



Ursuline College Chatham

Catholic Secondary School

April / May Newsletter

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Principal's Message

With March break behind us, and spring officially here, you can sense the last third of our school year will pass as quickly as it has arrived.

I am hopeful that warm weather finds us soon as everyone is itching to move outside a bit more regularly. In particular, you will soon see our spring sports teams schedules will start to pick up: badminton, track and field, ultimate frisbee, and soccer will be practicing and competing. You will also notice the repairs on our damaged front wall will be completed as the frost leaves the ground.

The big news is that "In the Heights" musical hits the UCC stage April 9-13th. It is a much anticipated presentation that has kept over a 100 staff and students busy for the months. I have walked in and out of the theatre in advance of the performance I am so impressed by the dedication and talent of so many. It promises to be a wonderful play that will leave you feeling joyful and excited with pride.

By now I hope your child has had a conversation about course selection and the "My Blueprint" online course selection and planning tool. Guidance staff have been in-servicing students through February and March teaching the students how to go in and review their profile. It identifies all the courses they have taken to date, provides them opportunity to select their courses for 2019-2020, and then offers tools for career and pathway planning. It is a great resource for our students and you as parents to learn about post-secondary opportunities for your child. The goal is that all students use this tool to select course for next year. **All students who have yet to complete course selections now need to visit this guidance counsellor** so that I can start developing the master timetable for 2019-2020. Please ask your child to make sure they contact guidance immediately if they feel a course change needs to be made.

April 17th, from 4 pm to 7 pm we will be holding our **Parent Teacher Interviews**. No appointments are necessary however we welcome you to attend with (or without) your child to discuss their semester 2 progress to date. Interim report cards were sent home the week of March 18 – 22. Please contact your child's classroom teacher if they did not receive one. The hope is that these interviews allow some additional time for students to make academic improvements prior to midterm reports being sent home on April 25th.

Another event that has been keeping staff and students busy is Muskoka Woods. Our student leaders and staff will conclude their months of preparation by putting their training to practice with our grade seven elementary students May 3-7th. We wish everyone involved a wonderful experience.

Catholic Education week is May 5 – 11th. A group of UCC students will be joining the Ursuline Sisters in celebrating mass on Tuesday May 7th. This is part of a province wide Eucharistic celebration.

Throughout this year, our school has been working on the developing the Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations. Each day our chaplaincy leader Thomas Dula has shared examples of how we are called to be Discerning Believers, Effective Communicators, Reflective, Creative, Holistic Thinkers, Self-Directed, Responsible Lifelong Learners, Collaborative Contributors, Responsible Citizens, and a Caring Family Member.

What impresses me is the awareness that so many of our students have as to how the catholic graduate expectations are part of their daily lives at UCC. In my learning conversations with students, I am intrigued by the insight our students have of the impact they can make in another person's life. Understanding and living the catholic graduate expectations are life-long tools we hope all our students develop over their time at UCC.

Finally, I want to congratulate all the students who recently completed the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test. It is an important graduation requirement for all our students and I know it brings with it great stress and anxiety. I was proud of the student's efforts and certainly want to thank all the efforts by staff and students to prepare in advance for the test. It has been a school focus to enhance literacy and numeracy skills across the curriculum. Now we anxiously await the results.

As we enter into spring, we welcome April showers knowing May flowers are not far behind.
Happy spring!

Lancer Loud! Lancer Proud!

Ray Power

A Message From Our Chaplain

We are familiar with the three pillars of prayer, fasting, and alms giving during Lent. However, this year, our school has altered the wording to read, reflect, and respond. Our faith has integrity when it comes from contemplation, and answers to the call of our heart and mind. Jesus gave more than a simple answer when his followers asked, "Which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." We too, can have great faith in God by reading His word, reflecting on the life of Christ, and responding with the Holy Spirit's love.



We will be concluding our 40-day journey at UCC with the Stations of the Cross on Wednesday, April 17th. Mr. Milner's choir and Mrs. Fernandes' grade 9 Drama class will be presenting them in the school's Theater. There will be three performances: period 2 - grade 9, period 3 - grade 10, period 4 - grade 11 and 12. Lastly, our Catholic Education Week and Easter Mass will take place on Tuesday, May 7th. A large group of students will be celebrating with the Ursuline Sisters at 9:00AM, in the Kiva of Angela Villa.

Grace be with you this Holy Season!

Sincerely, Thomas Dula

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 MyBluerprint. 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.



<p>APRIL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER ARTICLE Catholic Education: <i>Living as Joyful Disciples</i></p>
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This year's Catholic Education Week theme is "*Living as Joyful Disciples.*"

The 2019 theme was inspired by three sources: *Renewing the Promise*, The Pastoral Letter on Catholic Education from the Bishops of Ontario; *Gaudete et exsultate*, the Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis on the Call to Holiness; and *Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment*, the October 2018 Synod of Bishops. Mindful of the Synod on Youth, the theme and sub-themes are very much directed to the young people in our schools, especially in their growth in holiness and their formation as disciples of Christ through the discernment of their vocational pathways. In the section of *Renewing the Promise* entitled, "A Community that Forms Joyful Disciples," we read, "*Our Catholic schools help to form joyful disciples as hearts and minds are opened to the transforming love of God and to the flame of faith in action. On a daily basis, Catholic schools demonstrate the joy of believing and witness the Good News to the communities that they serve.*"

There are five sub-themes for each day of Catholic Education Week:

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| Day 1: | Rooted in Prayer
Enracinés dans la prière |
| Day 2: | Living in Community
Vivre au coeur de la communauté |
| Day 3: | Doing Justice & Creating Hope
Semer la justice et inspirer l'espérance |
| Day 4: | Journeying Together in Faith
Cheminer ensemble dans la foi |
| Day 5: | Sharing the Good News
Partager la bonne nouvelle |

Every year, the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) provides our Catholic schools with a resource kit to help schools prepare for Catholic Education Week. Using these resources, as well as our own developed activities, we have prepared a series of activities, which will highlight how the students and staff at our school are *Living as Joyful Disciples*.

We hope to see many of you during our school celebrations.



Employment Resource Centre

Jobs | Education | Training Information | Computers, Internet and Printing Assistance

Presents

YOUTH JOB FAIR

10 + Employers will be recruiting youth up to age 30, for multiple positions at our Youth Job Fair this spring.

**Register through Eventbrite to receive updates:
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/youth-job-fair-wednesday-may-1st-2019-tickets-59709490694>**

When: Wednesday May 1st 2019

Time: 2:00pm to 7:00 pm

Where: Studio One, 75 William Street N, Chatham



**Contact: (519) 436-1123
CKERC@chatham-kent.ca**



JOIN UCC's...



FIGHT FOR THE
UNBORN



PRO-LIFE GROUP

Join us in a trip to Ottawa's "MARCH FOR LIFE"

- † *Guest Speakers*
- † *Information on the statistics of abortion as well as pro-life misconceptions*
- † *Opportunities to debate*

- † *Inspirational and informative films*
- † *The Catholic and Scientific perspective on life*
- † *Build community with our Catholic family*

Biweekly meetings Room: 501

JOIN THE MOVEMENT

"BEFORE I FORMED YOU IN THE WOMB I KNEW YOU, AND BEFORE YOU WERE BORN I CONSECRATED YOU" JEREMIAH 1:5

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5 TIPS TO PROTECT YOUR PRIVACY ONLINE

1

Think before you click!

Really think about the photos, comments, messages and videos you want to post online, *before* you put them there.

POST



2

Remember that things you post may not be private.

Everything is shareable. People can copy comments, messages, photos and videos that you post online and send them to other people.



3

Know who your friends are.

If you don't know someone in person, then you can't be sure who that person is online.



4

Protect your privacy with passwords

It's important to password-protect your mobile device; use strong passwords on your accounts and don't share them with others.



5

Respect your friends' online footprints too.

Before you post a photo or video with someone else in it, ask them if it's okay; and think carefully about what you say about others online.



If you're worried about something you see online, or have questions about how to protect your privacy, talk with an adult you trust.



Find out more at
youthprivacy.ca

IMPORTANT DATES

April 10 - 13	In The Heights Musical
April 15	Spring Team Pictures
April 17	Stations Of The Cross
April 17	Parent-Teacher Interviews
April 18	Dress Down Day
April 19	Good Friday
April 21	Easter Sunday
April 22	Easter Monday
April 25	Dress Drive
April 30	School Council
May 5 - 11	Catholic Education Week
May 15	Paul Davis - parent presentation on Online Safety
May 23	Dress Down Day
May 24	Grad Day
May 28	School Council
May 29	Spring Concert
June 6	Year End Mass
June 6	Arts Banquet
June 7	PD Day
June 11	Athletics Banquet
June 13 & 14	Gr. 9 Math EQAO
June 14	Eclectic Java
June 21 - 26	Exams
June 27	Graduation

UCC CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

The ***last meetings*** of the Ursuline College Catholic School Advisory Council for the 2018-2019 school year will be held on:

Tuesday, April 30, 2019 and Tuesday, May 28 @ 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.

