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ANOTHER NEW SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS

By JOSEPH CANDELA
Superintendent

We will start the school year with staff on Tuesday, August 22nd, with professional development, followed by our open house on Wednesday, August 23rd, from 5:00 p.m to 7:00 p.m. Parents and students will have the opportunity to meet with their teachers and collect iPads, so they are ready for the first day.

Students and parents will begin their first day of school on Tuesday, August 30th, with new but familiar faces in both the junior/senior high school and the elementary. With Mr. Warner returning to the classroom, Mrs. O'Connor will start her first year as the Junior/Senior High School principal. After serving three years as the elementary principal, Mrs. O'Connor decided to take on a new challenge. The same energy, engagement, and work habits Mrs. O'Connor had as our elementary principal will continue as the new Junior / Senior High School principal.

It will take a little time for Mrs. O'Connor to get used to dealing with the changes involved in being a Junior /Senior High School principal. I have great confidence in her leadership in working with students, staff, and parents as she guides the Junior /Senior High School. In the elementary principal's office, we will have a long-time teacher taking over, with Jill Ogryski being selected as the new principal. Mrs. Ogryski will bring the same passion, work ethic, and energy she had in a Young Five teaching position to the principal's job.

Some changes you will see for students as they enter both elementary and junior/senior high school will be both groups piloting new math programs for the school year. The elementary will be familiar with their program using iReady Math for the entire year. The junior/senior high school will be piloting the math program Big Ideas. As superintendent, I would ask both students and parents to give both programs some time and work with the teachers as we introduce both programs into the school. The new math programs might be slightly different from what parents have been used to seeing in our older math programs.

Hopefully, by the time school starts, the refinished track will be done for the spring track season. We have changed the straight away, moving it to the press box side. We have also correctly updated the lines on the track to meet all the MHSSAA standards. Finally, our FFA students will have the opportunity to have animals close to the school with our new FFA barn nearing completion. The FFA barn will also allow for more learning opportunities for our students.

Elementary and junior/senior high school students will see new faces in the classroom. Students in Young Five will have Jolene Lochrie replacing Mrs. Ogryski. A familiar face from our pre-school program, Briana Deacons, will take over Mrs. Lochrie's kindergarten position. Our new 1st-grade teacher will be Sarah Franzel, who has done multiple long-term substitute teaching positions. Another familiar face in the junior/senior high school will be Mr. Warner, teaching science, and Nicole Maurer will replace Mr. Leipprandt in the math department. Finally, we will welcome Holly Wasierski, who will serve as a support for students dealing with both social and emotional issues. Holly is a familiar face working in Ubly as a social worker from the HISD a few days a week. Holly will continue to work for the HISD but will be at Ubly daily in her new role. We are excited to have her on our team.

As the new school year begins, we bring changes and new opportunities for your students. We encourage you, as parents, to provide us with your questions, dialogue, and support. We know to provide the best for your children, and we hope you are willing to get involved through the many opportunities out there, including PTO, athletic boosters, FFA, band boosters, classroom volunteering, and more. The research shows that the more parents are involved in school, the better their students do. Over my career, many parents have told me they would be there if they were only asked to help. Consider yourself asked to be involved in our school! Please consider joining one of the school associations; yes, it will include some work, but you will be part of helping our kids!

It will be another great year to be a Bearcat!!

Photo courtesy of Moments Captured by Vanessa.

GET TO KNOW THE NEW FACES AROUND SCHOOL

CLAUDIA KOSINSKI
Preschool

Hello to all my new Bearcat friends! My name is Miss Claudia Kosinski and I am the new preschool teacher here at Ubly. I graduated from Central Michigan in 2021 with a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Development and Learning. I have a lot of prior experience being in the classroom and I am eager to put my skills and ideas to work here at Ubly. When I am not teaching, I am enjoying time with my family and my two doodles, Cal and Leo. I love going camping and enjoying golfing in my free time. I am excited for this school year, and I am proud to say I am a Bearcat!

BRIANA DEACONS
Kindergarten

Hello! My name is Briana Deacons, and I will be teaching Kindergarten this year! For the last 5 years I have been teaching preschool, 4 of those years at Ubly Preschool. I earned my teaching degree from Saginaw Valley State University in December 2016. I was born and raised in the Ubly area and attended Ubly Schools from Kindergarten to high school graduation. I grew up in a loving family with my parents and two brothers. I now have a family of my own that consists of my husband, Phil; two-year-old son, John; and two dogs, Annabelle and Bailey. I am very excited to continue calling Ubly Schools my home and am excited for the new adventures that the 'Big School' and Kindergarten will provide!

SARAH FRANZEL
1st Grade

Sarah Franzel is joining the Bearcat staff as a First Grade teacher. She graduated from Saginaw Valley State University and is bringing 10 years of experience in education. Sarah has been a middle school teacher and more recently, a paraprofessional and substitute teacher at Ubly High School. Sarah has been married to her husband Richard for 13 years and has three children: Logan, Summer, and Alayna. In her free time, she likes to read, run, and spend time with her family.

From Kindergarten to Elementary Principal

By JILL OGRYSKI
Elementary Principal

Welcome Ubly Elementary students and families to the 2022-2023 school year! My name is Jill Ogryski, better known as Mrs. O, and I am honored to be serving as the new Elementary Principal. Many of you may already know me as I have been a teacher in Ubly for the past 24 years, spending most of that time in the Young Fives classroom. I am the proud mom of two beautiful daughters. My oldest, Kylie, will be a senior at Oakland University, majoring in Elementary Education and will be completing her student teaching next year. My youngest, Hope, will be in the 8th grade at Ubly Jr. High School and will be active in volleyball, basketball, and softball. And I can't forget to mention my adorable 3-year-old Golden Retriever named Maggie, who lives for someone to just throw her a tennis ball, or two, or three! My parents are Martin and Luci Kubacki from Ubly. My dad (Mr. Martin) is also a bus driver for Ubly Schools. I have one brother, Dan, who lives with his family in Canton, Mi.

I was born and raised in Ubly, attended Ubly Community Schools from Kindergarten through 12th grade and graduated from Ubly High School in 1992. In May of 1996, I graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education from Michigan State University. Go Green! I received my Master's Degree in Educational Leadership in December of 2000 from Saginaw Valley State University.

I am looking forward to many things as I step into this role, from working with our talented teaching staff and forming lasting relationships with students to creating an inviting and welcoming environment for parents and families to vest their time and talents in their children. Please feel free to stop in anytime to say hello or get in touch with me with any questions you may have. Together, we can make this a great year of growth, learning and achievement!

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"Let us remember: One book, one pen, one child, and one teacher can change the world."

-Malala Yousafzai

LUNCH PRICE UPDATES

**District Wide Free Meals has ended. PLEASE complete a Free/Reduced Lunch Application if you have not received a directly certified letter in the mail by the time school beings. **Preschool Breakfast and Lunch is included in Tuition. **You can mail in payment now or bring to open house.

22-23 MEAL PRICES	BREAKFAST	LUNCH	KINDERGARTEN
Young Fives - 5th	$1.50	$3.00	
6th - 12th	$1.50	$3.25	
K - 12 Reduced	$0.30	$0.40	
Adult/Parent	$2.61	$5.15	
Kindergarten Milk			$0.50
Kindergarten Snack			$0.15

PTO NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Welcome back Bearcats! We are so excited for the new school year and all the fun we are going to have. First, we would like to introduce our 2022-23 Board members. President- Krystal Kolar, Vice President- R.J. Van De Velde, Treasurer- Alex Taylor and Secretary- Jaclyn Morell. We have been working hard through the summer to update our organization, make some fun changes and plan for all the events throughout the year.

SOME THINGS TO REMEMBER:

Jr High and High School students: don't forget about the volunteer opportunities throughout the school year to qualify for the scholarship. More information will be coming out soon, but if you have any questions reach out to us or Mrs. Brandel.

Monthly meetings are open to all parents and students of Ubly Schools. They are held on the 2nd Monday of the month at 6pm, before the monthly board meeting. We would love to have you!

Upcoming events include Open House on August 24th from 5-7 (Stop by one of our 2 tables and say hi!), Spirit Shop, Trunk or Treat on 10/30 and back by popular demand we will be holding Penny Wars again in November with some fun new twists!

We look forward to supporting the entire school, Preschool-12th grade, again this year!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE PRESCHOOL

With the beginning of the school year quickly approaching, all the preschool staff are excited to welcome the 2022-23 classes of preschoolers! So far, we have 32 children set to enroll! This only leaves 4 open spots, and we will be accepting applications until both of the classrooms are full. We are excited to be welcoming a new preschool teacher, Ms. Claudia Kosinski! We will also be welcoming back Mrs. Jessica Heilig as the director and teacher, Mrs. Heather Szymanski and Ms. Kimmie Peplinski as teacher assistants, and Ms. Jordan Monzo and Ms. Samantha Sweeney as paraprofessionals. Everyone is looking forward to a year filled of creating a new school family, teaching the children many new skills, and creating positive connections with families.

Ubly is not the only preschool that still has open spots. Most of the preschools around Huron County are still accepting applications and would love the chance to service your child and family. If you know of a 3 or 4-year-old child that is ready for preschool, you can apply at www.greatstarthuron.com, or by filling out a paper application that can be found in the offices at the main building or at the preschool. You will also need to turn in a copy of your child's birth certificate, a copy of your child's immunization records (or waiver if they have not received any), proof of income, and proof of residency. If you have any questions about getting your child enrolled, you can email Jessica Heilig at jheilig@ublyschools.org or call at (989) 658-8202 option 6.

Ubly Jr. High/High School Welcomes New Principal & Continues Traditions

By YVONNE O'CONNOR
JH/HS Principal

Welcome Ubly Bearcats! We are excited to start a new school year at the Jr. High/High school. My name is Yvonne O'Connor. It is an honor to serve as your new Jr. High/High School Principal. Although I am not new to Ubly Schools, having served as the Elementary Principal for 3 years and as a teacher at Ubly for over 25 years, this position is a new challenging adventure for me. I hope to support students and staff as well as work cooperatively with parents to ensure that our students are successful. Please feel free to contact me by email at yoconnor@ublyschools.org or by phone at 989-658-8202 Ext. 57022 with any questions or concerns.

The school year is up and running with many traditional happenings at the high school such as the painting of parking spaces by Seniors. We currently have 11 seniors signed up. Our sports teams have been practicing getting ready for their fall season. Our teams will be competing as you receive this publication. Our First Cross Country meet is Thursday, August 25th at Cros-Lex, the first Football game is Friday, August 26th at Bad Axe and the first Volleyball game is Thursday, September 8th. Our first full day of school is August 30th. Looking forward to a great year!!

Shadow's Summer

By KRIS WRIGHT
2nd Grade Teacher

Shadow has had a very busy summer. Soon after school got out he received his first haircut. Boy did he look different for a while, but still cute as ever!! He also completed another round of obedience training to keep and improve his skills. Since he was missing seeing "his kids," he started visiting the residents at the Huron County Medical Care Facility in Bad Axe a couple days a week. It didn't take long for him to become a favorite visitor there. Shadow has also gone camping a couple of times this summer for the Fireman's Camping Weekend at North Park and Cheeseburger in Caseville at the Caseville County Park. He even got to try his first Dairy Queen Pup Cup. He is definitely a fan!! Shadow learned how to swim in the family pond and even went on an adventure through the woods with his dog family. What an adventure that was!! He came home tired and covered in burdocks. Luckily, we were able to get the burdocks out without another haircut. Even with all of these experiences Shadow has had over the summer, he was super excited to get back into school to visit the students going to summer school and the teachers attending curriculum days. At his last vet appointment, he weighed 69.2 pounds. So be prepared to see a larger version of Shadow than you remember from June. He will be so happy to see "his kids" when they return to school!

2022 CURRICULUM UPDATE

By NIKKI TIBBITS
Curriculum Director & English Teacher

As teachers near the beginning of the year, the District hosted Curriculum Days on August 8 and 9. These days allowed teachers who attended a chance to work on their new curriculum for math, work towards providing interventions to their students and time to work with both new administrators.

Teachers are officially back on August 23 with a welcome back breakfast followed by a full day of professional development. The District will host Trevor Muir for a third time where he will discuss and collaborate with teachers on project based learning. Teachers take their learning from Trevor and develop two projects with community and District involvement. Last year, JH/HS health students presented to 6th grade students on the negative affects of vaping. First grade students presented on healthy eating choices to the kindergarten students. All are eager to see the projects from last year continued and the new ones that surface.

Throughout the school year, elementary teachers will attend training on their new math curriculum. The math department will also attend training on their new math series. High school teachers will continue their learning on grade and subject level specific training.

It's A Great Day To Be A Bearcat!

SUMMER SCHOOL STUDENTS MAKE STRIDES

By HOLLY EMERICK
Special Education Teacher

Summer School 2022 hosted approximately 30 students in grades Kindergarten through 5th. Ms. Emerick taught grades Kindergarten through 2nd grade (split) while Mrs. Hessling taught grades 2nd (split) through 5th. Each teacher chose a theme and incorporated purposed based learning projects, as well as, reading fluency, comprehension, writing skills and math. Ms. Emerick focused on weather/changing seasons concepts while Mrs. Hessling focused on animals and their habitats. The teachers also utilized peer buddies grouping older students with younger students for reading and STEM projects. The community was accessed through weekly trips to the Sleeper Public Library and a Village History Walk Tour highlighting key historical markers throughout the community including the Veterans Park, Albert E Sleeper monument and many others. Students' last in person day celebrated their attendance and hard work with an icecream sundae bar! Ms. Emerick and Mrs. Hessling appreciated the hard work of their para-professionals: Heidi Mausolf, Heidi Jock, Elizabeth Weber, Hally Ziehm., Karen Messing and Wendy Maikrzek. Teachers were very pleased with student attendance, engagement and progress during the eight-week course!

Ubly Athletic Boosters News

Stripes getting its Varsity team photo taken. Let's Go BEARCATS!!!!!

By HEIDI WEBER
Ubly Athletic Boosters

CONCESSION STAND – The Athletic Boosters need help staffing the concession stand and ticket booth. Grandparents and members of the community that would like to volunteer their time are welcome. Parent participation is required. Also, this year we are starting a new program to support our athletes and sports teams. For every concession stand that a student athlete works, $50 will be donated to their sport of choice. The student must work with at least one adult. Please go to https://signup.com/go/WpcEKGf and sign up to volunteer. Or contact Pat Widger at 989-550-5108 or pawidger@gmail.com.

SENIOR BANNERS – The senior banners will be hung on the streets of Ubly very soon. Can't wait to see our bearcat seniors' smiling faces.

BEARCAT FUNDS - Bearcat players and coaches, the boosters are currently taking requests from our sports teams on funds needed for team items. If your team has a request, please see Branden Sorenson. Once approved through athletic director, all requests must be presented to the boosters at one of our monthly meetings.

ADOPT A SENIOR – We are happy to see the support of our community for the adopt a senior program. We were able to get all 18 fall sport seniors adopted in very little time. Their first care packages will be handed out in August with 2 more coming in September and October. If you are interested in adopting a Senior athlete for winter, please contact Heidi at (989) 450-9875.

VARSITY TEAM PHOTOS / BANNERS – Pictures have been taken of our Varsity teams. Banners will be hung as soon as they arrive for our football, volleyball, and cross-country teams. Parents be on the lookout for a text or email from Carol McCarty Photography on information on how to order individual and team photos of your Varsity team athlete.

Athletic Boosters Meetings are held the 3rd Monday of every month at 6pm. Meetings are held in the small conference room just inside the high school entrance. All are welcome to join.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SUPER RAFFLE – Super Raffle info will be handed out to all athletes and parents just before basketball season starts. Be on the lookout and thanks again for everyone's support last year.

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Barb Osentoski, Vice President – (989) 670-7731
Pat Widger, Secretary – (989) 550-5108
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FALL 2022 ATHLETIC SCHEDULE

***Denotes a Home Game**
SUBJECT TO CHANGE*

Varsity Football

	Aug.				
Fri	19	A	Bridgeport	*Scrimmage*	10:30am
Fri	26	A	Bad Axe		7pm
	Sept.				
Thur	1	H	Caro		7pm
Fri	9	H	Marlette		7pm
Fri	16	A	at H.B.		7pm
Fri	23	A	at Memphis		7pm
Fri	30	A	at Cass City		7pm
	Oct.				
Fri	7	H	vs Sandusky	* HC *	7pm
Fri	14	A	at USA		7pm
Fri	21	H	vs Reese	*Senior Night	7pm
*Districts Begin October 28th					

JV Football

	Aug.			
Thur	25	H	vs Bad Axe	6:30pm
Wed	31	A	at Caro	6:30pm
	Sept.			
Thur	8	A	at Marlette	6:30pm
Thur	15	H	vs H.B.	6:30pm
Thur	22	H	vs Memphis	6:30pm
Thur	29	H	Cass City	6:30pm
	Oct.			
Thur	6	A	at Sandusky	6:30pm
Thur	13	H	vs USA	6:30pm
Thur	20	A	at Reese	6:30pm

JH Football

	Sept.			
Wed	14	H	vs H.B.	6pm
Wed	21	A	at Bad Axe	6pm
Wed	28	H	vs Sandusky	6pm
	Oct.			
Wed	5	A	at Cass City	6pm
Wed	12	A	at Reese	6pm
Wed	19	H	vs Memphis	6pm

Boys' Soccer (HB/Ubly co-op)

** Home is Harbor Beach*

	Aug.			
Tues	23	H	Caro	5:30pm
Thur	25	A	at Capac	5:30pm
Tues	30	H	vs Lakers	5:30pm
	Sept.			
Thur	1	A	at USA	5:30pm
Tues	6	A	at Marlette	5:30pm
Thur	8	H	vs Bad Axe	5:30pm
Tues	13	H	vs Memphis	5:30pm
Thur	15	A	at Caro	5:30pm
Tues	20	H	vs Capac	5:30pm
Thur	22	A	at Lakers	5:30pm
Tues	27	H	vs USA	5:30pm
Thur	29	H	vs Marlette	5:30pm
	Oct.			
Tues	4	A	at Bad Axe	5:00pm
Thurs	6	A	at Memphis	5:00pm
*Districts - October 12-22				

Girls Varsity, JV & Freshman Volleyball

***Freshman Dates TBA*

	Aug.				
Fri	19	JV	Tourn.	at Bad Axe	9am
Sat	20	V	Tourn.	at Bad Axe	9am
	Sept.				
Thur	8	JV/V	H	vs Memphis	6pm
Sat	10	V	Tourn.	Yale	8:30am
Sat	10	JV	Tourn.	Imlay City	8:30am
Tues	13	JV/V	A	at H.B.	6pm
Thur	15	JV/V	A	at Capac	6pm
Sat	17	V	Tourn.	at B.C.	9am
Tues	20	JV/V	H	vs B.C.	6pm
Thur	22	JV/V	A	at Sandusky	6pm
Sat	24	V	Tourn.	at Marlette	9am
Tues	27	JV/V	H	vs Marlette	6pm
Thur	29	Fresh	H	vs Caro	6pm
	Oct.				
Tues	4	JV/V	A	at Memphis	6pm
Thur	6	JV/V	H	vs H.B.	6pm
Tues	11	JV/V	H	vs Capac	6pm
Thur	13	V/JV	A	at B.C.	6pm
Sat	15	JV	Tourn.	at Cros-Lex	8:30am
Tues	18	JV/V	H	vs Sandusky	6pm
Thur	20	JV/V	A	at Marlette	6pm
Mon	24	JV/ Fresh	A	at Cros-Lex	6pm
Tues	25	Fresh	A	at Caro	6pm
Thur	27	Open			
*Districts - October 31 - November 5th					

JH Volleyball (7th and 8th grade)

	Aug.				
Wed	31	7th/8th	H	vs H.B.	5:30pm
	Sept.				
Wed	7	7th/8th	A	at Marlette	5:30pm
Mon	12	7th/8th	H	at B.C.	5:30pm
Wed	14	7th/8th	A	at Bad Axe	5:30pm
Wed	21	7th/8th	A	at Sandusky	5:30pm
Mon	26	7th/8th	H	vs Memphis	5:30pm
Wed	28	7th/8th	A	at H.B.	5:30pm
	Oct.				
Mon	3	7th/8th	H	vs Marlette	5:30pm
Wed	5	7th/8th	A	at B.C.	5:30pm
Mon	10	7th/8th	H	vs Bad Axe	5:30pm
Mon	17	7th/8th	H	vs Sandusky	5:30pm
Wed	19	7th/8th	A	at Memphis	5:30pm

Cross Country

	Aug.			
Thur	25	HS	at Cros-Lex	5:30pm
Wed	31	HS	at Cass City	5:30pm
	Sept.			
Sat	10	HS/JH	at Bad Axe	9am
Tues	13	HS/JH	at Reese	4pm
Tues	20	HS/JH	at N. Branch	4pm
Sat	24	HS/JH/ELEM	at Lakers	9am
	Oct.			
Sat	1	HS/JH	at Wagener Park	8:30am
Tues	4	HS	at Brown City	4:30pm
Sat	8	HS/JH	at North Park	9:30am
Wed	12	HS/JH/ELEM	at Ubly (Invite)	4:20pm
Sat	15	HS/JH/ELEM	at Mayville	10am
Tues	18	HS/JH	League at Ubly	4:30pm
Sat	22	HS	Class D States (Shepard)	12pm
Sat	22	HS/JH/ELEM	at Caro	10:40am
Sat	29	HS	Regionals (Wagener Park)	10am
	Nov.			
Sat	5	HS	State at MIS	9:30am

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **Friday, October 7th - Homecoming**
- **Tuesday, October 18th- Senior Night: Volleyball**
- **Friday, October 21st - Senior Night: Football & Cross Country**

Follow Ubly Jr./Sr. High school, Ubly Elementary, and Ubly Preschool on Facebook for regular updates!

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