

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



St. Clair Catholic  
District School Board



Dear Lancers & Parents/Guardians,

At UCC we are working tirelessly to prepare for what promises to be a rich and exciting 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. As a UCC Lancer, I will call on our entire school community to make our Catholicity visible as we live our school motto, "FAITH, HOPE, and CHARITY".

The administrative team working with me are Peter Cowan, Katie Simon and Alishia Thompson, Vice-Principals who will assist you and your child during their high school career at UCC. I look forward to working with families throughout our school year to support your child. It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 2025-2026 school year at Ursuline College Chatham.

LANCER LOUD! LANCER PROUD!

Ms. Lisa Harnarine,  
Principal



L. Harnarine  
Principal



A. Thompson  
Vice Principal  
A-F



P. Cowan  
Vice Principal  
G-M



K. Simon  
Vice Principal  
N-Z

## GRADE 9 LANCER LINK STUDENTS ORIENTATION DAY

Orientation is an extremely important event to meet students, staff and to allow time for Gr. 9's to familiarize themselves with UCC. The Lancer Link Crew, a team of dedicated senior students, leads the Gr. 9 orientation. Please mark **THURSDAY, AUGUST 28th** in your calendar. Specific details can be found on our Website/Edsby!



## LATE BUSES

Late buses will run beginning Monday, September, 8, 2025. Students will be required to have a late bus pass in order to ride the late bus. Late bus passes will be issued for students staying for extra curricular sports, clubs, teams, and academic help. Late bus passes will be available in the main office Monday-Thursday, and from coaches and staff supporting teams and academic help.

## UNIFORMS

McCarthy Uniforms is the official supplier of uniforms at UCC. Approved uniform tops and bottoms must be worn at UCC. Many students will wear uniforms in good condition that friends or siblings have outgrown. If you would like to donate items, please drop off in guidance. You may order online [www.mccarthyuniforms.ca](http://www.mccarthyuniforms.ca) or call 1-800-668-8261. Fit show July 9th, 11-6(Cafeteria)

Friday's are Spirit Wear Days. Students can wear UCC tops (ie. Hoodies/shirts from UCC sports, clubs etc.) with their uniform bottoms.

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Getting supplies for high school is very different from Elementary School! Students will only need the basics:

- Pens
- Pencils
- Some pencil crayons (esp. for Geography)
- Binders
- Paper
- Clothes for Phys. Ed (information about purchasing a gym uniform will be communicated by your Phys. Ed. teacher during the first week of class)
- Calculator (The Mathematics Department recommends a calculator that allows you to input a multi-step equation)
- Any other supplies you might need will be communicated by your teachers in the first week

## TIMETABLES

Students chose their courses earlier this year using myBlueprint or when they registered at UCC. Individual timetables were emailed in July and these identify which semesters and periods your courses will run. Please note that due to space limitations, some student timetables will include their alternate course selections. An updated timetable will be emailed and posted to EDSBY at the end of August—these will include bell times, room assignments and teaching staff.

If students want to request any changes (or other questions & concerns) before the school year begins, contact the Guidance Department to schedule an appointment. Please remember the Guidance Department will return from their summer holiday's at the end of August. **Please call or email the Guidance Secretary, Ms. Kosik to make an appointment (519) 351-2987, ext. 25422.** Please note that if a student wishes to change their timetable, they must still attend classes on their timetable until they have been officially changed by their Guidance Counsellor.

STUDENT LAST NAME	COUNSELOR	EMAIL	EXTENSION
(A - F)	Ms. P. Bromley	<a href="mailto:patty.bromley@sccdsb.net">patty.bromley@sccdsb.net</a>	25413
(G - L)	Ms. L. Fisher	<a href="mailto:lisa.fishernooyen@sccdsb.net">lisa.fishernooyen@sccdsb.net</a>	25414
(M)	Mr. C. Devet	<a href="mailto:casey.devet@sccdsb.net">casey.devet@sccdsb.net</a>	25414
(N - Z)	Mr. J. Matteis	<a href="mailto:jordan.matteis@sccdsb.net">jordan.matteis@sccdsb.net</a>	25415
Guidance Secretary	Ms. L. Kosik	<a href="mailto:louise.kosik@sccdsb.net">louise.kosik@sccdsb.net</a>	25422

## SPECIAL EDUCATION

TEACHER	PROGRAM	EMAIL	EXTENSION
Ms. J. Bos	Lifeskills	<a href="mailto:jennifer.bos@sccdsb.net">jennifer.bos@sccdsb.net</a>	25805
Ms. M. Pearson	Resource	<a href="mailto:marilyn.pearson@sccdsb.net">marilyn.pearson@sccdsb.net</a>	25103
Ms. A. McCabe	Resource	<a href="mailto:amanda.mccabe@sccdsb.net">amanda.mccabe@sccdsb.net</a>	25103
Ms. K. Pearson	Lifeskills	<a href="mailto:kristen.pearson@sccdsb.net">kristen.pearson@sccdsb.net</a>	25805
Mr. J. Teeuwen	Resource	<a href="mailto:jeffrey.teeuwen@sccdsb.net">jeffrey.teeuwen@sccdsb.net</a>	25103

## SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

UCC utilizes School Cash Online, an easy to use, safe way to pay for school fees (ie. yearbook, class trips, gym uniform). If you have already used School Cash Online in St. Clair Catholic elementary, your account follows the student into secondary. If you don't have an account, you may register for one at [www.sccdsb.schoolcashonline.com](http://www.sccdsb.schoolcashonline.com).

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT HOURS

The Ministry of Education requires that all secondary students complete 40 hours of community involvement as a requirement for earning an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). Students can start earning their community service hours as soon as they finish Grade 8. Forms can be found on UCC's website: [www.st-clair.net/ucc/volunteer-hours-form.aspx](http://www.st-clair.net/ucc/volunteer-hours-form.aspx). Completed forms are to be returned to the Guidance Department at any time during the school year.

## EDSBY

EDSBY has been chosen by the St. Clair Catholic District School Board to provide a modern way for parents/guardians to follow their child's progress at school, receive school updates and much more. EDSBY allows teachers to share information about your child's activities & progress. Students also use EDSBY to view their timetables, communicate with their teachers and view their grades.

If parents/guardians are not already connected to EDSBY, please contact the school (519-351-2987 ext. 0) to receive your invitation and further information. **\*\*Please note that a parent invitation to EDSBY cannot be sent until the student attends their first day of school.\*\***



## STUDENT ATTENDANCE

UCC uses a student absence management system called **School Messenger—Safe Arrival**. Same day absences can be reported up to 11:00pm daily, and future absences can be reported at any time. As soon as you are aware a student will be absent, please report via School Messenger to improve the communications. If you are signing out a student, please use the app and provide a minimum of 30 minutes notice.

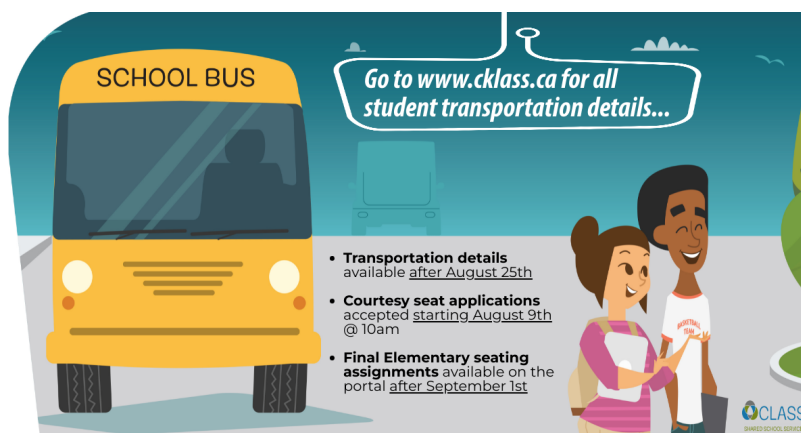


More details and instructions can be found at <https://sm.sccdsb.net>. If you have additional attendance related exceptions or questions or need to clear an absence for a previous day, please email [UCCAttendance@sccdsb.net](mailto:UCCAttendance@sccdsb.net) or call the school (519) 351-2987 ext. 2.

## TRANSPORTATION

Student Transportation Services provides safe and efficient transportation to eligible students attending St. Clair Catholic.

To view your transportation details you can go to [www.cklass.ca](http://www.cklass.ca) or call (519) 627-6860.



## BYOD

UCC is part of the Board's BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) program 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 program must follow the policy and guidelines that govern this program. Classroom teacher approval is required for students to use their own devices in the classroom.

## TELEPHONE/ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

At UCC we use a telephone notification system called *School Messenger* to communicate with parents/guardians. This system may call home to notify the parent/guardian of: a report of student absence from school and/or important school information. UCC also utilizes email notifications & EDSBY to provide important updates.

Websites for UCC ([www.st-clair.net/ucc](http://www.st-clair.net/ucc)) and the St. Clair Catholic District School Board ([www.st-clair.net](http://www.st-clair.net)) provide a great deal of useful information for students, parents and community members.



Looking for new UCC Spirit Wear?  
Check out our UCC on-line store at  
[shopgp.online/ucc](http://shopgp.online/ucc)



## SCHOOL HOURS & SCHEDULE

UCC has an 8:10 am start time. It is important that students are at school and in their classes prior to the bell as Opening Exercises begin promptly at 8:10. Please refer to the following schedule for class and lunch times.

GRADE 10/12		GRADE 9/11	
Period 1	8:10 - 9:32	Period 1	8:10 - 9:32
Period 2	9:38 - 10:53	Period 2	9:38 - 10:53
<b>FIRST LUNCH</b>	10:53 - 11:33	Period 3	12:59 - 12:14
Period 3	11:39 - 12:54	<b>SECOND LUNCH</b>	12:14 - 12:54
Period 4	1:00 - 2:15	Period 4	1:00 - 2:15

## PARKING REMINDER

A reminder to UCC students and parents. The majority of spots in and around the school are reserved parking space for staff. Visitor Parking is clearly marked. All other spots are reserved for staff. We ask that all students utilize the parking lots at the back of the school near Poplar St.

## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

UCC 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 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, guest speakers celebrations
- Athletics-LKSSAA league fees, uniforms, referees, tournament fees, transportation
- Student Council-assemblies, guest speakers, dances, grade level events, School level events
- School Clubs/Groups-supplies, event registrations, materials and fees
- LanerLink Program-transition to Gr. 9 orientation, supplies, materials, incentives, meeting items and year long needs.

**The student activity fee of \$40 can be paid on School Cash Online.**



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