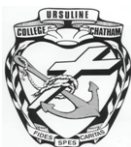




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# Ursuline College Chatham

Catholic Secondary School

## August Newsletter

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Principal: Ray Power

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Vice-Principals: Rick Baggio, Ed Freeburn, Mary Ann McCrae

August 2015

*Welcome back staff and students!*

### Welcome From UCC's Principal Mr. Power

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 2015-2016 school year. The office is still working hard to prepare for what promises to be an exciting and rich learning experience for your child. I am confident that the entire UCC staff is stronger than ever in their commitment to deliver a strong academic program rooted in faith. I call on all our school community to live our mission statement of being "called to serve". With the support of a dynamic administrative team working with me, Rick Baggio, Ed Freeburn and Mary Ann McCrae are the vice principal's who will assist you with your children while they attend UCC.

I look forward to continuing my work with the tremendous staff at UCC, serving the students, their families and the UCC community.

Please feel free to contact me or any of the administrative team as we move into the 2015-2016 year.

Looking forward to meeting you as the year unfolds at any of our evening parent sessions or at our School Advisory Council meetings.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### OPENING DAY REGISTRATION A special message for all UCC students

Tuesday, September 8th is the first day of school. We will run a regular schedule with registration taking place in your first period class. To ensure attendance is recorded, please follow the enclosed timetable.

**If you are planning to change your timetable, you must follow the timetable you have until you meet with your guidance counselor. To be clear, if you plan on changing your timetable you must still attend all classes on your timetable until they have been officially changed by your guidance counselor.**

Ursuline College Chatham offers many extra-curricular activities. Catholic retreats, guest speakers, numerous clubs, extensive arts and sports programs, and many other events that we know have a significant positive impact on students' overall success, satisfaction and enjoyment within a secondary school environment. In fact, educational research links student involvement in extra-curricular activities to improved student achievement. Therefore, we encourage all students to participate in the many extra-curricular offerings. Although these facets of a secondary school are very important, they are not directly funded by the Ministry of Education. Consequently, we have had a longstanding practice of collecting an activity fee. While this fee is optional, it benefits students greatly because without it we would not be able to offer the breadth of activities that we now offer.

The following is a summary of key areas that the activity fee supports:

Chaplaincy – grade level Catholic retreats, mass & liturgical supplies, and celebrations;  
Athletics – LKCSSA league fees, uniforms, referees, tournament fees, transportation;  
Student council activities – assemblies, speakers, dances, grade level events;  
School Clubs – supplies, registrations, fees;  
Lancer Link program.

PLEASE BE SURE TO BRING YOUR TIMETABLE WITH YOU ON TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 8th!!!!

During your first class on September 8th (period 1), the following items will be collected from you:

IMPORTANT - Make sure you get a receipt for all monies paid. Keep it for future reference if needed!

- \* Student activity fee - \$45
- \* Yearbook fee - \$35 (if you wish to purchase one)
- \* Graduation fee - \$25 (Grade 12's only)
- \* Completed Student Data Verification and Health and Accident Form (if enclosed.)

**Payments for student activity and yearbook fees may be made on September 8 by CASH ONLY. A receipt will be issued. However, if you prefer to pay in advance please visit SCHOOL CASH ON LINE starting August 1st and pay easily through the online link. This SCHOOL CASH ON LINE is the preferred method of payment for all UCC related school costs.**

### LOCKERS

You have been assigned a locker and lock by the main office. Information regarding your locker is printed on the enclosed timetable\*. We ask that you keep your locker in a good state of repair, and notify the main office if any problem occurs. Defacing of lockers including markers, stickers, etc. is prohibited. We recommend that students refrain from storing valuable items in their lockers to prevent the disappointment of loss. UCC will not be responsible for any thefts from lockers.

- \* **If your timetable is not included in this package, you may have outstanding business to complete.**
- \* **i.e. Outstanding textbook / library book due. Please contact the main office at 519-351-2987 ext. 0**

### UCC PHYS ED INFORMATION

If your child has a Physical Education Course first semester the following fees will apply:

<b>Uniform</b>	\$15.00 short	<b>Grade 11 PPL</b>	\$50.00
	\$15.00 shirt	<b>Grade 12 PPL</b>	\$50.00
	\$30.00 short & shirt	<b>Grade 11 &amp; 12 PAF</b>	(Fitness) \$50.00
		<b>Grade 11 &amp; 12 PAI</b>	(Resistance Training) \$25.00

Senior course fees are collected to partially cover the costs of off campus activities (golf, tennis, curling, bowling, racquetball, beach volleyball) and buses. Students will be bused to all activities outside of walking distances and no students will drive at any time. Grade 9 & 10 classes do not leave campus and therefore students will only require a uniform. Uniforms will be distributed the first day to students in all classes who require one.

Accessing SCHOOL CASH ONLINE is the preferred method of payment for Phys. Ed fees and uniforms however CASH will be accepted on the first day of classes. Receipts will be issued. Please see your teacher if in need of financial assistance.

### ALL UCC STUDENTS STUDENT DATA VERIFICATION, HEALTH AND ACCIDENT FORMS

**Student Data Verification** and **Health and Accident** forms will be provided by the period 1 teacher September 8th. Please complete and return them to the school during period 1 the first week of classes.

Make changes to any incorrect information on the **Student Data Verification Form**. Provide all information requested on the **Health and Accident Form**.

Students also have the opportunity to voluntarily self identify if First Nation, Metis and Inuit apply. See the appropriate section on the Student Data Verification.

### PARKING REMINDER

A reminder to UCC students and parents. The majority of spots in and around the school are reserved parking space for staff. **All numbered spots are reserved for staff.** Visitor Parking (V) is clearly marked. We ask that all students utilize the parking lots at the back of the school near Poplar St. Please note that improperly parked vehicles are subject to towing.

Please visit the UCC website for additional information on our school and the programs we offer:

<http://www.st-clair.net/schools/ursuline/>

### BYOD

UCC is part of the Board's BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) project which allows students to bring their personally owned technology equipment into the school / classroom and access the internet. Students wishing to participate in the BYOD project must follow the policy and guidelines that govern this project. Classroom teacher approval is required for students to use their own devices in the classroom.

### BUS INFORMATION

For School Bus Information, visit [www.schoolbusinfo.com](http://www.schoolbusinfo.com)

**IMPORTANT DATES**

July 22 & 23 - Halpern's Mobile Store at UCC  
 August 31 - Grade 9 Lancer Link Orientation  
 September 8 - First Day of Classes .  
 September 16 & 17 - Picture Day  
 September - Red Feather Activities  
 September 23 - School Mass  
 September 25 - Grade 9 / Lancer Link Crew Dance—7 pm  
 September 29 - School Council Mtg. - 7:00 pm - UCC Library  
 October 12—Thanksgiving Holiday

**FROM UCC STUDENT SERVICES**

***Check your timetables!***

Your timetable is included in this summer mailing.

**KILT / SKORT PURCHASES**

The kilt/skort, for many, is one of the treasured uniform pieces. Over the years this uniform item has been altered in its length and then re-sold at many consignment stores or privately.

**Please be advised that ALL kilt/skort must be 19 inches in length or they are not allowed to be worn. This includes previously altered kilts/skort that you may already have in your possession.**

When purchasing this item from other than Halpern's, our uniform supplier - please ensure the length is appropriate.

**UNIFORM SUPPLIER: HALPERNS**

**Halpern's is the supplier for all school uniforms. Uniforms may be purchased as follows:**

**Mobile Store in UCC Cafeteria:  
 July 22: 3 pm – 8 pm and July 23: 10 am - 3 pm.**

**On-line at: www.halperns.ca  
 By phone: 1-800-668-8261  
 Retail Store: London Retail Store  
 431 Newbold Street, London, ON  
 519-646-2913**



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 Director of Education

**ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2015 - 2016**

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- E** Exam Day (Secondary)
- H** Holiday
- P** Professional Activity Day

First Day of Classes September 8, 2015  
 Christmas Break December 21, 2015-  
 January 1, 2016  
 March Break March 14-18, 2016  
 Last Day of Classes June 29, 2016

## SCHOOL HOURS and SCHEDULES

Ursuline College Chatham has an 8:15 a.m. start time. It is important that students are at school and in their classes prior to the bell as Opening Exercises begin promptly at 8:15 a.m. Please refer to the following schedule for class and lunch times. Lunch is held during the third period of the day. Your lunch is determined by your 3rd period class. Grade 10 classes/students have first lunch. Grade 9 classes/students have second lunch. Grade 11 and 12 classes/students have third lunch. The schedule will be explained in detail on the first day.

### Regular Schedule

	First Lunch		Second Lunch		Third Lunch
	Grade 10 classes		Grade 9 classes		Grade 11 / 12 classes
<b>Period 1</b>	<b>8:15-9:30</b>	<b>Period 1</b>	<b>8:15-9:30</b>	<b>Period 1</b>	<b>8:15-9:30</b>
<b>Break</b>	<b>9:30-9:38</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>9:30-9:38</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>9:30-9:38</b>
<b>Period 2</b>	<b>9:38-10:53</b>	<b>Period 2</b>	<b>9:38-10:53</b>	<b>Period 2</b>	<b>9:38-10:53</b>
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>10:53-11:41</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>10:53-11:01</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>10:53-11:01</b>
<b>Period 3</b>	<b>11:41-12:56</b>	<b>Period 3i Lunch Period 3ii</b>	<b>11:01-11:36 11:36-12:16 12:16-12:56</b>	<b>Period 3  Lunch</b>	<b>11:01-12:16  12:16-12:56</b>
<b>Break</b>	<b>12:56-1:05</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>12:56-1:05</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>12:56-1:05</b>
<b>Period 4</b>	<b>1:05-2:20</b>	<b>Period 4</b>	<b>1:05-2:20</b>	<b>Period 4</b>	<b>1:05-2:20</b>

### LATE BUS SERVICE

Late buses will be available Monday through Thursday to support student involvement in extracurricular activities and to support students staying for additional academic assistance. The departure time for the "late bus" will be posted on our website at [www.st-clair.net/schools/ursuline](http://www.st-clair.net/schools/ursuline) and announced at the beginning of the school year.

#### FROM THE UCC GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Students wishing to make changes to their timetables for the 2015-16 school year **MUST** complete a Timetable Change Form available from guidance. Please drop the form in the Main Office or Guidance Area and the Guidance Secretary will schedule the appointment for the last week of August or the first week of Sept.

#### FROM THE MATH DEPARTMENT

If you are planning on buying a new calculator, a non-graphing, **scientific** calculator would be best. In an effort to "go green", solar powered is a great option – no batteries to replace. Teachers will be available for math help starting the second week of classes.

### SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

SCHOOL CASH ON LINE is the preferred method of payment for all UCC related school costs. We are working to make most items payable in this manner. Please visit [sccdsb.schoolcashonline.com](http://sccdsb.schoolcashonline.com) for more information and to get registered. It is the most safe and secure way to pay. No worry about sending cash to school or waiting for a cheque to clear.

### SYNERVOICE ATTENDANCE CALLS

Please note that the automated phone call regarding attendance only provides information about your child's absence for a particular day. This does not clear your child's attendance and a parental note or phone call is still required in order to avoid consequences for missing classes.

**You may leave a voice mail message 24/7 at 519-351-2987 ext. 4003.**