



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

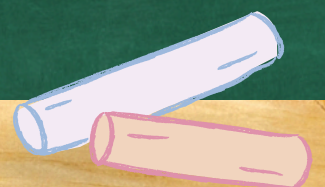
First Day of School
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

**2024-2025
SCHOOL YEAR**

Questions:
724-658-4501

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We are excited to welcome students to the 2024-2025 school year. The first day of school is:

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

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.

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION AND OPEN HOUSE

6th Grade Orientation and Open House

Date: Monday, August 19

Time: 5:00 pm - 6:45 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 19

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.

ELEMENTARY MEET AND GREET INFORMATION

Our elementary Meet and Greet will be held before the start of the school year this year. Like we have done in the past, our Scottie 3s, PreK, and Kindergarten will have separate orientations to help those students become familiar with their new routines.

We will also hold a separate Meet and Greet for grades 1 & 2 and grades 3, 4, 5 due to the change in structure for our 3rd and 4th graders (a Parent Square message was sent out on 7/29/2024 to all current 3rd and 4th graders). We know it can be difficult to have the Meet and Greets on different nights, but we wanted to be sure parents with children in grades 3, 4, and 5 could attend to hear the information on departmentalization.

Moving forward, we plan to get back to have a single night for Meet and Greets. Below is the schedule for each grade level:

Scottie 3s

Thursday, August 15

11:00 am

Please meet in
the PreK Room

(Letters were mailed home to all families)

PreK

Thursday, August 15

10:00 am

Please meet in
the PreK Room

(Letters were mailed home to all families)

Kindergarten

Thursday, August 1

10:00 am

Please meet in
the All Purpose Room

(Letters were mailed home to all families)

Grades 1 and 2

Tuesday, August 13

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Parents should report to
their student's homeroom

Grades 3, 4, 5

Wednesday, August 14

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Parents should report
first to the All Purpose
Room for an opening
meeting

Mrs. Macri's Classroom

Wednesday, August 14

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

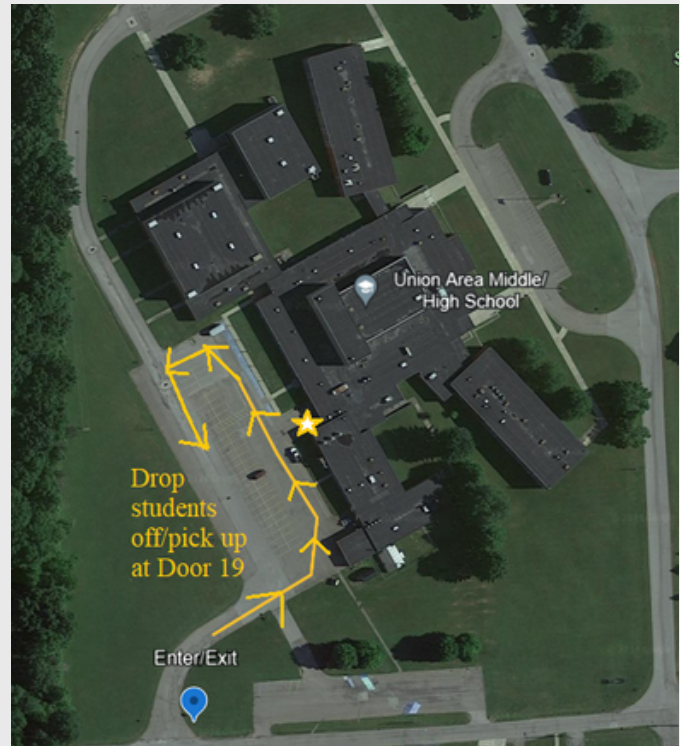
All of Mrs. Macri's students
should plan to attend on this
date regardless of grade level

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP 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 at Door #19. Students may be picked up after school in the back of the school as well. Middle/High school dismissal is at 2:52 pm.

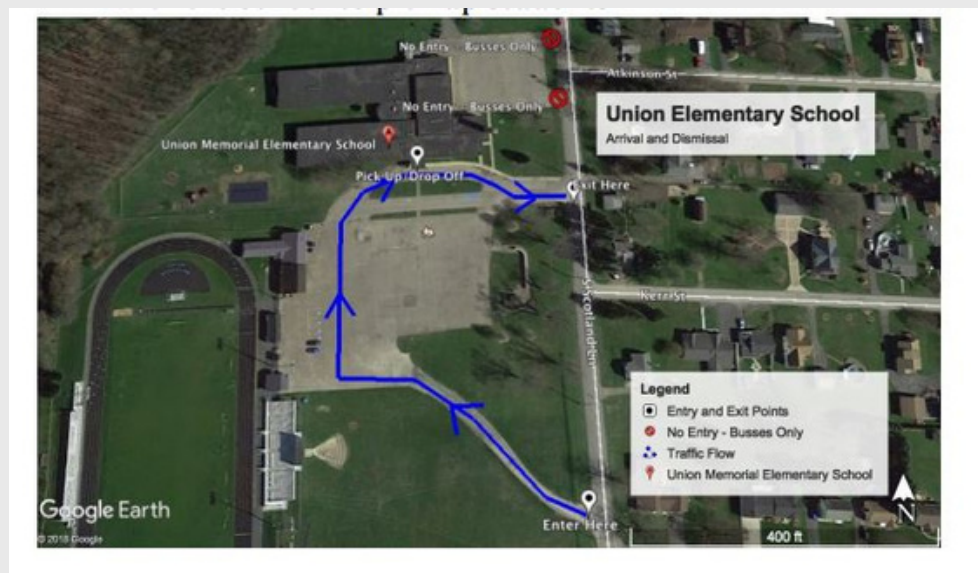
*During the school day, you may drop off/pick up students at the front door (Door #1)



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 3:25 pm.

*This same procedure is used during the school day.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

HOME ACCESS CENTER

You can access 2024-2025 school information on the Home Access Center from the district website two weeks before the 1st day of school. Parents' usernames and passwords have remained the same as last year.

Students in grades 5 – 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.

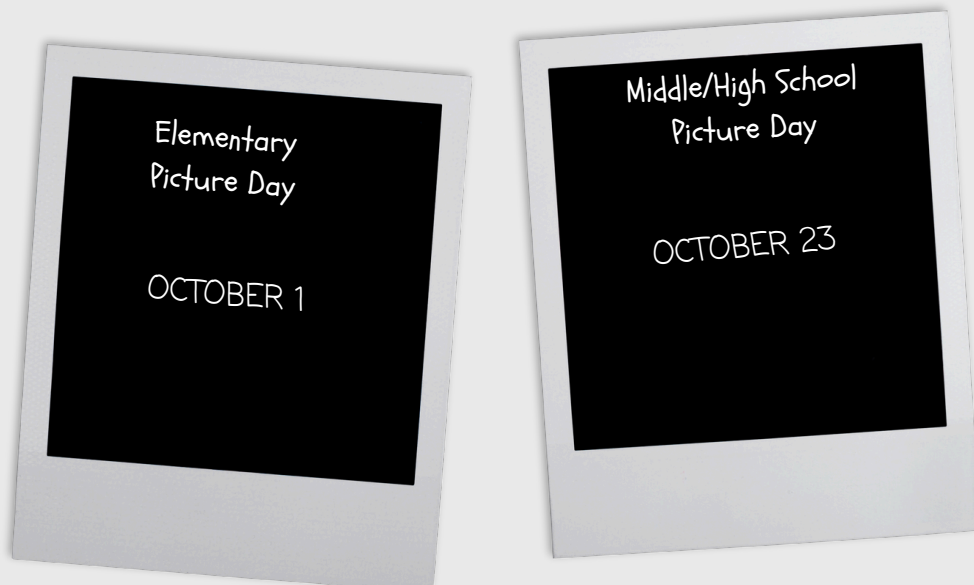
Guardians may update their own phone numbers and emails in the Home Access Center.

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.



CAFETERIA INFORMATION

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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](#).

ELEMENTARY ATTENDANCE EXCUSES

Absences

If your student is absent from school, please provide a parent's or doctor's excuse when he/she returns.

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.

Please be sure to use the attendance email, not individual secretary emails, so that if someone is out of the office, whoever is covering is sure to get the email.

Early Dismissal

If your elementary student is being picked up early, please send a note with your student to give to his/her teacher. That way both the teacher and office are aware.

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Early Dismissal

If your middle/high school student is being picked up early, please send an email to attendance@union.k12.pa.us.

HEALTH OFFICE INFORMATION

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).