

Urey Parent Pages

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Welcome

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year at Urey Middle School! The staff at UMS is excited to have the classrooms and hallways soon filled with students eager to learn!

If you have any questions or concerns during the school year, please do not hesitate to contact me. The school phone number is 586-3184. My email address is mmaudlin@jgsc.k12.in.us.

The middle school years are the time of a student's life that I most enjoy watching, even though those of us who work with them oftentimes get strange looks when we say we love working with middle school students. They are a delight to watch as they grow toward adulthood. I feel the lasting impact adults have on middle school students is a very special opportunity for those of us who spend every school day with your child. I look forward to watching your child grow – intellectually and emotionally – throughout the coming year.

Beginning the New School Year

School will begin for students on Tuesday, August 15th at the regular time, 7:55 a.m. For students who ride buses, please be patient the first few days of school as bus drivers adjust routes and pick up times for students to make the most efficient routes possible.

For student safety please adhere to the following safety guidelines:

- All riders, walkers and bikers should be dropped off and picked up at the front doors.

- Doors will open for students to enter the building at 7:30 a.m. (9:30 a.m. on 2 hour delay days).
- Please reserve the back parking lot for buses to load and unload students only.

Lunch Money

Students who bring lunch money to school are asked to take their lunch money to the cafeteria before the school day so the money can be deposited into their accounts before the lunch period.

Attendance

Being at school on time and on a regular basis is one of the single greatest influences on a student's ability to succeed in school. It is important that your child be at school on a very regular basis. In the event that your child is sick, please contact the school prior to 8:30 a.m. to inform us of his/her absence. If your child is absent and the office has not received a phone call, an automated phone call will be contacting the phone number listed in Harmony to make you aware your student is not at school and that we have not received a phone call.

Learning Center

The Learning Center will be available from 7:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. each day. Students who need assistance with an assignment, project, paper, etc. may seek help in the Learning Center before school or during their lunch period.

Open House

The UMS Open House is scheduled for August 17th from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. During the evening, you will have the

opportunity to visit your child's classes, as well as an opportunity to enjoy refreshments in the cafeteria.

Homework Requests

Should your child be absent from school and you'd like to request homework, please contact the main office before 8:30 a.m. You may check Harmony for activities that are taking place in each of your child's classes.

Agendas/assignments for almost all classes should be posted daily for you and/or your child to refer to as needed.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be held on Wednesday, September 27th and Thursday, September 28th from 3:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. Please mark your calendars. More information will be sent home closer to these dates.

UMS on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram

Be sure to "Like" the Urey Middle School page on Facebook and follow Urey Middle School on Twitter @UreyMS and Instagram ureyms, for the latest news and information on all things UMS.

Free Money For College

The 21st Century Scholars Program offers students who qualify for participation in the federal school lunch program or Indiana's text book assistance program an opportunity to automatically qualify for the 21st Century Scholars program. All you need to do is submit an application.

Applications must be submitted by the end of the student's 8th grade year.

Go to www.scholars.in.gov to apply online or pick up a form in the office, complete it, (front & back with signature), return to the Urey office and we will submit it online for you as only

online applications are accepted at this time.

To submit online, you will need the Urey Middle School code: 5916 (Harold C. Urey Middle School)

Please contact Mrs. Hudgen, Guidance Counselor at dhudgen@jgsc.k12.in.us or call 586-3184 x 6104 with any questions.

Anti-Bullying

During the first two weeks of school and then on a regular basis throughout the school year, students will participate in a variety of homeroom activities regarding proper ways to address bullying. These activities will teach them how to identify what bullying is; including the difference between teasing and bullying, the different types of bullying, the effects of bullying, and how to respond to bullying. We encourage all students to take a "STAND" against bullying.

Show good character every day.

Treat others the way I want to be treated.

Always report bullying to an adult.

Never bully others or stand by and watch bullying.

Do my best to help anyone who is bullied.

Picture Day

School pictures are scheduled for **Thursday, September 7th**. Your student will be receiving picture information on the first day of school. Picture envelopes will be sent home with your student. Payment is due at the time pictures are taken.

Chromebooks

All students at UMS will receive a Chromebook to use during the school

year. Please note that the Chromebook, case and charger are the property of the school corporation and must be returned at the end of the school year. Just like traditional textbooks, Chromebooks must be properly cared for by the student. Students will be expected to bring their Chromebook to school fully charged each school day. Teachers will be using a blended approach of Chromebooks and other resources (i.e. textbooks, charts, graphs, pictures, videos, demonstrations, manuals, etc) to provide the best learning experiences possible. Please be aware of how your child is using the Chromebook at home. JGSC uses Lightspeed filtering software, even when the Chromebook is not at school. Like any filter, it can't guarantee 100% of non-school approved sites will be blocked. Please monitor your child's internet/social media usage while at home.

Textbook Rental

When registering, please be prepared to pay textbook/Chromebook rental fees. Please contact Mrs. Johnson in the main office if you have any questions regarding these fees. Please include your student's name in the memo line of checks. Payments may also be made during on line registration by credit card through your child's Harmony account.

Falloween Fest

Please mark your calendars for the weekend of September 22nd- 24th for Falloween Fest. It will be held on the grounds of John Glenn High School. Highlights of the festival include: midway rides, fireworks, a parade, lots of food, games and music and more. More information can be found at www.falloweenfest.com.

Ride wristband tickets prices will be announced in the near future by JGHS. Please consider purchasing your tickets prior to Falloween as the JGHS

Scholarship Fund receives a greater percentage of the purchase of a pre-sale wristband than it does for wristbands/tickets purchased the days of the festival.

While at Falloween, be sure to visit the UMS tent in front of the school. We will have a themed-basket raffle. Baskets will be on display in our booth at Falloween with tickets for sale as well. Simply place your ticket(s) in the appropriate jug for the basket you hope to win. You do not need to be present at the time of the drawing to win. Tickets are only \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00. Money raised helps fund UMS activities throughout the year as well as fund the UMS Scholarship awarded to a graduating senior each year.

In addition, we will again have our Washer Toss Booth at Falloween. Soon after school begins, we will be sending out information regarding donations needed to help make our Washer Toss Booth successful again this year!