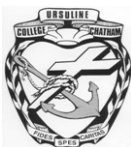




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Ursuline College Chatham

Catholic Secondary School

August Newsletter

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August 2017

Welcome back staff and students!

Welcome From UCC's Principal Mr. Power

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 2017-2018 school year. The office is still working hard to prepare for what promises to be an exciting and rich 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. I call on all our school community to live our mission statement of being "called to serve". With the support of a dynamic administrative team working with me, Rick Baggio, and Ed Freeburn are the vice principal's who will assist you with your children while they attend UCC.

I look forward to continuing my work with the tremendous staff at UCC, serving the students, their families and the UCC community.

Please feel free to contact me or any of the administrative team as we move into the 2017-2018 year.

Looking forward to meeting you as the year unfolds at any of our evening parent sessions or at our School Advisory Council meetings.

OPENING DAY REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR ALL UCC STUDENTS

Tuesday, September 5th is the first day of school. We will run a regular schedule with registration taking place in your first period class. To ensure attendance is recorded, please follow the enclosed timetable. Period one lists will be posted in Guidance, the Cafeteria and main hallway for those who have lost their timetable. All students will receive a timetable in their pd. 1 class.

If you are planning to change your timetable, you must follow the timetable you have until you meet with your guidance counselor. To be clear, if you plan on changing your timetable you must still attend all classes on your timetable until they have been officially changed by your guidance counselor.

Ursuline College Chatham 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 significant 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, and celebrations;
Athletics – LKCSSA league fees, uniforms, referees, tournament fees, transportation;
Student council activities – assemblies, speakers, dances, grade level events;
School Clubs – supplies, registrations, fees;
Lancer Link program.

PLEASE BE SURE TO BRING YOUR TIMETABLE WITH YOU ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th!!!!

During your first class on September 5th (period 1), the following items will be collected from you:

IMPORTANT - Make sure you get a receipt for all monies paid. Keep it for future reference if needed!

- * Student activity fee: \$45
- * Yearbook fee: \$35 - ONLINE PAYMENT ONLY (if you wish to purchase one)
- * Graduation fee: \$30 - ONLINE PAYMENT ONLY (for Grade 12's only)

Payments for student activity may be made on September 5 by CASH ONLY. A receipt will be issued.

However, if you prefer to pay in advance please visit SCHOOL CASH ON LINE starting August 1st and pay easily through the online link. This SCHOOL CASH ON LINE is the preferred method of payment for all UCC related school costs.

You can register for CASH ON LINE at by following the link on the school website: www.st-clair.net/UCC

SCHOOL HOURS and SCHEDULE

Ursuline College Chatham has an 8:15 a.m. start time. It is important that students are at school and in their classes prior to the bell as Opening Exercises begin promptly at 8:15 a.m. Please refer to the following schedule for class and lunch times. Grade 11/12 lunch will continue with first lunch and Grade 9/10 will continue with second lunch. Both occur during the third period of the day. The schedule will be explained in detail on the first day.

Regular Schedule

	First Lunch		Second Lunch
	Grade 11 & 12 classes		Grade 9 & 10 classes
Period 1	8:15-9:30	Period 1	8:15-9:30
Break	9:30-9:38	Break	9:30-9:38
Period 2	9:38-10:53	Period 2	9:38-10:53
Break	10:53-11:01	Break	10:53-11:01
Lunch	11:01-11:42	Period 3	11:01-12:16
Period 3	11:42-12:57	Lunch	12:16-12:57
Break	12:57-1:05	Break	12:57-1:05
Period 4	1:05-2:20	Period 4	1:05-2:20

FROM THE UCC GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

The Guidance Department will reopen from Tuesday, August 29th to Thursday, August 31st from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. for scheduled appointments. No walk in appointments will be available during this time. If you wish to schedule an appointment please contact Ms. Hogle at 519-351-2987 ext 25419 beginning Tuesday, August 22nd. Students wishing to make changes to their timetables for the 2017-18 school year **MUST** complete a Timetable Change Form available from guidance. Please drop the form in the Main Office or Guidance Area and the Guidance Secretary will schedule the appointment for the last week of August or the first week of September.

ALL GRADE 9 STUDENTS - STUDENT DATA VERIFICATION, HEALTH AND ACCIDENT FORMS

Student Data Verification and **Health and Accident** forms will be provided by the period 1 teacher September 5th. Please complete and return them to the school during period 1 the first week of classes. Make changes to any incorrect information on the **Student Data Verification Form**. Provide all information requested on the **Health and Accident Form**. Students also have the opportunity to voluntarily self identify if First Nation, Metis and Inuit apply. See the appropriate section on the Student Data Verification.

SOME IMPORTANT DATES

July 20 & 21 - McCarthy's *Fit Show* at UCC
 August 31 - Grade 9 Lancer Link Orientation
 September 5 - First Day of Classes .
 September 13 & 14 - Picture Day
 September - Red Feather Activities
 September 21 - Opening School Mass - Gym
 September 26 - School Council Mtg. - 6:00 pm UCC Library
 October 9 -Thanksgiving Holiday

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 (V) 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. Please note that improperly parked vehicles are subject to towing.

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.