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From the Principal's Desk



Happy New Year! We thank the entire Utica community for assisting us in providing support for less fortunate families during the holiday season. As I always say, "People are our greatest resource." Please keep in mind throughout the year that families will continue to need our support.

ATTENTION ALL JUNIORS

State testing is scheduled for March 4th through March 6th. UHS teachers will assist juniors in preparing for the ACT-MME. Students can improve their chances of receiving a high score by participating in additional online test prep activities to prepare for the ACT-MME. See online resources outlined below:

Test-Prep Websites

As a Michigan resident, students are encouraged to use the Michigan Electronic Library (MEL); go to www.mel.org/, click on "test tutorials" to access free ACT-prep courses online. Mel also offers writing practice and an opportunity for students to submit an essay online and obtain feedback relative to wiring strengths and weaknesses – click on the college prep link.

Juniors can also access The Princeton Review test-prep site at www.princetonreview.com.

Additional test websites –

<http://number2.com>

<http://swiftpens.com/page11/page20/page33/page33.html>

ACT-PREP WORKSHOPS FOR JUNIORS WILL BE OFFERED AFTER SCHOOL STARTING IN JANUARY – SEE SCHEDULE ON PAGE 21

TEST SCHEDULE

DAY 1 MARCH 4, 2014

ACT Plus Writing Tests

DAY 2 MARCH 5, 2014

WorkKeys Tests

DAY 3 MARCH 6, 2014

Michigan Tests

ALL JUNIORS SHOULD BRING A GRAPHING CALCULATOR FOR ALL THREE DAYS OF TESTING

ATTENTION ALL SOPHOMORES

All sophomores will take the PLAN Test in March.

All junior and sophomore parents will receive a letter with details regarding testing. Please support your student in preparing for these important exams.

Reminder – Academic Blitz – Thursday, February 6, 2014 – Henry Ford II High School – 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Early College of Macomb representatives will be there, along with University of Michigan Flint personnel sharing information about the district's DEEP Program – Dual Enrollment Educational Partnership.



Macomb Daily Student of the Week



Congratulations to senior *Stephanie Jarzombek* who has been nominated for the Macomb Daily Student of the Week. All nominees must demonstrate outstanding leadership skills, excel academically and show evidence of their involvement in community service projects. Stephanie is a member of the National Honor Society, the National Hispanic Honor Society, president of the International Thespian Society and a member of Key Club. She is also a member of the UHS choir, the math club, book club and The Tribe. During her tenure at UHS, Stephanie has participated in all of the play productions serving as actor and director. Stephanie plans to attend Wayne State University and pursue a double major in theatre and psychology.

Recognizing our School Board Members

Our board members work hard to ensure the success of all students in UCS. Behind the scenes, they monitor budgets, research topics, participate in study sessions with central office staff, attend local and national workshops/conferences, serve on various committees and work closely with state legislators. We appreciate the work of our board members in supporting students, parents and staff in Utica Community Schools. See our board members on page 3.

A Thought for the New Year:

The writer Jean Stafford scoffed, "Happy people don't need to have fun," but in fact, studies show that the absence of feeling bad isn't enough to make you happy; you must strive to find sources of feeling good. One way to feel good is to make time for play – which researchers define as an activity that's very satisfying, has no economic significance, doesn't create social harm, and doesn't necessarily lead to praise or recognition. Research shows that regularly having fun is a key factor in having a happy life; people who have fun are twenty times as likely to feel happy. Two goals for the New Year – have more fun, and use your leisure to cultivate your creative skills/talents. (Gretchen Rubin, *The Happiness Project*.)

We wish you and your entire family a happy, healthy and prosperous 2014.

Janet Jones

Happy New Year!

Utica Community Schools Board of Education

Carol Klenow, Ed.D., President—seated 2nd from left
Gene L. Klida, Vice President—seated 2nd from right
Robert A. Ross, Ph.D., Treasurer—seated 1st on right
Michele Templeton, Secretary—seated 1st on left
Jennifer L. Prybys, Trustee—back row
Daniel J. Meyers, Trustee—standing on right
Ken Krolczyk, Trustee—standing on left



Our school board members spend endless hours on the job. They are not only dedicated, but they are also willing to make great personal sacrifices. In addition to developing policy and managing district business, our board members are highly visible members of our community, attending many sporting events, musical concerts, play productions, award ceremonies and a variety of other school functions.

Thank you Board of Education members!

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:

January 13th
February 10th at 7:00 p.m.
March 10th
April 14th
May 12th at 11:30 a.m.
June 9th

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES



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

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

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

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



ATTENDANCE PHONE NUMBERS

Early Dismissal: 586-797-2471

Late Arrival: 586-797-2472

All Day Absences: 586-797-2473

Utica Administration

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

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

Chief Connection is the official newsletter of Utica High School. It is published monthly by the principal.



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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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.

TESTING INFORMATION

PSAT Results

PSAT test results will be returned to students in late January, through their English classes. If parents or students have any questions or concerns about their results, they should contact the counseling office.

ACT

Students should be aware that the ACT test is required for acceptance into a 4-year college or university. The next ACT test is scheduled for February 08, 2014, with the regular registration deadline being January 10, 2014 (late registration January 24th). Students wishing to take the ACT test in February will need to register and pay on their own at www.actstudent.org/start. It should be noted that all juniors will be required to take the ACT test in March 2014 as part of the MME (Michigan Merit Exam). There is no fee for this March test for Juniors.

ADDITIONAL ACT/SAT TEST PREP INFORMATION

Students should also be aware that ACT and SAT test-prep workshops are available at 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 website, the Learning Express Library website and at Number2.com.

MME (Michigan Merit Exam)

The MME test is mandatory and will be given to **all Juniors** on March 4, 5 & 6. The MME is comprised of several assessments.

These include:

The ACT, including the Writing component

WorkKeys Applied Mathematics, Reading for information & Locating information assessments

The Michigan-developed assessments: Science, Social Studies and Mathematics. See page 9 for details regarding the testing schedule.

MID-TERM EXAMS

The first semester is quickly coming to an end. Mid-term exams will be January 15, 16, and 17. The counseling department would like to remind students and parents that mid-term exams are very important and can have an impact on a student's final semester grade. We encourage all students to take their mid-term exams SERIOUSLY and STUDY!

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HOW TO STUDY

As you study, review your notes and any special information from your textbook. In the case of math or science problems or equations, do some practice problems. Pay special attention to anything the teacher seemed to stress in class. (This is where good note-taking comes in handy!) Many teachers tell students ahead of time what the format of an exam will be. This can help you tailor how you study. For example, if you know you are going to have multiple-choice questions on World War II, you'll know to focus on studying facts and details. On the other hand, if the exam will contain essay questions, you'll want to think about which topics are most likely to be covered. Then come up with several possible essay topics and use your notes, books, and other reference sources to figure out how you might answer questions on those topics. When trying to memorize dates, names or other factual information, keep in mind that it usually takes a number of tries to remember something correctly (that's one reason why it's a good idea to start studying well in advance of test dates.)

Use special memory triggers that the teacher may have suggested or ones that you invent yourself. Read things over several times if you need to, and write down any phrases or thoughts that will help you remember main ideas or concepts. Some people find it helps to teach what they're studying aloud to an imaginary student. Or work with a study partner and take turns teaching aloud.

Another study technique is making flashcards that summarize some of the important facts or concepts. You can then use these to review for a test.

SCHEDULING INFORMATION

2nd SEMESTER SCHEDULES 2013-14

Students will receive their 2nd semester schedules by Friday, January 10th. The counselors have worked very hard at making sure all schedules are complete. Changes will only be made for the following reasons:

Graduation-required class is missing

Student is scheduled for a class they have already taken

Class is missing, or co-op not listed on schedule

Scheduled in a class for which they have not taken the prerequisite class

Students should be aware that most *semester* classes are **FULL** and class change requests may not be granted! ***In addition, class change requests will not be honored for the sole purpose of changing teacher or hour. Mrs. Jones has also stated that students who requested classes on their schedule last spring are expected to remain in those classes for the entire school year.*** Students should keep this in mind when scheduling for next year.

SCEDULING 2014-15 SCHOOL YEAR

Scheduling for the 2014-15 school year will begin at the end of January for the 9th graders with their curriculum night being Wednesday, February 5th, and in March for the 10th and 11th graders. At that time students will be given an updated graduation status form, as well as scheduling materials to take home and discuss with their parents. The following week, counselors will collect students' schedules. Students wishing to discuss their schedules with their counselor should set up an appointment. Please remind students of the importance of completing their schedules and turning them in on the designated dates listed in the scheduling packets. It is important that all students take time to prepare a challenging course load for next year.

COLLEGE & SCHOLARSHIPS/FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY

The Macomb Intermediate School District (MISD) will be hosting ***College Goal Sunday*** on February 9, 2014, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Free on-site professional assistance** is available to help fill out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form. For more information, you can visit www.MICollegeGoal.org.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

Seniors interested in scholarships are strongly encouraged to visit our District website at www.uticak12.org. There is a link to *Scholarships* on the left hand side.

Note: Parents and students can also find key steps in the scholarship and financial aid process at our counseling website.

ACADEMIC BLITZ

February 6, 2014, from 7:00—9:00, at Henry Ford II High School. This is a FREE event!

The evening will begin with an opening session featuring Dr. Bess German, Director of Admissions and Student Affairs at Michigan State University. Following the presentation, parents will be able to choose from nearly 10 breakout sessions. Sessions include programs on such things as financial aid, advanced placement offerings, special programs available to high school students, college opportunities for special education students and junior high school options in mathematics.

Informational booths will also be available during the night for parents interested in meeting with counselors, local college officials, academic summer school options, specialized high school programs in UCS, and college savings plans.

CAREER EXPO

Utica Community Schools has scheduled ***Career Expo*** on Thursday, March 20, 2014, at Eisenhower High School from 7:00—9:00 p.m. Students and their parents can obtain a vast amount of career information by speaking with professionals from all six career pathways. This is also a FREE event!

NCAA GUIDELINES FOR ATHLETES

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

TUTORING

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

The Counseling Staff once again strongly encourages parents and students to visit our Counseling Website at www.uticahigh.org. The site includes testing information and deadlines, career and college searches, scholarship searches, counseling notes, and e-mail addresses.

SENIORS!

Need a mid year report for your college??

Visit <http://www.parchment.com/> to request your transcript. Be sure to request “**Next Marking Period Report.**”

UCS 2014 COLLEGE FAIR

Open to all high school students. More than 50 colleges will be in attendance. Wednesday, April 16, 2014, 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m. at Henry Ford II High School.

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CMU expands merit scholarships to reward more students

The newly expanded scholarship package means that nearly one-third of the typical incoming freshman class will benefit, and close to 80 percent of CMU students will receive some form of financial assistance.

Three new merit scholarships, awarded on a first-come first-served basis are:

Academic Prestige Award: \$6,000 per year (≥ 3.25 GPA and ≥ 27 ACT)

Academic Excellence Award: \$4,500 per year (≥ 3.0 GPA and ≥ 23 ACT)

Academic Success Award: \$3,000 per year (≥ 3.0 GPA and ≥ 21 ACT)

Central Gold awards: Competition-based full-tuition, four-year scholarships, increased from 20 to 130 (≥ 3.7 GPA and ≥ 27 ACT).



See how easy it is to apply for financial aid at Oakland University's FAFSA Workshops starting in January! These events are designed for high school seniors and their parents who would like assistance in filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students and their parents will have the opportunity to fill out the FAFSA online with the professional assistance of OU's financial services staff.

Appointments are available in January, February and March.

Register now at oakland.edu/visit.

OAKLAND
UNIVERSITY.

A promotional graphic for Macomb Community College. It features a blue header with the text "Discover Macomb" and "One-Day Event for Future Students and Their Parents!". Below this, two dates are listed: "Saturday, February 15, 2014" and "Saturday, March 29, 2014", both from 10am-1pm at the Center Campus, K Building, Cultural Center. To the right, a group of diverse young adults are smiling. A sidebar on the right lists benefits of attending Macomb, such as financial aid info and raffles. The Macomb Community College logo is at the bottom left, and contact information is at the bottom right.

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FIRST SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR

Wednesday, January 15, 2014 (half day)

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

Thursday, January 16, 2014 (half day)

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

Friday, January 17, 2014 (half day)

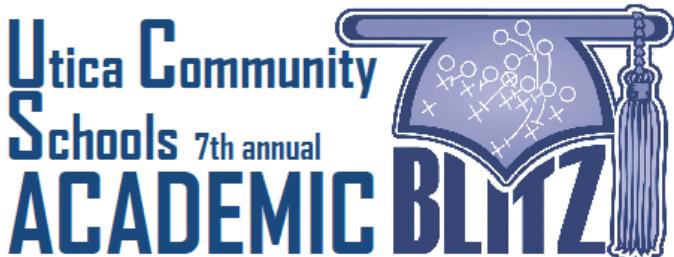
5 th Hr (EXAM)	7:20 – 8:48	88 minutes
6 th Hr (EXAM)	8:54 – 10:22	88 minutes

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

Registration: www.actstudent.org

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
February 8, 2014	January 10, 2014	January 11–24, 2014
April 12, 2014	March 7, 2014	March 8–21, 2014
June 14, 2014	May 9, 2014	May 10–23, 2014

SAVE THE DATE: February 6, 2014



Thursday, FEB. 6, 2014 at Henry Ford II High School

Information booths open at 6:30 p.m., BLITZ runs from 7-9 p.m.

All UCS students in 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th & 10th grades & their parents are invited!

Start your Game Plan NOW for success after high school!

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Success in College Guide: Steps 3 & 4

Prepare academically for college

It's not too early for college preparation. If you're in high school, enroll in the right classes, practice good study habits, and work on your writing skills.

Take the right classes during high school

What are the right classes in high school? The courses required for college vary. Contact your guidance counselor to learn more, and check out these sites:



- ACT, Inc. recommendations (www.actstudent.org/college/plancourses.html)
- The College Board (SAT) recommendations (www.collegeboard.com/student/plan/high-school/33.html)
- U.S. Department of Education recommendations (www2.ed.gov/pubs/Prepare/pt2.html)

Colleges want students with a well-rounded education. Take the more challenging classes so you can get a better idea of what college courses may be like.

Practice good study habits



You may not know if your study habits are up to par with college courses. Start now. Practice good study habits, so when you're in college, you'll already have some effective tools under your belt.

Tips to improve your study skills:

- Stay organized by making a "To Do" list. Stick to it.
- Set goals for yourself.
- Prioritize! A test tomorrow is more important than an assignment due next week.
- Take good notes, and then be sure to review them carefully later.
- Experiment a little. Where and when do you work best? Alone or in a group, bright or dim lighting, quiet or noisy? Then study that way!



Improve your writing skills

Effective writing conveys your thoughts into words. It's a skill you use throughout your life, and no matter what career you pursue, the ability to communicate in writing will help you succeed.

Quick tips for effective writing:

- Think about your audience. For example, you would use a different tone in an essay than you would in a note to a friend.
- Plan ahead. List important points in the order you wish to make them.
- Use a strong opening sentence to catch the reader's attention.
- Be clear and to the point. Edit out unnecessary words and information.
- Read through your writing for spelling errors and typos. Spell check programs don't catch everything!



Prepare financially for college savings

It's never too late to start saving for college, but the earlier you start, the better. You'll thank yourself for it later, when every dollar you save now reduces your student loan debt after graduation. You probably can set aside a specific amount every pay period to build a college fund- but it takes some good planning and self control.

The cost of college

College expenses vary depending on the type of college (public or private, in-state or out-of-state), the number of courses, your major, and personal lifestyle. Costs can include:

- Fees added on to your tuition bill include services such as the health center, library, and student activities.
- Room and board costs can be for on-campus or off-campus housing. It can include meals at the college cafeteria, at a restaurant, or prepared on your own. In off-campus apartments, students can often pay to have meals in the college cafeteria. Living at home and commuting to campus is usually the least expensive option (though you need to consider the cost of fuel, parking, or public transportation).
- You also will need to buy textbooks, supplies, calculators, etc. -- whatever you need to complete your courses. You also may need to purchase a computer. (Don't forget the expense of necessary software and applications for the system.)
- Personal expenses can include laundry, clothing, recreation, medical care, insurance, etc. If you plan to travel home often, don't forget to add any transportation expenses.

Other expenses to consider:

- Utilities (gas and electric) if you're living off campus
- Phone bills (yes, that includes your cell phone)
- Furniture/bedding
- Car payments
- Car licensing fees
- Toiletries/personal care items
- Clothing (including cleaning costs)
- Doctor/dentist visits
- Insurance (car, medical, and life)
- Entertainment
- Gym memberships
- Internet access and cable TV
- Emergency funds

Use the budget calculator to help determine your income and expenses.

Financial aid

Yes, college can be expensive, but costs vary and financial aid can make even an expensive college affordable. There are three main types of financial assistance available to qualified students: Grants and scholarships, loans, and work-study. Financial aid can come from federal, state, local, and private sources. Most "free" aid (grants or scholarships) are distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis; so apply early.

Remember: During your senior year of high school and every year during college, complete all necessary financial aid forms, including the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Complete the FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1 and prior to the start of each college academic year.

Complete article available at <http://mappingyourfuture.org/successincollege/>



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

College Connection



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

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

CARNEGIE MELLON PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAMS

Carnegie Mellon Summer Pre-College Programs
June 28—August 9, 2014
Advanced Placement/Early Admission
Fine Arts: Architecture/Art Design/Drama/Music
National High School Game Academy
www.cmu.edu/enrollment/pre-college

PHILLIPS EXETER ACADEMY SUMMER SCHOOL

July 6—August 9, 2014
Each year, Phillips Exeter Academy welcomes to campus some 700 students for five weeks of academic study, athletics and exploration that carry participants far beyond the classrooms and the playing fields. For more information, visit www.exeter.edu/summer

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS

Experience Washington University the summer after your sophomore year!

High School Summer Scholars Program (five weeks, credit)

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

High School Summer Institutes (three weeks, noncredit)

- * Explore an area of interest under the guidance of Washington University instructors
- * Live on campus and gain valuable academic experience.

**CREATIVE ARTS SCHOLARSHIP AT
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY!**

The Creative Arts Scholarship is a competition for high school students interested in theatre (acting, dance or design), Art or English. Interested students download the application form: http://admissions.msu.edu/finances/scholarships_specificCriteria.asp

Interested students must have applied for admission to MSU, indicate Theatre, Art or English as a major and submit the application by the deadline indicated. Deadline is approaching this month!

LAWRENCE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

Lawrence Tech will be hosting a Financial Aid Night on Wednesday, January 15, 2014 from 6:00 –9:00 p.m. You can register for this event online at <http://www.ltu.edu/futurestudents/financialaidnight.asp>

FAFSA WORKSHOPS@ OU

Students and families can select times to attend financial aid workshops at the main OU campus or the Mt. Clemens campus. The workshops are open to all students and families and give attendees the opportunity to complete their FAFSA for the 2014-2015 school year with the assistance of a Financial Aid Specialist. Visit www.oakland.edu for more information.

EXPLORATION DAY AT LAWRENCE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY:

FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2014, 8:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M.

Join Lawrence Tech for a day of exploring dynamic career and education options. Selecting a major and ultimately a career can be hard. Let Lawrence Tech help make this decision a little easier, by allowing you the opportunity to experience their state-of-the-art labs, studios and facilities first hand. This event is for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors interested in participating in three interactive, hands-on sessions specially designed to expose them to the rich variety of programs at Lawrence Tech. Be inspired and challenged by Lawrence Tech professors! Register at http://www.ltu.edu/futurestudents/exploration_day.asp



SUMMER CAMPS AT LAWRENCE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY EXCLUSIVELY FOR SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS AND SENIORS!

LTU offers stimulating academic camps for students interested in engineering, technology, design, and science. Professors will introduce you to the latest innovations in modern labs and studios on Lawrence Tech's 102-acre campus in Southfield. Current Lawrence Tech students will be on hand to assist campers. Register before February 3, 2014 and save \$100! Camp fills up quickly! Questions? Contact Lisa Kujawa : lkujawa@ltu.edu

CALLING ALL JUNIORS! TIME TO APPLY FOR MACOMB SCHOLARS!



Twenty-five students will have the opportunity to attend classes at Macomb Community College for a minimal fee or free! Students will be able to schedule classes for spring/summer terms. Student must have a 2.5 GPA and special consideration will be given to those with demonstrated financial need. Applications are due in the Counseling Center no later than February 14th. You can pick up your application in the Counseling Center today!

VISIT AQUINAS DURING AQ DAYS!!

AQUINAS COLLEGE

Makes all the difference in the world.

Aquinas welcomes all prospective students interested in Aquinas College to join them for AQ Days. Go and discover what Aquinas is all about! Get the scoop on everything from scholarships to study abroad. Meet with faculty in your career interest, tour their beautiful 107-acre campus, eat lunch with potential classmates and learn about various aspects of college life! **Friday, March 28, 2014 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.** Register at http://www.aquinas/aqday_spring_register.html

DUAL ENROLLMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD!

UCS is proud to have partnered with the University of Michigan to offer college level courses as dual enrollment opportunity for our Students. Classes will be held at Magahay Elementary School. See your Counselor for more information on this opportunity!



INFORMATIVE WEBSITES

- www.FAFSA.ed.gov - Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid to be considered for federal, state and college grants, loans and work study. Many scholarships require the completion of the FAFSA.
- www.fastweb.org - Largest free online scholarship search Web site
- www.knowhow2go.org - Informative Web site to help you make your college dreams a reality
- www.EduGuide.org - Interactive Web site to help you develop your plan for college
- www.michigancollegeguide.com - make sure you choose the right college in Michigan— start here!

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ACT PREPARATION CLASS

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

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

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

ACT PREPARATION CLASS

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

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

SATURDAY: JANUARY 18, 2014 FEBRUARY 15, 2014 OR MARCH 1, 2014

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

TWO LOCATIONS:

January 18 - Fitzgerald Automotive Technology Ctr.
 (behind Fitzgerald High School)
 23200 Ryan Road, Warren MI 48091

February 15 and March 1 - MISD - Room 100
 44001 Garfield Road, Clinton Township, MI 48038-1100
 (Enter the building through the SOUTH ENTRANCE)

FEE: \$50 — register online!

(Fee includes pizza lunch and manual.)
 Credit cards accepted only at time of online registration
 Checks or cash must be received before workshop date,
 not the day of workshop

BRING: Calculator and pencil



Tasha Thomas
 ELA Consultant
 Macomb ISD
 586.228.3484
tthomas@misd.net

For registration information:
 please contact
 Laura Ogilvie
 586.228.3499
logilvie@misd.net



ONLINE REGISTRATION!

To register online:

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

Registration/cancellation deadline is Jan. 10, 2014 for Jan. 18 and Feb. 7 for Feb. 15.

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

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



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Counseling News

Continued

Check our web page for updates on counseling information. www.uticahigh.org
 Utica High School counseling department phone: 586-797-2290
 Counseling Admin. Assistant Mrs. Wiegand phone: 586-797-2360

A.C.T. Test Preparation Workshop®

College Entrance Exam Review

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

WEST BLOOMFIELD - ORCHARD LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL - Cafeteria

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

6000 Orchard Lake Road

(Between Maple and Walnut Lake Roads)

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

MACOMB COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MONDAY and TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9 and 10, 2013

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

14500 12 Mile Road at Hayes, Warren, Michigan

(Enter Campus from Hayes, first driveway South of 12 Mile Road)

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

MACOMB COMMUNITY COLLEGE - Center Campus

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

University Center Building 1 - Lecture Hall A

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

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

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY - Troy Campus

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2014

Management Education Center - Auditorium

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

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

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

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

Refunds less \$10 Administrative Fee
 Registration confirmed unless notified

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

For Further Information Please Call (248) 552-7209

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

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Telephone # _____

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

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

Macomb C.C. Center - Sat. 1/19/14 Sat. 3/1/14

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

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Let's hear it for STEM!

Career opportunities in science, technology, engineering and math, collectively called STEM, are expected to increase dramatically in the next few years. And if you were one of the 1,700 students who attended annual RETS Days at Macomb Community College, you had the opportunity to experience some of the technology involved firsthand.

Here Jim Ryan, a renewable energy instructor at Macomb, asks for volunteers from Utica and Stevenson high schools to test drive an electric-assisted, solar-charged tricycle during RETS Days last month. The vehicle was constructed



by Macomb College and Romeo High School students completely out of recycled materials.

Cosponsored by the Center for Advanced Automotive Technology, National

Science Foundation and Macomb Intermediate School District, RETS Days are held each year to educate middle and high school students about career opportunities in STEM. Also providing support for the event this year were

AT&T, DTE Energy Foundation, Genisys and Michigan Schools and Government credit unions, Oakland University, SME Education Foundation and Square One Network.

Macomb vet tech professor tops in her field

Lori Renda-Francis (in photo to right), Veterinary Technician faculty, has been named one of the 15 "Top Veterinary Technology Professors" in the country by VetTechColleges.com, based on criteria that includes credentials, professional affiliations, outstanding leadership, and outreach efforts in their communities.



"I am very grateful to be acknowledged for something that I love doing so much," said Renda-Francis, who holds a

Ph.D. in organizational management, is a graduate of Macomb's program and its director since 1999. "Macomb has one of the top veterinary technician programs in the country, and this award reflects the commitment and dedication of our entire veterinary technician team."

New club is like "little family"

They call themselves Macomb's Amazing Club of Mathematics Brilliance (M.A.C.O.M.B. for short) but they are fast becoming friends as well.

"There were always three or four students hanging around after class to talk with the professor, so a club made sense," says Terrina Green, a psychology major (far right). "We're like a little family." In addition to discussing math problems, the club is also involved in community service projects, including tutoring elementary school students in math, holding a canned food drive for the needy and volunteering at Gleaners Food Bank.

Officers include Arminida Scott (second from left), a nursing major and club secretary, Phil Nguyen, engineering major and president (second from right), and Andrew Konezal, secondary education major and vice president, (far left)



Clubbing it at Macomb

Macomb's Amazing Club of Mathematics Brilliance is just one of the many clubs and organizations open to Macomb students. Some are academic, some are social and all help keep campus life interesting. Check out some of the choices:

Anime

Branch Out Macomb

Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship

Cra (Campus Crusade)

Film Cinema Club

Geeks United

Legal Assistants Association

Live Work Detroit!

Macomb Animation Club

Macomb Association for Education of Young Children

Macomb Serve

MCC Comedy Club

MCC Game Developer's Club

North American Veterinary Technicians Association

Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society

What's after senior pictures and prom?

Spend an upcoming Saturday discovering why about half of your fellow classmates that are going to college are going to Macomb at a special event exclusively for you and your parents.

Discover Macomb is your chance to check out a campus, get information on financial aid, meet faculty and students, and learn about the nearly 200 academic degree and certificate programs that Macomb offers. There will also be information on early admission and dual enrollment options if you'd like to get started on college before you graduate high school.

You will also find out how attending Macomb for your first two years of college could save you (and your parents) as much as \$15,000.

There are two *Discover Macomb* dates/locations from which to choose: Saturday, Feb. 15 at Center Campus or Saturday, March 29 at South Campus. Both events run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and include raffles, giveaways and free refreshments. To register, go to www.macomb.edu/discovermacomb. For more information, call 586.498.4008.

Physical Therapy Assistants Club
Social Work Student Organization
Society of Manufacturing Engineers
Student Nurses Association
Student Veterans of Macomb College
Surgical Technician Association
Writing Club

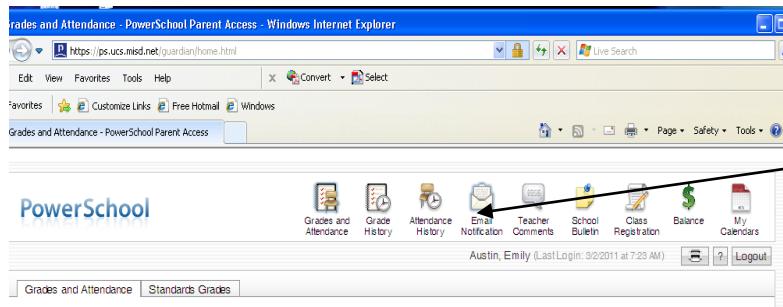
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Discover. Connect. Advance.
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Chief Connection

POWER SCHOOL EMAIL SYSTEM

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

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



1. Log into PowerSchool.

2. Click on the Email Notification tab.

Result: The Email Notifications screen displays.

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

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

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

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

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

8. Click on **Submit**.

IMPORTANT

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

IMPORTANT DATES:

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

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

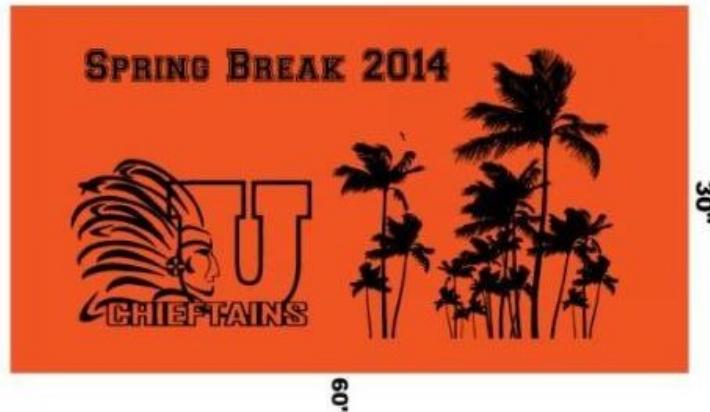
The Senior All-Night Party (SANP) will take place on the night of graduation June 7, 2014.

"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 if interested.

The UHS 2014 Senior All-Night Party Committee will be taking orders for beach towels for Spring Break 2014! We will be taking orders in school on Thursday, January 24 and Friday, January 25, 2014 during all lunch hours. The cost of the beach towel is \$25.00 and is due at time of ordering. You may also contact the SANP committee at their email UHSANP2014@yahoo.com with any questions.

Our next meeting is Thursday, January 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in room 155. We are still in need of volunteers!!
Hope to see you there!

Beach Towel Sale



Show your Chieftain Pride with the Spring Break 2014 Beach Towel!

Only \$25.00 each

Orders Due to Senior All-Night Party Committee

by Friday, January 31, 2014

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Number of Beach Towels: _____ x \$25.00 = Total Due: \$_____

Payable by check to UHS SANP or cash

Proceeds support the 2014 Senior All Night Party

**2013–2014 UCS & UTICA HIGH SCHOOL**

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

GO CHIEFTAINS

ACT PREP WORKSHOPS FOR JUNIORS

FREE ACT PREP WORKSHOPS are being offered to **ALL JUNIORS** to assist them in preparing for the ACT—MME exam. Juniors will receive detailed information regarding these workshops via their English class. During the math sessions, *Mr. Michael Cubitt* will review math components and test-taking strategies, and *Dr. Chris Dabrowski* will assist juniors with the reading, writing and grammar portions of the exam. Attendance will be taken at these sessions.

STUDENTS SHOULD BRING A PENCIL AND A GRAPHING CALCULATOR FOR THE MATH SESSIONS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SESSION</u>	<u>TIME/LOCATION</u>
Wed., Jan. 22nd	Mult. Step Math Problems Using Graphs, Charts and Diagrams Reading, Writing and Grammar	2:20 p.m. – 3:20 p.m. Rm. 115 2:20 p.m. – 3:20 p.m. Rm. 116
Mon., Jan. 27th	Mult. Step Math Problems Using Graphs, Charts and Diagrams Reading, Writing and Grammar	2:20 p.m. – 3:20 p.m. Rm. 115 2:20 p.m. – 3:20 p.m. Rm. 116
Wed., Jan. 29th	Mult. Step Math Problems Using Graphs, Charts and Diagrams Reading, Writing and Grammar	2:20 p.m. – 3:20 p.m. Rm. 115 2:20 p.m. – 3:20 p.m. Rm. 116
Mon., Feb. 3rd	Mult. Step Math Problems Using Graphs, Charts and Diagrams Reading, Writing and Grammar	2:20 p.m. – 3:20 p.m. Rm. 115 2:20 p.m. – 3:20 p.m. Rm. 116
Wed., Feb. 5th	Mult. Step Math Problems Using Graphs, charts and Diagrams Reading, Writing and Grammar	2:20 p.m. – 3:20 p.m. Rm. 115 2:20 p.m. – 3:20 p.m. Rm. 116
Mon., Feb. 10th	Mult. Step Math Problems Using Graphs, charts and Diagrams Reading, Writing and Grammar	2:20 p.m. – 3:20 p.m. Rm. 115 2:20 p.m. – 3:20 p.m. Rm. 116
Wed., Feb. 12th	Mult. Step Math Problems Using Graphs, charts and Diagrams Reading, Writing and Grammar	2:20 p.m. – 3:20 p.m. Rm. 115 2:20 p.m. – 3:20 p.m. Rm. 116

Flickinger Elementary – Celebrating 50 years

Flickinger Elementary is creating a Cookbook as part of our 50th Anniversary Celebration. The cookbook will be for sale in May 2014. We would like to have recipes from former Flickinger Families. Don't miss this chance to share your favorite family recipes with our entire community. Simply email your recipes to: sholmberg99@hotmail.com by January 20, 2014.



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Utica Community Schools in partnership with the City of Sterling Heights and local business professionals enhance the college culture through exciting Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (S.T.E.A.M.) camps at the Rose Kidd Velocity Jr. Center, located at 38397 Gladstone in Sterling Heights.

To register for Velocity Jr. Classes call 586-797-6900

UCS School Age Child Care (SACC) Staff will be available to provide child care for students registered in the Velocity Jr. Break Camps. Child care will start at 7:00 am and run through 6:00 pm. Students will be given a break for lunch from 12:15 – 12:45. You will not incur charges while your child is in the Velocity Jr. Camps.

Separate registration, along with payment is required:

Daily Fee:

7:00-9:00 am - \$10
4:00-6:00 pm - \$10
7:00 am - 12:45 pm - \$25
12:15 - 6:00 pm - \$25

Please call 586-797-6980 to register for the Velocity Jr. School Age Child Care (SACC) program

GEARS & GADGETS

Grades 1-3

Great hands-on learning and building. Students will creatively build and modify machines through basic engineering skills using our LEGO® kits.

Instructor – All About Learning

2050 Mon-Fri Feb 17 9:00 -12:15 pm 1 wk \$85

SCIENCE EXTRAVAGANZA

Grades 1-6

Funky Physics and Kooky Concoctions add up to a week of fun! Join a team of camp engineers and build bridges, domes, cubes and a simple machine to race. Make your own sidewalk chalk, crystal garden and chromatography dyed T-shirt. Each day brings new things to build, make and explore in chemistry, physics and nature!

Instructor – Mad Science

2072 Mon-Fri Feb 17 12:45-4:00 pm 1 wk \$85

FUN-GINEERING

Grades 4-8

Basic engineering principles such as gears and gear ratios, simple machines, structures, forces, motion and problem solving will allow students to creatively build and modify machines using our LEGO® kits.

Instructor – All About Learning

2076 Mon-Fri Feb 17 1:00-4:00 pm 1 wk \$85

DISCOVERING ENGINEERING

Grades 4-9

Do you love tinkering with electronics? Or figuring out how to build cars? Or Learning about science, technology, and engineering? Then this class is made for you. Designed by Duke University and Michigan State University. In this class, you will be exploring and creating different topics from Bionic Arms, Auto Engineering, Wireless Burglar Alarms and more. Instructor – Jerry Longtime, Baker College

5052 Mon-Fri Feb 17 12:45-4:00 pm 1 wk \$65

TO INFINITY AND BEYOND

Grades K-5 and 6-9

Explore space through the understanding of science and engineering using NASA curriculum. This class will start with the very basics of understanding space exploration and rocket technology and end with the building and launching of multiple rockets into space. Younger explores will build multiple, single stage rockets and advanced explores will build both single and multi-stage rockets.

Instructor – Great Lakes Hobby

Grades K-5

2054A Mon-Fri Feb 17 9:00 -12:15 pm 1 wk \$65

Grades: 6-9

2054B Mon-Fri Feb 17 12:45-4:00 pm 1 wk \$65



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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



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Mathnasium

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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.

About the Cover

Over the weekend of December 6-7, 2013, Utica Drama students traveled to Saginaw Valley State University to participate in the annual Michigan Thespian Festival. Approximately 1000 students from across the state of Michigan attended.

Utica High School was 1 of over 40 schools represented. 13 students went to festival. Of the 13 students, 10 participated in individual event competitions, while the other 3 went as observers attending performances and theatre workshops in this educational environment.

In the Individual Event categories:

Junior Emily Branthoover received an Excellent rating in Make-up Design

Junior Jake Feeman received an Excellent rating in Monologue performance.

Senior Julia Geromin received a Superior Rating in Monologue Performance.

Senior Maddie Rotarius received a Superior Rating in Monologue Performance.

Junior Jake Feeman and Sophomore Brendan Kaczmarezyk received a Superior rating in Duet Acting Performance.

In the category of Group Musical Theatre Performance, the group consisting of Seniors Keagan Banfield, Julia Geromin, Steph Jarzombek, Maddie Rotarius, and Bri VanderVeen, along with Juniors Keaton Barbes, and Sophomore Anna Hoffman received a Superior rating.

18 colleges and universities were present to judge and offer scholarships to participating seniors. From Utica, 5 seniors auditioned for scholarships in acting or musical theatre.

Receiving scholarship offers were as follows:

Keagan Banfield - 3,000 a year for 4 years totaling 12,000 from Sienna Heights University
1,500 a year for 4 years totaling 6,000 from Rochester College Grant

Julia Geromin - 4,000 a year for 4 years totaling 16,000 from University of Detroit Mercy
500 a year for up to 4 years, totaling 2,000 from Northern Illinois University
1,500 a year for 4 years totaling 6,000 Rochester College University Grant
7,500 a year for 5 years totaling 37,500 Rochester College Freshman VP Scholar Award
1,000 a year for 4 years totaling 4,000 Central Michigan Special Talent Scholarship

Steph Jarzombek - 3,000 a year for 4 years totaling 12,000 from Sienna Heights University
1,500 a year for 4 years totaling 6,000 Rochester College University Grant
10,000 a year for 5 years totaling 50,000 Rochester College Freshman Award

Maddie Rotarius - 1,500 a year for 4 years totaling 6,000 a Rochester College University Grant
2,500 a year for 5 years totaling 12,500 Rochester College Academic Scholarship
1,000 a year for 4 years totaling 4,000 Eastern Michigan University

Bri VanderVeen - 4,000 a year for 4 years totaling 16,000 from University of Detroit Mercy
3,000 a year for 4 years totaling 12,000 from Sienna Heights University

Of all the colleges and universities that attended approximately 3.5 million dollars of scholarships were offered to students across the state of Michigan.

Utica High's presence in this activity netted a total of **\$202,000.00** in scholarship money offered overall!



UHS yearbook continues to earn top state and national awards

The Utica High School *Warrior* yearbook continues to be ranked among the state and nation's best after its staff earned top honors from the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association, Columbia Scholastic Press Association, and the National Scholastic Press Association.

"This book has some of the BEST copy I have read all summer from any school in the country. BRAVO!" Wayna C. Polk wrote in her judge comments." The *Warrior* staff does an excellent job in regards to writing in this edition. You value solid, journalistic writing and the hours of classroom time by your adviser, and editors, are evident to anyone who reads this book. The writing in this book is one of the BEST I have seen in any book from your state this year!"

In addition to winning the Spartan award from MIPA, the *Warrior* also earned a Gold Medal from CSPA and an All-American honor rating from NSPA, with Marks of Distinction in Concept/Essentials, Coverage, Design, Writing/Editing and Photography.

"We were really proud of getting the All-American rating because schools must earn over 3,700 points and have four marks of distinction," co-editor-in-chief Amanda Koss said."

The *Warrior* had a nearly perfect score of 4,670 points and earned every mark of distinction possible. It was an amazing feeling to see all of our hard work pay off at the national level."

The 2013 yearbook featured a "Face it" theme, which went over well with judges for its writing, design, coverage and photography.

"I do not usually do this, but here goes! This is probably one of the five BEST books I have judged all summer and I have critiqued a LOT of books this year. Thanks so much for allowing me the chance to read about the past school year at UHS in the 2013 *Warrior*," Polk said in her closing comments. "You guys have a wonderful school with many fun activities and events for your students. I so enjoyed reading about your students and the many interesting aspects of being at Utica HS."

Last year, Utica High publications students earned more than 62 individual awards for their work.

"Every year my students try to outdo themselves," teacher Stacy Smale said, "and they continue to impress me each time by combining fresh, fun design ideas with strong journalistic writing. When a national judge goes out of their way to make comments like these, it really means a lot to the kids."

There is no prerequisite for students to become a member of Utica High's award-winning yearbook staff.

"We utilize the varying talents of our students to make them successful in the class," Smale said.

"Whether they're a strong writer, designer, or photographer, we have something for every student, including business management. It's truly a student publication, with strong leaders that ensure Utica High's tradition of high journalistic standards continues."

Shelby-Utica Patch

December 4, 2013

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,
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National Honor Society News

The Formal Initiation Ceremony for the Florence Burk Chapter of the National Honor Society will be held on December 5, 2013. The chapter initiated 70 new members. Congratulations.

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

The NHS meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 6:45 a.m. in the ECC room. The next scheduled meeting is on January 14, 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 January 7, 2014.

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



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



Mr. Machak's Class



Mrs. Larson's Class



Mrs. Afanassieva's Class

In keeping with the Chieftain Holiday tradition of decking the halls, the Student Council sponsored the annual Door Decorating Contest once again. The competition between first hours on Monday, December 16th was fierce and resulted in some incredible masterpieces. The halls of Utica High School have never looked more festive! Thank you to all the first hours that participated and helped to decorate our school for the holidays! The judging occurred during second hour and the top three first hour classes will receive their prizes on Friday, December 20th before heading off for the holiday break.

First Place: Mr. Machak's class – winners of bagels and juice.

Second Place: Mrs. Larson's class – winners of donuts and cider.

Third Place: Mrs. Afanassieva's class – winners of milk and cookies.

From your School Social Worker Mary Ellen Bross



From Your School Social Worker

Top Ten New Year's Resolutions for Teens

- 1). Get Healthy**
- 2). Get Happier**
- 3). Be a Better Person**
- 4). Find Love**
- 5). Show More Love to Your Family**
- 6). Be a Better Friend**
- 7). Get Better in School**
- 8). Learn Something New**
- 9). Be a Role Model**
- 10). Make Some Money**

In addition to #7, which ones you think you can do in 2014? For more information go to the following website:

http://teenadvice.about.com/od/stayinghappy/tp/top_new_year_resolutions.htm

Happy New Year!

Ms. Bross, School Social Worker

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

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

Utica High Home Athletic Events:

Boys' Varsity Basketball:

1-4	Eisenhower, 6:00 p.m.
1-10	Stevenson, 7:00 p.m.
1-13	L'Anse Creuse North 7:00 p.m.
1-16	Grosse Pointe North 7:00 p.m.
1-24	Warren Mott 7:00 p.m.
1-30	Roseville 7:00 p.m.

Boys' JV Basketball:

1-4	Eisenhower, 2:00 p.m.
1-10	Stevenson, 5:30 p.m.
1-13	L'Anse Creuse North, 5:30 p.m.
1-16	Grosse Pointe North, 5:30 p.m.
1-24	Warren Mott, 4:00 p.m.
1-30	Roseville, 5:30 p.m.

Boys' Freshmen Basketball:

1-3	Eisenhower, 6:30 p.m.
1-10	Stevenson, 6:00 p.m.
1-13	L'Anse Creuse North, 6:00 p.m.
1-16	Grosse Pointe North, 6:00 p.m.
1-24	Warren Mott, 5:30 p.m.

Girls' Varsity Basketball:

1-4	Eisenhower, 4:00 p.m.
1-11	Lutheran North, 6:00 p.m.
1-17	Cousino, 7:00 p.m.
1-24	Port Huron High School, 5:30 p.m.
1-31	Port Huron Northern, 7:00 p.m.

Girls' JV Basketball:

1-4	Eisenhower, 12:00 p.m.
1-11	Lutheran North, 4:00 p.m.
1-17	Cousino, 5:30 p.m.
1-24	Port Huron High School, 7:00 p.m.
1-31	Port Huron Northern, 5:30 p.m.

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Wrestling:

1-18	Novice Tournament, 9:00 a.m.
1-23	Tri-Meet Port Huron and LCN, 5:00 p.m.

Boys' Swimming: **(Home meets are at Eisenhower High School)**

1-21	Warren Woods Tower, 6:00 p.m.
1-28	Anchor Bay, 6:00 p.m.

Boys' Ice Hockey: **(Home games played at Macomb Suburban Ice Arena)**

1-11	Avondale, 3:45 p.m.
1-24	Bloomfield Hills, 8:30 p.m.
1-31	Romeo, 6:00 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: January 21, 2014
7:00 p.m. – Band Room

Happy New Year!

YOU'RE INVITED!

General Membership Meetings:

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



Devin Aebi, Ashley Kerr and Stephen Blanco

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN YOUTH ORCHESTRA

On November 18th, UHS Seniors Devin Aebi, & Stephen Blanco, and Junior Ashley Kerr, all UHS Band students, performed in the U of M Youth Ensemble Concert at Hill Auditorium. Every Sunday these students travel to Ann Arbor to rehearse and learn with U of M conductors and Music Professors. The students auditioned in the spring and were accepted for this wonderful opportunity. Congratulations to Devin, Ashley and Stephen!

UTICA TREE-LIGHTING CEREMONY

This annual event took place on Sunday, December 2nd, at 6:00 p.m. behind the Utica Police Station on Auburn Road in Downtown Utica. We had about 25 band students attend.





Band and Orchestra Happenings

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all for the wonderful concert on December 11. The evening started with Eppler Junior High Bands and ended with our very own Wind Ensemble! What a wonderful evening of music!

A huge thank you to all that helped with another successful Citrus Sale!

A huge thank you to all that helped with the Afterglow following the Winter Concert!

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.

FUNDRAISERS

Meijer Community Rewards

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

Kroger Community Rewards

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

UPDATES

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

FACEBOOK

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

BAND STORE

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



Band and Orchestra Happenings



UTICA CHIEFTAINS BAND & ORCHESTRA NIGHT



THE UTICA HIGH SCHOOL
BAND & ORCHESTRA PROGRAM

Tampa Bay Lightning v. Detroit Red Wings

Sunday, March 30th 5:00PM

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

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

Ticket Prices:

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

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

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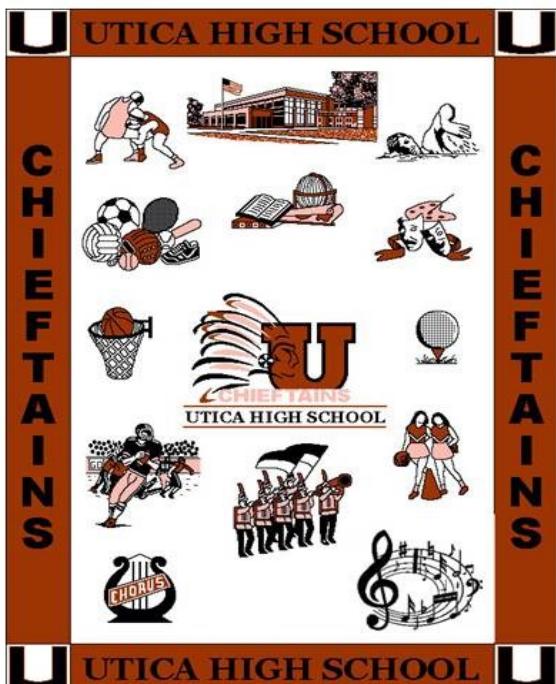


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www.uticak12.org



DATES TO REMEMBER

January 2	Classes Resume
January 13	Sounding Board Meeting, Main Office, 9:30 a.m.
January 15—17	Early Dismissal 10:22 a.m. Mid-Term Exams, End of Semester 1
January 20	No School—Martin Luther King Day
January 21	Second Semester Begins
February 5	Curriculum Night, Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
February 6	Academic Blitz, Henry Ford, 7:00 p.m.
February 10	Sounding Board Meeting, Main Office, 9:30 a.m.
February 17	No School—Mid-Winter Break
February 24	Classes Resume



Nondiscrimination in Education

In compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act and the Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act, it is the policy of Utica Community Schools that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, age, disability, height, weight, or marital status be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination during any instructional opportunities, programs, services, job placement assistance, employment or in policies governing student conduct and attendance. Any person suspecting a discriminatory practice should contact the Executive Director of Human Resources at Utica Community Schools, 11303 Greendale, Sterling Heights, MI 48312 or call (586) 797-1000.