



**2023-2024
BACK TO
SCHOOL
INFORMATION**

WELCOME BACK

We are excited to welcome students to the 2023-2024 school year. The first day of school is **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23**.

On the following pages, you will find important information for back-to-school and the beginning of the school year. Please note that some information normally sent home in paper form is now included in the following pages rather than sending home a paper copy. Please reach out to your student's school if you have any questions.

ORIENTATION AND OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION

Elementary Open House

Date: **Thursday, August 31**

Time: 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

6th Grade Orientation

Date: **Monday, August 21**

Time: 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Students and parents should plan to meet in the auditorium to begin the orientation. You will have time to visit classrooms and teachers after the orientation.

7th – 12th Grade Open House

Date: **Monday, August 21**

Time: 5:30 pm – 6:45 pm

The 7th through 12th-grade open house will follow an open format. After receiving a copy of your schedule from the tables in front of the auditorium, you can visit classrooms and meet teachers in any order you wish.

START TIMES, PICK-UP, AND DROP-OFF INFORMATION

Middle/High School - if you plan to drop off your student, please do not do so before 7:30 am. Students must be in their 1st-period class by 7:50 am, or they will be considered tardy. Students who are dropped off at school should be dropped off in the back of the school. Students may be picked up after school in the back of the school as well. Middle/High school dismissal is at 2:52 pm.

Elementary - drop-off for elementary students will begin at 8:15 am. No students will be permitted to be dropped off before this time. Elementary drop-off and pick-up will be in the front of the building. Please pull into the drop-off and pick-up line off Scotland Lane and follow the painted lines in front of the field house by the football field. Elementary dismissal begins at 3:20 pm.

IMPORTANT INFO

HOME ACCESS CENTER

The Home Access Center is updated for the new school year. You can access the Home Access Center from the district website. Parents' usernames and passwords have remained the same as last year.

Students in grades 6 – 12 also have access to the Home Access Center. **Please note: student usernames have been updated to their full school email.**

If you do not remember your username or need your password reset, please contact your student's school office. You can find the Home Access Center link at the top of the district website.

Guardians may update their own phone numbers and emails in the Home Access Center.

1. Click on the registration tab
2. Click on the edit button near the middle right of the page
3. You will see a section with your name where you can edit the email or phone number
4. Click Save

PARENT SQUARE

The district will use Parent Square as its communication tool, including district-wide and building-wide messages, absence notifications, and all-calls. If you have not set up your account, you are encouraged to do so as soon as possible to avoid missing any important communications. For more information regarding Parent Square, please visit <https://www.unionareasd.org/2021/08/parent-square/>.

Parent Square will also have the district's most up-to-date calendar of events.

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PICTURE DAY IS
SCHEDULED FOR
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE SENT HOME IN A FEW WEEKS

SCHOOL CALENDAR

OR VISIT: [HTTPS://WWW.UNIONAREASD.ORG/FOR-PARENTS/SCHOOL-CALENDAR/](https://www.unionareasd.org/for-parents/school-calendar/)

2023-2024 School Calendar

JULY						
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AUGUST						
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First/Last Day of School ■
 August 23, 2023
 May 30, 2024

Vacation Days/No School ■
 September 4, 2023
 October 9, 2023
 November 22, 23, 24, 27, 2023
 December 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 2023

January 1, 2, 15, 2024
 February 19, 2024
 March 28, 29, 2024
 April 1, 2024
 May 27, 2024

Teacher Inservice Days ■
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
 August 16, 17, 21, 22, 2023
 May 3, 31, 2024

Act 80 Days ■
INSERVICE FOR TEACHERS
EARLY DISMISSAL FOR STUDENTS
 September 15, 2023
 October 6, 2023

Act 80 Day ■
INSERVICE FOR TEACHERS
COUNTS AS FULL DAY FOR STUDENTS
 February 16, 2024

Half day of school due to shortened day ■
 December 20, 2023
 March 27, 2024

	Student Days Per Month	Total Cumulative Student Days
August	7	7
September	20	27
October	21	48
November	18	66
December	14	80
January	20	100
February	20	120
March	19	139
April	21	160
May	20	180
June	0	180

JANUARY						
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BOARD APPROVED 7-19-23
 REVISED



CAFETERIA INFO

CAFETERIA INFORMATION

Breakfasts and lunches will be free for all students this school year. Students will supply their student ID numbers to the cafeteria staff to receive the free meal. A la carte snacks, drinks, and a second breakfast or lunch on the same day do not fall under the free lunch provisions but will continue to be available for purchase.

Please see the [CEP Notice Letter](#) for more information.

SCHOOL CAFE INFORMATION

[SCHOOL CAFE](#) provides a secure online platform for parents to pay for their student's cafeteria accounts, view school menus and nutritional information, and review your student's buying history. For directions on getting signed up, please click [HERE](#).

CAFETERIA WELCOME MESSAGES AND A LA CARTE PRICES

[MS/HS Welcome Message and A La Carte Prices](#)

[Elementary Welcome Message](#)

AUGUST BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENU

[MS/HS Lunch Menu](#)

[Elementary Lunch Menu](#)

ATTENDANCE EXCUSES

If your student is absent from school, please provide a parent's excuse or doctor's excuse when he/she returns to school. You may submit excuses through the Parent Square absence alert that you will receive, by emailing attendance@union.k12.pa.us, or by sending a paper excuse with your student.

NURSE'S INFO

SCHOOL VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS

Please see the [SCHOOL VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS](#) letter from the nurse's office regarding required school vaccinations.

FOOD ALLERGIES

Please see the [FOOD ALLERGY](#) letter from the nurse's office regarding food allergies, including nut allergies.

PENNSYLVANIA CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

Please click here for information on the [Pennsylvania Children's Health Insurance Program](#) (CHIP).