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# Class of 2019/2020

**Ursuline College Chatham  
Catholic Secondary School**

<http://www.st-clair.net/ucc/>

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**January 2016**

*Welcome to Grade 9 Newsletter*



The Chaplaincy Department invites students to build their relationship with Jesus Christ. This invitation is extended in a wide variety of ways including:

- Prayer
- Retreats
- Field trips
- Social Justice projects
- Catechesis
- Counseling

For more information, please visit the "Chaplain's Corner" section of the school website or contact our chaplain directly at [thomas.dula@sccdsb.net](mailto:thomas.dula@sccdsb.net)

### Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) Requirements:

30 credits

-18 compulsory credits

-12 optional credits (includes 4 Religion credits)

- 40 hours of community involvement activities (can begin the summer prior to grade 9)

The provincial literacy requirement

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/extra/eng/ppm/graduate.pdf>

### **Grade 9 Compulsory Courses:**

English, Religion, Mathematics, Science, Geography, French

### **Optional Courses include 2 of the following:**

Comprehensive Arts	Drama	Instrumental Music
Visual Art	Technology	Physical Education

Course descriptions can be found in our Course Calendar:

<http://www.st-clair.net/Data/Sites/31/course-calendar2016.pdf>

**Registration** packages will be provided to Catholic elementary partner schools.

Grade 8 teachers will make recommendations about compulsory course levels. Registration packages can be obtained by contacting:

519-351-2987, ext. 25419 or  
[anna.hogle@sccdsb.net](mailto:anna.hogle@sccdsb.net)

### *Transportation*

*Bussing information will be mailed home in August.*

*For additional information go to [schoolbusinfo.com](http://schoolbusinfo.com) on the school website.*

<https://www.schoolbusinfo.com/>

## Academic, Applied, Locally Developed and Open

In Grades 9 & 10, four types of courses are offered:

academic courses, applied courses, essential and open courses. Academic courses emphasize theory and abstract problems. Applied courses focus on practical applications and concrete examples. Essential courses are designed to provide students with an educational experience which will prepare them for studies in Grades 11 & 12 workplace courses. Open courses are designed to provide students with a broad educational base that will prepare them for their studies in Grades 11 & 12 and for productive participation in society. In Grade 11 & 12, the courses offered to prepare students for their post-secondary destinations include: university preparation courses; university/college preparation courses; and workplace preparation courses. Open courses are also offered in Grades 11 & 12.

Students can mix different types of courses. For example, a student can take Applied Math and French courses and Academic English.

It is not necessary for a student to take all grade 9 academic courses to be eligible for university.

*See myBlueprint to learn about post-secondary program pre-requisites.*

## Destinations Pathways

### Type of Course

Apprenticeship	Academic, Applied or Locally Developed
College	Academic or Applied
University	Academic
Work	Academic, Applied or Locally Developed



### Community Involvement Activities

Students are required to complete 40 hours of community involvement activities. These activities may be completed at any time during their years in the secondary program. The activity is to be completed outside students' normal instructional hours. Students will maintain and provide a record of their community involvement activities using the appropriate form. The document is the responsibility of the student. The dates and times of student participation must be confirmed by the organizations or supervising persons. The principal will then sign the submitted form to indicate the student has met the requirements for both the ministry and the Board for these activities.

Students may begin to earn hours as soon as they graduate from gr. 8. Community Involvement Forms can be downloaded from the Ursuline College Chatham website:

<http://www.st-clair.net/Data/Sites/31/Volunteer-hours-form.pdf>

### Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics

All students enrolled in grade 9 mathematics, whether in the academic or the applied stream, are required to take the EQAO mathematics test. It is administered in January for students enrolled in grade 9 mathematics first semester; and in June for students enrolled in grade 9 mathematics second semester. The test is based on the Grade 9 mathematics curriculum. The results of this test are included in the students' course grade. The test is given to ascertain whether or not students have attained the provincial expectations in mathematics at the grade 9 level and to identify strengths and areas for improvement in student learning.

*-After-school math help is offered on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.*

### The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT)

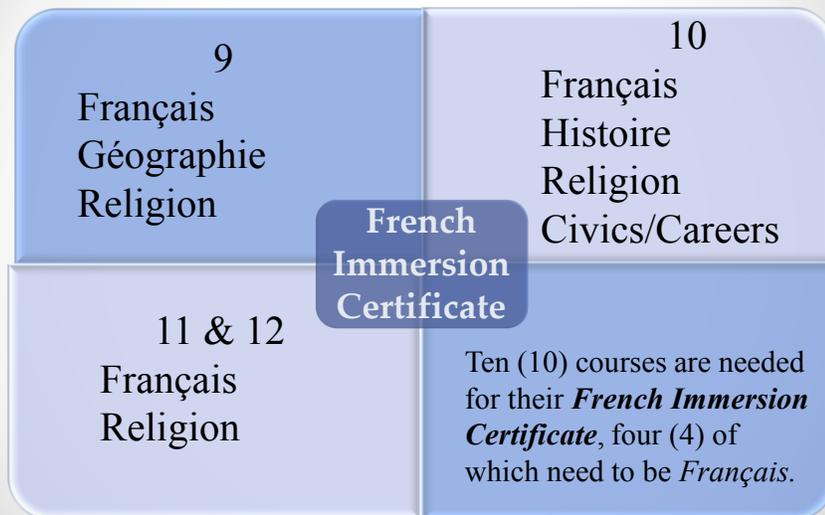
Each school year all students in grade 10 write the Literacy test. If a student is unsuccessful on the OSSLT, they may take the Ontario Literacy Course to successfully complete the provincial literacy requirement in order to earn a secondary school diploma.

<http://www.eqao.com/en/assessments/OSSLT/students/Pages/students.aspx>

*-After-school Literacy help sessions are offered on Monday and Wednesday.*

***Get involved! UCC has lots of clubs, teams and activities to join!  
Listen to daily announcement for details!***

## French Immersion Department



## myBlueprint

The Ministry of Education's policy on education and career/life planning program for Ontario schools, requires all students to complete an Individual Pathway Plan (IPP) for each year they are in school. The IPP becomes the primary planning tool that students use as they proceed through school towards their initial postsecondary destination. myBlueprint is the tool students use to create a web-based IPP. This program has many excellent features to allow students to discover themselves, explore opportunities, create goals and formulate plans for success. Parents are encouraged to ask their children about their IPP and visit:

<http://www.myblueprint.ca/stclair>

*myBlueprint can be used to explore post-secondary destination eligibility according to course selection.*

### What is Student Success?

- A networked, interwoven, team approach including:
  - Success teacher
  - Administration
  - Staff
  - Guidance Counsellors
  - Child and Youth worker
  - Social worker
  - Chaplaincy
  - Coaches
  - Team leaders
  - Community partners
  - Weekly team meetings
- Academic support-tracking, communication, direct support
- the pursuit of excellence for the whole student
- Sincere concern is outwardly expressed by all of us for each student's academic, social, emotional & spiritual well-being.

### Special Education

To allow for the smoothest possible transition to secondary school, a transition meeting for students supported by an IEP, will be conducted here at Ursuline College Chatham Catholic High School in the spring prior to the student beginning his or her secondary career. These meetings are an opportunity for parents, students, and the elementary team to share with the secondary team the strengths and challenges or concerns of individual students. Together a plan is developed to help ensure a successful transition to the UCC Catholic community. In most cases parents will be contacted by the student's elementary school to confirm the meeting date and time.

### Uniforms:

All students that attend Ursuline College Chatham Catholic High School must abide by the uniform policy.

See UCC's Student Code of Behaviour:

<http://www.st-clair.net/Data/Sites/31/student-planner-2015-2016.pdf>

The supplier of uniform items is:

Halpern's- 431 Newbold Street, London, ON.

Phone: 1-800-668-8261

Shop Online at [www.halperns.ca](http://www.halperns.ca)

*Halpern's Mobile Show: July 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> at UCC.*

- Link Crew is a transition program designed to develop and provide a welcoming community to our incoming grade nine students.
- Grade Nine Orientation Thursday, September 1, 2016 (8:00 am)

**Guidance/Student Services Student Services** is an area where students may go to get help from a school counsellor for social, personal and/or academic concerns. Students are welcome to drop in and ask questions or they can make an appointment to speak with their counsellors.

Guidance Secretary: Ms. A. Hogle  
Phone: 519-351-2987 Ext. 25419

**Guidance Counselors**

A-F Mr. A. Estoesta  
G-M Ms. L. Harnarine  
N-Z Ms. K. Webster

Ext. 25413

Ext. 25414

Ext. 24415

**Frequently Asked Questions:**

1. Ursuline College Chatham is a Catholic High School. Do I have to be Catholic to attend UCC?

Actually, no, you don't have to be Catholic to attend UCC. We are an open access school which means any student entering grade nine can choose to attend a public or Catholic secondary school. UCC however, has the Catholic traditions embedded in our curriculum and daily life at the school so students will have a Catholic faith based education. We welcome all students to our UCC family.

2. Does UCC offer help getting to know the school?

UCC offers a fantastic transition program known as Link Crew. Our Link Crew Leaders are senior students trained by staff advisors to assist new grade 9 students. You will be part of a small group assigned to a leader who mentors and befriends you throughout your grade 9 year. They wear bright Link Crew shirts to identify themselves as students helping students. – from directions, to lockers, from answering questions, to helping students get involved. Our Link Leaders work to make grade 9 awesome!

3. Will I have to share a locker?

Grade 9 students will be assigned their own locker and lock at the beginning of the year. Don't share your combination with other people. These lockers will be assigned adjacent to their senior Link Crew Leader.

4. Where do I get my gym uniform?

At the beginning of the semester, you will be able to buy your gym uniform from your physical education teacher.

5. Will I have a lot of homework?

Grade 9-10 students may expect 30 to 90 minutes of homework per night.

6. If I choose Applied or Academic courses will this choice limit my post-secondary opportunities?

No. There are options for switching between course types in future years. These options plus specific requirements for post-secondary opportunities are available by talking to your high school guidance counsellor. See myBlueprint to learn about post-secondary program pre-requisites.

**Resources:**

School website: <http://www.st-clair.net/ucc/>

St. Clair Catholic District School Board: <http://www.st-clair.net/>

Co-op, OYAP, SHSM, Dual Credits <http://www.st-clair.net/co-op--oyap--shsm--dual-credits.aspx>

myBlueprint: <http://www.myblueprint.ca/stclair>