



Adlai E. Stevenson High School  
**The Titan Electronic Voice**

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**Vision Statement:**

*Stevenson High School will encourage and empower all students to acquire the necessary skills to be successful, contributing members of a diverse community and global society.*

**Mission Statement:**

*Our mission is to create a positive and challenging learning environment that encourages all students to achieve their greatest potential as responsible, productive members of a diverse society.*

*November 5, 2018*

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**This Week's Announcements**



Dear Titan Families,

At the end of the week, you should receive your student's report card by email. If you don't receive it by the end of the day Friday, November 9, please contact the office on Monday, November 12. Remember, quarter grades count as 40% of the final grade with the exam counting as 20%. Students that did not do well 1<sup>st</sup> quarter can bring up their grade by doing well 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and on the exam. Encourage them to utilize Titan Time Tutoring or to contact an NHS tutor to help them out.

**Why not join the WINNINGEST PROGRAM in Utica Community Schools history???**

- 11 - Time Division Champions
- 5 - Time County Champions
- 8 - Time Regional Champions
- 15 - Time State Finalists
- 2 - Time State Runner-ups
- 3 - Time State Champions

Join the Stevenson Titan Bowling Team and etch **YOUR SPOT** in UCS history!

***All Skill levels welcome!!!***

For questions, please contact Coach Chris at [Chrismagnanshtitanbowling@gmail.com](mailto:Chrismagnanshtitanbowling@gmail.com) or Coach Sal at [Titanbowling2018@gmail.com](mailto:Titanbowling2018@gmail.com)

The **Stevenson Titan Bowling Team** tryouts are open to **ANY** boy or girl in grades 9-12. Tryouts will be held **November 12th, 14th and 16th** at **Sterling Lanes** (on the corner of 14 Mile Rd. and Schoenherr Rd.)

**YOU MUST BE PRESENT ALL 3 DAYS OF TRYOUTS!!!**

Tryouts will begin at 4:00pm each day and will take no more than 2 hours each day to complete.

You **MUST** have a sports physical already on file with your school in order to try out for the Stevenson Titan Bowling Team or you **MUST** bring a copy of a **COMPLETED** sports physical to the first day of tryouts. Sports physical sheets can be picked up in the school office or downloaded from the Sterling Heights Stevenson High School website. <http://stevenson.uticak12.org/>

**Attention boys' interest in joining the swim team**

**It is that time of year again! Boys Varsity Swim season starts this month!**

Are you a football player wanting to stay in tip top shape or are you looking to get into shape for track season? **Whatever the reason**, swimming is one of the BEST ways to your body in shape, it works EVERY muscle in your body. **If you are interested in joining the team, come to our pre-season swim meeting being held at the Henry Ford II pool on Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.** Get the rundown of the season, what is required, what the boys do and when. Swim is a varsity sport, and everyone makes it on the team, there aren't any tryouts! If you want to be part of a great team, swim is it. HOPE TO SEE YOU

**Peer to Peer**

Peer to Peer: November 9, 2018, during 4th hour there will be a large group meeting in the West Aux. Gym. Please bring a drink.

**Titan Theater Troupe**

A Night of Comedy... Mostly is on the books. Thank you to all who attended.

Next up:

November 8 from 6-9pm Alex and Ani fundraiser. Get a start on your Holiday shopping and support our Theater Troupe by simply shopping at Alex and Ani (Partridge Creek Location). No flier needed, just show up and shop. Stevenson Titan Theater Troupe receives 15% of the evening's proceeds. Some exclusions apply

November 12,13, & 14 7pm Stevenson Titan Theater Troupe presents J.M. Barrie's Peter Pan. Join the three performing art classes on an adventure in Neverland! Tickets available at the door \$5. Fabulous show for all ages.

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### **Congratulations Lucy Potts**

Sophomore Lucy Potts qualified for the State meet after finishing in the top 15 at the Girls Regional Cross-Country Meet on October 26 with a time of 20:02. While her time was slightly slower at the State Meet on Saturday, November 3, we are proud of her accomplishments and can't wait to see what she does next year! Congratulations Lucy!

### **Congratulations Girls Swim**

Girls swim were 5-0 in MAC Gold division dual meets and followed up this weekend as winning our division championship meet!

Stevenson Champions in this division meet are:

Jenna Weihs - 200 freestyle

Arnela Sorguc - 50 freestyle & 100 freestyle

Celina Cambare - 500 freestyle

Makenna Delph, Arnela Sorguc, Jenna Weihs, & Celina Cambare - 400 freestyle relay

Additional swimmers have placed top 6 at the championship to earn a medal in at least one event: Gabrielle Renaud, Tatiana Benka, Alyssa Rhein, Makenna Delph, Julia Weihs, & Akshaya Ragnath.

Submitted with Titan Pride,

Steven Pfannes

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SchoolMessenger is a notification service used by the nation's leading school systems to connect with parents, students and staff through voice, SMS text, email, and social media.

## This Week's Events

### November 6

Election Day, no students attend

(A) Girls Swimming & Diving @ L'Anse Creuse North - Last Chance Meet @ 5:00 p.m.

### November 9

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## *Announcements from Past Editions of the Titian Voice*



## Sounding Board

Parents are invited to monthly Sounding Boards. The Sounding Board is an opportunity to meet with the Stevenson administration for updates and discussions on the school.

November 27, 2018	6:30 pm, ECC
November 28, 2018	8:30 am, Principal's Conference Room
December 18, 2018	6:30 pm, ECC
December 19, 2018	8:30 am, Principal's Conference Room
January 29, 2019	6:30 pm, ECC
January 30, 2019	8:30 am, Principal's Conference Room
February 26, 2019	6:30 pm, ECC
February 27, 2019	8:30 am, Principal's Conference Room

March 26, 2019	6:30 pm, ECC
March 27, 2019	8:30 am, Principal's Conference Room
April 23, 2019	6:30 pm, ECC
April 24, 2019	8:30 am, Principal's Conference Room
May 21, 2019	6:30 pm, ECC
May 22, 2019	8:30 am, Principal's Conference Room

Morning meetings are in the Main Office Principal's Conference Room.  
Evening meetings are in the ECC.

### Attendance Policy

There have been a number of questions about the change in the attendance policy. There has not been a change in the policy. The school is enforcing the rules stated in the student handbook. The main items of confusion concern dentist/doctor appointments and what is considered an excused absence. For appointments, according to the handbook students are supposed to get permission from the office to miss school for a dentist or doctor appointment. We give automatic permission if the student brings a doctor/dentist note indicating the student was seen by the dentist/doctor that day. The handbook also provides a list of reasons students will be excused from school. If any other reason is given, it will not be excused.

I am re-printing what is in the handbook below:

### Attendance

Optimal educational benefits can only be achieved through a student's regular class attendance, active class participation and serious commitment to the educational program. Setting an expectation of good attendance forms a habit of lifelong benefit, as school attendance is often repeated in the workplace.

Utica Community Schools considers absenteeism and tardiness a serious disruption to the educational process, not only for the student, but for the teacher and entire class. To protect the integrity of the classroom and to encourage students to establish good attendance attitudes and habits, students who are absent or tardy may be subject to disciplinary action by the school.

Attendance in school is the responsibility of the student and the parent/guardian. The school's task is to provide instruction, encourage attendance and notify the parent/guardian of absences from class. Exemplary class attendance should be the desired goal of students, parents/guardians and teachers. Many teachers incorporate a class participation component in their grading system. Therefore, a student's grade may be adversely affected by absences.

#### Student Responsibilities

1. A student is to attend each scheduled class.
2. A student is to be on time and prepared for class.
3. **A student is responsible for making arrangements if he/she is to be absent from a particular class. This involves obtaining permission from the office for outside activities, (i.e., doctor/dental appointments) and obtaining permission from the teacher whose class will be missed for in-school activities, such as counseling appointments, student government activities or completing class assignments.**

**The following reasons for an absence will be accepted as an excused absence, but will count in the student's attendance profile:**

- Student's illness
- Hospitalization
- Doctor-ordered bed rest
- Mandatory court appearance that has been prearranged
- Death in immediate family
- **Family vacation that has been prearranged and approved**
- Administrative permission
- Absences resulting from school-sponsored activities are excused.

**Parent Responsibilities** Parents must inform the school of their student's absence by calling the school attendance line before 10 a.m. the day of the absence. Schools have 24-hour voice recording for absence notification. **Other verification of an excused absence may be required.** When a student is absent, it is his/her responsibility to arrange for make-up work. Students are generally given the same amount of time to make up work as the amount of time they were absent.

### **Blood Drive Information**

On Wednesday, November 14th, HOSA (Future Health Professionals Club) and Student Council are teaming up to host a BLOOD DRIVE here at Stevenson High School during the school day.

Students that are 16 years old and older are eligible to donate as long as they meet the height and weight requirements. Those that are 16 years old need to get parent permission before making an appointment. They can pick up the permission slip at the sign-up table during lunch or see Mrs. Schornak in room G-125 or Mrs. Lucas in room B-25.

Dates for students to make an appointment are October 30th, November 2nd and November 6th, in the cafeteria during all lunch hours.

Donation times are all throughout the school day. Students will need to make up any work missed.

### **Sophomores-Registration for Dollars for Scholars is now open**

Attention Sophomores-You have an opportunity to join the Detroit Regional Dollars for Scholars Program. This program will help you complete the milestones to make your way to higher education while also providing visits to colleges and trade schools. Students can apply online at [APPLY.DRDFS.ORG](http://APPLY.DRDFS.ORG). Forms must be fully completed by 11:59pm on November 19, 2018 to apply for the program. Ten students will be selected. Upon completion of the program, students are eligible for the DFS scholarship their senior year. Visit [drdfs.org](http://drdfs.org) or email [Kelli.McCloud@Uticak12.org](mailto:Kelli.McCloud@Uticak12.org) for more information.

## Looking for Team and Club Parent Reporters-New Season Starting

I would like to highlight and celebrate the success of every team and club. I cannot do this alone. I am looking for parents from different groups who would be willing to write a paragraph each week during the season to report on the events of the week. If you are interested, please email me. [Steven.Pfannes@uticak12.org](mailto:Steven.Pfannes@uticak12.org)



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## UCS DISTRICT NEWS AND INFORMATION



### Safety, technology and infrastructure improvements highlight Nov. 6 Bond Proposal

The Utica Community Schools Board of Education has unanimously (7-0) approved placing a \$155 million bond proposal on the November 6 ballot to address safety and security, technology and infrastructure improvements identified through the district's strategic, long-range facility improvement program.

“The bond proposal will allow us to continue providing an environment that supports the academic excellence for students that our community expects and deserves,” Board of Education president Gene Klida said. “The bond projects address safety and security and infrastructure priorities that directly impact our classrooms. The projects also provide our teachers the tools they need to drive learning and develop the job skills that businesses need to build our economy.”

Voter approval of the bond proposal has been structured to keep the tax rate at or below the current level. The bond proposal will affect each UCS student and every UCS school and school facility.



The ballot proposal states that that the bond proposal will provide for:

1. Making safety and security improvements, including cameras and door-locking systems.
2. Equipping, furnishing, re-equipping and refurbishing school district buildings, facilities, and structures, and acquiring school buses and technology equipment.
3. Constructing additions to and/or remodeling school district buildings
4. Improving and developing sites, including playgrounds, athletic fields, facilities, and structures in school district.

“Safe and secure schools are a top priority for our community and our district,” Superintendent Dr. Christine Johns said. “The improvements in this bond proposal are a key piece to our collaborative efforts with local law enforcement to continue to keep our schools safe places for students and staff.”

Technology improvements provide students and teachers the resources to support learning, including key areas of Career and Technical Education (CTE) and the integration of skills that ensure success in college and career.

The infrastructure projects also support the district’s long-range improvement programs in key areas of roofing, paving and the replacement of buses.

Board of Education Treasurer Dr. Robert Ross emphasized that voter approval of the bond proposal has been structured to not increase the current tax rate.

“Through solid fiscal planning, this bond issue has been designed to ensure we can address our facility priorities at or below our current millage level,” Dr. Ross said.

Dr. Ross added that the improvements will allow the district to extend the life of current school buildings and protect the investment the community has made in its facilities.

“Area realtors are clear that the strength of Utica Community Schools protects property values and draws new families and businesses to the communities we serve,” he said.

Dr. Ross noted that by law the bond revenue will be used only for capital improvements and may be not used for operating expenses, such as salaries or utilities.

“It is important that our taxpayers know that all revenue must be used for the purposes that are specified in the bond proposal and the expenditures are independently audited,” he said.

More information and an overview of projects are available on the district’s website at <http://www.uticak12.org/2018bond>.

In compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act and the Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act. It is the policy of Utica Community Schools that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, age, disability, height, weight, or marital status be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination during any instructional opportunities, programs services, job placement assistance, employment or in policies governing student conduct and attendance. Any person suspecting a discriminatory practice should contact the Executive Director of Human Resources at Utica Community Schools, 11303 Greendale, Sterling Heights, MI 48312 or call (586) 797-1000



