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U C M S NEWS

Week of September 3, 2018



Calendar

Mon. **NO SCHOOL**

Tues.

Wed. School pictures

Thurs. Drama Club 3:15-4:30

Fri.

Menu

Mon. NO SCHOOL

Tues. Cheese burgers, Tater tots, baked beans, Mandarin oranges

Wed. Spaghetti, Garlic toast, Corn Salad, Pineapple

Thurs. Chicken chunks, Cheesy potatoes, Broccoli, Peaches

Fri. Stuffed crust pizza, California blend, Salad, Fruit cup

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

If you have a child going on the Washington DC trip, there will be a mandatory meeting Wednesday, October 3rd at 6pm in the middle school cafeteria. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please contact the office.

From the Nurse:

8th grade vision screening will be on September 13th. If your child wears glasses or contacts, please have your child wear them the day of the screening.

The PowerSchool Student Portal is now active for High School and Middle School students to login and see grades, schedules and attendance.

To get to the login screen, they can use the link on the our school website (from the main page - >PowerSchool->PowerSchool Student Portal)

Or use the direct link: <https://uccc.powerschool.com>

Login Info:

User Name: <first name.last name> (same as used to login to school computers)

Password: (Same as used to login to school computers)

There is also an app for phones/tablets: "PowerSchool Mobile". Our **District Code is SCNZ** and is needed for mobile apps (see attached PS Mobile flyer for features and details). We expect to have this app in the UCCC app catalog early next week, but can it be downloaded on personal devices from the app store at any time.

The first book fee payment is due now.

Parents: The weekly newsletter will be printed and sent home with your kids until further notice.

Classroom News :

Mrs. Snyder – 6th LA –Students learned and reviewed 8 reading strategies this week. Reading strategies help retain and comprehend the reading. Students will begin the short story unit this week. We will review literary elements such as plot. Homework is always posted on canvas, be sure to have your child show you how they can access it on their laptop.

Mr. Taylor – 6th Social Studies – We have prepared to take our first test! Students are eager to put their skills to use and move ahead where we will begin to talk about the sun and natural disasters. Students are closing in on beginning their first project! Have a great week as mid-terms are fast approaching!

Mr. Taylor-7th LA- We have finally completed NWEA testing and have started our Flocabulary vocab practice and began talking about short stories. Students will begin to understand all of the parts of a story and why they are important! Have a great week as mid-terms are fast approaching!

Mr. Gulley – 6th PE/Health - We will be starting PE this week

Mrs. Fields – 6th Math –**Be sure your child is checking Canvas Daily for Homework! Be sure your child is checking PowerSchool frequently to monitor grades! Expect Midterms next week, and they must be signed and returned to school.** All UCMS students begin their day in Success to strengthen their math and language skills. Students must complete 2 math and 2 language lessons per week to be on pace. Please be sure to check in and ask your child if he/she has completed IXL lessons for the week. Encourage them to use their work time at school wisely and to work on it at home when necessary. **Period 2** – We spent time this week reviewing how to add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions. Some of us needed a little practice, but it came back to us pretty quickly. We moved on to exponents and order of operations. Expect a quiz the beginning of next week! **Period 3, 4, 6** – We reviewed place value this week as a warm-up. We ended the week with a quiz. Check Power School the first of the week to see how your child did. We also started reviewing fractions and will continue focusing on them next week too.

Mr. Hofmann– 6th Science –6th Grade Science is continuing their study of the Earth/Sun/Moon. Continue to chart the phases of the moon at home and we will analyze those in class in the coming weeks.

Miss Severance – 7th Language Arts –

We are off and running on our short fiction unit. We've also begun our vocabulary program for the year, Flocabulary. Students will have their first vocabulary test next Thursday, September 6th. We will continue to read short stories and learn/identify the elements of fiction for the next few weeks. If your student hasn't shown you their Canvas Calendar, ask them to demonstrate how they access their assignments. Don't forget book reports! We have a changed due date – it's now November 6th.

Mr. Bruns – 7th Social Studies –The students took a test over the first unit this week. It included information about the five themes of geography, elements which effect climate, population and migration, latitude and longitude, as well as the continents and oceans. Our next unit will be over the Ancient River Valley Civilizations of Mesopotamia and Ancient Egypt.

Mrs. Dannaker – 7th Science- Science-Next week we will continue our Life Science unit. Our focus question will be: "How can you model the chemical and mechanical breakdown of food?" Students will design their own experiments to investigate this question.

Mrs. Persinger – 7th Art - We will explore the art of mixing colors this week! First, we'll take a look at the American History of Graffiti and then use a graffiti-like font to draw our name and use the color wheel to fill in with color. Sketchbook assignment #4 will be due Friday, Sept. 7th!

Sewing Workshop – Pillowcases!

Monday, Sept. 10th from 3:30-5 in the UCMS Art Room

Please let Mrs. Persinger know if you plan on attending!

Mrs. Graham - 7th Math -

Math-RED, GREEN, & ORANGE – We quizzed over order of operations this week. Next week we will be reviewing fractions and begin working with unit rates.

Math-YELLOW & BLUE – We quizzed over order of operations with fractions and decimals this week. Next week we will begin working with the real # system. We will also begin a review of percents.

Mrs. Goodwin – 8th Business - 6th Grade Business: Students will continue working on their integration project by researching facts about their topic and writing a short report. Students will also be working on writing business letters and learning how to format those letters. Students have weekly vocabulary to learn and our quizzed each week.

Mrs. Sutter – 8th Language Arts – This week students worked in pairs to read and discuss “The Treasure of Lemon Brown” by Walter Dean Meyers. They are learning to utilize Canvas to turn in homework. This coming week they will be reading “A Mother in Mannville” by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings. Students will review setting and historical context, they will also begin a weekly vocabulary study. We have a wonderful group of 8th grade students!

Ms. Estep – 8th Math – students will continue studying the real number system.

Algebra: Students will continue the foundations in algebra unit.

Mrs. Crumley – 8th Science – This week students experienced their first real lab of the year. We worked on how to write this lab report up. Reminder, some labs will be used as assessments. Students will know when a lab is classwork or assessment. We will be starting our study of the atom.

Mr. Gutzwiller – 8th Social Studies – We concluded the first unit with an exam. Now, we turn our attention to the establishment of the 13 Colonies! This unit will require students to identify the location of all colonies and nearby physical features. In addition, there will be numerous opportunities for students to role play colonists from the New England, Middle, and Southern Colonies! Mid-terms are right around the corner!

Mr. Nash-8th AG- In 8th grade Ag class we finished up with careers last week. This week we started in Food science portion of the textbook and will be doing a project regarding where food comes from start to finish.

Mrs. Allbright - Choir – **Choir** is continuing with their trash bag fundraiser through September 7th.

Drama Club continues to meet Thursdays from 3:15- 4:30 in the choir room.

6th grade general music class will be going to the high school during class with Mrs. Allbright to work in the piano keyboard lab for the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Vogele – Band- 7-8th Graders received their first “White Cards” this week. This is a weekly document on which students 1) complete in-class work for participation credit, 2) receive weekly feedback on their in-class performance, and 3) can keep track of their playing test scores, which they

have the option of re-doing throughout the quarter. 8th Grade also received a Quarter 1 Mastery page, which includes a complete list of all work to be completed throughout the quarter. Since band is not a “paper-assignment based class,” these two documents—one per week, and one per quarter—serve to help students keep track of their learning and grades. It is the STUDENTS’ responsibility to know what they are missing, need to redo, etc. Turning in white cards each week is critical to their success in this area.

6th grade wrapped up our first staff reading trainer, “The F Clef Staff,” and tried our first instrument hands on—the flute. We have 5 more training modules to complete as we tackle 3 more instrument trials before the end of the 6-week session.

Ms. Bryant—This week in zones we have been talking about expected vs. unexpected behavior and good thoughts vs. uncomfortable thoughts. We have also been working on our social skills with social stories and talking about the appropriate way to handle a variety of situations. Next week we will use a variety of videos to talk about situations, what zone the characters are in and what they could have done differently. As always, check your child’s communication notebook and canvas for academic specifics for their different classes.

Mrs. Lathery—This week we have been working hard on our math and language arts IXL lessons. We've also been working on our goals and striving to do our personal best. We've been reviewing topics learned in math and language arts. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Mrs. Weaver-Library- SPELL BOWL

Spell Bowl will begin next Wednesday, September 5th. Practices will be held after school, each Wednesday, until 4:30 in the library.

Hope to see you there!

ATHLETICS

Tues. Volleyball @ Sunman-Dearborn 5:30

CC @ Hagerstown 5:00

Wed. Football @ Hagerstown 6:00

Thurs. VB @ St. Michael 6:00

Fri.

Sat. CC @ Randolph Southern TBD