



# Jeannette Junior High School's Patriot Press

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## From the Principal's Desk ....

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Welcome 2018. I hope this edition of the JJHS newsletter finds you either enjoying the break with your family or well rested after a wonderful holiday season. Can you believe that our school year is just about half over with the end of the semester looming just about 3 weeks away.

Our first semester will end on Friday, January 26. Mid-term exams are scheduled on Wednesday, January 24, Thursday, January 25 and Friday, January 26. District common exam reviews are available on the Jeannette website at the following link:

[http://www.uticak12.org/academics/secondary/semester\\_1\\_exam\\_review\\_guides/](http://www.uticak12.org/academics/secondary/semester_1_exam_review_guides/)

Reviews not found at this site can be acquired from your child's teacher. Let's make sure our students are well prepared to tackle their exams! It's never too early to start reviewing the content learned over the course of the semester. With a few weeks left it is suggested that students spend some time each evening reviewing their class reviews and materials.

### Mid-Term Exam schedule:

1st and 2nd hour exams - Wednesday,  
January 24\*

3rd and 4th hour exams - Thursday,  
January 25\*

5th and 6th hour exams - Friday,  
January 26\*

**\*These will be half days of school  
with dismissal at 11:12 AM.**

Students will have an extra week to study and prepare for exams at home this year. There will be **NO SCHOOL** on Monday, January 15 in recognition of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. Please assist your students in their

preparation by making sure they take time daily to look over first semester content.

Students will receive their second semester class schedules by going to their first semester/first hour class on the first day of the new semester, receiving their schedule, and then moving to their new first hour class if necessary. This will occur on January 29<sup>th</sup>, the first day of the new semester.

When discussing the importance of good study habits with your son or daughter please remember that our after school tutoring program runs multiple days a week. This provides our students a great opportunity to get clarification on and assistance with their coursework. Both teacher and student tutors are available to help! If you are looking for additional help with homework, a free website to check out is [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org). This website is good for students, parents and teachers alike. This site allows you to look up information, see an explanation of a topic, and do some practice work.

This January, Jeannette and other UCS schools are offering parents two easy ways to electronically access your student's semester grades through a secure system. These options will allow parents to view semester grades and attendance as soon as the information becomes available:

- PowerSchool - PowerSchool allows you to view semester grades and attendance. Parents who do not have access to a PowerSchool account will need to register for one prior to the end of the marking period. The report cards will be automatically e-mailed to the address that is used to register the PowerSchool account.

- School Messenger - As an added feature, the system we use to communicate with you through automated e-mails and phone messages also provides parents a secure way to manage and receive information. This registration process will also allow you to set your preferred method of notifications for emergencies and school notices. Parents must first have a PowerSchool account to register for this system.

Our school will continue to no longer automatically print and mail report cards to parents. Printed report cards will be available by requesting one from our school office. More information on how to register for secure accounts is available through the “My Jeannette” tab under the quick links tab for parents or by going directly to <http://uticak12.org/studentinfocenter>

**Attention 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents-** Beginning at the beginning of January, applications will be available for the UCS secondary specialty programs. The UCS secondary programs include the Utica Academy for International Studies (UAIS), the Utica Center for Mathematics, Science and Technology (UCMST), and the Utica Center for Science and Industry (UCSI).

These programs are part of our district’s “Portfolio of Choices” that support the unique needs, talents and interests of our students. Students also have the opportunity to work with students from diverse backgrounds and experiences.

The specialty programs are offered hand in hand with the nationally-recognized programs and services available through our district’s four comprehensive high schools.

The programs are open for consideration for *all* eighth-grade families. Students begin attending the programs as ninth-graders.

The applications can be completed between Wednesday, January 4 and Friday, February 16, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

For more information on the programs, scheduled parent meetings and the application, visit:

<http://uticak12.org/academics/specialtyprograms>.

We will also have materials in our guidance offices at school. Translated materials are also available in Arabic, Spanish, Albanian and Urdu.

Thank you all for your continued focus on a safe student drop off and pick up! I very much appreciate our families adhering to the request that all student drop off and pick-up be done in the rear of the building in our main lot. As mentioned, the weather has potential to impact the bus schedule a bit and students being dropped off by parents in the front of the building becomes a safety concern as well as prohibitive of busses getting in to unload our students. Help our traffic flow smoothly by continuing to “go to with the flow” to the rear of the building.

A few key dates for upcoming events:

**January 3<sup>th</sup>** – School Resumes

**January 15<sup>th</sup>** – NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Day

**January 24 through 26** – Mid Term Exams

**February 2nd, 2018** - Academic Blitz. This evening event for students and parents in the sixth through eleventh grade is designed to help both students and parents understand the first steps in the college admissions process. This event will take place at Henry Ford II High School.

Thank you so much and GO PATRIOTS!

Christian Mueller

## Midterm Study Skills 101

Midterm anxiety is slowly creeping into the lives of many of our students. Why? For some it is a realization that they are expected to study information that they had not previously completely understood. Then there are other students who think they can simply review their last test and pass the midterm. Finally, there are some students who are so anxiety ridden that they forget everything they have read on the day of the midterm.

As parents and guardians, we simply tell them to study hard and they will pass the tests. Unfortunately, sitting down and rereading all of their notes is not the best way to study. What can you do to help? Here are few things that you can do to help your student study for their midterms or any tests.

1. Take away the cell phones and iPods, turn off the television and all loud music in their study area. The hip hop music they say helps them to study can be more of a distraction than anything. Try playing some soft classical music or jazz without the words.
2. Many teachers have given your child a study guide. That will serve as the best tool to prepare them for their midterms.
3. Help them to outline the main points and subtopic ideas for the information they are expected to know for the midterm.
4. Use flash cards. Write the word/term on one side of the index card and the answer or definition on the other side. This can be used for all subjects including math. Math has rules, theorems, and steps. Put the rules on one side of the card and an example on the other side.
5. Quiz them orally and also have them write the answers as though they were taking the test at home.
6. If they have to remember locations of countries, cities or states, make extra copies of the maps and have them work on them with you to guide them on how to determine the shapes and sizes of the places they need to know.
7. Give them breaks every 40 minutes because studying for 2-hour blocks can be a little overwhelming. During their break, they can watch television, eat, listen to their favorite hip hop music, and play a video game. Once the break is over, they go back to studying again.

**The night before exams is not the time to study.** They should be studying using these techniques all week. **The night before their exams is not the time to study all night.** They will be too tired and will not be able to concentrate the day of the test due to the lack of sleep. That is usually the time their minds will go blank due to more pressure to remember all of the information overnight. Hopefully, these few study skills will not only relieve their anxiety but yours as well.

# NEW for 2018 Utica Community Schools Text Messaging Service

Utica Community Schools is introducing a texting service for parents. The service will allow parents to receive important information directly on a mobile device from Utica Community Schools about school closings, safety alerts, school reminders and more.

UCS parents will receive a test message from the district on Wednesday, January 17 that reads:

*“Utica Community Schools messages. Reply Y to confirm, HELP 4 info. Msg&data rates may apply. Msg freq varies. schoolmessenger.com/tm”*

To receive the free\* text messages, simply reply “Y” or “Yes” to the message.

You can also opt out at any time by replying “Stop” to one of the messages.



\*Terms and Conditions: Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See schoolmessenger.com/txt for more info.



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## Semester Exams

Student's exams are on January 24<sup>th</sup>, January 25<sup>th</sup>, and January 26<sup>th</sup>. **Students will be dismissed at 11:12 each day.** Regular bus transportation will be provided.

It is important that students prepare as completely as possible for each exam. Listed below are some suggestions parents may wish to review with their children in preparation for exams:

1. Begin studying early.
2. Listen carefully to the teacher's description of the material that will be covered on the exam.
3. Study a little every day.
4. Take careful notes.
5. Review tests, assignments, and review sheets in preparation for the exam.
6. Get a good night's sleep before exams and eat a good breakfast the mornings of exams.
7. Scan the entire test before beginning.
8. Answer the questions you know first.
9. Don't panic.

If you have questions or concerns regarding the exams, please contact your child's teacher or counselor prior to exam time.

### Semester Exam Schedule

#### Half day Schedule:

##### January 24<sup>th</sup>

First Hour Exam 8:10 to 9:38  
Second Hour Exam 9:44 to 11:12

#### Half day Schedule:

##### January 25<sup>th</sup>

Third Hour Exam 8:10 to 9:38  
Fourth Hour Exam 9:44 to 11:12

#### Half day Schedule: January 26<sup>th</sup>

Fifth Hour Exam 8:10 to 9:38  
Sixth Hour Exam 9:44 to 11:12

**Parents please have your student to school on time during the testing blocks.** This will be greatly appreciated, so that the students who have begun the testing will not be disrupted

### Dates to remember:

January 15<sup>th</sup> - No school MLK Day

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