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Ursuline College Chatham STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT



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NO FOOLIN'- ITS APRIL ALREADY!

Mr. Power reminds us that when we reach the month of April our school year is more than two-thirds done. With courses selected in "My Blueprint", spring teams and clubs in full swing, the UCC long awaited theatre production hitting the stage, our Lenten celebrations, and Easter weekend, it is clear that spring has sprung and no foolin' - it's April already! April is a time of preparation for Lancers; we prepare for Easter, for Catholic

Education Week, for Muskoka Woods, for the next year at UCC or for graduation and moving on for some, for prom if in grade 12, and for our current classes.

April is definitely both exciting and busy!





LEAD LIKE JESUS



Lancers are "leading like Jesus" with the new group called "Pro Life" who fight for the unborn. They will be heading to Ottawa to join in the the "March for Life". The goal of this group is to gain information on the statistics and misconceptions of abortion, to combine Catholic and scientific perspectives on life, and to build a community within our Catholic family. This new group will have informative guest speakers, inspirational films and the opportunity to debate at their biweekly meetings.

At UCC, we strive to "lead like

Jesus" in our day to day lives. As Catholic students during the season of Lent, we focus on the three pillars: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. This year at UCC, our school has changed the wording of our Lenten focus to: read, reflect, and respond. Mr. Dula reminds us that our faith has integrity when it comes from contemplation and when it answers to the call of both our heart AND our mind. He recalls that Jesus gave more than a simple answer when his followers asked, "Which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." As



Lancers, we have great faith in God by reading His word, reflecting on the life of Christ, and responding with the Holy Spirit's love not only during Lent but every day!

LENT INTO EASTER WEEKEND



During the season of Lent, Me to We had two fundraising events. Just over \$1900.00 was donated and this was put towards the building of a school in India to help children escape poverty. UCC's Enviro Club committed to looking after God's earth and Lancers participated in "Cut for a Cure" providing hair to make wigs for children in need and supporting Canadian Cancer Society. (*Did you know it takes 10-12 pony tails and \$1 000.00 to make a single wig?*)

At UCC we concluded our 40-day Lenten journey with the Stations of the Cross on Wednesday, April 17th. Mr. Milner's choir and Mrs. Fernandes' grade 9 Drama class presented in the UCC Theater with three performances: period 2 - gr. 9, period 3 - gr. 10, period 4 - gr. 11 and 12. Our Catholic Education Week and Easter Mass will be combined this year and this will take place on Tuesday,



May 7th. A group of students will be celebrating with the Ursuline Sisters at 9:00AM in the Kiva (gathering space) of Angela Villa.

LANCER PROUD

The many achievements of UCC Lancers continue into the month of April. There is so much that we can be proud of as Lancers!

IN THE HEIGHTS: UCC has continued our reputation of excellence on stage with this year's production of "In the Heights". This musical included more than 100 talented



and dedicated members of our staff and student body. After seven months of rehearsals, set design, and so much more, Lancers thrilled audiences from April 10-13th. Elementary schools from SCCDSB had a preview which gave young artists

something else to aspire to when they go to UCC. Bravo, Lancers!

BADMINTON: The senior Lancer badminton team competed in early April at St-Clair College for LKSAA south. Their efforts and hard work have paid off as some players are moving on to the next stage: OFSAA. Thanks for your remarkable Lancer spirit!

VOLLEYBALL: The boys Varsity Spring League Volleyball had great success in Stratford. Our Lancers #1 went an impressive 9-1 with strong performances while our Lancers #2 went 6-4 with the best game of the season against the guest Bruce County U18 Club Team. Way to go, Lancers!

REACH FOR THE TOP: Three UCC Reach for the Top Competitive Trivia teams played in the Lambton-Kent playoffs in Sarnia on April 3rd. The Junior Team won their semi-final match and played against Sarnia Northern in the final. The teams were tied at 210 points each but unfortunately our Lancers lost the first question of the tie-breaker. The team had a great season and will be moving up to the Senior ranks next year. Two Senior UCC teams played in two separate semi-final matches. Unfortunately, only one team advanced to the finals to play Sarnia Northern and in the final match UCC lost by only 50 points/5 questions. Thanks for reaching for the top, Lancers!

LANCERLOUD, LANCER PROUD!

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

The "EXTRA"- curricular activities keep their momentum at UCC:

- Ultimate Frisbee
- Track and Field
- Badminton
- Soccer
- Pro Life Group
- Wellness Committee
- Yearbook Club
- Prom Committee
- Rainbow Alliance Club
- French Culture Club
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Me to We
- Weightlifting
- Rugby
- Reach for the Top
- Games Club
- Volleyball
- Art Club
- "In The Heights" Musical music, drama, behind the scenes (makeup, costume, set...)
- Music Department: pIUCC, jazz band, concert band, mass choir, Creative Music Group

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars!

- May 1 Youth Job Fair (at Studio One)
- May 5 11 Catholic Education Week Theme "Living as Joyful Disciples"
- May 8 Dress Down Day
- May 15 Parent Presentation on Online Safety by Paul Davis
- May 24 Grad Day
- May 28 School Council
- May 29 Spring Concert



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