



# HILLCLIMBER HEADLINES

## URBANA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

October 11, 2024

**THU OCT 17**

Football @ Kenton Ridge 5:30/ 6:45

**FRI OCT 18**

End of First Quarter

Chromebook payments due!

**MON OCT 21**

No School

**TUE OCT 22**

Start Second Quarter

**FRI OCT 25**

Report Cards mailed

**FRI NOV 15**

Picture Retake Day

**MON NOV 11**

No School - Teacher Inservice

**THU NOV 14**

Parent Teacher Conferences 2:45-6:15

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

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be Thursday, November 14th 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 February 13th and April 15th.

**FRI NOV 15**

Picture Retake Day

**MON NOV 25**

Girls Basketball vs Kenton Ridge 5:30

**NOV 25- NOV 29**

No School - Thanksgiving Holiday

**MON DEC 2**

Boys Basketball @ Kenton Ridge 5:30

Girls Basketball @ Graham 5:30

**THU DEC 5**

Boys Basketball vs Northwestern 5:30

Girls Basketball @ Northwestern 5:30

**SAT DEC 7**

Wrestling @ Milton Union Invite 9:30

**MON DEC 9**

No School - Teacher Inservice

Boys Basketball @ Tecumseh 5:30

Girls Tecumseh vs Tecumseh 5:30

**THU DEC 12**

Boys Basketball @ Ben Logan 5:30

Girls Basketball vs Ben Logan 5:30

**SAT DEC 14**

Girls Basketball @ Botkins 10:00

Wrestling @ Sidney Invite 9:00

**SUN DEC 15**

Christmas Choir Concert 1:30 UHS Auditorium

Christmas Band Concert 3:00 UHS Auditorium

**MON DEC 16**

Boys Basketball vs North Union 5:30

Girls Basketball @ North Union 5:30

**THU DEC 19**

Boys Basketball vs Indian Lake 5:30

Girls Basketball @ Indian Lake 5:30

### **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 or down payment 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

### **Congratulations to the new**

#### **Student Council Representatives:**

**8th Gr** - Dexyn Yohey, Addison Fox, Morgan Hoffman, Madalynn Belmaggio, Lily Trenor

**7th Gr** - Rosalie Ferriol, Megan Hoskins, Becca Springer, Nolan Smith, Amarya Vasques

**6th Gr** - Vyla Yohey, Bella Schuler, Zoey Sasson, Blade Powers, Emmitt Lamere

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

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

**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\***

**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.

### **Parent Access**

We now have an app available for Parent Access. In the Google Play Store or Apple App Store, search for “Progressbook Parent and Student” to find and download the mobile app. If you already have an account- tap login, choose Urbana City Schools, tap go, enter your username and password and tap sign in. Students will follow the same directions but will tap Students Sign in with Google. If you have a registration key and need to create an account- open the app, tap login, choose Urbana City Schools, tap go, scroll down to the New to Progressbook? section, tap create account, on the next screen tap New Parent Account and follow the prompts on the screen to complete registration. You can watch a short video about how the app works at

<https://bit.ly/UCSParentAccess> If you need a registration key please contact Kelli Marsh at [kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org](mailto:kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org)

### **Remind**

Parents are completely in control of their Remind accounts! You can login to Remind through the app on your smartphone or through the web at [remind.com](http://remind.com). Once you are logged in, you can change your notification preferences. You can add, remove, or edit your cell phone number and email address as well as adjust your app and desktop notification preferences via your Remind dashboard. **On the web:** Login to your Remind account on a computer (you will use your cell number or email to login), click your name in the upper left corner and then click on **Account Settings**. Select the **Notification Preferences** tab. Set your preferred way to receive notifications. **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. **Via IOS:** In the app, tap the gear icon in the upper left corner of the screen. 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.

### **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).

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

#### **Cross Country:**

The cross country team competed at the Triad Invitational. The boys' team earned first place. Sawyer Risner, Henry Chapman, and Levi Zachrich all finished in the top ten individually.

Also scoring for the boys' team were Kelton McClain and Jetson Armstrong. In the girls' race, Loralye Risner finished 8th individually.

The Urbana junior high cross country team competed at the Jim Murray Invitational in Springfield. Against runners from 13 other schools, the JH boys finished 3rd place, led by Sawyer Risner's 3rd place individual finish with a time of 11 minutes 58 seconds on the 2 mile course. Henry Chapman, Levi Zachrich, Jetson Armstrong, and Kelton McClain all also scored for the team. In the girls' race LJ Risner finished with a time of 16 minutes 21 seconds, finishing 32nd place out of 63 runners.

The junior high boys cross country team competed at the William Saxbe Invitational in Mechanicsburg. Against teams from 19 other schools the boys placed 3rd. Sawyer Risner led the way with a time of 12 min 35 seconds on the two mile course, good for 7th place out of 139 runners. Henry Chapman (30th), Jetson Armstrong (31st), and Levi Zachrich (36th) all ran faster than 14 minutes. Kelton McClain (44th) also scored for the team.

#### **Football:**

Shawnee - 7th grade lost 36-0, 8th grade lost 8-0

The 7th Grade showed a tremendous amount of heart and effort, but ended up losing on a late touchdown in the fourth quarter by Bellefontaine, the final score was 18-14.

At Hillclimber Stadium the 8th grade was fast and furious with scoring, it was 30-0 at halftime! Final score of the 8th grade game was 38-8!

Jonathan Alder defeated the 7th grade 30-0  
Jonathan Alder defeated the 8th grade 36-12

Tecumseh

7th grade lost 30-0

8th grade won 20-6

The 7th and 8th Grade had the incredible opportunity to play at Hillclimber Stadium under the lights!

7th grade lost 38-6. They played a tough London team, the second half is some of the best football they have played all year! Keep working hard guys!

8th grade played well on both sides of the ball last night leading to a 24-6 win over London!

Go Climbers!

#### **Volleyball:**

The jr. high volleyball team successfully raised \$1,291.14 from their "Feel the Teal" fundraiser last week to donate to the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition. Awesome job girls!



7th and 8th grade volleyball both defeated Tecumseh.

The 8th grade volleyball team defeated Kenton Ridge to advance to the semi finals in the Central Buckeye conference tournament. The girls will take on North Union next! Go Climbers!"

## **Math and Science News**

### **6th Math-**

In 6th grade Math, we have recently finished our unit on Exponents, Order of Operations, Greatest Common Factor (GCF), and Least Common Multiple (LCM). Students learned the real-applications of GCF and LCM through discovery tasks like party planning and customer loyalty programs.

Moving ahead, we are in the midst of our current unit with fractions. We begin this unit reviewing fraction basics before progressing to division with fractions. We thank you for supporting your students in Math this year!

### **7th Math-**

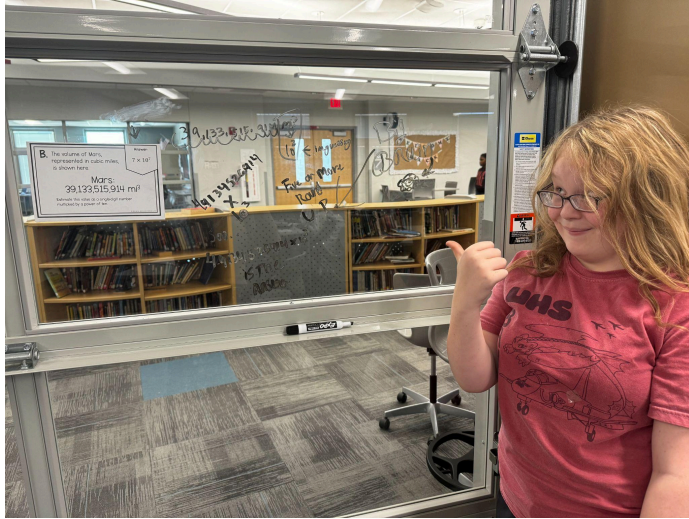
In 7th grade Math, we have been working on our Holiday Shopping projects. Students created a wish list for presents and calculated final prices after coupons and taxes. Students also had to choose a restaurant to eat at and calculate the tip and final price. Students demonstrated their ability to solve these problems using decimals and also proportions. Students created a slideshow presentation to show their families at the PBL night on December 3rd.



## 8th Math-

In 8th Grade Math, we have just finished our unit on Exponents and Scientific Notation. They participated in several gallery walks solving Real World Problems. Students will be completing the Unit this week with a Real World Discovery Project on Scientific Notation by researching various Planets and their Organisms and Creating their Planet with a Travel/Info Brochure.

Moving ahead, they will begin the next Unit which is MultiStep Equations. We will begin this Unit reviewing one and two step equations to solve for the variable.



## 8th Grade Science update:

In 8th grade science class, students have been exploring key concepts related to Earth's geology and landscape formation. They learned about plate tectonics, which explains how the Earth's lithosphere is divided into moving plates that interact at their boundaries, causing earthquakes and volcanic activity. We discussed continental drift, the idea that continents were once part of a single landmass and have slowly shifted apart over time, supported by evidence such as fossil similarities and the fit of coastlines. Additionally, students examined weathering, the process that breaks down rocks through physical, chemical, or biological means, which is essential for soil formation. They also studied erosion, where weathered materials are transported by natural forces like water and wind, and deposition, the process of laying down sediments in new locations, leading to the creation of various landforms. Together, these topics help students understand the dynamic processes that shape our planet.

## 7th grade Science

7th grade Science is going strong. We have become great in identifying variables in the scientific inquiry process. We used glow sticks to isolate the temperature variable to see what temperature makes the glow stick glow brighter. We just finished up looking at the layers of the atmosphere and are starting to see how the hydrological (water) cycle works. This will lead us into learning about extreme weather in which our world is giving us plenty of right now.

