

Davis Families,

Welcome to the 2025 - 2026 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 20.**

### **Wednesday, August 20 - Raider Day Registration**

Raider Day will be on Wednesday, August 20. **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 following items below will help for a smooth start to the 2025-2026 school year. Please review.**

### **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 20!**

- 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 19.** Completing this process prior to “Raider Day” will speed up your registration on Wednesday, August 20 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.

### **Tuesday, August 26 – First Full Day of School**

This is a full day for all secondary students and available calendars for the year can be accessed at [Calendar & School Hours / School Hours](#)

**2025-26 Hours for ALL Junior High Schools (New)** –Doors will open at 7:35 a.m. every day for students.

- Full Day: 7:55 a.m. - 2:46 p.m.
- Half Day: 7:55 a.m. - 10:57 a.m.

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

School pictures will be taken on August 20<sup>th</sup> during Raider Day. The order form for pictures is below and pictures can be ordered online (**School Picture Code – 2526DAVISJR**). Checks should be made out to Kaiser Studio if purchasing at Raider Day. Each student will also be receiving their school ID after their picture at “Raider Day”. Alternate picture day for “Raider Day” will be day, September 4. [Kaiser Studio - Kaiser Studio](#) Yearbooks can be pre-ordered from the same site with the following code: **26DAVISYB**

### **Medical Forms**

Parents needing medical forms for their child are encouraged to fill out and have signed by a physician as applicable. Medical forms can be accessed at the following site: [Resources and Forms / Resources and Forms](#). **Please note - Health Plan forms should be on file with the school prior to your child starting.**

### **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>

### **Bus Stop Information**

Bus stops will be emailed to eligible families on the **afternoon of Friday, August 22** tentatively.

### **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 21 - 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

### **Student Plans for the 2025 – 2026 School Year**

If you know you are moving or planning not to return to Davis Junior High this 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 update 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!

Davis Administrative Team

## Raider Day Checklist - Wednesday, August 20, 2025

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.*

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### Raider Day Stations

#### \_\_\_\_\_ Station 1 – Registration Information (Required Forms – Completed Prior to Raider Day) – Main 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 – School Pictures with Kaiser Studio/School Identification Badges – Cafeteria

- The order form is located in the newsletter and pictures can be ordered online (School ID Code – **2526DAVISJR** for school pictures). [Kaiser Studio - Kaiser Studio](#) After receiving school pictures, students will receive an identification badge that they will need to wear every day.

#### \_\_\_\_\_ Station 3 – Yearbooks to Order – Cafeteria

- 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: **26DAVISYB**

#### \_\_\_\_\_ Station 4 - Davis Junior High Fundraising – Upper Cafeteria (100% Directly Benefits Davis).

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

#### \_\_\_\_\_ Station 5 - Athletics Information Booth – Upper Cafeteria

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

#### \_\_\_\_\_ Station 6 - Student Planners/School Schedules/Classroom Information Booth – C Pod Lecture Area

- 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 - Laptop Distribution Site – Media Center (Line Up Outside Media Center)

- This station is for all 7<sup>th</sup> grade students and any new students 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 8 – Davis Spirit Wear – Hallway between C and A Pod

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

#### \_\_\_\_\_ Station 9 – Sports Physicals (Provided by Beaumont Hospital) – \$25 – A Pod Classrooms (A101, 115, 118)

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