

Davis Families,

Welcome to the 2024 - 2025 school year! We look forward to partnering with you as we begin the new school year and I wanted to take a moment to provide you with a couple of important dates, required PowerSchool information/updates, and additional items as we prepare for **Raider Day on Wednesday, August 21.**

### **Wednesday, August 21 - Raider Day Registration**

Raider Day will be on Wednesday, August 21. **If you are unable to make Raider Day, please have your child check PowerSchool for their schedule prior to the first day of school.** Current Raider Day registration timeslots are as follows:

- 9<sup>th</sup> grade - 8:00-9:30 a.m.
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade - 9:45-11:45 a.m.
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade - 1:00-3:00 p.m.

**Please Note** – The parking lot at Davis will not be available during Raider Day on Wednesday, August 21 due to construction. **Parents that planned on parking at school will need to park at St. Ephrem Catholic Church off Dodge Park and school buses will shuttle to Davis Junior High via the school bus loop on Plumbrook.** If you utilize the shuttle bus system, you will be able to exit the school after completing the checklist at Raider Day and board the bus back to St. Ephrem. If it is a nice day and you want to walk back to your car, that is also an option. Families will enter through **Door 8** off the bus loop on the Plumbrook side based on the Raider Day times above. **Parents wishing to drop off their students (make sure you pre-register them based on the instructions below)** can do so by utilizing the bus-drop off loop located off Plumbrook Rd. **No parking or standing will be permitted in the drop-off area.**

### **PowerSchool Parent Portal and Registration Forms (Please Complete Prior to Raider Day)**

All parents will need to complete all the necessary forms in PowerSchool for pre-registration for Raider Day on Wednesday, August 21!

- On a computer, log in to your PARENT PowerSchool account <https://ps.ucs.misd.net/public/>
- Click “Quick Links”
- Click “Forms”
- Click on “REQUIRED TO COMPLETE EACH YEAR”
- Complete the necessary forms
- Sign electronically at the bottom
- Click “Submit”

There are several items that ALL parents will need to indicate they have reviewed on their **PowerSchool accounts** in the **Forms** sections:

- Student Address, Students Contacts and Health Information
- Parent/Student Handbook Acknowledgement
- Technology Device User Agreement
- Technology Device Insurance Opportunity

**Please complete the above steps by 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 20.** Completing this process prior to “Raider Day” will speed up your registration on Wednesday, August 21 and will allow more time to move through the other stations during your child’s specific times listed above.

If you choose not to complete this step, you will be asked to complete forms at registration as parental signatures are required. **Please Note - Students that attend Raider Day and have not pre-registered and come without a parent will not be able to move past the first station without parental signatures on all forms.** Students will need to return with a parent or legal guardian to complete the process.

### **Technology Device Insurance Information**

Utica Community Schools is proud to deliver 1:1 technology to our students. UCS is once again offering an annual insurance plan to help families if there is an accident that causes damage to the school issued device. In order to be considered

enrolled in the optional Technology Insurance Program, payments for the 2024-2025 school year must be received no later than Friday, September 6, 2024. Follow this link for more info: <http://www.uticak12.org/device>

### **Pre-ordering School Pictures and Yearbooks with Kaiser Studio**

School pictures will be taken on August 21<sup>st</sup> during Raider Day. The order form for pictures is below and pictures can be ordered online (School Picture Code – 24DAVISJR25). Each student will also be receiving their school ID after their picture at “Raider Day”. Alternate picture day for “Raider Day” will be Monday, September 9. [Kaiser Studio - Kaiser Studio](#) or this one [Orders Main \(kaiserstudio.com\)](#) Yearbooks can be pre ordered from the same site with the following code: 25DAVISYB.

### **Davis Junior High One Time Fundraising Request**

**A suggested \$20 donation per family would be greatly appreciated to help offset the cost of numerous programs at DJH.** 100% of your monetary donation directly benefits our school. Money will go to offset costs for the following: Freshman Farewell, Student Awards, Positive Behavior Support (PBS) rewards, purchase of classroom technology, special events/assemblies, Where Everybody Belongs (WEB) mentoring program, instructional and classroom needs, and any other purchase to benefit our students. All students that donate money through this manner will be eligible for all fundraising fun events throughout the year as a way of saying thank you! **Look for the fundraiser table at Raider Day!**

### **Thursday, August 22 - Summer Parent Newsletter and Email**

This newsletter will come as an email and will have all the school start up information for the year.

### **School Meals Information**

School meals will be free this year. Menus are available at: <https://uticak12.nutrislice.com> With meals being free, families should still complete an Education Benefits Form through their Family Portal - <https://utica.familyportal.cloud> - this will help families that qualify receive reduced registration fees for AP courses, discounted internet access, and more

### **Bus Stop Information**

Bus stops will be emailed to eligible families on the **afternoon of Friday, August 23.**

### **Tuesday, August 27 – First Full Day of School**

This is a full day for all secondary students and available calendars for the year can be accessed at <http://www.uticak12.org/calendar>

### **Student Plans for the 2024 – 2025 School Year**

If you know you are moving or planning not to return to Davis Junior High next year, please send an email to Mrs. Gipson at [Patrice.Gipson@uticak12.org](mailto:Patrice.Gipson@uticak12.org) or contact her at school (586.797.2700). We will also need to collect your child’s UCS issued laptop device, and we want to be prepared to facilitate this before the school year starts. **If you know your plans, please let us know so we can partner with you for a smooth transition for you and your child.** Finally, if you have moved, but are still attending Davis, please let Mrs. Gipson know as well as she will need to updated address information in PowerSchool.

We look forward to the start of the new school year and hope everyone enjoys the last few weeks of summer vacation!

Mr. Shepard, Principal

Mrs. Gierman, Assistant Principal

Mr. Siemianowski, Assistant Principal

## Raider Day Checklist - Wednesday, August 21, 2024

9<sup>th</sup> grade 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.

8<sup>th</sup> grade 9:45 - 11:45 a.m.

7<sup>th</sup> grade 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

*This checklist will serve as a roadmap through our registration day. Check off as you go from station to station.*

**Please Note – Students that attend Raider Day and have not pre-registered and come without a parent will not be able to move past the first station without parental signatures on all forms.**

### Raider Day Stations

#### \_\_\_\_\_ Station 1 – Registration Information (Required Forms – Completed Prior to Raider Day) – Auxiliary Gym

- Parents/students that have completed the **Online Pre-Registration** will need to verify with staff.
- Parents that **have NOT completed the Online Pre-Registration** will fill out forms here with staff.

#### \_\_\_\_\_ Station 2 – Sports Physicals (Tentative – Provided by Beaumont Hospital) – \$25 – Main Gym

#### \_\_\_\_\_ Station 3 – School Pictures with Kaiser Studio/School Identification Badges – Main Gym

- The order form is located in the newsletter and pictures can be ordered online (School ID Code – 24DAVISJR25). [Kaiser Studio - Kaiser Studio](#) or this one [Orders Main \(kaiserstudio.com\)](#) After receiving school pictures, students will receive an identification badge that they will need to wear every day.

#### \_\_\_\_\_ Station 4 – Yearbooks to Order – Main Gym

- Order your yearbook! Bring in your cash or check for **\$40 or \$49 (personalized) payable to Davis Junior High**. Yearbooks can be pre ordered from the same site as the picture site above with the following code: 25DAVISYB.

#### \_\_\_\_\_ Station 5 - Laptop Distribution Site – Cafeteria

- This station is for all 7<sup>th</sup> grade students and any new student to UCS/Davis Junior High. Students will receive their laptop, charging cord, and will also log in to ensure everything is functioning properly. **Current 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will not need to participate in this station as they should still have their laptop from last year.**

#### \_\_\_\_\_ Station 6 - Student Planners/School Schedules/Classroom Information Booth – Cafeteria

- Davis will once again be using a student planner, and the planner is a combination assignment book and organizational tool. Replacement or additional planners can be purchased at a cost of \$5. Student schedules are here as well to pick up (**Please note – there will be no schedule changes on Raider Day – please email counselor**).
- Teacher classroom information, success tips, and club information to start the school year. More information will be in future newsletters. If a teacher does not have a syllabus or list available, students will be able to check on Schoology and/or the first week of school as they attend classes.

#### \_\_\_\_\_ Station 7 - Athletics Information Booth – Upper Cafeteria

- Information about junior high sports from our athletic director, Mr. Beck. This includes signup and information.

#### \_\_\_\_\_ Station 8 - Davis Junior High Fundraising – Front Hallway Near Counseling Offices (100% directly benefits school.)

- A suggested \$20 donation per family would be greatly appreciated to help offset the cost of numerous programs at DJH.

#### \_\_\_\_\_ Station 9 – Davis Spirit Wear – Hallway between C and A Pod

- We will be using Clothing Graphics for Davis Spirit Wear [Davis spiritwear \(clothinggraphics.com\)](#)

**Upon completing station 9, students and parents are free to move throughout the building locating classes and/or can exit the school to the bus loop on Plumbrook.**