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# Ursuline College Chatham

Catholic Secondary School

## February Newsletter

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February 2019

### Principal's Message

Semester 2 kicked off this week and we are quickly settling into the second half of the 2018-2019 school year.

Soon students in grade 9 through 12 will need to start selecting courses for their 2019-2020 school year. Our guidance department will be visiting classrooms to discuss using MyBlueprint, an online software tool that students use to make these course selections. An important part of this selection is pathway planning. Students need to seriously consider what their future story looks like. I ask parents to take the time to sit and discuss these plans with their child. By discussing future goals, and the pathway plans required to reach those goals helps students determine their course options. It is my hope that these discussions with parents and guardians takes some of the anxiety out of making important decisions. The courses our students select in the coming weeks will help determine what courses UCC run next year.

The year continues to provide rich examples of student achievement, accomplishment and opportunity. As I reviewed semester one report cards, I was impressed with the success of so many. I am also acutely aware that there are students that 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, We Scare Hunger, school dances, the Christmas in Muskoka play, Pedagape Community Dinner and as recently school Grade 8 Day and Open House, I am always impressed with the many talents and gifts 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.

Soon we will enter into the season of Lent, enjoy a week off on the March break and expect our grade 10 students to write the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test. Speaking from experience, the second semester passes very quickly. I hope it is an excellent semester for all our students!

ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC  
Lancer Loud! Lancer Proud!

*Ray Power*  
*Principal*

## **A Message From Our Chaplain**

Ursuline College Chatham had the privilege of welcoming the noted Historian and Lecturer, Dr. Bryan Walls to speak to our students during Black History Month. He shared with us his ancestral story of how John Freeman Walls escaped slavery because of his courage, faith, and the actions of good people. Dr. Walls' talk highlighted the importance of the Underground Railroad, not only in Canadian History, but also in today's society. The Underground Railroad is a reminder that different nations of people have escaped slavery throughout history, and that our world continues to struggle with various forms of slavery in contemporary culture. Canadian Black History continues to be recognized at UCC with the help of a senior student, Amani Zantoko, who has organized many of our reflections and celebrations.

Our 2019 Lenten Journey will begin on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. Our school's Dcn. Raymond Girard, along with Deacons from our Family of Parishes, will lead us in our Ash Wednesday Service. The schedule is as follows: period 2 (grade 10), period 3 (grades 11/12), and period 4 (grade 9). Lastly, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place in the theater March 15th, from 11:00am to 1:00pm.

## **Guidance News**

### Course Selection

The online process for choosing next year's courses begins at the end of February. Counsellors will be visiting classrooms to present information on pathway planning through MyBluerpint. Students should consider their course selections seriously to ensure they are meeting post-secondary programs and pathways goals.

### Volunteer Hours

We will be hosting a Volunteer Fair on Tuesday, March 5, 2019. Representatives from our local community partners will be here to provide opportunities for students to complete their 40 Hours. Details to follow.

Don't forget to Show Your Sheets! You may submit any number of volunteer hours at any time by bringing your completed "Completion of Community Involvement Activities" sheets to Guidance.

### Graduation

The Graduation Ceremony will be Thursday, June 27th, 2019 beginning at 7pm at the Capitol Theatre. 40 hours of Community Service and a School Withdrawal Form must be completed and submitted to Guidance in order to receive Grad tickets.



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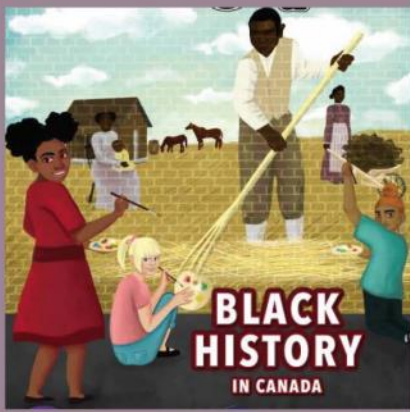
# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

During the month of February, Canadians have an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of black Canadians and reflect on their stories, their experiences, and their accomplishments. The St. Clair Catholic District School Board has pulled together a selection of curriculum and community resources that honor Black History and offer opportunities for learning.

## FAITH

"Faith is taking the first step, even when you don't see the full staircase." (Martin Luther King Jr.)

Throughout the month of February, schools will begin each day with a reflection on Black History and how it connects with Catholic Education ([link here](#)). Stemming from the morning reflections, classrooms are encouraged to use the teaching of the day into further discussions with students. The United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent (2015 to 2024) encourages us to "promote greater knowledge of and respect for diverse heritage, culture and contribution of people of African descent to the development of society".



## CURRICULUM

Teaching students the importance of tolerance is a year-round priority. Black History Month provides an opportunity to help students dig a little deeper into just what it means to accept others and the role that acceptance plays in cultivating a culture of kindness inside the classroom. Check out the resource links and ideas throughout this newsletter to bring the important achievements, past and present, into the classroom and engage in critical discussions this month and all year.

## HISTORY

Black History Canada provides resources on the history of Canada's Black Community. This site provides an in depth teaching guide along with interactive resources and activities to support the teaching and learning of Black Canadian History. In addition to the teaching guide, the website offers an interactive timeline to use in the classroom: 1600-1700; 1700-1800  
1800-1900; 1900-Present

## LOCAL EVENTS

Black people have lived in what we now know as Canada since the 1600s. For over 400 years, Black men and women have contributed to all areas of society. They have fought a fight for racial equality, a fight that has benefited all Canadians.

**Feb. 1 : Learn more about Viola Desmond**  
11:00 am ([click here to find out more.](#))  
Black Mecca Museum inside the WISH Centre, 177 King St. E, Chatham

**Feb 15: Teaching Black History in Canada—A Workshop**  
8:45 am - 3:00 pm  
Uncle Tom's Cabin Historic Site  
29251 Uncle Tom's Road, Dresden

**Feb 18: A Chatham Kent Tapestry : A Visual History to 1950** by Jim & Lisa Gilbert Book Signing and Presentation  
10:30 am - 11:45 am  
Uncle Tom's Cabin Historic Site, 29251 Uncle Tom's Road, Dresden

**Feb 21 : Martin's Big Words, CK Black Historical Society & Black Mecca Museum** ([click here to find out more](#))  
6:30 pm  
Chatham Kent Public Library

**Feb 24: A Snapshot in the Family Album**  
3:00 pm  
North Buxton Community Church,  
21991 AD Shadd Rd, North Buxton



## CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS

Bring the Museum to your classroom! The Chatham Kent Black Historical Society will bring the virtual museum to your classroom and engage within your classroom discussions with you and your students.

Contact Information:  
Samantha Meredith

info@ckblackhistorysociety.org



The Sarnia Historical Society will also connect across classrooms to bring the story of Peter Pennington in this linked article and Elizabeth Workman in this excerpt from his novel: Keeping the Peace: 160 Years of Policing the Imperial City by Phil Egan, (to be published by the Sarnia Historical Society in Fall 2019), to you and your students.

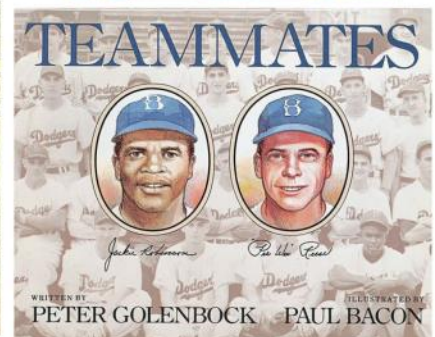
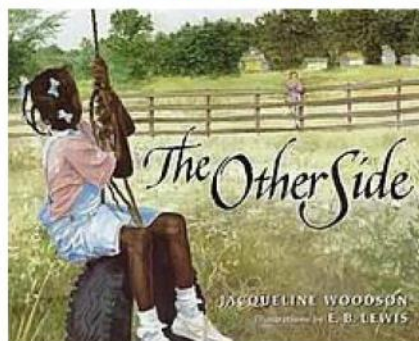
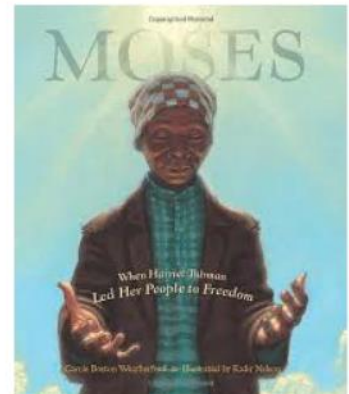
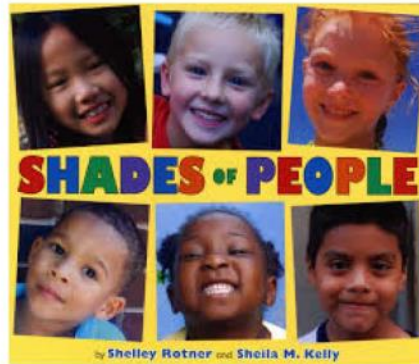
Contact Information: Phil Egan  
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The Buxton National Historical Site and Museum offers educational programming through online educational classroom kits, hands on and interactive experiences at the museum, and visits from the museum into the classroom.



## READING TO CONNECT CONCEPTS



This [List of Books](#), currently in most schools, focus on developing an understanding of key concepts such as tolerance, courage, diversity, respect, kindness, and love, among other important concepts to uncover with students. [Christopher Paul Curtis](#) is a local author who will connect in classrooms and responds [online](#) to his reader's questions.

Kayak Magazine also provides great stories and examples of the ways Black Canadians helped to build and shape this country. Check out this [PDF](#) of the magazine along with this [Educational Package](#) for use in the classroom.

Black History through poetry offers a way to bring voice along with critical thinking about complex social issues into the classroom. Also consider using images and [Quotes](#) to provoke student thinking and reflection.

Please see this [Overview](#) of Critical Literacy and Black History for ideas about connections across the curriculum.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Explore the following links for more information:

[Chatham Kent Black Historical Society](#)

[Uncle Tom's Cabin](#)

[Buxton Museum](#)

[The Underground Railroad](#)

[CBC Kids: All About Black History Month](#)



**Literacy Skills Workshop Schedule**  
**Winter 2019**

Every Tuesday and Thursday

2:30-3:30 PM

Rm. 108

Completely FREE

Snacks provided

| <b>Literacy Skills Workshop Schedule – Winter 2019</b> |  |                                 |  |
|--|--|---------------------------------|--|
| <b>Semester 2</b>                                      |  |                                 |  |
| <b>Date</b>  | <b>Workshop Title</b>  | <b>Date</b>                     | <b>Workshop Title</b>  |
| <b>Tuesday<br/>February 5</b>                          | Inferencing: Finding Implicit Meaning in a Text                                    | <b>Thursday<br/>February 7</b>  | Summarizing: Finding the Main Idea and Supporting Details                          |
| <b>Tuesday<br/>February 12</b>                         | Reading Strategies and Multiple Choice Questions                                   | <b>Thursday<br/>February 14</b> | Inferencing: Finding Implicit Meaning in a Text                                    |
| <b>Tuesday<br/>February 19</b>                         | Writing a News Report  | <b>Thursday<br/>February 21</b> | Essay Writing: Introduction  |
| <b>Tuesday<br/>February 26</b>                         | Essay Writing: Introduction  | <b>Thursday<br/>February 28</b> | Writing a News Report  |
| <b>Tuesday<br/>March 5</b>                             | Essay Writing: Advanced (You must bring a previously written essay to participate) | <b>Thursday<br/>March 7</b>     | Essay Writing: Advanced (You must bring a previously written essay to participate) |
| <b>Tuesday<br/>March 19</b>                            | Last Chance Test Overview  | <b>Thursday<br/>March 22</b>    | Last Chance Test Overview  |
| <b>March 27, 2019<br/>OSSLT DAY</b>                    |  |                                 |  |

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

**National Theatre School Drama Festival**

(formerly known as SEARS Drama Festival)

UCC presents 'Tracks' on Feb.26 @ the Capitol Theatre as part of the National Theatre School Drama Festival. Tickets available at [cktickets.com](http://cktickets.com).

## IMPORTANT DATES

|               |                                       |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| February 8    | 1st Semester Report Cards Distributed |
| February 14   | Dress Down Day                        |
| February 18   | Family Day Holiday                    |
| February 22   | Hot Dog Day                           |
| March 5       | Volunteer Fair                        |
| March 6       | Ash Wednesday Prayer Services         |
| March 7       | Dress Down Day                        |
| March 11-15   | March Break                           |
| March 21      | Hot Dog Day                           |
| March 27      | OSSLT                                 |
| April 4       | Hot Dog Day                           |
| April 5       | PD Day                                |
| April 10 - 13 | In The Heights Musical                |
| April 15      | Spring Team Pictures                  |
| April 17      | Stations Of The Cross                 |
| April 18      | Dress Down Day                        |
| April 19      | Good Friday                           |
| April 21      | Easter Sunday                         |
| April 22      | Easter Monday                         |
| April 25      | Dress Drive                           |

**UCC**  
**is the place to be!**

## UCC CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

The *next meeting* of the Ursuline College Catholic School Advisory Council will be held on ***Tuesday, February 26, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.*** in the school library.

**New parents are always welcome.**

**Meetings** are held approximately **6 times a year** and run from **6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.**

This is an excellent way for parents to have direct input into the many decisions that affect the education of their children.

Please contact Mr. Ray Power in the school office for further information.





**URSULINE COLLEGE THEATRE COMPANY  
PRESENTS**

FROM THE MUSICAL GENIUS OF BROADWAY'S

**HAMILTON &  
DISNEY'S MOANA!**

# **IN THE HEIGHTS**

**APRIL 10-13  
7 PM @ UCC THEATRE**

**TICKETS: \$20  
BOX OFFICE: 519-351-2987**

**GET TICKETS NOW @  
[onstagedirect.com/ucc](https://onstagedirect.com/ucc)**

**MUSIC AND LYRICS BY  
LIN-MANUEL MIRANDA**

**BOOK BY  
QUIARA ALEGRÍA NUDES**

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