



Urbana High School

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STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to seniors **Emily Hughes** and **Parker Varney** for being nominated and chosen as Student of the Month for October.

HOMEcoming DANCE

The Homecoming dance is October 3rd from 8:00 - 11:00 p.m. in the UHS gym. Tickets will be sold for \$10.00 during lunch today and at the door until 8:30 p.m. The doors will be locked at 9:00 p.m. and students will not be permitted to enter. Reentry is not allowed. To attend Homecoming, FINALFORMS must be completed and school fees must be paid or a payment plan established with a down payment. Students will be wanded upon entry, and students suspected of being under the influence may be subject to a breathalyzer test in accordance with school policy.

STUDENT FEES

Chromebook payments for the 2026 - 2027 school year are due by the end of the First Quarter (October 16, 2026). If scheduled payment is not made, payment amount will be placed on school fees. Students may pay school fees in the main office during lunch or after school. Fees can also be paid through the website under Quick Links (A-M), choose Fee Payments and then follow the prompts. Grade cards will be held and course credit cannot be certified until fees have been paid. Students will also not be allowed to attend school dances or receive a work permit until fees are paid or a payment plan is arranged. Fees are required to be paid in full to attend Prom and to participate in the graduation ceremony.

BLOOD DRIVE

A Blood Drive, sponsored by the UHS National Honor Society, is scheduled for Thursday, October 15, 2026. Students must be 16 years old to donate. Please see Mrs. Leonard to pick up a permission form and register. All permission forms must be completed and turned in by October 13th to participate. Versiti is responsible for the collection process, medical support and safety procedures.

PBIS

The UHS PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) Leadership Team is excited to continue celebrating students who go above and beyond in demonstrating our three UHS Core Values: Own It, Do the Work, and Respect. This year, staff members will recognize students through Positive Referrals submitted via Public School Works. These referrals highlight students who are making a positive impact in our school community. When a student receives a Positive Referral, their parent or guardian will be notified by email, including the reason for the recognition. Students recognized through Positive Referrals will be entered into weekly prize drawings, along with a quarterly drawing for a chance to win a gift card. We are also celebrating Attendance Awareness Month by encouraging students to Be Here. Be Ready. Stay in the Game. Throughout September, students and staff have participated in our "Why I Come" campaign, homerooms are competing for the highest attendance percentage and a donut breakfast, and students who miss fewer than two days during the month will earn the opportunity to participate in our Attendance Game Day on October 6. Our goal is to keep attendance positive, visible, and connected to student success. In addition, the PBIS Team will be hosting a Thanksgiving Food Drive to support the Caring Kitchen in providing meals for local families, as well as a spiritwear fundraiser to support ongoing PBIS initiatives. Stay tuned—more details coming soon!

POWDER PUFF GAME

The Urbana DECA chapter, along with the Urbana Athletic Department, will be hosting the 5th Annual Powder Puff game at Climber Stadium on October 24th. Tickets will be sold at the gate for entry at \$5 a piece. Event sponsors are requested and encouraged! Food trucks and vendors will also be set up. This year's benefits will be the Champaign County Special Olympics. It will be a fun event with lots of excitement and we're looking forward to seeing the community come support! Help us reach our goal of \$13,000 fundraised!



JOSTENS

Seniors were given graduation packets from Jostens on Wednesday, September 30th. Seniors must order a cap, gown and graduation tassel. You can order online at [URBANA HIGH SCHOOL URBANA, OH - Graduation | Jostens](https://www.urbanahighschool.org/graduation/jostens) or call 937-280-4350. See Mrs. Jacobs with questions.

ABSENCE REPORTING & ATTENDANCE

A parent or guardian must call the school attendance office (937-653-1414) before 9:00 a.m. to report student absences. If no information is received, a phone call will be made between 9:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. to the primary contact number on the school file. In the event contact is not made, a signed note from a parent/guardian, including the date of the absence and the reason for the absence, must be submitted upon the student's return to school. Students may not be absent for more than 8 days or 48 hours during the school year for reasons other than those excused in writing by a physician or court attendance. **Students must be in attendance a minimum of four full class periods in order to participate in or attend athletic contests, musicals, plays, dances or other scheduled events.** If a student becomes ill while at school, he/she must contact the school nurse. Students are not to contact a parent without receiving authorization for dismissal. The absences will be considered unexcused and disciplinary action will occur. Vacations during the school year are discouraged and DO count toward the 8-Day/48-Hour absence rule. If a student is absent for minor illness or medical issue, we do expect students to continue to stay current on their assignments and any assessments that are permitted to be done from home. When absent, students should email their teachers and check their Google Classroom accounts daily.

TOWER

We kicked off our 2027 Yearbook Sales already. You may visit [Yearbook Forever](#) to order online or turn in orders to Mrs. McKellop in room 224. Yearbooks are \$50 each ONLINE ONLY until October 1st. Options to purchase items such as name, icons, and dust covers can be made online. Prices will go up in January, so don't wait! Get your book of memories before it is too late.

Don't forget that we still have a handful of 2026 Yearbooks that may be purchased for \$65 each only through Mrs. McKellop in room 224. If you missed your chance, don't hesitate to get one now before they are gone!

Important Update: Report Cards Are Going Digital!

Urbana City Schools is making a change to how report cards are provided to families. Beginning this school year, printed report cards will no longer be sent home with students. Instead, report cards will be available electronically through each guardian's Parent Access account. What does this mean for families? Once report cards are posted, guardians will be able to log in to their Parent Access account to view their child's report card online. Need a printed copy? Guardians who would like a paper copy of their child's report card will need to contact Ashley Sullivan to arrange a time to come into the office and pick that up. We encourage families to make sure they can access their Parent Access account before report cards are posted. Thank you for helping us make this transition to a more convenient, digital way of accessing student information! **Need to create a Parent Access account or need help accessing your account? Please contact: Ashley Sullivan, Director of Technology Integration at ashley.sullivan@urbanacityschools.org or 937-653-1453 ext. 2126**

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 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 ashley.sullivan@urbanacityschools.org.

THE URBANA APP

If you would like to message a staff member in the Urbana App, here are the steps you need to follow:

- To message one of your child's teachers, click on the "**Messages**" tab at the bottom.
- On the initial "**Messages**" screen you will see a list of any messages you have sent or received.
- To message a teacher/staff member, click the pencil icon located in the bottom right corner.
- You will see the list of teachers that your student is assigned to- click any teacher name, and compose your private message to that teacher.
- If a staff member's name is not in your list, you can search for them at the top of the screen by entering their first or last name. Once their name pulls up, you can click on their name and send them a private message.

FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONAL FEES

The 30-day carryover period for Free and Reduced Meal Applications from the 2025–2026 school year is coming to an end. If we have not received a new 2026–2027 Free and Reduced Meal Application by October 7, 2026, your student's lunch status will automatically change to full price in our system. Free and Reduced Meal Applications are available in the Main Office. You may also visit the Urbana City Schools website at www.urbanacityschools.org to print an application. If you have any questions, please contact the Urbana City Schools/Aramark Food Service Department at 937-653-1427.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

Newsletter Released
Activity Schedule for PBIS Assembly

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

8:00-11:00pm. Homecoming Dance @UHS Gym

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

Picture Retake Day

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

8:00 – 11:00am. NHS Blood Drive

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

End of First Quarter
Chromebook Payments Are Due!

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

Records Day / No School for Students

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

Start of Second Quarter
6:00pm. Board Meeting @PK8

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

Report Cards Released

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

5:00pm. Powder Puff Game @ Climber Stadium

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Building Newsletter Released

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Two Hour Delay / Teacher Inservice

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

3:00 – 6:30pm. Parent – Teacher Conferences

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

6:00pm. Board Meeting @PK8

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23 – FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Thanksgiving Break / No School for Student

Stay up to date with all Athletic events by going to <https://schools.snap.app/UrbanaOH>

Congratulations to the 2026 UHS Homecoming Court and Finalist!!

