



*"Above & Beyond"*



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# Union Grove Middle



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**Unity • Growth • Maturity • Success**

## Admin. News

Greetings Wolverines,

As we transition into the month of September and into week 6 of the school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on our collective commitment to excellence both academically and athletically. Union Grove Middle School is dedicated to fostering an environment where students can thrive, and we are determined to go Above & Beyond in all our endeavors.

Ensuring the safety and well-being of our students and staff is our top priority. To maintain an efficient and secure learning environment, we continuously implement safety parameters and measures designed to protect everyone on campus. I am proud to highlight the vigilant presence of our School Resource Officer, who plays a crucial role in upholding our commitment to maintaining a safe environment. Their dedication and support are immensely valuable in reinforcing our safety protocols.

Moreover, our talented educators remain focused on monitoring their learning environments daily. This proactive approach ensures that every student receives the attention and support they need to succeed both academically and personally. Additionally, our administration is actively engaged in overseeing the operation of the school throughout the day, providing an extra layer of support for our educators and students.



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I want to extend my gratitude to each member of our Union Grove community for your continued support and collaboration. It is through our shared commitment to safety, learning, and development that we can achieve the goals we have set for ourselves this year.

Together, let's make this school year an Above & Beyond one!



## Corporal David Ramsey

*Our Vision:* Union Grove Middle School WILL ensure learning environments that promote leadership, engagement, advancement and diversity where we exceed Above and Beyond expectations.



Mark your calendars for the following upcoming important dates:

**Monday**  
September 9th

- Little Mermaid Tryouts
- Basketball Cheer Tryouts

**Tuesday**  
September 10th

- Softball (away) vs. Austin Road - 6:00 PM

**Wednesday**  
September 11th

- GAMA Club Meeting - 8:00 AM
- Football vs. Dutchtown - 6:00 PM
- Flag Football Playoffs (away) Stockbridge

**Thursday**  
September 12th

- Reading Bowl Meeting - 7:30 AM
- Kona Ice for sale during lunch
- Softball vs. Stockbridge - 6:00 PM
- Flag Football Semifinals and Championship

**Friday**  
September 13th

- Student of the Month/PBIS Citizen of the Month Program
- PBIS Pep Rally

**Saturday**  
September 14th

**FALL Break!** September 16th - September 20th  
No School

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



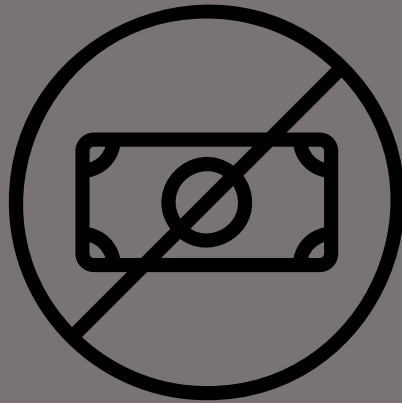
Our front office staff includes from left to right to center, Whitney Walsh (clinic aide), Lindsey Houston (bookkeeper), Robin Reiland (school office assistant/attendance clerk), and Karen Staples (front office assistant). These ladies keep the front office and school organized.





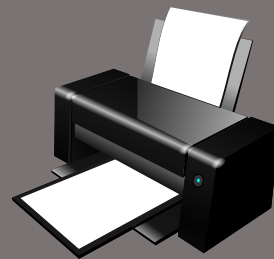
# UGMS is Going Cashless

Purchases for most activities will 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.



**MY  
SCHOOL  
BUCKS**

**CLICK HERE**



Pay Club Dues

Pay for Field Trips

Make School Donations

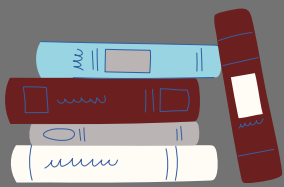
Pay Library Fines

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

## September Beanstack Challenge



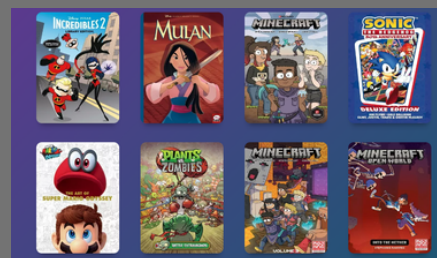
Click [here](#) for a video to help you and your child understand more about Beanstack.

READ  
more

Download the Sora App



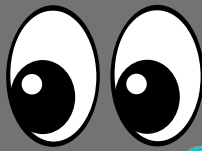
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# TOP READERS

Look



who's logging minutes on



**beanstack**

## TOP 5 READERS

BEANSTACK



August



**SAVANNAH  
MATA**

**1188  
MIN**



**MOFEOLUWA  
OLAOSEBIOMO**

**1064  
MIN**



**ETHAN  
VARIAN**

**877  
MIN**



**OLIVIA  
BREWTON**

**717  
MIN**



**ARAYANA  
FAULK**

**543  
MIN**

# Wolverine Athletics

Athletic Director: Mark Mortimer

## Football

### Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Jason Stevens

Defensive Coordinator: Mark Mortimer

Assistant Coach: Greg Voyles

Assistant Coach: Coley Housworth

Assistant Coach: Adrain Stoutmire



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### Football Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Location</u>
8/24/24	Sat	Jamboree (WMS,MMS,LMS,UGMS)	Luella
8/28/24	Wed	Rehoboth (Exhibition)	Rehoboth
9/4/24	Wed	Woodland	Home
9/11/24	Wed	Dutchtown	Home
9/25/24	Wed	Locust Grove	Away
10/2/24	Wed	Luella	Home
10/9/24	Wed	Austin Road	Away
10/16/24	Wed	Ola	Away
10/23/24	Wed	Playoffs	TBA
10/30/24	Wed	Semi-Finals	TBA
11/6/24	Wed	Championship	McDonough

All games begin at 6:00pm

Jamboree start time TBA

## Softball



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### Softball Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Location</u>
8/20/24	Tue	Ola	Away
8/22/24	Thur	Eagle's Landing	Home
8/27/24	Tue	Locust Grove	Away
8/29/24	Thur	Bye	
9/3/24	Tue	Luella	Away
9/5/24	Thur	Hampton	Home
9/10/24	Tue	Austin Road	Away
9/12/24	Thur	Stockbridge	Home
9/25/24	Wed	Dutchtown	Away
9/26/24	Thur	Woodland	Home
10/1/24	Tue	McDonough	Home
10/3/24	Thur	Playoffs	TBA
10/8/24	Tue	Semi-Finals	TBA
10/10/24	Thur	Championship	Union Grove

All games begin at 6:00pm

Coach: Natalie Armstrong

Assistant: Rebecca Capps





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Head Coach: Cynthia Stephens

## Flag Football



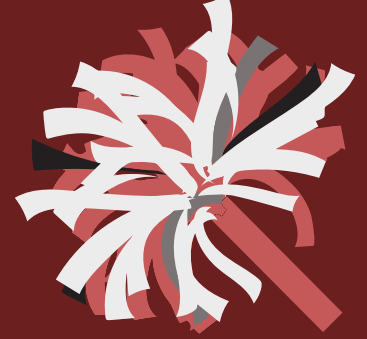
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### Flag Football Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Location</u>
8/15/24	Thur	vs LGMS 7pm / vs ELMS 8pm	Eagle's Landing
8/22/24	Thur	vs WMS 6pm / vs LMS 7pm	Woodland
8/29/24	Thur	vs SMS 6pm / vs MMS 8pm	Home
9/5/24	Thur	Bye Week	
9/11/24	Wed	Playoffs	Stockbridge
9/12/24	Thur	Semi-Finals & Championship	Stockbridge



# GAME TIME



Under the direction of our amazing coaching staff, our Wolverines took the lead against Woodland with a final score of 20 to 6.



# CULTURE and CLIMATE



## PBIS @ UGMS

Culture, Climate, & Connectivity

### Upcoming Events

9/4: Social Hour for August

9/12: PBIS Fundraiser -

Kona Ice for Sale at Lunch

9/13: PBIS COTM & SOTM

Ceremony @8am

TBD - PBIS Pep Rally

### Student Recognition

96% of our students participated in our August Social Hour.

96.75% of our students were at school every day in August!

22 Students were recognized at our monthly ceremony for giving M.O.R.E

We kicked off our Wolverine of the Week (WOW) this past Friday at lunch



### Celebrating Student Success & UGMS

As we close out August, we have MUCH to celebrate with our culture & climate at UGMS. 96% of our students successfully completed August with no behavior infractions and/or classroom citations! Way to go, Wolverines!

Our students learned all about our PBIS Matrix and expectations of M.O.R.E, and we were able to kick off our recognition programs to celebrate our amazing students!

Beginning this month, we will have a monthly fundraiser to help raise money for games and other PBIS rewards. Kona Ice will be sold the 2nd Thursday of the month during lunch, beginning at \$4. Please support our program



### PBIS in Action!





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

## **MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS: HEALTHY HABITS, HAPPY LIFE**

### **BUILD GOOD HABITS!**

- **DRINK WATER: MAKE SURE YOU DRINK 8 GLASSES OF WATER EACH DAY.**
- **PLAN AHEAD: PREPARE HEALTHY SNACKS OR MEALS AHEAD OF TIME.**
- **TAKE A BREAK: SPEND SOME TIME AWAY FROM SCREENS EVERY DAY.**

### **FIT CHALLENGE: WEEK 3**

CHALLENGE YOURSELF TO 8,000 STEPS PER DAY THIS WEEK. FIND OPPORTUNITIES TO WALK MORE, LIKE TAKING THE STAIRS OR GOING FOR A WALK DURING BREAKS.

### **TIP OF THE WEEK:**

**SMALL CHANGES  
LEAD TO BIG  
RESULTS. START  
WITH ONE NEW  
HEALTHY HABIT  
THIS WEEK AND  
STICK WITH IT.**

### **CLASSROOM ACTIVITY**

**HAVE STUDENTS CREATE A CHART TO TRACK ONE HEALTHY HABIT THEY WANT TO BUILD THIS WEEK. ENCOURAGE THEM TO REFLECT ON THEIR PROGRESS AT THE END OF THE WEEK.**







ONLY  
\$20

**PTO MEMBERSHIP**

[HTTPS://JOIN-UGMS-PTO-24-25.CHEDDARUP.COM](https://join-ugms-pt0-24-25.cheddarup.com)  
OR SCAN QR CODE BELOW USING YOUR PHONE CAMERA



**JOIN  
TODAY!**



**ORDER YOUR  
UGMS  
SPIRITWEAR**



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