



# HILLCLIMBER HEADLINES

## URBANA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

**October 2, 2020**

**SAT. OCT 3**

Volleyball vs Riverside – 10:00 am  
XCountry @ Cross the Creek Invitational – 9:00 am

**TUES. OCT 6**

7<sup>th</sup> GR Football @ Bellefontaine – 5:30 pm  
8<sup>th</sup> GR Football vs Bellefontaine – 5:30 pm

**SAT. OCT 10**

XCountry @ Mechanicsburg Invite – 9:30 am

**TUES. OCT 13**

Two hour delay - Teacher Inservice  
7<sup>th</sup> GR Football vs Graham – 5:30 pm  
8<sup>th</sup> GR Football @ Graham – 5:30 pm

**SAT. OCT 17**

7<sup>th</sup> GR Football @ Indian Lake – 10:00 am  
8<sup>th</sup> GR Football @ Indian Lake – 11:15 am

**FRI. OCT 23**

End of 1st Quarter

**MON. OCT 26**

No School - Make-up day if needed

**TUES. OCT 27**

2nd Quarter begins

**FRI. OCT 30**

Report Cards mailed

**MON. NOV 9**

Two Hour Delay - Teacher Inservice

**NOV 11 & 19**

Parent Teacher Conferences

**WEDS. NOV 25**

No School - Exchange Day

**ATTENDANCE**

Please call the school by 9:00 am if your child will not be attending 653-1439 option 1. We have voicemail, so you may leave a message 24 hours a day. If you do leave a message, **PLEASE STATE THE REASON** for the absence. A call with no reason given does not necessarily make the absence excused. If you do not have a phone, be sure to send a note with the student the next day explaining the reason for the absence.

**Parent Access**

Anyone who does not have a Parent Access account set up should have recently received letters with the needed information. If you did not receive information regarding setting up a Parent Access account to check your child's grades, please contact Kelli Marsh: [kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org](mailto:kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org) 937-653-1453 ext. 2126 for further assistance.

### **UJHS PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Urbana High School's Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences will be virtual and are scheduled for Wednesday, November 11, and Thursday, November 19 during the hours of 3:00 - 6:30 pm. Please call the guidance office at 653-1424 to schedule a virtual conference. You will be asked for a primary email address so we can send you the meeting invitation in advance with the Zoom link to join the meeting. If you do not have internet access at home, a phone conference can be scheduled instead. **We strongly encourage both parents and students to attend the scheduled meetings.**

### **Washington Information – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip**

#### **Washington DC trip dates:**

**March 15-19, 2021. Cost: \$620.00\***

Third payment of \$155.00 due September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Final payment of \$155.00 is due on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Cut-off date for a refund is February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Trip eligibility and other additional information are available in the student handbook and detailed information will be sent home with students during the school year. All school fees must be paid prior to making payments for the Washington Trip. Deadlines must be met for all payments and also for any paperwork associated with this trip. Students who fail to meet these deadlines will be moved to the end of the waiting list. \*This is an estimate until trip details are finalized.

#### **As reported by Coaches:**

##### **Cross Country:**

The Junior High Cross Country team raced at the Fairbanks Invitational this week. Vincent Lightle led the boys team with a 2nd place finish out of 46 runners in the boys race. Bella Talebi led the girls team finishing 26<sup>th</sup> out of 49 runners.

##### **Football:**

Your Climbers were victorious, they beat North Union 44-0! Scoring for your Climbers were: Austin Hill - 4 Touchdowns Lukuas King and JJ Johnson Colt Cotner added a 2pt conversion along with DaMarcus Bean, JJ Johnson and Austin Hill.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade won versus North Union Urbana 24 North Union 16 Scoring on the night was: Mitchell Barrett - 3 Touchdowns Converting on 2 point conversions: Brayden Cain (2) Preston Wisma (1) 8<sup>th</sup> grade lost Monday to North Union 22-25 23-25. They lost last night against Graham 10-25 15-25.

##### **Volleyball:**

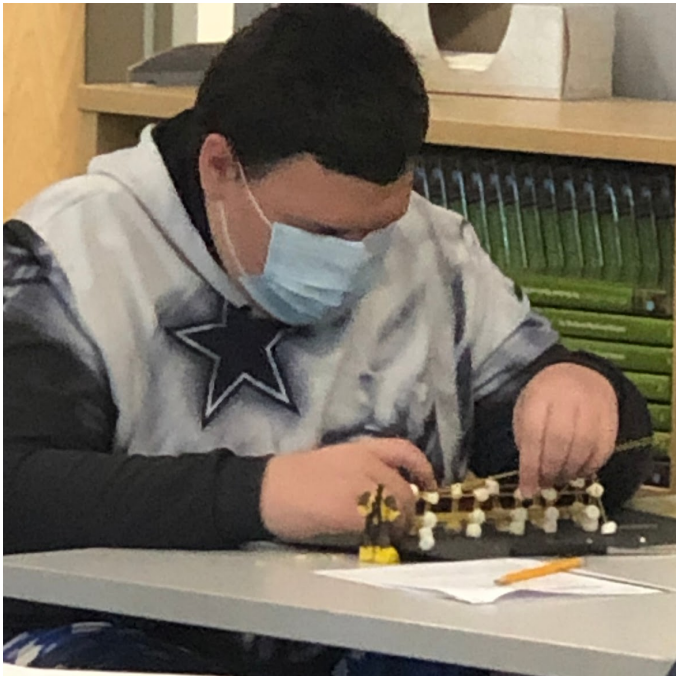
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### **URBANA CITY SCHOOLS ATHLETIC TICKETING INFORMATION**

The Urbana Athletic Department is moving to online ticketing for all HOME athletic events. 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](http://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 emailed to the purchaser. 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 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 everyone 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. 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 ever changing 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!

## 7th grade has taken flight!

We just finished up our Nature of Science unit where we reviewed inquiry concepts that will be used throughout. Our students did a fantastic job with their first STEM challenge--NOODLE BRIDGES. Students had to create a bridge using 50 spaghetti noodles, 50 marshmallows and 5" of tape. Their bridges had to be 12" long and the roadway for their bridge had to be 2" high from the table top. Congratulations to the following students Brian Parthemore, David Meadows, Robert Lowe, Noraa Smith, Kylie Johnson, and Zeke Wasson--their bridges all held 300 grams and more making them their Science Cohort Bridge Champion.

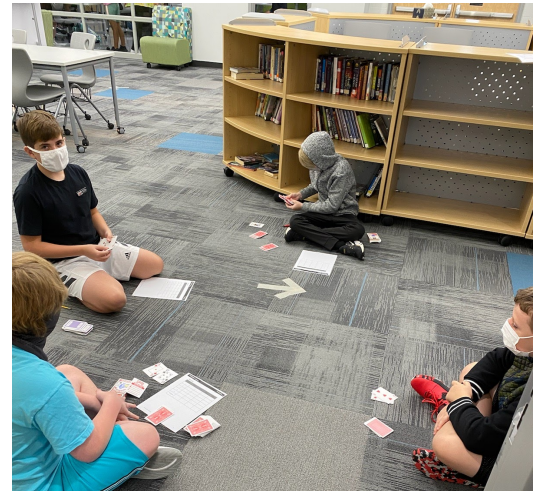




## **"All in" at Urbana Junior High** **Emilee Gieseke**

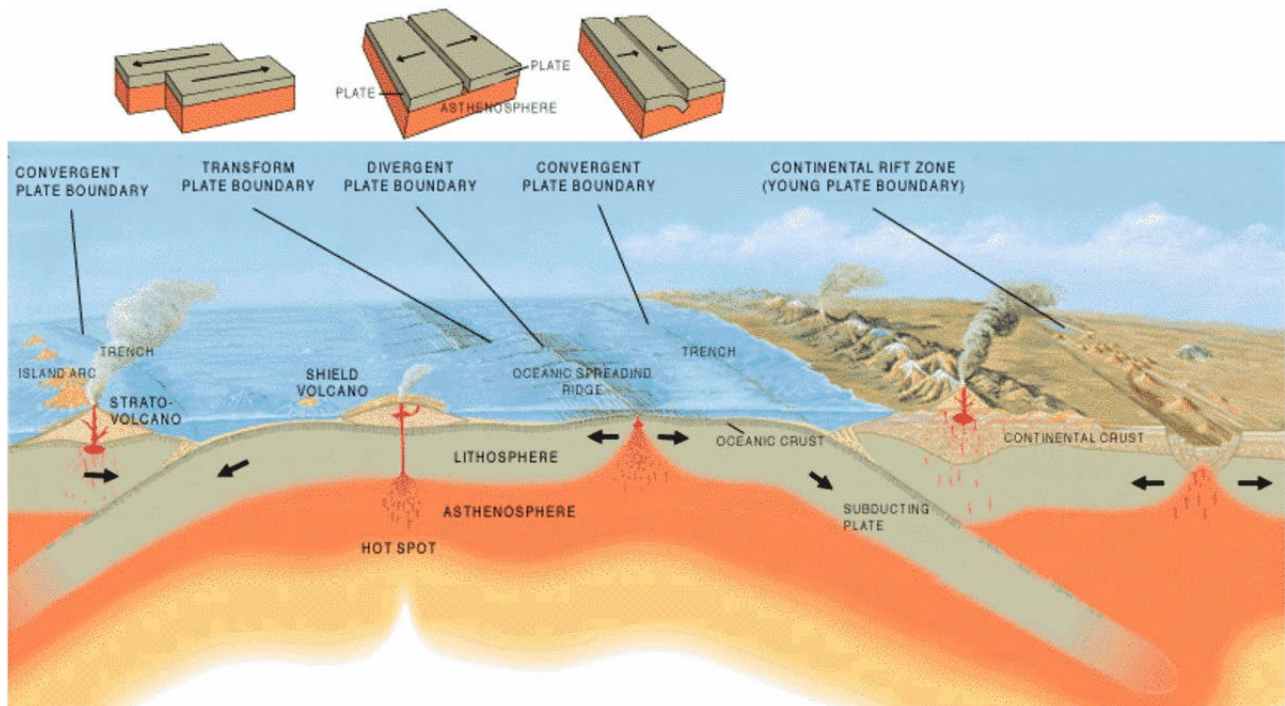
Changing school districts in 2020 sounds like a nightmare, but I could not have picked a better time to make the switch. Yes, education seems to be in chaos right now with COVID mandates, but it is also a great time to be new. I did not know what Urbana Junior High was like prior to COVID, so I came in as a blank slate. Urbana gave all students the option to choose to come to school 5 days a week or learn remotely 5 days a week. In the "outside world" I have heard talk of this year being another wash, but I can assure you that the students in my room are not just warm bodies in a room. The students WANT to be at school. Our students are in cohorts which means they stay with the same group of students in the same room throughout the day while the teachers rotate around on carts to teach from. However, the students understand why we are taking these measures. Urbana's goal is to stay open. So for purposes of contact tracing, we are keeping the students in small groups. These small class sizes have been an absolute dream. My largest class has 17 students. I am getting to know the students' needs and strengths faster this year, and I am able to truly help each student since I do not have so many in a room.

Teachers are working tirelessly to provide engaging and meaningful lessons. Because students can't share materials, this might mean that we need to come up with 70 decks of cards so that students can practice calculating with integers in a fun way. It takes creativity to have activities for the students to do and stay within compliance with state mandates, but as always, teachers are going to go above and beyond for their kids. Do I miss students partnering up and sharing materials? Yes. Is wearing a mask while teaching a challenge? Yes. However, we rise to the challenge and overcome it. We always do. We are teachers.



### Earth Science

Earth science is the focus for the beginning of our 2020 school year. After completing our plate tectonics unit this week, we began the Earth's surface unit. This unit focuses on the ever-changing landscape of Earth through the processes of weathering, erosion, and deposition.



## **Manage Your Remind Account**

If you receive Remind messages from Urbana City Schools, you have a Remind account and can manage that account via the web or mobile app. It is important that you keep your contact information up to date in Remind to ensure that you receive all communications.

### **If you need to join Remind for any of the schools:**

Text @de2d4e to 81010 to join Urbana Elementary School

Text @urbanaj to 81010 to join Urbana Junior High School

Text @urbanahig to 80101 to join Urbana High School

You can add, remove, or edit your cell phone number and email address as well as adjust your app and desktop notifications via your Remind dashboard.

### **On the web:**

1. Log into your Remind account on a computer
2. Click your name in the upper left corner and then click on “Account Settings.”
3. Select the “Notification Preferences” tab.
4. Set your preferred way to receive notifications.

**Note:** You can change, add, or remove an email or phone number in your account on this page. Once added, you will need to confirm your device through a 4-digit confirmation code; so make sure you can easily access your landline and/or mobile number.

The screenshot shows the 'Notification preferences' page in a web browser. On the left is a sidebar menu with options: Profile, Notification preferences (selected), App integrations, Widgets, Message history, Blocked users, and Archived classes. The main content area is titled 'Notification preferences' and includes a sub-header 'You can log in with any confirmed email or phone number.' Below this are three rows of notification settings, each with an icon, a label, a value, and an 'On' button with a bell icon. The first row is for Email (natasha.field48@gmail.com), the second for Text messages (650-823-2405), and the third for Landlines (959-412-2341) with a 'Learn more' link. Below these is a section for the 'Remind mobile app' with a 'Get the app' button. At the bottom of the notification section is a '+ Add device' button. Further down is a 'Voice calls' section with a checked checkbox 'Allow people to make Remind voice calls to your phone' and a sub-header 'Choose your preferred phone number for voice calls. This number will not be shared.' Two radio buttons are shown: one selected for 650-823-2405 and one unselected for 959-412-2341.

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### Notification preferences

You can log in with any confirmed email or phone number.

Email	natasha.field48@gmail.com	On
Text messages	650-823-2405	On
Landlines only receive urgent voice-to-text messages. <a href="#">Learn more</a>	959-412-2341	

Remind mobile app  
Push notifications for Android or iOS

Get the app

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### Voice calls

☒ Allow people to make Remind voice calls to your phone

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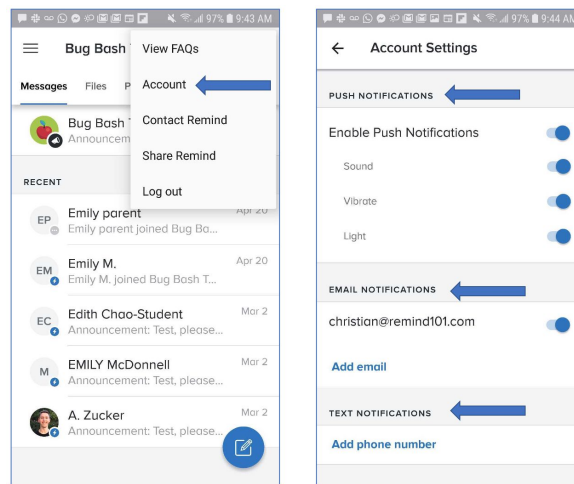
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**You can download the Remind app in the App Store for your device.**

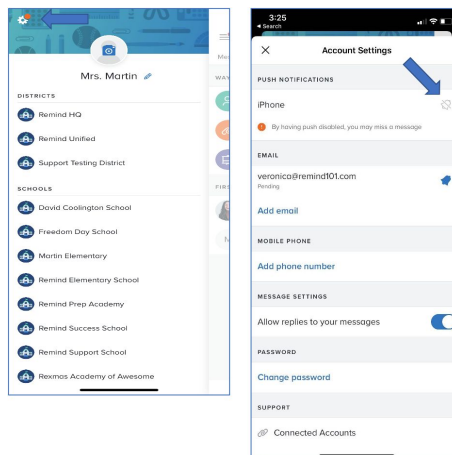
**Via Android:**

- Log into the app on your phone.
- Click on the three vertical dots in the upper right corner of the screen.
- Click on Account.
- Click on the gear in the top right and choose “Notifications.”
  - Choose any combination of push notifications for the app, email and text (at least one needs to be turned on).
  - To remove your cell phone number from your account, press and hold the number and you’ll see the option to delete it.



**On iOS:**

1. In the app, tap the gear icon in the upper left corner of the screen.
2. Choose “Push” (the Remind logo pops up at the top of your screen if you receive a message, or double check your cell phone number and email address and save those preferences).



**Note:** When you download the app, push notifications are turned on and your text and email Remind messages are automatically disabled- so you do not receive duplicates

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## Fundraiser Supports Your Back *AND* Urbana MS and HS

### *The Band Hosts 1st Annual Mattress Fundraiser*

URBANA, OH - If you are looking to replace a bed in your home, now is the time. Urbana MS and HS Band is excited to announce they will be hosting their 1st Annual one-day Mattress Fundraiser on Saturday, October 24th, from 10am-4pm. For one day only, the PK8 building will be transformed into a mattress showroom. For information about the sale, go to: [bit.ly/beds4urbana20](http://bit.ly/beds4urbana20).



There will be 26 different mattress styles on display in all sizes for customers to try, priced below retail. Adjustable power bases, premium pillows, bed frames, and mattress protectors will be available as well. The brands include Simmons Beautyrest, come with full factory warranties, handmade to order, and will be available 2-3 weeks after the fundraiser. Delivery is available. Best of all, the Urbana MS and HS Band benefits from every purchase.

The company, Custom Fundraising Solutions (CFS) first introduced The Mattress Fundraiser to the Cleveland, Ohio market in 2005. The company now has over 100 locations and works with more than 2,000 schools nationwide. The unique business model helps schools raise thousands of dollars in just one day, and to date, the company has given back over \$40 million.



**What:** 1st Annual Urbana MS and HS Band Mattress Fundraiser

**Where:** PK8 building, 1673 South US 68

**When:** Saturday, October 24th, 10am-4pm

**Link:** [bit.ly/beds4urbana20](http://bit.ly/beds4urbana20)

Watch this quick video that explains how the Mattress Fundraiser works! <https://youtu.be/dtWPNME9W2w>

Contact [kevin.krinsky@cfsbeds.com](mailto:kevin.krinsky@cfsbeds.com) or call (614) 599-9858 for more information.

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#### About Custom Fundraising Solutions

Since 2005, Custom Fundraising Solutions has been helping schools raise money using an unconventional approach, "The Mattress Fundraiser". The concept is designed to help groups raise thousands of dollars in a one-day sale, and provide the community a product they need, for a great value. CFS has over 100 locations nationwide, and has given back more than \$40 million dollars. To learn more, visit [www.customfundraisingsolutions.com](http://www.customfundraisingsolutions.com).