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Ursuline College Chatham

Catholic Secondary School

November / December Newsletter

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November / December 2018

Principal's Message

The clocks turning back recently along with the early morning and evening darkness have reinforced the reality that we have hit the middle of the semester. November is upon us and the expression “time flies when you’re having fun” certainly applies to the activities and events the UCC community has participated in over the last two months. I am amazed at how fast half of the semester has passed by.

It seems like yesterday that our Lancer Link staff and student leaders welcomed 293 new grade 9 students. Guidance was busy adjusting timetables and teachers were welcoming new students to their classes. Now, Student Council is actively promoting our school to our elementary partners, busy planning dress down days and a school semi formal. Our United Way Red Feather Ambassadors encouraged staff and students to participate in Red Feather Week raising almost \$1800. Our annual Terry Fox Community Walk raised \$1800. We have had a chance to celebrate grade level masses and retreats. We have hosted our annual Academic Assembly celebrating almost 300 honour role students. Our grade 10 students participated in an Ontario Comprehension Assessment to better prepare them for the literacy test later this year. School clubs and teams have participated every night of the week these past few months. The fall season is now coming to a close with our student athletes and coaches celebrating great success.

Academically, we have students engaged in great learning opportunities and assessments to cover the curriculum. We recently held parent teacher interviews to discuss student progress and report cards will be sent home mid November. We have been visiting classrooms to speak to students about their learning and what strategies they recommend to meet their needs. It has been a very positive experience for the administration team and our Superintendent Scott Johnson. You would be very proud of your child’s feedback as young learners.

As we journey into November, Martha McGregor will lead as our School Advisory Council chairperson and we will hold five more meetings throughout the year. We welcome any parent to attend our next 6:00 pm session on November 27th. Our focus will be a presentation from CK Public Health on educating parents about substance abuse.

I also want to invite all our parents from grade 9-12 to attend our Pathways to Careers evening on Thursday November 29th. We will host this at 6:30 pm in the theatre before we move to the gym where over 30 presenters will be assembled to share numerous careers pathways and opportunities for employment possibilities beyond high school in our community. Please mark this on your calendar and plan to join us as it promises to provide direction to you and your child about future possibilities.

As we journey deeper into the 2018-2019 school year, we are reminded by our Director of Education that we are all “wonderfully made”. Our students and staff continue to be witnesses to and examples of our mission statement – Live Like Jesus.

Soon the season of Christmas will be upon us. We will celebrate advent, Christmas masses, reconciliation, Christmas concerts, and our annual Pedegape Community Christmas dinner. We will embark on a joyful time of year for so many different reasons. Christmas will be a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of Christ’ coming. At that time, I will be able to look back at the school year and be inspired with the commitment of students and staff, their outstanding work academically, with extra-curricular participation, supporting worthy causes and sharing in school spirit. I am extremely proud of this wonderful school community.

I hope you enjoy the rest of our semester and in no time at all, I will be wishing you a very Merry Christmas!

Lancer Loud! Lancer Proud!

Ray Power
Principal

A Message From Our Chaplain

In the month of October, our prayers, reflections and acts of service were directed towards the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectation of becoming an “Effective Communicator”. Students in the English and Language Department became active listeners to our Federal Government’s promise in ending water advisories in Canada, as well as the voices of Indigenous communities impacted. We reflected on the gospel values, that teach us to critically understand and communicate spiritual and intellectual growth among both sides of conflict and issues. Our final call to task involved writing letters to our Prime Minister, with sensitivity and encouragement to their long term goal in ending water advisories by 2021.



The Catholic Graduate Expectation focus in November is that of a “Caring Family Member”. The goal is to be a person whose love and compassion for our family extends into the community, honouring those who foster a role of service. In connection with this expectation, students involved in the Pedagape Club will participate in their annual Trivia Competition on November 22nd with the Ursuline Sisters. It will be a sharing of mutual respect for each other’s Christ Like Acts, while participating in a fun fellowship event.

Lastly, our Remembrance Day Service brought forward several presentations including dance, music, and storytelling. We use the Arts and prayer to draw out an overwhelming sense of gratitude to Canada’s fallen. UCC would like to thank our Arts teachers Mr. Milner, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Dunlop and our guest speaker Mr. Taylor Hughes, a retired Leading Seaman with the Naval Military.

Keep in touch with UCC Guidance!



To receive information by text:

- Gr. 12+ Students:
- Gr. 12 Students:
- Gr. 11 Students:
- Gr. 10 Students:
- Gr. 9 Students:



Enter this number

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Standard text message rates apply.

To receive information using the Remind App:

1. Download the app.
2. Type in your smart phone number to get your verification.
3. Join your class: @ucc20xx

ATTENTION GRADS:

Students are reminded that the due date for university applications is Wednesday, January 16, 2019 and the due date for college applications is Friday, February 1, 2019.

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.

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 the Guidance secretary Ms. Moore for a chance to win.

Literacy Skills Workshop Schedule
2018 -2019

Every Tuesday and Thursday

2:30-3:30 PM

Rm. 108

Completely FREE

Snacks provided

Literacy Skills Workshop Schedule - Fall 2018			
Semester 1			
Date	Workshop Title	Date	Workshop Title
Tuesday October 16	Summarizing: Finding the Main Idea and Supporting Details	Thursday October 18	Reading Strategies and Multiple Choice Questions
Tuesday October 23	Inferencing: Finding Implicit Meaning in a Text	Thursday October 25	Summarizing: Finding the Main Idea and Supporting Details
Tuesday October 30	Reading Strategies and Multiple Choice Questions	Thursday November 1	Inferencing: Finding Implicit Meaning in a Text
Tuesday November 6	Writing a News Report	Thursday November 8	Essay Writing: Introduction
Tuesday November 13	Essay Writing: Introduction	Thursday November 15	Writing a News Report
March 27, 2019 OSSLT DAY			

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

SPAIN & PORTUGAL TRIP - MARCH BREAK 2019

There are still a few spots left on this March break's trip to Spain and Portugal. For more information, please see Mrs. Doherty or contact her by email at:

cherylann.doherty@sccdsb.net

ART CLUB

Art club will start up again on Tuesday, October 2 after school in rm. 920. Small fee of \$20 will cover cost of supplies which can be paid thru cash online. This workshop will focus on working with pastels. All new members are welcome!

IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 12	Spirit Week Hat Day
Nov. 13	Spirit Week Sock Day
Nov. 14	Spirit Wear Day / Take Your Kid To Work (gr. 9)
Nov. 15	Spirit Week - Colour Shirt Day
Nov. 16	Report Cards sent home
Nov. 21	Dress Down Day
Nov. 23	PD Day
Nov. 26 to Nov. 30	Grad Photos
Nov. 30	Hot Dog Day
Nov. 27	School Advisory Council Meeting – 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., UCC Library
Dec. 4 to Dec. 8	Christmas in Muskoka
Dec. 7	Reconciliation
Dec. 13	Dress Down Day
Dec. 19	Grade Level Advent Mass Celebrations
Dec. 24/18 - Jan. 4/19	Christmas Break
Jan. 25 - Jan. 31/ 19	First Semester Exams
Jan. 31	UCC Open House
Feb. 1	PD Day
Feb. 4	Second Semester Begins

UCC CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

The *next meeting* of the Ursuline College Catholic School Advisory Council will be held on
Tuesday, November 27, 2018 @ 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.





Dec. 4 – Dec. 8, 2018 at the Chatham Armoury

Welcome to 'Christmas in Muskoka'! A community event to support the 300 grade 7 students as well as the UCC Leadership Team attending the Muskoka Leadership Camp this May. Thirty-five spectacular, designer Christmas trees will be raffled off!



Tuesday, December 4 - 'Senior's Tea'



The Seniors Tea sponsored by the 'Chatham Breakfast House & Grille', 'Heritage Credit Union' and 'Hollis Wealth' will take place from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. Seniors are welcome to view the Christmas trees, enjoy a theatrical presentation by Ursuline College and feast on complimentary refreshments.



The 'Children's Treatment Centre Foundation' in collaboration with 'Christmas in Muskoka' will host the families of the Children's Treatment Centre from 5:00 to 7:00 pm for their annual Christmas Party!



Wednesday, December 5 – 'Preview Party'



POSTMEDIA

Sponsored by the 'Glasshouse Nursery', 'To Suit Your Fancy' & 'Post Media' on Wednesday, December 5 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, the grand opening of 'Christmas in Muskoka' will take place! Complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be served and a cash bar will be available. Purchase your tickets at Ursuline College, Chatham. Tickets are \$15.00.



Thursday, December 6 – 'Grade 7/8 Dance'



A Grade 7 & 8 Dance, sponsored by '99.1 CKXS' & 'Dajcor Aluminum Ltd.' will take place from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. Tickets are \$10 and must be purchased in advance at our Catholic schools in Chatham-Kent. Students are encouraged to



bring non-perishable food items. For every item donated, students will receive a ballot to win various door prizes.



Friday, December 7 - Community Night'



Our Catholic Principals & Vice Principals welcome you to Community Night, 6:00 to 9:00 pm! Sponsored by 'Tepperman's', join us for Christmas crafts, live children's theatre (at 7:30 pm) and face painting.

Children may visit Santa and snacks will be available for purchase. Raffle tickets will be for sale for the 35 designer Christmas trees. Admission is \$5 or free with a non-perishable food item.

Saturday, December 8 - 'McDonald's' Family Breakfast'



Breakfast with Santa will be served on Saturday, December 8 from 9:00 to 10:30 am! Tickets to this event include Christmas activities, crafts, face painting, live children's theatre (at 10:00 am) and a hot nutritious breakfast! Admission is \$10.00. Tickets are available at McDonald's Restaurant (inside and cash only please) on St. Clair Street, Chatham.

Throughout the week, don't miss . . .



The 'Ursuline Sisters Interactive Theatre'

Performed twice daily, the Ursuline College Drama Team will present to over 1500 primary students, 'A Charlie Brown Christmas!'

'The Ridge Landfill Community Trust Camp Christmas'



All students who attend the daily sessions will participate in crafts, games and activities perfectly suited for the Christmas season. Staff from 'TekSavvy' will provide face painting!

The 'Lally Auto Group' Visit With Santa!

Have you been naughty or nice? Throughout the week, at all of the children's events, Santa Claus will be available for children and families to visit.



Charity Night

Thursday, November 29th at 6:30pm

Join Us and HAVE FUN!!!

This is your opportunity to support the Riverview Gaming Centre,
While earning money for your Charity!

**All Charity Members and
Friends/Family are Invited**

For each charity member registered on site you will receive:
\$10.00/Person for your Charity!

Random draws for Bingo Baskets!

BINGO supports the Community

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

Featuring...**Turbo Trivia!**
For more prizes



Charity participants in attendance must purchase a book individually.
As per Terms and Conditions, players cannot share a book.

Many of the coaches at UCC volunteer to work Bingo's at Riverview Gaming Centre. The funds raised through SAA bingo's are used to purchase uniforms and equipment for the many teams at UCC. Thanks you for supporting Riverview Gaming Centre and Athletics at UCC.





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Open House

Thursday, January 31, 2019

7:00 p.m. U.C.C. Theatre

Tours will follow the presentation



Note: Anyone who requires accommodation (assistive devices, lifts, sign language interpreters, etc.) should report these needs to Ray Power at 519-351-2987 Ext. 25406 or ray.power@sccdsb.net

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7 PM @ UCC THEATRE**

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BOX OFFICE: 519-351-2987**

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