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Good afternoon Utica High families,

Its been another great week at Utica High. We're still ironing out some issues, but we're lucky and have had bits of our new normal feel like our old normal. That came in the form of athletics.

Volleyball hosted their first home event, our first indoor home event during COVID, and it was well done. JV won, varsity played hard, but Utica did a great job! JV Football also played last night and took their first win of the season against L'anse Creuse. Tennis also had a win earlier this week both on and off the courts as they took the win and were paid the highest compliment to a victor, having the opposing fans compliment them on their character. I couldn't have been prouder! Tonight Boys JV and Varsity Soccer are at home on Swinehart Field while Cross Country heads to the MAC Red Jamboree this afternoon.

A shout out to our Athletic Director Mrs. Holmes and her crew who have had to rethink and reschedule the entire season, redesign ticketing and more, while making it look effortless. A thank you to our parents and spectators who followed our process and allowed transitions to be smooth. A reminder to our Utica High Community that **games are no longer open to the public**. Tickets are given to players in advance, per MHSAA guidelines based on the Governor's Executive Orders for return to play. Moreover, anyone who comes to one of our events must be masked and must be willing to provide their name and phone number per state law for contact tracing in case we have to follow-up on a confirmed positive. We have been grateful to our parents and fans who have been out so far as you've been wonderful. Thank you!

Next Week is a big week for **Seniors**. First, it is Jostens Senior Week where we're going to celebrate our class of 2021 and give them a chance to create new virtual traditions. Secondly, a group of our seniors will be taking the **SAT** test next Wednesday in school. Those students and their families will be receiving communication next week on arrival time (7:10 am) and locations (varied by alpha) to ensure that student can enter into school safely. They will also receive confirmation of what is required of them to take the test and an outline of the rough time frame of the test. We also asked the seniors to do a self-audit of courses and to complete their **Brag Surveys** (to help teachers with those ever-important letters of recommendation) on Naviance this weekend. We've updated the Senior Page under the drop-down on our counseling website (Utica High >> Academics >> Counseling) with a lot of important information. I've included Senior Portrait

information, Jostens Senior Week info, and a senior parent sign-up for notifications (Bloomz) below!

[Utica JOSTENS Senior week Flyer.pdf](#)

[Senior Portraits 2021 \(1\).pdf](#)

[Parent BLOOMZ.pdf](#)

Speaking of new traditions, today I sent an email to all of my students asking them to submit their own **pictures for the Warrior Yearbook**. Last year, the circumstances of the year seemed to make even more parents want yearbooks, and they cannot be ordered at the end of the year, so we had a lot of disappointed parents. You can avoid that by following [this link to order](#) your student's yearbook today! In order to make that award-winning Warrior Yearbook amazing we need your students' help to get pictures in by September 30<sup>th</sup>! They've received an Email with how to do that from me earlier today. Any questions on the yearbook can be sent to the Warrior Yearbook Staff. A reminder from you would be greatly appreciated!

That was a lot, and I think that's it for now! I will continue to post links, stories, and videos to social media so follow my @uticaprincipal on Twitter and Instagram and if there's ever anything I can do, please don't hesitate to reach out!

One last note to parents, we've been reaching out and calling about **student personal items** left in lockers last year. We can no longer hold the items at school. Items that are not scheduled to be picked up by next Tuesday will be either donated or discarded. Please call the main office at (586) 797-2200 to schedule that.

Have a great weekend!

Tom Lietz  
Principal



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

**Utica High School Mission Statement:**

*The mission of Utica High School is to develop successful learners with the support of our community of educators, students, and parents. Our diverse student body will have an equitable, rigorous, and comprehensive education in a safe and supportive environment that promotes self-discipline, motivation, and excellence in learning. We aim to cultivate individual learners with active and creative minds, and a sense of understanding and compassion for others.*

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