

Chief Connection

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From the Principal's Desk



Spring weather is coming—I guarantee it! We were happy to converse with our parents at spring conferences in March; there were a total of 1,370 conferences held. We are pleased that parents recognize the importance of making a personal connection with teachers, counselors and administrators.

Spring Break

Students and parents are getting ready for spring break vacation, which means seniors will be touring the United States, as well as other countries. Please read information provided by our security officer, *Mr. Henry Piechowski* on page 24. This information will assist you in having a safe trip. We suggest that parent representatives travel along with student groups to ensure their safety.

Class of 2014 Valedictorians and Salutatorians

Throughout their high school years, these young people have maintained a high grade point average while establishing themselves as leaders in their school and in their community. They will be attending some of the top colleges and universities in the United States. We are certain that these students will assume leadership roles as they move into their various careers. Congratulations to “the brightest and best” in the Class of 2014.

The 2014 Valedictorians are

Evan Agattas (University of Michigan), *Conner Campbell* (University of Michigan), *Brooke Halliwill* (Undecided), *Stephanie Grates* (University of Alabama), *Justin Ursaki* (University of Michigan or Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology), *Lydia Essenmacher* (University of Michigan), *Andrew Dillon* (University of Michigan), *Elena Simopoulos* (University of Michigan), *Sean Gitter* (Hope College), *Amanda Shea* (Oakland University), *Emily Shaw* (Central Michigan University), *Jessica Ezell* (University of Michigan), *Lauren Lavelle* (Saginaw Valley University), *Richard Stefanovich* (Michigan State University), *Kelly Vermandere* (University of Michigan), *Jenna Hayes* (University of Michigan), *Rachel Woelkers* (Michigan State University), *Libin Vaidyan* (Wayne State University), *Stephanie Jarzombek* (Wayne State University), *Hannah Yacoub* (Michigan State University), *Devin Aebi* (University of Michigan or Michigan State University) and *Michael Bailey* (Kettering University).

The 2014 Salutatorians are *Savannah Habba* (Oakland University), *Kerima Musanovic* (Michigan State University) and *Andrew Venturini* (University of Michigan).

MAC Honorees

The Macomb Area Conference (MAC) and the Macomb Daily Newspaper will recognize three UHS seniors for being high academic achievers throughout their high school years. They have been invited to attend a banquet, along with their

parents at Villa Penna on Wednesday, April 30th to celebrate their accomplishments and receive a plaque; in addition to having their picture highlighted in the Macomb Daily News paper, and they are: *Evan Agattas*, *Sean Gitter* and *Jenna Hayes*.

2014 UHS Academic Scholars

The Class of 2014 has 91 Academic Scholars. These students have maintained at 3.67 grade point average throughout their high school years. We congratulate these students and their parents and wish them much success – see their names listed on page 20.

Student Council Hosted State Conference

UHS Student Council members hosted the MASC/MAHS 2014 State Conference in Traverse City, Michigan on March 21st through March 24th. The Class Advisor, *Mrs. Kimberly Hodsdon* said, “It was a dream come true. A Student Council advisor can only wish that their team is selected to host such an event. We spent many hours after school planning and organizing events, securing speakers, meeting with program officials and structuring how to implement activities. Having an exceptional leadership team, along with support from all stakeholders was essential in making this year’s state conference, “a conference to remember.” Conference officials expressed that UHS Student Council members set a new standard as to how future conferences should run. Congratulations to the entire Student Council team – see page 23 for all the details.

Crevolution FIRST Robotics Team

In March, Crevolution participated in the Escanaba District Competition and was awarded the Rockwell Automation Innovation in Control Award. During the competition, Crevolution assisted other robotic teams in repairing or improving their robots. Crevolution plans to qualify to attend the state championship in April. The team is currently ranked 4th in the state. Congratulations to senior *Danny Bright* who designed the recluse drive train, members of Crevolution and the coordinator, *Mr. Bryan Battaglia*, Physics Coach at the Utica Academy for International Studies (UAIS).

UCS College Fair

The UCS College Fair will be held at Henry Ford II High School on Wednesday, April 16th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Over 60 Michigan and out-of-state college representatives will be available to share information regarding programs, financial aid and scholarships. This is an event students and parents do not want to miss.

Enjoy Spring Break,

Janet Jones

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:

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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Counseling Admin. Assistant Mrs. Wiegand phone: 586-797-2360



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Pat-Z Mrs. Carabelli Phone: 586-797-2364 Email: annemarie.carabelli@uticak12.org

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.

SCHEDULING

Counselors are finishing student scheduling for the 2014-15 school year. All Social Studies 10 & 11 classes attended scheduling presentations in the auditorium the week of March 10th. Students met with their counselors and inputted their schedules. All students should be reminded that their chosen high school programs should be designed not only for high school graduation purposes but also, more importantly, to prepare them for their future. ***Students and parents should be reminded that students are expected to remain in full-year classes the entire year.***

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Parents and students (**class of 2014-2015**) need to be aware of the requirements for graduation. During the scheduling process all students were made aware of these requirements.

The requirements include:

4 credits of English

4 credits of Math (which must include Geometry, Algebra I and Algebra II)

3 credits of Science (which must include Biology I and Chem. or Physics)

3 credits of Social Studies (which must include Government, Economics, U.S. History and World History)

½ credit of Health

½ credit Physical Education

1 credit of Visual, Performing, or Applied Arts

6 Elective credits (should include 2 credits of World Language for all juniors)

22 Total Credits

****In addition, students must also take all parts of the Michigan Merit Exam! (MME)**

ALL THIS TALK ABOUT PERSONAL CURRICULUM (PC) WHAT IS IT?

Some students may have difficulty meeting the requirements UCS and the state of Michigan have put into place to graduate. These students may want to go above and beyond in certain core academic areas or may have difficulty meeting the requirements presented in their IEP. Both circumstances should be discussed with

your child's counselor. Local school districts are able to implement certain procedures and policies with a PC. All PC requests must go through an approval process. **Please understand that PC's will not be put into place until the spring of your child's junior year** (extenuating circumstances may apply). UCS intends for all students to maximize and diversify their education by meeting the specific requirements of the Michigan Merit Curriculum. More information can be found on www.uticak12.org under the **Instruction tab, Secondary Education**.

DUAL ENROLLMENT: IS IT RIGHT FOR YOU?

If you are anticipating Dual Enrollment for the 2014—2015 school year, please see your counselor. Dual Enrollment applications are due the first week of June. Course selections must be approved by a UCS designee and minimum requirements for Dual Enrollment must be met. These requirements are described on the application. Your counselor is available to answer additional questions on Dual Enrollment.

TESTING INFORMATION

ACT

Students should be aware that the ACT test is required for admission into a 4-year college or university. It should be noted that all juniors were required to take the ACT test on March 4, 2014, as part of the MME (Michigan Merit Exam). There was no fee for this March test. Results for the March ACT will be mailed home to students within 4-6 weeks. Students wishing to take the next ACT test on June 11, 2014, will need to register and pay for this exam on their own at www.act.org. The deadline is May 9, 2014.

ACT/SAT TEST PREP

Students should also be aware that ACT and SAT test-prep workshops are available at other various locations. 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 act.org and collegeboard.com. Additional free test-prep sites can be found at the Michigan Virtual University

Counseling News

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website, the Learning Express Library website (www.learnatest.com) and at www.number2.com.

MME (Michigan Merit Exam)

The MME test was given to all juniors during the week of March 3rd. The MME was comprised of several assessments.

These include:

- The ACT, including the Writing component
- WorkKeys Applied Mathematics, Locating Information & Reading for Information
- The Michigan-developed assessments: Science, Social Studies and Mathematics.

AP TESTING

AP exam registration was completed on March 21st. All students who plan to take AP exams in May should have registered online, and paid their fees to Mrs. Prentice in the book store. AP Pre-gridding will take place April 22nd, 23rd and 24th. AP testing will be Monday, May 5, 2014, through Thursday, May 15, 2014. Any questions regarding AP exams should be directed to Mrs. Krolczyk in the counseling office.

COLLEGE/FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

SCHOLARSHIPS/FINANCIAL AID

Seniors interested in scholarships are strongly encouraged to visit our district counseling website link, www.uticak12.org. Many scholarships have spring deadlines. Scholarships are also listed in the UHS "Weekly Calendar," which can be found on the UHS website www.uticahigh.org.

FAFSA

(Free Application for Federal & State Aid) forms are available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Parents can access this site through our counseling website link, "Financial Aid." Parents should be reminded that FAFSA forms should be submitted as soon as possible.

SENIORS PLANNING TO ATTEND MACOMB C.C. IN THE FALL

Seniors who have applied (or are planning to apply) to Macomb Community College for the fall of 2013 should be reminded to take the Assessment (COMPASS) Test at Macomb. Information about the assessment test can be found at MCC website (www.macomb.edu). Following the placement test, students should complete the "New Student Orientation" which can be found online. Once you have completed orientation, you will need to attend a "Course Planning Session" (meet with an advisor/counselor). For information on dates, times and location, you are advised to visit MCC's website.

COLLEGE FAIR

Henry Ford II High School will be hosting a College Fair April 16, 2014, from 6:30 – 8 p.m. It will provide students and parents the opportunity to meet more than 60 college and post-secondary educational representatives to discuss admitting policies, suggested high school course choices, financial aid/scholarships, program offerings and tuition costs.

COLLEGE SPORTS

NCAA GUIDELINES FOR ATHLETES

Potential college student athletes must comply with NCAA Requirements. There are academic guidelines that must be followed in order to qualify to participate in sports at the post-secondary level. Seniors and juniors planning on playing a sport at the college level (Division I or II) are required to register with the NCAA. Students can register online at ncaa.org. In addition, ACT scores, as well as transcripts, must be sent to the NCAA Clearinghouse. It is advised that you see your counselor or visit ncaa.org for information and procedures to follow.

ADDITIONAL NOTE/SUMMER SCHOOL

The 2013-14 school year is quickly coming to an end. Counselors continue to encourage students to perform at their academic best throughout the year. Failure in classes required for graduation may necessitate credit make-up in a summer school program. Counselors will be notifying parents and advising students in regard to this matter at the end of the school year.

Students who know they need summer school classes should notify their counselors so that they can get the summer school information as soon as it is available.



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

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ACT BOOTCAMP 2014

The Student
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OUTSMART THE ACT WITH OUR STRATEGIES TO SUCCESS!

Our one -day intense training includes individualized go-to strategies from our trained ACT experts covering topics such as:

- Spotting the 4 most common grammatical errors
- Strategies for all types of readers: Finding and understanding the main point easily
- Arming all learning types with best practices to succeed
- Graphing Calculator fundamentals
- Critical tips for solving difficult math problems
- Working with Science charts, tables and graphs
- Order matters: Choosing the best way to combat the order in which to complete passages
- General strategic information that will arm your student for success!

Students will also take home a custom ACT Manual



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1:00PM-7:00PM SUNDAYS**

Saturday, March 1st Saturday, April 5th Saturday June 7th
Sunday, March 2nd Sunday, April 6th Sunday, June 8th

**CALL TO REGISTER TODAY, SPACES ARE LIMITED!
(586) 741-8706**

The Student Connection was recognized by Metro Parent Magazine as a "Top Tutoring Center in Southeast Michigan" for the 2013-2014 school



Success in College Guide: Step 8 of 9



Get around roadblocks

So you thought getting into college would be the hard part. Unfortunately, challenges and roadblocks can surprise you at any time in your life. As you get used to your new surroundings and start on your college path, you will eventually come across roadblocks. Learning to overcome these obstacles will be as much a learning experience as your classroom education. Here are some possible ones that could rear their ugly heads.



"I bombed this term. My grades were awful."

You may have been a straight "A" student in high school, but now find it difficult to earn even a "B". Many factors lead to a decline in grades during college, including too many extracurricular activities, more demanding classes, and the stress of all that is new in your life.

When you get a bad grade, whatever you do, do not give up. Meet with your Academic Advisor to see if you need to make up any classes. Start working on time-management skills to manage your priorities for school work. Get involved in study groups, and maybe even find a tutor. Low grades don't mean the end of your academic career, just a sign that you need to make adjustments.



"I'm broke."

Did you already spend all of your money for the semester and it's only October? Are you tempted to drop out of school and get a job? There are many options for financial assistance. Visit the Financial Aid Office. Talk to your family.

One option is working while you go to school -- if you have the time. Try and find a job on campus. They are typically more flexible with students' schedules.



"College is so stressful. I just don't know if I can do it."

There will be times when you feel completely overwhelmed and unequipped to handle all the pressures you face in college. Are you experiencing problems with your family or relationships, conflicts with a job, fear of failure? All of these can add stress, and just when you don't need it. Find someone to talk to. A counselor is a great resource, and so are family, friends and older students who have been through it.



"I'd just rather not do this right now. I know I will come back to it."

Some reasons for taking a break are valid, such as health reasons or military duty, but if you just feel like taking time off, think through it carefully. The longer you take off, the harder it can be to get back into the college life; you may find yourself out of practice. You could have more financial obligations in the future, and less time. One thing you have going for you now is that you are already here.

If you're feeling burnt out, acknowledge how you feel and then have a serious talk with yourself. Look back at all the successes you have had and all the roadblocks you've knocked down. Consider how far you have come and how much you have invested. Take a deep breath and imagine what it would be like to finish college and accomplish your goals. Maybe you'll find that little bit of motivation to help you keep going.

College Connection



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

WINNING THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Searching for and finding scholarships is only the first half of the process. You still need to apply for each scholarship you are trying to win. Applying for scholarships can be time-consuming and takes dedication and motivation. But the thousands of dollars you could receive make the effort worthwhile. Below are some hints to help you apply for and win scholarships.

BE PROACTIVE

No one is going to track you down to give you a scholarship; you need to do the legwork yourself. So when you find awards with eligibility criteria that you can meet, contact the provider and request a scholarship application packet. Whether you have to request the application via email, phone or by sending in a self-addressed stamped envelope, do it. There's just no other way to get the ball rolling than to be proactive and assertive in requesting information for yourself.

BE TIMELY

Almost all scholarship providers set deadlines, and you MUST adhere to them. Make sure you have all materials submitted before the deadline. If the scholarship deadline is approaching and you have not yet even received the application packet that you requested four weeks earlier, follow up with the provider and request the application packet again. You do not want to miss a deadline, as most scholarship providers do not consider late applicants.

BE ORGANIZED

Good organizational skills can really pay off - literally! Keep your applications ordered by deadline date and give yourself plenty of time to complete them and send them in well before the due date. Keep letters of recommendation and transcripts on hand so you don't have to obtain new ones every time they are required for an application. Make copies of your completed applications before sending them in, and file them in folders labeled with the deadline date and the mailing address and phone number of the scholarship provider. Call before the deadline to see if your scholarship application was received. If it got lost in the mail, (the postal service is not perfect!) you still have an extra copy you can send in.

BE PERSISTENT

The scholarship search process doesn't just happen overnight. You must be diligent about looking for new scholarships for which to apply. Plan to spend several hours each month reviewing the scholarship programs with deadlines approaching, preparing application packets, and getting the applications in the mail on time. And then the cycle should begin again, finding scholarships, sending away for application information, and applying in an organized, timely manner.

BE POSITIVE

Finally, believe in yourself and in your chances of winning a scholarship. Hard work and time spent on the scholarship process will pay off eventually. Keep your chin up and think about how great the reward will be if you can land even one of the scholarships for which you are applying! After all, your education depends on it!

Expert Advice provided by ScholarshipExperts.com.

U.S. 8TH ANNUAL COLLEGE FAIR!

April 16th , 2014

6:30 p.m.—8:00 pm

HENRY FORD HIGH SCHOOL

HOW DO YOU GET THE MOST OUT OF COLLEGE FAIRS???

College reps, as well as college students, admissions counselors, and faculty, genuinely enjoy talking to high school students. They like to share their ideas about their college, and they all appreciate students who have thought about the college and want to know more than is in the course catalog, in the view book, or on the website. They like thoughtful questions, and their answer can help you make a good college match. Ask a few questions that are of interest to you in the following categories:

QUESTIONS TO ASK COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES, CONT'D)

STUDENTS:

- How would you characterize the majority of students?
- From what economic background are the majority of students?
- Are there clubs, activities, or housing that are minority related?
- What do students like most about the college? Like least?
- Has the student government made any real contributions to the school? How do you get into student government?
- What political, social, or academic issues concerned students last year? How did the administration react? What was the resolution?

SOCIAL LIFE AND CAMPUS ACTIVITIES:

- What do students do for fun?
- What is the role of fraternities and sororities on campus? If I didn't want to join, could I have a satisfactory social life?
- What are the dominant social groups on campus? Do the groups get along with one another? Have there been any problems?
- What role do team sports play in the social life of the college? What happens on football or basketball weekends? If I didn't want to join in, would I find kindred spirits?
- Is there a good balance of academics, social life, and extracurricular activities?
- What were the social or cultural highlights last year?
- What is the role of the campus newspaper?
- Is there an alcohol problem and, if so, how is the college handling it? What is the incident of binge drinking? Do students feel safe on campus?



CAMPUS FACILITIES

- Is there something I should know about housing that will help me with my choice?
- What are the types of food plans? All you can eat? Vegetarian? Kosher?
- What kinds of facilities does the student center have? Is it a magnet for student activities? Are there other campus hangouts?
- How would you rate the fitness center?



- Is there a doctor, nurse, psychologist or career counselor on campus? What is the waiting period for appointments?
- Is the office of special services adequate to the demand?
- How good is the campus security?
- What have the student experiences been at the library?
- Is the library well equipped with technological needs?

COMMUNITY OFF CAMPUS

- What is there to do in town? How would I get there?
- Do many students find employment opportunities off campus?

ACADEMICS AND FACULTY

- What is distinctive about education here?
- What is the most popular major on campus? Why?
- How would you characterize the academic pressure and workload?
- Are there research possibilities with the faculty? In what areas?
- What are the strengths and weaknesses of the advising system?
- What is the quality of the student and faculty relationships? Is the faculty interested in and accessible to students after class?
- Are curriculum changes in the works? How will that affect my college years?
- Are any departments being cut back or discontinued within the next couple of years?
- Are any new programs scheduled for the next four years?



**Remember, you will only get out of
the college fair what you put in!
ASK QUESTIONS!**

(Compliments of College Counseling Sourcebook, 4th Edition.
The College Board)

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS!

Along with the relaxation and the planning for the next school year come opportunities for underclassmen. Below is a brief list of what we have so far! New opportunities arrive weekly!!

- **University of Michigan School of Art and Design Summer Program** www.art-design.umich.edu/prospective/summer
- **Central Michigan Leadership Camp—** www.cmich.edu/Lcamp or Lcamp@cmich.edu or 989-774-6601
- **Wolverine Health Explorers Camp!** Email inquiries to careercenter@umich.edu— *Waiting list for summer 2014*
- **Otis College of Art and Design**— www.otis.edu/soa or 800-527-6847 July 7—August 1
- **College for Creative Studies Pre College Summer 2014** www.collegeforcreativestudies.edu/precollege or 313-664-7456
- **U of M Summer Engineering Exploration 2014** <http://cedo.engin.umich.edu/2014-summer-engineering-academy>
- **Loyola University Chicago Pre-Collegiate Summer Scholars 2014** www.LUC.edu/summerscholars/classes or summerscholars@luc.edu or 773-508-7777
- **Macomb Community College Career Academies Summer 2014** www.macomb.edu or 586-498-4008
- **Phillips Exeter Academy Summer School** www.exeter.edu/
- **College Visits 2014 Summer Tours** www.college-visits.com

- **The Brown University Leadership Institute** www.brown.edu/ce/pre-college or summer@brown.edu or 401-863-7900
- **Washington University in St. Louis High school summer scholars program summer experiences.wustl.edu** or 866-209-0691.
- **Boston University Summer Term High School Programs** [bu.edu/summer/high school](http://bu.edu/summer/high-school) or 617-353-1378.
- **Miami University of Ohio** www.miamiOH.edu/summerscholars or 513-529-2531
- **Michigan Technological University** www.mtu.edu/precollege or call 906-487-2219
- **Lawrence Technological University** see page 17 for details.

Juniors Exploring Engineering at Purdue

Monday, April 14, 2014

8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

- Connect with current Purdue engineering students, faculty, staff and practicing engineers
- Explore various areas of engineering
- Have your questions answered from First Year Engineering; Admissions and Financial Aid
- Take part in tours of the engineering campus and residence halls

For further details including the day's agenda and online registration visit: www.purdue.edu/WIEP or contact Dawn Mikels at 765-494-3889 or powie@ecn.purdue.edu

Test Dates in the U.S., U.S. Territories, and Canada
Registration: www.actstudent.org**Test Date**

April 12, 2014

June 14, 2014

Registration Deadline

March 7, 2014

May 9, 2014

(Late Fee Required)

March 8–21, 2014

May 10–23, 2014

HERE ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR STUDENTS AS THEY PREPARE FOR THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR:

SENIOR CALENDAR

April

- Continue to apply for scholarships.
- Make your final choice of school and notify of your intent by May 1st.
- Send your nonrefundable deposit to your chosen school by May 1st as well.
- If seniors have been accepted at more than one university, it is a courtesy to send a letter to the university you won't be attending in the fall informing them of your decision. This will open up positions for anxious students on waiting lists.
- Continue to focus on grades; remember that colleges review final transcripts sent to them after graduation.

May

- Complete follow-up paperwork for the college of your choice (housing arrangements, orientation session, and other necessary forms).
- Take Advanced Placement exams.

June

- Prepare for Graduation. Congratulations! You are about to begin the greatest adventure of your life. Good luck!

JUNIOR CALENDAR

April

- During the spring, take advantage of Spring Visitation Days at various colleges and universities. ATTEND UCS COLLEGE FAIR April 16, 2014!

May

- If retaking the ACT June 14th, sign up on line at www.actstudent.org. Deadline is May 9, 2014.
- Take Advanced Placement Exams.

June

- Consider summer visits to colleges. Make appointments with the Office of Admissions.

SOPHOMORE CALENDAR

April/May/June

- Get involved in activities outside of the classroom.
- Work toward leadership positions in the activities that you like best.
- Become involved in community service and other volunteer activities.
- Begin zeroing in on what you might like to do once you graduate from high school (4-year college, community college, trade school, technical school, military, job).
- Visit college campuses.

TIME MANAGEMENT TIPS FOR STUDENTS

Managing your time well is an important element of success—especially if you are a student. If you set priorities and manage your time, you have a better chance of achieving your goals. Here are some tips for taking control of your time and organizing your life.

- **Make a To-Do List Every Day** Put things that are most important at the top and do them first.
- **Use spare minutes wisely** When you are commuting on the bus, use the time to get some reading/studying done.
- **It is OK to say NO** If your friend asks you to go to a movie on Thursday night and you have an exam the next morning, realize that it is okay to say no. Keep your short and long-term priorities in mind!
- **Find the Right Time** You will work more efficiently if you figure out when you do your best work. For example, if your brain handles math better in the afternoon, don't wait to do it until late at night.
- **Review your notes everyday** Reviewing helps you reinforce what you have learned so you need less time to study before a test. You will also be ready if you get called on in class or have a pop quiz!
- **Get a good nights sleep** Your brain needs rest to perform at its peak. Lack of sleep makes the day seem longer and your tasks more difficult.
- **Communicate your schedule to others** If phone calls or text messages are proving to be a distraction, tell your friends that you are not available.
- **Become a Taskmaster** Give yourself a time budget and plan your activities accordingly. Figure out how much free time you have each week before you add any commitments.
- **Don't waste time agonizing** Instead of agonizing and procrastinating, just do it. Wasting an entire evening worrying about something that you are supposed to be doing is not productive and can increase your stress.
- **Determine your priorities** You cannot do everything at once! Establish the importance of each item. Then set realistic goals that are attainable.





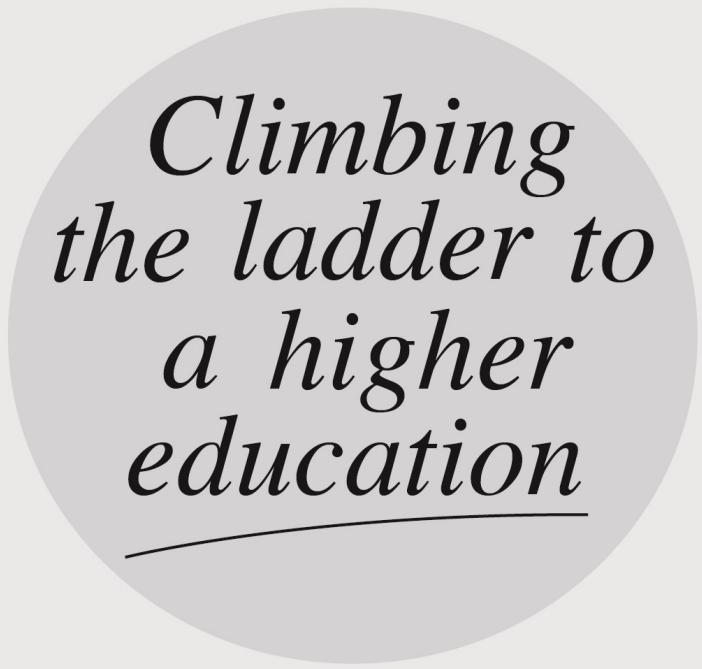
Incoming sophomores, juniors and seniors interested in exploring Science, Technology, Design and Science careers should check out the Summer Camps at Lawrence Tech University. Camps are one week long and run throughout the summer. Day camp costs range from \$400-\$650. Residential camp is higher. Camps include:

Forensic Summer Science Institute
Leadership Institute
Portfolio Development 1 & 2
Psychology
Sketching for Architecture and Design
Web Design
Basic Design
Biomedical Engineering
Building Big
Architectural Engineering
Architecture and Interior Design 1 & 2
Automotive Engineering
Creativity and Ingenuity in America
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Game Art 1 & 2
Industrial Design 1 & 2
Robotics and Music
Transportation Design 1 & 2
Biotechnology
Imaging and Graphic Design
Motorsports
Thermal Science and Energy

For more information, check out http://www.ltu.edu/community_k12/summer_camps.asp or call 800-225-5588 for details.



The logo features the letters "UCS" in a large, bold, serif font. Above "UCS" are two gray five-pointed stars. Below "UCS" is the word "COLLEGE" in a large, bold, sans-serif font, and below that is the word "FAIR" in a similar bold font. To the left of the text is a graphic of a graduation cap resting on top of a tall ladder.



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the ladder to
a higher
education*

April 16, 2014 | 6:30-8pm

Henry Ford II High School
11911 Clinton River Rd
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Learn how to stake your place in growing IT field

Mark Zuckerberg began designing software in middle school. Bill Gates wrote the class-scheduling computer program for his high school. While you may not yet be on the brink of founding another Facebook or Microsoft, there are still many career opportunities in the field of Information Technology (IT), and you can learn more about them on May 8.

Information Technology Career Exploration Night is sponsored by both Macomb Community College and Walsh College. It will be held at the University Center on Macomb's Center Campus in Clinton Township

on Thursday, May 8 from 6 to 8 p.m. Representatives from both colleges, as well as from the IT field, will be on hand to answer questions about programs and job opportunities and there will also be a scholarship raffle and prizes.

Macomb and Walsh offer IT programs that complement each other and can save you thousands in tuition costs. Earn an associate degree at Macomb and transfer to Walsh College to continue your education. Macomb offers the following IT programs: Applications Professional, IT Professional, Cisco Network Professional,

Microsoft Enterprise Administrator, Network Security Professional, Programming, Programming for Electronic Games and Website Programming—all of which can lead to an associate of applied science degree. Walsh offers bachelor's degrees in Business Information Systems and Business Information Technology, and master's degrees in Information Assurance and Information Systems.

Don't miss out! Register today for the Information Technology Career Exploration Night at the Macomb University Center, go to www.macomb.edu/discoverit.

Learn the art of performing this summer

Ever wonder what it would feel like to swing on a trapeze or clown around inside a three-ring circus? Are you hoping for a clarinetist or flutist chair in an orchestra, a lead role in your high school's next production or to hit all the high notes next year in choir? Spend one week this summer getting better at something that interests you, with the added bonus of performing on a stage before your friends and family.

The Macomb Center for the Performing Arts' popular summer performing arts workshops begin in July and reservations are now being accepted.

Circus Arts, grades 5–12, July 21–26: The Starfish Circus troupe will teach students a variety of circus skills, including trapeze, partner acrobats, clowning, juggling and showmanship. Learn the fundamentals of proper stretching and conditioning to ensure safety, while preparing for a Saturday night performance that will be performed in true circus style. Gain confidence on stage and in your daily life by discovering how most anything can be achieved with the right tools, skills and attitude.

The cost is \$195, \$175 if registered before June 6.

Clarinet, grades 6–12, Aug. 11–15: Lisa Raschiatore, who holds a doctoral degree in music from the University of Michigan and is on the faculty at Madonna University and Adrian College, will provide intensive musical training for developing clarinet students. Learn

breathing techniques, tone production, articulation, hand position, intonation, reed adjustment and practice techniques—all designed to enhance the serious clarinetist's education.

The cost is \$150, \$130 if registered before June 6.

Drama, grades 1–12, July 14–18: Lou Fazzini, founder and executive/artistic director of All The World's A Stage who holds a master's degree in theater arts from Eastern Michigan University, will be joined by other theater professionals to teach students cooperation, concentration, movement and story development in a non-competitive environment. Develop physical, social and artistic skills through theatre games, creative movement, improvisation and pantomime.

The cost is \$120 for grades 1 and 2, \$100 if registered before June 6, and \$195 for grades 3–12, \$175 if registered before June 6.

Show Choir Workshop, grades 7–12, July 27–Aug. 2 Harvey Kahl, director of the College's Macombers who holds a degree in piano performance from Wayne State University and has performed regularly at Detroit's Gem Theater, will be joined by Andy Haines, a freelance choreographer who has choreographed Miss America state pageants, and other choir and musical theater professionals to teach students how to combine singing, dancing and acting skills to perform a musical number.

Learn vocal technique, song interpretation and dance steps.

The cost is \$250, \$230 if registered before June 6. A limited numbers of scholarships are available—see your vocal music teacher for details.

Flute Workshop, grades 6–12, Aug. 11–15: Dennis Carter, a Wayne State University graduate who apprenticed in flute with the Operalaboratorio in Palermo, Italy, and is principal flutist with the Fisher/Masonic Theater Orchestra and Dearborn Symphony, will provide intensive training in flute study to serious young flutists interested in expanding their repertoire. Learn proper breathing, embouchure, productive warm up and practice techniques.

The cost is \$150, \$130 if registered before June 6.

Children's Chorus Workshop, grades 2–9, Aug. 18–22: Jeffrey Zurkan, vocal music director at Hart Middle School in Rochester who holds a master's degree in music education from the University of St. Thomas, will challenge and encourage students to develop their musical skills. Learn confidence, discipline and an understanding of the art of music. Experience the joy of music-making and receive individual attention in music theory, technique and sight singing.

The cost is \$95, \$75 if registered before June 6.

For more information on the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts summer workshops, contact ArtsEducation@macomb.edu or call 586.286.2044.

Macomb is a part of the MOPAR team

As its vehicles become more and more technologically advanced, the Chrysler Group LLC is recruiting aspiring automotive technicians to join its team. Macomb students have a home field advantage.

Macomb is one of the select schools in the nation to offer the MOPAR®College Automotive Program (CAP), which provides students with the diagnostic and repair skills necessary to service today's Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge, Ram and Fiat vehicles.

Students in the program are eligible for scholarships, tool discounts and a guaranteed shot at working in a Chrysler dealership or Fiat studio after they graduate. For more information, contact Kurtis LaHaie, automotive technology faculty, at lahaik@macomb.edu or 586.445.7267.



Special Invitation for High School Students

FIELD
TRIP:

Design and Build Your Future @ Macomb Community College!



Wednesday, April 23, 2014

10:30 am–1:00 pm

Macomb Community College
South Campus, Building M, Room 110

Discover the design and construction programs offered at Macomb Community College, and how they prepare students for exciting careers.

Students will be able to explore and participate in fun, interactive, hands-on activities focused on these programs:

- Construction Technology
- Civil Technology
- Architectural Technology
- Land Surveying Technology

We will have tours, food and an opportunity for students to meet Macomb students and faculty.

Due to space limitations, we are limited to the first 100 students registered.

To sign-up, or for more information, please contact Susan Bates at 586.445.7117 or email bates@macomb.edu.

We hope you can join us!



Discover. Connect. Advance.[™]



Dear Parent,

The Princeton Review has several free events coming up to help your students prepare for the ACT, SAT, and the college admissions process. With the number of college applicants increasing each year, this is a great chance to get ahead of the game and see whether their current scores will get them into the universities of their choice.

Free Practice ACT Day: Saturday, **May 10th** from 9am-1pm

Locations: Ann Arbor, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, East Lansing, Grand Rapids, Grosse Pointe, Novi, and Rochester.

Free Practice SAT Day: Saturday, **May 3rd** from 9am-1pm

Locations: Ann Arbor, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, East Lansing, Grand Rapids, Grosse Pointe, Novi, and Rochester.

Scores Back & Strategy Session: Saturday, **May 17th** from 11am-1pm

Locations: Ann Arbor, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, East Lansing, Grand Rapids, Grosse Pointe, Novi, and Rochester.

*At this event, you will receive a detailed, diagnostic score report of your results and learn strategies for each section on the exam.

The practice tests will be administered in a way that's very similar to how the real ACT and SAT are given. Why? Because students need to become familiar with the testing environment they'll face when taking the test when it counts. The Princeton Review runs free practice tests so that students can gain an understanding of the format of the ACT & SAT and experience sitting down early on a Saturday morning for a four-hour exam!

Parents and students are welcome to attend the **Scores Back and Strategy Session** on May 17th. Students will receive their scores, learn strategies for taking each test, and find out how to gain admission into a top-notch school or university of their choice. The individualized diagnostic score reports analyze students' strengths and areas of opportunity. **Students should walk away from the practice tests and Strategy Session with a feel for where they stand on the tests, where their scores will take them, and the confidence to improve their score and ace the exams.**

Spots are limited - please call The Princeton Review at **800-2Review** (800-273-8439) to register. You can also visit us online at PrincetonReview.com/FreePracticeTest to reserve your spot today!

Best regards,

Where will your scores take you?

The Princeton Review – Ann Arbor
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Ann Arbor, MI 48104
800-2Review | 800-273-8439
PrincetonReview.com

University	SAT	ACT
Harvard	2280	34
UM- Ann Arbor	2030	30
Michigan State	1750	26
Western Michigan	1550	23

A few more points make a difference! See chart above.

Scores above do not represent cut-off scores. Check with the admissions office for the most recently available data. The Princeton Review name and logo are trademarks of TPR Education IP Holdings, LLC, which is not affiliated with Princeton University. Test names are trademarks of their respective owners.

Attention all UCS high school sophomores, juniors and seniors: If you can sing, have we got a deal for you!

The Utica Community Schools Foundation for Educational Excellence (UCSSEE) is sponsoring its sixth annual Arts & Idols Gala on Thursday, May 29 at the Palazzo Grande in Shelby Township. In addition to a gourmet dinner and displays of amazing artwork by UCS students and art teachers, the event will showcase some of our most talented singers competing for a \$3,000 first place prize, \$2,000 for second place and \$1,000 for other participants.

So UCS sophomores, juniors and seniors, in order to compete for the cash prizes at the Gala in May, you must first audition on Saturday, March 15 at the Instructional Resource Center, 14201 Canal Road in Sterling Heights.

Here's how to register for an audition:

If you are in a choir class, see your choir teacher. Or you can go to our website: www.artsandidols.com and fill out an application. Your completed application should be emailed to: artsandidols@ucsfoundation.org.

We would really love to hear you sing! Last year's first place winner was from Eisenhower and the runner-up was from Ford II. This year, why not you?!

The UCSSEE is a nonprofit organization made up of area business and community leaders. Since 1986, the Foundation has raised more than \$1 million for scholarships to students, educational grants to teachers, support for Camp Literacy and many other programs. Each year, proceeds from the Arts & Idols Gala go to scholarships for UCS graduating seniors pursuing postsecondary studies. If you have questions, call 586.491.7131.

Science Olympiad



The Utica High School Science Olympiad team competed at Macomb County Regionals on Saturday, March 22nd at Macomb Community College South Campus. Even though our team this year was about half the number of students as other schools, we were able to medal in four events and place 14th out of 19 Schools. The students on our team this year were Evan Agattas, Jack Flater, Vivien Powell, Ana Serafimovska, Janos Szathmari, Phillip Lowell, and Rachel Smith. Evan Agattas and Jack Flater both medaled in the events of Technical Problem Solving (2nd place), Write-it-Do-It (3rd place), and Disease Detectives (4th place). Vivien Powell and Ana Serafimovska both medaled in the event of Material Science (5th place). All students enjoyed participating in the competition this year and the underclassmen look forward to competing again next year.



Eleven students from Mrs. Bologna and Mrs. Tancredi's nursing assistant classes recently completed a three-week course at The Career Advancement Studies in Healthcare Institute (CASHI) in Mt. Clemens. By reviewing nursing assistant concepts in the classroom, and then completing a week-long clinical rotation at a local nursing center, the students are now eligible to take the state nursing assistant certification exam. Completing this course was no easy feat, since the students attended CASHI in the evenings after their regular school day. Congratulations to our "UCNA" graduates—you are well on your way to a successful career in health care! Pictured back row left to right: Jeena Abraham, Kayla Spirovski, Kara Thomas, Katelyn Brumm, Makenna DeBuck, Sydney Michalik, Lawrence Lalewicz, and Ashley Ball. Front row left to right: Veronica Ercolani, Rachel Cervi, and Armani Goudy.

About the Cover

Top Left—Welcome Committee – Day 1 – Anna Harms, Kim Wierzbicki, Shelbi Kahler, Kim Hodsdon, Paige Spinalle, Clare Pauck, Jordyn Katterson, Hailey Yacoub, Kayla Paparizos, Jazzy Castillo, and Dayna Demo

Top Right—Keynote Speaker #1 – John Beede with Jacque Berg, Dan Biermann, Kim Hodsdon, Rachel Woelkers, Marissa Cavataio, Stephen Blanco, Bri Hadley, and Caroline Franzen

Bottom—Day 3 – After the Conference – Go U!

Full story on page 23.

HISPANIC HONOR SOCIETY



Our group has decided to take on the charity event RELAY FOR LIFE where all donations go directly to the American Cancer Society. Last year, we were able to raise over \$3500. This year we are hoping to raise even more! See a member to donate either by purchasing a relay "foot" for \$1 or a luminary bag to honor or celebrate someone who has been touched by cancer. To donate see the following link and look up or team "senora's soldados."

http://www.relayforlife.org/getinvolved/donate/index?fr_id=59923

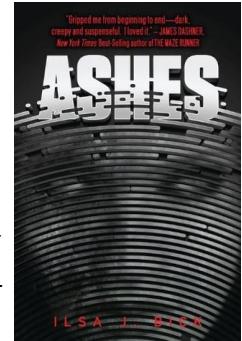
BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, April 22, 2014, 7:00 p.m.
Join us at Barnes & Noble on Hall Rd & Hayes

ASHES **by Ilsa J. Bick**

It could happen tomorrow . . .

An electromagnetic pulse flashes across the sky, destroying every electronic device, wiping out every computerized system, and killing billions. Alex hiked into the woods to say good-bye to her dead parents and her personal demons. Now desperate to find out what happened after the pulse crushes her to the ground, Alex meets up with Tom—a young soldier—and Ellie, a girl whose grandfather was killed by the EMP. For this improvised family, and the others who are spared, it's now a question of who can be trusted and who is no longer human. Author Ilsa J. Bick crafts a terrifying and thrilling novel about a world that could be ours at any moment, where those left standing must learn what it means not just to survive, but to live amidst the devastation.



WORLD LANGUAGE WEEK: UTICA STYLE



Students celebrated World Language Week, March 10-14. Language classes celebrated and shared both their language and cultures. Students did a variety of activities including “Talk to Me Day” where they had to speak to other Utica teachers in the language they’re learning. There was a photo scavenger hunt (pictures 1 and 2). There was also an international food day (picture 3) where all classes came together to provide a variety of flavors and tastes from German, French and Spanish speaking countries! All events were sponsored by language teachers. It would not have been nearly successful without the support of all Utica administrators, teachers and staff! ¡Gracias! Merci! Danke!

2014 Utica High School Academic Scholars

We are pleased to recognize the 91 Academic Scholars at Utica High School. These seniors have distinguished themselves by electing a rigorous program of study and maintaining a high academic standing during the past seven semesters. These students were recognized at the March 24th Board of Education Meeting.

Paige Adamini	Michael Hermann	Amanda Sabol
Lauren Addy	Sabrina Huth	Stefanie Sarti
Devin Aebi	Stephanie Jarzombek	Brianna Schick
Evan Agattas	Christie Kamil	Dragana Serafimovska
Anthony Alu	Reham Karana	Emily Shaw
Michael Bailey	Austin Kelley	Amanda Shea
Brooke Bostelman	Selma Kijamet	Elena Simopoulos
Allison Burzynski	Cassandra Kinney	Megan Sorensen
Conner Campbell	Alissa Langelier-Reeves	Rayna Southart
Alexander Capizzi	Lauren Lavelle	Richard Stefanovich
Erin Claeys	Bejamin LePage	Taylor Sterrett
Alyssa Clements	Austin Lewis	Brooke Steward
Katelyn Couch	Yvonne Lewsley	Jenna Sultes
Nino Deramo	Celeste Lowe	Stephani Torongeau
Andrew Dillon	Amanda Lynch	Justin Ursaki
Haley Duhr	Sarah Mauser	Libin Vaidyan
Ryan Dumont	Stuart McCloskey	Andrew Venturini
Lydia Essenmacher	Joseph McNeil	Kelly Vermandere
Jessica Ezell	Bradley Miller	Katherine Volker
Julia Geromin	Matthew Miller	Kyle Watters
Sean Gitter	Cody Mouton	Kayleigh Werthmann
Stephanie Grates	Adam Muglia	Kelsey Weyland
Aurelie Guitar	Kerima Musanovic	John Wierzbicki
Savannah Habba	Erin O'Connor	Alexandria Williams
Brianna Hadley	Maddalena Paglia	Elizabeth Wilson
Matthew Haley	Stefanos Palestis	Rachel Woelker
Bailee Hall	Jalpa Patel	Taylor Wood
Brooke Halliwill	Kimberly Pawlowicz	Dana Wyckoff
Dylan Hamilton	Sam Polina	Hannah Yacoub
Jenna Hayes	Kevin Roseni	Daniel Zientak
	Sarah Rusk	

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

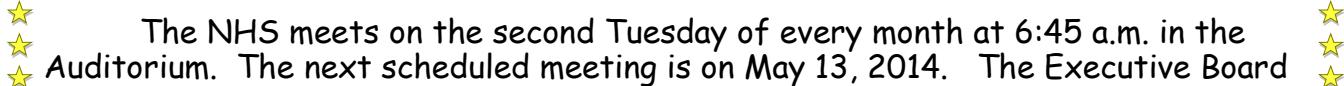
Fully stocked with new Under Armour, Nike, Jansport and Gear clothing and accessories.



National Honor Society News



The NHS meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 6:45 a.m. in the Auditorium. The next scheduled meeting is on May 13, 2014. The Executive Board meets the first Tuesday of each month in Room 234 at 6:45 a.m. Our next meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2014.



Senior Medallions will be distributed during our May meeting. In order to receive their medallions, seniors must have completed all of their National Honor Society requirements. All seniors who have completed the 25 service hours and fundraising by March 28 will have their names inscribed on the back. Junior service hours are due on Monday, June 2, 2014 in Room 234.



At our May meeting we will also be electing our officers and executive board members for next year. Nominations were taken at our April meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Kammann at 586-797-2334.



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

Student Council – MASC/MAHS State Conference 2014 – #Leadership Avalanche

It is difficult to put into words just how incredible our students are, but after seeing them host the greatest State Conference Michigan has ever seen, it gets a little easier. After deciding to reformat the entire conference in order to truly present our vision of what a state conference should be, we endured the most trying three months of our lives, not even knowing if what we were planning would fail or succeed. We went in hoping for the best, never expecting that we would succeed beyond our wildest dreams! Fifty-four student leaders from Utica's student council, three brave teachers, six caring and courageous parents, one enthusiastic administrator, and one fairly nervous and anxious adviser traveled to The Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse City March 22-24, 2014. It was our hope to show Michigan what Chieftains were made of.

From the moment the conference attendants arrived, they were greeted by a jubilant host school and were pleasantly surprised to encounter little to no lines during the registration process – a first in recent history! They were then throwing themselves into the mixers we had planned to break the ice: a photo rally, inflatables, Just Dance, a green screen for custom pictures, charades, songs and games, and a live performance by Greg Martin and his band! The Opening Ceremony began at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday night, but it was more like a rock concert than an MASC/MAHS ceremony. Our student council beat on bucket drums and accompanied Greg Martin and the DRAW bucket drummers. The stage had never looked or sounded better. For the next three days the fun and learning never stopped. It included three keynote speakers (John Beede, Greg Martin, and Kinetic Affect) with three structured activities that linked back to the speakers' messages. Student presentations were reformatted so that all 55 groups presenting would have the use of laptops and projectors, microphones and speakers, and a chair for every conference attendant to sit in – all a first for the conference! There were center meetings and elections for the MASC/MAHS Board of Delegates. And of course, the incredible glow-out competition assembly and the dance! Leadership Avalanche, the theme of our conference, was the perfect balance of leadership curriculum, amazing entertainment, motivating speeches, and organized logistics. Everyone left feeling inspired and exhausted! Everyone was extremely complimentary about every aspect of the conference and Utica is the talk of Michigan. #Leadership Avalanche was also the talk of the nation, it would seem, as it was the #1 trending topic on Twitter on Monday, March 24th with a quarter of a million tweets!

As if this were not enough, our council took home the following awards: The Award of Excellence, The Star School Award, The Host School Award, Center 9 Adviser of the Year Finalist, and Amanda Koss was recognized as Utica High School's Unsung Hero! A very special acknowledgement goes to our State Conference Chairs: Jacque Berg, Stephen Blanco, Caroline Franzen, and Brianna Hadley. Also, please recognize the Structured Activities Chair, Marissa Cavataio, and the General Session Chair, Rachel Woelkers, for their huge contributions. Daniel Biermann, was the hard-working Chairman of technology and Peyton Lombardo was the organized Registration Chairperson. And, Ashley Spagnuolo was the mastermind behind the student presentation schedule. A very special thank you goes out to Mr. Voakes, Ms. Kevonian, Mrs. Bronski, and Mrs. Swanson for giving up their weekend to spend it with 1,500 students and advisers from all over Michigan! If you would like to see videos of the conference, check out the following You Tube links:

Link 1. A Day in the Life of a Chieftain by Lancer Casem. We showed this to everyone at the conference.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aUWFWonUiuo&feature=youtu.be&rdm=11x87n532&client=mv-google&layout=mobile&app=desktop>

Link 2. The Opening Show with Greg Martin from DRAW and our STUCO kids playing the bucket drums.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zXzTkmIw6j8&list=UUGq_MoI_0_45JAknjR0KZ-A

Link 3. Kinetic Affect premiering their newest poem "Born to Lead" - a poem they wrote especially for us the day before they spoke!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=verG7zG3Si0&list=UUGq_MoI_0_45JAknjR0KZ-A

Link 4. A Recap of the whole conference by Lancer Casem.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XBsOdARjxaA>

SPRING BREAK SAFETY TIP

With Spring Break quickly approaching, I thought this would be a perfect time to remind the students and families in our Utica High School community of some precautions to take when they travel.

Before leaving, make sure all baggage has identification on it. When putting a contact address on the baggage tag, either put a work address, church or the high school as a contact. Unscrupulous baggage handlers have been known to steal baggage tags after you check in and sell them on the black market to criminals.

Never tell the world via Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, My Space etc...) that you are traveling and for how long. It is very easy via the Internet to find out where you live. Many people across the country have returned home to find their house has been broken into.

For our students who are traveling, stay within your circle of friends. TRUST NOBODY! Don't give out personal information as to where you are staying or where you are going to strangers.

Don't drink anything from anyone if you didn't buy it. Don't leave your beverage unattended at anytime.

Do not take valuables to the beach. If the room has a safe, use it.

When you arrive at your destination, call home! Your family will sleep better. Check in with them during the week.

Finally, trust your gut feelings. Beware of your surroundings; if it doesn't feel right, it probably isn't. Never go anywhere alone.

Have fun, enjoy your time off!

Mr. P
Henry F. Piechowski
Safety/Security Specialist
Utica Community Schools



IMPORTANT DATES:

March 3 - April 11, 2014		World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA)
March 17—April 4, 2014		Senior Speech Sigh Up—Main Office
April 16, 2014	1:00 p.m.	Senior Speech Contest—Main Office Conference Room
April 23, 2014	8:30 a.m.	Senior Panoramic Picture—Main Gym
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 Honors 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
May 28—30, 2014		Seniors Final Exams
May 30, 2014		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	11:30 p.m.—5:30 a.m.	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.

“Proud of our 2014 Graduate” yard signs for \$14.00 and SANP tickets for \$70.00 are still available; please contact the SANP committee at UHSANP2014@yahoo.com.

Upcoming meetings for the Senior All-Night Party committee are Wednesday, April 16th, Wednesday, May 7th, Wednesday, May 14th, and Wednesday, May 21st, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 155. All parents of seniors are invited to attend.

Stay tuned for future information regarding the next restaurant fundraiser night to take place at the Savory Grill.

Thanks to all parents, teachers and friends that came out to support our major fundraiser, the Ford Drive 4UR School on Saturday, March 15th!!

UHS Seniors All-Night Party "Class of 2014" June 7, 2014 Joe Dumar's Fieldhouse

Tickets for the Senior All-Night Party will not be sold to any senior without a permission slip ((this includes 18 and older). The party is for 2014 graduates only, no guests.

- Tickets are \$70.00 Attach your check to the permission slip and return it to the main office to be placed in the All-Night Party mailbox. The permission slip must be signed by the parent/guardian as well as the student.
- Check-in begins at 11:30 and will end at 12:00a.m. After this time the doors will be locked. No one will be allowed to leave until the departure time of 5:30 a.m. without pre-arranged parental permission.
- Students will have their bags/purses/hoodies checked in by security and placed in a room manned by a chaperone.
- Absolutely no alcohol, drugs, weapons or any item deemed unsafe will be allowed in the building for the entire night.
- If a student purchased a ticket but does not show up at the party, the parent/guardian will be notified.
- In case of illness, the graduate will not be permitted to leave until the parent/guardian has been notified. Parents should come to Joe Dumar's and pick up their ill student.
- Parents are financially responsible for any damage to Joe Dumar's property by their graduate.
- There will be no refunds unless approved by the SANP chair person. Items purchased ahead of time so we are not able to issue refunds. Only rare circumstances will a refund be issued.

Make checks payable to: UHS All-Night Party

This is considered your permission slip. It must be signed by the parent/guardian as well as the student. I accept the above rules and regulations as stated and give my permission for my student to attend the Utica High School Senior All-Night Party 2014. I further give permission for the student to drive a vehicle to and from this event if applicable.

PARENT NAME_____

SIGNATURE OR PARENT/GUARDIAN_____

TELEPHONE NUMBER (REQUIRED):_____

E-MAIL ADDRESS:_____

I have read the Rules and Regulations above and will abide by them:

SIGNATURE OF STUDENT:_____

STUDENT NAME (PRINTED):_____ TICKET NUMBER_____

Thank you for putting your trust in us!

Dear Event Participants,

We have worked hard to create a first-class athletic, event and entertainment facility that is safe for people of all ages. While injuries are extremely rare, there are some inherent risks to the activities we offer. As a result, our insurers require that participants or their legal guardians acknowledge and accept these risks.

Please review the consent form below, and if it is acceptable to you, fill in the requested information and sign it where indicated. **YOU SHOULD BRING THE COMPLETED FORM TO THE EVENT.** Unfortunately, we are unable to permit participation without all of the information on file.

Feel free to call with any questions you may have. We greatly appreciate your interest in our facility and the programs and activities we offer.

Yours truly,
Joe Dumars and the Fieldhouse Team



Type of Event:	<input type="checkbox"/> FIELDTRIP	<input type="checkbox"/> LOCK-IN	<input type="checkbox"/> CORPORATE OUTING
(circle one)	<input type="checkbox"/> TEAM EVENT	<input type="checkbox"/> BAR/BAT MITZVAH	<input type="checkbox"/> BIRTHDAY
		<input type="checkbox"/> WHIRLYBALL	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

Participant Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Legal Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Parent or Legal Guardian)

CONSENT:

By signing above, I hereby, on my own behalf and that of the Participant above for whom I am legal guardian, acknowledge and assume the risks related to all activities in which Participant participates now or in the future at Joe Dumars' Fieldhouse (including the Bayou Adventure and the restaurant located therein, such activities being hereinafter referred to as the "Activities"). Further, I hereby agree to indemnify, defend and hold the JD Fieldhouse LLC, Fieldhouse LLC, Fieldhouse Restaurant LP, Investors Limited, any of their agents, employees or other affiliated entities harmless from against all forms of liability, claims or causes of action arising out of or in any way connected to the Activities.

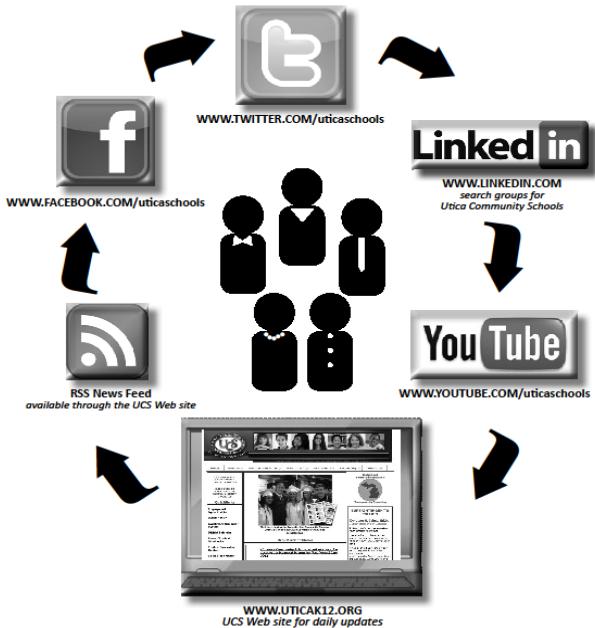


2013–2014 UCS & UTICA HIGH SCHOOL



March 3 - April 11, 2014		World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA)
March 17—April 4, 2014		Senior Speech Sign Up—Main Office
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 16, 2014	6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.	College Fair—Henry Ford II
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
May 28—30, 2014		Seniors Final Exams
May 30, 2014		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	11:30 p.m.—5:30 a.m.	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

Parents, stay connected to UCS!



Utica Community Schools now offers parents more ways to access school district news and information — any time, anywhere. Find UCS on Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, RSS, LinkedIn and the district website, www.uticak12.org.



More than 50 colleges will be in attendance at the UCS'

Annual College Fair

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2014

6:30—8:00 P.M.

HENRY FORD II HIGH SCHOOL

Open for students grades 8—12



Utica Community Schools Career & Technical Education

Utica Community Schools offers Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs at all four of our district high schools, as well as the Instructional Resource Center. These programs are designed to prepare students for a broad range of employment opportunities and continuing education. Follow-up studies continue to find that the most successful high school graduates were those who took a college-prep program and a Career Technical Education program of study. CTE programs are staffed by teachers with related business and industry experience that enhances the learning process with real-world relevance. CTE programs are offered in these areas:

CTE PROGRAMS	PREREQUISITES
<p>Automotive Technology</p> <p>Business Pathways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Microsoft Office• Accounting• Website Development <p>Construction Trades</p> <p>Design Technology Pathways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Architecture• Engineering• Mechanical Drafting• Mechatronics <p>Family & Consumer Science</p> <p>Law Enforcement</p> <p>Machine Tool</p> <p>Marketing/School Store</p> <p>Medical Health Science Careers</p> <p>Small Engines</p> <p>Teacher Cadet/Future Educators</p> <p>Welding</p> <p>Visual Technology</p>	<p>Some CTE programs are taught at one high school only, but programs are available to students at all high schools. A complete program of study in a CTE area usually involves a sequence (or multiple) of courses. Advanced courses often have the preceding course as a prerequisite. For these reasons, students should plan early to include CTE as part of their high school experience.</p>

All CTE programs adhere to the District's policies of nondiscrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, gender, age, disability, height, weight or marital status in all programs, activities, and employment. In addition, arrangements can be made to ensure that the lack of English language skills is not a barrier to admission or participation. Support services are available through Carl D. Perkins Education Act for students with special needs. Inquiries related to nondiscrimination policies should be directed to: Civil Rights Coordinator, Director of Human Resources Utica Community Schools, 11303 Greendale, Sterling Heights, MI 48312 Phone: (586) 797-1134. Nondiscrimination inquiries related to disability should be directed to: Director of Special Services (same address) Phone: (586) 797-1022



Community Education

Youth & Teen Enrichment

Winter/Spring 2014



Community Education offers a wide variety of programs for every age from infant to adult. Included in our brochure is a full selection of enrichment classes currently scheduled in our schools and throughout the community.

For a full listing of classes please visit our website
www.ucscopycommunityeducation.com



UCS Swim Program

Joe Dumars Fieldhouse

Waza Dragons Soccer

American Gymnastics & Cheer

Elite Indoor Sports

All About Learning

Academic Inspiration

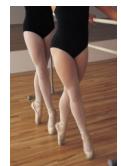
Mad Science

Young Rembrandts

Sew Many Things

Graceful Moves Dance

Linsey's Dance & Cheer



Rhythm Pointe Dance Academy

Mathnasium

Tiny Tunes Piano

Evola Music



Basic Babysitting

Master K's Karate

Windemere Equestrian Center

Suburban Ice

For more information or to register with Visa/MasterCard or Discover, please call 586-797-6900 or visit our website at www.ucscopycommunityeducation.com.



REFUND POLICY

Unless otherwise indicated, refunds will be the amount of tuition less \$10 processing fee. Refunds will be granted for all classes, excluding classes that meet one or two times, prior to the start of the 2nd class. No refunds after the second class. Classes that meet one or two times will only be refunded prior to the start of the class. Material, book, and disk fees will not be refunded. If a class is cancelled, a full refund will be issued in the manner in which it was paid. No refunds for Swim or Sports Camps.

RETURN CHECK POLICY All returned checks are subject to a \$25 processing fee.



Upcoming UCS Foundation events help students get career and college ready, and provide scholarship support

Career Focus

The 21st Career Focus Luncheon, an annual “must attend” event for area workplace professionals and more than 2,000 Utica Community Schools sixth graders, is set for Wednesday, April 30 and Thursday, May 1 at Palazzo Grande in Shelby Township from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Keynote speakers will be Thomas Brisse, Executive Vice President for Operations at Beaumont Health System on April 30 and Barbara Rossmann, President and CEO of Henry Ford Macomb Hospitals on May 1.

Area businesses and individuals are invited to serve as table sponsors to share their career and college experiences with today’s students – tomorrow’s leaders.

Please contact the UCS Foundation at 586.797.6953 or visit www.ucsfoundation.org to reserve your table or for more information.

Arts & Idols

The sixth annual Arts & Idols Gala will take place on Thursday, May 29th, at Palazzo Grande in Shelby Township beginning at 6 p.m.

The “Idols” portion of the evening will showcase amateur singing talent from across the district in a prize competition. The “Arts” portion will feature student and staff works of art auctioned during the program. There is also a scholarship raffle held at the event.

Proceeds from the Gala fund the Superintendent’s Scholarship program and help support UCS art and music programs. More than \$122,000 in tuition scholarships has been awarded to deserving UCS thus far, including awards received by 34 graduating seniors last year.

Information on sponsorships and tickets to the Gala, which includes dinner and an evening of entertainment, are available by calling 586.797.6953 or online at www.ucsfoundation.org.



Parents of Students with IEPTs K – 12+
Please join the
UCS Special Services Department
for
Parent Information Night
on
Wednesday, April 2, 2014
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
at
Utica High School
Electronic Collaboration Classroom

*****Please use Parking Lot behind Utica High-ECC Entrance at Southwest Corner, Ramp Available.*****
Evening to include:

- Deb Koepke, Executive Director of Special Services
- Student Video
- One 50 minute strand of your choice
- Laura Gressinger, Special Education Advocate

Strands:

1. ELEMENTARY STRAND

READING COMPREHENSION STRATEGIES

Presenter(s): Kate Rojeski, UCS Speech Pathologist

Caitlin Shanahan, UCS Resource Room Teacher

Lorri Zieleniewski, UCS Resource Room Teacher

ADHD STRATEGIES

Presenter: Susan Towers, School Psychologist

VISUAL STRATEGIES

Presenter: Kellie Shelton – ASD Teacher Consultant for the Macomb Intermediate School District

2. SECONDARY STRAND:

LIFELONG RESOURCES & STRATEGIES FOR STUDENT SUCCESS! Low-Tech Assistive Technology, Homework Strategies, Tips to access college setting, and UCS graduates share insight on their college experiences.

Presenter(s): Doug Kish, Stevenson High School Special Services Teacher & Assistive Technology Rep

Liz Rogala, UCS Transition Coordinator

Frank Leone, Wayne State University Junior

Carlton Reynolds, Macomb Community College Freshman

3. LIFE CENTERED CAREER EDUCATION (LCCE) STRAND:

POST-SECONDARY PROGRAM OPTIONS: Overview of programs available in Macomb County for Students participating in a functional curriculum leading to a Certificate of Achievement/Completion after exiting UCS High School.

Presenter(s): Joe Delegato - MISD Lutz/STEPS Program

Lindsey Koerber – Macomb Academy

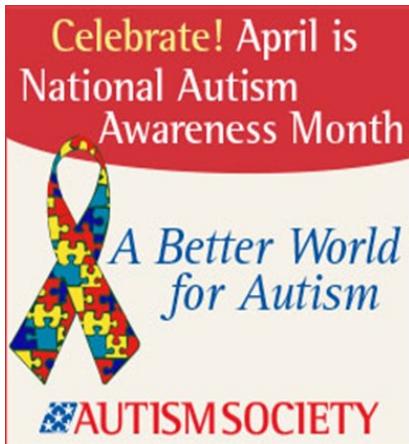
Jeanne Vance – Special Dreams Farm

Mark & Debbie Prentiss - Rising Stars Academy

Mike Leon - Comprehensive Services for Developmentally Disabled (CSDD)

Pat Nizza/Beth Bernier – U-CNECT; UCS Young Adult Transition Program

From your School Social Worker Mary Ellen Bross



In order to highlight the growing need for concern and awareness about autism, the Autism Society has been celebrating National Autism Awareness Month since the 1970s. The United States recognizes April as a special opportunity to educate the public about autism and issues within the autism community.

Autism is a complex developmental disability that typically appears during the first three years of life and affects a person's ability to communicate and interact with others. Autism is defined by a certain set of behaviors and is a

"spectrum disorder" that affects individuals differently and to varying degrees. There is no known single cause of autism, but increased awareness and funding can help families today.

In March 2012, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued their ADDM autism prevalence report. The report concluded that the prevalence of autism had risen to 1 in every 88 births in the United States and almost 1 in 54 boys. The spotlight shown on autism as a result of the prevalence increase opens opportunities for the nation to consider how to serve these families facing a lifetime of supports for their children.

Currently, the Autism Society estimates that the lifetime cost of caring for a child with autism ranges from \$3.5 million to \$5 million, and that the United States is facing almost \$90 billion annually in costs for autism (this figure includes research, insurance costs and non-covered expenses, Medicaid waivers for autism, educational spending, housing, transportation, employment, in addition to related therapeutic services and caregiver costs).

Autism is treatable. Children do not "outgrow" autism, but studies show that early diagnosis and intervention lead to significantly improved outcomes.

Make a difference. Contact your representatives at the state and federal levels and ask them to "Vote 4 Autism." For more information about this legislation and to take action to support it, visit www.autism-society.org/vote4autism.

See <http://www.autism-society.org/> for more information on Autism.

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR....Jim Vigus



Athletic Boosters website: www.uhsathleticboosters.net

Utica High Athletic Booster Club Meetings: April 14th, 7:00 p.m., ECC Room.
May 5th, 7:00 p.m., ECC Room.

Physicals will be given Wednesday May 28th in the Main Gym. Time will be 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$20. This is an Athletic Booster Club Fund Raiser.

Utica High Home Athletic Events:

Baseball	Varsity:	4-14	Marysville, 4:30 p.m.
		4-17	Marysville, 4:30 p.m.
		4-23	Anchor Bay, 4:30 p.m.
		4-26	Lamphere, 11:00 a.m. (Double Header)
	JV:	4-30	Port Huron, 4:00 p.m.
		4-1	Henry Ford II, 4:00 p.m.
		4-3	Romeo, 4:30 p.m.
		4-21	Anchor Bay, 4:30 p.m.
		4-25	Anchor Bay, 4:30 p.m.
		4-28	Port Huron, 4:30 p.m.
	Freshmen: (games played at Eppler Jr. High)		
		4-3	Lakeview, 4:30 p.m.
		4-15	Romeo, 4:30 p.m.
		4-17	Henry Ford II, 4:30 p.m.
		4-24	Stevenson, 4:30 p.m.
Softball	Varsity :	4-14	Eisenhower, 4:00 p.m.
		4-30	Grosse Pointe, 4:00 p.m.
	JV:	4-4	Henry Ford II, 4:30 p.m.
		4-23	Chippewa Valley, 4:00 p.m.
		4-28	Lutheran North, 4:30 p.m.
Girls' Soccer	Varsity :	4-2	Lamphere, 6:30 p.m.
		4-21	Romeo, 6:30 p.m.
	JV:	4-2	Lamphere, 5:00 p.m.
		4-21	Romeo, 5:00 p.m.
	Freshmen:	4-1	Royal Oak, 4:30 p.m.
		4-3	Henry Ford II, 4:30 p.m.
		4-15	Grosse Pointe South, 4:30 p.m.
		4-24	Lakeview, 4:30 p.m.
Girls' Tennis:		4-15	Warren Mott, 4:30 p.m.
		4-17	Center Line, 4:30 p.m.
		4-28	East Detroit, 4:30 p.m.
Boys' Golf: (Home matches played at Stoney Creek Golf Course)			
		4-16	Eisenhower, 2:45 p.m.
		4-21	Port Huron, 2:45 p.m.
Lacrosse:		4-3	Cousino, 6:30 p.m.
		4-15	Warren Mott, 6:30 p.m.
		4-25	L'Anse Creuse, 6:30 p.m.
Boys'/Girls' Track:		4-22	Port Huron Northern, 4:00 p.m.
		4-29	Marine City, 4:00 p.m.

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: March 18, 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.)
 April 15th, May 20th, and June 17th.

STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Band Festival on March 17th at Anchor Bay High School:
 Wind Ensemble received a Division 1 rating
 Symphonic Band received a Division 2 rating

Honor's Band

9/10 Grade Juliet Gryn, Ryan Herc, Jacob Blanco
 11/12 Grade Devin Aebi, Jose Arizmendi, Stephen Blanco, Conner Campbell, Ashley Kerr, and Katherine Volker.

They will be performing on Tuesday, April 1, 2014, 7:00 p.m., at Mt. Clemens High School located at 155 Cass Ave., Mt. Clemens, Michigan.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

April 28, 2014

Mandatory band camp meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Utica High School. Parents will meet in the auditorium and students in the band room with their instruments. Attendance is **MANDATORY** for all students that want to be in Marching Band for the Fall 2014 school year.

May 7, 2014

Instrumental Music Banquet at Enchantment Banquet Hall at 21 Mile Road and Hayes.

May 14, 2014

Spring Instrumental Music Concert in the UHS Auditorium.

Summer Happenings

Attendance is a MUST for both of these camps in order to be part of the 2014 Marching Chieftains.

July 29-30 Mini Band Camp at Utica High School
 August 3-8 Marching Band Camp at Central Michigan University

Officer Elections

The election committee is now taking nominations for the Booster Board 2014-2015. The nominations should be made to one of the election committee members and will be announced at the March meeting. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the March 18th meeting. Each person nominated will be given time to speak about their candidacy at the March meeting. The election will be held at April 15th meeting with results announced at the end of that meeting. If you know of any parents that have 8th grade students, who will be in Marching Band during their 9th grade year, please encourage them to get involved.

Please email your nominations with the Subject: **Band Booster Board Nomination to:**

Karrie Jackard - 586-726-9366 or jrj84@comcast.net

Laura Kerr - 586-876-2448 or kerrclad@wowway.com

REMINDERS:

Our picture collector this year is Katie Parsons. Please send her any pictures from any event all year long. Katie would appreciate pictures given to her on a CD or DVD. They fit in the Orange Box in the band room. She will be putting together the DVD that all band students will receive at the end of the year. She needs your pictures **ASAP!** We are running out of time!



Band and Orchestra Happenings

FUNDRAISERS

Bowling for the Band

Friday, April 25, at our new location Shelby Lanes (see flyer for details).

Put on your favorite bowling shirt, go get that dusty bowling ball out of the closet and sign up for the annual Bowling for the Band fundraiser! This is one of our larger and popular fundraisers. It will be held on **Friday, April 25, with check-in at 6:30 p.m. and bowling beginning at 7:00 p.m.** at Van Dyke Bowl. Tickets are \$20.00 per person, which includes 2 games of bowling , shoes, pizza and pop. There will be raffles and prizes and fun! Flyers will also be posted at school. Please contact Cindy Feeman at cdplus3@comcast.net. We are asking each family that has a student in band to donate something for this fundraiser. If each family donated one item, we will be able to create some great gift baskets and raffle prizes.

Suggested donations:

- gift cards
- theme items (items to put together a movie night basket such as popcorn, dvd, candy)
- bottles of beverages (to create baskets of cheer)
- wine/wine glasses
- services - If you can provide a service or in business yourself (like housecleaning), you could donate that service.
- money - place an envelope in the orange box with bowling donation written on the envelope. We will use it to purchase items for the raffle.

Please drop off your donation to the band room with your name on it. The bowling fundraiser is usually one of the more successful ways to raise money. Your help is greatly needed to make this a success.

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 kmkasic@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!

LIMITED QUANTITIES AVAILABLE!



Band and Orchestra Happenings



Front

Utica High School Band Fundraiser



Back
\$20 each

Have a Seat!!!

\$15 each

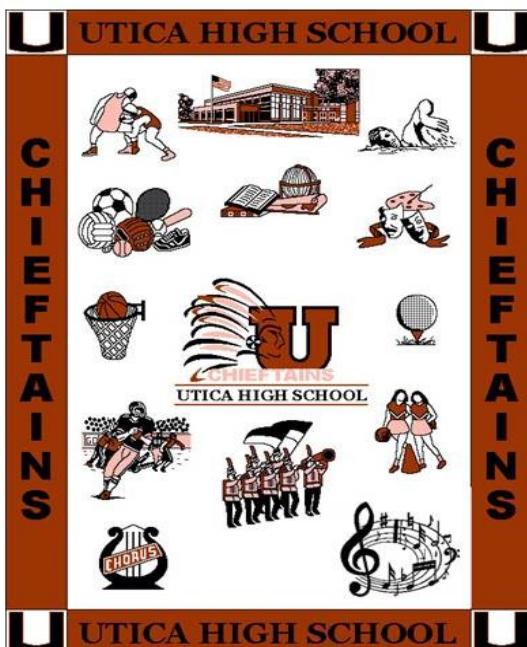


Available at sporting events or
to order a seat contact:
Laura Kerr
(586) 876-2448
kerrclad@wowway.com

UTICA HIGH SCHOOL BAND BOOSTERS
present

UTICA HIGH SCHOOL AFGHANS

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



COST OF AFGHAN - \$40

(Approximate size is 48" x 66")

The afghan can be personalized by
embroidery of your first name and year of
graduation - \$5

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

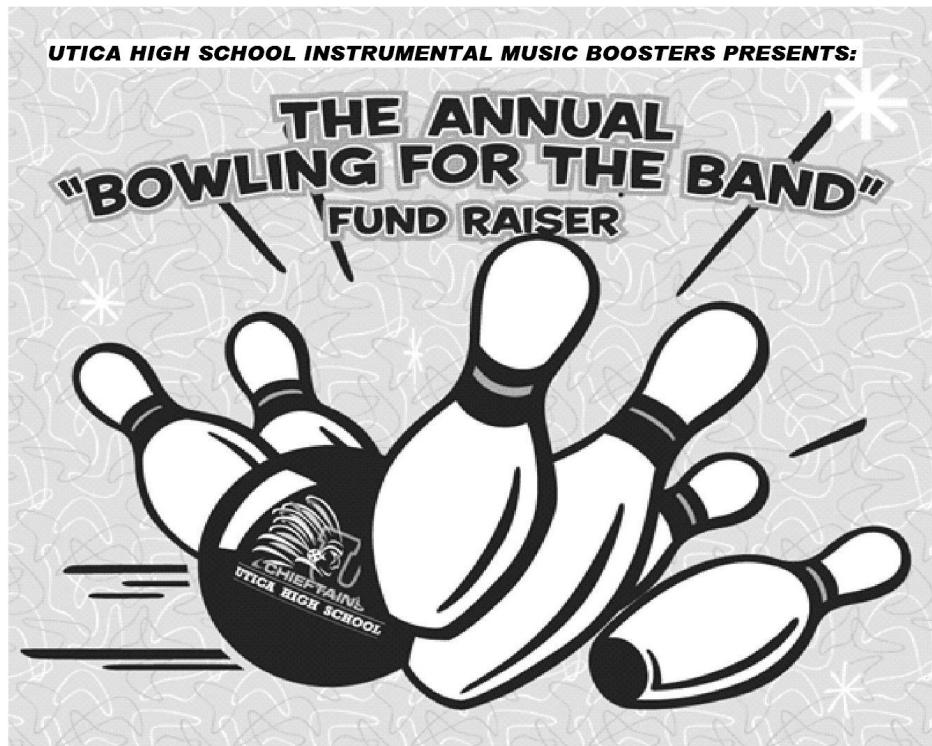
Laura Kerr
(586) 932-6781
47366 Nita Drive
Shelby Twp., MI 48317
kerrclad@wowway.com



Band and Orchestra Happenings

Enjoy a night out with friends and family!
Sign up now for "BOWLING FOR THE BAND"
2 games, shoes, pizza and pop are all included in
your \$20 ticket price.

Support the band and have fun!



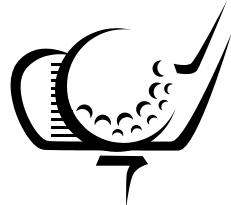
Friday, April 25, 2014
Check in begins at 6:30pm
Bowling begins at 7:00pm
Shelby Lanes - 50721 Vandyke
Ticket cost is \$20.00 per person
Includes 2 games of bowling, shoes, pizza and pop
Sign up as teams of 6
Lane sponsorships are available with a \$100.00 donation
Basket Raffles for prizes and 50/50 will be available
Mystery and Lucky Lane will be collected at check in.

Any questions, please contact Cyndi Freeman
cdplus3@comcast.net or 586.566.9358

Utica High Athletic Department

Strength and Conditioning

Golf Outing



When: June 22, 2014, 1:00 p.m.

Where: Sycamore Hills

Cost: \$100

INCLUDED WITH PAYMENT: 18 holes of golf (4 man scramble)

Buffet Dinner, Hotdog lunch @ the turn, 2 Refreshment Tickets

Prize for lowest score in each division

On-course games to enter...skins, closest to the pin, longest drive, and others

Sign up as a foursome or on your own

Send payment along with your name to

*Attn: Moehlig Golf
Utica High School
47255 Shelby Rd
Utica MI, 48317*

For any additional information contact
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DATES TO REMEMBER

April 4	Last Day Senior Speech Sign-Up
April 7—11	No School—Spring Break
April 14	Classes Resume
April 14	Sounding Board Meeting, Main Office, 9:30 a.m.
April 16	Senior Speech Contest—Main Office Conference Room
April 16	College Fair, Henry Ford II High School, 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
April 18	No School—Good Friday
April 21	Classes Resume
April 29—30	MANDATORY Parent-Senior Meeting, Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
May 5—15	Advanced Placement Exams
May 6	Prom Ticket Sales
May 8	Senior Honors Night—Auditorium, 7:00 p.m. (invitation only)
May 12	Sounding Board Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.
May 16	Last Day to Purchase Prom Tickets
May 19—22	Senior Week
May 23	No School
May 26	No School—Memorial Day
May 28—30	Senior Final Exams
May 30	Senior Last Day and Picnic



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