



Ursuline College Chatham

STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT



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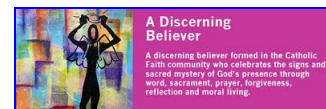
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Happy New Year!

“Out with the old, in with the new”. This phrase means to move forward, and at UCC, our Lancers are definitely moving forward in 2019. Before the new year and during the month of December we had a very busy month including our epic Christmas in Muskoka fundraiser (December 4th-8th), we celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation (December 7th), we gave our uniforms a rest as we purchased a dress down day (December 13th), and we focused on the theme of joy at our Advent mass (December 19th).

Other activities in December included a Christmas dinner where over 150 guests from our community were served. During lunch time, our Student Council led fun activities and our Lancer Link Crew hosted a Christmas cookie decoration lunch for our grade nine students. Generosity, acts of charity and kindness are evident in our Lancers.

After a much deserved and appreciated Christmas Break, our school community returned to complete our first semester on January 7, 2019. These first few weeks back flew by as we prepare to write our final exams (January 25th-31st) and already the next crew of grade nine Lancers will experience the grade eight open house in our theatre (January 31st).



LEAD LIKE JESUS

The goodwill and generosity that UCC Lancers shared in December moved forward right into January. SCCDSB staff, administration, teachers, and grade 12 students donated blood and were swabbed to help find a stem cell donor match for a former Lancer and former UCC Student Trustee in need of a transplant, Jocelyn McGlynn, (who I am proud to say also happens to be my sister).



Students were bussed from UCC to St. Joseph Spirit and Life Centre on Wednesday, January 9th. As well, some Lancers came earlier with their friends, and some came later with their families. Many from our CEC also donated as did past graduates. Canadian Blood

Services was overwhelmed by the number of people who selflessly gave of their time to donate and to be swabbed. Many thanks to all who donated and were swabbed, and to our school board for their support. Our SCCDSB family continues to 'lead like Jesus'!



Mr. Dula has reminded us in the past that Chaplaincy is not a person or a place but instead chaplaincy lives in each of us. We must remember that chaplaincy is a community of believers working together to become the image and likeness of God. At UCC and within our SCCDSB we are all chaplains, and this was clear on January 9th!

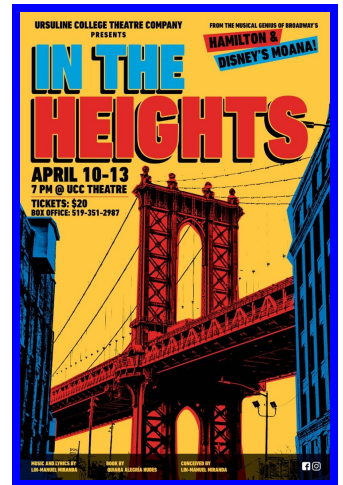
The support of our SCCDSB family for the blood drive and swab clinic also makes me think of Mr. Power's reminder that we are all "wonderfully made". This was truly evident in our staff and our students; we continue to be examples of our mission to "Lead Like Jesus".



In The Heights

Staff and students at UCC are preparing for another amazing musical, “In the Heights”. The cast and crew have been selected, and as usual are working very hard. The ticket sales have started (December 3rd); tickets are \$20.00 each and are available at our box office. The musical will be presented April 10th-13th in our UCC Theatre.

This musical tells the story of a close-knit neighbourhood in New York that is full of hopes, dreams and pressures as it is on the brink of change - the struggles that come from chasing your dreams and also clinging to your roots. The diverse music spans three generations and the musical is set over three days. Given that this musical has won four Tony Awards (Best Musical, Best Original Score, Best Choreography, and Best Orchestrations) we know that our UCC cast will exceed expectations!



THOUGHTEXCHANGE

New to SCCDSB is the concept of a process of discovery called “Thoughtexchange”. This sharing and learning from each other will help us to prepare for the future, to build together our Catholic education, and our new strategic plan for our Catholic education over the next five years. We followed three steps: 1. share, 2. star/rate the shared thoughts, and then 3. discover as we learn from the ideas we have in our Catholic community. Students (including myself) from UCC had the honour of attending this workshop on January 9th, and the open online conversation lasted six days from January 18th-23rd.



