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Student Trustee Report



The time has finally come, it's the last month of the 2015-2016 school year. One of the busiest months we have had all year! Grade 12's got to enjoy their prom and will have their graduation this month. The Relay for Life team had another successful year, and so did Me to We as they wrapped up their campaign. The lancers finished strong in football and athletes were all recognized at this years athletic banquet. The whole school community came together during the middle of the month and

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had a beautiful year end mass celebration. As it buckles down to the last few weeks, students are working hard to study for their exams. It's a great time to reflect on the amazing school year we have all experienced together. Have a good summer!!!

Friendship Games

Mrs. Matthews, a teacher in the lifeskills department and coordinator of the friendship games said the following. The Friendship Games is a 15 year tradition that has been held at UCC. This involves all the students with special needs from our 5 local high schools. Approximately 100 athletes competed in the all day track meet and 220 people attend all together. The events are modified to accommodate the needs of the participants. At the end of the day, we hand out individual prize bags and celebrate all of our accomplishments. Many community businesses donate to the event. There are also a number of people including staff, students, and community partners who volunteer throughout the day to make the event possible.



Dance Show

Gwendolyn Mitchell, a dancer at the pines explained to me this semester's dance show. She said despite having only one dance class, the second semester dance show was a huge success! Thanks to the dedication of dance teacher, Mrs Dunlop and of all the students, sixteen beautiful dances were showcased at the three dance shows this June. The Life Skills class opened the show with a creative routine to Coldplay's Hymn for the Weekend. The grade ten dance class showcased their skills in a variety of dance styles as well as several self-choreographed small group dances. The dance team also performed routines choreographed by captains Clare Corchis, Brooke Comiskey, and Gwendolyn Mitchell as well as small group dances. Solos performed by Cassie Comiskey, Taya VanDerMeersch, Makayla Boundy, and Gwendolyn Mitchell also helped to fill out the show. The dance show was a wonderful opportunity for a variety of students to showcase their hard work by performing onstage.

Pedagape Sidewalk Chalk

Pedagape, the group at our school who are great examples of how we should live our faith have been doing acts of kindness all year round. It has varied from positive quotes in the hallways, to inspiring music on the announcements, and this month with the beautiful weather



we were all surprised with beautiful sidewalk chalk art. Surrounding the school were positive quotes, inspiring words, bible references, and beautiful drawings. It was a great way for students to start off their day by walking into the doors and seeing a phrase that said "Today isn't just an ordinary day, create something beautiful". I know many people appreciated this during this stressful month. Lancers have truly appreciated all the great things pedagape has done for our school all year!

Sports

The junior boys football team participated in the last spring football game UCC will ever have! This was their LKSSAA Kent final game against the CK hawks. Hoping for a win, the boys played hard all game, with touchdown after touchdown the boys ended up winning 35-21. Leading 28-0 at halftime. They were confident this was their game. UCC is very proud of this win, and couldn't be happier for the boys!



Me to We

As was mentioned in many previous reports, Me to We had a goal this year of raising money for Free the Children's Pillar, Agriculture and Food Security. With a set goal of raising around \$5,000, the lancer family blew us away by helping us raise a total of \$7,500 by the end of the year. All of this money will be divided and part will go towards local organizations in the Chatham Kent area and the rest will go to a third world country in most need. To celebrate all of this hard work, Me to We will be providing the whole school with freebies to celebrate our great achievements. Me to We had one final meeting and all graduates talked about how great their several years of being a member of this amazing club has



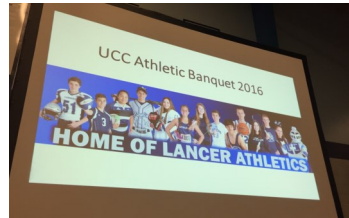
been. The tasty sundaes that were provided for our last meeting was just a bonus for all of our dedication throughout the year. We wish the best to one of our members who will be travelling to the Amazon this summer!

Grade 5 day

Matt Buis, one of the leaders on the ultimate Frisbee team participated in this year's grade 5 day with a great attitude toward helping the grade fives. He said, Gr.5 day has long been a tradition of UCC ultimate Frisbee for many years. As a team, we all introduce grade 5's from all around Chatham to the world of Ultimate Frisbee. The day begins with a prayer and a stretch, followed by a warmup led by 1 or 2 UCC ultimate players. This allows the Students to ask us questions and gives us a chance to help sculpt some of their skills. After the warmup the Gr. 5's sit down to a pizza lunch and have an opportunity to watch the UCC ultimate players continue their tradition of Veterans VS Newbies. After lunch the games begin and the Team Splits up to different fields to assist players, and make sure that good sportsmanship is always being used. we keep score, ref the games, and all in all have a blast while doing it. The day is finished with a final prayer and the kids pack up and leave while the Ultimate Team packs up the field and makes sure it is in the same state we left it in. A lot of hard work from the coaches goes towards planning this day as well as the Players who dedicated their whole Friday to help out this event. Without them this day wouldn't be possible. Gr.5 day will forever be a symbol of UCC's Contribution to the younger community to help students grow in faith, skills, and teamwork.

Athletic Banquet

Every year UCC holds an athletic banquet where every athlete that participated in a school run sport, got to attend. At this event awards were given for MVP and coach's choice for every team and then big awards at the end for everyone at the school (winners in bottom right corner). With an amazing meal and great MC's, Kennedy King and Owen Dorsers, the night was amazing. Kennedy said, "I was fortunate enough to get this opportunity to MC this year along with my co-mc Owen. We had a blast presenting mock awards and being able to present many of our deserving friends their awards. It was great bring able to see a variety of people winning awards!"



Prom

June 11th, 2016, a day many grade 12's will remember for a long time! From promposals to hair trials, to picking out matching ties and dresses, the day finally arrived! Everyone looked absolutely gorgeous on their special night that was hosted at Club Lentinas. A big thank you goes out to our hard working prom committee especially madame Vilaranda for all of her dedication towards making this event and all of the previous prom's unforgettable. An amazing slide show of transformations of this years graduating class brought many memories back to life and put a smile on everyone's faces in the room. What made people shed a tear though, was the most adorable King and Queen dance. The couple, Cooper and Olivia won the prom king and queen by being nominated by their peers because they are outstanding people. Jesse Kaniecki, a member of the prom committee said she was more than pleased with how our prom night turned out. She said everything ran smoothly from the little details like the plates and napkins, to the choice of DJ, and the slide show, every little thing made it a perfect night! Throughout the 6 months of planning, the hardwork finally paid off.



Relay for Life

Alicia Alves, a grade 11 who took part on UCC's Relay for Life team said that, relay for life is always an honour to take part in. I especially love it when I get involved through my school team. It's always a blast and we get involved in all the activities and are role models for those around us. Although this years turnout wasn't as big as previous years, I still thought it was a successful night. It's an unforgettable experience bonding with teammates and the others there taking part in this event.

Relay for Life Continued

It's holds a special place in my heart knowing that many people come out to raise awareness for such a huge struggle in a lot of people's lives today. It's a good way to get the community together and it makes me happy that I can help out as much as possible.

Year End Mass

The year end mass consisted of the whole school coming together for the afternoon in the gym to celebrate our faith. Due to the shortened period day, we had the whole afternoon to spend together as a school community. Mr. Zimmer's religion class did the readings and organized along with Mr. Dula the way the mass went.

The amazing choir and band played beautiful music to keep everyone singing along. We were

lucky to have our own Mr. Girard as our deacon! Following the beautiful mass we headed to the track and did our tradition of throwing grass seed into the field as a symbolism for growth and



new life, and like always we kept in our prayers those who we have lost and let go but butterflies in symbolism of that. At this afternoon event Mrs. Pook was honoured because she will be retiring this year, and Cooper Fausset our graduating class valedictorian said a few words to her for all she has done.

Senior Prank



Grade 12's every year usually pull a senior prank so they can leave somewhat of a funny mark on our school. With a Facebook group being created and google forms, it was finally decided that they would wrap teachers cars in saran wrap. Some teachers not too impressed, but others got a real kick out of the students doing this.

Graduation

On June 28th, grade 12's will experience the biggest day of their high school experience. After 4 enjoyable years at the Pines they will end their journey at UCC and continue on their journey to many other great things. This event will take place at the Capitol theatre where friends and families will be welcomed. I know so many grade 12's, including myself, who cannot believe that this is happening, it seriously feels like just yesterday we were the nervous grade 9's entering into such an amazing but big school. We wish all the best to the graduating class of 2016, and can't wait to hear about their future endeavours.