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## U C M S NEWS

### Week of September 24, 2018



#### Calendar

Mon.

Tues.

Wed. Orienteering parent meeting,  
6pm/Atrium

Thurs. Drama Club 3:15-4:30

Fri.

#### Menu

Mon. Hot dog/Coney, French fries, baked beans, peaches

Tues. Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, pears

Wed. Biscuit and gravy, sausage, hash brown, orange smiles

Thurs. Rotini, garlic toast, broccoli. Salad, applesauce

Fri. Corn dogs, tater tots, carrots, fruit cup

### FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

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

**Next book payment due: September 28<sup>th</sup>**

#### "The Corner Market"

Will be open Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 - 6:00 p.m. at Union County High School. This food pantry is open to all students in our school corporation K-12 and their immediate household. There are no financial requirements and everyone is welcome. One visit per family. Please bring an ID. Enter through Door 21. Any questions, please contact Jennifer Brannon or Cindy Toschlog at [458-5136](tel:458-5136).

The Student Council will be starting a "hygiene item drive" that will evolve into a small hygiene closet for students. The hygiene closet will come into use for students in need (due to financial reasons, house fire, ETC). The drive will begin on Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> and continue until Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. The mission is to create something available for faculty and staff to utilize for students. We will not be taking monetary donations---only newly purchased hygiene items. The grade level with the largest quantity of items will receive an ice cream social during study hall! Suggested items include: toothpaste, tooth brush, small blanket, pillow, wash cloth, lotion, soap, small towels, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, chap stick, hair ties/ brushes, tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, Clorox wipes, dental floss, trash bags, hand sanitizer, breath strips, mouth wash, small container of detergent. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Gutzwiller ([chad.gutzwiller@uc.k12.in.us](mailto:chad.gutzwiller@uc.k12.in.us)).

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

**Classroom News:**

Congratulations to our 6<sup>th</sup> grade student of the month!!

6<sup>th</sup> grade: Peityn Gillman: Peityn is an independent, focused, hard worker. She always tries her best. She is a silent leader.



**Mrs. Snyder – 6<sup>th</sup> LA** –In 6<sup>th</sup> grade English/Language Arts, students are learning about story structure, focusing on conflict. Every story has a conflict. Students are learning types of conflict that occur and how the conflict contributes to the story’s plot. Students will begin writing their own narrative (story) by walking through the writing process. Students will begin with creating a plot structure for their story. Ask your student what their narrative will be about. Reminder: student are to bring their library book with them to ELA class every day.

**Mr. Taylor – 6<sup>th</sup> Social Studies** –6th Grade: This week the students finished their climate projects and presented in front of the class. It was a great learning experience and they exceeded my expectations. The students will work on small improvements to presenting and group work throughout the year as we try to master those skills along with learning the core social studies concepts! This week we will begin talking about culture!

**Mr. Taylor-7<sup>th</sup> LA**-7th Grade LA: The students read their third short story and did a plot diagram and wrote a short review of the article to practice for their final book reports. This week the students will finish learning about conflict and characterization.

**Mr. Gulley – 6<sup>th</sup> PE/Health** - Finish Physical Fitness Testing and have Pickle ball with Mrs. Snyder

**Mrs. Fields – 6<sup>th</sup> Math** –Grades are being updated on PowerSchool ever few days, and homework is posted on Canvas daily. Are you and your child in the habit of checking both? Is your child working to his/her full potential in math? If not, please contact me so we can work together to get get them on the right track for success!! **Period 2** - We spent this week working on Order of Operations with fractions and decimals. We also tackled +, -, x, / mixed numbers as a warm-up. **Period 3, 4, 6** - Most of us mastered

fractions on a quiz early in the week. A few are still struggling, but we will get them there soon. We moved on to decimals by the end of the week.

**Mr. Hofmann– 6<sup>th</sup> Science** –6th grade Science has been discussing the viability of colonizing another planet, the moon or even an asteroid. Ask your child if Mars is a real option for life if Earth becomes overcrowded. What are the similarities between Earth/Mars and what shortcomings does Mars have that would stop us from moving forward with plans to colonize the red planet?

## Congratulations to our 7<sup>th</sup> grade student of the month!!

7<sup>th</sup> grade: Rachel Ingram: Even though there were absences at the start of the year, she has done a great job of keeping up. She did one and a half orienteering courses!



**Miss Severance – 7<sup>th</sup> Language Arts** –This week, students learned about characterization and types of characters. We also took our second vocabulary test for the year, and we enjoyed book talks with Mrs. Lang from the public library. Next week, we’ll be looking at setting, theme, and point-of-view.

**Mr. Bruns – 7<sup>th</sup> Social Studies** –The students finished up learning about Mesopotamia this week. Instead of taking a traditional test over this unit they constructed a brochure about the region using what we have learned. Next up is Ancient Egypt!

**Mrs. Dannaker – 7<sup>th</sup> Science-** -: In our life science unit this week, we study and model the functions of the heart. No vocabulary quiz this week.

**Mrs. Persinger – 7<sup>th</sup> Art** -Mrs. Persinger – 7<sup>th</sup> Art

We will spend the first half of the week completing our printmaking projects and then begin our Fiber unit. We will explore African Kente Cloth and learn some new basic weaving techniques and use them in our very own weavings. Sketchbook assignment #7 is due on Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>!

**Mrs. Graham - 7<sup>th</sup> Math – Math-RED, GREEN, and ORANGE:** We have practiced, practiced, practiced computation with fractions and mixed #s. We are ready to quiz early next week! We will be moving on to unit rates and proportions.

**Math-BLUE and YELLOW:** Students took a quiz this week over the real # system. We started working with integers. We will continue this next week.

## Congratulations to our 8<sup>th</sup> grade student of the month!!

8<sup>th</sup> grade: Brooke Fields: This young lady shows strong academic excellence in each of her classes. She is thoughtful and willing to ask for help when she needs clarification. She shows peer leadership by her kind and conscientious ways. She seeks each day to do her best by exhibiting excellence by example. She turns quality work in on time and is a team player. She gets along well with others and deserves the honor of student of the month.



**Mrs. Goodwin – 8<sup>th</sup> Business**-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Business students will be researching companies and creating presentations about the companies to present to their class.

**Mrs. Sutter – 8<sup>th</sup> Language Arts** –Students enjoyed a library presentation by Beth Lang. She shared some great suggestions for reading for pleasure. Students should be reading each night for their genre bingo/reading strategy assignment due Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>. Please ask them what novel they are currently reading. 8<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts will be reading “Gary Keillor, A Short Story” by Garrison Keillor. We will be focusing on tone. The narrator recites, in a humorous manner, O Captain! My Captain! A serious poem by Walt Whitman. The students will then read the original poem and compare texts. Students will continue their on-going vocabulary study.

**Ms. Estep – 8<sup>th</sup> Math** – 8th Grade Math & Algebra: Students are learning to solve multi-step equations with rational coefficients.

Please encourage students to take advantage of the Tutor U program at the high school.

**Mrs. Crumley – 8<sup>th</sup> Science** –Students have wrapped up their study of Density. We have done several labs for this unit (one was put in the gradebook as an assessment score). Students also had a density math calculation quiz this week. We will start our study on the atom. Look for a new set of vocabulary terms to be on canvas soon for this unit. Most of this unit will be supplement materials (not from the book). Canvas will be a huge resource for students.

**Mr. Gutzwiller – 8<sup>th</sup> Social Studies** – Students need to be working on their unit two review guides and vocabulary. The test will be either September 27<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup>. Also, students received information on our annual service project: The Wall of Honor! Please review the information and if you have any questions, do not hesitate to e-mail me at [chad.gutzwiller@uc.12.in.us](mailto:chad.gutzwiller@uc.12.in.us). Ultimately, this turns out to be a tremendous service project of honoring our serviceman and women (living and deceased)! The Wall will

be on display in the atrium for three weeks leading up to Veterans Day! Do not forget---MANDATORY D.C. TRIP MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3RD AT 6:00P.M. IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA! If you are unable to attend, but your child can, please arrange to have another adult be present.

Mr. Nash-8<sup>th</sup> AG- This week and next week in the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Ag we are learning about FFA. We have started learning about what is FFA and then will get into learning the motto and creed and some of the activities you can participate in.

Mrs. Allbright - Choir –Choir Kids are working on music for the concert **October 16th** at 6:30 pm. This will be held at the high school in the auditorium. Students will wear their choir t-shirts and jeans. Shirts have been ordered for those who requested them and will arrive next week.

Arrival time for the concert is **6:15** in the high school band room. Students may enter door 29 or at the auditorium doors and make their way to the music hallway.

They will be dismissed from the stage and there will be a short break before the high school concert in which students may meet up with parent and depart. We should be finished by 7:00

Trash bag sales have concluded and pick up times will be posted in the newsletter when they arrive.

Drama Club meets Thursday September 27, October 4, and 11 and then we will take a break until March, when we will begin our end-of-year performance piece.

Mr. Vogele – Band-8th Grade: Students made excellent progress on their first concert piece this week! It is going to be a delight.

**7th Grade:** All assignments posted on Canvas are accurate and due by the end of the first quarter. PowerSchool is also now up to date, and grades are complete and accurate, including any missing work. Use your student’s login to see these details.

**6th Grade** finished trying the clarinet and will rotate to the next enrichment exploratory class on Monday. Information about how to join band in January will be available after Thanksgiving.

Ms. Bryant – We are continuing to work on the Zones of Regulation. Next week, we will begin talking about understanding different people's perspectives. As always, for specific details about your child and their classes, check their communication notebook and/or PowerSchool and canvas.

Mrs. Lathery –We are continuing to review material that the students are working on in their Math and Language Arts classes. The students are working hard to get all of their IXL lessons completed and are making great progress. We are working daily on our individual goals and learning new strategies to help us be successful!

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Mrs. Weaver-Library- Spell Bowl: Students are studying hard for the competition on October 30<sup>th</sup>! Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the library on October 15<sup>th</sup> thru the 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **Athletics**

**Mon. —**

**Tues. VB- Home vs Connersville, 6pm**

**Wed. CC- Home vs Randolph Southern, 5pm**

**Thurs. VB @ Seton, 6pm**

**Football- Home vs Union City, 6pm**

Fri--  
Sat. CC @ Union City/TEC Invitational, TBD

**2018/2019 Basketball Cheerleading**

**There will be a meeting on October 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 pm for all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls, and their parents, who are interested in cheering for basketball season.**

**Parents will have to pay for a crop top, spanx, shoes, bows, and a warmup jacket and pants. I am not sure of that total price yet, but that will be discussed during the meeting.**

**We need all the girls that we can get, and I don't plan on having a tryout for basketball season, but if there is an excessive amount of new girls that want to participate, you may have to tryout. If you have any questions, you can contact me (Mackenzie Schulte) at (765)-310-1036. I look forward to seeing a lot of girls on October 1<sup>st</sup>!**