



Cardinal Country Highlights

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WINTER 2022-23



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This School Year



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Greetings UAS Community!!

The 2022-2023 UAS School year is in full-gear and moving swiftly. It's hard to believe we are already one-third of the way through this year. As we enter the winter season, here are a few updates for you from the Superintendent's desk.

New Board Members

In early November, the general election was held that included the election of two new School Board members. Mr. Mike Klasen and Mr. Jim Warga were elected to the Upsala Area School Board of Education and will begin their terms on January 2, 2023. Mr. Klasen and Mr. Warga will be replacing Mr. Ryan Thomas and Mr. Trevor Soltis as Board members. I would like to extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to Mr. Thomas and Mr. Soltis for their Board service and welcome Mr. Klasen and Mr. Warga to the Board. In addition, Board Chairperson Mr. Dean Peterson was re-elected to the Board. Our School Board reorganization meeting and officer elections will take place during the regular Board meeting in January. I am looking forward to working with our Board members to continue the tradition of excellence here at UAS.

Winter Weather Delays/Cancellations

One constant of every school year is the impact that the weather can have on school schedules and activities. The winter months always bring the possibility of school closures and delays. The decision to close, or start late, begins at the moment there is a predicted storm or prior to 5:00 am on the morning of the storm. I begin gathering information about the weather and road conditions from various sources, such as the Minnesota Department of Transportation, National Weather Service (NWS), area Superintendents, and Morrison County Public Works, as well as consulting with our lead custodian, Don Ehrenberg, and some of our transportation staff. I also will get out and drive the roads myself to gauge the conditions.

Even with all this information, the decision to close or delay is still a very difficult one to make and I am certain there will be times when others will disagree with my decision. I cannot guarantee that I will make the correct decision every time, but I will guarantee that the decision to close or delay school will be made with the safety of our students and staff as my primary concern. I will also make every effort to make the decision to close or delay in a timely fashion that will minimize any disruptions to the schedules of our families. Depending on the snowfall and/or current weather conditions, and how soon plows may be on the roads, I will attempt to make this decision by 5:45 am at the latest.

The decision to close or delay is not always an easy one to make, but through careful analysis of various sources of information, we will make our decision as quickly as possible in order to communicate with everyone as early as we can. Once a decision has been made

to close, start late, or close early; communicating this decision to parents and staff is critical. Upsala Area Schools uses a variety of media to disseminate these decisions, including the use of automated phone calls, social media and news outlets.

Primarily, we will use our JMC messaging system to communicate closures/delays with families. This system consists of text messages and robocalls to alert parents/guardians to school schedule changes. Parents/Guardians, please make sure that you have updated your primary contact information with the main office. We currently have been using this messaging system this year and if you have not been receiving messages, there may be an issue with your contact information. We will also post the message on our social media including Twitter, Facebook, and the District's website. In addition, we will post announcements on the following news media outlets: WYRQ, KLTF, and KFML Radio - Little Falls; WCCO & WCCO Radio 830 - Minneapolis; KASM Radio - Albany; KCLD, KZPK, and KCML - St. Cloud; KSTP & KSAX - Alexandria; KMSP Fox 9; KEYL Radio - Long Prairie; SC Times Website; and KARE 11.

When we communicate the decision to close, start late, or close early; we will attempt to include all the details for parents, students, and staff. Please understand that the media outlets may not include all the details when they distribute the announcement. In the event that we close school for the day, or if we close early, due to severe weather, all extra-curricular and after school activities will also be canceled or postponed. I also want to encourage all families to make sure that you have a plan in place in case of school closure or delay. Careful planning and communication will ensure that all of our students and staff members are safe during any winter storm weather.

UAS Website

Over the summer, we also made some major upgrades to our district website. If you have visited recently, you will have noticed that the website is more appealing and easier to navigate. The website will also be more responsive to your searches and will function more efficiently on multiple devices. We are still working on updates to the documents and information on the website. We hope that the website will provide you with all the information you need regarding UAS. UAS also has a mobile app where you can find the website information. You may find the app wherever you get apps for your smartphone/tablet. Contact the District Office if you would like additional information.

In closing, I would like to thank all students, parents/guardians, staff members, School Board members, and community members for the ongoing support of Upsala Area Schools. We strive for excellence every day at UAS and your support enables us to achieve at high levels. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions, concerns, or input to share.

Vern Capelle, Ed. S
Superintendent of Schools
Cardinal Pride!!



Greetings!

It has been an exciting start to the 2022-2023 school year! I just wanted to take a moment to pass along a few messages and announcements.

Our fall sports teams have concluded their seasons. Volleyball, football, tennis, cross country and swimming have all come to an end. I want to take a moment to congratulate all our student-athletes at all levels on their accomplishments this fall season! The dedication these student athletes exhibit is truly amazing! Thank you athletes and coaches for representing the community of Upsala with pride!

As the season changes from fall to winter, please make sure your child(ren) is/are wearing proper attire to school. Elementary students (K-4) will be going outside for recess unless it is below zero (air temp or wind chill). Phy Ed students (5-12) may be going outside as well if the weather permits and should have proper attire as well. Students who ride the bus to and from school and to sporting events should be prepared as well in case the bus breaks down. If this happens, it could be a while before another bus arrives to rescue them. It is better to be safe than sorry if these situations happen to arise.

Please make sure to update your information on JMC for weather alerts. Winter is here!

With the arrival of winter comes an increase in illnesses at school. This impacts students as well as staff. If your

child is sick please keep them home. Some schools have been forced to close because of lack of staff due to illness. We are in great need of subs in all areas.

If you are or know anyone who is interested in subbing in the building as a teacher, paraprofessional, kitchen help, custodian, and bus driver encourage them to contact the main office.

Every year the Minnesota State High School League awards 2 seniors with the Triple A Award. Triple A stands for academics, arts, and athletics. This year our two recipients for the Triple A Award are Silas Arvig and Hannah Luedtke. Both Hannah and Silas excel in these three areas and will be great representatives for our school! Congratulations to both of them!

The MSHSL League also awards two juniors with the ExCEL Award. This award goes to juniors who maintain high levels of academics, who participate in MSHSL activities, and are also leaders in their class. This year's recipients are Alyssa Young and Jacob Gunderson. Congrats Alyssa and Jacob!

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas please call me 320-573-2175, contact me by email: nklug@upsala.k12.mn.us, or stop in the office.

Take Care.

*Nick Klug
K-12 Principal
Upsala Area Schools*

AAA Award

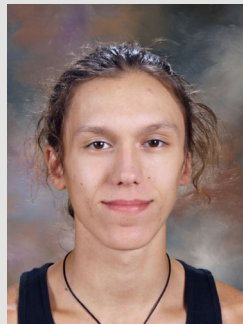


Hannah Luedtke



Silas Arvig

ExCEL Award



Jacob Gunderson



Alyssa Young

September Students Of The Month

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Ms. Peterson
Harris Fletcher

Ms. Wolbeck
Lucy Wensmann

Ms. Bengston
Jaxson Prokott

Ms. Kruzal
Chloe Goebel

Ms. Fuchs
Hannah Hoffman

Ms. Duclos
Ryker Bense

Mr. Van Sloten
William Barthel
Dahlton Erickson

Ms. Nienaber
Abby Rakotz

Mr. Riitters
Roman Bruggenthies

Ms. Thell
Noah Gerads

Ms. Justen
Annalynn Pitcher

Music
Megan Becker

Phy Ed
Jase Bense
Zakkery Loscheider

Art
Carter Harren

SR HIGH STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Silas Arvig

Subject Students of the Month:

English: Isabelle Leners

Math: Bryce Binek

Social Studies: Dan Kokett

Science: Jack Primus

PE: Max Lange

Health: Aiden Brannan

Ag: Christian Benson/Hunter Steuck

Technology: Mac Wenker

Art: Natasha Crowe

Music: Hailie Luedtke

FACS: Natalie Wensmann

World Language: Evie Aleckson

AVID: Victoria Wiechmann

JR HIGH STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Addie Scepaniak

Subject Students of the Month

English: Trygg Aleckson

Math: Landon Krebs

Social Studies: Zoey Leners

Science: Owen Smith

PE: Lucy Aleckson

Health: Bianca Mrozek

Ag: Abigail Carlson

Art: Emma Dickinson

Music: Quinn Guthrie

September Athletes of the Month



Quinn Guthrie
Cross Country



Paige Gerads
Swimming



Samantha Pilarski
Volleyball

Tyson Leners
Football

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Ms. Peterson
Makena Lange

Ms. Wolbeck
Gavin Oldakowski

Ms. Bengston
Madilyn Gerads

Ms. Kruzal
Lucas Ley

Ms. Fuchs
Ethan Robertson

Ms. Duclos
Thea Voller

Mr. Van Sloten
Blake Willing
Izabella Bixby

Ms. Nienaber
Jaiden Oldakowski

Mr. Riitters
Megan Becker

Ms. Thell
Morgan Ripplinger

Ms. Justen
Bryce Roerick

Music
Ben Ripplinger

Phy Ed
Roman Bruggenthies
Sidney Schulte

Art
Ruby Klug

SR HIGH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Noah Boeckermann

Subject Students of the Month:

English: Madalin Koetter
Math: Noah Boeckermann
Social Studies: Brice Walker
Science: Allie Maciej
PE: Hunter Steuck
Health: Holly Johnson
Ag: Dustin Yurczyk
Technology: Courtney Roske
Art: Evie Aleckson
Music: Aliah Warga
FACS: Madalin Koetter
World Language: Beau Ripplinger
AVID: Hannah Heesen

JR HIGH STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Genevieve Mrozek

Subject Students of the Month

English: Abigail Carlson
Math: Trygg Aleckson
Social Studies: Richelle Thompson
Science: Landon Krebs
PE: Braxton Ailie
Health: Tiffany Marty
Ag/Voc Ed: Lydia Kokett
Art: Addi Hovland
Music: Anne Ripplinger

October Athletes of the Month



Joe Guthrie
Cross Country



Molly Leners
Swimming



Madalin Koetter
Volleyball



Max Lange
Football

November Students Of The Month

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Ms. Peterson
Andrew Hoffman
Zara Sanchez Martinez

Ms. Wolbeck
Jase Bense
Ray Primus

Ms. Bengston
Sawyer Valencia

Ms. Kruzel
Charlie Wolbeck

Ms. Fuchs
Mikaala Schmidt

Ms. Duclos
EmmaJean Pflipsen

Mr. Van Sloten
Logan Ley
Emma Servatius

Ms. Nienaber
Jayden Peterson

Mr. Riitters
Cody Johnson

Ms. Thell
Karsen McLaughlin

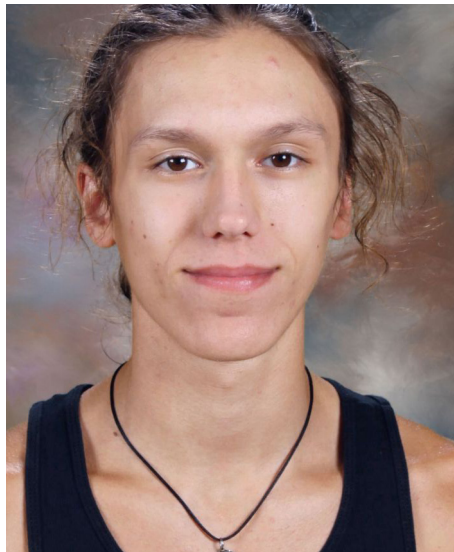
Ms. Justen
Madison Goebel

Music
Noah Gerads

Phy Ed
Anna Zolotoryova
Peyton Kiley

Art
Auden Hovland

SR HIGH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Jacob Gunderson

Subject Students of the Month:
English: Silas Arvig
Math: Dayana Junes
Social Studies: Jacob Gunderson
Science: Brayden Mack
PE: Nick Kulla
Health: Vance Benson
Ag/Voc Ed: Nick Kulla
Technology: Austin Klein
Art: Alyssa Young
Music: Brayden Mack
FACS: Aden Warga
World Language: Eli Johnson
AVID: Holly Johnson

JR HIGH STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Aubree Roerick

Subject Students of the Month
English: Skyler Landowski
Math: Emily Wiechmann
Social Studies: Annalee Gerads
Science: Calvin Leners
PE: Richelle Thompson
Health: Skyler Landowski
Ag/Voc Ed: Samuel Laliberte
Art: Trygg Aleckson
Music: Lucy Aleckson

November Athletes of the Month



Nick Guthrie
Cross Country



Evie Aleckson
Cross Country



Madison Tschida
Swimming



UC-Botics had a wonderful 2022 season! This year the team competed in Grand Forks back in March at the Great Northern Regional. There we placed 21st out of 49 teams. Our Head Coach Mr. Robertson was awarded the “Woodie Flowers Finalist Award” - For Recognition of his outstanding contribution to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics with Students and other teams. This was our first time attending the Grand Forks Regional event and it was a great opportunity to meet some new teams, participate in a very competitive gameplay, and overall have a great time learning and growing together! The team last year took along 4 rookie team members, and brought with 3 veteran team members also.



In May Mr. Robertson was also recognized by the Minnesota State High School Coaches Association as both Section 6 Coach of the year, and State Coach of the Year.

This Summer the team participated at the Benton County Fair for two days, and showcased what FIRST Robotics is, Shared with the guests driving our robot and our overall experience with this inspirational Program. Later in August, UC-Botics was at the Upsala Heritage Days in the park. There we had been giving demonstrations and also sharing our successes of the year.

This October, our team went and participated at the annual Northern Minnesota Robotics Conference event. This was the same event that we hosted in Upsala last year! This year we traveled to Alexandria, MN and participated in two days of events again. On Friday October 28th, UC-Botics performed extremely well and was able to secure placement as high as 6th place overall! This allowed us for the first time ever to be able to Choose teammates for Playoffs as a captain. Our two alliance partners that we chose were the Bodacious Bulldogs from Swanville, and the Husky Howlers from Pillager. The competition was fierce, and this year the playoff format had changed to a double elimination bracket style, which favored our team! As the 6th seed overall, we managed to perform 2 incredible Upsets over the Number 3 seed and the Number 5 seed. In the end UC-botics secured a 4th place finish in Playoffs on Friday.



On the Second day of competition that Saturday, again our team was behind the glass and working as well as it could to bring a new experience to our rookie students! Saturday was a prime opportunity for new students to drive, and get on the field to experience the feeling of competition. The Team’s Seniors did a marvelous job showing and directing our newer team members around the field and throughout the competition. Saturday’s preliminary matches finished, and UC-Botics was overall in 8th place. During Playoff Selections, we were chosen by the 3rd place Captain to attend playoffs. Through a number of difficult matchups and high level competition, our alliance in partnership with Patriotics of Pequot Lakes, and the Arrowbots from Ashby, went Undefeated and secured a First Place Victory!

Our new season starts on January 7th when Upsala will be hosting a number of schools in the Auditorium for our annual Kickoff. The event is free and open to the public to come watch the livestream. Following teams are eligible to pickup their kit of parts, and stay to start strategizing or going over the rule manuals in preparation for the build season! UC-Botics is also looking for Parents and Field Professionals to assist with the team! We would welcome anyone from ANY profession and any level of experience to come engage with our students in this amazing life changing program!

Thank you to all those who supported the band in their fall fundraisers! We had a great croissant sandwich sale. Thank you to Upsala Centra Sota Coop for the donation of American Cheese. Thank you also to Paul and Kathys for the great work getting the meat and cheese ready to go!

The fall choral festival was a great success. Singers from Upsala, Roy-alton, Little Falls, Alexandria, Brainerd, Foley and Cold Spring spent the day working with Dr. Cory Evans from Utah State. The day-long festival concluded with a concert in the evening with limited seating. You can watch the concert here: <https://vimeo.com/762285208>



Senior high band students shared music with our Upsala Assisted living residents during homecoming week. The junior high choir students are scheduled to share some music and spend time with the residents in December.

Upsala Musicians Benefit from Peter R. Marsh Foundations Grant The Middle School Music Grant Program supports the efforts of teachers to lead their students to a fruitful life of behavioral kindness and emotional wellness by nurturing empathy and compassion through community service. Additionally, the Grant provides funds directly to music teachers for the enhancement of their music education program. The grant was received this fall. Students will be sharing music with the assisted living facility in Upsala and spending time with the residents throughout the year. The grant for \$1,000 was used to purchase a portable keyboard, stand, cords and amp for using while sharing their music. The keyboard can also be used in class on a daily basis.

Do you have a musical instrument that needs a home? We always have students looking. We would gladly accept your donations.



5-12 WINTER BAND CONCERT

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12 at 7:30PM
UPSALA AUDITORIUM

Drama Club

FALL PLAY

The Upsala Drama Club performed a tribute to the long-running sketch comedy show Saturday Night Live for their fall production.

The cast of 28 (including nine seniors) performed a total of 19 sketches including the Gap Girls, Hanz & Franz, Buh-Bye, and of course the infamous Cowbell sketch.



ONE ACT PLAY CONTEST

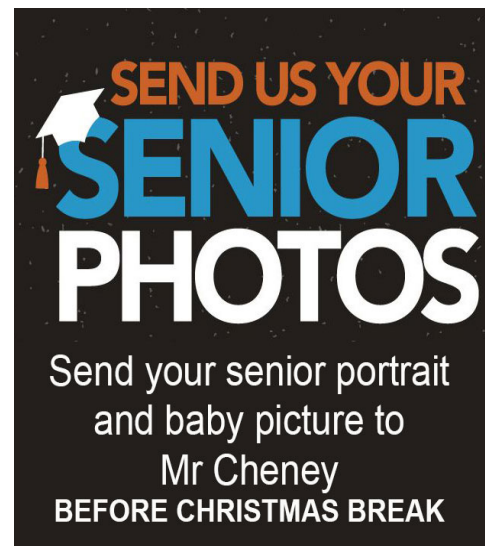
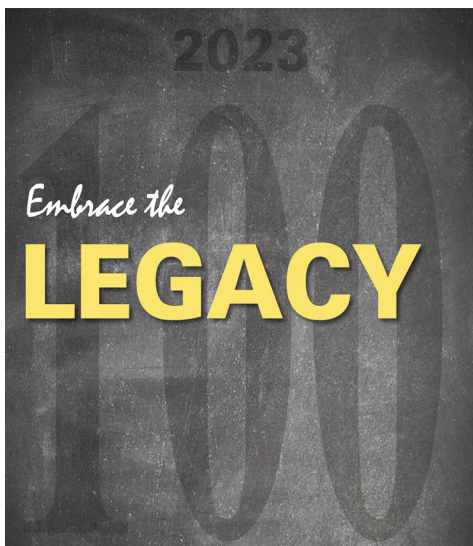
We are planning on participating in the MSHSL One-Act Play Contest once again this year. Rehearsals will be after school in January. The subsection contest is scheduled for Saturday, January 28. Schools that advance will then compete in the section finals the following week. Interested students should talk with Mr. Cheney.

SPRING MUSICAL

We are very close to announcing our spring musical for this year. You can, however, mark your calendars. Performances are scheduled for March 31-April 2, 2023.

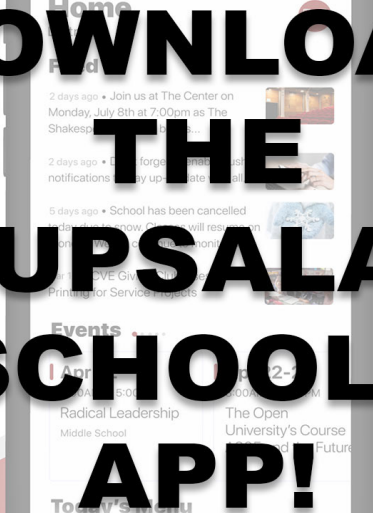
Yearbook

Buy your high school yearbook or elementary memory book at JostensYearbooks.com, or bring check/cash to school. High school books are \$55+tax, Elementary books are \$15+tax.

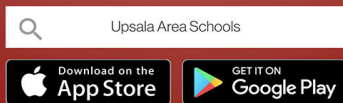


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STRATEGIES TO HELP PARENTS ENCOURAGE
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- Ideas to build connection during strong feelings
- How to help your child communicate their feelings and needs
- Q and A

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AND
NORA POSTER, LGSW**



Questions:
info@feelingandhealingtherapymn.com



We are having a Winter Clothing Drive for our students. Items needed are new or gently used boots, hats, coats, mittens and snow pants. Preschool and elementary sized items are preferred. A drop box will be located by the office.

Thank you to all who donate!



NEW MILK MACHINE

The food service department at Upsala Area Schools introduced their new bulk milk dispenser for all students and staff on Oct 3, 2022.

Thanks to Midwest Dairy for the grant!

The Upsala chapter of the National Honor Society inducted eight new members on Sunday, November 20.

Congratulations to Beau Ripplinger, Evelyn Aleckson, Hannah Luedtke, Madalin Koetter, Savannah Stumpf, Dillon Krebs, Erica Roske, & Isabelle Leners.



District Advisory Committee

UAS is seeking parents, guardians, and community members to volunteer to be members of the District Advisory Committee.

Per District Policy 603, "...the role of the committee will be to ensure active community participation in all phases of planning and improving the instruction and curriculum affecting state and district standards." UAS is seeking committee members that will include teaching and support staff, students, parents, and other community members.

The UAS School Board will determine the size of the committee and an application process will be established in order to select members.

If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact Superintendent Vern Capelle at 320-573-2174 or vcapelle@upsala.k12.mn.us.

Karen Kobylinski and Gina Boeckermann were honored with Educational Support Staff of Excellence Awards from Resource Training and Solutions. They were honored at a banquet on Nov 16th in St Cloud.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Karen Kobylinski



Gina Boeckermann





Dan Cheney, Community Education Coordinator (dancheney@upsala.k12.mn.us)
<https://upsala.k12.mn.us/page/upsala-community-education>

At Upsala Community Education our goal is to provide opportunities for people of all ages and to enrich their lives through many different offerings beyond the regular school day and school year. We work with other groups including civic, non-profits and local businesses to enrich the lives of our community members.

If you have a talent, interest, or area of expertise; consider sharing your talents or interests with your community by becoming a Community Education instructor.

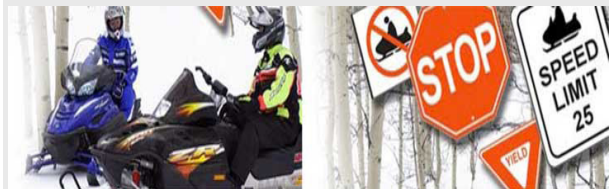
How to register for classes online

1. Visit our webstore <https://upsala.revtrak.net>
2. Click the **Community Ed** button
3. Select the **program**
4. Select the **class** you want to register for
5. Select the **Click here to register** link
6. In the sign-in screen
 - a. Enter your email address and password if you are a returning customer. **OR**
 - b. If you do not have an account, select **create account**
 - i. Enter your contact information
 - ii. Create a password
7. The participant window will open. Select the participant's name and complete the required fields.
If your child's name does not appear in the participant's list, select **A New Person** Enter their name and click submit. Proceed to fill out the required fields
8. If you have another child to register, click on **Continue to Shop**. If you are finished, click **Checkout** to add your class to the shopping cart and make payment. Your shopping cart window will open.
9. Verify the information for accuracy and click **Go to Checkout**.
10. Verify your registrations. Enter the payment information and click **Place Order** Payment will be processed. Your receipt can be viewed and printed.
11. **View & Print Receipt** Click Log out in the lower left corner. Credit card statements will show payment made to the school district.

The image shows three sequential screenshots of the online registration process:

- Top Screenshot:** Displays class details for 'AR - Summer Reading'. It includes fields for Class #, Group, Date, Days, Time, and Location. A red circle highlights a link that says 'CLICK HERE to Register for this Class'.
- Middle Screenshot:** Shows the 'Who are you registering?' section with radio button options for '(self)', '(other)', and 'A New Person'. Below this are input fields for Address, City, State, and Zip, followed by Phone Numbers (Home and Work).
- Bottom Screenshot:** Shows the 'Review & Submit' page with a 'BILLING' section and an 'ITEMS' table. The table lists 'AR - SUMMER READING' for \$0.00. A red circle highlights the 'Add and Go To Shopping Cart' and 'Add and Continue To Shop' buttons.

Snowmobile Instructors Needed



We would like to be able to offer snowmobile safety again - but to do that we need instructors!

If you have any interest in helping out, please contact community education coordinator Dan Cheney by calling the school or email dancheney@upsala.k12.mn.us.

Want To Teach A Class?



Do you have a talent or knowledge you would like to share with our students through community education? Do you have an idea for a class we could offer?

If so, please contact Dan Cheney at dancheney@upsala.k12.mn.us and we can start the ball rolling!

Cookie Decorating



Come and have some fun with your friends and enjoy some Winter Holiday Cookie Decorating!! At the end of this class you will bring home some beautifully decorated cookies for your family!! Yum!! A fun class activity is also planned while the cookies are drying.

Date: December 19, 2022

Time: 3:15-4:30pm

Grades: K and Up

Cost: \$20 (includes all supplies and ingredients)

Instructor: Charlene Bzdok

Pop It Chocolate



Let's make some M&M chocolate bars using a Popit Fidget!! At the end of this class you will bring home your own Popit Fidget of choice as well as some chocolate for your family!! Yum!! Just another fun way to use a fidget!!

Date: Sat, Jan 14, 2023

Time: 3:00-3:30pm

Grades: K and Up

Cost: \$25 (includes all supplies and ingredients)

Instructor: Charlene Bzdok

Drivers Training



The next driver's training class in Upsala is scheduled for April.

Classroom sessions are Mon-Fri, April 17-21 & April 24-28, 2023 from 6pm to 9pm in the HS Media Center.

The course is run by Today's Driving School and includes six hours of behind the wheel with a package price of \$490.

Registration is done through Today's Driving School directly:

<https://www.todaysdrivingschool.com/upsala.phtml>

A complete Driver's Education Package consists of 30 hours of classroom instruction and 6 hours of behind-the-wheel. Students enrolling must be at least 14 years old to take the class, however it is strongly encouraged that you take the class as close to your 15th birthday as possible.

Potspot



The next session for PotSpot Paint Your Own Pottery is scheduled for Monday, February 13 after school.

This session will include a variety of winter themed figurines.

PotSpot brings your projects back to their shop to be kiln fired and then returns them to school in about two weeks.

Cost is \$15.



ASVAB Career Exploration Program

Upsala High School 11th grade students will take the ASVAB Career Exploration Test on Tuesday, January 10th, 2023. The test will run from 8:15AM until noon. Testing will be completed in time for students to have their normal lunch time.



The results/Interpretation will be given to students several weeks after testing has been completed. It will include a one hour hands on computer presentation from the National Guard of Camp Ripley.

The ASVAB Career Exploration Program can help you take steps toward finding a career that's right for you. The ASVAB is a multiple-aptitude battery that measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military.

ACT with Writing

The ACT with writing is a national assessment that provides information to students, their families, and the district regarding the level of preparedness for postsecondary success. The assessment is given on paper and must be administered on an assigned test date.



Minnesota schools are required to offer student in grades 11 and/or 12 the option to take the ACT with writing assessment during the school day.

Testing Date and Time

March 7, 2023

8:15AM-2:00PM

Upsala High School

The required Pre-Test Information sessions will also take place during school days. These sessions are required in order to participate in testing on March 7th.





Monday 10-4, Tuesday 2-6, Wednesday 2-8, Friday 2-8, Saturday 10-1

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Adult & Teen Winter Reading Program

The Winter Reading Program begins, January 2, 2023 and runs through Tuesday, February 28th.

The program provides fun incentives for readers to settle into cozy winter reading habits. It is designed primarily for teens and adults and is open to anyone in the 6th grade or older. Each of the 32 branch libraries in the GRRL system will have prize drawings for participants. All book lovers need do is register for the program at a branch library, on the GRRL site, or on the Beanstack Tracker app.

Readers can log their winter reading at griver.beanstack.org or in the app. By downloading and using the app, readers can keep track of their reading, get book recommendations, and earn online badges to help make reading a habit. Also, readers will count minutes they spend reading, so any amount of daily reading will make participants eligible for online badges and prizes. Each library branch will have drawings for special "Read for a Better World" mugs.

Short Story Month Writing Challenge



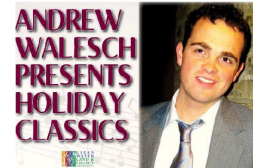
They say a picture is worth a thousand words, but how about 33? During Short Story Writing Month, ShoStoWriMo, give us your best short story based on this historical picture. Submit this form December 1-31 at any GRRL location. You may also submit your form online at <https://griver.org/short-story-challenge>.



Find our Shelf Elf

Find Ole, our own magical mischief making shelf elf, and tell the librarians what he has been up to and receive a holiday treat. He will be hiding in a new spot each week. For all ages.

December 1 through 23



Holiday Concert

Enjoy holiday favorites with jazz pianist and singer Andrew Walesch. For all ages. *A Legacy Event.*

Tuesday, Dec. 6 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Tech Time

Trouble understanding your laptop, iPad, Kindle, or other electronic device? Would you like to download books from the library website or use eBooks but aren't sure how to? Tech help will be on the first Wednesday of the Month from 4 to 5 p.m. or other dates/times by pre-arrangement.

Wednesdays: Dec. 7, Jan. 4 & Feb. 1 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Gnome for the Holidays

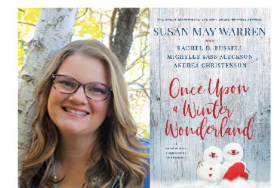
We will make a fun holiday gnome themed mini-stocking and other gnome inspired projects. All supplies provided. For teens and adults. Limit 12. Registration required.

Monday, Dec. 12 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Local Author Michelle Aleckson

Join local author Michelle Sass Aleckson as she discusses her newest Deephaven book release "Once Upon a Winter Wonderland: A Deep Haven Christmas Anthology".

Readers will enjoy checking in with beloved Deep Haven characters, and meeting some new ones too! It will definitely get you in the Holiday mood! **Tuesday, Dec. 13 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.**



Book Club

Due to the library being closed on Monday, December 26 for the Christmas Holiday, Between the Covers will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 27 at 9 am at the Community Center instead.

Afternoon Book Club will also meet on Tuesday, Dec. 27 at 1:00 pm in the Library.

Clay Bead Keychain

Learn the basics of working with polymer clay— marbling, ball rolling, coiling, and more! Use these techniques to make a number of colorful, patterned beads that you can turn into a keychain. For ages 13+. Limit 15. *This program was made possible with Arts & Cultural Heritage Funds from Minnesota's Clean Water, Land, and Legacy Amendment.*

Friday, Feb. 3 at 6:00 p.m.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

- 11/29 vs Kimball
- 12/1 vs Brandon-Evansville
- 12/3 @ Holdingford
- 12/8 vs Osakis
- 12/13 @ BBE
- 12/15 @ Little Falls
- 12/19 @ EVW Tournament
- 12/20 @ EVW Tournament
- 12/29 @ Benson
- 1/6 @ Swanville
- 1/9 @ ACGC
- 1/10 vs Braham
- 1/13 vs LPGE
- 1/17 @ Browerville
- 1/19 @ Osakis
- 1/23 vs Pierz
- 1/24 vs Mille Lacs
- 1/27 vs Browerville
- 1/31 vs Swanville
- 2/2 vs Pine River-Backus
- 2/6 vs Hinckley-Finlayson
- 2/10 @ Verndale
- 2/13 @ Staples-Motley
- 2/17 @ LPGE
- 2/21 @ Melrose
- 2/23 @ Bertha-Hewitt

WRESTLING

- 12/2 @ Big Lake
- 12/6 @ Holdingford
- 12/9 @ Brainerd
- 12/10 @ Brainerd
- 12/13 @ Parkers Prairie
- 12/16 @ Pequot Lakes
- 12/17 @ Pequot Lakes
- 12/22 @ Upsala
- 1/5 @ Paynesville
- 1/7 @ Royalton
- 1/10 @ Staples-Motley
- 1/12 @ Kimball
- 1/19 @ Rush City
- 1/21 @ LC-WM
- 1/26 @ Aitkin
- 1/27 @ Royalton
- 2/2 @ ACGC
- 2/9 @ Pierz
- 2/18 Team Sections @ Royalton

BOYS BASKETBALL

- 12/1 @ Kimball
- 12/3 @ Holdingford
- 12/6 vs Brandon-Evansville
- 12/9 @ Swanville
- 12/13 vs Hinckley-Finlayson
- 12/15 @ St John's Prep
- 12/19 vs ACGC
- 12/20 @ Verndale
- 1/3 @ Royalton
- 1/6 vs BBE
- 1/10 vs Braham
- 1/12 @ LPGE
- 1/17 vs Osakis
- 1/19 @ Pierz
- 1/23 @ Ogilvie
- 1/27 vs Browerville
- 2/2 vs Swanville
- 2/4 vs Pine River-Backus
- 2/7 vs St John's Prep
- 2/10 vs LPGE
- 2/14 vs Benson
- 2/16 @ Osakis
- 2/17 vs East Central
- 2/21 vs Mille Lacs
- 2/24 @ Browerville
- 2/28 @ Bertha-Hewitt

**WINTER
SPORTS
SCHEDULES**

Every Student  *... Every Day*



Every fall (since they know they have their senior portraits coming soon) some seniors take a more humorous approach to picture day. This year a few seniors decided to go a little bananas...

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