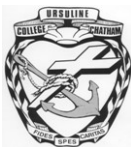




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Ursuline College Chatham

Catholic Secondary School

August Newsletter

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Welcome back staff and students!

Welcome From UCC's Principal Mr. Power

Although we are in the middle of summer and school seems off in the distance, the office staff is still working hard to prepare for what promises to be a rich and exciting learning experience for your child. As most families are aware, there are still a lot of decisions that need to be made with respect to what schooling will look like in the fall due to the Covid 19 pandemic. A Board team is developing multiple delivery models to ensure a safe return to learning following parameters set by the Ministry of Education.

Regardless what our school year looks like, 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 faith visible, as we "Lead Like Jesus". With the support of a dynamic administrative team working with me, Rick Baggio, Lisa Harnarine and Mary Ann McCrae are the vice principal's who will assist you with your children while they attend UCC.

I'm excited to continue 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 2020-2021 year.

I look forward to meeting you as the year unfolds at our evening parent sessions or at our School Advisory Council meetings.

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 2020-2021 school year at Ursuline College Chatham.

Lacer Loud! Lancer Proud!

See you soon...Mr. Power

OPENING DAY REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR ALL UCC STUDENTS

At the time of this newsletter, UCC is planning to start the school year on the Tuesday following the Labour Day weekend. This is traditionally the time schools resume in the fall. Unfortunately, the Minister of Education is still working with the Ontario Government and the Medical Officer of Health to determine the ideal start date for the 2020-2021 school year. More information will be provided to families as it becomes available to the Board.

Therefore, UCC is planning our school start up as usual. Tuesday, September 8th will be planned for 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 timetable that you will be sent later this month. Period one lists will be posted in Guidance, the Cafeteria and main hallway for those who have lost their timetable. All students will receive an updated timetable in their period 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, guest speakers and celebrations;
- Athletics – LKCSSA league fees, uniforms, referees, tournament fees, transportation;
- Student Council activities – assemblies, guest speakers, dances, grade level events, school level events;
- School Clubs/Groups – supplies, event registrations, materials and fees;
- Lancer Link program - transition to Gr. 9 orientation, supplies, materials, incentives, meeting items and year long needs.

PLEASE BE SURE TO BRING YOUR TIMETABLE WITH YOU ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th!!!!

During your first class on September 8th (period 1), the following items may be collected from you if you haven't purchased items in advance using SCHOOL CASH ONLINE:

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

- * Student activity fee: \$40
- * Yearbook fee: \$40 - ONLINE PAYMENT ONLY (if you wish to purchase one)
- * Graduation fee: \$50 - ONLINE PAYMENT ONLY (for Grade 12's only)

Payments for student activity may be made on September 8th by CASH ONLY. A receipt will be issued.

However, if you prefer to pay in advance please visit SCHOOL CASH ON LINE starting August 14th 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 Tuesday September 1 - Thursday September 3 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 guidance at 519-351-2987 x 25422. Students wishing to make changes to their timetables for the 2020-2021 school year MUST complete a Timetable Change Form available from Guidance. Please return this signed form to the Main Office or Guidance Area.

SOME IMPORTANT DATES

September 3 - Grade 9 Lancer Link Virtual Orientation
 September 8 - First Day of Classes .
 September 9/10 - UCC Grade Level Opening Assemblies
 September - TBD - Picture Day
 September - TBD - Opening School Mass - Gym
 September 22 - School Council Mtg. - 6:00 pm UCC Library
 October 12 -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

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.

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 Check out our UCC on-line store at
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