



# HILLCLIMBER HEADLINES

## URBANA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

September 1, 2023

**SAT. SEPT 2**

Volleyball @ Graham 10:00 am  
XCOUNTRY vs Hillclimber Invite 9:00 am

**MON. SEPT 4**

Labor Day - No School

**TUE. SEPT 5**

Volleyball @ Indian Lake 5:30 pm

**WED. SEPT 6**

7<sup>th</sup> GR Football vs Shawnee 5:30 pm  
Volleyball vs Northwestern 5:30 pm

**THUR. SEPT 7**

8<sup>th</sup> GR Football vs Shawnee 5:30 pm

**SAT. SEPT 9**

Volleyball @ Southeastern 10:00 am  
XCOUNTRY @ Piqua 8:00 pm

**MON. SEPT 11**

Volleyball vs North Union 5:30 pm

**TUE. SEPT 12**

Washington DC Parent Meeting 6:30 pm  
Kirkmont Parent Meeting 7:30 pm

**WED. SEPT 13**

Volleyball @ Ben Logan 5:30 pm

**THUR. SEPT 14**

7<sup>th</sup> GR Football @ Jonathan Alder 5:30 pm  
6<sup>th</sup> GR Band Meeting for Instrument Rental 6:30 pm  
8<sup>th</sup> GR Football @ Jonathan Alder 6:45 pm

**SAT. SEPT 16**

Volleyball vs Shawnee 10:00 am  
XCOUNTRY @ Triad Invite 9:00 am

**MON. SEPT 18**

Volleyball @ Jonathan Alder 5:30 pm

**WED. SEPT 20**

7<sup>th</sup> GR Football vs Tecumseh 5:30 pm  
Volleyball vs London 5:30 pm

**THUR. SEPT 21**

8<sup>th</sup> GR Football vs Tecumseh 5:30 pm

**SAT. SEPT 23**

XCOUNTRY @ Sidney Invite 9:00 am  
Volleyball @ Tecumseh 10:00 am

**MON. SEPT 25**

Teacher Inservice - No School  
Volleyball @ Bellefontaine 5:30 pm

**TUES. SEPT 26**

Parent Teacher Conferences 2:45 - 6:00 pm

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

The Fall Parent-Teacher Conference will be Tuesday, September 26th 2:45 - 6:00 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 28th, February 22nd and April 16th.

**WED. SEPT 27**

Volleyball vs Northridge 5:30 pm  
7<sup>th</sup> GR Football @ London 5:30 pm  
8<sup>th</sup> GR Football @ London 6:45 pm

**SAT. SEPT 30**

XCOUNTRY @ London Invite 9:00 am

**Washington DC Trip - UJHS 8th Grade  
2023-2024 INFO MEETING**

Parents and guardians of 8th graders are invited to an informational meeting about the Washington DC Trip. The meeting will be held at **UJHS on September 12th at 6:30 PM.** Please plan to attend in order to receive planning information, requirements for students to attend, payment dates and options, and to ask any questions you may have about the trip or the process. We hope to see you there!

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

**DC trip dates: May 13-17 - \$700.00\***

1st Payment due September 22 - \$175.00

2nd Payment due November 10 - \$175.00

3rd Payment due January 19 - \$175.00

4th Payment due March 8 - \$175.00

Cut-off date for a refund is April 12th, 2024.

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.

**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

**Twitter:** @urbanajh\_oh

**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.

**Camp Kirkmont - UJHS 6th Grade  
2023-2024 INFO MEETING**

Parents and guardians of 6th graders are invited to an informational meeting about the Spring camping trip to Kirkmont. The meeting will be held at **UJHS on September 12th at 7:30 PM.** Please plan to attend in order to receive volunteer information, payment dates and options, planning information and to ask any questions you may have about the trip or the process. We hope to see you there!

**Kirkmont Information – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip**

**Kirkmont trip dates: May 6-10 - \$140.00\***

1st Payment due September 22 - \$35.00

2nd Payment due October 27 - \$35.00

3rd Payment due November 17 - \$35.00

4th Payment due March 1 - \$35.00

Cut-off date for a refund is April 7th, 2024. 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.

**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).

**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.

### **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 this 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.

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

#### **Cross Country:**

The cross country team started their season at the Ben Logan invitational. The junior high boys placed 3rd as a team, led by Landon McKellop who ran the two-mile course in 13 minutes and 54 seconds. On the girls side, Sara Hildebrand and Avery

Smith both had top 20 finishes as individuals.

The cross country team also competed at the Bob Schul invitational against runners from 45 other schools. Sara Hildebrand led the girls team with a time of 15min 44sec in the two mile race. Aubrie Cayten ran her personal best time of 18min 47sec. On the boys side, the team finished 24th place. Landon McKellop led the team, followed by Jacob Blakeman and Joshua Blakeman.

### **Football:**

- 8th Grade Football lost to Graham 22-8.  
- 7th Grade Football lost to Upper Arlington 28-6.

We look to get back on track this week in a combined game against Northwestern.

### **Volleyball:**

Seventh grade record, six wins and two losses, eighth grade record, three wins and 5 losses

7th grade defeated Shawnee in two games, 25 to 19, 25-15

Shawnee defeated 8th grade in two games 14-25, 18-25

**Just a reminder that any student that does not have fully completed information in FinalForms and/or have not paid fees would be unable to receive or participate in the following:**

- Pictures
- Report cards
- Dances or Student Nights

**Questions? Just call the office 937-653-1439**



## House News

*Welcome back to school with a Fun Family  
Reunion!!! Go Raptors!!*

*Toll Run welcomed our new members to house, as well as our new co-deans, Mr. Petty  
and Miss Lingrell!*





## Welcome back, Five Points!

We are so happy to welcome our new 6th graders and to welcome back our 7th and 8th graders. House Five Points prides itself on the relationships we build with our students. Pictured below are some activities that our teachers planned for our first few days of house. Students participated in activities like stacking M&Ms, this or that games, painting, board games, building challenges and get-to-know you games. We are happy to be back at school and to have wonderful experiences within Five Points.

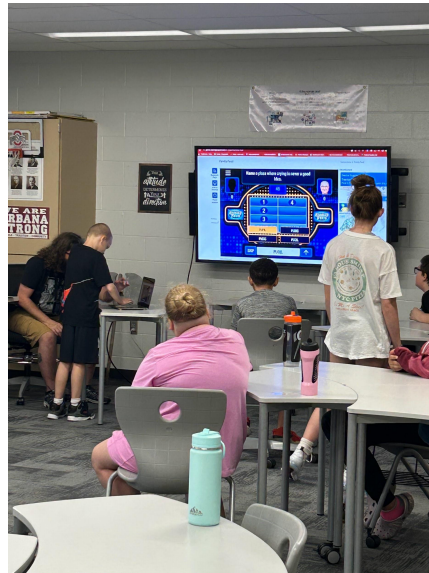
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### **House Gutridge Grizzlies**

We are excited to be back at school and with so many faces in House Gutridge! Our dean this year will be Mrs. Forson, and our House family teachers are Mr. Coberly, Mr. Mattern, Ms. McBride, Miss. Sizemore, Mr. Stacy, Mrs. Theodor, and Mrs. Neer. We had a great two first weeks back and focused on team bonding through family station rotations and Family House Reunion. Time was spent getting to know each other, participating in fun challenges, and building friendships.

House Gurtidge is back this year to reclaim the House Cup! Last year we missed the mark, but we are ready to work hard on grades and work together as a team to get back on top. We are looking forward to a fun and successful school year!



## Welcome Back, Mohawk Wolfpack

We've had a great first week to welcome all the new 6th graders and see our returning 7th and 8th graders. Our House family teachers this year are Mr. Wall, Mrs. Payne, Mr. Bowdle, Mrs. Taylor, Mr. Tobias, Ms. Rankin and Mr. Swain along with our House Mohawk Dean, Ms. Davis. We've already had a field day style "Family Reunion" on our first Friday which was a lot of fun. Mohawk families competed in indoor and outdoor competitions in the morning of the family reunion against our sister house the Toll Run Raptors, and then in the afternoon our families traveled to stations where they played and competed in a variety of fun games and group activities.

After winning the House Cup last year, we feel ready for a back to back victory! Working hard each day to keep their grades up, having good behavior, and good attendance are 3 major ways each student can help House Mohawk reach its goal. The first competition that Mohawk can earn points in is a Punt, Pass, and Kick contest. We are excited to see many students participate in this event.





