



"Above & Beyond"



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Union Grove Middle



Unity • Growth • Maturity • Success

Principal:

Mr. Dwayne Richards

Assistant Principals:

Ms. Sarah Bass - 6th

Ms. Christi Collier - 7th

Ms. Kim Norwood - 8th

Admin. News

Greetings Wolverines,

I am pleased to share that UGMS outperformed the state in all four CCRPI components in 2024.

See link for more information on College and Career Readiness Performance Index (CCRPI):

[CCRPI Information Breakdown](#)

As we reflect on our journey so far and look forward to the months ahead, I am reaching out to share my gratitude for your continued support and to emphasize the importance of working together to foster an environment where every student can thrive. At Union Grove Middle School, we are committed to providing each child with the tools and opportunities necessary for academic success and future readiness. This collective goal involves continuous dedication, collaboration, and celebration of our achievements in key areas outlined by the College and Career Readiness Index.

None of this is possible without the unwavering dedication of our entire school community.

Teachers who work tirelessly to meet the needs of every learner, parents who partner with us in nurturing their child's potential, and community members who lend their support—all play an invaluable role in making Union Grove Middle School a place where achievements are celebrated, and progress is made together.

As we advance, let us stay focused on our shared vision: creating an environment where our students excel in each of these areas and grow into confident, capable, and motivated individuals ready to face any challenge. Your involvement and support are vital to this mission, and together, we can continue to build a school culture that celebrates each achievement and fuels every



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tudent's growth.

Thank you for being an essential part of the Union Grove Middle School community. Your partnership is deeply valued and greatly appreciated. We are excited to continue working together toward our shared goals and to celebrate the successes that come from our collaborative efforts. Our goal moving forward is to consistently grow and achieve year to year.

We WILL go Above & Beyond!

Kindest regards,
Principal Richards

Wolverine Updates: December 9 - December 13

Mark your calendars for the following upcoming important dates:

Monday

December 9th

- Reading Bowl Team Mtg - 7:30 AM
- Orchestra ParentConcet (6th) - 6:30 PM

Tuesday

December 10th

- MAP Reading Test
- Basketball vs Eagle's Landing (away)

Wednesday

December 11th

- Reading Bowl - 7:30 AM

Thursday

December 12th

- Kona Ice
- Wrestling vs Dutchtown
- Orchestra Concert (7/8) - 6:30 PM
- Basketball vs Ola

Friday

December 13th

- Reading Bowl Mtg. - 7:30 AM



UPCOMING
EVENTS

Additional events and information can and will be found on the [UGMS school Website](#) and other social media platforms. Please feel free to contact the front office regarding any questions or concerns that you may have.

Car Rider Sign up



Transportation
Procedures



[UGMS Website](#)



The UGMS team of Educators are committed to going Above and Beyond for our students. To ensure our commitment is a reality we will focus on 3 levers that will drive the work that we do to assist our students in growing and achieving. Those levers are Instructional, Operational and Cultural. We are committed to Winning for Kids and progressively move student performance measures Above and Beyond all that is expected.

Wolverine Clubs and Organizations



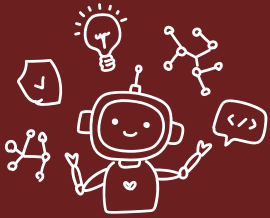
Georgia Association of Media Assistants (GAMA)



Reading Bowl Team



Student Council



Robotics Club



Beta Club

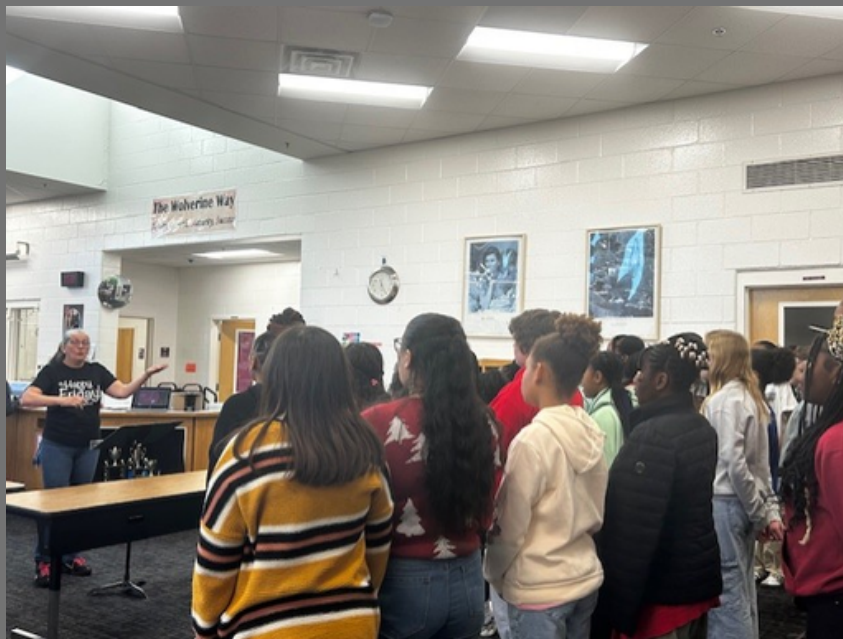


Student Ambassadors



Men of Distinction

WOLVERINE SPOTLIGHT



This week, we put the spotlight on Ms. Gatlin and the 7th Grade Choir. Ms. Gatlin goes Above and Beyond to extend learning beyond the classroom. Her students enjoy participating in the Choir and the musical theater productions that are performed annually.



Spelling Bee



Congratulations to all students who participated in the school-wide Spelling Bee. A shout out to the judges, Dr. Coley, Ms. Collier, and Mr. Odom and pronouncer, Mr. Bolden. Nathan Owusu and Annie Achiampong were the last two standing. Nathan will represent UGM at the district Spelling Bee.



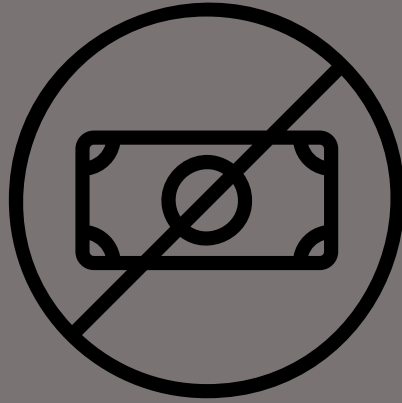
Nathan Owusu

Annie Achiampong



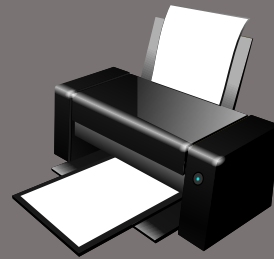
UGMS is Cashless

Purchases for most activities can be made through 'My School Bucks'.



Student Printing Services

Students may print black and white copies in the media center. Each page is 10 cents. Students must have money on their Papercut printing account in order to print. All deposits can be made on the My School Bucks platform.



CLICK HERE



Pay Club Dues

Pay for Field Trips

Make School Donations

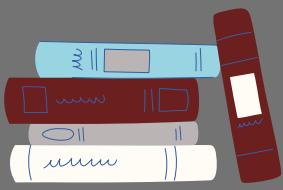
Pay Library Fines

Purchase Chromebook
Accessories

Pay for Other School Activities

Media Center

Encourage your child to reach the goal of reading for 9,000 minutes by the end of the school year.



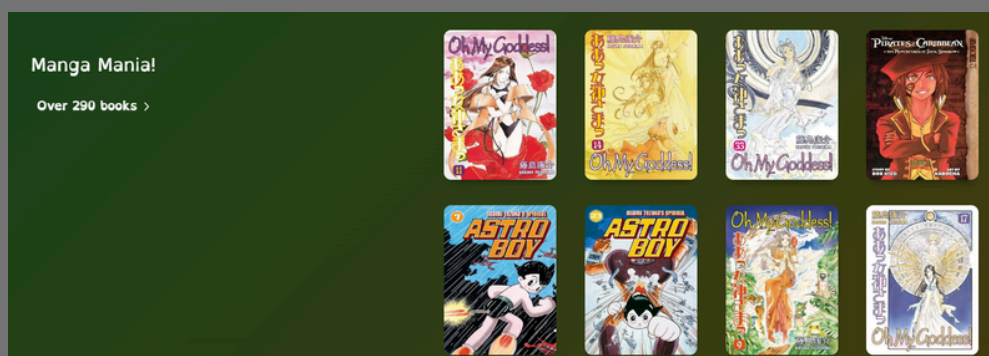
beanstack

December Beanstack Challenge



All students are encouraged to check out a book from the UGM media center.

Download the Sora App



TOP 5 READERS

BEANSTACK



November



**ALLANAH
MEGGIE**

**1846
MIN**



**JOANNA
SOLEYE**

**1479
MIN**



**SAVANNAH
MATA**

**1237
MIN**



**ARAYANA
FAULK**

**1187
MIN**



**HARPER
WOMACK**

**460
MIN**



**DEC. 9-13
DR. COLEY
MHWF**

MINDFUL WELLNESS FOCUS: ACTS OF SERVICE

3 THINGS TO PONDER:

- 1. OFFER A KIND GESTURE TO SOMEONE WITHOUT EXPECTING ANYTHING IN RETURN.**
- 2. VOLUNTEER TO HELP A TEACHER, FRIEND, OR FAMILY MEMBER THIS WEEK.**
- 3. RECOGNIZE THAT SMALL ACTS OF KINDNESS CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE.**

**WOLVERINE CHALLENGE:
PERFORM THREE ACTS OF KINDNESS
THIS WEEK AND REFLECT ON HOW IT
MADE YOU FEEL.**

**TIP OF THE WEEK:
STAFF, MODEL ACTS OF
SERVICE BY SHOWING
APPRECIATION TO
COLLEAGUES OR SUPPORTING
A STUDENT IN NEED.**

CLASSROOM ACTIVITY

"KINDNESS TREE"

EACH STUDENT WRITES AN ACT OF KINDNESS THEY PERFORMED ON A PAPER LEAF TO ADD TO A CLASSROOM TREE. DISCUSS HOW THESE ACTS BRING POSITIVITY TO THE COMMUNITY.



Wolverine Athletics

Athletic Director: Mark Mortimer

Coaching Staff

Bobby Fiely

Paula Lawrence

Adrain Stoutmire

Dacia Webb

Basketball



2024-2025 Union Grove Middle School

Basketball Schedule

Date	Day	Opponent	Location
12/3/24	Tues	McDonough	Away
12/5/24	Thurs	Hampton	Home
12/10/24	Tues	Eagle's Landing	Away
12/12/24	Thurs	Ola	Home
12/17/24	Tues	Stockbridge	Away
12/19/24	Thurs	Dutchtown	Home
1/9/25	Thurs	Austin Road	Away
1/14/25	Tues	Luella	Home
1/16/25	Thurs	Woodland	Away
1/21/25	Tues	BYE	
1/23/25	Thurs	Locust Grove	Home
1/27/25	Mon	Girls Quarter Finals Playoff	Higher Seed to Host
1/28/25	Tues	Boys Quarter Finals Playoff	Higher Seed to Host
1/29/25	Wed	Girls Semi-Finals	Woodland
1/30/25	Thurs	Boys Semi-Finals	Ola
2/3/25	Mon	Championship	Dutchtown

Girls games begin at 6:00pm, Boys will play immediately after.

Wolverine Athletics

Athletic Director: Mark Mortimer

Coach: Greg Voyles

WRESTLING



24-25 Union Grove Middle School Wrestling Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Location</u>
12/3	Tues	Luella / McDonough	Home
12/5	Thur	Locust Grove	Locust Grove
12/10	Tues	Woodland / Austin Road	Woodland
12/12	Thur	Dutchtown	Home
1/9	Thur	Hampton	Home
1/16	Thur	Ola	Home
1/18	Sat	County Traditional Tournament	Hampton

All Matches begin @ 6pm



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PTO MEMBERSHIP

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OR SCAN QR CODE BELOW USING YOUR PHONE CAMERA



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