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# Ursuline College, Chatham STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT



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### "Fall"ing into Place

With fall comes a definite change in the weather, in the length of our day, and in the colour of the leaves. Fall is a beautiful time of the year, and for that we are very thankful. During the month of October, we celebrated Thanksgiving and had a little extra time with family and friends. By the fall, we are into routine and busy balancing school, activities, work and spending time with others.

During the month of October we also had our first set of progress reports, the Academic Awards evening honouring academic excellence, university and college information sessions, community events, fundraisers, and an abundance of extracurricular activities and clubs for any and all Lancers! We walked together to raise money for cancer research, we wore orange to honour those affected by residential schools, and we scared hunger by collecting for our food banks. With common goals, we connected with our school and with our community; as

Lancers we strive to "lead like Jesus". Mr. Power reminds us of our school motto which is "Faith, Hope, Charity". As Lancers, we will continue to foster

these virtues while developing as lifelong

learners.



### LEAD LIKE JESUS

UCC students continue to lead like Jesus. Our chaplain, Mr. Dula, asks us to think of the greatest leader of all times: Jesus. Jesus was the Son of a carpenter and was also from a very small town. Jesus chose 12 ordinary people to become his apostles. They had no training or experience in leadership, and His few dozen disciples also had no title or status, however, Jesus used all of this to change the world! He had one rule which He modeled well: Servant Leadership.

Mr. Dula shared that Ivy League Universities and Fortune 500 companies are now adopting a "servant leadership" model in their teachings and in their strategies. Here is the connection to UCC: a school's success, or a business' growth is now being measured not just by their work or their product, but also by their graduates' and their employees' overall well-being.



Mr. Dula reminds us that "servant leadership" is never-ending, and we can lose focus at any point when our ego is tempted with fame, money, a title or position. God needs to always be our source of truth and Jesus needs to be our example of service while the Holy Spirit's love fuels us. UCC Lancers strive to be Christ Like Leaders at school, at home, and in our community.

# WE SCARE HUNGER

Led by the "Me to We" Team at UCC, more than 250 students and 50 parent volunteers are preparing for our annual "We Scare Hunger" food campaign. Every Halloween the UCC "Me to We" Team works with our Catholic elementary schools, the Chatham public high schools and the community of Chatham-Kent to put food on the shelves at our local food banks through a non-perishable food drive.

Our UCC team leaders along with many student volunteers will be knocking on doors in our

communities to collect non-perishable food donations. Through careful planning all of the volunteers have assigned neighbourhoods and most of the city will be covered. As a backup, if any homes are missed then the residents are invited to drop off their donations at Chatham Outreach for Hunger on Wellington near Williams Street.

If food is collected in Ridgetown and Blenheim then it will stay in those communities. The has become an annual event and is very important for food banks when donations are really needed between Thanksgiving and Christmas. The "We Scare Hunger" campaign represents a significant contribution and allows the food banks to refill their shelves. Chatham Victory Ford is an important community partner as each year they provide trucks to help move the food donations from UCC to Chatham Outreach for Hunger.



# **COMMUNITY CONNECTION**

On October 1st, Lancers participated in the annual Terry Fox Community Walk to commemorate the strength and determination of Canadian Terry Fox. This event brought our entire school community together to support a great cause: raising money for cancer research. We are proud to say that the UCC Lancers raised \$1500!





On Tuesday, October 2nd, almost 600 Lancers came to our theatre to learn more about residential schools. There was a guest speaker, Susie Jones, as well as drumming by White Lightning Clark. To remember and honour the indigenous people and their families affected by residential schools, our Lancer population wore orange t-shirts. Over 30 teachers volunteered their class time in recognition of this day. Mrs. Murphy's class decorated our hallways to bring awareness to our history displaying hearts with family names inside them. The Indigenous Leadership of UCC successfully educated us and reminded us that "every child matters"!

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR

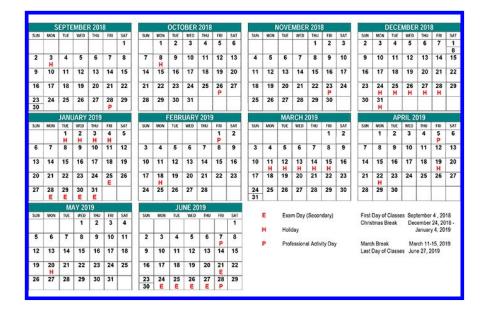
You can see why UCC is known for all of our "EXTRA"-curricular activities! There is something for everyone; these clubs include athletics, music, arts, common interests...

- Knitting
- Me to We
- Girls' Golf
- Wellness Committee
- Weightlifting
- Yearbook Team
- Reach for the Top
- Games Club
- Cross Country
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Football
- Art Club
- National Theatre School Drama Festival (formerly known as Sears)
- Music Department: "In the Heights" Musical, pIUCC, jazz band, concert band, mass choir, Creative Music Group



### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Here are the upcoming events at Ursuline College. Mark your calendars:



- November 1 Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews
- **November 7 University Information Night**
- November 11 Remembrance Day presented in the School Theatre

during 2nd, 3rd and 4th periods

- November 14 Grade 8's at UCC
- November 14 Take Your Child to Work Day
- **November 16 Report Cards**
- November 16 Eclectic Java
- November 23 PD Day
- November 30 Student Council Semi Formal Dance
- December 4-8 Christmas in Muskoka

