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From the Principal's Desk



Dear Utica High School families,

Welcome back Chieftains! It is with a great deal of excitement that we begin the 2015-16 school year.

The 2014-15 school year ended with some incredible accolades for Utica High School. Our students left to colleges in Michigan, the Midwest, and around the nation with over \$9 million in scholarships behind them. Utica students exceeded the state average on the ACT in English Composition, Social Science, College Biology and in the number of students who met all 4 ACT benchmarks. We not only exceed state standards, but national and global averages as well! Utica High School continues to outpace the state and the global average of the number of students taking and passing AP Tests. In 2015, 68% of Utica High School students passed their AP exams with a 3 or higher. These trends continue to show growth and demonstrates the skill and determination of our students and of the instructional staff guiding them.

The 2015-16 school year ushers in a number of exciting opportunities at Utica High School. This fall, we will be one of only a handful of districts in the nation to offer a pilot curriculum in English 11 that is designed by the College Board to help students increase their successful matriculation to college or university level English. At the same time, Utica High was selected to be one of roughly 50 school nationwide to offer the AP Capstone Course. This two year course that starts with AP Seminar and offers an optional AP Research class in year 2 affords Utica High School students the opportunity to earn the AP International Diploma. More importantly, it will help the some 70 students enrolled in this first year of the class to develop skills that will help them across the plethora of courses they will take at the university level. Utica will continue to take part in the Michigan Department of Education's African American Young Men of Promise Initiative that began two years ago. We will continue to look at meaningful practice and how it encourages all of our students to find and achieve greatness in their studies.

At the same time, Utica High continues to do what we do best, help all of its students develop into great learners and members of our shared community. Two years ago, Utica began its AVID initiative. AVID literally means Advancement Via Individual Determination. This program which is expanding into its second year of direct instruction of students, Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization and Reading strategies to help students that would typically not be on a path to be successful in AP or college bound courses develop the skill necessary to become successful. Those five strategies are the heart and soul of the Utica High School Improvement Plan. Why? Because they are proven to work! We talk a great deal about how taking an AP course increases the likelihood of a student going to and completing a college degree. Research demonstrates that AVID has the same, and in many ways, greater capacity to help students find success after Utica High School. At Utica High, our goal is to assure that every student has the opportunity to meet and exceed their academic expectations. That starts and ends with the student.

Parents, family, and friends are a critical part of that starting point. Educational researchers suggest that parents and the home plays an incredible part in student success. Your investment in your student's success starts with your interest in what your student is doing, and how well they are doing it. Utica Community Schools offers access to PowerSchool for all parents. Our teachers regularly use and update their PowerSchool gradebooks making progress reports and reports almost outmoded. We have now added to that the Naviance system. This program will allow parents to shepherd the College Application and Scholarship Application process. This is not just a task for junior parents, but one that must begin in 9th grade and continue through senior year. Naviance allows parents and students to sort colleges, to determine best choices for students, and see what scholarships might be available. If used to its fullest, it provides UHS students with unprecedented access to college readiness. Embedded in the program are opportunities for parents and family to explore college funding application tutorials, stories from real people who run the gamut from leaders of industry to artists, and a variety of perspective-giving information that will help your family make appropriate decisions on post-secondary education and/or career training. In addition, it provides test prep opportunities for our students, including a newly redesigned prep for the SAT. Parent access can be found at [https:// bit.ly/UHSNavianceFamily](https://bit.ly/UHSNavianceFamily)

Last but not least, we're excited for 2015-16 because it is the first year that will see all Michigan students taking the redesigned SAT. Utica High teachers were provided with exclusive training by the College Board on the revised SAT and have already begun working to assure your students will have the best opportunity to succeed. This year, our 11th grade students will ALL take the PSAT in October. That PSAT is redesigned to align with the revised SAT. Students will be able to take score data and plug it into Khan Academy and receive individualized tutorials and test prep to help them become even more successful on the SAT which will be administered in April. That administration marks a significant change from the state of Michigan. The SAT will now replace the MEAP to evaluate student proficiency in English Language Arts and Mathematics. That means a reduction of nearly 8 hours in testing in 2016 versus 2015. That is great news. And, to put worries to rest, the transition to the SAT will not impact your child's efforts to apply for college. Universities and colleges across the country accept and have accepted

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SAT. Conversion charts are easily accessible online and scholarship and entrance criteria documents are already being re-written to reflect the change.

As we get into the fall we begin an exciting process of working on the Utica High School Mission and Vision, but that will wait until later in the fall. For now, we look forward to an exciting start to school. The second week of school will be Utica High School's Homecoming. That means, the first Monday of the school year is our competition assembly. That assembly will occur during the first two hours of the school day. It is a lot of fun. Students show pride by wearing their colors and it is a fun day. It is important that it is not the end of our day. Last year, over 600 students left school following the assembly. Their parents called them in. Not only did that create an incredible strain on our office staff, but it meant that hours of planning by teachers was disregarded, and learning stopped. This year's students have a challenge. If we want the assembly to remain, school must go on! Friday, September 18 will be the homecoming parade and game, and Saturday will be the Homecoming Dance at Utica High School.

There are a number of new faces at Utica High this fall. I look forward to the Utica Arrow's coverage on new staff. Briefly, our Social Studies department welcomes two new staff members, Mr. Steve Shaefer in Economics and Mr. Ed Wessel in History. Our Special Education department welcomes Mrs. Holly Bommarito who will be teaching in a variety of co-taught classes. And, our EL department welcomes Mr. Randall Hart who will be our new English Content teacher. We're incredibly fortunate to continue to have an incredible team of teachers at Utica High School.

It's September, and we're ready to go! We're excited to have your students back in the halls of Utica High School, we're eager to meet the new students joining us in the class of 2018, and eager to begin learning. Welcome back Chieftains, we look forward to another great year!

Sincerely,



Tom Lietz
Principal

Lunch & Early Dismissals

Students cannot leave Utica High School to get lunch during the school day. The UCS Senior High Handbook states that:

All UCS schools operate a closed campus during the school day. Students must remain in the building during the lunch period.

Though a parent can come to the school to pick up their student at any time, **students will not be released** to get lunch outside of school.

According to UCS Board of Education Policy 5115, the following are acceptable reasons for an early dismissal:

- Student's illness at school
- Hospitalization
- Doctor ordered bed rest
- Mandatory court appearance that has been pre-arranged
- Death in the immediate family
- Family vacation that has been pre-arranged and approved
- Administrative permission
- Doctor and dental appointments

These are the reasons we will accept an early dismissal. Any reason not included above must be approved by an Administrator or will be cause for the student receiving an unexcused absence. Lunch is not one of the reasons listed above and will result in an unexcused absence/skip.

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 usually 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. in the ECC Room unless otherwise indicated.

For the 2015-2016 school year the meeting dates are as follows:

Tuesday, September 15th

October 12th
November 9th
December 14th
January 11th
February 8th
March 14th
April 11th
May 9th

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES

District policy encourages staff and students to use digital information and communication technology when used technology to support and enhance instruction, research and communications.

The school is not responsible for any lost or stolen electronic devices.



ATTENDANCE PHONE NUMBERS

Early Dismissal: 586-797-2471

Late Arrival: 586-797-2472

All-Day Absences: 586-797-2473

Utica Administration

Tom Lietz, principal
Peter Paulon, associate principal
A—K
Jeremy Kranzo, associate principal
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

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O-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.

Schedule Changes

Considering class numbers and the impact one change can have on many individuals, schedule changes are only allowed for the following reasons:

- .. The student failed a semester of a full-year course.
- .. The student is scheduled into a class and has not taken the prerequisite course.
- .. The schedule is incomplete (class missing).
- .. The schedule must be adjusted due to co-op/dual enrollment/summer school.
- .. The schedule must be modified for proper math placement.

Schedule change request forms are available in the counseling office. Schedule changes will only be considered if the student fills out the request form accurately and completely, and forms will be taken in the order received. Parents and students should NOT make change requests by telephone. All change requests must be submitted by Tuesday, September 15th. Please be patient with the counselors during this very hectic time of year!

How do I sign up for the ACT? Yes, you can take it several times.

All students testing must register on the Web. You must establish a free ACT Web account in order to register. After providing the information requested to create the account, click the "Register to Test" link and follow the instructions on the Web screens to complete your registration. Payment must be made by valid credit card. Both the ACT and the SAT can be used for college admission purposes. All students in the class of 2017 will take the SAT for free in their junior year. They are encouraged to take the ACT on one of the national test dates as well and use the best scores for college admission purposes.

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ACT—Students can register to retake the ACT at www.actstudent.org Students should be aware that the ACT test can be taken as the test required for acceptance into a 4-year institution. Most universities like to see students take the ACT more than once. Seniors, juniors or sophomores can choose to pay and have another opportunity to take the ACT in September, October and/or December, 2015/16. (See schedule below)

| ACT Test Date | Official Registration Deadline |
|----------------|--------------------------------|
| Sept. 12, 2015 | Aug. 7, 2015 |
| Oct. 24, 2015 | Sept. 18, 2015 |
| Dec. 12, 2015 | Nov. 6, 2015 |
| Feb. 6, 2016 | Jan. 8, 2016 |
| April 9, 2016 | March 4, 2016 |
| June 11, 2016 | May 6, 2016 |

ACT Test Dates (2015-2016)

ACT/SAT TEST PREP—Students should be aware that ACT and SAT test prep workshops are available at various locations. Counselors highly recommend that students take time to prepare for the ACT and SAT tests. Information on ACT or SAT workshops and online preparation programs can be obtained by contacting the counseling office. Additional test preparation materials and information can be found at www.actstudent.org and www.collegeboard.org as well as at:

Khan Academy— online available resources to help students prepare for the SAT and the ACT [https:// www.khanacademy.org/test-prep](https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep)

The Student Connection— locations in Macomb Twp. and in Birmingham— Proven results!!! 586-741-8706 or <http://thestudentconnect.com>

The College Quest— summer programs available for SAT and ACT! [http:// www.collegequestmi.com/](http://www.collegequestmi.com/) The Princeton Review— www.princetonreview.com

Family Connection/Naviance: ALL UCS students have free access to Family Connection. In addition to the multitude of career, college, scholarship, and other college readiness features, Family Connections offers test preparation at no cost. Students log into the site with their UCS login. <https://connection.naviance.com/family-connection/auth/login/?hsid=uticahs>

SAT

The state of Michigan has adopted the SAT as its new state assessment to assess students and their progress towards college readiness and common core standards. Like the ACT, the SAT is also a college admissions test. The scores from the March 2016 test can be used for students

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applying to college. The redesigned SAT will be more focused and useful than ever before and will test the few things that research shows matter most for college readiness and success:

Relevant Words in Context

Command of Evidence

Essay Analyzing a Source

Math that Matters Most

Problems Grounded in Real-World Contexts

Analysis in Science and in History/Social Studies

The Great Global Conversation and U.S. Founding Documents

For additional information, visit: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/state-partnerships/michigan>

SAT Test Dates for 2015 & 2016

New SAT begins in March 2016. Not recommending it for students until Fall 2016.

| SAT Test Date | Official Registration Deadline |
|---------------|--------------------------------|
| Oct. 3, 2015 | Sept. 3, 2015 |
| Nov. 7, 2015 | Oct. 9, 2015 |
| Dec. 5, 2015 | Nov. 5, 2015 |
| Jan. 23, 2016 | Dec. 28, 2015 |

The SAT is offered seven Saturdays per year, and regular registration deadlines are usually about 3-4 weeks before a test date. For those students who cannot test on Saturdays because of religious observance, Sunday administrations are typically offered the Sunday after each Saturday administration.

Register Online

Go to <https://sat.collegeboard.org/register> Choose your test date and test center in real time.

Receive immediate registration confirmation. Get 24-hour access to your registration for printing or correcting your Admission Ticket.

Attention All Seniors!

All transcript requests are handled online!

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Utica High School Naviance-Family Connections and eDocs Instructions

<http://connection.naviance.com/uticahs>

Login: Students use their UCS computer login to log into Naviance/Family Connection

All SENIORS please complete the “Brag Survey” which can be found at your Family Connections page under the ABOUT ME tab before registration in August. This information will be used for your letters of recommendations from your counselors.

Requesting Transcripts and School Documents:

Below are tasks that students must complete in order to request the transcripts and recommendations from teachers to be sent electronically to schools:

Log onto Family Connection.

Establish an appropriate email address that will be used only for the college process.

For students applying to schools USING THE COMMON APP, you should register with the Common App after August 1st.

Enter the high school information and add at least one college, and sign the FERPA release Authorization on the Common App.

Complete the Common App Matching process in Family Connection. This links Family Connection to your Common App account. If you do not complete this process, Naviance prevents the high school from electronically submitting school forms.

Add colleges to the ‘*Colleges I’m Applying To*’ list in Family Connection. (If you click on the Dashboard you will see all of your colleges listed).

For students applying to schools NOT USING THE COMMON APP:

Select the **Colleges** tab in Family Connection.

Click the **Transcripts** link, listed in the **Resources** section of the tab.

Click **Request transcripts** for the type of transcript you are requesting.

Enter the necessary information. This will differ based on the destination of the transcript. You can request transcripts to NCAA here as well.

Click **Request Transcripts** at the bottom of the page.

Meet with teachers who will be writing your recommendation.

Request materials for college application in Family Connection (teacher recommendation/transcripts). **Request teachers to write recommendations as early as possible! As part of your request, you must tell teachers which schools they should send a recommendation to. If a school only requires 2 (max) recommendations and you ask 3-4 other recommenders, only the first 2 can be uploaded in eDocs. Pay special attention to how many recommendations can be submitted to each university! Only send teacher recommendation requests through Naviance. Do not send them through the Common App.**

If a student has a Common APP school on his list in Family Connection, the student needs to indicate if he is applying via Common App or not.

Return to Family Connection frequently to update your college results.

Request a final transcript for a college after the application is marked as accepted in Family Connection. You can mark an application as accepted from the Colleges tab of the student folder in the Application Details section and select Accepted using the Result drop-down menu. A student can mark an application as accepted from the **Colleges I’m Applying To List** in Family Connection. The student clicks the pencil icon in the Results column and updates the result as Accepted. When the student goes to request a transcript, he or she will see a Request Final Transcript section.

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To Request a Teacher Letter of Recommendation, the Student Should Complete the Following Steps:

(Important- Request teachers to write recommendations as early as possible! We cannot send the school documents or the transcript until they have uploaded their recommendation!)

1. From the Colleges I'm Applying To list, go to the Teacher Recommendations section.
2. Only send teacher recommendation requests through Naviance. Do not send them through the Common App.
3. Click the Add/Cancel Requests link.
4. Choose a teacher from the drop-down menu.
5. Enter a personal note, optional.
6. Repeat steps 3 and 4 for up to four teachers.
7. Click the Update Request button to complete the request.
8. **IMPORTANT!!!! As part of your request, you must tell teachers which schools they should send a recommendation to. If a school only requires 2 (max) recommendations and you ask 3-4 other recommenders, only the first 2 can be uploaded in eDocs. Pay special attention to how many recommendations can be submitted to each university!**

Determining Which Colleges Accept Online Transcripts

Log into Naviance, click on the 'colleges' tab, then click on 'colleges I'm applying to "Colleges I'm Thinking About."

Find the column labeled 'Submissions.' You will see one of three symbols

Identifying whether the college accepts online transcripts:



College accepts paper transcripts only; must provide envelope/label



College accepts online transcripts; no envelope/label necessary



Common Application college accepts online transcripts; no envelope/label necessary

If a college offers the choice of their own application or the Common Application, we recommend using the Common Application. If you have questions, please see your counselor.

Colleges I'm Applying To List

Adding colleges to the **Colleges I'm Applying To** list in Family Connection is a great way for students to let school staff members know which colleges they are applying to. When a student adds a college to the list, the student is added to the Application Manager in Naviance.

To add an active application, the student should complete the following steps:

1. Click the Colleges tab.
2. Click Colleges I'm Applying To.
3. Click Add to This List.
4. Click Lookup.
5. Find a college he or she is applying to and click the link with the college name.
6. The college is added to the College column. The student should continue adding colleges until they are all added.
7. Indicate the type of application, if a transcript is needed and whether the application has been submitted.
8. Click Add Colleges.

Document Requests

Students can request the following college application materials in Family Connection:

Transcript

Teacher Letter of Recommendation

NEW families to UCS

ParentPortal Sign On

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

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

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

<http://uticak12.org/parentportalinfo>

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

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

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

If you have not previously set-up a single sign-on account, you will have the ability to do so at this point.

Please enter all required information as shown below:

PowerSchool

Create Parent Account

First Name: John
 Last Name: Smith
 Email: smithj@ucsbemailaccount.com
 Desired Username: smith1968
 Password: [masked]
 Re-enter Password: [masked]

Password must:
 • Be at least 6 characters long

Link Students to Account

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

| Student Name | Access ID | Access Password | Relationship |
|--------------|-----------|-----------------|--------------|
| 1. [input] | [input] | [input] | Choose |
| 2. [input] | [input] | [input] | Choose |
| 3. [input] | [input] | [input] | Choose |

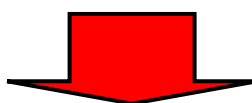
Create a new Username and password. Your password is case sensitive.

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

Your parent/guardian confidential ID is: **480V82**
Your parent/guardian confidential password is: **586**

Sample



Link Students to Account

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

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

Parent/guardian ID here.

Parent/guardian password here.

If you've used the parent portal prior to the 2012-2013 school year, your **parent/guardian ID and password** now become the **access ID and password** and can only be used to link students to your account. You can no longer use the parent/guardian ID and password to log on to the parent portal. You must complete this process even if you have only one student account.

Once the account is set-up, you will be able to log in to the portal once and view information for multiple children linked to your account.

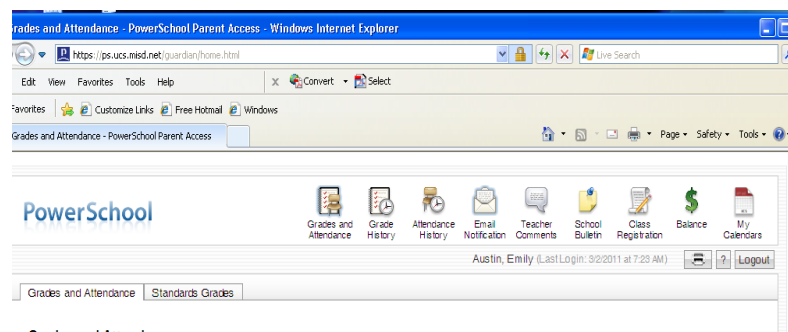
There is no change to how the students access the parent portal. Students do not need to set-up a single sign-on account and only need to provide the student ID and password (provided in the parent portal access letter).

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PowerSchool e-mail system

The PowerSchool e-mail system allows us to regularly send important school notices directly to you. To register for these updates, please log on to your PowerSchool account and sign up under the “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!



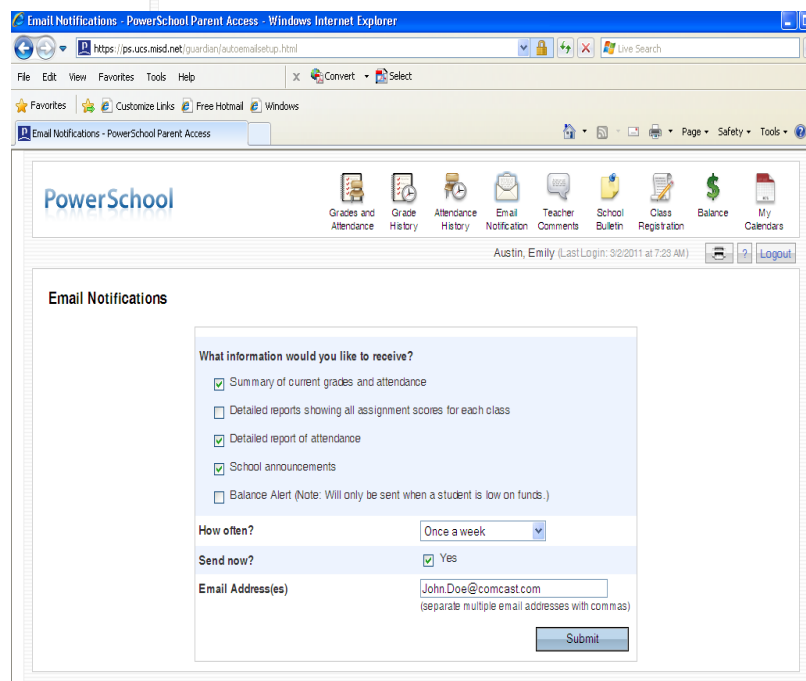
1. Log into **PowerSchool**.

2. Click on the **Email Notification** tab.

Result: The Email Notifications screen displays.

4. Click on in the boxes to the left of the **information** you want to receive.
5. Select **how often** you want the notification. Daily is not recommended.
6. Click in the box to the right of Send now.
7. Enter the **email address** you want the notifications sent to. Enter up to three e-mail addresses separated by commas.

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



8. Click on **Submit**.

IMPORTANT

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



We are fortunate at UHS to have numerous College Admissions Representatives come to Utica High to discuss their colleges. They discuss majors, tuition, extra-curricular activities and so much more. To learn more about a college, all students are allowed to register for up to three college presentations.

College Presentation sign up is open to all students using their Naviance account.

1. Click on the tab COLLEGES.
2. Under Upcoming college visits, click on view all upcoming college visits.
3. Review the list of scheduled college visits.
4. When you find one that you would like to attend, click on sign up.
5. To register for the presentation, click on Sign me up.
6. Attendance will be taken at the presentation and turned into the Attendance Office.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DATES, TIMES and LOCATION ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. LISTEN TO THE MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS OR SEE MRS. WYNN in Counseling. ADDITIONAL COLLEGES WILL BE ADDED.

| College | Date | Class Period | Location |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Michigan State University | Wed September 23, 2015 | 3 rd hr | ECC |
| Lake Superior State University | Thu September 24, 2015 | 2 nd hr | Counseling Conf. |
| University of Michigan, Dearborn | Thu September 24, 2015 | 6 th hr | Counseling Conf. |
| Bowling Green State University | Mon September 28, 2015 | 1 st hr | Counseling Conf. |
| Albion College | Mon September 28, 2015 | 3 rd hr | Counseling Conf. |
| Central Michigan University | Tue September 29, 2015 | 4 th hr A/B | ECC |
| Michigan Technological University | Tue September 29, 2015 | 6 th hr | Counseling Conf. |
| Western Michigan University | Wed September 30, 2015 | 3 rd hr | ECC |
| Northern Michigan University | Thu October 1, 2015 | 3 rd hr | Counseling Conf. |
| Wayne State University | Thu October 1, 2015 | 4 th hr A/B | ECC |
| University of Michigan, Flint | Mon October 5, 2015 | 5 th hr | Counseling Conf. |
| Grand Valley State University | Tue October 6, 2015 | 2 nd hr | ECC |
| Oakland University | Tue October 6, 2015 | 6 th hr | ECC |
| Ball State University | Thu October 8, 2015 | 2 nd hr | Counseling Conf. |
| Macomb Community College | Thu October 8, 2015 | 6h hr | ECC |
| University of Toledo | Mon October 12, 2015 | 1 st hr | Counseling Conf. |
| University of Detroit Mercy | Mon October 12, 2015 | 4 th hr A/B | Counseling Conf. |
| Davenport University | Fri October 16, 2015 | 2 nd hr | Counseling Conf. |
| Madonna University | Mon October 19, 2015 | 1 st hr. | Counseling Conf. |
| Baker College of Clinton Township | Tue October 20, 2015 | 2 nd hr | Counseling Conf. |
| Aquinas College | Wed October 21, 2015 | 5 th hr | Counseling Conf. |
| University of Michigan | Thu October 22, 2015 | 4 th A/B | ECC |
| College for Creative Studies | Fri October 23, 2015 | 5 th hr | Counseling Conf. |
| Savannah College of Art & Design | Mon October 26, 2015 | 6 th hr | Counseling Conf. |
| Lawrence Technological University | Thu October 29, 2015 | 6 th hr | Counseling Conf. |



Good grades and gratitude is their bond

Dillon DeWitt and Mike McMillan have never met, but each knows how the other felt when he found out he had received a full ride scholarship to the university of his choice.

"Ecstatic and grateful," says McMillan. "Grateful and thrilled," says DeWitt.

DeWitt, who graduated from Macomb this year, received a Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship and is attending Loyola University in Chicago, majoring in social work. The highly competitive private scholarship is the largest awarded to community college transfer students in the country. Eligibility is based on academic accomplishments, commitment to community service and financial need. DeWitt was among 90 nationally to receive it this year.

"I read about it in an email or a student newsletter from Macomb and thought it was worth a try," he relates, "but I never thought I would win."

DeWitt, 28, admits that his high school years in Houghton Lake were less than memorable. But at Macomb, he discovered his inner student and began looking forward to every class. Good grades and a positive attitude naturally followed.

"My professors were extremely dedicated and the students I met were incredible people," says DeWitt. "I felt like Macomb gave me a connection and a lot of confidence."

McMillan, likewise, found a connection at Macomb that he never thought possible. Two years into an information technology (IT) program at a local university, he finally accepted the unavoidable truth.

"I am a lot more interested in cars than I am in IT," says the 25-year-old, Chesterfield Township resident. "But I was worried that there was no future in the auto industry."

McMillan enrolled at Macomb and cautiously began taking classes in its automotive technology program, still concerned that an automotive career would be too limiting.

"One of my instructors encouraged me to go into engineering," says McMillan. "He thought it would be a good fit for

me, and had a lot of possibilities."

Because of the small class sizes that gave McMillan room to grow academically, he advanced through the program with a perfect 4.0 grade point average. When he graduated Macomb, Wayne State University (WSU) offered him a full ride scholarship. He earned his bachelor's degree in electronic engineering technology and is now working on advanced drive systems at Continental Automotive in Auburn Hills.

"It was because of my good grades," says McMillan, "It was because of Macomb."



Dillon DeWitt, who graduated from Macomb in May, is attending Loyola University in Chicago on a full ride scholarship from the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation.

Young entrepreneurs get more than encouragement at Macomb

The young entrepreneur behind a store called "Peace," which provides female immigrants a safe haven for shopping, with English language lessons thrown in for free, was the winner when the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship held its first ever Pitch Competition for Macomb students this past spring.

"Peace" was the brainchild of Nazin Aktar (shown here after winning the competition), who grew up in Bangladesh and is studying chemical engineering and food science at Macomb. Her idea for the business grew out of her own experiences immigrating to the United States with her family. She is using the \$5,000 first-place prize to lease space for "Peace" and begin filling shelves with clothes and household goods.

On her way to first place, Aktar and 60 other contestants attended a pitching "boot camp" to teach them effective presentation techniques. From that 60, eight advanced to the final competition, which was judged by a panel of local business executives.

"The process of working with all the contestants, whether they won prize money or not, is just the beginning," said Derrin Leppik, director of Macomb's Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, which offers its services free to Macomb students. "We intend to keep working with each

Macomb Monarchs: winningest sports team in the state

For the first time in its history, Macomb's Athletics Department received the Charlie Chanter All Sports Award from the Michigan Community College Athletic Association (MCCAA), which recognizes the winningest sports program based on MCCA conference, tournament and championship play.

The Monarchs tied for the MCCA Eastern Conference women's basketball title, won the Eastern Conference softball championship (led by the MCCA Coach of the Year), were runners-up in men's and women's cross country and baseball championships, and finished third in volleyball and fourth in men's basketball.

In its seven MCCA sports, Macomb averaged 91.58 points toward the all sports award. Comparatively, Oakland Community College finished second with a 78.84 average and Lansing Community College finished third with a 75.52 average.

Art to part: a return to clay modeling

Macomb has introduced a new program that combines the technological precision of Computer Aided Design (CAD) with the highly skilled craft of sculpting models in clay, picking up where digital rendering left off and filling a void in automotive and other industries.

And GM is so excited about the possibilities, it has donated both the clay and the expertise.

"Every aesthetic component of a car is designed on computers and modeled in clay prior to the creation of a prototype," said William Maitana, Senior Manager of Creative Sculpting for General Motors who helped Macomb faculty develop the program. "We look for people who can support the design process from art to part."

Macomb's Digital Sculptor Program prepares students to work in industrial design studios, focusing on the development of both the necessary technical and creative skills. They will learn about digital manufacturing, computer numerical control applications, conceptual drawing, rendering techniques, clay modeling, and the drafting, modeling and assembly features of industry-specific software.

For more information, go to www.macomb.edu/productsdevelopment



of these students providing them with advice, mentorship and instruction as they move forward with accomplishing their dreams."

The next pitch competition will be held this fall.



2014 - 2015 11th Grade Honor Roll

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| Luna Abdulghani | Steven Farmer | Sabina Liskey | Dominic Santangelo |
| Jenna Agosta | Esmeralda Ferrara | Kristen Longtine | Mario Sarti |
| Hassain Aliahmad | Autumn Findley | Phillip Lowell | Erika Schemmel |
| Dylan Alley | Luc Fluent | Tristan Lupinski | Keshav Seetharaman |
| Edith Alvarez | Bridget Foehl | Melissa Machusko | Melissa Shanteau |
| Annabel Aquino | Madison Foldessy | Noelle Mancini | Alan Shaw |
| Valerie Arcori | Mitchell Fraser | John Marchese | Sophia Simbeni |
| Cameron Avis | Ethan Fromm | Jacob Markusic | Sophia Simopoulos |
| Amanda Balaska | Yasmin Gad | Nicholas Mason | Valerie Slifco |
| Jennifer Barbosa-Saucedo | Vincent Gallo | Taylor Matt | Rachael Smith |
| Meaghan Barch | Angelita Garcia | Megan McCollum | Bridget Spagnuolo |
| Robin Barczewski | Valentina Giambanco | Adam McNeil | Erica Spaulding |
| Morgan Baron | Julia Gielniak | Maher Megaly | Paige Spinale |
| Sara Baum | Jaymi Gittens | Jon Memcevic | MacKenzie Stamatakis |
| Saxton Baumann | Peter Gjini | Ashley Michol | Emily Stewart |
| Samuel Beutler | Alexandra Glass | Alexia Miller | Stephen Stockman |
| Jordan Bianchi | Jonathan Goettsch | Jason Miller | Ceion Strange |
| Nolan Bogdan | Marwa Gorgis | Nicole Miller | Natalie Suchoski |
| Monica Borders | Cameron Gudobba | Paige Minton | Sara Swiatkowski |
| Addison Breeding | Hayley Guertin | Amy Misze | Marshal Tan |
| Ian Briggs | Annalise Guitar | Andre' Montreuil | Meagan Tan |
| Charles Brinker | Shannon Habba | Rachael Mooney | Daniel Tanner |
| Cameron Brown | Christopher Haley | Kyren Morgan | Ryan Thomas |
| Joseph Brown | Brittney Hall | Nicole Morsfield | Alivia Thompson |
| Miranda Burns | Brianne Halliwill | Jacob Narra | Samantha Torongeau |
| Juliana Caporuscio | Lena Hann | Daniella Narso | Marissa Townsend |
| Keaton Carlson | Ashlie Hawe | Danielle Nelson | Iman Traore |
| Ryan Cassisi | Sara Hayes | Andrew Nguyen | Katelyn Tremper |
| Milen Chacko | Ryan Herc | Megan O'Hara | Marjo Uldedaj |
| Lauren Chaney | Lauren Hill | Caroline O'Rourke | Trevor VanDyke |
| Anastasia Cholagh | Alexander Hoefel | Jillian Oberts | Sarah VanSickle |
| Kellyn Clink | Anna Hoffman | Miranda Oleskie | Makenzie VanSlambrouck |
| Calum Clow | Haya Ibraheem | Sydney Opatich | Julia Vasquez |
| Amanda Cole | Shelby Jeffrey | Benjamin Pado | Cierra vonZittwitz |
| Alexis Collin | Jenna Johnston | Dante Paglia | Ashley Waddell |
| Jacob Collins | Brendan Kaczmarczyk | Andrew Pakledinaz | Drew Wager |
| Alec Connell | Alyssa Karas | Eleanor Pawelek | Haley Walker |
| Caylie Conwell | Krisna Khan | Katelyn Pawlowicz | Hailee Walmsley |
| Kate Cothran | Mohammad Khan | Megan Peek | Lukas Walters |
| Marinel Cruz | Joshua King | Jacob Peplinski | Shanza Waris |
| Jessica Cummings | Olivia Kirma | Alyssa Petruski | Summer Watkins |
| Jeremy Cundiff | Gloria Kobler | Tayler Pezanowski | Allan Watson |
| Elena Cupi | Brenden Koneval | Mitchell Pietryga | Kyle Weaver |
| Evan Danielson | Magdalena Kotlarz | Ronald Pinto | Kimberly Wierzbicki |
| Mary Davis | Jack Kraemer | Dominic Pipitone | Austin Wiese |
| Caleb Dease | Zachary Kraemer | Donovan Pipitone | Sydney Wilcox |
| Christopher Dedvukaj | Katie Krajenke | Nira Pittman | Carina Willcock |
| Connor Dillon | Allison Kuligowski | Sabrina Powell | Nikolas Williams |
| Lillian DiLorenzo | Jonathan Lagodzinski | Karolina Ptak | Olivia Windorf |
| Gina Duff | Noah Laino | Andrew Pugh | Dean Wundrach |
| Ryann Easterbrook | Evan Lankford | Magnus Reyes | Brendan Yeager |
| Caden Ebeling | Tara Lehr | Aaron Robinson | Janel Yousif |
| Meron Elia | Hailey Lenzing | Bradley Ross | Yousif Yousif |
| Angela Evanoff | Grace Lewis | Noah Roth | Nino Zeolla |
| Joshua Fairless | Ted Lindsay | Emma Sala | Jennifer Zudor |

2014 - 2015 10th Grade Honor Roll

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|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Michle Ablahad | Daniel Cole | Ji Su Hur | Meghan Miller | Salvador Serrano |
| Sky Adams | Roza Deda | Mathew Issa | Omaure Miller | Toby Serrano |
| Kiah Anderson | Justin DeWitt | Alena Jalics | Noah Minard | Stephanie Shaddock |
| Vanessa Andrianos | Matthew Dinnan | Alexis Jankowiak | Lilyanna Misovski | Blake Sheridan |
| Zachary Arafat | Charlene Dukes | Justin Janulewicz | Sean Mitchell | Kenneth Shivers |
| Anthony Asgarally | Colin Dumont | Gabrielle Jaques | Alexander Mittag | Krystal Shock |
| Nathan Ayers | Emily Earls | Lauren Johnson | Elric Molina | Medina Shutti |
| Colin Baker | Trevor Easterbrook | Jaclyn Juncaj | Holly Montgomery | Vita Simmons |
| Elizabeth Balaj | Emily Edwards | Melinda Kamil | Christina Moore | Jessica Skorupski |
| Katelyn Barile | Sofia Esquivel | Danielle Kaschall | Lucas Moticsak | Kimberly Slifco |
| Matthew Barnard | Calista Esterline | Emma Keenan | Madeleine Motloch | Camryn Smith |
| Megan Bayus | Jenna Fairless | Alexa Kessen | Clorissa Moua | Makayla Smith |
| Stephanie Bering | John Felts | Ivan Kesto | Jenna Mowry | Kimberly Soriano |
| Oneska Bija | Julia Felts | Sarah Khoshaba | Arleen Mundian | Brittany Stack |
| Claire Binkowski | Zackary Firestone | Emina Kijamet | Colleen Murphy | Valerie Stafford |
| Jacob Blanco | Matthew Fitzpatrick | Raphael Kirma | Akshil Naik | Zachary Stefanko |
| Kara Borders | Abbigail Fletcher | Sydney Kleiner | Tyler Newton | Olivia Stefanovich |
| Kaley Brenizer | Brittany Fortin | Nicholas Kortas | Albert Nilaj | David Stemple |
| Lauren Brohl | Matthew Fortman | Sydney Kosewicz | Rana Noori | Jasyn Sun |
| Alexis Burrows | David Frick | Gabriella Kostadinovski | Patrick O'Connor | Mackenzie Surdu |
| Gjergj Camaj | Charles Fromm | Natalia Kowalczyk | Kayla O'Kray | Allison Taylor |
| Julia Candela | Makenna Galui | Kyle Kreutz-Lovecchio | Jacob Ochenski | Grace Taylor |
| Michael Candela | Colton Gamrat | Maureen Lamers | Monica Onkalo | Toma Toma |
| Tyler Carrier | Gabriel Garbarino | Joseph LaPointe | Michael Osborn | Marsella Tomas |
| Ethan Cartwright | Yousif Gargees | Lyndsey Lavelle | Gabrielle Pawelek | Lauren Tomei |
| Arlene Carver | Dayna Gerlach | Sarah Lavin | Jason Peraino | Reanna Trexler |
| Shaun Carver | Filippo Giambanco | Mikayla Leasure | Mackenzie Peterson | Shane Troyan |
| Alexis Castonguay | Joshua Giles | Izabela Lebioda | Kyle Pezanowski | Jennifer Uctum |
| Isabella Catalano | Maria Gjokaj | Joseph Lico | Mitchel Phlypo | Hailey Ursaki |
| Elena Catallo | Emalee Godard | Edith Liechty | Jonathan Piasecki | Alayna Valliere |
| Gurjiwan Chahal | Joseph Gornicki | Pjeter Ljuljduraj | Noah Poronto | Stefen Varner |
| Sydney Chapman | Samantha Grady | Jessica Lodge | Danielle Poth | Alyssa Verbeke |
| Brooke Chmiel | Garrett Guglielmetti | Jason Long | Jennifer Raptoplous | Nicole Vermandere |
| Hannah Choe | Supriya Gupta | Daisy Lopez | Amber Rasho | Nicole Virostick |
| Noah Conley | Thayrinie Gutierrez | Emily Ludwa | Jorge Rea | Adam Walters |
| Avy Cordero | Dane Haggerty | Slater Lutz | Akshara Reji | Nicole Wasik |
| Alexandra Corneanu | Elijah Hagman | Cody Mancini | Alexander Ries | Kaci Watt |
| Charlie Cousins | Ava Hann | Michael Manuel | Kelsey Rife | Haley Weber |
| Joshua Cutway | Kara Hardy | Raven Manzella | Jesse Ringle | Olivia Whicker |
| Alexander Dahdah | Sydney Harrow | Samuel Marchese | Andrew Roh | Connor Willcock |
| Nathan Daniels | Grace Hartigan | Xhevalin Marku | Lydia Rooney | Jacob Wroblewski |
| Shelby Davies | Taran Heersma | Daniel Martinez Martinez | Harmony Ross | Tyler Wundrach |
| Jacob Davis | Emily Hermann | Matti Matti | Mallory Rusk | Leah Wylie |
| Donovan Dawood | Jillian Higerson | Ryan McIntosh | Hanna Sala | Fabiola Xhamxhi |
| Nicholas Day | Christopher Holdstock | Brittney McIntyre | Macenzie Salerno | Dylan Yono |
| Kiylee DeAngelis | Clay Holmes | Violet Milicaj | Kathryn Seib | Cassandra Zamora |

Utica Boys Cross Country Continues the Tradition of a Successful Summer Training Camp

National Honor Society News

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Kammann at 586-797-2334 or by email at Linda.Kammann@UticaK12.org.



Until October 31, 2015

****Located off the cafeteria open 7:00 AM-2:00PM****



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.

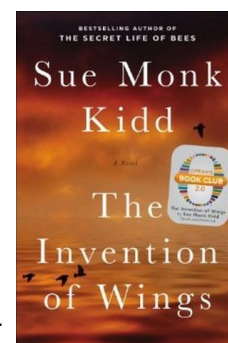
BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, September 29, 2015, 7 p.m.

Join us at Barnes & Noble on Hall Rd & Hayes

***The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd**

Hetty "Handful" Grimke, an urban slave in early nineteenth century Charleston, yearns for life beyond the suffocating walls that enclose her within the wealthy Grimke household. The Grimke's daughter, Sarah, has known from an early age she is meant to do something large in the world, but she is hemmed in by the limits imposed on women.



On Sarah's eleventh birthday, she is given ownership of ten year old Handful, who is to be her handmaid. We follow their remarkable journeys over the next thirty-five years, as both strive for a life of their own, dramatically shaping each other's destinies and forming a complex relationship marked by guilt, defiance, estrangement and the uneasy ways of love. As the stories build to a riveting climax, Handful will endure loss and sorrow, finding courage and a sense of self in the process. Sarah will experience crushed hopes, betrayal, unrequited love, and ostracism before leaving Charleston to find her place alongside her fearless younger sister, Angelina, as one of the early pioneers in the abolition and women's rights movements. Kidd goes beyond the record to flesh out the rich interior lives of all of her characters, both real and invented, including Handful's cunning mother, Charlotte, who courts danger in her search for something better.



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



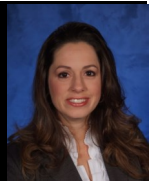
**Please
continue to
collect items for
Ronald McDonald House:**

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

CHIEFTAIN NEWS

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| September 8, 2015 | | First Day of School |
| September 15, 2015 | 9:30 a.m. | Sounding Board Meeting - ECC Room |
| September 18, 2015 | 4:00 p.m. | Homecoming Parade |
| September 18, 2015 | 7:00 p.m. | Homecoming Game vs Anchor Bay |
| September 19, 2015 | 7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m. | Homecoming Dance |
| September 24, 2015 | 7:00 p.m. | Open House—Auditorium |
| September 25, 2015 | 1:15 p.m. (6th hour) | Student Advisory Board |
| October 12, 2015 | 9:30 a.m. | Sounding Board Meeting - ECC Room |
| October 20, 2015 | 2nd Hour | Senior Meeting |
| November 3, 2015 | | No School - Professional Development |
| November 9, 2015 | 9:30 a.m. | Sounding Board Meeting - ECC Room |
| November 19, 2015 | 10:22 a.m. | Early Dismissal - Evening Conferences |
| Nov. 25 - Nov 27, 2015 | | No School - Thanksgiving Break |
| November 30, 2015 | | Classes Resume |
| December 14, 2015 | 9:30 a.m. | Sounding Board Meeting - Main Office |
| Dec. 23, 2015 - Jan 1, 2016 | | Winter Break Begins |
| January 4, 2016 | | Classes Resume |
| January 11, 2016 | 9:30 a.m. | Sounding Board Meeting - ECC Room |
| January 18, 2016 | | No School - Martin Luther King Day |
| January 20, 2016 | 10:22 a.m. | Exams 1st & 2nd Hour, Early Dismissal |
| January 21, 2016 | 10:22 a.m. | Exams 3rd & 4th Hour, Early Dismissal |
| January 22, 2016 | 10:22 a.m. | Exams 5th & 6th Hour, Early Dismissal - End of Semester |
| February 8, 2016 | 9:30 a.m. | Sounding Board Meeting - ECC Room |
| Feb. 15 - Feb. 19, 2016 | | No School - Mid-Winter Break |
| February 22, 2016 | | Classes Resume |
| March 14, 2016 | 9:30 a.m. | Sounding Board Meeting - ECC Room |
| March 25, 2016 | | No School - Good Friday |
| April 4 - April 8, 2016 | | No School - Spring Break |
| April 11, 2016 | | Classes Resume |
| April 11, 2016 | 9:30 a.m. | Sounding Board Meeting - ECC Room |
| May 12, 2016 | 7:00 p.m. | Senior Honor's Night (invitation only) - Auditorium |
| May 9, 2016 | 9:30 a.m. | Sounding Board Meeting - ECC Room |
| May 27 - May 30, 2016 | | No School - Memorial Day Weekend |
| June 7, 2016 | 7:45 a.m. | Department Recognition Awards Breakfast (invitation only) |
| June 14, 2016 | 10:22 a.m. | Exams 1st & 2nd Hour, Early Dismissal |
| June 15, 2016 | 10:22 a.m. | Exams 3rd & 4th Hour, Early Dismissal |
| June 16, 2016 | 10:22 a.m. | Exams 5th & 6th Hour, Early Dismissal - Last Day |

Go Chieftains



ALOHA

The UHS Student Council returned the Camp Echo Grove for two days in August in order to kick start the 2015-16 school year. In addition to the team building activities and challenges, the students got a jump start on planning this year's EARLY homecoming! The theme this year is ALOHA HOMECOMING! Here is the schedule of events! Hope to see Chieftains current and past at the football game on Friday, September 18th!

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| Monday 9/14/15 | Battle at the Beach – Competition Assembly |
| Tuesday 9/15/15 | Tacky Tourist Day – Wear your Hawaiian shirts and tourist gear! |
| Wednesday 9/16/15 | Island of Dreams – PJ Day |
| Thursday 9/17/15 | Tropical Thursday – Wear your Homecoming shirts and Leis |
| Friday 9/18/15 | Chieftain Luau – Show your Chieftain Pride in Orange & Black 4:00 p.m. – Parade through downtown Utica 7:00 p.m. – Football Game 9:00 p.m. – Announcement of Homecoming King and Queen after the game |
| Saturday 9/19/15 | Aloha Homecoming Dance 7:30 – 10:00 p.m. UHS Gymnasium |



FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR...Jim Vigus



Athletic Boosters website: www.uhsathleticboosters.net

Utica High Athletic Booster Club Meetings:
October 5th, 7:00 p.m., ECC Room
November 2nd, 7:00 p.m., ECC Room

September Home Athletic Events:

Boys' Varsity Football: 9/11 Romeo, 7:00 p.m.
9/18 Cousino, 7:00 p.m. (Homecoming)

Boys' Freshmen/JV Football: Freshmen game starts at 4:30 p.m., JV game follows a half hour later.
9/24 Cousino, 7:00 p.m.

Boys' and Girls' Cross Country:
9/15 MAC Jamboree at Riverbends Park, 4:15 p.m.

Boys' Tennis: 9/9 L'Anse Creuse North, 4:30 p.m.
9/14 Dakota, 4:30 p.m.
9/21 Romeo, 4:30 p.m.

Boys' Varsity Soccer: 9/21 Henry Ford, 6:30 p.m.
9/28 Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.
9/30 Eisenhower, 6:30 p.m.

Boys' JV Soccer: 9/21 Henry Ford, 5:00 p.m.
9/28 Stevenson, 5:00 p.m.
9/30 Eisenhower, 5:00 p.m.

Boys' Freshmen Soccer: 9/10 Dakota, 4:30 p.m.
9/17 Eisenhower, 4:30 p.m.
9/24 Lakeview, 4:30 p.m.

Girls' Swimming: (Utica Home meets are held at Eisenhower High School):
9/10 Centerline, 6:00 p.m.
9/15 L'Anse Creuse North, 6:00 p.m.
9/22 Port Huron, 6:00 p.m.
9/29 Stevenson, 6:00 p.m.

Girls' Varsity Volleyball: 9/22 Sterling Heights, 6:30 p.m.

Girls' JV Volleyball: 9/22 Sterling Heights, 5:30 p.m.

Girls' 9th Gr. Volleyball: 9/22 Sterling Heights, 4:30 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

Sharps Flats : Band Notes

BAND AND ORCHESTRA BOOSTER NEWS ~ Where involvement is the key.
Karen Haithcock – UHS Band & Orchestra Publicity Officer



www.uticabands.org

Next Booster Meeting: September 25, 2015
7:00 p.m. – Band Room

This September, as we wrap up another magnificent summer and excitedly kick off marching band season (aka “football season”), we fall back in to old routines, but hey, there’s something new around here! We warmly welcome Utica High School’s new Instrumental Music Director, Mrs. Keri Pruse. Mr. Sauer’s retirement at the end of last school year left big shoes to fill. What came to fill them may be tiny, but wow, does she ever get stuff done! Mrs. Pruse moved over to Utica High School from Flickinger and Harvey Elementary Schools and started on Mini Band Camp in July. Students agree they got more done at Mini Band Camp than they had in years. With her strong organization skills and expertise in instrumental instruction, members of the band are impressed and excited about the future. Thanks to Mrs. Pruse and all that she brings to the table...er, uh...podium, we have a lot to look forward to as we *Pruse* into the new school year.

2015: A BAND ODDYSEY!

Get ready to blast off as A BAND ODDYSEY comes to a football stadium near you!

This year’s half time show has a space theme. Prepare to go where no one from Utica has gone before. In this space traveler’s journey, you will find yourself transported to a galaxy far, far away. Traveling back in time; walking on sunshine; visiting a stratospheric galaxy and circling the planets in joyous mirth. You are going to love this star party!



2015 Halftime Show Musical Selections

“Also Sprach Zarathustra”

“Great Moments in Cinema – Part 1” ~ with selections from “Star Wars” and “E.T. The Extra Terrestrial” by John Williams

“Walking on Sunshine”

“Halo” Theme

“Jupiter” Melody from “The Planets” by Gustav Holst

In addition to stellar musical performances, you won’t want to miss all the cosmic surprises the Color Guard has planned for this year’s show. Look for their fun creative touches throughout.

The drumline will warp you to another dimension and leave you in awe. Be sure to come on out and enjoy the show! You can catch it during any Utica home football game: 8/29, 9/11, 9/18 (Homecoming), 10/2 and 10/9. And don’t forget to come support your Marching Chieftains at Band-A-Rama on October 4, where all four UCS high schools will put on an epic show.

2015 Utica High School Marching Band

102 members of the Utica High School Marching Band (UHSMB) attended Band Camp at Central Michigan University August 2-7. The week was filled with lots of sunshine; a TON of hard work and plenty of fun.

This was Utica's second year in attendance at CMU. Following an early wake-up and breakfast, a typical day at camp begins out on the field at 8:30 am with a three hour practice session. Following a quick lunch the band breaks in to instrumental sectionals for further practice and then meets back together as a whole for an indoor rehearsal. Evening finds everyone back out on the field for another three hour practice. Fun is woven in through daily themes like section pride, patriotic day and class shirts. The fun continues into the night, with amusing events such as the senior outing (can you say Insomnia Cookies?), game night, dare you to play the saxophone in 7-11, dance, and pizza party.



An interesting development at this year's camp was the appearance of "Sax Man" ~ who *is* this mysterious player of "Careless Whisper"... *Why* did no one in 7-11 seem to care that he was playing through the chip and Slurpee aisles? Stay tuned in UHS Band world for more cameo appearances and perhaps a mystery unveiling. In the meantime, Matt Zaleski... Officer Prout has your number.

THANK YOU

A big round of applause for the fabulous band families who took time away from their busy lives to go up to CMU as chaperones for Band Camp this summer: Donna Barczewski, Mary Biernaczonek, Jeff Farmer, Robert Gambrell, Debbie Gasperoni, Kathy Groves, Karen Haithcock, Susie Hickman, Debbie Jozefowicz, Renee Keta, Caryn MacDonald, Eric Norris, Joe Syler and Jill Taylor. Thank you to Chris Cummings who coordinated all of the food for mini band camp. To the many people who made donations, helped serve lunch and pitched in to help with the tailgate or serve water breaks, please know your time and efforts are greatly appreciated. April Fullmer, Marie Furhman and Holly Matthews thanks for helping set up and decorate after camp.

MEET YOUR DRUM MAJORS

Left to Right: Charlene Dukes (Junior), Jessica Cummings (Senior), Jason Miller (Senior) and Jordan LaBarge (Junior).



FUNDRAISERS

TAG DAY

Members of the Utica High School Marching Band will be playing in front of local businesses around Utica and Shelby Township on September 25 and 26. As you are "out and about" shopping and dining you may come across small herds of students with their instruments. Do not be afraid. These mini herds are called ensembles. They will be most thankful if you toss some change in their band hats/buckets. The Color Guard will also be participating. Tag Day is a fun way to entertain, connect with the community and raise money to support the Marching Band.

RAFFLE THE BAND

Impress your neighbors; frighten your pets... it is time for the annual Raffle the Band fundraiser. Band members will be selling raffle tickets to WIN THE BAND IN YOUR YARD! **\$5/Ticket or 5 for \$20**

Winner will receive a personal performance by the Utica High School Marching Band following the Mt. Clemens Holiday Parade on the Saturday before Thanksgiving this year. Location needs to be within reasonable distance of the band's return route from Mt. Clemens to Utica.

BAND STORE

Look for the UHS BAND STORE table set up during the first half of all home football games. You will find an exciting assortment of merchandise perfect to show off your loyal Chieftain team spirit in style. For example, Band Boosters sell handy seat cushions for sporting events and really cool sunglasses. Proceeds support the band.

PIZZA PIZZA

Students in the Marching Band will be selling Little Caesar Pizza Kits during the month of September. These inexpensive kits are easy to prepare and handy to have on hand for snacking or entertaining. Orders are due by month end with distribution October 6. Little Caesars shares a percentage of each kit sold to help the band.

USED INSTRUMENT SALE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3rd

BUYERS: Afternoon 1-4 pm

Do you have a younger son or daughter entering the wonderful world of music? Know someone wanting to learn how to play an instrument? Perhaps looking to upgrade to a better model? The UHS Band Boosters will be hosting their **31st Annual** Used Instrument Sale on October 3, 2015. Instruments will be sold from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Utica High School. This is a great opportunity to purchase an instrument at a reasonable price.

SELLERS: Morning 8-11 am

Do you have an instrument not being played anymore? Or want to sell it to get a better one? Trying to reduce clutter? Looking for some extra cash? Let the UHS Band Boosters help! An appraiser will be available at the school in the morning to help set an asking price for your instrument. If your instrument sells, the seller will get 80% of the sale price and the UHS Band Boosters will receive 20%. A \$10 fee may apply if you have the instrument appraised, but choose not to participate in the sale.

For more information, please contact: Joe Syler at (586)383-2737

UPCOMING EVENTS

BAND BOOSTERS

NEXT UP BAND BOOSTER MEETING: Tuesday, September 25 at 7 pm in the Band Room

If you have a son or daughter in band at UHS then you are automatically a member of the Band Boosters! Membership has its rewards. You may not get the free insulated tote the folks at AARP give away with their memberships, but you also don't have to pay any membership fees with the Utica Band Boosters. That's right – it's free. Free is good. Plus, getting involved in the Band Boosters will give you a chance to meet some really cool people (unbiased opinion) AND it is a great way to be involved in your student's education. Trust me when I say the time your son or daughter is at UHS will fly by fast. Being involved with the Boosters will give you the chance to make many happy *lasting* memories. That insulated tote might rip, but band time is priceless....as in free, so PLEASE JOIN US!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR MARCHING BAND

MB Practices continue Tues & Thursdays 9 am to noon thru Sept 3. Tuesday Sept. 8 switches over to 6 - 8 pm & then every Mon & Tues 6 - 8 pm thru Oct 12.

2015 Football Home Games: 8/28, 9/11, 9/18 Homecoming, 10/2 and 10/9. Football report times at 4:45 pm (except Homecoming, see below).

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| Sept 11: | Football Game - report time 4:45 pm |
| Sept 13: | Richmond Parade, TBA |
| Sept 18: | Homecoming Report time 3:45 pm Utica Police Station in Full Uniform with instrument. |
| Sept 25 & 26: | Tag Day (UHSMB members must participate to earn discount on camp fees) |
| Oct 2: | Football Game - report time 4:45 pm |
| Oct 3: | Used Instrument Sale |
| Oct 4: | Band-A-Rama |
| Oct 9: | Football Game - report time 4:45 pm. Senior Night. |
| Oct 10: | Mini Band Camp at UHS from Noon to 6 pm |
| Oct 13: | Practice possible after school based on MSBOA schedule |
| Oct 13 or 14: | MSBOA Marching Band Festival TBA |
| Oct 17: | Cedar Point |
| Oct 20 or 21: | MSBOA Marching Band Festival Rain Dates |
| Nov 6: | Raffle the Band Drawing |
| Nov 21: | Mt. Clemens Parade & Raffle the Band |



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UCS District website:**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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| September 8 | First Day of School |
| September 10 | Sophomore Orientation—Auditorium, 7:00 p.m. |
| September 15 | Sounding Board Meeting—ECC Room, 9:30 a.m. |
| September 18 | Homecoming Parade, 4:00 p.m. |
| September 18 | Homecoming Game, 7:00 p.m. |
| September 19 | Homecoming Dance, 7:30 p.m.—10:30 p.m. |
| September 24 | Open House—Auditorium, 7:00 p.m. |
| September 25 | Student Advisory Board—Main Office, 1:15 p.m. (6th hour) |

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| October 3 | Band Used Instrument Sale, Sellers: 8-11 a.m., Buyers: 1-4 p.m. |
| October 12 | Sounding Board Meeting—ECC Room, 9:30 a.m. |
| October 13 | PSAT (11th grade only), 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. |
| October 20 | Senior Meeting—Auditorium, 2nd Hour |
| October 23 | Student Advisory Board—Main Office, 1:15 p.m. (6th hour) |

Welcome Back

Nondiscrimination in Education

In compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act and the Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act, it is the policy of Utica Community Schools that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, age, disability, height, weight, or marital status be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination during any instructional opportunities, programs, services, job placement assistance, employment or in policies governing student conduct and attendance. Any person suspecting a discriminatory practice should contact the Executive