



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](#).

- **Friday, Dec. 23:** First day of winter recess. [Details here](#).
- **Friday, Jan. 6:** Last day of winter recess. [Details here](#).
- **Monday, Jan. 9:** U-46 students return to classes. [Details here](#).
- **Monday, Jan. 9:** Board of Education meeting. [Details here](#).
- **Thursday, Jan. 12:** Community Advisory Council meeting. [Details here](#).
- **Thursday, Jan. 12:** African American Advisory Council meeting. [Details here](#).

## Winter Recess

The winter recess is nearly here! Students are in class through Thursday, Dec. 22. Winter recess begins Friday, Dec. 23. and will last through Friday, Jan. 6. We'll welcome our students back to classroom on Monday, Jan. 9, 2023. Find calendars for this school year as well as 2023-24 at [u-46.org/calendar](https://u46.org/calendar).

## CAC Meeting

The first Community Advisory Council meeting of the new year is Thursday, Jan. 12, at 7 p.m. The focus of the meeting will be online safety for children and teenagers. Elgin Police Department Detective Andrew Houghton will explain how to protect our children from unsafe online practices

followed by a panel that will focus on the impact of social media on students.

The winter CAC meetings are being held virtually. Please register [here](#) to join the meeting via Zoom.



## Winter Break Activities

With students out of school for the next couple of weeks, parents and guardians might be looking for some creative ways to keep their children occupied and engaged.



The following are some educational-focused contests with deadlines in January or February:

- The Illinois State Board of Education and Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum's [Annual Arts Education Week Student Poster Design Contest](#). Deadline for entries is Jan. 12, 2023.
- Metra's 16th annual [Safety Poster and Essay Contest](#). Deadline for entries is Jan. 20, 2023.
- The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's [2023 Poster, Poetry, and Essay Contest](#). Deadline for entries is Feb. 1, 2023.

## College Scholarships

For high school seniors, now is the time to start thinking about college scholarships, and winter break is the perfect opportunity to begin drafting some possible essay ideas.

In January, the [U-46 Educational Foundation](#) will share information on the dozen scholarships it manages, along with the online scholarship application students can use to apply for them. In the meantime, here are two things seniors can do over the break to prepare for this application and other scholarship applications offered outside of the U-46 Educational Foundation.

1. Start thinking about a school "resume." Make a list of all extracurricular activities, volunteer activities, and any paid employment. Include any leadership roles and all awards received.
2. For all scholarships using the Foundation's Online Scholarship Application, an essay explaining why you should be chosen for a scholarship will need to be included. But a version of the question is a common one on all scholarship applications. Seniors should consider taking time over winter break to begin drafting some essay ideas.

## We're Hiring

Have you considered becoming a part of the U-46 team? As the second-largest school district in the state of Illinois, School District U-46 offers a number of rewarding opportunities for educators and support staff, including bus drivers, social workers, secretaries, food service technicians, and more. You can learn more about our District and job openings at [u-46.org/careers](https://u-46.org/careers).



Here are a couple of positions that we are highlighting:

- [AVID Tutor](#): The AVID program serves students in the academic middle who are capable of success but who are not reaching their potential. AVID tutors provide leadership, coordination, and support to raise the achievement level of participating students.
- [Library Pareducator](#): These employees foster a functional and well-organized library, supervise and assist students and staff utilizing library resources, and provide a positive and nurturing school learning environment.

## Online Backpack

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

### Coming up:

- Streamwood Park District - Indoor Soccer League
- University of Illinois Extension - Winter Open Gym

The flyers in the Online Backpack are the responsibility of the group listed and not a District endorsement. Visit Online Backpack to view the organization's flyer for more information.



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