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Counseling

Check our web page for updates on counseling information. www.uticahigh.org
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Counselor Appointments

Students wishing to make an appointment to see their counselor should complete a "Request for Appointment" form, which can be found in the counseling office. If a parent would like to see a counselor, please call the counseling office or email the counselor to request an appointment.

College Applications

It is highly recommended that seniors planning to attend a 4-year college/university complete their applications before December 13th. All college applications should be done on-line. Colleges will also need an official copy of a student's transcript sent out to them. This must be done through Parchment electronic transcript services. Students may register and log on at www.parchment.com . Note: Steps for applying to college can be found at our counseling website. www.uticahigh.org

Testing Information

PSAT RESULTS – Sophomore/ junior parents and students should be aware that it takes 4-6 weeks for the test results to come back. Once the counseling department receives the results, **all students will be sent their test results through their English classes**. It is the student's responsibility to take these results home. The results will not be placed on the transcript, unless it is requested. Parents or students who have any questions or concerns about the PSAT, should contact their counselor.

ACT – Students should be aware that the ACT test is required for acceptance into a 4-year college or university. The next ACT test is scheduled for February 08, 2014, with the registration deadline being January 10th. Students wishing to take the ACT test in February should register on-line at www.actstudent.org . Note: All juniors will be required to take the ACT test on March 4, 2014, as part of the Michigan Merit Exam. There is no fee for this March test for juniors.

SAT – Students wishing to take the SAT test (required by few out of state colleges or universities) should be aware that the next SAT test date is scheduled for January 25, 2014, with the regular registration deadline being December 27, 2013.

ADDITIONAL ACT/SAT TEST-PREP INFORMATION – Students should also be aware that ACT and SAT test-prep workshops are available at various locations and through local tutoring companies. Students are advised to visit the counseling website or see their counselor for dates, times and locations. Test-prep software and test-prep materials are available through ACT/SAT. For more information, visit their websites at www.actstudent.org and www.collegeboard.com . Additional free test-prep sites can be found at www.Learningexpresslibrary.com and at www.Number2.com .

MME (Michigan Merit Exam) – The MME test is mandatory and will be given to all juniors on March 4, 5 and 6th of 2014. The MME is comprised of several assessments. These include: ACT- with writing, **WorkKeys** – Applied, Mathematics, Reading for Information and Locating Information. **Michigan Components:** Science, Social Studies and Mathematics.

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Scholarships

Seniors interested in scholarships are strongly encouraged to visit the **Utica Community Schools** website at www.uticak12.org, under the link Scholarships, as well as, at www.Uticahigh.org under Weekly Calendar. Note: Parents and students can also find key steps in the scholarship and financial aid process at our counseling website.

Financial Aid Information for Seniors and Parents

All college-bound seniors should apply for financial aid for college. The FAFSA, Free Application for Federal Student Aid, is the only tool used by colleges and universities to determine the amount of money that can be offered to you for financial aid.

1. **Start now;** apply for a PIN number for **both** student and parent. This will allow the form to be “signed” electronically at www.pin.ed.gov.
2. **Beginning January 1, 2014,** you may complete your FAFSA application on-line at www.fafsa.gov. A worksheet is available to fill out before doing it on-line at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/fotw1112/pdf/fafsa12c.pdf>. Or if you would prefer to do the paper copy, you may download it at www.studentaid.ed.gov/PDFfafsa, complete and mail. Or request a paper FAFSA by calling the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-433-3243
3. **Remember Financial Aid is on a first-come first-serve bases.** Apply before March 1, 2014, in order to qualify for the maximum amount of state aid.
4. For more information or help in filling out the FAFSA, call 1-800-433-3243 or go to their web site www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov/completestfafsa.

COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY, receive FREE on-site professional assistance filling out the FAFSA form.

When: Sunday, February 9, 2014, between 2-4 p.m. @ Macomb Intermediate School District, Educational Resource Center 44001 Garfield Road, Clinton Township, MI 48038. For more information visit www.micollegegoal.org or call 1-800-832-2464.

NCAA Guidelines For Athletes

There are academic guidelines that must be followed in order to qualify to participate in sports at the post-secondary level. Potential college student athletes must comply with **NCAA Requirements**. It is advised that you see your counselor or visit www.ncaa.org for more information and procedures to follow.

Tutoring

The National Honor Society has organized a Tutoring Program, made up of 11th and 12th grade honor students at Utica High. This service is available to all students at Utica High (as well as our feeder schools from junior high and elementary). In addition, a list of tutoring agencies within the community is in the counseling office available for students who need academic assistance. Interested parents or students should call or see their counselor.

Powerschool

Parents and students are reminded to log onto their Power School account regularly to see grade status, attendance and missing assignments. The rate at which grades are uploaded to Power School varies by teacher. If parents have specific questions about grades or homework, please **contact the teachers directly by powerschool through email or contact them by phone.**

We have been informed that students are able to see their second semester schedule from their phones. The second semester schedule is still being worked on, so **NO Schedule changes** are occurring at this time.

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Electronic Transcripts Available Through Parchment

We encourage our seniors to register with Parchment for transcripts to be sent. Seniors must apply to the colleges of their choice online. Please see our web site, www.Uticahigh.org, for the college website if needed.

Students are advised to visit the Utica High Web page for more information about the “Steps to Applying to College.” Students or parents with questions or concerns about the application process are encouraged to email or set up an appointment to see their counselor.

How to Register with Parchment

Step 1: Visit www.parchment.com

Step 2: Click **Sign Up**.

Step 3: **Select** if you are a student (current or alumni) or parent/guardian.

Step 4: Enter your **first, middle and last name**.

Step 5: Enter your **email address** and select a **password**.

Step 6: Enter **date of birth, gender, current grade level and year entering college**.

Step 7: **Select** to **Opt-in** or **not to Opt-in** for College discovery and **yes** or **no** to receive Parchment newsletter.

Step 8: **Check box** for parent permission and to agree to terms of use and service agreement.

Step 9: Click **continue** to add your school to your Parchment account.

Counselor Appointments

If a student would like to see his or her counselor, request forms are available in the counseling office. The forms are processed on a daily basis and each counselor will contact the student when time is available. If a parent would like to see a counselor, please call the counseling office or email the counselor to request an appointment.

Make Sure You Are On Track To Graduate

UCS counselors work very hard to make sure all students are on track to graduate. Students should be tracking their progress as well. Understanding the minimum requirements for graduation is step one! Although this information is presented to students on a continual basis, we believe you can never see it enough times! If you have any questions regarding graduation requirements, please see your counselor!

- * 4 Credits of English
- * 4 Credits of Math including Algebra 1, Algebra 2 and Geometry
- * 3 credits of Science
- * 3 Credits of Social Studies including Government, Economics, US History & Geography, World History & Geography
- * 1 Credit Health/Physical Education
- * 1 Credit Visual, Performing, Applied Arts, CTE
- * Online Learning Experience (incorporated into each of the required credits)

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TESTING OUT INFORMATION

The Utica Community Schools has identified courses for which students can earn credit by testing out of a course. Students must achieve a qualifying score on a test that measures what students must know and be able to do for that course (commonly called Course Content Expectations). For a list of courses for which a UCS student may test out, and their corresponding Content Expectations, as well as the Testing Out Authorization and Notification Form, go to: http://www.uticak12.org/instruction/ins_testingout.asp

Dual Enrollment

A student may dual enroll provided that the following conditions are met:

1. The student has met all provisions.
2. The student is eligible to take courses in a subject area for which there is endorsement only if the student is endorsed in that area. In addition, the student is eligible to take courses in foreign language, computer science, history, political science or psychology as long as they have taken all sections of the MME, ACT, EXPLORE, PLAN, or PSAT. The college course must not be offered by the district or it is determined by the district that a scheduling conflict exists which is beyond the student's control.
3. The student must be enrolled in both the school district and the post-secondary institution during the same regular academic year.
4. The deadlines for submitting this application to one's high school counselor are the second Friday of June for all classes scheduled during the fall semester **and the second Friday of December for all classes scheduled during the winter semester.**

The following scores are used to qualify for dual enrollment:

Assessment	Test Section	Content Area	Minimum DE Qualifying Score
EXPLORE	Mathematics	Mathematics	17
	Reading	Reading	16
	Science	Science	18
	English	English	13
PSAT	Critical Reading	Reading	42
	Writing Skills	Writing	41
	Mathematics	Mathematics	44
PLAN	Mathematics	Mathematics	19
	Reading	Reading	18
	Science	Science	20
	English	English	15
ACT	Mathematics	Mathematics	22
	Reading	Reading	22
	Science	Science	23
	English	English	18
MME	Reading	Reading	1108
	Writing	Writing	1100
	Mathematics	Mathematics	1116
	Science	Science	1126
	Social Studies	Social Studies	1129



DUAL ENROLLMENT WITH UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN AT MAGAHAY ELEMENTARY

UCS provides university experiences for students through U of M– Flint in Utica Community Schools at Magahay Elementary. University of Michigan– Flint will be offering exclusive dual enrollment opportunities to qualifying UCS students at the Magahay site. Various pathways and individual courses are offered. Magahay is located on Hall Road just west of Schoenherr. Contact your child's counselor to get details of this program and the offerings available. Dual enrollment eligibility for U of M– Flint is based on the qualifying scores above. There may be additional requirements for admission to the U of M-Flint or prerequisites for certain courses.

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TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS

**ATTENTION ALL SENIORS: TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS
ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE**

Utica Community Schools and the State of Michigan have joined forces with Parchment Exchange (formerly known as Docufide) to bring you Secure Transcript—the safe, paperless way to send transcripts directly to the colleges you choose. It's easy, it's secure, and it's available 24/7. This secure transcript takes care of sending out official transcripts, checked and approved by the school, to the colleges and scholarship funds you choose. You'll get an email when each transcript is sent, and for colleges that accept transcripts electronically, notification of when they receive it as well. So if you're applying to college this year, you'll find transcripts are one less thing you have to worry about.

To create an account or to send transcripts, go to www.uticak12.org and click on "secure transcripts" on the left side of the page.

SAVE THE DATE: February 6, 2014

Utica Community Schools 7th annual ACADEMIC BLITZ

Thursday, FEB. 6, 2014 at Henry Ford II High School
Information booths open at 6:30 p.m., BLITZ runs from 7-9 p.m.
All UCS students in 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th & 10th grades & their parents are invited!

Start your Game Plan NOW for success after high school!

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Test Dates in the U.S., U.S. Territories, and Canada

Registration: www.actstudent.org

Test Date

- December 14, 2013
- February 8, 2014
- April 12, 2014
- June 14, 2014

Registration Deadline

- November 8, 2013
- January 10, 2014
- March 7, 2014
- May 9, 2014

(Late Fee Required)

- November 9–22, 2013
- January 11–24, 2014
- March 8–21, 2014
- May 10–23, 2014



We currently offer 3 prep course options for the Dec. 14th ACT Exam -

- 1) Classroom
- 2) Live Online
- 3) One-on-one (both face-to-face and online)

Environment	Location	Time	Cost
Classroom	Rochester Comm. House 816 Ludlow Rochester, MI 48307	Tue/Fri 530-830pm <u>Starts Tue Nov. 26th</u>	\$399
This class is 6 three plus hour sessions (3 Tuesdays and 3 Fridays) for a total of 20 hours. We provide an outstanding workbook (ACT Success) and 2 actual retired ACT tests in addition to effective and motivational instruction.			
Online	Live, Online Small Group	Tues/Fri 530-830pm <u>Starts Tue Nov. 26th</u> Mon/Wed 530-830pm <u>Starts Mon Nov. 25th</u> Sat/Sun 930am-1230pm <u>Starts Sat Nov. 23rd</u>	\$399
These classes are 6 three plus hour sessions for a total of 20 hours. We provide an outstanding workbook (ACT Success) and 2 actual retired ACT tests in addition to effective and motivational instruction.			
	Live, Online Small Group Weekend Boot Camp	Sat/Sun 11am-315pm <u>Starts Sat Dec 7th</u>	\$199
This class consists of 8 hours of intense ACT test taking information over 2 days on the Saturday and Sunday just before the exam. Upon completion the students will have a thorough understanding of each of the four sub-sections along with the writing exam, pacing techniques, test taking strategies and much more.			
One-on-one	Student's home or other	TBD	\$1199
Our One-on-One experience offers 20 total hours of test preparation including 2 full practice exams and 12 hours of instruction not to mention the outstanding ACT Success student workbook. This course is offered both in person and online.			

To register go to www.ACADAMIA.net or call 1-866-320-4753

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A.C.T. Test Preparation Workshop®

College Entrance Exam Review

These workshops are designed to prepare 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students who plan to take the new revised A.C.T. college entrance exam. Timed practice sections covering each area of the test, English, math, reading, the new essay, and science reasoning, will be given under test conditions. There will be discussions on test taking skills and strategies, review of all instructions, timing techniques, guessing, avoidance of common errors and development of positive thinking.

WEST BLOOMFIELD - ORCHARD LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL - Cafeteria

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2013 or SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2014

6000 Orchard Lake Road

(Between Maple and Wahm Lake Roads)

TIME: 8:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. (11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. break - no food service)

MACOMB COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MONDAY and TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9 and 10, 2013

Student Community Center Bldg. - Room K-316 (Second Floor)

14500 12 Mile Road at Hayes, Warren, Michigan

(Enter Campus from Hayes. First driveway South of 12 Mile Road)

TIME: 6:00 P.M. - 8:45 P.M. Both Evenings

MACOMB COMMUNITY COLLEGE - Center Campus

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2014 or SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2014

University Center Building 1 - Lecture Hall A

44575 Garfield Rd., 3rd entrance south of Hall Road, Clinton Township, Michigan

TIME: 8:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. (11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. break - no food service)

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY - Troy Campus

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2014

Management Education Center - Auditorium

811 W. Square Lake Rd., Troy, Michigan (Between Crooks and Livernois)

TIME: 8:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. (11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. break - no food service)

COST: \$85.00 (Bring 2 sharpened pencils, note paper and a calculator. All other materials provided.)

FACILITATOR: Phyllis Katz, B.S., M.Ed.

Refunds less \$10 Administrative Fee
 Registration confirmed unless notified

No refunds seven days prior to start date
 Other A.C.T. workshops available

For Further Information Please Call (248) 552-7209

To register, please mail check or money order in the amount of \$85.00, payable to TEST PREPARATION WORKSHOPS, 31050 Seneca Lane, Novi, Michigan 48377.

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Telephone # _____

Please check workshop attending: West Bloomfield O.L.M.S - Sat. 12/7/13 Sat. 2/22/14

Macomb C.C. - Mon. & Tues. 12/9/13 & 12/10/13

Macomb C.C. Center - Sat. 1/18/14 Sat. 3/1/14

M.S.U. Troy - Sat. 1/25/14

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ACT PREPARATION CLASS

It's coming, it's coming!!!

All Michigan juniors are required to take the ACT test in their own high school on March 4, 2014—no fee
 Additional ACT test dates can be found at <http://www.actstudent.org>

ARE YOU READY? Sign up for the ACT PREP CLASS at Macomb Intermediate School District. Mark Julien from Utica Community Schools will facilitate this workshop for high school students.

ACT PREPARATION CLASS

This workshop will help you prepare to successfully take the test by:

- showing you exactly what the format of the test is and the kinds of questions to expect for each of the sections of the test;
- teaching you specific strategies for dealing with each section of the test;
- giving you ideas about the necessity for pacing yourself as well as how to guess at answers, and
- giving you a practice test and answer key.

**SATURDAY: JANUARY 11, 2014 OR
 FEBRUARY 15, 2014**

TIME: 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. (session will begin promptly at 8:00)
 registration check-in begins at 7:30 am.

LOCATION: Macomb ISD,
January 11 - Room 100
 (Enter the building through the (SOUTH ENTRANCE)
 44001 Garfield Road, Clinton Township, MI 48038-1100

February 15 - Room 100
 (Enter the building through the SOUTH ENTRANCE)

FEE: \$50 — register online!
(Fee includes pizza lunch and manual.)
 Credit cards accepted only at time of online registration
 Checks or cash must be received before workshop date,
 not the day of workshop

BRING: Calculator and pencil
 ► Watch with a second hand



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ONLINE REGISTRATION!

To register online:

- Go to MISD's web page at www.misd.net
- Click on the COURSE OFFERINGS tab
- Select Online Registration
- Then select View by Interest
- Select the Assessment category from the scroll-down menu
- Select the ACT Prep Class from listing
- Click on the date you wish to attend
- Follow the registration instructions to complete your registration!
- Please remember—online registration is commitment to attend and pay.
 Registration/cancellation deadline is Jan. 5, 2014 for Jan. 11 and Feb. 7 for Feb. 15.

Send \$50 payment (made payable to MACOMB ISD along with a copy of your printed registration to:

Laura Ogilvie
 Consultant Services Dept.
 Macomb Intermediate School District
 44001 Garfield, Road



MISD
 MACOMB INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

NEW to UCS Only

ParentPortal Sign On

The UCS ParentPortal now uses a single sign-on account. This will allow parents of multiple UCS students to access all their data with only a single account using credentials they selected, as well as allow for the use of mobile apps to access student data. While the sign-on process will look different, the information that ParentPortal will provide remains the same as before.

All parents wishing to use the portal will have to create a new single sign-on account, regardless if they have multiple children in the district or if they've used the portal in the past using the parent/guardian ID and password. You must complete this process even if you have only one student account.

To access the UCS ParentPortal, navigate to the URL below:

<http://uticak12.org/parentportalinfo>

Look for the ParentPortal links at the bottom of the web page.

Click on <https://ps.ucs.misd.net/public>

When the PowerSchool screen appears, click on the "Create Account" button.

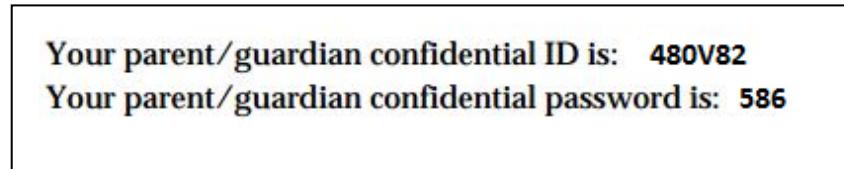
If you have not previously set-up a single sign-on account, you will have the ability to do so at this point. Please enter all required information as shown below:

The screenshot shows the 'Create Parent Account' form. It includes fields for First Name (John), Last Name (Smith), Email (smith@univema12occur.com), Desired Username (smith1968), Password, and Re-enter Password. Below these fields is a note: 'Password must: Be at least 6 characters long'. To the right of the form, a red callout box highlights the text: 'Create a new Username and password. Your password is case sensitive.' A yellow arrow points from this text towards the 'Create a new Username' field.

Link Students to Account			
Enter the Access ID, Access Password, and Relationship for each student you wish to add to your Parent Account			
Student Name	Access ID	Access Password	Relationship
1			Choose
2			Choose
3			Choose

In order to complete the account set-up, you'll need to link students to your account. To accomplish this you'll need to provide the parent access ID and access password that is unique to each student and appears on the access letter provided by your child's school. The picture below shows the parent access id and password that will need to be entered next to the student's name. The **Access ID** is case sensitive.

Sample



Link Students to Account

Enter the Access ID, Access Password, and Relationship for each student you wish to add to your Parent Account

Student Name	Access ID	Access Password	Relationship
1. Johnny Smith Jr	480V82	...	-- Choose

Parent/guardian ID here. Parent/guardian password here.

If you've used the parent portal prior to the 2012-2013 school year, your **parent/guardian ID and password** now become the **access ID and password** and can only be used to link students to your account. You can no longer use the parent/guardian ID and password to log on to the parent portal. You must complete this process even if you have only one student account. Once the account is set up, you will be able to log in to the portal once and view information for multiple children linked to your account.

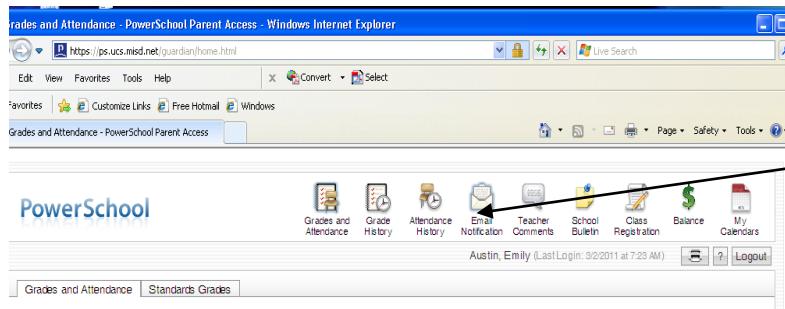
There is no change to how the students access the parent portal. Students do not need to set-up a single sign-on account and only need to provide the student ID and password (provided in the parent portal access letter).

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POWER SCHOOL EMAIL SYSTEM

The PowerSchool email system allows us to regularly send important school notices directly to you. To register for these updates, please log on to your PowerSchool account and sign up under the "EMail Notifications" tab.

Our goal is to have 100 percent of our parents enrolled in this system so that we can keep you better informed and reduce the use of paper in our school. Your help with this effort is greatly appreciated!



1. Log into PowerSchool.

2. Click on the Email Notification tab.

Result: The Email Notifications screen displays.

4. Click on in the boxes to the left of the **information** you want to receive.

5. Select **how often** you want the notification. Daily is not recommended.

6. Click in the box to the right of Send now.

7. Enter the **email address** you want the notifications sent to. Enter up to three e-mail addresses separated by commas.

Note: Please enter your email address even if you do not wish to have notifications sent at this time. Teachers can use this information to contact you, if necessary.

8. Click on **Submit**.

IMPORTANT

- The display of assignment due dates and the frequency of posted grades may vary across teachers. All teachers will post grades for progress reports and report cards. Individual teachers may update grades on a more frequent basis.
- If you have a concern regarding your child's grades we ask you to follow the steps below:
 - a. Speak with your child.
 - b. Have your child talk to their teacher.
 - c. Refer to the teacher's grading policy.
 - d. Contact the teacher via email or phone.
 - e. Contact the school administration via email or phone.
- Attendance concerns may be addressed by contacting your child's associate principal



Success in College Guide: Steps 1 & 2

Condensed version. A service provided by Mapping Your Future, Inc. September 26, 2013 See the link below for the complete article.



Develop a college plan

A plan for your education may seem unnecessary. You will just go to school and get an education, right? Well, it could work out okay that way, but you may end up with a college degree that doesn't fit your interests or skills. By developing an education plan or a plan for college, you are getting your dreams down on paper, and that is the first step in accomplishing your life goals.

Some of the items to include in an educational plan are:

- **Personal Goals.** What do you want to achieve ultimately? It might be a good idea to review your goals and priorities.
- **Personal inventory.** What do you do best? Determine your talents and skills and see how that matches up with your goals. Talents may include: creative, musical, good cook or able to speak more than one language.
- **Results of any research** you've done into the possible career fields that match your interest (such as Career Cruising or Occupational Outlook). What is the long-term outlook for the possible jobs in your career field? What are the educational requirements for the various careers?
- **Calendar of important dates.** Include the important dates for your junior or senior years.
- **List of potential schools, colleges, or universities** that you could attend based on the admission requirements..
- **Financial plan to pay for your education.** Do you have any money saved up? Will you be eligible for any scholarships? Include a calendar of scholarship application deadlines. Also, if you are a senior, be sure to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and any school- or college-specific financial aid applications.



Outline your goals

You don't have to be the CEO of a company to have a mission. It just means that you have an idea of what you want out of life. Knowing what you want in life can help you make decisions and plans to achieve your goals.

- **Choose your values.** Your values are what you hold near and dear to you. Think about what is most important to you – such as empathy, dependable, committed, honest or motivated are just a few.
- **Analyze your values, interests, and skills.** Are there things that have influenced your thinking and behavior? Consider what you enjoy and what you're really good at. What about the skills you've learned from school, full- or part-time jobs, or any community service activities. There could be a connection between your activities and skills and your values. Will any of these skills help you get where you want to go?
- **Set realistic goals.** To make your dream future your reality, set some reasonable, short-term and long-term goals for yourself. You're more likely to get where you want to go if you set a goal and commit yourself to it.
- **Do some research.** Think about your dream job, and then learn more about it. Find out how other people in that field developed the career you want. Attend the UCS Career Expo on March 20, 2014 at Eisenhower.



Establish your priorities

Once you set your goals, determine if your current help you achieve those goals? If not, it is time to set some priorities that support your objectives, and make sure they get plenty of your time and attention.

- **Use task lists and a calendar to manage school, family, and social responsibilities.** You have enough important facts and figures to remember right. Use a time management tool (such as a planner or Google calendar) to coordinate all of your daily, weekly, monthly tasks, obligations, social events, tests --and anything that is important for you to do. Learn this skill now; you will need it in college and in your career.
- **Understand the difference between *important* and *urgent*.** Important tasks must be done; urgent tasks must be done NOW. Some things can be taken care of tomorrow, later this week, or next week. Really!
- **Work with your natural rhythm, not against it.** Everyone has specific periods of peak productivity, so capitalize on *your* best time of day. Are you a morning person or a night owl?
- **Realize that you just can't do it all!** It may feel good in the moment to be "popular," but wouldn't it feel even better to achieve the life you really want? Limit your commitments by choosing activities that you truly enjoy and are consistent with your goals.

The complete article is available at: <http://mappingyourfuture.org/successincollege/collegeplan.htm>



**FIRST SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE
2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR**

Wednesday, January 15, 2014 (half day)

1 st Hr (EXAM)	7:20 – 8:48	88 minutes
2 nd Hr (EXAM)	8:54 – 10:22	88 minutes

Thursday, January 16, 2014 (half day)

3 rd Hr (EXAM)	7:20 – 8:48	88 minutes
4 th Hr (EXAM)	8:54 – 10:22	88 minutes

Friday, January 17, 2014 (half day)

5 th Hr (EXAM)	7:20 – 8:48	88 minutes
6 th Hr (EXAM)	8:54 – 10:22	88 minutes



Remember that Utica High School recycles! There is a paper dumpster located just outside the front office!

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everything you need to know to prepare for life after high school

SENIORS—FINANCIAL AID

The FAFSA form is used by all colleges to determine eligibility for financial assistance. Parents of this year's seniors may apply for Financial Aid from the state and federal government after January 1, 2014. If you want to begin exploring your financial aid options and get an early start on the financial aid process, FAFSA4caster is for you! By using FAFSA4caster, you and your family will receive an early estimate of eligibility for federal student aid. This Web site provides you with an opportunity to increase your knowledge of the financial aid process; become familiar with the various types of federal student aid that are available; and investigate other sources of aid, such as grants and scholarships. When you're ready to apply for aid, you can easily transition from FAFSA4caster to *FAFSA on the Web*. Much of the information that you enter in the FAFSA4caster will populate your *FAFSA on the Web* application, making the experience of applying for federal student aid a lot easier. Go to: <http://www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov/>. So help make your future forecast a bright one by planning now for college. Use the FAFSA4caster now!

FINANCIAL AID FAQS

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Answers to your frequently asked questions about Financial Aid

There are billions of dollars of financial aid available to students who need help paying for college. If you want this assistance, it is important that you determine your eligibility and apply on time.

How many college students get financial aid? About three-quarters of full-time undergraduate college students receive some type of financial aid in the form of grants, scholarships, loans or work-study. Approximately 45% of financial aid dollars awarded to undergraduates are in the form of loans and the rest are in grants, scholarships, and tax credits and deductions.

Can I afford to go to college?

Despite all the news stories about rising college prices, a college education is more affordable than most people believe. There are many colleges that provide an excellent educational experience at a price you can manage.

Does applying for Financial Aid hurt my chances of being admitted?

Not usually. You are generally admitted based on your academic

performance and the qualities you bring to the campus community. Colleges want to admit a diverse group of students and often use financial aid to achieve that goal. It is very important to apply for financial aid early in the application process, before all of a college's funds are allocated.

Do I qualify for aid even if I don't get straight A's? It is true that many scholarships reward student performance in high school, but most government aid is based on financial need. Remember, if you do receive need-based aid, you must remain in good academic standing to renew your aid annually.

Are private colleges out of my reach? Although the cost of college is certainly an important factor, you should not concentrate on it until later in your college-selection process. Instead, focus on finding a college that is a good fit—one that meets your academic, career and personal needs. In some cases, you may have a better chance of receiving aid from private college and end up paying a lower total price than at a public college. Private colleges often offer more financial aid to attract students from every income level.

Is my family's income too high to qualify for aid? Financial aid is intended to make college available to students from many different financial situations. College financial aid officers consider family income, the number of family members in college, medical expenses and many other factors when reviewing your financial aid application. Even if you think your family income is too high for you to qualify for aid, you should fill out the FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1. This form determines your eligibility for federal and state student grants, work-study and federal loans.

Can I try to get my aid award revised? Some colleges may be willing to review your financial aid package if your financial situation changes. Consider discussing these changes with the financial aid office if your family has experienced an unexpected decrease in income or increase in expenses since you applied for financial aid.

WHAT TO DO ABOUT SENIORITIS: MAKING YOUR SENIOR YEAR COUNT.....

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As a senior, you have worked hard for three years, taking tests, completing projects and preparing for college admissions. It is tempting to just get through college applications and relax before you head off to college. ***Don't do it.***

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Senior Year Grades and College Admissions

Many students mistakenly believe that preparing for college ends after the 11th grade or the first semester of senior year. However, senior year— the ENTIRE senior year— is actually of particular interest to colleges. We have had several requests, already for 7th semester grades for students who have been waitlisted and for students who have already been admitted to their choice school.

Applying

Many college applications require you to list your senior courses, including information about course levels and credit hours. It will be obvious to admission officers if you have decided to take the year off. As part of the application process, many colleges include a mid-year grade report form. Your counselor completes this form with first semester grades and sends it to the colleges to which you have applied. It then becomes a crucial part of your application.

If You Are Accepted

Often, college acceptance letters include warnings to students such as “your admission is contingent on your continued successful performance.” This means colleges reserve the right to withdraw your offer of admission should your senior year grades drop. Colleges ask high schools to send them the final, year-end transcripts of the students they have accepted. Again, a senior slump will be obvious.

Staying Focused Your Senior Year

Senior year is your opportunity to strengthen your skills and broaden your experience, in school and out, to prepare for all the challenges ahead. A successful senior year can help you on the path to a successful future.

Maintaining a Challenging Course Load

To gear up for college, take the most rigorous courses available, and be sure to continue taking college-track subjects. Colleges check your transcripts not only to make sure that you have maintained your grades but also to see if you have dropped any classes your senior year. They want to make sure that there have not been any major changes to your academic program.

Stay Active and Involved

Your continued involvement in activities, sports and volunteer work helps you stay active and focused throughout your final year. A great internship or career-focused job opportunity may motivate you to start considering your career options. Meaningful and significant experiences help prepare you to make informed decisions about your education and career goals.

Try Out College Early

If you are interested in pursuing a subject further, and have excelled at your high school classes so far, consider taking a

class at a local college. This challenge can help you avoid sliding into an academic slump, and stimulate your interest in the possibilities of college. Talk to your counselor about getting this started!

FUTURE SPECS HOWARD STUDENTS

Specs Howard School of Media Arts will be awarding three full scholarships and nine partial scholarships to high school seniors in 2014. To enter to participate you must attend one of three testing dates and select your program of choice: Radio, Video and Film, Graphic Design, or Digital Media Arts. ***For more information and to register by phone, call 866-61-SPECS.***



IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES!!

Phillips Exeter Academy Summer School

July 6—August 9, 2014

Each year, Phillips Exeter Academy welcomes to campus some 700 students for five weeks of academic study, athletics, and exploration that carry participants far beyond the classrooms and the playing fields. For more information, visit www.exeter.edu/summer

Washington University in St. Louis

Experience Washington University the summer after your sophomore year!

High School Summer Scholars Program (5 weeks, college credit)

- * Enroll in two college courses for credit, transferable to most accredited universities.
- * Develop academic skills through specialized seminars to give you a heads start toward your college career.
- * Live in residence hall and enjoy social and cultural opportunities with other scholars from around the world.

High School Summer Institutes (3 weeks, noncredit)

- * Explore an area of interest under the guidance of Washington University instructors.
- * Live on campus and gain valuable academic experience.
- * Choose from one of three institutes: Writing Institute, Pre-Medical Institute, Photojournalism.

For more information and application materials, visit www.summerexperiences.wustl.edu

ATTENTION SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS

JUMP-START YOUR COLLEGE PLANNING

Ready, Set...

Have you started your college planning yet? It's amazing, but decisions you make early have a huge effect on your college career. They affect how soon you'll go to college, what type of college you'll attend and even whether you'll go to college at all.

Get Involved

Getting ready for college isn't all work. Find something you really like doing, then dive into it. Maybe you're drawn to sports, student council, music, art, etc. You'll develop skills and show colleges your ability to make a commitment and stick with it.

Take Challenging Courses

Colleges do look at your grades, but they also pay attention to how difficult your courses are. They want to see that you've challenged yourself. Plus, if you pursue advanced courses, such as AP®, you may be able to get college credit.

Get Help

Having trouble in a class? Eisenhower has peer tutors, students in NHS who'll help you (for free). Talk to teachers or counselors—let them know you want extra help. Go to Math Help on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Read

Read at least 30 minutes every day, beyond study and homework. People who read more know more. And when you take the ACT and/or the PSAT/NMSQT® and SAT® tests, the time you put into reading will really pay off.

Get the College-Bound Facts

How can you find out about college admissions, work, and campus life? Ask someone who's done it, such as college students who went to your high school. Get to know your counselors. Ask a career planner at a local college, or a teacher. Do Web research.

Involve Your Family

When parents or guardians haven't been to college themselves, they may think they can't help you. That's not true. They can talk to counselors and help you stay on the right path.

Look for a Mentor

Look for adults who can lend their enthusiasm and help you succeed at your goals. If you're interested in a particular subject or activity talk to a teacher or leader who knows about it. Find a counselor or teacher you trust to talk about your goals.

Confront Personal Roadblocks

If you have a problem that's getting in the way of schoolwork, don't ignore it. Talk to your friends, family, or another adult—

parent, coach, pastor, counselor—who may be able to offer advice or help.

Roll Up Your Sleeves

If you expect to go to college later, expect to study now. No one can do it for you. Don't talk the college talk—"I'll go to college to get a great career"—without walking the walk.

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FAFSA (FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID WORKSHOPS)



Target Audience: high school seniors and individuals planning to attend college Fall 2014

Dates: Select Mondays in January and February 2014

Location: Anton/Frankel Center, 20 South Main St., Mt. Clemens, MI 48043

Description: FAFSA Workshops are designed for high school seniors and transfer students who would like assistance filing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). By selecting an appointment time, students and their parent(s) will have the opportunity to fill out their FAFSA with professional assistance from Oakland University Student Financial Services staff. Students and their parents will need to bring some supporting materials, including FAFSA PIN number, each for student and parent. For a checklist of what to bring, visit oakland.edu/FAFSAworshopchecklist. Reservations are required.

RSVP: oakland.edu/visit or call (248) 370-3910

ARE YOU READY FOR COLLEGE?

Target Audience: high school freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors

December 7th: Oakland University Anton/Frankel Center, 20 South Main St., Mt. Clemens 9 - 11:30 a.m.

High school students and their family members are invited to find out how they can prepare for college. Admissions and FINANCIAL AID EXPERTS WILL DISCUSS THE COLLEGE SELECTION PROCESS, TRANSITIONING FROM HIGH SCHOOL TO COLLEGE, AND FINANCING A UNIVERSITY EDUCATION. RSVP AT WWW.OAKLAND.EDU/MACOMB

COLLEGE INFORMATION



ANNOUNCING INCREASED MERIT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS FOR TALENTED BUCKEYES FROM OUT OF STATE

National Buckeye for nonresidents: \$12,000/year

Maximus Scholarship: \$3,500/year (\$13,500 with National Buckeye)

Provost Scholarship: \$3,000/year (\$13,000 with National Buckeye)

Trustees Scholarship: \$1,800/year (\$11,800 with National Buckeye)

- * Read more about these scholarships, including criteria, at sfa.osu.edu

SAVE THE DATE! M DAYS AT MADONNA



Madonna majors, minors, mission and more!

Saturday, February 22, 2014 10 a.m.—2 p.m..

Madonna ACT Free Test Prep

Saturday, December 7, 2013 9-11:30a.m.

Monday, January 20, 2014 9 –11:30 a.m.

Gain ACT test tips and strategies in this free workshop. Increase your understanding of ACT test scoring. RSVP at Madonna.edu/visit

CHANGES IN OU FRESHMAN MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM!

Eligibility for Freshman scholarships will be based on ACT scores and GPA through February 2014. **The scores a student applies with are the scores used for scholarship determination. If you are retaking the ACT, wait to apply.** Students will receive award letter by April 1, 2014. For more information, please view the Fall 2014 Freshman Academic Merit Scholarship sheet [@Oakland.edu/payingforcollege](http://Oakland.edu/payingforcollege)

DIVISION I AND II CHANGES—OVERVIEW



NCAA Eligibility Center would like to let you know about new and upcoming rule changes that impact the classes of 2016 and beyond.

Core Courses

- **NCAA Divisions I and II require 16 core courses.** See the charts below.
- **Beginning August 1, 2016, NCAA Division I will require 10 core courses** to be completed **prior to the seventh semester** (seven of the 10 must be a combination of English, math or natural or physical science that meet the distribution requirements below). These 10 courses become "locked in" at the start of the seventh semester and cannot be retaken for grade improvement.
- Beginning August 1, 2016, it will be possible for a Division I college-bound student-athlete to still receive athlet-

ics aid and the ability to practice with the team if he or she fails to meet the 10 course requirement, but would not be able to compete.

Test Scores

- **Division I** uses a sliding scale to match test scores and core grade-point averages (GPA). See ncaa.org for details.
- **Division II** requires a minimum SAT score of 820 or an ACT sum score of 68.
- The SAT score used for NCAA purposes includes **only** the critical reading and math sections. The writing section of the SAT is not used.
- The ACT score used for NCAA purposes is a **sum** of the following four sections: English, mathematics, reading and science.
- **When you register for the SAT or ACT, use the NCAA Eligibility Center code of 9999 to ensure all SAT and ACT scores are reported directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center from the testing agency.** **Test scores that appear on transcripts will not be used.**

COLLEGE OF CREATIVE STUDIES



Visit CCS and choose your own method of exploring what college has to offer you. Take a campus tour, meet with faculty one-on-one, visit with your admissions counselor, attend a financial aid session to learn how affordable CCS can be and more.

Choose one or attend all!!

Saturday, February 1, 2014 9 a.m.—2 p.m.

Saturday, March 22, 2014 9 a.m.—2 p.m.

Saturday, May 29, 2014 9 a.m.—2 p.m.

To receive event information, agenda times, a campus map and directions, or to RSVP, go to www.collegeforcreativestudies.edu/admissions/visit-us/information-sessions, call 313-664-7427 or email senright@collegeforcreativestudies.edu

Go BLUE FRIDAYS: U OF M DEARBORN

Join U of M Dearborn for campus tours, a special presentation and lunch. This is a great opportunity to find out about degree programs, scholarships, financial aid, and the admission process.

PROGRAM: 10 AM—12 PM

Dates available January 2014 through July 2014

SATURDAYS AT THE VALLEY! JANUARY 25, 2014



Get information about financial aid and scholarships. Learn all about SVSU athletics, housing, campus life, and clubs and organizations! Take a campus and housing tour! Register your visit at svsu.edu/visit or call 989-964-4200.



Aquinas College is now offering 11 online general education courses for the Spring 2014 semester! This

is a great option for your students who may wish to dual-enroll at Aquinas, even if you're not in the local area. Most of these credits should easily transfer to other institutions. Tuition for dual-enrollment students is half of the current per credit hour tuition rate.

To see the online courses offered, click here: <http://www.aquinas.edu/online/pdf/spring2014.pdf>

For Dual-Enrollment requirements, click here: http://www.aquinas.edu/undergraduate/dual_enrollment.html

**Are you ready
for college?**

DECEMBER 7 EVENT GATHERS EXPERTS IN MOUNT CLEMENS TO HELP.

Oakland University invites **high school students and their families** to our Anton/Frankel Center in Mount Clemens for a college readiness event on **Saturday, December 7**. Attendees will learn everything they need to prepare for college, including:

- The college admission process
- How to pay for college
- ACT and college entrance essay pointers
- Tips on making a successful transition from high school to college
- How parents can get ready
- And much more



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With more than **25 degree programs offered** in our three **Mount Clemens and Clinton Township** locations, Oakland University is committed to increasing access to a bachelor's or master's degree where you live and work. Learn more at oakland.edu/macomb, or call us at (844) 370-2910 or toll free at (866) 822-6000.



Preview Day for Sophomores and Juniors at BGSU!

Saturday, December 7, 2013: visit www.bgsu.edu for more information and to make a reservation.

BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY DEADLINES:

December 1: Application and credential deadline for full-fee scholarship competition

January 15: Application and credential deadline for freshman scholarship consideration

IMPORTANT DATES:

March 3 - April 11, 2014		World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA)
March 4—6, 2014		ACT/MME Testing
March 17—April 4, 2014		Senior Speech Sign Up—Main Office
March 18—20, 2013		ACT/MME Make Up Testing
April 16, 2014	1:00 p.m.	Senior Speech Contest—Main Office Conference Room
April 28, 2014		Prom Guest Applications available—Main Office
April 29—30, 2014	7:00 p.m.	MANDATORY Parent/Student Meeting—Auditorium
May 5—15, 2014		Advanced Placement Exams
May 6, 2014	2:30 p.m.	Prom Ticket Sales—Main Office
May 8, 2014	7:00 p.m.	Senior Honor's Night (Invitation Only) - Auditorium
May 12—16, 2014	Lunch Hours	Prom ticket Sales
May 16, 2014		Last Day to Purchase Prom Tickets
May 19—22, 2014		Senior Week
TBD		Seniors Final Exams
TBD		Senior Last Day/Senior Picnic
June 3, 2014	9:00 a.m.	Senior Cap & Gown Pick Up—Auditorium
June 5, 2014	6:30 p.m.—11:00 p.m.	Senior Prom at Palazzo Grande
June 6, 2014	7:00 p.m.	UHS Baccalaureate—Auditorium
June 7, 2014	4:00 p.m.	Graduation Ceremony—Palace of Auburn Hills
June 7, 2014		Senior All-Night Party

***Senior All-Night Party Update***

The Senior All-Night Party (SANP) will take place on the night of graduation June 7, 2014.

The winners of the candy vases and lottery tickets raffles are....

Reese's- Tania Moen
Butterfinger's- Samantha Wiles
Hershey's- Peggy Jeffrey
Candy Jar, Sours- Mrs. Hilliard

Thank you to all!

Reese's- Blair O'Connor
Kit Kat- Cole Family
Twix- Deb Rickert
Candy Jar, Gum- Blair O'Connor

Snicker's (both)- Nancy Vitale
M & M's- Craig Vamvas
Candy Jar, Sixlets- Mr. Vigus
\$100 worth of Lottery Tickets- Rose Russo

The SANP committee will be selling SANP tickets Friday, December 13th, during all lunch hours. Tickets are \$65.00, after the holiday break tickets will be \$70.00. "Proud of Our 2014 Graduate" yard signs are available for \$14.00, please e-mail the SANP committee if you are interested at uhsanp2014@yahoo.com.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, December 3, 2013, 6:00 p.m., room #155. Hope to see you there.



Senior Photo Information

All seniors are encouraged to be photographed at Prestige, Utica's official senior class photographer.

- If you are not photographed by Prestige, you will not be included in the Senior Class Composite and will not receive a copy.
- Seniors who are photographed at Prestige do not have to turn in their photographs to be included in the Warrior yearbook; the photos are sent directly to the yearbook staff.
- If you choose to be photographed by another studio, you must hand-deliver a digital image to the yearbook adviser by December 6, 2013. Do not trust your studio to do this!

PLEASE NOTE THAT PHOTOS MUST BE TAKEN BY A PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER, WITH THE BACKGROUND DESCRIBED BELOW, OR IT WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED IN THE YEARBOOK. STUDENTS MAY NOT SUBMIT PHOTOS TAKEN THEMSELVES/PHOTOSHOPPED.

Portrait Specifications

1. The head size (measured from top of hair to chin) should be no more than 1/3 of the vertical measurement of the file. For instance, in a printed 2" x 3", the head cannot be larger than 1 inch in size.
2. Standard light blue-grey yearbook background, plain. No other colors allowed.
3. No double exposures, multiples, over-the-shoulder, or group shots with animals and other objects. Photos must be straight forward without angled shoulders.
4. No cap and gown portraits; no hats, T-shirts, drapes, bare shoulders, spaghetti straps, sleeveless or low-cut tops.
5. No backlighting.

Digital Specifications

1. Digital images are required; prints will not be accepted.
2. Submit images on CD files, clearly labeled with student name.
3. Images can be either jpg or .tiff files.
4. Images must be set at a minimum of 300 dpi.

Important Notes:

- Remember that if you are not photographed at Prestige, you will not appear in the Senior Class Composite and will not receive a complimentary copy.
- If you do not turn in a digital copy of your senior picture, if the photo does not meet the specifications above, or if you fail to meet the December 6 deadline, you will not be included in the yearbook.
- Seniors' student ID photos *may* be used in the yearbook if we do not have a senior portrait.
- Remember that studios take up to a month to process your photograph, so schedule a sitting accordingly.

Prestige Portraits

Utica High School's Official Senior Class Photographer
Shelby Township Studio
46855 Hayes Road
Shelby Township, MI 48315
(586) 532-9300

**2013–2014 UCS & UTICA HIGH SCHOOL**

December 2, 2013		Classes Resume
December 4, 2013	7:00 p.m.	Choir Concert—Auditorium
December 9, 2013	9:30 a.m.	Sounding Board Meeting—Main Office
December 23—January 1, 2014		No School—Holiday Break
January 2, 2014		Classes Resume
January 13, 2014	9:30 a.m.	Sounding Board Meeting—Main Office
January 15—January 17, 2014	7:22—10:22 a.m.	Early Dismissal—Mid-Year Exams, End of Semester
January 20, 2014		No School—Martin Luther King Day
February 10, 2014	7:00 p.m.	Sounding Board Meeting—Main Office
February 10 - March 14, 2014		Mi Access 11th Grade Only
February 17—February 21, 2014		No School—Mid-Winter Break
February 24, 2014		Classes Resume
March 3 - April 11, 2014		World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA)
March 4—March 6, 2014		ACT/MME Testing
March 10, 2014	9:30 a.m.	Sounding Board Meeting—Main Office
March 13, 2013	5:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.	Parent/Teacher Conferences
March 17—April 4, 2014		Senior Speech Sign Up—Main Office
March 18—March 20, 2013		ACT/MME Make Up Testing
March 20, 2013	7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.	Career Expo—Eisenhower
March 28, 2014		End of Marking Period
April 7—April 11, 2014		No School—Spring Break
April 14, 2014	9:30 a.m.	Sounding Board Meeting—Main Office
April 16, 2014	1:00 p.m.	Senior Speech Contest—Main Office Conference Room
April 18, 2014		No School—Good Friday
April 29—April 30, 2014	7:00 p.m.	MANDATORY Parent/Student Meeting—Auditorium
May 5—May 15, 2014		Advanced Placement Exams
May 8, 2014	7:00 p.m.	Senior Honor's Night (Invitation Only) - Auditorium
May 12, 2014	11:30 a.m.	Sounding Board Luncheon
May 23—May 26, 2014		No School—Memorial Day Weekend
May 27, 2014		Classes Resume
TBD		Seniors Final Exams
TBD		Senior Last Day/Senior Picnic
June 3, 2014	9:00 a.m.	Senior Cap & Gown Pick Up—Auditorium
June 5, 2014	6:30 p.m.—11:00 p.m.	Senior Prom—Palazzo Grande
June 6, 2014	7:00 p.m.	UHS Baccalaureate—Auditorium
June 7, 2014	4:00 p.m.	Graduation Ceremony—Palace of Auburn Hills
June 7, 2014		Senior All-Night Party
June 3, 2014	7:45 a.m.	Department Recognition Awards Breakfast
June 9, 2014	9:30 a.m.	Sounding Board Meeting—Main Office
June 11—June 13, 2014	10:22 a.m.	Early Dismissal—Exams
June 13, 2014	10:22 a.m.	Early Dismissal—Last Day

GO CHIEFTAINS

About the Cover

After a last-minute win, the senior girls celebrate their powderpuff victory. “Knowing we beat the juniors was the best feeling,” senior Ivana Marceta said, “even though they put up a hard fight, I was glad we won.” At half time, the juniors had the lead with a score of 14-8, but with just over a minute left in the fourth quarter, the seniors pulled ahead to win the game with a final score of 24-22.

National Honor Society News

The Formal Initiation Ceremony for the Florence Burk Chapter of the National Honor Society will be held on December 5, 2013. The chapter will initiate 71 new members. Congratulations.

This December, the National Honor Society has adopted a local family for the holiday season and are participating in the Toys for Tots drive at UHS. We are also donating money to Cystic Fibrosis. Volunteers have been helping with tutoring in our area as well as mentoring at local elementary schools. Good Job, NHS!

The NHS meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 6:45 a.m. in the ECC room. The next scheduled meeting is on December 10, 2013. The Executive Board meets the first Tuesday of each month in room 234 at 6:45 a.m. Our next meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2013.

Check out the NHS website at www.uticanhs.weebly.com. All of the NHS meeting dates are posted, as well as any information members need to keep up. Service hours and tutoring opportunities are also posted.

If you or someone you know has opportunities for us to help. Please let Linda Kammann know at Linda.Kammann@UticaK12.org. We would love to help.



Members of Hispanic Honor Society went to the Detroit Institute of Arts and then Mexican Town to experience Día de los Muertos.

Military Moms of Michigan

This is an organization that supports the military overseas who have ties to Michigan. We are collecting soup labels and coupons for them.

We are collecting labels from the Campbell's corporation. All labels will be sent to the Veterans' Administration Hospital for Children in Grand Rapids. The hospital can turn these labels in for cash to purchase equipment and educational games and toys for the hospital.

The coupons, both current and expired, are distributed to military bases around the world where they can be used in the base stores. The manufacturers will honor them for up to six months after the expiration date.

MMOMs are looking for donations of all types to mail to the Marines overseas. Please visit the website: www.jocokyroots.com/OCFriends.htm to see what the military personnel have requested.

Coupons, soup labels and donations can be delivered to room 234.



Please continue to collect items for Ronald McDonald House:

Metal can tops and box tops can be dropped off to Dr. Dabrowski, in Room 229.

Chief Connection

Students and parents, the Chief Connection has all-new Chieftain apparel, sweatpants and accessories! Stop by and shop for activities, sports games or to update that wardrobe!



Store Hours: 10:20 a.m.-12:00 noon, or by appointment.

Phone: 797-2411

Dana Boice—Director, School Store

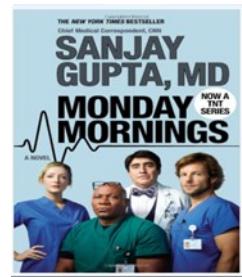
Fully stocked with new Under Armour, Nike, Jansport and Gear clothing and accessories.

Book Club

Tuesday, December 10, 2013, 7:00 p.m.
Join us at Barnes & Noble on Hall Rd & Hayes

MONDAY MORNINGS by Sanjay Gupta

Every time surgeons operate, they're betting their skills are better than the brain tumor, the faulty heart valve, the fractured femur. Sometimes, they're wrong. At Chelsea General, surgeons answer for bad outcomes at the Morbidity and Mortality conference, known as M & M. This extraordinary peek behind the curtain into what is considered the most secretive meeting in all of medicine is the back drop for the entire book. *Monday Mornings*, follows the lives of five surgeons at Chelsea General as they push the limits of their abilities and confront their personal and professional failings, often in front of their peers at M & M. It is on Monday mornings that reflection and introspection occurs, usually in private.



UCS school lunch rooms are serving up important menu changes as a result of new federal regulations.

The changes will create healthier menu items for our students by requiring larger portions of fruits and vegetables. In addition, our lunches will feature more whole grains, along with lower sodium content.

The new federal law also mandates that every school district adjust its meal prices to ensure the overall rate is comparable with federal reimbursement rates. As a result, the new requirements mandate an increase in lunch prices for all Utica Community Schools. **Student lunch prices for the 2013 - 2014 school year will be \$ 2.50 for elementary, \$2.75 for junior high and \$ 2.80 for high school. Breakfast served at Utica High School from 6:50am to 7:15am will remain at \$1.40.**

Food Service staff members are ready to continue their partnership with parents to make sure our students are well-nourished and ready to learn.

Start the day right – come join us for breakfast!

A nutritious breakfast is available for students when they arrive at school each morning. The cost is \$1.40, milk included. For students with an approved free or reduced price application on file, the price is 30 cents or free. A variety of food choices are offered. Milk alone is .45 cents. We look forward to serving our students the most important meal of the day!

DEPOSITING LUNCH MONEY INTO YOUR CHILD'S ACCOUNT:

Parents can go to www.sendmoneytoschool.com to pre-pay for their student's lunch meals, and never worry about lost money again! Click on "create a new account." The district offers special discounts if you pay in advance.

FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATIONS:

Parents who think they might qualify for Free and Reduced Lunch can go to the main office or, for your convenience, can go to www.lunchapp.com and fill out the application online. Notification of benefits is faster using the online service.

If you have already signed up on www.lunchdeposit.com, your username and password will not change. Visit the district website at www.uticak12.org, or contact the Food Service Department at 586-797-1185 for questions.

Please keep in mind that if your student qualifies for free and reduced lunch, he or she will also qualify for reduced costs on specific national exams.

Parking at Utica High School

Please keep a watchful eye for students crossing the streets and making their way into the building from the student parking lots. Also, use caution as students use the cross-walk on Shelby Road.

Please DO NOT park on Shelby Road, either before or after school. The Shelby Township Police will issue tickets to those parked on Shelby Road.

Also, unless you have a permit from the State of Michigan licensing bureau, DO NOT park in spots reserved for the physically challenged. They are monitored daily by the Shelby Township police.

Remember, the speed limit in all parking lots is **10 mph**. Feel free to wait for your student at the end of the school day in the Wiley Elementary parking lot.

Parents:

For access to your student's grades, absences, etc., please don't forget to pick up your student's

**Power School log-on.**

See Ms. Killius in the counseling office, and have your ID available in order to receive it.

Reporting an absence?

Please call the Attendance Office

Early Dismissal: 586-797-2471

Late Arrival: 586-797-2472

All Day: 586.797.2473

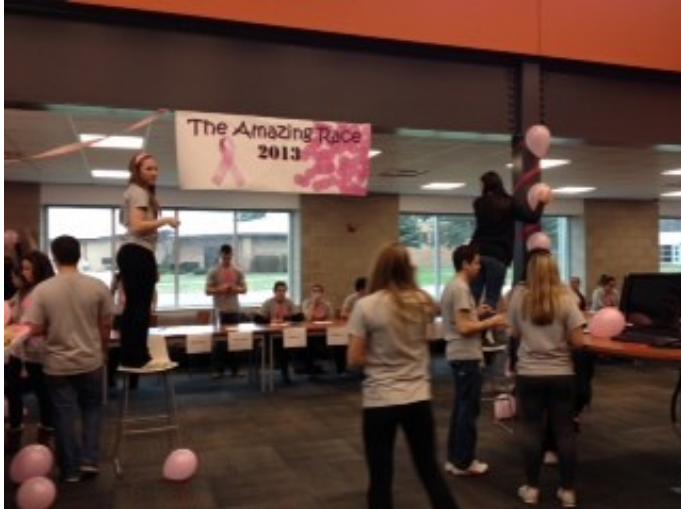
Attention Parents: New e-mail system to keep parents informed!

We are pleased to announce a new e-mail system that will allow us to regularly send **important school notices and newsletters from the Board Office directly to you.**

To register for these updates, please **log on to your PowerSchool account and sign up** under the "E-Mail Notifications" tab. Our goal is to have 100 percent of our parents enrolled in this system so that we can keep you better informed and reduce the use of paper in our school. Your help with this effort is greatly appreciated!



Notes from Student Council...Kimberly Hodsdon



On Thursday, November, 21st, during third hour, the students and staff of Utica High School raised \$4,825 to be donated to the Susan G Komen Foundation. The students at Utica High were great participants, with the help of the student council, who helped put on this fundraiser. Taking third place, winning a candy and pop party, was Mrs. Bronski's class. Coming in second place, winning a pizza party, was Mr. Kraemer's class. Placing first overall and receiving lunch at Da Fransesco's Restaurant was Ms. Kevonian's class.

From your School Social Worker Mary Ellen Bross



Family Connection

To provide children and families living under stressful conditions, the skills and support they need to overcome adversity, stay in school, and stay free of drugs, violence and crime.

Free Program and Dinner

Family Dinner
6:00 p.m. -6:30 p.m.

Group
6:30 PM – 8:00 p.m.

*For families with children
preschool through
high school.*



MEETING DATES: November 19, December 10, January 21, 2014, February 18, March 18, April 15, & May 20

LOCATION: Sacred Heart Catholic Church
18430 Utica Rd., Roseville, MI, 48066

— No Cost to Attend —

CONTACT: Lynda Zott, Community Organizer and Student Assistance
(586) 218-5271 or lzott@careofsem.com

REGISTER: WWW.CAREOFSEM.COM or 586.541.2273



Federal, state, and local funding have been provided through Macomb County Community Mental Health/Office of Substance Abuse and other sources to support project costs. Recipients of substance use services have rights protected by state and federal law and promulgated rules. For information, contact CARE of Southeastern Michigan Recipient Advisor, 31900 Utica Road, Fraser, MI 48026, PH: 586.541.2273 or State Recipient Rights Coordinator, P.O. Box 30664, Lansing, Michigan.

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR...Jim VigusAthletic Boosters website: www.uhsathleticboosters.netUtica High Athletic Booster Club Meetings: December 2nd, 7:00 p.m., ECC Room.
January 6th, 7:00 p.m., ECC Room.**\$10,000 Dollar Reverse Raffle:**

Thursday, February 6, 2014, 7:00 p.m. See Jim Vigus, Kim Thompson or any booster club member for a ticket.

Remember:

All athletes must have a physical on file to participate in a sport. The physical must be dated April 15, 2013, or later to be valid.

Winter Varsity Coaches:

Ice Hockey	Matt Burke
Girls' Basketball	Tom McDonald
Competitive Cheer	Michelle Delektta
Boys' Basketball	Gerry Kraemer
Boys' & Girls' Bowling	Ron Young
Wrestling	Clint Davis

December Home Sporting Events:

Boys' Varsity Basketball:	12-11	Dakota, 7:00 p.m.
	12-17	Fitzgerald, 7:00 p.m.
	12-18	Grosse Pointe South, 7:00 p.m.
	12-20	East Detroit, 7:00 p.m.
Boys' JV Basketball:	12-11	Dakota, 4:00 p.m.
	12-17	Fitzgerald, 5:30 p.m.
	12-18	Grosse Pointe South, 5:30 p.m.
	12-20	East Detroit, 4:00 p.m.
Boys' Freshmen Basketball:	12-11	Dakota, 6:00 p.m.
	12-18	Grosse Pointe South, 6:00 p.m.
Girls' Varsity Basketball:	12-3	Adams, 7:00 p.m.
	12-9	Stony Creek, 7:00 p.m.
	12-11	Dakota, 5:30 p.m.
	12-20	L'Anse Creuse, 5:30 p.m., Main Gym
Girls' JV Basketball:	12-3	Adams, 5:30 p.m.
	12-9	Stony Creek, 5:30 p.m.
	12-12	Dakota, 7:00 p.m.
	12-20	L'Anse Creuse, 6:30 p.m., North Auxiliary Gym
Girls' Freshmen Basketball:	12-3	Adams, 6:00 p.m., North Auxiliary Gym
	12-9	Stony Creek, 6:00 p.m., North Auxiliary Gym
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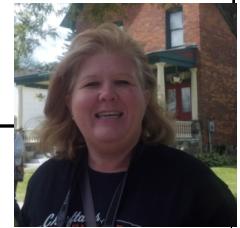
Displaying Good Sportsmanship

The Athletic Association has set rules as to how players are to behave during a competition. There are also rules and guidelines outlined as to how spectators should conduct themselves. Of course, spectators are present to motivate and cheer the team to victory. However, spectators/fans are not allowed to make taunting or offensive statements directed towards the players, game officials or the opponent's spectators. Utica High School has consistently received praise and accolades from local, state and national organizations for displaying good sportsmanship (representatives from many athletic organizations attend our games). It is important that we stay focused on "cheering our team to victory" during a competition. In recent reports regarding sportsmanship at UHS, officials have called our students "classy kids," and made the following comments: "UHS athletes compete at a high level," and "Coaches, players and fans are all a class act." Our expectation is that you continue the tradition of displaying good sportsmanship at athletic events.



Band and Orchestra Happenings

BAND AND ORCHESTRA BOOSTER NEWS
Mary Biernaczonek – UHS Band & Orchestra Publicity Officer



www.uticabands.org

**Next Booster Meeting: January 21, 2014
 7:00 p.m. – Band Room**

YOU'RE INVITED!

General Membership Meetings:

3rd Tuesday of each month @ 7:00 p.m. in the Band Room (unless otherwise noted.)
 January 21st, February 11th (changed because of Winter Break), March 18th,
 April 15th, May 20th, and June 17th.



2013 Crisler Concert: Trevor Macks, Stephen Campbell(UHS Alum),
 Conner Campbell and Tristan Swick

CRISLER CONCERT AT U OF M!

Congratulations go out to three members of the UHS Marching Band, Trevor Macks (Clairnet), Conner Campbell (Drum Major-Trombone) and Tristan Swick (Junior –Tuba), for their participation in the 33th Annual Crisler Marching Band Concert at the University of Michigan on Sunday, November 17th, 2013. There were 365 students representing 82 high schools from throughout Michigan and they had the opportunity to play three songs with the University of Michigan Marching Band. Our students also had the chance to talk with Stephen Campbell (Class 2011) Utica High School alumni about their involvement and experiences with the University of Michigan Marching Band.

DECEMBER EVENTS

- December 1 City of Utica Tree Lighting, report @ 5:45 p.m.
- December 6 Citrus Pick-Up in the Band Room, 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- December 11 Holiday Concert 7:00 p.m., report time TBA
- December 13 Lock in at Utica, time TBA

UTICA TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

This annual event will be on Sunday, December 1st at 6:00 p.m. behind the Utica Police Station on Auburn Road in Downtown Utica. Mr. Sauer will advise if this is a voluntary or mandatory attended event. Come out and enjoy some great music and singing!

WINTER INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CONCERT

Kick off the season on a high note by marking your calendar for Wednesday, December 11th when the Chieftain musicians present their annual winter holiday concert. Student report time is TBA. The entertainment begins at 7:00 p.m. in the UHS Harper Auditorium and it's free. Don't miss this exciting start to the holiday season! Following the concert



Band and Orchestra Happenings

will be a short afterglow with refreshments and snacks. We are asking parents to please bring a dessert/goodie for the afterglow.

FUNDRAISERS

Meijer Community Rewards

Shop at Meijer and help the band boosters earn money! **There is no cost to participate.** You can find applications in the band room or apply online at www.meijer.com/mcrorgs. The UHS Band Code for Meijer is **297542**. If there are any questions, contact Tina Kasic (248) 321-9893 or kmkaskic@gmail.com

Kroger Community Rewards

This is the easiest fundraiser ever! Register your Kroger Plus Card and every time you shop, the Boosters start earning a rebate! **Important Notice:** The current Kroger "year" ended on April 30. To continue earning rewards, everyone must re-sign up for Kroger Community Rewards immediately if you have not already done so. You must sign up again in April to continue earning rewards during the coming year, May 1, 2013, to April 30, 2014. It's easy for you to enroll or re-enroll in Kroger Community Rewards. Visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com click on "Michigan" and click on "Enroll" or "Re-enroll" All participants must have a valid online account at Kroger.com and must sign up online to participate. **Organization members can no longer scan their group's barcode at the registers or service desk.** Our organization is listed under "**Utica High School Band and Orchestra Boosters**" and our organization number is **82739**. Questions? Contact Tina Kasic (248) 321- 9893 or kmkasic@gmail.com

UPDATES

Pertinent information regarding practices, parades, fundraisers, etc., can be found on the UCS TV Channels: Channel 15, Wide Open West and Channel 22 & 903, Comcast. Also reference our website directly at www.uticabands.org or from the Utica High School main www.uticahigh.org and choose **UHS Band** under "**QUICK LINKS**."

FACEBOOK

Utica High School Band or from the Boosters' website under "Quick Links" Utica Band Facebook.

BAND STORE

Please visit our website at www.uticabands.org under Quick Links. We have many items that would make GREAT Christmas presents. Afghans are back and updated with a new picture of Utica High School!



Front

\$15 each

**Utica High
School
Band
Fundraiser**



Back

\$20 each

Have a Seat!!!



Available at sporting events or
to order a seat contact:
Laura Kerr
(586) 876-2448
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Band and Orchestra Happenings

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"The Perfect Gift for the Holidays, Birthdays & Graduation"



COST OF AFGHAN - \$40

(Approximate size is 48" x 66")

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For additional information, or to submit an order (with payment), please contact:

Laura Kerr
(586) 932-6781
47366 Nita Drive
Shelby Twp., MI 48317
kerrclad@wowway.com

UTICA CHIEFTAINS BAND & ORCHESTRA NIGHT

**THE UTICA HIGH SCHOOL
BAND & ORCHESTRA PROGRAM**

Tampa Bay Lightning v. Detroit Red Wings
Sunday, March 30th 5:00PM

Special ticket packages available during the Utica Chieftains Band & Orchestra Night at the Joe!

The Detroit Red Wings are pleased to extend all Utica Band members, friends, family and supporters a special discount for a game this March! \$10.00 From **EVERY** ticket purchased through the Utica High Band Booster Club will go directly back to the band program!

Ticket Prices:

\$45 – Upper Level, Defensive Endzone, Rows 11-21

** The band has reserved a block of tickets for all members and supporters to sit together!**

Order your tickets today!

Contact:

Cyndi Freeman
(586)484-4470



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Fax Number: 586-797-2201

Ms. Janet Jones, Principal,

Email: Janet.Jones@uticak12.org

Utica High Home Page:

<http://uhs.uticak12.org>

UCS District website:

www.uticak12.org



DATES TO REMEMBER

December 2	Classes Resume
December 4	Choir Concert, Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
December 9	Sounding Board Meeting, Main Office, 9:30 a.m.
December 10	Book Club, Barnes & Noble, 7:00 p.m.
Dec 23—Jan 1	No School—Holiday Break
January 2	Classes Resume
January 13	Sounding Board Meeting, Main Office, 9:30 a.m.
January 15—17	Early Dismissal—Mid-Year Exams, End of Semester
January 20	No School—Martin Luther King Day
January 21	Second Semester Begins



**Season Greetings from the staff & students
at Utica High School**

Nondiscrimination in Education

In compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act and the Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act, 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. Any person suspecting a discriminatory practice should contact the Executive Director of Human Resources at Utica Community Schools, 11303 Greendale, Sterling Heights, MI 48312 or call (586) 797-1000.