



HILLCLIMBER HEADLINES

URBANA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

September 23, 2022

SAT. SEPT 24

XCountry @ Sidney Invite 9:00 am
Volleyball vs Bellefontaine 10:00 am

MON. SEPT 26

Volleyball @ North Union 5:30 pm

TUES. SEPT 27

XCountry @ Triad Invite 5:00 pm

WED. SEPT 28

7th GR Football vs Northwestern 5:00 pm
Volleyball vs Graham 5:30 pm
8th GR Football vs Northwestern 6:15 pm

SAT. OCT 1

XCountry @ Blue Lion 9:00 am
Volleyball vs McBurg 10:00 am

MON. OCT 3

Volleyball @ Indian Lake 5:30 pm

WED. OCT 5

XCountry @ David Lightle Invite 4:30 pm
7th /8th GR Football @ Ben Logan 5:30 pm
Volleyball @ Ben Logan 5:30 pm

FRI. OCT 7

Picture Day

SAT. OCT 8

XCountry @ Mechanicsburg Invite 9:30 am

THUR. OCT 13

7th GR Football vs North Union 5:30 pm
8th GR Football vs North Union 6:45 pm

FRI. OCT 28

Report Cards mailed

UJHS PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

The Fall Parent-Teacher Conference will be Monday, September 29th 2:45 - 6:15 pm. To schedule a conference, please contact your child's teacher through email or call the office at 937-653-1439 to be connected to their voicemail. We will also be holding conferences on November 29th, February 23rd and April 18th.

Communication

Schools are successful when there is strong parental and community involvement. Communication is essential to foster a positive learning environment.

Students: Talk to Teachers, Counselor and/or Administrator, and PA(Student Access)

Parents: PA(Parent Access), email, telephone, conferences, face to face

Remind App: Enter 81010, Text@urbanj

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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.

Washington Information – 8th Grade Trip

DC trip dates: May 15-19 - \$650.00*

1st Payment due September 23 - \$160.00

2nd Payment due November 11 - \$160.00

3rd Payment due January 20 - \$160.00

4th Payment due March 10 - \$170.00

Cut-off date for a refund is April 7th, 2023. Trip information is available in the student handbook.

All school fees must be paid prior to making payments for the Washington Trip. All deadlines must be met to hold your spot on this trip. *This is an estimate until trip details are finalized.

Kirkmont Information – 6th Grade Trip

Kirkmont trip dates: May 8-12 - \$125.00*

1st Payment due September 23 - \$30.00

2nd Payment due October 28 - \$30.00

3rd Payment due November 18 - \$30.00

4th Payment due March 24 - \$35.00

Cut-off date for a refund is April 7th, 2023. Trip information is available in the student handbook.

All school fees must be paid prior to making payments for the Kirkmont Trip. *This is an estimate until trip details are finalized.

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. If you have not yet created an account, letters containing the information needed to set up an account were sent home a couple of weeks ago. 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 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 937-653-1453 ext. 2126 for further assistance.

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 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.

As reported by Coaches:

Cross Country:

The CC team raced at Piqua Invitational. Hazel Lightle and Olivia MacKendrick were medal winners with 8th and 17th place finishes out of 116 runners. Hazel ran the two mile course in 13min 38sec. Sara Hildebrand ran her best race of the season. Landon McKellop set a personal record, finishing the 2 mile course in 13min 32 sec.

Football:

7th Grade beat Shawnee 14-0
8th Grade lost a close one 14-18.

Volleyball:

7th grade defeated Tecumseh 25-21, 27-25
Tecumseh defeated 8th grade 25-27, 25-22, 25-16
7th grade defeated Southeastern 25-13, 25-19.

7th grade ELA

Ms. Davis, Mr. Tobias, Mrs. Nehls

We are currently studying “Identity in the Middle Ages”. We have been reading a variety of texts to build background knowledge of this time period. While reading, we are also practicing skills to improve writing and build stamina. Below are a few pictures of a recent group activity where students read about different social classes of medieval society then presented the information and practiced writing summaries. We also held a Socratic Seminar where students lead a discussion centered around questions about the reading. Students had great conversations and developed an appreciation for learning from each other. We are excited by the students' curiosity and joy for learning.



Living Memorial for Historic Educator

On Wednesday September 14th students of Urbana Jr. High met with teachers, administrators, and community leaders to plant a “Living Memorial” in honor of Dr. E.W.B. Curry. Dr. Curry has been the subject of a Project-Based Learning activity entitled “Lost Voices”. The goal of the project is to find ways to honor citizens of Urbana who had a long lasting impact on the community, but whose stories may have been forgotten. Dr. Curry operated two industrial schools in Urbana, the Curry Institute and the Curry Farm School. His goal was to not only teach traditional school subjects but also job skills so that his students would have the opportunity to be gainfully employed and engaged citizens. The placement of the tree is special because of its location, which is halfway between the location of the new K-8 building and the former Curry Farm School which was just north of the school. Unfortunately, the Farm School closed when Dr. Curry died.

An oak tree was donated by the city of Urbana as part of its membership in the Tree City USA program. The actual planting was carried out by Mr. Doug Crabill. The Tree City USA program encourages cities to plant trees and commit to environmental conservation.



Olivia MacKendrick and Eveline Schelle
and Doug Crabill



Eveline Schelle, Olivia MacKendrick, Ava
Vandenbark, Aubrie Cayten, Anthony
Keeran, Brian Campbell, and Quincy
Peterson

8th Grade American History Update from Mrs. Steffan

The 8th graders have been researching, learning, and developing projects about the local historical educator Dr. E.W.B. Curry for the last 3 years in their social studies classes. Due to fundraising efforts last year as 7th graders through a letter writing campaign, UJHS was able to coordinate with the City of Urbana to plant an oak tree in honor of Dr. Curry's legacy on school grounds. Two 8th grade students read an original piece of student created poetry, an original 8th grade student created acrostic poem of Curry's accomplishments was displayed, a wreath was laid at the base of the tree where a future student designed plaque will be set, and we were able to have a ceremony celebrating the event with my 4th period class in attendance. A shout out needs to go to Eveline Schelle and Olivia MacKendrick who were our wonderful student readers and our students who worked hard on their projects throughout these 3 years to make this possible. We feel very proud to be extending the legacy of Dr. Curry for future generations to experience.



Right now in class we've been focusing on Government topics such as why we have a government, how Enlightenment thinkers inspired our government, the Constitution, and the 3 branches of the US government. These topics are important for students to get a good base of knowledge to make their high school career easier and for their future use as citizens. To learn about these topics students have done activities such as modeling types of government by creating scenes using gummy bears, putting themselves in the shoes of Renaissance artists who painted epic works of art on ceilings by trying to draw under their desks, and had a "rock, paper, scissors" tournament to show how the 3 branches check on each other in our government.



8th grade ELA

8th-grade students are currently reading *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander. The essential question they are working to answer is "What is the power of storytelling?" Each module is broken down into Focusing Tasks, and their first task ended this week with students composing and analyzing their own poems.

6th grade ELA

6th grade ELA just finished Module 0 which was an overview of instructional strategies we will be using in Wit and Wisdom this year. We are now starting Module 1 over the Great Depression. We will be answering our Essential Question, "How can enduring tremendous hardship contribute to personal transformation?" as we read, *Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis. Be sure to ask about all of the struggles and hardships that Bud must endure at such a young age.