

# Ursuline College Chatham

Catholic Secondary School



## February/March Newsletter

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The start of a new semester is upon us. How quickly half a school year has passed!

Despite education being cyclical, the day-to-day events bring so many new experiences, joys, accomplishments and challenges.

Working with a dynamic staff and an energetic student body never allows for a dull moment.

As we head into semester two, I need to remind families that timetable changes at this stage are hard to implement. I schedule courses based on student selection in the beginning of the year. Those choices determine the schedule I create. I need to stress to parents that early timetable planning with your child is extremely important. Within the coming weeks, students will be selecting courses for the 2017-2018 school year. All students will select their course using [myblueprint.com](http://myblueprint.com), our online web based pathway-planning tool.

The season of Lent is also approaching. UCC will hold Ash Wednesday services on March 1st. Services for grade 9/10 and 11/12 will be held during period three. As parents and guardians, I extend an invitation to join us if you are available.

During this month extensive work is underway with our grade 10 students in preparation for the OSSLT test. Daily class visits by Jordan Matties, our Student Achievement Teacher started last week and will be ongoing until March Break. The goal of Jordan's work is to reinforce skills that the students require for the test and to identify where students need to focus some of their energies. In addition, afterschool tutoring is also available to students who require some skill remediation.

The year continues to provide rich examples of student achievement, accomplishment and opportunity. As I reviewed report cards I was impressed with the success of so many. I am also acutely aware that there are students that are still in need of supports to meet with greater academic success. I visit classrooms and see students engaged in learning and actively participating with their peers and teachers.

The extra-curricular events that I have had the opportunity to attend have been exciting and entertaining. Volleyball, football, basketball, cheerleading, We Scare Hunger, school dances, the Christmas in Muskoka play, and as recently as the UCC music department show all showcase the many talents of our students.

I'm certain that you as parents and guardians couldn't be prouder of the academic and extracurricular success of your child. I share that pride as I witness how your children represent themselves here at school and in the community. Thank you to our students for representing our school so well.

Exams will be starting Friday, January 27th through Wednesday, February 1st. Our grade 8's will be invited to UCC on Thursday, February 2nd and an invitation for their parents to return in the evening for our annual UCC Open House. We welcome all those who are interested in seeing what UCC has to offer.

As we bring semester one to a close, I wish our students well. Good luck on your exams and welcome back to a new world of opportunities in semester two.

**Ray Power**

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

We have had an eventful month already in the midst of studying for exams. When we returned from the Christmas break, students in the Pedagape Club participated in the annual event “Trivia with the Sisters”. Students and Ursuline Sisters teamed up to test their knowledge in several rounds of trivia. The Sisters hosted us at Angela Villa and as usual, their hospitality, wisdom, and disposition continue to inspire us.


Later in the month we welcomed Val Walter from Holy Family Parish to our school. Val leads workshops on social justice in developing countries, specifically in providing homes with proper resources . Val donated a weaving loom to our school that uses milk bags to create sleeping mats and helped us get started on the process. We have already made one mat, and are on our way to creating more.

The month of February will be filled with religion classes going on retreats and March 1<sup>st</sup> marks the beginning of our Lenten Journey. There will be a Liturgy of the Word Service along with the distribution of the Ashes on that day. Now is a great time to reflect on how you will live out the habitual practices of fasting, praying, and almsgiving during Lent.

Grace be with you!


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## FROM THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT



### Volunteer Hours

All students are encouraged to work towards early completion of the 40 Hours of Volunteer requirement. Students should check the bulletin board in the Guidance lobby and listen to announcements for upcoming volunteer opportunities.

Grade 9 students should submit their signed volunteer sheet with any number of volunteer hours before Christmas for a chance to win PRIZES!! Submit any hours to Ms. Buchanan for a chance to win.

### Attention Grads

Students are reminded that the due date for university applications is Wednesday, January 11, 2017 and the due date for college applications is February 1, 2017.

In order to be considered for early acceptance to university and college, students should have their community service hours completed before the beginning of second semester.

If you do not have your PIN to apply to university or your OEN to apply to college, please see your Guidance counsellor.

Students are strongly advised to apply to university or college before the Christmas Holidays as the application websites get very busy before the due dates and there is no customer support available during the Christmas Holidays.

## Remind App!!

Students may choose to receive messages on their personal device from the **Guidance Department** through the '**Remind**' app. This app allows counsellors to text or email students with information regarding upcoming presentations, college/university information, graduation, volunteer opportunities and much more!

With **Remind**, all personal information remains completely confidential and it is free to register. Students may sign-up by texting to 519-800-5670, then typing the message:

Grade 9: @ucc2020  
Grade 10: @ucc2019  
Grade 11: @ucc2018  
Grade 12: @ucc2017

For more information [www.remind.com](http://www.remind.com)





### ***It's Never Too Late To Get Involved!***

Enhance your high school experience.  
Get involved in an extracurricular activity!

The following are just some of the clubs / teams that are welcoming new members:

- Art Club: Ms. McEachran, Tuesday, rm 920
- Lancers For Life (prolife club), Mr. Gutteridge, Tuesday, rm 608
- Me To We club, Mrs. Kearns, Wednesdays, rm 106
- Enviro club: Mrs. Lucarelli, Thursday, rm 913
- Jr & Sr Badminton Teams, Mr. Halinaty and Mr. Evans, TBD
- Debate Team, Mr. Broadbent, Monday, rm 605
- Reach For The Top Team, Mr. Broadbent, Thursday, rm 605
- Rainbow Alliance, Mr. Broadbent, every other Wednesday, rm 605
- Anime Club, Wednesday, rm 108
- Games Club, Wednesday, rm 103
- Media Club, Mr. Bourdeau, Thursday, rm 108
- Yearbook, Mrs. Hashim
- Girls Rugby, Mr. Phaneuf & Mr. Morkin
- Boys Rugby, Mr. Denomy

### **Supporting Student Enhancements**

Each year at the time of registration, UCC request parents pay an activity fee. The monies collected are used to support enhancements at the school that are not funded by the Ministry of Education or the School Board. The fees are School Managed Funds and are used for a variety of items throughout the school year. Here is a partial list of items that the activity fee has supported during semester one:

***Catholic Student Award, motivational guest speaker, Sir Isaac Newton Competition Fees, Lancer Award plaques, Gr. 9 Parent Night, Lancer Link Orientation activities, Debate Team, Christmas Wreaths, Robotics Team, Figure Skating Team, Academic Assembly, Blood Donor Clinic, and Religion Retreats for every student.***

All of the above provide students a richer educational experience. Without the support activity fees from our UCC families, many of these opportunities wouldn't be possible.

Thank you for your continued support!

The Math Department is asking for any donations of Lego that may be sitting idle in your house.  
Donations can be dropped off at the main office or math office.





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## APRIL 5-8, 2017



7 PM - UCC Theatre

Tickets: \$20

Tickets available March 1, 2017

Monday - Friday 12-5 PM

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Chatham, ON

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It is with gratitude, I thank you for your generous contribution to this year's 'Christmas in Muskoka.' The final numbers say it all;

- Over 1300 bags of popcorn served!
- Loyal sponsors, Armoury Four Diamond Catering, TekSavvy, McDonald's, Ridge Landfill Community Trust, Post Media, Canada Business Services, Children's Treatment Centre Foundation, Ursuline Sisters of Chatham, Heuvelmans Buick Chevrolet, HollisWealth, Glasshouse Nursery, To Suit Your Fancy, Preferred Building & Chatham Kent Police Association contributing generously in this our 6th year!
- 467 parents and their children for the McDonalds Breakfast with Santa!
- 1500 primary students at the Ridge Landfill Camp Christmas!
- 400 tickets distributed at the Post Media and Glasshouse Nursery Preview Party!
- 395 adults and children celebrating at the Children Treatment Centre's Foundation Christmas Party!
- 600 teas and 850 coffees served at the Chatham Breakfast Grille's Seniors Tea!
- 13 captivating performances of the Ursuline Sisters & UCC Drama Student's 'Once Upon A Frozen Christmas'!
- Rave reviews and a full dance floor all night courtesy of the Face 4 Radio Band at the Heuvelmans Christmas Dance!
- More than 42,000 raffle tickets sold for thirty-two designer Christmas trees!
- Money generated by this year's event . . . . .

**\$91,440.42**

Most importantly, over 400 students will benefit, as they attend the Muskoka Woods leadership Camp in May of 2017.



# Parenting Seminar Series

Please join us for any or all of these **free** walk-in Parenting Seminars. Each Seminar runs from **5:00pm to 6:30pm**. Light snacks provided.

**Feb 8:** How to get your kids to listen using Effective Communication.

**Feb 22:** Rules/ Responsibilities and Limit Setting.

**Mar 8:** Positive Parenting Strategies and Handling Misbehavior.

**Mar 22:** Natural and Logical Consequences that work.

**Apr 12:** Helping Children to Regulate their Emotions.

**Chatham-Kent Children's Services • 495 Grand Ave W. Chatham**

**No registration required:** just walk in! These seminars are open to everyone.

## Literacy Skills Workshops

There are 6 different workshops to build the skills required for success in high school and on the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) which takes place on **March 30th, 2017**. These workshops are open to **ALL STUDENTS, ALL GRADES** and run Tuesdays and Thursdays for 6 weeks each semester. Consult the schedule below for each session's focus.

### Details

- Workshops are **FREE**; delivered by qualified, experienced English Teachers
- Last year, **70% of students** that attended workshops regularly were successful on the OSSLT
- Sessions build necessary literacy skills - Grade 10's should consult their practice OSSLT results to see which sessions suit their needs
- **PROGRAM RUNS in RM. 108 from 2:30-3:30**; snacks provided
- **LATE BUS PASSES** are available

### Semester 2 Schedule

**2:30-3:30 PM in Rm. 108**

\*Workshops subject to change/cancellation due to weather or chronic low attendance.

| Semester 2   |   |                         |   |
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| Date   | Workshop Title  | Date                    | Workshop Title  |
| Tuesday<br>February 7                                | Writing a Newspaper Report                                | Thursday<br>February 9  | Writing a Newspaper Report                                |
| Tuesday<br>February 14                               | Summarizing: Finding the Main Idea and Supporting Details | Thursday<br>February 16 | Summarizing: Finding the Main Idea and Supporting Details |
| Tuesday<br>February 21                               | Reading Strategies and Multiple Choice Questions          | Thursday<br>February 23 | Reading Strategies and Multiple Choice Questions          |
| Tuesday<br>February 28                               | Essay Writing: Introduction                               | Thursday<br>March 2     | Essay Writing: Introduction                               |
| Tuesday<br>March 7                                   | Essay Writing: Advanced (Bring previous week's essay)     | Thursday<br>March 9     | Essay Writing: Advanced (Bring previous week's essay)     |
| Tuesday<br>March 21                                  | Inferencing: Finding Implicit Meaning in a Text           | Thursday<br>March 23    | Inferencing: Finding Implicit Meaning in a Text           |
| Tuesday<br>March 28                                  | Last Chance Test Review                                   | Wednesday<br>March 29   | Last Chance Test Review                                   |
| <b>Thursday March 30th, 2017</b><br><b>OSSLT DAY</b> |   |                         |   |

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