



Urbana High School

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NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE ONLINE AND THROUGH EMAIL

You are receiving the first school newsletter of 2020-2021 in print. Future newsletters will be posted in the building, placed on the school website, and distributed by email to those who send a request to UHSClimbers@urbanacityschools.org.

The current issue of the UHS newsletter is available at www.urbana.k12.oh.us

Newsletter dates for the 2020-21 school year are September 11, October 2, October 23, November 13, December 4, January 8, February 19, March 12, April 16, and May 14.

WELCOME BACK

We are thrilled to have students back in the building and participating in athletics/activities. We would like to thank all students, parents and staff for their understanding and patience as we have implemented all of the new plans needed for and mandates required of schools due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We must all continue to be diligent in our efforts of wearing masks and socially distancing ourselves to maintain a safe environment for our students and staff and to continue the opportunity for athletic participation for our students.

NEW STAFF

UHS welcomes Erin McKenzie, RN and Lauren Petty to our staff this year.

If you have any questions or concerns for Mrs. McKenzie, call the nurse's clinic at (937) 653-1433.

Mrs. Petty (UHS Class of 2008) will be teaching Algebra II and Geometry this year. *Go Climbers!*

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION FORMS (EMA)

This form is required by law and provides us with instructions on how to care for your child in the event of an emergency. Students will not be allowed to participate in field trips and other activities until this form is returned. Students were given this form during schedule pick-up. Extra forms are available in the main office. If information changes during the school year, please contact the office at (937) 653-1412.

ABSENCE REPORTING

A parent, or guardian, must phone the school attendance office (653-1414) before 9:00 a.m. to report student absences. If no information is received, a phone call will be made between 9:00 and 9:30 a.m. to the primary contact number on the school file.

FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONAL FEES

Please make sure you have completed and returned the Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for your student. During the 2020-2021 school year, Ohio Revised Code 3313.642 prohibits districts from charging instructional fees for those eligible for free lunch through this program. This fee waiver applies to those receiving free (not reduced) lunch prices. To receive the instructional fee waiver, the Sharing Information with Other Programs Form must be completed and returned.

NEW THIS YEAR -In addition the free breakfast program offered by the Urbana City School District, **FREE LUNCH** is available for **ALL** students starting on Monday, September 14th. Meals must meet the required components to be free of charge. Extra entrees and a la carte items will still be available for purchase. This extension of the free meal program from the USDA is scheduled to end on **December 31, 2020**, or when funding runs out.

If you have not already done so, please make sure you still complete the free and reduced meal application for 2020-21. This process is required to be eligible for the student fee waiver.

STUDENT FEES

Students may pay school fees in the main office during lunch or after school. Fees (and lunches) may also be paid through the website by clicking on lunch menu, choosing the pay online option, then following the prompts. Grade cards will be held and course credit cannot be certified until fees have been paid. Students will also not be allowed to attend school dances or receive a work permit until fees are paid or a payment plan is arranged. Fees are required to be paid in full to attend Prom and to participate in the graduation ceremony.

COURSE DROP POLICY

If a student withdraws from a class after the 15th day of a yearlong class or the 8th day of a semester class, it will be recorded as a withdraw/failing (WF).

Withdrawal from a class before the end of the 15th day of a yearlong class or the 8th day of a semester class will be recorded as withdrawn (W). Parent and school approval is needed to withdraw from a class. The option of dropping a class for a study hall is available on a limited basis at this time due to a limited number of available study hall seats.

PARENT ACCESS

Stay up to date with your child's academic progress by creating a Parent Access Account. With a PA account, parents can view their child's grades online and in real-time. Items such as grades, attendance and teacher comments are available for viewing by parents as soon as they are posted in a teacher's online gradebook. If you have previously created a Parent Access Account, your account will remain active until your child graduates. The only thing you need to update at the beginning of the year is your alert setups. You can access your account at <https://pa.woco-k12.org/> Please contact Kelli

Marsh: kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org 937-653-1453 ext. 2126 for further assistance.

REMIND

The staff at Urbana City Schools will be using Remind to share pertinent information with parents. Remind allows our staff to share information through messages that can be received by text, email or through the Remind app. Please make sure your mobile number is updated with your child's office to ensure that the Remind system works properly. If you are not receiving information through Remind, please contact your child's teacher or contact Kelli

Marsh: kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org 937-653-1453 ext. 2126 for further assistance.

MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING

As a part of our district restart plan and by order of the state health department and governor's office, masks must be worn at all times while on the school bus, on school property, and throughout the school day except for designated mask breaks as authorized by school personnel or when actively eating at breakfast or lunch. Social distancing of 6 feet or more is to be followed in every setting where possible. When not possible, as much distance as possible should be maintained.

HEALTH ASSESSMENT BEFORE SCHOOL

Students, with assistance from their parents, should conduct a health assessment prior to reporting to school. Students with COVID-related symptoms should stay home. Please contact the main office at (937) 653-1412 to report absences and symptoms before 9:00 am. COVID-related symptoms can be found on the CDC (Center for Disease Control) or ODH (Ohio Department of Health) websites. If you have questions, please contact our UHS nurse at (937) 653-1433.

BOOKBAGS INSTEAD OF LOCKERS

Student lockers will not be utilized at this time; therefore, all students need to bring a book bag for carrying necessary school items. Students with medical needs will need to speak with the nurse or principal regarding these concerns. If brought to school, cell phones must be turned off and placed in the book bag during school hours.

ARRIVAL AND BREAKFAST

Students who do not use bus transportation or do not participate in the school-wide free breakfast program should not arrive until 7:25 am and report directly to their first period class by the closest door - #1, #10, #13, #14, #15 or #16

Students arriving by bus or participating in the free breakfast for all program should arrive between 7:00 and 7:25 am. Students who have a first period class on the first floor of the Academic Wing (200 classrooms, except for 206) will enter door #15 (NW Academic Wing) or door #13 (East Lawn Avenue entrance) to get their breakfast in the Extended Learning Area by rooms 219/220 and report directly to their first period classroom. Students who have a first period class in rooms 160, 160B, or 161 will enter the entry doors #1 (main entrance) or #13 (East Lawn Avenue entrance) and get their breakfast from the cafeteria/kitchen and then report to their first period classroom. Students who have a first period class in room 206, the gym or on the second floor of the Academic Wing (300 classrooms) will enter the entry doors #1 (main entrance) or #13 (east lawn avenue entrance), and get their breakfast from the cafeteria/kitchen and sit two to a table in the cafeteria.

HYBRID – A/B GROUPINGS IF NEEDED DURING 2020-21

We are beginning the school year on the five days a week All-In learning plan; however, we have to be ready to shift to a Hybrid plan (limited days per week) or a Remote Learning plan (fully online) if necessary during the school year. All students have been assigned an "A" or "B" grouping for the school year. IF we transition to a Hybrid plan then Group A students will attend school on Mondays, Wednesdays, and every other Friday. Group B students will attend school on Tuesdays, Thursdays and every other Friday. If you are not aware of your assigned group, please contact the high school main office at (937) 653-1412.

CHROMEBOOKS

All HS students should have received their school-issued Chromebook at this time. Students are reminded to bring their Chromebook fully-charged to school every day. Chromebook payments for the 2020-21 school year are due by the end of the First Quarter (October 23, 2020).

STUDENT PARKING PASSES

To park on school property, students must apply for and receive a UHS parking pass. The parking passes are \$20 for the school year or \$10 per semester. Applications are available in the main office.

PICTURE DAY

Picture Day for the High School has been postponed to the Spring for the 2020-21 school year.

URBANA CITY SCHOOLS ATHLETIC TICKETING INFORMATION

The Urbana Athletic Department is moving to online ticketing for all HOME athletic events this fall. There will be several away contests that will also have online only ticketing available, depending on individual district policy. Due to capacity limits as ordered by the Ohio Department of Health, there will be limits on the number of spectators allowed to attend each event.

Urbana athletes and band members will be given a pass code to gain access to the allotted number of tickets. This information will come from the athletic department and/or coaches and directors. The athletic department **WILL NOT** be taking cash sales at the gate this fall. Tickets may only be purchased via the online ticketing site. **THERE WILL BE NO PASSES OF ANY KIND ACCEPTED AT THIS TIME.**

Tickets will be able to be purchased online at www.urbanacityschools.org through the **Ticketing** link on the left-hand side of the page. Find the event you wish to attend, click on get tickets, enter the passcode (if required) and follow the steps to purchase the tickets. Tickets will be mailed to the purchaser's email address. Tickets purchased via the online site can be scanned from your mobile device at the gate or you can choose to print them on paper and have them scanned at the gate.

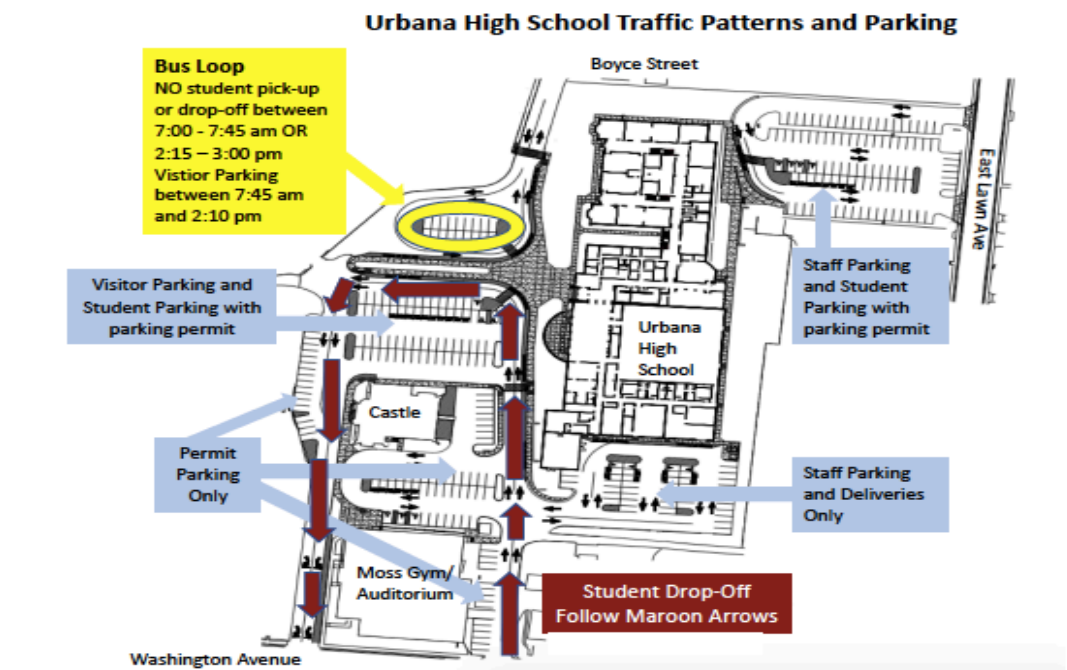
There will be convenience fees charged by the platform that manages the ticketing site. These fees are collected by the ticketing management company and DO NOT go to Urbana City Schools. While we realize this may not be ideal or well-liked, this does allow for contactless transactions as recommended by the Ohio Department of Health.

In order to follow recommendations from the Ohio Department of Health, the district has implemented these procedures to help keep our staff, fans, and players safe. We are actively working to add events to the ticketing page. If the event you are looking for is not on the page, please continue to check back for updates. We realize this is new for everyone and we appreciate everyone's patience as we work through the process.

At our events, masks and social distancing will be required at all times. Please observe and adhere to the marked seating areas at all events. Please check event details for gate opening times. **PLEASE DO NOT** congregate outside of the gate areas prior to the opening of the venue.

This is a very fluid and everchanging situation. We expect changes and adjustments as we work our way through the fall season. Please know that procedures may change as we navigate through these unprecedented times. We want our kids to be able to play and to be able to play and to be safe! Go Climbers!

UHS TRAFFIC PATTERN



UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, September 12

9:00am - Cross Country @ Indian Lake HS
12:15pm - JV Volleyball @ Southeastern HS
1:00pm – Boys Golf @ Reid Park
1:30pm – Var. Volleyball @ Southeastern HS

Monday, September 14

4:30pm – Girls Tennis @ Home
Girls Golf @ Urbana Country Club
Boys Golf @ Urbana Country Club
5:30pm – Var. Boys Soccer @ Home
7:30pm – Var. Girls Soccer @ Home

Tuesday, September 15

4:30pm – Girls Tennis @ Kenton Ridge
Girls Golf @ Mill Creek Golf Club
Fr. Volleyball @ Ben Logan HS
5:30pm – JV Volleyball @ Ben Logan HS
6:00pm – Board of Education Meeting @ UHS Cafeteria
7:00pm – Var. Volleyball @ Ben Logan HS

Wednesday, September 17

4:30pm – Girls Tennis @ Home
Fr. Volleyball @ Home
5:30pm – JV Volleyball @ Home
Boys Golf @ Cherokee Hills Golf Course
JV Girls Soccer @ London HS
7:00pm – Var. Volleyball @ Home

Friday, September 18

7:00pm – Var. Football @ Graham HS

Saturday, September 19

10:00am – Cross Country @ Graham HS
1:00pm – Girls Golf @ Reid Park

Monday, September 21

4:30pm – Girls Tennis @ Greenon HS
Girls Golf @ Urbana Country Club
Boys Golf @ Urbana Country Club
5:30pm – Var. Boys Soccer @ Home
7:30pm – Var. Girls Soccer @ Home

Tuesday, September 22

4:30pm – Girls Tennis @ Shawnee HS
Fr. Volleyball @ Home
5:30pm – JV Volleyball @ Home
7:00pm – Var. Volleyball @ Home

Wednesday, September 23

9:00am – Girls Golf CBC Post Season @ Reid Park
4:30pm – Girls Tennis @ Home
5:30pm – Var. Girls Soccer @ Tecumseh HS
7:30pm – Var. Boys Soccer @ Tecumseh HS

Thursday, September 24

9:00am – Boys Golf CBC Post Season @ Lakeland HS
5:30pm – JV Volleyball @ Shawnee HS
7:00pm – Var. Volleyball @ Shawnee HS

Friday, September 25

7:00pm – Var. Football @ Home

Saturday, September 26

11:00am – Girls Var. Soccer @ Home

Monday, September 28

Two Hour Delay Schedule/Teacher Inservice

4:30pm – Girls Tennis @ Kettering Alter
5:30pm – Var. Boys Soccer @ Home
7:30pm – Var. Girls Soccer @ Home

Tuesday, September 29

4:30pm – Fr. Volleyball @ Home
5:00pm – Cross Country @ Triad HS
5:30pm – JV Volleyball @ Home
7:00pm – Var. Volleyball @ Home

Wednesday, September 30

4:30pm – Girls Tennis @ Home
5:30pm – Var. Girls Soccer @ Kenton Ridge HS
7:30pm – Var. Boys Soccer @ Kenton Ridge HS

Thursday, October 1

4:30pm – Fr. Volleyball @ Home
5:30pm – JV Volleyball @ Home
7:00pm – Var. Volleyball @ Home

Friday, October 2

7:00pm – Var. Football @ Home

Saturday, October 3

9:00am – Cross Country @ Washington HS
10:00am – Var. Volleyball @ West Liberty HS
JV Volleyball @ West Liberty HS

Monday, October 5

5:30pm – Var. Boys Soccer @ Bellefontaine HS
7:30pm – Var. Girls Soccer @ Bellefontaine HS