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Ursuline College Chatham STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT



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November Remembers

During the month of November, one of the most important dates is Remembrance Day. Unfortunately this year, the 11th day at the 11th hour in the 11th month fell on a Sunday. UCC Lancers still honoured veterans as a school community on November 9th which was the Friday prior to the weekend. UCC students gathered in the theatre to pay their respects to all who have served our country. The solemn sound of "The Last Post" reminded us of those who sacrificed for our freedom. Lancers also experienced Mr. Taylor Hughes as a guest speaker, as well as dance, music, storytelling and historical re-enactments by our very own Lancers.

In addition to remembering, the month of November had many special days with an entire spirit week when grades were invited to wear hats one day, fancy socks another, and various colours. Sports teams continued with tryouts, Muskoka leaders began to plan and train, the process of university applications began, report cards went home,

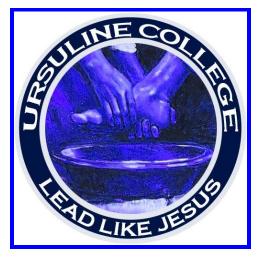
> Pathways were explored, the musical "In The Heights" was announced and Eclectic Java had its debut!



LEAD LIKE JESUS

UCC students continue to lead like Jesus. Our chaplain, Mr. Dula, explains to us in this month's edition about what is actually meant by the word"Chaplaincy".

Mr. Dula shared that as a chaplain may serve in many different settings in the Catholic Church, Catholic Schools and even in the army. At UCC, Mr. Dula as our Chaplain is focused on all of the members of our school community. Mr. Dula points out that Chaplaincy is not a person or a place or just a department at our school but instead chaplaincy lives in each of us. Chaplaincy is a community of believers working together to become the image and likeness of God. We are all chaplains!



Mr. Dula concludes that there are four words that define UCC Chaplaincy:

- Serves the whole school community of students, staff, and parents
- <u>Seeks</u> an increase in the Christian faith-life for all.
- <u>Sacramental</u> in its nature and its goal.
- <u>Shaped</u> by the educational setting in which it is carried out.

Mr. Power reminds us that we are all "wonderfully made" and that he is impressed how our staff and our students continue to be witnesses to and examples of our mission to "Live Like Jesus".

Muskoka In The Making

Staff and students at UCC are getting ready for Christmas in Muskoka. This event will take place at The Chatham Armoury Banquet and Conference Centre on December 4th through

December 8th. As a Muskoka leader, I can verify that we are working hard to raise money for our grade seven students to be able to experience this leadership camp in the spring. We have attended training days, we have wrapped gifts, sold raffle tickets and are working at various tasks during the December event. The behind the scenes work of setting up actually begins on November 30th. Christmas in Muskoka opens to the public on Tuesday December 4th with a Seniors' Tea followed by days of fun: preview party, school tours, grade ⁷/₈ dance, community evening, and a family breakfast. There is truly



something for every age at Christmas in Muskoka, not to mention unbelievable Christmas trees with prizes and surprises! This is an event that you do not want to miss!

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

In the month of November, the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectation is that of a

"Caring Family Member". In October, the expectation was of becoming an "Effective Communicator". Students in the English and Language Department became active listeners, effective communicators and caring family members. They wrote letters to our Federal Government regarding their promise to end water advisories in Canada and as well involving the voices of Indigenous communities impacted by these advisories. These Lancers reflected on the gospel values that teach us to critically understand and communicate spiritual and intellectual growth among both sides of conflict and issues. The final call to task of these communicating



students involved writing letters to our Prime Minister with sensitivity and also encouragement to the government's long term goal of ending water advisories by 2021.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

"EXTRA"-curricular activities at UCC are endless!

There is truly something for everyone:

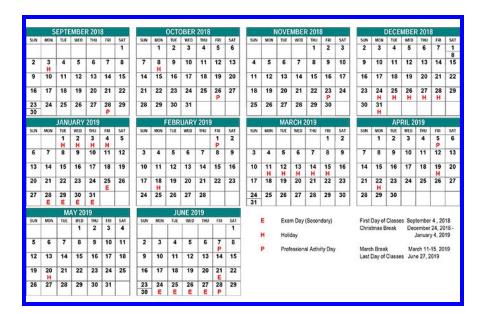
- Curling
- Rainbow Alliance Club
- Hockey
- Me to We
- Girls' Golf
- Wellness Committee
- Weightlifting
- Yearbook Team
- Reach for the Top
- Games Club
- Cross Country
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Art Club
- "In The Heights" Musical music, drama, behind the scenes
- Music Department: pIUCC, jazz band, concert band, mass choir, Creative Music Group



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars!

Here are the upcoming events at Ursuline College:



- December 4-8
- December 7 -
- December 13
- December 19
- December 24-Jan 4

January 25-31

- Christmas in Muskoka
- Sacrament of Reconciliation
 - Dress Down Day
 - Advent Mass
- Christmas Break
 - Final Exams For First Semester

