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Calendar

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

- **Thursday, Nov. 21:** Community Advisory Council planning meeting. [Details here](#).
- **Wednesday, Nov. 27:** Non-attendance day for students. Offices open.
- **Thursday, Nov. 28-Friday, Nov. 29:** Thanksgiving recess, non-attendance days for students. Offices closed.
- **Wednesday, Dec. 4:** Gifted information session. [Details here](#).
- **Thursday, Dec. 5:** Community Advisory Council Roundtable. [Details here](#).

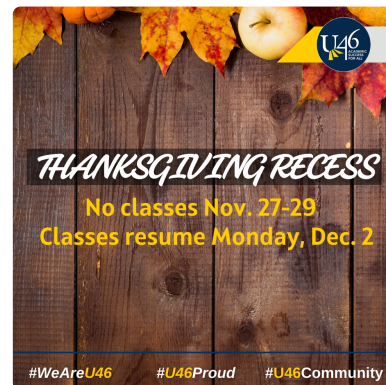
Thanksgiving Recess

The Thanksgiving holiday is next week. U-46 students will not have classes on Wednesday, Nov. 27, Thursday, Nov. 28, or Friday, Nov. 29. District offices will be closed on Nov. 28 and Nov. 29. Students will return to classes on Monday, Dec. 2.

It is important to emphasize the significance of attendance during school days. Every minute matters! We encourage families to plan vacation time during these recess periods to ensure that students are present in the classroom both before and after these no school days.

In December, the winter recess for students will begin on Monday, Dec. 23, and continue through Friday, Jan. 3. Classes will resume on Monday, Jan. 6.

Please consult u-46.org/calendar for a detailed calendar, and read our Student Attendance Guidelines for good attendance tips at u-46.org/attendance.



Welcome to the Class of 2029!

Parents and guardians of current 8th grade students are encouraged to attend an informational night at the high school their child will be attending. All five of U-46's comprehensive high schools are hosting an event in early December. At these sessions, families will meet high school administrators and staff, learn about a typical high school schedule, receive an overview of the course selection process for the 2025-26 school year, and more. A complete schedule can be found [here](#).

Gifted Info Session

Elementary families interested in learning more about [U-46's Gifted programs](#) are invited to attend an information session at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 4, at the U-46 Welcome Center, 1019 E. Chicago St., Elgin. The presentation will be offered in English and Spanish.

CAC Roundtable



We are excited to welcome staff, parents, students, and community members to the December meeting of the [Community Advisory Council](#). This meeting offers a unique opportunity for U-46 parents and community members to get to know your district leaders, ask questions, and learn about the work being done to support our students and schools. The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 5, at the U-46 Welcome Center, 1019 E. Chicago St., in Elgin.

All are welcome! The event will be in English and Spanish. While registration is not required, it helps us plan and gives you the opportunity to submit questions in advance. You can register and submit your questions at info.u-46.org/CACDec24.

If you're interested in helping plan this annual event, please join us at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, via Zoom [here](#).

Windy City Bulls Jersey Contest

A contest to design a jersey for the Windy City Bulls is open to all U-46 students who are skilled at using Adobe Illustrator. The team will wear the special jersey on March 21 in a game against the Mexico City Capitanes, as part of the Windy City Bulls' Hispanic Heritage Night.



Entrants must be U-46 students, and eligible designs should be created in Adobe Illustrator and incorporate elements of Hispanic culture, history, and community. The use of vibrant colors is encouraged!

Final design submissions are due by Dec. 6. The winning artist will receive an official full jersey set customized with their last name and favorite number, plus four tickets to the March 21 game.

To enter the contest, please fill out this [Google form](#), and the Adobe Illustrator template will be shared with you.

Unite U-46 and Newcomer Parent Support Group



The Newcomer Parent Support Group - for families who have arrived in the United States from another country - will have its next meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 11. The session will get underway at 6 p.m. at the U-46 Welcome Center, 1019 E. Chicago

St., Elgin. The sessions will be offered in English and Spanish, and there will be interpretation available in Ukrainian, Polish, Urdu, and Gujarati.

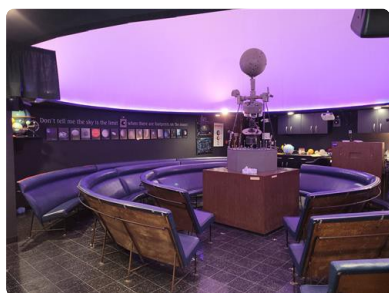
Attendees will get an update on the work of [Unite U-46](#), the community engagement initiative that is improving U-46 facilities to make them an even better place for all students to learn. The focus of that work currently is new attendance boundaries, which are planned to be finalized by the spring of 2025. More info will be shared soon.

African American Advisory Council

The African American Advisory Council's next meeting will be held virtually at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 12. The focus of the meeting will be a presentation on hate speech; attendees will also get a chance to provide input on other topics they'd like addressed in meetings later this year.

The Zoom link to join is available [here](#), and more information is available [here](#). All are welcome.

Public Sky Show



"The Geminids and Jupiter" is the name of the next program being presented at the U-46 Planetarium as part of its series of [Public Sky Shows](#).

There will be two hourlong shows on Friday, Dec. 13, beginning at 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Doors will open at 4 p.m., and seating is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis. Event admission for the 2024-25 school year is free. The Planetarium is located at 312 Watch Street in Elgin, and there is free parking at Raymond Street and National Street, one block away. Find more information [here](#).

More Resources

We're Hiring

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.

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](#).



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](#).



Care Solace

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. Learn more [here](#).



Community

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



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