



August 21, 2017

Hello Beck Families!

Welcome back! Here at school, and across the district, we are preparing for the 2017-2018 school year. Some important information to know:

***When will I know my child's teacher?*** This year, we will communicate grade level classroom assignments for your child in a convenient and secure manner. We will be emailing the classroom assignments to you directly using the e-mail addresses on file in PowerSchool on Wednesday, August 30, 2017. Your child's assignment can also be viewed via the PowerSchool Parent Portal that will be available beginning August 30, 2017. If you do not receive an email or are unable to access the information through the Parent Portal by the end of the day on Wednesday, August 30, 2017, please contact the Beck office at 586-797-3900.

***Have the school lunch prices changed?*** 2017 -2018 School Meal Prices have not changed. The prices are:

**2017-2018 Meal Prices**

Elementary, Lunch	\$ 2.75
Junior High, Lunch	\$ 2.90
High School, Lunch	\$ 2.95
All Grades, Breakfast	\$1.75

***Do I have to renew my Free or Reduce Lunch Application?*** Families are required to re-apply for benefits annually. Per federal guidelines, new applicants cannot receive meal benefits until their application is completely processed. Also, families can apply on-line for Free & Reduced Priced Meal Benefits at [www.lunchapp.com](http://www.lunchapp.com) . The on-line process is easily accessed from a computer or smart-phone and provides confidential and accurate processing.

***How do I add money to my child's lunch account?*** Funds can be added to any student's lunch account in one of two ways: bring cash or check (made payable to UCS) to school or simply add money by going to the online payment option, "SendMoneytoSchool.com". For more information, see the full instructions by clicking the link: [Send Money to School Lunch flyer](#)

**Utica Community Schools - Back to School Event at Jimmy John's Field!**

You are invited to celebrate back to school with the entire UCS community at a special night of baseball at **Jimmy John's Field on Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**. The UCS Back to School night will allow district residents and supporters to receive a special food and ticket package and watch the hometown Utica Unicorns take on the Eastside Diamond Hoppers at a 7:05 p.m. matchup on Auburn Road in downtown Utica. For ticket and meal specials, visit <https://uspbl.com/schedule> and enter the promo code UTICASCHOOLS in all capital letters. We hope to see you there. See the flyer by clicking here: [UCS Jimmy John's Back to School Event](#)

I look forward to welcoming back all our Beck Students on Tuesday, Sept. 5. As is our tradition, this is a half-day of school, with students being dismissed at 11:29 a.m. Our first full day of school will be Wednesday, Sept. 6. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Christine Wilson  
Principal