



# THE TITAN VOICE

ADLAI E. STEVENSON HIGH SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 8- SEPTEMBER 18, 2020

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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.

## TITAN NEWS



Dear Titan Families,

Good afternoon Stevenson High families,

I am happy to say we've had a great two weeks of live remote learning. It is certainly a learning curve, but we're getting through it.

As of last week, requests for schedule changes were complete. There will be no other requests honored as this point.

As you're likely aware, the Governor released EO's 153, 175, 176, and 180 which directly impacted the ability for schools to engage in athletic competition. Those guidelines have allowed us to have competition, but the conditions of competition are different. Coaches are sharing those with participants.

One of the biggest changes is how spectators will be managed. The Executive Orders are clear that participants will be allowed up to two (2) guests each, based on venue capacity. We will continue to enforce all social distancing, mask policy, and all other required protocol meant to ensure student, staff and public safety.

School attendance process has been a question asked by a number of parents. We ask that parents call in to the SHS attendance line, (586) 797-1999, and choose the appropriate option, to excuse their student. It must be a parent/guardian that calls in and not a student. Please do not send attendance emails to the teacher as we will be using PowerSchool. If your student wants to reach out to get additional work, that's acceptable, but their email is not a request to excuse as that can only come from the parent. **If your student is in the UCS Virtual Academy, please indicate that in your message.**

This may have been the craziest two weeks in our history, but in the end it was a pretty great start to the year. I cannot say enough how proud I am of our students and staff. Your kids have been on their computers, engaging with peers and involved in great learning. Thank you for your commitment to that. Thanks as well to our incredible teaching staff. They have moved mountains to make this start a very smooth one! Their excitement, and at this point in the week, their exhaustion, is a testament to that! If you have a minute, and you have a positive experience to share with them, please shoot them an Email! It means more than you know!

Enjoy what looks to be a beautiful and cool weekend!!

GO TITANS!!

With Titan Pride,  
Kenneth L. Cucchi III  
Principal  
Stevenson High School

**Please welcome our new staff members to SHS**

Hello all! My name is Samantha Chowan -Herrera- or Mrs. Herrera to make it easier, the new speech therapist at Stevenson High School. I studied education at Oakland University and then continued my studies at New York University, where I earned my master's degree as a speech language pathologist. Outside of school, I enjoy walking and biking with my husband and children whenever the weather permits. I look forward to getting to know you all over the course of this year!

Hello! My name is Jessica Marzicola. As a Stevenson High School graduate, I am incredibly excited to be teaching here this year! I graduated from Central Michigan University with a degree in Special Education and a Minor in Mathematics. I am entering my twelfth year of teaching Special Education. I taught for eleven years at L'Anse Creuse High School. In addition to teaching, I am also a volleyball coach. I have coached varsity soccer and freshmen basketball during my time at L'Anse Creuse. My husband is also a graduate of Utica Community Schools. We love to do anything outdoors, especially golfing and taking long walks with our two dogs! I am dedicated to helping my students become successful, responsible members of society; and am looking forward to a great school year.

Jennifer Gard-Eret is the new Vocal Music Director for Stevenson High School and Davis Junior High School. She is also the Vocal Music Director for the Utica Academy for International Studies (UAIS). She is in her 19<sup>th</sup> year of teaching, the last 7 of which have been in Utica Community Schools. Her most recent assignment was as the director of choirs for the UAIS, Eppler Junior High, Heritage Junior High, and Utica High School (Yes! All four in one day!). She has co-conducted the Utica Elementary Honors Choir and served as vocal director for musicals at Utica High School and Ford II High School for several years. Before moving to Michigan in 2010, she taught choir in her native state of Colorado for 12 years, and sang in the semi-professional community ensemble, *Kantorei*, for 8 years. Mrs. Gard-Eret is excited about the new adventure of teaching at Stevenson and Davis, and equally pleased to be continuing her position at the UAIS.

Hi Everyone, my name is Heidi Bragg! I'm excited to join Stevenson as a new CTE-Business Teacher. A little bit about me, this is my first-year teaching. I am entering the teaching field after 20 years working for corporations; most recently Whirlpool. I have a Bachelor of Science in Management Information Systems from Oakland University and an MBA with an Information Assurance specialization from Walsh College. I have three children, Luca (12), Audrey (8) and Kellen (6). They attend UCS and are in 7th, 3rd and 1st grades. I look forward to meeting everyone.

Hello Titans! My name is Tamara DiLorenzo and I am very excited to be one of the new counselors at Stevenson High School. I will be working with students with last names Di-Kh. I have been enjoying school counseling for the past 13 years. I have worked with both middle and high school students. What I love about working with high school students is that high school is the final transition into adulthood, and I could not be more excited to help my students explore and define their independence. My passion is advocating for my students social/emotional needs and helping them identify and remove barriers critical for academic success. In times like we are facing now, it is vital for students, teachers, and families to keep all lines of communication open. Please feel free to communicate with me about any students we may share. I am a firm believer that it takes a village! I look forward to working with all my students and supporting them in any way that I can.

Hello Titan family! My name is Christine Mudalige (moo-da-lee-gay), and I am so excited to be part of the counseling team here at Stevenson High School! I come to you all from Henry Ford II High School as their counseling intern last year. Previously, I was a teacher for eight years in Memphis, Tennessee where I taught Early Childhood education, Middle School English Language Arts and Math, and 9<sup>th</sup> grade Health and Physical Education. I moved to Michigan two years ago with my husband and two dogs, and in October 2019 we welcomed our first child, Liam. I love sports and coaching. I coached cross country, soccer, and lacrosse while in Memphis and for the past two seasons I was the Lake Orion Girl's Lacrosse coach. As a counselor, I love getting to know my students' passions and interests both academically and personally while helping them forge their own pathway in high school and the world beyond. Our students are our future, and I am committed to guiding them to find their voices, sense of selves, and purpose. I am looking forward to supporting all our students' academic, personal, and social-emotional needs as a Titan counselor.

Mrs. Kristi Boettcher (counselor last names A-De) After 16 years serving as a Stevenson Special Education teacher, I am so thankful for my new role as a Stevenson counselor. I enjoy guiding students as they discover their own vision of success, and rejoice in that moment when they cross the stage to receive their diploma. Once a Titan, always a Titan! #TitanPride

## \*\*\*The new location for: The Titan Voice\*\*\*

A new link to read the Titan Voice has been added just underneath "From The Principal" section on the Stevenson website: <https://stevenson.uticak12.org/> For your convenience, you will find our current edition of the Titan Voice, along with every PDF's referenced in the Titan Voice, just a simple click away!

Click to access the current edition of  
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Attention Sophomores-You have an opportunity to join Next Level Scholars. This program will help you complete the milestones to make your way to higher education while also providing campus visits, SAT preparation, FAFSA workshops, and college application assistance. Students can begin applying online at [APPLY.DRDFS.ORG](https://www.drdfs.org) starting September 14<sup>th</sup>. Forms must be fully completed by 11:59 p.m. on **October 26, 2020** to apply for the program. Ten students will be selected. After completing three years in the program, each student receives a \$4,000 scholarship to help break down the financial barrier. Visit [drdfs.org](https://www.drdfs.org) or email [Kelli.McCloud@Uticak12.org](mailto:Kelli.McCloud@Uticak12.org) for more information.

Please see "It's more than a Meal" [PDF](#) regarding the benefits of applying for free and reduced meals. As a reminder, all last year meal applications will expire **October 14, 2020**.

Happy Friday....

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Please check out the [PDF's](#) – Class of 2021 Senior Order Form & [PDF](#)- Stevenson Senior Week for important information from Josten's regarding your Cap and Gown, as well as a chance to win some prizes!

**Attention Parents and Students: The 2020 Ambassador Yearbook has been distributed. If you did not pick up your book yet, please come up to school, or have a family member or friend come up to school, to sign for your book. Bring ID. MUST WEAR A MASK. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Pantano at 586-797-2002. Thank you.**

Congratulations to the Lady Titans Golf team, improving their league record to 6-0 and 7-1 overall. The team has been led by freshmen Megan Luke and Alexis Yang, juniors Tessa McKnee, Natalie Ishioka, and Lindsay Lewis, and senior Grace Petras. The team, as a whole, has worked so hard since early August to face the challenge of moving up a division this year. An impressive start to the season - even more impressive that most of the girls picked up clubs for the first time just two years ago. Keep up the great work and good luck in the closing weeks! Go Titans!

Some great news from the Athletic Department! Please check out the [PDF](#) for the 2020 Press Release of Mr. Tom Stock.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### September 18

Stevenson takes on Eisenhower football @ SHS @ 7:00 p.m.. Given the strict attendance restrictions in place by the MHSAA this week's game will be available via live stream at [www.macombpreps.com](http://www.macombpreps.com)

**\*\*LIMIT 2 GUEST PER ATHLETE, NO EXCEPTIONS\*\***

### September 21-25

Virtual Spirit Week

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Seniors- Order your cap & gown graduation products (Deadline is Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>)

### September 23

SAT Testing **\*\*This SAT testing is only for seniors that missed testing in April\*\*** Your student should report to school by 7:10 a.m. Standard testing time is from 7:20 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. We are encouraging students to drive to school on this day. . In order to keep your seat on this testing date you must complete the following form by

**Monday, September 21, 2020: [Testing Confirmation.](#)**

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### September 30

Stevenson Virtual Financial Aid Presentation @ 6:30 p.m. For more information please check out our new Counseling Information section below!

## COUNSELING INFORMATION

You are invited to attend a virtual financial aid presentation to learn general information regarding the financial aid process. We will provide general information able to be used no matter what college or university students plan to attend. Topics include the elements of financial aid, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), variety of resources available including scholarships, and more!

Please join this virtual presentation from your computer, laptop, tablet, or smartphone using either WiFi or cellular service. Below are linked handouts available for download, print, or viewing during the presentation.

**Event Details: Senior Financial Aid Night**

**Date: September 30, 2020**

**Time: 6:30 PM**

Link to join: [https://oakland.webex.com/meet/mdl\\_gilchrist](https://oakland.webex.com/meet/mdl_gilchrist)

Visit [oakland.edu/financialservices/events](http://oakland.edu/financialservices/events) for other opportunities

**Handouts:**

[Presentation Outline](#)

[FSA ID and FAFSA Instructional Handout](#)

[Federal Student Aid At-a-Glance](#)

[State of Michigan Aid](#)

**UCS COLLEGE CENTRAL**

It is time to start thinking about postsecondary plans. If your student is thinking about attending college, please visit the UCS College Central website. This will be a valuable resource as they begin the application process. From college applications and requesting transcripts to letters of recommendation and paying for college, College Central has instructions on how to do it all.

<https://www.uticak12.org/cms/one.aspx?pageId=43629995>

Question and Answer online sessions will be offered for students and parents to ask questions from a school counselor. These sessions will be offered at a first come first serve basis. Students and/or parents are asked to sign up for each Q&A session using the link provided on the website. An email with the session link will be sent as a reminder to all participants.

**COLLEGE VISITS**

Virtual college visits will begin this week. These visits will take place via Zoom during the school day. Do not miss this opportunity to hear about your favorite colleges! A full list of visits can be found on **Naviance under "College Visits."** Students **MUST** pre-register in order to attend. Please view Unit 7 of the UCS College Central website for more information.

# MR. CUCCHI'S PARENT ADVISORY MEETINGS



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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