



# Urbana High School

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September 2, 2022



## **NEWSLETTER**

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](mailto:UHSClimbers@urbanacityschools.org). The current issue of the UHS newsletter is available at [www.urbanacityschools.org](http://www.urbanacityschools.org). Newsletter dates for the 2022-23 school year are September 2 & 23, October 14, November 4, December 2, January 12, February 3 & 24, March 17, April 14, and May 12.

## **WELCOME BACK**

It is my pleasure to welcome everyone back for another great year at Urbana High School. We are all excited to have students back in our classrooms and hallways filling them with energy and enthusiasm for learning. It is our mission to help every child feel welcomed, connected, and a part of our UHS family. Additionally, we strive to challenge each student to grow in his or her academic abilities and to be college and/or career ready by the end of four years.

## **NEW STAFF**

UHS welcomes Ashton Arnett, Chris Endres, Angie Evans, Holly McKellop and Frank Valero to our staff this year. Ms. Arnett is teaching Algebra. Mr. Endres is teaching American and World Studies. Mrs. Evans is our counselor for students with the last name starting A – K and OHP. Mrs. McKellop is an intervention specialist and will teach/co-teach various English and Algebra courses. Mr. Valero is coming to us from Hi Point and teaching CBI classes.

## **#ToughLove**

Throughout the year, you will hear students and staff talk about Tough Love. Tough Love is a motto that was created for UHS to improve relationships as well as our building culture. Tough Love means that we are going to love the heck out of the students while they are here in the building. We recognize that we see students more than our families and vice versa so while they are here, we want to build lasting and meaningful relationships until they walk down the hill and across that stage at graduation. Tough Love is a two-way street however; we will be here for the students in every step of the way, and all we ask is that the students come to school prepared, are patient, flexible, respectful and kind to the teachers, staff and their fellow classmates!



## **FINALFORMS**

If you have not yet done so, please make sure to update all student information on FinalForms. Parents/Guardians need to sign forms online at [urbana-oh.finalforms.com](http://urbana-oh.finalforms.com) each year. If you have previously logged into your account, login to that same account and update your forms. If you have never logged in, choose "Login" under the Parent Icon and then choose "Never Logged In." DO NOT CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT. Enter your email address. A confirmation link will be sent to you. If you do not receive a confirmation link, or have any issues, please contact [kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org](mailto:kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org).

## **ABSENCE REPORTING & ATTENDANCE**

A parent or guardian must call the school attendance office (937-653-1414) 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. In the event contact is not made, a signed note from a parent/guardian, including the date of the absence and the reason for the absence, must be submitted upon the student's return to school. Students may not be absent for more than 8 days or 48 hours during the school year for reasons other than those excused in writing by a physician or court attendance. Students must be in attendance a minimum of four full class periods in order to participate in or attend athletic contests, musicals, plays, dances or other scheduled events. If a student becomes ill while at school, he/she must contact the school nurse. Students are not to text/call a parent without receiving authorization for dismissal. The absences will be considered unexcused and disciplinary action will occur. Vacations during the school year are discouraged; however, requests for approval may occur. Upon a written request or phone call from a parent/guardian, a vacation form will be given to the student for teacher and parent signatures. The completed form is to be returned to the attendance office at least five days prior to the absence with the exact dates of the vacation. The request will then be approved or denied by administration. Requests made or submitted after the absence will not be excused. Vacation days DO count toward the 8-Day/48-Hour absence rule.

## **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 2022-2023 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.

## **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. Students should enter through door 1 or 13 and report directly to their first period class or homeroom. Students arriving by bus or participating in the free breakfast for all program should arrive between 7:00 am. and 7:25 am.

## **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.

## **CHROMEBOOKS**

At this time, all UHS students should have received their school-issued Chromebook if their technology agreement was completed. Students are reminded to bring their Chromebook fully-charged to school every day. Chromebook payments for the 2022-2023 school year are due by the end of the first quarter (October 21, 2022). See Mrs. Jacobs in the main office with any questions.

## **COURSE DROP POLICY**

If a student withdraws from a class after the 15<sup>th</sup> day of a yearlong class or the 8<sup>th</sup> day of a semester class, it will be recorded as a withdraw/failing (WF). Withdrawal from a class before the end of the 15<sup>th</sup> day of a yearlong class or the 8<sup>th</sup> day of a semester class will be recorded as withdrawn (W). Parent and school approval are 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.

## **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. A valid driver's license and proof of insurance are required. Applications are available in the main office.

## **PARENT ACCESS**

Stay up to date with your child's academic progress by creating a Parent Access Account. With a Parent Access 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. If you have not yet created an account, letters containing the information needed to set up an account are being sent home next week. Please note, printed interim reports will not be available this year. It will be important that you set up your Parent Access Account to monitor your student's grades. You can access your account at <https://pa.woco-k12.org/> Please contact Kelli Marsh: [kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org](mailto: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 in FinalForms 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](mailto:kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org) 937-653-1453 ext. 2126 for further assistance.

## URBANA CITY SCHOOLS ATHLETIC TICKETING INFORMATION

The Urbana Athletic Department is continuing to do 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. The Athletic Department WILL be taking cash sales at the gate.

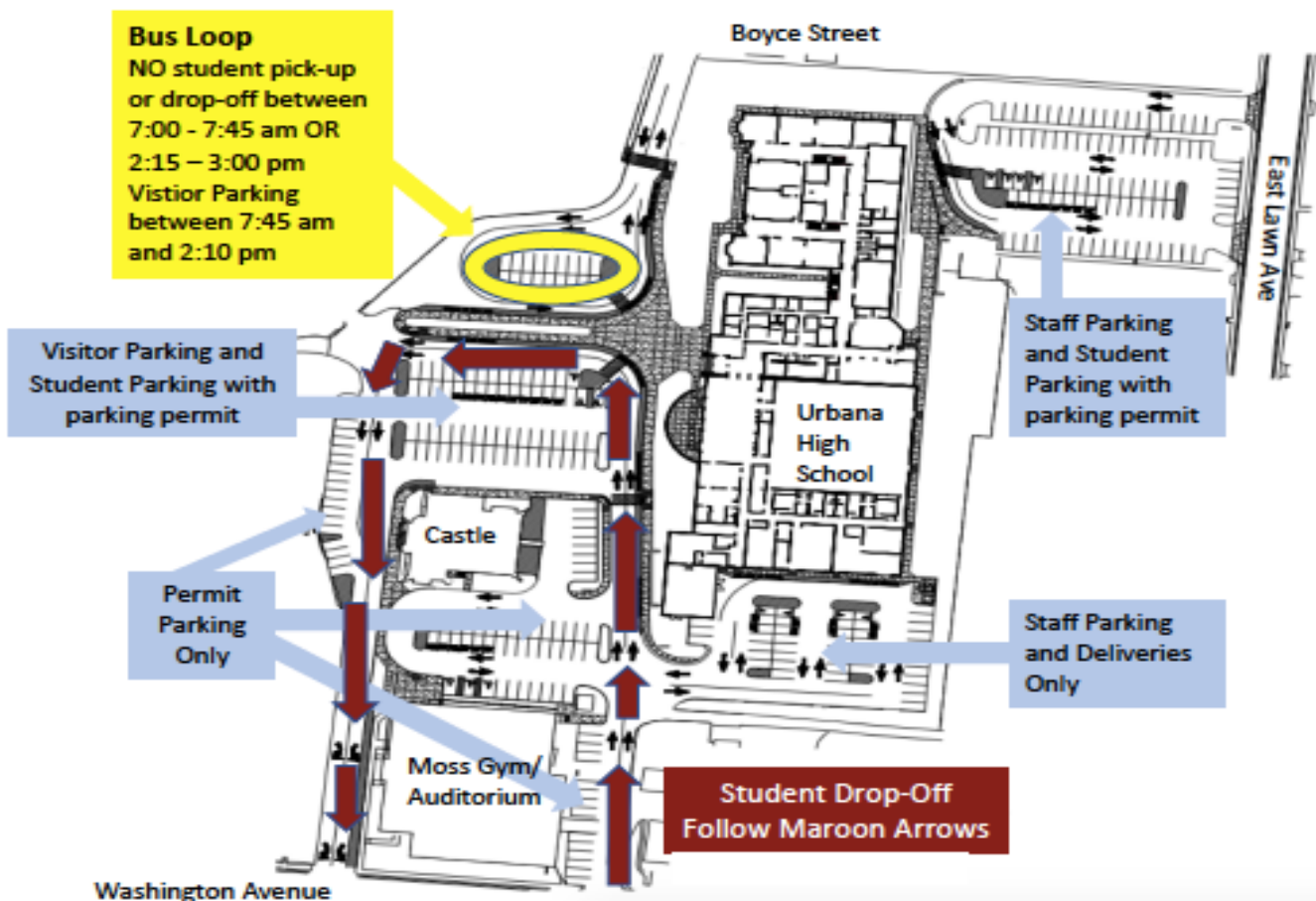
Below is the ticket and pass information for the 2022-23 school year for events held at our facilities.

2022-23 Admission Prices	
<i>*Prices set by the Central Buckeye Conference Prices are for all spectators aged kindergarten and up</i>	
Varsity Football	Gate Price: \$8 per ticket Online Price: \$8 plus fees Credit Cards and Cash accepted at the gate
All Other Varsity Sports	Gate Price: \$7 per ticket Online Price: \$7 plus fees Credit Cards and Cash accepted at the gate
Sub Varsity Sports *Junior Varsity Only *JH Only	Gate Price: \$5 per ticket Online Price: \$5 plus fees Credit Cards and Cash accepted at the gate

Tickets will be able to be purchased online at [www.urbanacityschools.org](http://www.urbanacityschools.org) through the **Ticketing for Games and Events** link. On the right-hand side of the page click quick links and then go to ticketing and events. Find the event you wish to attend, click on get tickets, and follow the steps to purchase the tickets. Tickets will be sent 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. You can also use the Hometown Fan app to organize your tickets and passes. 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.

## UHS TRAFFIC PATTERN

### Urbana High School Traffic Patterns and Parking



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

Newsletter Released  
7:30am. Fall Picture Day  
7:00pm. Varsity Football @ Northland

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

8:30am. Cross Country @ Miamisburg  
10:00am. Freshman Volleyball @ Mechanicsburg  
JV Football @ North Union  
JV Girls Soccer @ Home  
11:00am. JV Volleyball @ Mechanicsburg  
12:00pm. Varsity Girls Soccer @ Home  
Varsity Volleyball @ Mechanicsburg  
2:00pm. Varsity Boys Soccer @ Home

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

Labor Day / No School for Students

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

4:30pm. Boys & Girls Golf @ National Links  
Freshman Volleyball @ Home  
Girls Tennis @ Home  
5:30pm. JV Volleyball @ Home  
6:30pm. Varsity Volleyball @ Home

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

4:30pm. Boys & Girls Golf @ Home  
Girls Tennis @ Wayne  
5:30pm. Varsity Girls Soccer @ Shawnee  
7:00pm. Varsity Boys Soccer @ Shawnee

### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

4:30pm. Girls Golf @ Reid Park  
Girls Tennis @ Home  
Freshman Volleyball @ North Union  
5:30pm. JV Volleyball @ North Union  
6:30pm. Varsity Volleyball @ North Union

### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

7:00pm. Varsity Football @ London

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

10:00am. JV Football @ Home  
12:00pm. JV Volleyball @ Home  
1:00pm. Boys Golf @ Reid Park  
Varsity Volleyball @ Home  
8:00pm. Cross Country @ Piqua

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

4:30pm. Boys & Girls Golf @ Home  
Girls Tennis @ Northwestern  
5:30pm. Varsity Boys Soccer @ Home  
7:00pm. Varsity Girls Soccer @ Home

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

4:30pm. Girls Tennis @ Home  
5:30pm. JV Volleyball @ Home  
6:30pm. Varsity Volleyball @ Home

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

4:30pm. Boys & Girls Golf @ Home  
6:00pm. Varsity Boys Soccer @ Dunbar

### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

4:30pm. Girls Golf @ Cherokee Hills  
Girls Tennis @ Kenton Ridge  
Freshman Volleyball @ Ben Logan  
5:30pm. JV Volleyball @ Ben Logan  
6:30pm. Varsity Volleyball @ Ben Logan

### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

7:00pm. Varsity Football @ Home

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

10:00am. Cross Country @ Central Ohio Meet  
JV Football @ Kenton Ridge  
Varsity Boys Soccer @ Home  
1:00pm. Girls Golf @ Reid Park  
3:00pm. JV Girls Soccer @ Northwestern

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

9:00am. Boys Golf @ Beaver Creek Golf Club  
Girls Golf @ Reid Park  
4:30pm. Girls Tennis @ Fairborn  
5:30pm. Varsity Boys Soccer @ Home  
7:00pm. Varsity Girls Soccer @ Home

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

4:30pm. Boys Golf @ JA  
Girls Tennis @ Home  
Freshman Volleyball  
5:30pm. JV Volleyball @ Home  
6:00pm. Board Meeting @ PK8  
6:30pm. Varsity Volleyball @ Home

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

9:00am. Boys Golf @ CBC  
4:30pm. Freshman Volleyball @ Tecumseh  
5:30pm. Varsity Girls Soccer @ Home  
JV Volleyball @ Tecumseh  
6:30pm. Varsity Volleyball @ Home

### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

Newsletter Released  
7:00pm. Varsity Football @ Graham



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## Mr. Koviak Introduction and Counseling Program Advocation

Greetings, parents and community of Urbana City Schools! My name is Greg Koviak, and for the Fall of 2022, I am interning as a school counselor for Urbana High School. I graduated from Clyde High School in 2014, and I went on to Bluffton University where I graduated with a bachelor's in psychology. Toward the end of my college career at Bluffton, I considered going to graduate school for school counseling and I am proud to say that this is the right path for me! I am currently a student at Heidelberg University pursuing my masters of arts in school counseling. Heidelberg requires that graduate counseling students have three semesters of field experience, and that is what I am doing for this fall at Urbana. At UHS, I will be working closely with Mrs. Leonard and Mrs. Evans and learning how to carry out the duties of a school counselor at the high school level.

The counseling department strives to care for the overall well-being of all our students, as well as our staff. According to the America School Counseling Association Role, school counselors, we are "certified/licensed educators who improve student success for ALL students by implementing a comprehensive school counseling program." We help students achieve academic success, manage emotions, apply interpersonal skills, and prepare for post-secondary options.

According to research, a study of counseling practices in six states shows that effective counseling strategies tend to have positive effects on classroom attendance, discipline, and overall achievement. School counselors play an important role in ensuring your students' safety and also helping them succeed in high school! We are willing to answer any questions you may have! You can contact us at:

Valerie Leonard (L-Z Counselor)

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Angie Evans (A-K Counselor)

Email: [angie.evans@urbanacityschools.org](mailto:angie.evans@urbanacityschools.org)

Greg Koviak (Counselor Intern)

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**Champaign County Library**  
1060 Scioto Street  
Urbana, Ohio 43078  
937-653-3811  
937-653-5679 (fax)



**North Lewisburg Branch**  
161 Winder Street  
North Lewisburg, Ohio 43060  
937-747-3043  
937-747-3043 (fax)

[www.champaigncountylibrary.org](http://www.champaigncountylibrary.org)

September 1, 2022

Urbana City School Parents/Guardians:

We are pleased to have an opportunity to provide library cards to Urbana students! With a library card, students can check out books, audio books, eBooks, music CDs, and access the Library's many online resources.

We know that many students already have Champaign County Library cards. If you are unsure if your child has a card or need to check on the status of the card, please contact the library.

Did your child misplace your library card? During the month of September 2022, the library will be giving away FREE replacement cards to anyone!

We have two options for your child to receive a card.

Option 1: Apply online for a library card for your student if they do not already have one. You can go to our website at [champaigncountylibrary.org](http://champaigncountylibrary.org) and click on Catalog. In the upper right corner of the page, click on [Create Account](#) and enter the child's information. A temporary card number will be assigned. The actual library card will be mailed to you. By registering online, you are agreeing to abide by the library policies.

Option 2: Visit either of the Champaign County Library locations.

The Main Library hours are Monday-Thursday 9am-8pm, Friday-Saturday 9am-5pm. The North Lewisburg Branch Library is open Monday-Wednesday 4pm-8pm, Thursday & Saturday 10am-2pm.

Please call the Library at 937-653-3811 or 937-747-3043 if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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