



UTICA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S

# THE RAIDER

Winter / DECEMBER 2023

# Reviews

## Utica City School District Hosted *Emotion Into Art*



We partnered with artist Tom Varano and brought his Emotion Into Art assembly to all 13 school buildings (October 10th through October 31st). "Emotion Into Art" is an extremely unique Speed Painting/Inspirational speaking performance. The performance entertained and captured the students' attention while the microphone allows Tom to speak a message of hope and encouragement into students lives. Tom's objective, through this art form, is not just entertainment, but to inspire. Using inspirational speaking, his intention was to motivate people of all ages to achieve their best and to live passionately as they focus on their dreams and goals. To go 'all in', dream BIG, and fulfill their created purpose with power and confidence.



### WINTER BREAK

DEC 22, 2023 - JAN 1, 2024

### WINTER CONCERTS

ALBANY	12/15 - 4PM
COLUMBUS	12/20 - 4:30 PM
CONKLING	12/13 - 6PM
HERKIMER	12/18 - 6PM @ JFK
HUGHES	12/13 - 6:30PM
JEFFERSON	12/19 - 6PM
JONES	12/19 - 6PM
KERNAN	12/12 - 4PM
KING	12/07 - 5:30PM
WATSON WILLIAMS	12/13 - 5:30PM
DONOVAN	12/14 - 6PM
KENNEDY	12/12 - 6PM
PROCTOR	12/13 - 6PM

### SPRING CONCERTS

ALBANY	5/17 - 4PM
COLUMBUS	6/06 - 4:30 PM
CONKLING	5/08 - 6PM
HERKIMER	TBD TBD
HUGHES	5/15 - 6:30 PM
JEFFERSON	6/06 - 6PM
JONES	5/13 - 6PM
KERNAN	5/14 - 4PM
KING	6/04 - 5:30 PM
WATSON WILLIAMS	5/23 - 5:30 PM
DONOVAN	5/09 - 6PM
KENNEDY	5/07 - 6PM
PROCTOR	5/14 & 5/15 - 6PM

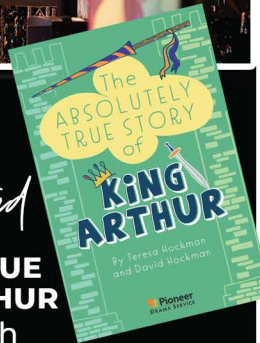
## PROCTOR'S DRAMA CLUB *Presented*



### THE ABSOLUTELY TRUE STORY OF KING ARTHUR

on November 3rd & 4th

*A Timeless Tale of Courage, Honor, & Adventure!*  
*Featured a talented cast of UCSD students!*



"The Absolutely True Story of King Arthur". This enchanting production promises to transport audiences to the legendary realm of Camelot, where chivalry, magic, and bravery reign supreme. Photo gallery online at: [www.uticaschools.org/schools/proctor](http://www.uticaschools.org/schools/proctor)



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THE LATEST NEWS, &  
EXTRA-CURRICULAR  
EVENTS



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## Superintendent's MESSAGE

**Dear Utica City School District Families:**

We have so much to be grateful for this school year. We are extremely proud of our students. I have visited buildings and attended events across the district and have seen the great talent and potential of our learners. I want to thank all of our families for their continued support of our schools and the partnership we will foster.

The district closed out the 2022-2023 school-year financials and the Audit of our financial statements have been approved by the State Education Department. Over the next few months we will build the spending plan for the 2024-2025 school year. My intentions are to have a long-range financial plan in place for the district. My goal is to build a budget that focuses in on student needs.

We continue to recruit for teachers, TA's, psychologists, office support staff, and bus drivers. Utica City School District is a great place to work! We have so many staff members that care about our students. Please consider joining our team. Retirees we welcome you to apply.

I want to thank our community partners for their efforts and work this school year. We have invested in a System of Care that includes, ICAN, Hillside, On Point, Safe Schools, Young Scholars, Upward Bound, and HMJ Consulting. We encourage our families to reach out to these agencies for services your child may need. Please visit our website at;  
<https://www.uticaschools.org/families/system-of-care> to access details regarding the services that are available.

I am committed to addressing all matters before me this school year. Utica City Schools is a great school and a leader in this region. Our partnerships with the colleges as well as our community partners is strong. We are positioned to wrap our arms around each child to ensure their success in life.

**Please follow us on X (Twitter)** so you can see what is happening in the district. I want to wish all of our families a happy holiday season!

Sincerely,  
*Dr. Kathleen Davis*  
Acting Superintendent of Schools



## Meeting dates

2023-2024

### BOARD OF EDUCATION

DECEMBER	19TH / 7:00PM
JANUARY	23RD / 7:00PM
FEBRUARY	27TH / 7:00PM
MARCH	26TH / 7:00PM
APRIL	16TH / 7:00PM
MAY (BUDGET HEARING)	7TH / 5:00PM
MAY (BUDGET VOTE)	21ST / 5:00PM
MAY	28TH / 7:00PM
JUNE	18TH / 7:00PM
JULY	2ND / 7:00PM
JULY	23RD / 7:00PM

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# CURRICULUM CORNER

Steven A. Falchi / Chief Academic Officer

The Utica City School District's Office of Curriculum and Instruction has been very busy since the opening of the new school year providing guidance and support to our principals and teachers in order to meet the diverse needs of our students. At K-8 level, the school district is fully aligned to the Next Generation Learning Standards (NGLS) as required by the New York State Education Department. The New York State Grades 3-8 Assessment program is also aligned with these new standards. The high school continues its curriculum alignment with these new standards, which the New York State Regents Examinations will be based on as new exams are released over the next few years, beginning with Algebra in June 2024. While different courses use different standards to provide a focus for which topics and skills students need to learn, each course taught in the Utica City School District is built around the specific set of standards that the New York State Education Department requires for that course.

To help our teachers and students shift to the Next Generation Learning Standards, the district has been working to find the best materials for use in the classroom. The district continues to examine and implement the Science of Reading, a collection of research that explains how students learn to read and recommends strategies for helping them improve. This fall, teachers began using new English Language Arts textbooks in Kindergarten through Grade 6 which make use of this important research to help students grow as readers. The district is currently reviewing options for a new Math textbook series for Grades K-6 to enhance the current mathematics program.

Proctor High School is pleased to begin offering PreAP courses in 9th and 10th grade in English and Social Studies. These courses will provide students with great opportunities to challenge themselves and to prepare for the Advanced Placement classes that can earn them college credit in 11th and 12th grade. Currently, Proctor High School offers over 30 Advanced Placement and dual credit college courses through partnership agreements with multiple post-secondary institutions which award college credit to students.

The middle schools and high school are also piloting the ATLAS curriculum planning platform. This is a great program that stores digital copies of each courses' curriculum map Online and makes them available to every teacher in the district. This provides teachers with the ability to see how student expectations change between grade levels. It also gives teachers in every course the ability to see where they can make connections between their curriculum and other courses their students are taking in order to plan cross-curricular interdisciplinary lessons. Once completed, the ATLAS platform will go live, offering access for parents so that families at home can see what students are learning in each class throughout the school year.

## New York State Testing



New York State  
**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

Knowledge > Skill > Opportunity

The Utica City School District is dedicated to the success of all students. The federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires states to annually administer tests in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics in Grades 3-8 to a minimum of 95% of students. This is accomplished through the New York State Testing Program in Grades 3-8. The New York State Testing Program has been designed to measure student knowledge and skills as defined by the grade level New York State Next Generation Learning Standards (NGLS) in ELA, Mathematics and Science. Student performance data from the state tests provides important opportunities for teachers to examine learning gaps in order to make instructional decisions for their classrooms and for individual students, thus helping students to better perform academically. As such, the school district strongly encourages all students to participate in the annual Grade 3-8 assessments at their schools.

Over the past couple of years, the New York State Education Department has made adjustments to the Grade 3-8 assessments in order to help students become more comfortable with testing. For example, the assessments are no longer timed, which helps to reduce any anxiety a student may face. Finally, the New York State Education Department is requiring that all schools in the state transition all of the Grade 3-8 assessments to computer based tests. Computer based testing (CBT) was introduced in several of the Utica Elementary buildings during the 2022-2023 school year with great success. The Utica City School District will be fully implementing Computer Based Testing in Grades 3-8 during the 2023-2024 school year, thus meeting the state requirement. Grade 3-8 testing dates are as follows:

<b>ELA:</b>	Grades 3- 6 Grades 7-8	April 8-9, 2024 & April 11-12, 2024 April 17-18, 2024
<b>Math:</b>	Grades 3-6 Grades 7-8	May 1-2, 2024 & May 7-8, 2024 May 1-2, 2024
<b>Science:</b>	Grade 5 Grade 8	Tuesday, April 16, 2023 Tuesday, May 7, 2023

Make-ups for all tests will follow the initial administration date. Please reach out to your child's teacher, building principal with questions or concerns about this year's tests. While the district is proud of the overall 96% participation rate for the ELA and 95% participation rate for Math, we are striving for all students to participate. The data supports us in providing the best possible education for our students. Additional information on the NYS Testing Program can be found at the link below:

<https://www.uticaschools.org/departments/testing-and-planning/nys-elementary-and-middle-school-tests>  
or on the New York State Department of Education Office of Assessment Website:  
<https://www.nysed.gov/state-assessment>.

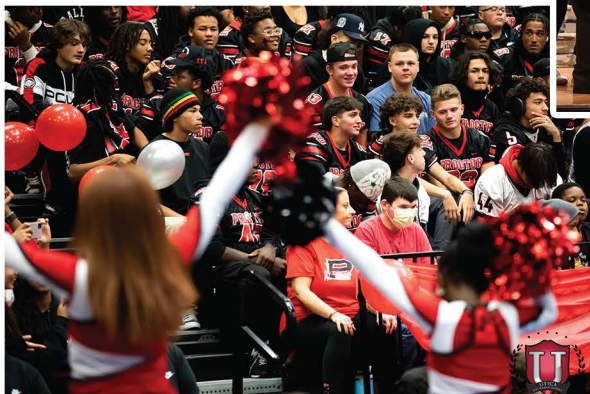
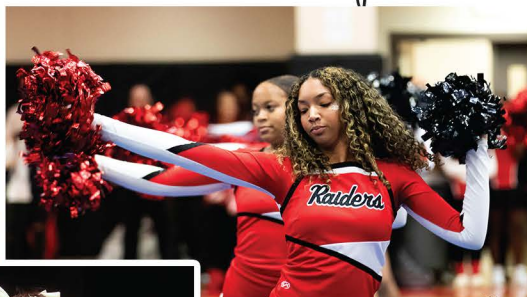


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**THE RAIDER**

# Review 2023 SCHOOL YEAR Highlights







### WELCOME BACK PICNIC

Thomas Jefferson School had a Welcome Back Picnic for our students and their families to kick off the start to the 2023-2024 school year. Our school in North Utica has approximately 500 students, including students who are refugees from various parts of the world where turmoil has affected daily life. Our Welcome Back Picnic will help us build a strong relationship between our school and our community and encourage a sense of belonging.

### MOBILE MUSEUM

First grade General Herkimer students really enjoyed the Children's Museum activities with the help of Integrated Community Alternatives Network (ICAN).



### CARDS FOR VETERANS

We participated in New York State 119th Assembly District Representative Marianne Buttenschon's annual "Cards for Veterans" program, which is designed to honor and remember our local veterans in celebration of Veterans Day.



### DANCE at Jones



### MASTROVITO HYUNDAI BOOK MOBILE

On September 21st, the Mastrovito Hyundai Book Mobile visited Kernan School! Every student received a book!



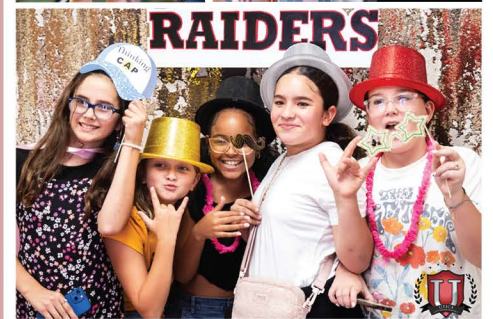
### BUS SAFETY DRILLS

*at Albany*



### FIRE PREVENTION

The Utica Fire Department came to Watson Williams Elementary School to teach about Fire Safety. Each student went through the smoke house and learned how to safely evacuate a building if there is a fire!



### PEP RALLY



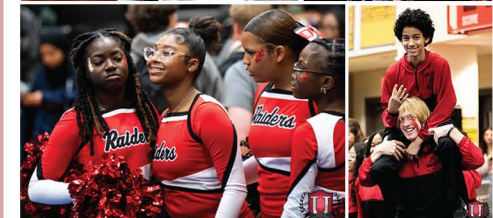
### STEET COAT DRIVE

Steet Ponte Auto Group for donated NEW winter outerwear, including coats, snow pants, boots, hats and mittens! They held their annual Coats for Kids Drive from October 1st-November 1st!



### HALL OF FAME

Columbus Elementary School 5th graders had the experience of a lifetime at the National Baseball Hall of Fame! The cost of this trip, including admission, transportation, boxed lunches, and goodie bags for every student, was fully funded by The National Baseball Hall of Fame. The students had a spectacular time!



# MLK First Day of School



## DONOVAN



## DANCE



## WOMEN IN MANUFACTURING DAY!

Eighty-two female students attended the Women in Manufacturing Day field trip at SUNY Poly. While there, students listened to MACNY (The Manufacturers Association of Central New York) Representatives, SUNY Poly President - Dr. Soboyejo, President and CEO of Griffiss Institute - Heather Hage, Danfoss Employee - Toni Ahi, and Process Technician at Wolfspeed - Sabah Haji about the importance of women in the manufacturing field. Students also participated in a tour of the Danfoss facility which is known for building advanced components, systems and software using proven technologies to engineer tomorrow's cooling and heating solutions. Students were also able to experience SUNY Poly's Additive Manufacturing Lab and Maker Space and partake in hands-on activities.



## BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE

November 7, 2023 The Utica City School District hosted the reconvening of the Blue Ribbon Task Force to reveal the findings of the study that kicked off last June to support the development of Career and Technical Education (CTE) pathways in the District. The District is currently moving forward with plans to create an addition onto Proctor High School to house the new CTE pathways in an effort to develop a pipeline of workforce talent to meet the needs of the local employers.



## CHESS CLUB

Hughes had over 20 students sign up and have a waiting list for others to join when space becomes available. We are very grateful for our parent volunteer and the staff members who are assisting. The club meets on Thursdays from 3-4PM.



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## PINK OUT DAY

On Oct 2nd the UCSD WENT PINK in support of Breast Cancer Awareness month.



## SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATIONS



Resident Council at Masonic Care Community

Hill & Markes annual "Backpack Giveback"



Planet Fitness - New Hartford & Utica Locations



## CONKLING

## Savio's Farm



## JFK Dance





# UPCOMING CAPITAL PROJECTS

*\*Submission to NYSED Facilities by October 1\**  
THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS ARE IN THE PROCESS OF SUBMISSION TO THE NYSED FACILITIES PLANNING OFFICE FOR APPROVAL & BUILDING PERMITS:

1. Proctor CTE Addition
2. Kernan Elementary School - Soil Removal
3. Donovan Middle School
  - A. Replacement of Metal Roof
  - B. Athletic Storage Addition
  - C. Auditorium & Gymnasium Mechanical Improvements
4. Districtwide Pavement Reconstruction
5. JFK Athletic Support Building Reconstruction
6. ACM Conversion / Door Status Monitoring Project



## Career & Technical



EDUCATION

## Sub Rates SUBSTITUTE POSITIONS:

TEACHER (uncertified)	\$100/DAY
TEACHER (certified)	\$130/DAY
TA	\$14.20/HR
BUS MONITOR	\$15.00/HR
BUS DRIVER	\$20.50/HR
NURSE (RN)	\$115/DAY
NURSE (LPN)	\$20.00/HR

The ABCs of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Student of the Week Program was created to bring STEM to life at home and encourage students to share their school experiences with their families. The ABCs of STEM kits are being dispersed to the 10 elementary schools this week. The kits include a variety of STEM materials students will use throughout the week such as flashcards, a family activity guide, and much more. This program exposes students at an early age to STEM-related topics in order to provide a knowledge base about STEM for students in grades K-6.

Coding Carts created by Tech4Kidz are rolling into all elementary and middle schools. The carts are created for students in grades K-2, 3-6, and 7 & 8. Included in the carts are: Lego Robotics, Scratch, Binary Bracelets, Dash Robots and Makey Makey Invention kits. Professional development and lesson plans are provided to all staff in order to expose students to the world of coding. Middle School Modules are being designed for the Family & Consumer Science Teachers and Technology Teachers. The ten week modules take a dive into agri-tech and health professions in 7th grade. The skilled trades, advanced manufacturing, and robotics are the focus in 8th grade. Project Based Learning modules allow students an opportunity to develop knowledge through engaging projects. Modules will also connect students to community agencies, businesses, and a mini career fair. Throughout the modules, employability skills will be emphasized in order to prepare students for the workforce.

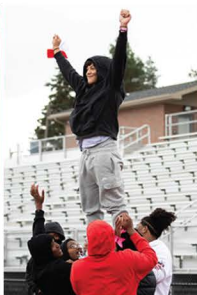


# POWDER PUFF VARSITY GYMNASTICS

Junior Varsity and Varsity cheerleading and football came together to play in a Powder Puff game. Our cheerleaders were the football players, and our football players were the cheerleaders. Junior Varsity took the win against Varsity! 24-22 ❤️❤️



On Friday, October 20th, the Girls Varsity Gymnastics Team competed at Sectionals at Valley Gymnastics. The girls had a great meet and took 5th place overall as a team with a score of 117.8. Symone Coleman (8th grade) scored an 8.625 which qualified her as an alternate for States in March 2024.



# TVL CHAMPIONSHIPS

TVL Championships @ PHS // Oct. 19, 2023

**DIANN DRA FRAZIER 1st**  
**ISABELLA MATOS 3rd**  
**ARYIANA SWIFT 6th**

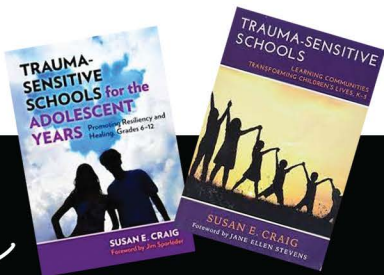
11 total drivers competing from the TVL schools. WCV, NH, RFA, HP, PROCTOR, ADK, COOP, WBORO



# PROCTOR BOYS' SOCCER



Defeated Henninger 5-1 to advance to the AAA sectional Semi Finals vs Baldwinsville at Fayetteville Manlius.



## District-Wide Book Study

Studies estimate that 64% of the US population will have at least one adverse childhood experience (ACE) by the age of 17. Increased exposure to ACEs increases the likelihood of academic difficulties, behavior concerns and social-emotional challenges. The Utica City School District recognizes the impact trauma can have on student achievement and the important obligation schools have to educate children through a trauma-sensitive lens. After an inspiring presentation from Dave Melnick, LICSW, on September 6, 2023, entitled "Transforming Trauma: How Schools Become Healing Places," administrators, teachers, and support staff embarked on a two-month district-wide book study to further educate and enhance trauma informed practices in our schools. The book study, *Trauma-Sensitive Schools*, by Susan E. Craig, provided practical ideas for how to improve students' achievement and overall well-being by implementing a trauma-sensitive approach to instruction. The book study offered clear explanations of the role that childhood adversity and trauma play in determining academic success with a variety of concrete strategies to support student learning and overall school success.



## UNIVERSAL PRE-K Update

We have had a fantastic start to the school year with our new resources, libraries, assessments, and curriculums!! Teaching Strategies Creative Curriculum and Gold are off to a fantastic start!! Take a look at some wonderful activities from our first theme study! The teachers and students are working hard and having fun!



## MY BROTHER'S KEEPER



We are excited to have received a new 3 year My Brother's Keeper grant from the New York State Education Department. This year's award is almost triple of previous awards. Utica City Schools were awarded this in the category of "Reading at Grade Level by Third Grade." Kindergarten to Second grade at Conkling, Hughes, and Kernan will participate in 5 field trips that promote literacy and community awareness. Part of the grant will go towards these students building family book libraries. The first trip was to Savicki's Farm for a pumpkin path experience. Up next month will be a trip to the Stanley Theater to see a Pete the Cat production.

## HOW TO SURVIVE MIDDLE SCHOOL

On October 24, 2023, approximately 1,300 5th and 6th graders from Utica City School District's ten elementary schools attended "How to Survive Middle School", featuring Comedian Robert Post, held at the Stanley Theater. The students exhibited remarkable engagement and enthusiasm, actively participating in the presentation. We extend our heartfelt thanks to each person who contributed to the success of this event.



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is dedicated to inspiring a love of reading by gifting books free of charge to children from birth to age five, through funding shared by Dolly Parton and local community partners in the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Australia and Republic of Ireland.

## FOR UTICA RESIDENTS AGES BIRTH-5 YEARS OLD

Download Sign Up Form on our website:

[WWW.UTICASCHOOLS.ORG/DEPARTMENTS/PRE-K-AND-STUDENT-PROGRAMS](http://WWW.UTICASCHOOLS.ORG/DEPARTMENTS/PRE-K-AND-STUDENT-PROGRAMS)



# UCSD 'System of Care' COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

The Utica City School District is excited to partner with community agencies to establish a "System of Care" model within the school setting to provide interventions and services to students who may need additional support in achieving school success. Areas of support include academic, social-emotional, behavioral, and attendance. Agency partners work collaboratively with District staff in all thirteen buildings. If a child has been selected to be a recipient of supports from one of these partners, parents/guardians will be contacted to give signed permission. The following are the "System of Care" agency partners and a brief summary of the services they provide. Additional information, including contacts and links to agency websites, can be found at [www.uticaschools.org/families/system-of-cares](http://www.uticaschools.org/families/system-of-cares).

## INTEGRATED COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVES NETWORK (ICAN)



ICAN provides an array of custom-tailored support services to meet the needs of Utica City School District students. Services include a comprehensive program providing behavioral and mental health supports within special education classroom settings, student engagement specialists in all thirteen buildings providing supports and interventions to meet the needs of identified students, the ability to access the ICAN network of providers through their Independent Practice Association (IPA) services; and customized training for staff, students and parents. All programs utilize evidence-based principles and are centered around a core philosophy of Wraparound care.

## SAFE SCHOOLS MOHAWK VALLEY



Safe Schools Mohawk Valley provides support services to identified students in all thirteen buildings. Interventions target improved school attendance, increased school engagement, decreased negative behavior and increased social and emotional strengths. Referrals come from school staff. Safe Schools helps to eliminate barriers to school attendance, helps students struggling in the classroom to be more actively involved in their education, manage emotions and use coping skills to improve behavior. Safe Schools also provides supports to students identified as temporarily without housing.

## YOUNG SCHOLARS LIBERTY PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (YSLPP)



Young Scholars Liberty Partnerships Program (YSLPP) is a multi-year collaborative program, established in 1993 with Utica University and the Utica City School District (UCSD). This program is designed by education professionals to motivate diverse and talented students with potential to stay in school, earn a New York State Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation, and graduate college and career ready. From entering in grade seven, until graduation, Young Scholars students participate in a year-round comprehensive program providing academic, social, and cultural enrichment.

## HILLSIDE WORK-SCHOLARSHIP CONNECTION (HW-SC)



Hillside Work-Scholarship Connection (HW-SC) is a nationally-recognized youth development program that helps at-risk secondary school students stay in school and earn their high school diploma, while providing invaluable part-time work experience and job skills to help prepare them for life after graduation. Full-time, professional Youth Advocates provide long-term mentoring and connect students to a 360-degree web of individualized support. HW-SC empowers students with the skills and confidence they need to realize their dreams of success at school, at home, and on the job.

## ON POINT FOR COLLEGE



On Point for College is a nationally-recognized college attainment program. It was founded in 1999 to help first-generation students gain access to college. In the years since, it has expanded its offerings to include college success (completion) support, FAFSA informational sessions, career planning and placement support, and most recently, support with non-college post-secondary credential attainment. On Point services are free and available to students of all ages, backgrounds, and educational levels. On Point specializes in helping high school students and recent graduates, as well as those who have been away from school for a while or who have earned GED or HSE credentials.

## HMJ CONSULTING



HMJ Consulting has partnered with the Utica City School District to support student college and career readiness along with community engagement. Their E.A.T.S. services connect students with inspiring alumni, personalized college coaching, extracurricular strategies and additional digital resources. HMJ Consulting community engagement work includes informative workshops for students and families, community resource fairs, a handy directory of local opportunities, and an innovative online portal for easy access. HMJ Consulting is working to empower students on their path to success, support families, and enhance the connection between schools and the community.

## MONTHLY PARENT WORKSHOPS

WE PARTNERED WITH ICAN TO HOST MONTHLY PARENT EDUCATION PRESENTATIONS DESIGNED TO BOTH EDUCATE AND INSPIRE PARENTS. ALL PRESENTATIONS ARE OPEN TO ALL PARENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

MONTH	DAY OF THE MONTH	SCHOOL TO HOST	TIME	LOCATION
December 2023	13th	COLUMBUS	4:00PM	Gymnasium
January 2024	17th	CONKLING	4:00PM	Auditorium
February 2024	28th	JEFFERSON	4:00PM	Cafeteria
March 2024	19th	HUGHES	4:00PM	Room 306
April 2024	18th	JONES	4:00PM	Library
May 2024	13th	GENERAL HERKIMER	4:00PM	In front of Gymnasium
June 2024	12th	ALBANY	4:00PM	Gymnasium



Utica City School District  
929 York Street  
Utica, NY 13502

Dear Utica School District Community,

As we approach the end of a successful semester, I want to take a moment to extend my deepest gratitude to our remarkable staff, faculty, administrators, and teachers. Their unwavering dedication and tireless efforts are the backbone of our schools' excellence, creating an environment where our students thrive.

Since the opening of the school year in September, we have witnessed extraordinary achievements and seen our students reach new heights, which is a testament to the hard work and commitment of each member in our school community. From the teachers who stay late to perfect their lesson plans to the administrative team that comes in on weekends to ensure the seamless operation of our schools, each individual plays a crucial role in the success of our students. The journey of success, however, does not end here. As we look towards the future, we anticipate exciting developments and positive changes that will further enhance the educational experience for our students and provide valuable support for our dedicated faculty and teachers within the classroom.

The Board of Education is committed to fostering an environment that embraces innovation, growth, and inclusivity. We are enthusiastic about the positive transformations that lie ahead and are confident that these changes will contribute to the continued success of our students.

As we take a moment to reflect and recharge during this holiday season, I want to extend warm wishes to each member of our school community. May you find joy, peace, and relaxation during this well-deserved time off. Thank you once again for your outstanding contributions to our schools. Your hard work, whether visible in the classroom or behind the scenes, does not go unnoticed, and we are excited about the promising future that awaits.

Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

President, Utica School Board



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