

High School Parent Teacher Conferences

October 8th (11:30 AM-2:30 PM) and (4:30-8:30 PM)

Good afternoon Eagle families.

It may be hard to believe, but we are already one month into the 2020-21 school year. Since the start of school, we have worked together to navigate some of the challenges of our environment but also celebrate real successes of the connections being made between teachers and our students.

With the first month behind us, it is now time to turn our attention to Parent-Teacher Conferences. Conferences are an important part of our partnership to make sure students are meeting our shared expectations. To that end, Parent-Teacher are scheduled to take place on October 8th from 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

This year, we will be piloting a web-based process to schedule and virtually meet with your child's teachers about their progress. The system we are using is called Conference Manager and will allow you to check our teachers' conference schedules and book an appointment on-line. You will use the same system for you and your student's teacher to have a virtual conversation about academic progress.

The first time you use the Conference Manager you will be required to register and create a parent account. This only takes a minute or two. You will continue to use this same account for the duration of the time you have children in the school, so please record your password where you can reference it later.

Please note while you can register at any time, the appointment window will not open until 7 p.m. on October 2, 2020. The appointment window will close on October 7, at 10 a.m.

To create an account, please use the following steps (a tutorial is available at this clicking on this [link](#)):

1. **Go to the following website** <https://utica.schoolsoft.com>.
2. **Register for a parent account.** To register click the REGISTER NOW button and complete the registration page. Once registered you will be able to immediately log in to the Conference Manager. An email will also be sent to the address you specified. This email restates your username and password and should be saved, as you will use the same username and password when booking future rounds of Parent-Teacher Conferences. If you forget your password, you can reset it using the FORGOT PASSWORD link under the login button.

When registering, if you have multiple students, you should enter all of them at the same time. If you have a student at more than one school (for example CSI and the Virtual High School), you will need to register the student more than once.

Once registered you can log in to the *Conference Manager* any time.

3. **Click the BOOK NOW button and select a conference date in the date drop-down that appears. Then, select the teacher(s) you wish to meet with and click the NEXT button.** To coordinate bookings involving multiple teachers select all the teachers applicable to your child(ren) with whom you wish to meet.
4. **Click on an available time slot for each teacher you selected and complete the booking form that appears.** You should see the booking appear in the summary list on the right-hand side of the screen. A confirmation email is sent for each booking you made or subsequently cancel. You will also receive a reminder and conference itinerary by email.
5. **Confirm your appointments have been booked by looking at the “CURRENTLY BOOKED CONFERENCES” box on the right of the screen or click on the MY CONFERENCES tab.** Only appointments that appear in the CURRENTLY BOOKED CONFERENCES box or on the MY CONFERENCES page are confirmed bookings.
6. **When finished booking, click the log off button located at the top right of the browser window.** You will have the opportunity to provide feedback regarding the use of the Conference Manager to the school administration through a user survey before completely exiting. We appreciate you completing the survey as this helps guide our decision-making regarding how conferences are booked in the future.
7. **Just prior to your scheduled conference time, you will receive a link to your video conference.** At the appropriate time, click on the link and the teacher will admit you to the room. Please note, there is only 5 minutes available for conferences.

If you are unable to book your own appointment using this system, please contact us at 586-797-1300 and a staff member will assist you.

Have a wonderful evening and GO EAGLES!

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