



## The weekly newsletter from School District U-46

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### Calendar

Stay tuned for upcoming events with our District website calendar available [here](#).

- **Monday, Dec. 18:** Board of Education meeting. [Details here](#).

### Winter Recess

Students are in class through Thursday, Dec. 21. Winter recess begins Friday, Dec. 22, and will last through Friday, Jan. 5. As we approach winter recess, we ask that families ensure their children attend school every day, as consistent attendance is important for maintaining the excitement for learning and classroom activities. We'll be glad to see our students back in the classroom in 2024 - the first day of classes after recess will be Monday, Jan. 8. Find calendars for this school year as well as 2023-24 at [u-46.org/calendar](https://u-46.org/calendar).

# Winter Recess

**Dec. 22, 2023 - Jan. 5, 2024**

Classes resume Jan. 8, 2024



## Winter Weather

U-46 sometimes must close schools due to inclement weather. We want to make sure you're ready and understand how to find out when schools must close.

When inclement weather is underway or expected, Superintendent Dr. Suzanne Johnson is in regular contact with our Transportation and Plant Operations teams for updates. Information is also gathered from the State of Illinois, authorities in our three counties (Kane, Cook and DuPage), local police and colleagues in other area school districts.



With that input, the Superintendent makes the decision on the status of schools, if possible, by 5:15 a.m. If classes are canceled for the entire day due to inclement weather, the District will send out a mass notification phone call, email, and text message to all parents and staff by 5:45 a.m. This is a good time to confirm your contact information is accurate in [Infinite Campus](#). For Infinite Campus navigation instructions, [click here](#).

Closings will also be posted on the District website homepage at [u-46.org](http://u-46.org), and posted on the District's social media channels.

When the regular school day is canceled, all before and after school activities are canceled as well

For more information on the process, please read the District's [Emergency Closing Procedures](#) document, and for Dr. Johnson's thoughts about using e-learning days rather than emergency days, read her [latest newsletter](#).

## Dress for the Weather

U-46 families are encouraged to ensure their children are dressed appropriately for the winter weather before leaving the house each morning. This includes a winter jacket, hat, gloves, scarf, and snow boots when there's snow on the ground.



School leaders have discretion in deciding whether students will be outdoors or indoors for recess and/or physical education. Schools are provided with [guidelines](#), including ensuring that students are not outside when the temperature or wind chill falls below 10 degrees.

## Infinite Campus Maintenance

U-46's Information Services department will be performing maintenance on Infinite Campus over the holiday break. As a result, Infinite Campus will not be available to staff, students, or parents starting on Wednesday, Dec. 27, at 6 p.m. The work will be conducted as quickly as possible, but the Infinite Campus system will be back on-line and available at the latest by Tuesday, Jan. 2. Please direct any questions or concerns to U-46's Helpdesk at [helpdesk@u-46.org](mailto:helpdesk@u-46.org).



## African American Advisory Council

A reminder: The [U-46 African American Advisory Council](#) will meet via Zoom on Thursday, Dec. 14, at 6 p.m. The meeting will feature a presentation from members of U-46's Specialized Student Services department, and the team will discuss IEPs, 504 plans, and the resources offered by U-46's Health Services. Please register to attend [here](#) to receive details about how to join. For questions, please use [Let's Talk](#).

## Media Club

U-46 high schoolers have a new opportunity to get involved and help tell the stories of their school, classmates, teachers, and community.

Students in the High School Media Club will explore various topics in digital media and communications, with guidance from industry professionals. In the future, the club's members will have the opportunity to create content for U-46's website, social media channels, FM radio station, and more.



The club's meetings will be held after school. Those who are interested in joining, or have any questions, should write Digital Communications Specialist Alec Barlow at [alecbarlow@u-46.org](mailto:alecbarlow@u-46.org) or [info@u-46.org](mailto:info@u-46.org).

## Save the Date!

The [Community Advisory Council](#) is meeting on Thursday, Jan. 11.

The [Dual Language Parent Support Group](#) is meeting on Thursday, Jan. 18.

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## More Resources



### Careers

Have you considered becoming a part of the U-46 team? School District U-46 offers a number of [rewarding opportunities](#) for educators and support staff. Learn more at the [U-46 Job Fair](#) being held on Friday, Jan. 19, and Saturday, Jan. 20, at the U-46 Welcome Center.



### Care

[Care Solace](#) is a complimentary and confidential service provided by School District U-46 to help locate a provider for mental health care or substance use treatment. It's available to U-46 students, staff, and their family members.



### Community

Visit our [U-46 Online Backpack](#) to find information on community events, activities, and resources for our U-46 families and students.

## Board of Education

The Board of Education meetings are streamed on the District's [YouTube channel](#) and via Zoom. Written highlights from the meetings, as well as presentations delivered to the Board, can be found [here](#).

## Weekly Message from Dr. Johnson

Each week, Superintendent Dr. Suzanne Johnson shares a message with U-46 employees and community members. You can read the latest message [here](#).





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