

# UNION-SCIOTO LOCAL SCHOOLS

WELCOME TO THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR!



Welcome back to another exciting year! As we begin this new and memorable journey together, I would like to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for the support that our school community has continued to provide for our school district and future generations of our children. Over the past several years, and especially these past few months, our collaborative efforts have truly made a difference in creating an improved and updated environment for our students' experiences and learning opportunities.

As we continue through this new school year, I want to encourage all of us to embrace the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. Each day is a chance for innovation, discovery, and growth. Students, be relentless with your studies and improvements, focus on your relationships, improve your skill sets and strengths, and not only welcome but actually seek challenges. Remember, it's in facing and embracing challenges that we truly learn and develop the skills that will serve us throughout our lives.

Parents, be steadfast in supporting your children by maintaining clear and consistent expectations, predictable responses and consequences, and a steady diet of genuine encouragement. As you have heard me say before, our children are an investment that will pay us all back in ways we can only imagine. They are counting on us to help them grow up and take their place in the world with the goal of being independent, confident, competent, and capable adults. Parenting is an incredibly difficult responsibility. I contend the greater the responsibility, the greater the reward. Our children are worth it!

Once again, I am grateful beyond words for your support and dedication. Let's make this school year one of inspiration, achievement, and collective success. Here's to an amazing year ahead, where we will undoubtedly overcome challenges, celebrate accomplishments, and create lasting memories.

**MISSION** / STUDENTS WILL LEARN, LEAD, AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

**MOTTO** / TODAY'S LEARNERS, TOMORROW'S LEADERS.

**VISION** / BY INSPIRING GREATNESS, ALL STUDENTS WILL REALIZE THEIR WORTH AND POTENTIAL.

Matt Thornsberry, Superintendent  
Union-Scioto School District

# DISTRICT CALENDAR & UPDATES

## DISTRICT-WIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>8/15-16</b>	Open House
<b>8/17</b>	Students' First Day
<b>9/04</b>	No School - Labor Day
<b>10/04</b>	Parent-Teacher Conferences
<b>10/13</b>	2-hr. Early Release
<b>10/20</b>	No School for Students - Waiver Day
<b>10/23</b>	No School - Fall Break
<b>11/10</b>	No School - Veterans' Day
<b>11/21</b>	2-hr. Early Release
<b>11/22-24</b>	No School - Thanksgiving
<b>11/29</b>	Parent-Teacher Conferences
<b>12/20</b>	2-hr. Early Release
<b>12/21-1/01</b>	No School - Winter Break
<b>1/02</b>	Teacher Work Day
<b>1/03</b>	Students Return to School
<b>1/15</b>	No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
<b>2/07</b>	Parent-Teacher Conferences
<b>2/09</b>	No School for Students - Waiver Day
<b>2/19</b>	No School - Presidents' Day
<b>3/08</b>	2-hr. Early Release
<b>3/20</b>	Parent-Teacher Conferences
<b>3/29</b>	No School - Good Friday
<b>5/15</b>	Students' Last Day - 2-hr. Early Release
<b>5/16</b>	No School for Students - Waiver Day
<b>5/17</b>	Teacher Work Day
<b>5/19</b>	Graduation

\*Please be aware that there may be additional teacher in-service days where students will not attend school. Those dates will be communicated as soon as they become available.



Photo: <https://www.adena.org/community-health/adena-mobile-clinic>

### ADENA HEALTH MOBILE CLINIC

Adena Health, in partnership with Union-Scioto Local Schools, now will have a mobile clinic parked on campus on designated dates and times. The unit was designed to provide care to students within the context of the school day. The clinic can provide asthma care, annual check-ups, immunizations, sports physicals and episodic care (sore throat, bad cough, earache, headache, etc.).

To schedule an appointment for elementary-aged students, contact Nurse Sydney Carver (740-773-4103). For middle and high school students, please contact Clinic Aide Bethany Montgomery (740-773-5211 or 740-773-4105).

## GENERAL FUND -- FISCAL YEAR 23

**Beginning Cash Balance as of July 1, 2022.....**8,665,222

### RECEIPTS

Real Estate/Personal Property Tax.....	5,727,554
Income Tax.....	1,924,681
State Sources.....	13,678,355
Federal Grants and Reimbursements.....	520,690
Latchkey/Preschool Fees.....	260,753
Tuition.....	272,996
Earnings on Investments.....	145,114
Facility Rentals/Advertisement/Sales.....	74,791
Local Grants and Donations.....	7,816
Miscellaneous.....	99,735
<b>Total Receipts.....</b>	<b>22,712,485</b>

### EXPENDITURES

Salaries.....	12,026,165
Retirement/Fringe Benefits.....	5,790,748
Purchased Services.....	3,463,761
Supplies and Materials.....	958,934
Capital Outlay.....	128,395
Facility Project Principal and Interest.....	226,770
Miscellaneous.....	226,994
Transfers/Advances Out.....	375,000
<b>Total Expenditures.....</b>	<b>23,196,767</b>

**Total Receipts Over/Under Expenditures.....**(484,282)

**Ending Cash Balance as of June 30, 2023.....**8,180,940

**Reserved for Encumbrances.....**832,414

**Unencumbered Fund Balance as of June 30, 2023.....**7,348,526

### UPGRADES & IMPROVEMENTS

Our campus has undergone many updates and improvements over the last year. To watch a video detailing the projects that were completed, scan the QR code to the right using a smartphone camera!





**DON'T MISS A MOMENT  
OF THE ACTION...  
BUY YOUR ATHLETICS  
PASSES TODAY!**

**Family Pass - \$200**  
**Individual Adult Pass - \$125**  
**Senior Citizen Individual Pass- \$50**  
**Individual Student Pass - \$75**

**See Julie at the Admin Building  
to purchase your passes today!**

Passes are for ALL HOME High School & Middle School athletic events.  
EXCLUDING HS Volleyball Invitational, SVC Events and OHSAA Tournaments.

# FALL & WINTER ATHLETICS

## Varsity Football

- 8/18 @Vinton County
- 8/25 Amanda Clearcreek
- 9/01 Waverly (Little Tanks Night)
- 9/08 Westfall
- 9/15 @Huntington
- 9/22 Piketon (Homecoming)
- 9/29 @Adena
- 10/06 Zane Trace (Senior Night)
- 10/13 @Paint Valley
- 10/20 @Southeastern

## Boys Soccer

- 8/04 Chillicothe
- 8/19 @Wheelersburg
- 8/21 @Amanda Clearcreek
- 8/24 @Chillicothe
- 8/28 Lancaster
- 9/02 @Grandview Heights
- 9/05 Athens
- 9/07 North Adams
- 9/11 @Zane Trace
- 9/14 Vincent Warren
- 9/16 @Marietta
- 9/18 Piketon
- 9/25 Fairfield Union
- 9/28 @Lynchburg-Clay
- 10/02 @Southeastern
- 10/05 @Alexander
- 10/09 Westfall
- 10/12 South Webster

## Girls Soccer

- 8/19 @Wheelersburg
- 8/21 @Amanda Clearcreek
- 8/26 Fairland
- 9/05 Athens
- 9/07 @Chillicothe
- 9/09 Jackson
- 9/11 @Zane Trace
- 9/14 @Vincent Warren
- 9/16 Marietta
- 9/18 Piketon
- 9/21 Circleville
- 9/25 Fairfield Union
- 9/28 Lynchburg-Clay
- 10/02 @Southeastern
- 10/05 @Alexander
- 10/09 Westfall

## Volleyball

- 8/22 @Logan Elm
- 8/24 @Chillicothe
- 8/29 Westfall
- 8/31 @Adena
- 9/02 Unioto Invitational
- 9/05 Paint Valley
- 9/07 @Southeastern
- 9/09 Washington Courthouse
- 9/12 @Piketon
- 9/14 Zane Trace
- 9/16 @Fairfield Union
- 9/19 @Huntington
- 9/21 @Westfall
- 9/26 Adena
- 9/28 @Paint Valley
- 10/02 @Logan
- 10/03 Southeastern
- 10/05 Piketon
- 10/10 @Zane Trace
- 10/12 Huntington



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## Boys Golf

- 8/05 Unioto Military Appreciation Invite
- 8/09 Tri-Meet -- Jaycees GC
- 8/11 Chillicothe -- Jaycees GC
- 8/14 Open -- Crown Hill GC
- 8/15 Open -- VA Ryder Cup
- 8/16 SVC Match 1 vs. Westfall -- Crown Hill GC
- 8/22 Open -- Dogwood Hills GC
- 8/24 SVC Match 2 vs. Huntington-- Dogwood Hills GC
- 8/30 Open -- Pickaway
- 8/31 SVC Match 3 vs. Zane Trace
- 9/02 Bexley Invitational
- 9/05 Open -- Valley Vista GC
- 9/07 SVC Math 4 vs. Paint Valley -- Valley Vista GC
- 9/11 Open -- Big Beaver Match
- 9/13 SVC Big Beaver vs. Piketon HS
- 9/18 Open -- Jaycee Match
- 9/20 SVC Match 6 vs. Adena HS -- Jaycees
- 9/21 Open -- SVC Matches 7 & 8
- 9/26 Open -- Sectional Tournament

## Girls Golf

- 8/09 Vinton Co. -- VA Golf Course
- 8/16 Pickaway CC Match
- 8/17 Huntington HS -- SVC Dogwood
- 8/21 Paint Valley -- SVC Valley Vista
- 8/23 Westfall -- SVC Crown Hill
- 8/28 Piketon -- SVC Big Beaver
- 9/06 Open -- Pickaway CC Match
- 9/14 Open -- Jaycees GC
- 9/18 Open -- Big Beaver Match
- 9/19 Open -- SVC 18 Holes Pickaway CC



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## Boys Varsity Basketball

- 12/02 Miami Trace
- 12/09 @Zane Trace
- 12/10 @Fairland
- 12/15 Adena
- 12/16 @Jackson
- 12/19 @Southeastern
- 12/23 @Logan Classic -- vs. Heath
- 12/28 @Alexander
- 12/30 Washington Courthouse
- 1/05 Westfall
- 1/09 Huntington
- 1/13 Piketon
- 1/19 @Paint Valley
- 1/23 Zane Trace
- 1/27 @Adena
- 1/30 @McClain
- 2/02 Southeastern
- 2/06 @Westfall
- 2/10 @Huntington
- 2/13 Paint Valley
- 2/16 @Piketon
- 2/20 Circleville



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## Cross Country

- 8/19 @OHSAA Preseason Invitational
- 8/26 @Wilmington HS
- 8/29 @Huntington HS
- 9/02 @Circleville
- 9/09 @Watkins Memorial HS
- 9/12 @Adena HA
- 9/23 @Rio Grande Invitational
- 9/30 @Open -- Centerville Night Lights
- 10/07 Open -- Unioto Invitational
- 10/14 Open -- SVC Championships
- 10/21 Open -- OHSAA District Meet

## Girls Varsity Tennis

- 8/07 Chillicothe
- 8/08 Jackson
- 8/10 @Logan Elm
- 8/14 Logan
- 8/15 @Washington Courthouse
- 8/17 Athens
- 8/21 @Jackson
- 8/23 @Hillsboro
- 8/28 Logan Elm
- 8/29 Portsmouth
- 8/31 Waverly
- 9/05 Vinton County
- 9/11 @Logan
- 9/12 @Minford
- 9/13 Washington Courthouse
- 9/18 Hillsboro
- 9/19 @Athens
- 9/20 @Waverly
- 9/21 @Vinton County
- 9/25 @Miami Trace
- 9/28 @Portsmouth

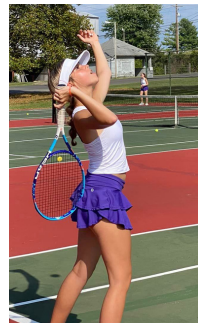


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## Girls Varsity Basketball

- 11/22 @Miami Trace
- 11/26 @Queen City Clash -- vs. Wayne
- 11/28 Paint Valley
- 12/02 @Huntington
- 12/06 Lynchburg Clay
- 12/08 Zane Trace
- 12/12 Piketon
- 12/16 @Westfall
- 12/17 @Ohio Capital City Classic -- vs. Dublin Coffman
- 12/22 @Adena
- 1/03 Amanda Clearcreek
- 1/06 Southeastern
- 1/12 @Paint Valley
- 1/13 @Pickerington Central vs. Westerville South HS
- 1/15 Classic in the Country @Berlin Hiland HS -- vs. Olentangy
- 1/16 Huntington
- 1/20 @Piketon
- 1/26 Westfall
- 1/30 Adena
- 2/03 @Zane Trace
- 2/07 @Jackson
- 2/09 @Southeastern



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# DISTRICT INFORMATION

## SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS, DELAYS & EARLY RELEASES

In the event of inclement weather or any other immediate school delay, closure or early release, notification will be made via

- District website Live Feed
- District All-Calls
- Union-Scioto Local School District Facebook page
- "X" (formerly known as Twitter) by following @unionsciotolsd or @mthornsberry
- WKKJ, WCMH, and WSYX

Many considerations are taken when delays, early releases, and cancellations are made. Refer to the School Closings & Delays letter on the Parent Resources page of the district website for more information.

## STAY CONNECTED

Keep up with the latest information and updates by downloading the Union-Scioto Local Schools app in the app store or by visiting the district website via the QR Code to the right!



## NEW STAFF 2023-2024

Cameron Butler, High School Science  
Vanessa Cryder, High/Middle School Attendant  
Lauren Houser, Second Grade  
Austin Leib, Fourth Grade  
Allison McDonald, Elementary Attendant  
Madison Murphy, Middle School Math  
Brianna Richards, Third Grade  
Brittany Rinehart, Elementary Attendant  
Stephanie Sanders, Cafeteria  
Julie Shepherd, Transportation  
Hannah Six, High School Math  
Savannah Spangler, High School Attendant  
Nick Stanley, Fourth Grade

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

Pictured Left to Right: Matt Thornsberry, Eric Cox, Ray Braden, Ray Storts, President Mark Anderson, Vice President Linda Miller



### Superintendent

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### Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

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### Assistant Principal/Special Education Director

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### Transportation Department

Mr. Shawn Ost  
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### Food Service Department

Mrs. Tracey Forcum  
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### Progress Book/District All-Calls/Technology

Ms. Michelle Bowdle  
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### EZpay - Online Payments (district website)

Lunch, school fees, latchkey, preschool  
Student ID required: call 740-773-4102 for ID

### Building/Department Phone Numbers

**District Office:** 740-773-4102  
**Unioto Elementary:** 740-773-4103  
**Unioto Middle:** 740-773-5211  
**Unioto High:** 740-773-4105  
**Transportation:** 740-773-3485  
**Food Service:** 740-773-4105 ext. 4149