



# HILLCLIMBER HEADLINES

## URBANA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

September 13, 2024

**SAT SEP 14**

Volleyball vs Ben Logan 10:00

XCountry @ Triad Invite 9:00

**MON SEP 16**

Volleyball @ Shawnee 5:30

**WED SEP 18**

7th Gr Football vs Bellefontaine 5:30

Volleyball vs Johnathan Alder 5:30

**THR SEP 19**

8th Gr Football vs Bellefontaine 5:30

**SAT SEP 21**

XCountry @ Sidney Invite 9:00

**MON SEP 23**

No School - Teacher Inservice

Volleyball @ London 5:30

**TUE SEP 24**

7th Gr Football vs Jonathan Alder 5:30

Parent Teacher Conferences 2:45-6:00

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

The Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences will be Tuesday, September 24th 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 14th, February 13th and April 15th.

**WED SEP 25**

8th Gr Football vs Jonathan Alder 5:30

Volleyball vs Tecumseh 5:30

**SAT SEP 28**

XCountry @ Northeastern Invite 10:00

**MON SEP 30**

Volleyball vs Bellefontaine 5:30

**WED OCT 2**

XCountry @ D Lightle XC Invite 4:30

**THU OCT 3**

Football @ Tecumseh 5:30/6:45

**FRI OCT 4**

Picture Day

**SAT OCT 5**

XCountry @ W Saxbe Invite 9:30

**MON OCT 7**

2 Hour Delay - Teacher Inservice

**WED OCT 9**

7th Gr Football vs London 5:30

**THU OCT 10**

8th Gr Football vs London 6:45

**THU OCT 17**

Football @ Kenton Ridge 5:30/ 6:45

**FRI OCT 18**

End of First Quarter

Chromebook payments are due!

**MON OCT 21**

No School

**TUE OCT 22**

Start Second Quarter

# Picture Day – October 4th Picture Retake Day – November 15th

## **Chromebook Fees**

**October 18th** is the last day to purchase your chromebook for \$150.00. If you chose the other payment options - the \$50.00 yearly payments and downpayments for the \$175.00 purchase price (6th grade and new students only) are also due that day. **Chromebook payments not received by this date will be placed in student fees.** If you have any questions, please call the office 937-653-1439

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

**DC trip dates: May 19-23 - \$800.00\***

**1st Payment due September 20 - \$200.00**

2nd Payment due November 8 - \$200.00

3rd Payment due January 17 - \$200.00

4th Payment due March 7 - \$200.00

Cut-off date for a refund is April 11th, 2025.

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.

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

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

**1st Payment due September 27 - \$35.00**

2nd Payment due October 25 - \$35.00

3rd Payment due November 15 - \$35.00

4th Payment due February 28 - \$35.00

Cut-off date for a refund is April 11th, 2025.

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.

## **Remind**

If you are experiencing issues with the Remind app, log out of your app and log back in using your cell phone number. When the system rolled over for the new year, it seems that many users got logged out and started experiencing issues. In addition, in the app, you can click on your name, click settings, and click notification preferences. Then you can set how you would like to receive messages- via text, the app, or email. Please contact Kelli Marsh: [kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org](mailto: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](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).

### **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](mailto:kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org) 937-653-1453 ext. 2126 for further assistance.

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

#### **Cross Country:**

The urbana cross country teams competed at the Piqua Invitational.

The boys' team finished 12th place among teams from 28 schools. Henry Chapman and Levi Zachrich both ran personal best times. Also scoring for the team was Jetson Armstrong, and Wyatt Zachrich.

### **Football:**

8th Grade had a huge victory over their arch rival from the west (Graham)! Score was 28-14!

7th Grade lost a tough one to that team (Graham 20 - 0).

8th grade moves to 2-0! With a 30 - 0 win over NW.

Great job tonight! #GoClimbers

### **Volleyball:**

8th grade volleyball defeated Northwestern in 2; 25-18 and 25-19.

7th and 8th volleyball both ended the night with a WIN over Graham.

8th grade went to three sets; 25-10, 25-23, and 25-17. They made coach sweat a bit but got the job done!

8th grade volleyball defeated Southeastern on Saturday in 2 sets; 25-2 and 25-8.

8th grade volleyball got a huge win over Indian Lake last night! The girls got the job done in 2; 25-16 and 26-24.



## REMINDER

### FREE/REDUCED APPLICATIONS

**30 DAY CARRY OVER FROM LAST YEAR IS COMING TO AN END.**

**PLEASE FILL OUT YOUR NEW FREE/REDUCED APPLICATION FOR 2024-2025 BEFORE OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>. LUNCH STATUS WILL CHANGE ON THIS DAY IF A NEW FREE/REDUCED APPLICATION IS NOT SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL.**

**FREE/REDUCED APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE TO PRINT ON DISTRICT WEBSITE.**

**[WWW.URBANACITYSCHOOLS.ORG](http://WWW.URBANACITYSCHOOLS.ORG)**

In **6th grade ELA**, we have started Module 0 of our curriculum. Students have been busy learning the instructional routines we will use throughout the year as well as challenging themselves to get creative with poetry. This week, students completed a gallery walk in which they shared and critiqued each others' poems - it was a hit! At the end of Module 0, students will create a poetry portfolio that will be on display along with other writing pieces later in the year. So far the 6th grade students have been SHINING in ELA with positive attitudes and great work ethics. We are so excited to see where this year takes us!





The **7th graders in World Studies** have been studying primary and secondary sources. They have been learning to identify and analyze these sources in preparation for the beginning of their PBL project, "Lost Voices"! This year's 7th graders will focus on the rich Shawnee heritage of our area and produce podcasts about topics such as Tecumseh, the attack of Moluntha and his people at Mackachack, and the removal of the Shawnee in 1837. This year, students will enjoy a field trip to Great Council State Park as a culminating activity for their PBL and as a way to experience history.



**8th grade American History** students have gotten right into work this semester. We are going deep into a unit all about government covering concepts such as different types of government in different countries, Enlightenment thinkers who inspired our government, separating powers into 3 branches, checks and balances, our rights covered in the Bill of Rights, and how citizens can get involved. Some fun activities we've been able to do while learning include creating governments out of gummy bears and reviewing Michaelangelo style.



## 6th Grade Social Studies:

My classes are in the middle of a unit reviewing Geography. They are using Google Earth, their Chromebooks, and a desk map to plot latitude and longitude with their partners. Collaboratively they are identifying the continents, oceans, special lines of latitude and longitude, and countries from all over the world!



## 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. We also completed an activity where students read about different social classes of medieval society then presented the information to the class. We have also been working on Habits of Discussions and Habits of Attention to help students build strong ELA skills. Students have been having great conversations and are developing an appreciation for learning from each other.

## 8th Grade ELA

Eighth graders began the year by reviewing key story elements, including plot, theme, characterization, and setting. We then analyzed how these elements develop throughout various short stories.

Currently, we are reading *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander as part of our exploration to answer the essential question: "What is the power of storytelling?" We are looking forward to a fun and successful school year!

