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Good afternoon Utica families.

As we wrap up an incredibly busy and informational week, I have a few reminders and updates to share as we look forward to the start of the 2020-2021 school year on September 1st, 2020.

As a reminder, our Chieftain Days registration sessions tentatively scheduled for August 18th – 20th have been postponed. More information about school start up, school pictures, and a modified registration process will be shared with you soon. I know you're all eagerly awaiting student schedules and many of you have asked when schedules will be available. Our scheduling team is actively working on rebuilding the master schedule given changes due to UCS Virtual Academy enrollment and other factors. We are diligently working on the schedule, but we are also asking for your patience. At this time, it is anticipated that student schedules will be ready for distribution August 28th, 2020 as I shared in my email home on August 11th.

In a previous communication sent by Dr. Johns, she referenced the fact that UCS is transitioning to a 1 to 1 digital environment and that all high school students will receive a UCS provided laptop for the '20-21 school year. These laptops are being imaged to include all the necessary software and programs pertinent to your child's classes. In addition, these laptops will include single sign in function. That will allow your student to sign in once and be able to access all school-related programs (PowerSchool, Schoology, etc.). These laptops will provide our students some of the tools necessary to ensure an engaging, productive and academically robust learning environment. The laptops are being delivered to Utica High and I look forward to sharing a distribution play with you as soon as possible! Keep an eye on your email!

There have been several questions about the SAT for our seniors who missed that opportunity in the spring. We are planning on providing an opportunity to take the SAT and an email to senior families will be forthcoming. We are also working on resources that will assist with the college application and admissions process which we know is quickly approaching for early application/admission seniors.

I always say that I approach every decision I make as a parent first. As a parent of two school aged children, I personally understand how challenging a fall this has become. There are new questions arising daily and it's easy to second guess the personal decisions you're making for your family. My family has spent countless hours weighing these decisions as well. I know each family takes into consideration their unique needs and is the best decision we can make given our circumstances. Regardless of that decision, know that our Utica High family will support you and your student through this. We will continue to provide all our students an outstanding high school experience. If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to our office staff. We can be reached at 586-797-2200.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Tom Lietz
Principal



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Empowering students to reach their full potential as members of a global community.

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