

Unity Composite High School

December 2024

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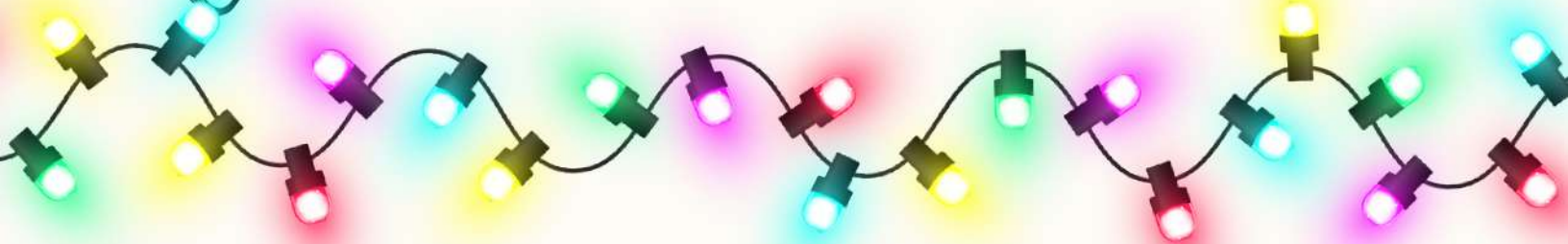
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Merry
Christmas



Principal's Pen

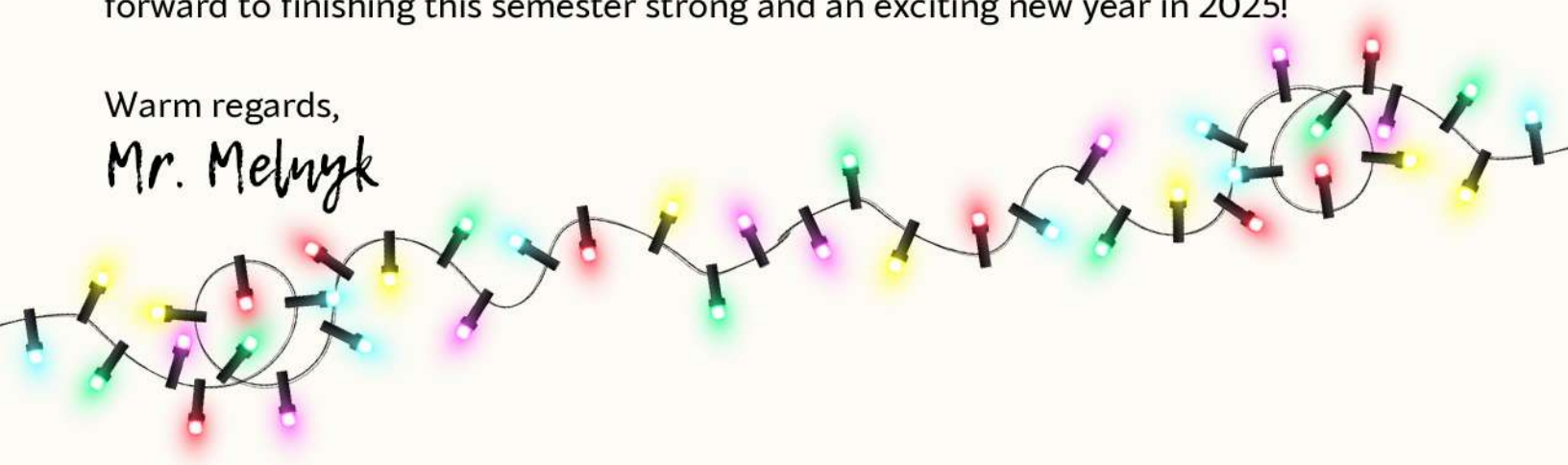
The holiday season is in full swing at Unity Composite High School! Our Student Leadership Council (SLC) has organized a festive Spirit Week, bringing excitement and cheer to our school halls. A special highlight this year is on Thursday, December 19, when our staff will be preparing and serving lunch for the entire student body—an annual tradition made possible thanks to the generous support of our School Community Council. We are incredibly grateful for their continued involvement in making this event a success.

As the holidays approach, I want to remind families of a few important items. We are nearing the end of the semester, with final exams and the semester change just around the corner. There are only three weeks of classes left before the break, and it is vital that families stay connected to their child's progress. Please be sure to follow updates on Edsby, our platform for monitoring academic achievement and attendance.

Speaking of attendance, we have noticed an uptick in student absences. Attendance plays a direct role in student success, and our school has established benchmarks to monitor progress. While our staff is prepared to support students during short-term absences, as an in-person learning institution, we are best suited to deliver meaningful learning and assessment experiences face-to-face. Families are encouraged to report absences in advance and regularly check Edsby for updates to ensure students remain on track.

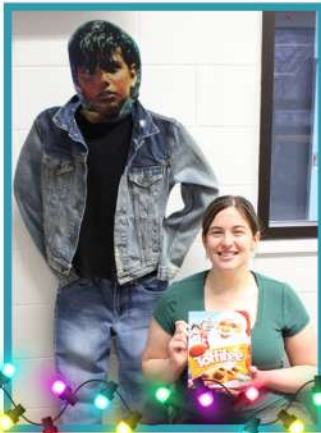
As we celebrate this season together at school, I want to extend my warmest wishes to all our families. May you enjoy a happy, healthy, and safe holiday break. We look forward to finishing this semester strong and an exciting new year in 2025!

Warm regards,
Mr. Melnyk



Library Winners

In November students participated in Johnny Cade trivia week. Johnny is a character from the novel *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton. Grade 9 students Alivia Close, Brynn Delhommeau, Natalie Bertoia and Emma Gilbert constructed a replica of Johnny as part of their final project in English 9. The girls set Johnny up in the library and he was used as inspiration for trivia questions for students to answer. Thank you to everyone who participated! Our two lucky winners were Jada Poitras and Olivia Shaw!



In December students participated in Santa's reindeer classic Christmas book trivia.

Dasher: What is the full title of the Dr. Seuss classic set in Whoville?

Dancer: Which classic novel is set in a land where "it's always winter but never Christmas?"

Prancer: Which Christmas novel character says the famous line, "God bless us, every one"

Vixen: Finish this line from the famous poem, "Twas the night before the Christmas, when all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a ????????"

Comet: What is Scrooge's first name?

Cupid: What novel, written by Barbara Robinson in 1972, very recently had a movie made based on it?

Donner: What was the name of the little Who who convinced the Grinch to love Christmas again?

Blitzen: Which author – most famous for a fantasy epic trilogy (now also made into movies) – also has a Christmas story titled Letters from Father Christmas? Hint: "My PRECIOUS!"



On the ninth day Rudolph pulled two names to declare the lucky winners. They were Adalynn Gagnon and Zen Halter! Congratulations!



"Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before!
What if Christmas, he thought,
doesn't come from a store. What
if Christmas...perhaps...means a
little bit more!"

~ Dr. Seuss, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!*



Drama

This semester, UCHS Drama staged a production of Alice LaFausse's comedy "A Special Christmas Special Christmas".

The cast consisted of Hailey-lynn Aldred, Claire Moscrip, Hailey Sacher, Cole Ducherer, Jenay Bishop, Ron Cordita, Jada Poitras, Willem Hoogstad, Ara Kendrick, Jax Schurman, Annie Pitura, Mayla Williams, Anna Grace Deck, Kendall Mutch, and Kelsey Grant.

They were supported by a crew featuring Stage Manager Elisha Avena, Naycie Feser-Surine, Brooke Bartley, Alexis Timms, Elise Avena, Macyn Weber, and Jailyn Reiniger.

The group wanted to thank everyone for coming out and sharing some laughs with us this holiday season! Check back in the spring for another production!



Senior Girls Basketball

The Senior Girls Basketball team is a young group this year eager to learn and grow. We have travelled to three tournaments so far in Martensville, North Battleford, and Rosetown picking up a consolation trophy in Martensville. The team is excited for the mid-season learning as they will head to Maidstone, LCBI, Lloydminster, Osler, and then finish the regular season with their Pink Tournament on February 28 and March 1.

Thank you to those that came out to “pie the coach and members of the team” at Winter Wonderland on December 5. The team has already raised \$425 for breast cancer! Look for additional opportunities to support the team in the new year!



Senior Boys Basketball

The Senior Boys Basketball team is off to a roaring start. The boys, coached by Jeremy Wagner and Darren Stifter, have had three tournaments and an exhibition game in December. After a very short pre-season, the Warriors got things going by winning the Maidstone tournament, beating Watrous in the final. The weekend of December 6-7, the Warriors hosted their home tournament, inviting 7 teams from across the province. The crowds were supportive and the volunteers did a great job. Thank you to all who signed up and showed up! Unity beat Bert Fox, from Fort Qu'Appelle, in the final. December 13-14, the Warriors were invited to a 16 team tournament in Humboldt. They played their first couple games in Lake Lenore's gym and won, beating Tisdale and St. Brieux handily. Saturday brought a tough semi-final versus Meadow Lake. The defensive battle was well fought and Unity won 58-46, taking them to the final against Clavet. Despite their efforts, the Warriors earned Silver in the biggest tournament of the year. A great feat. Well done Warriors.

January brings three more tournament, Biggar, Clavet and LCBI.



Report from the Rings



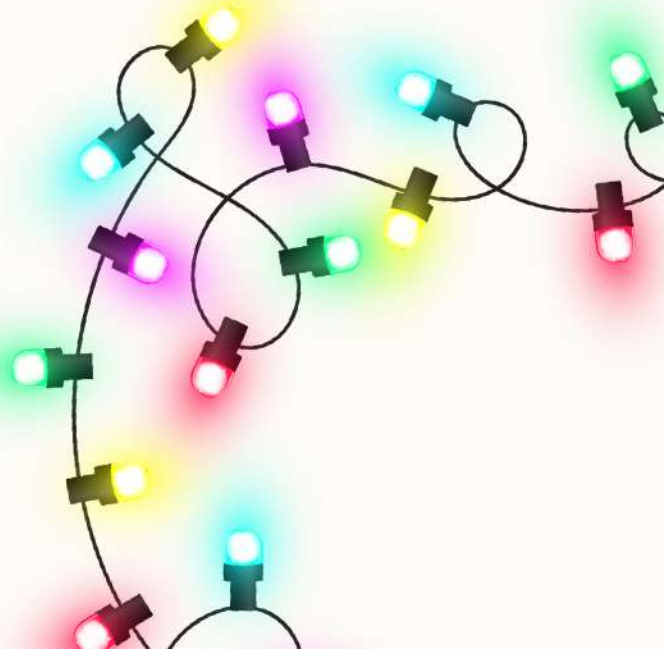
Curling started in mid-November. We had a great number of participants with athletes from grades 7 to 12. The Warriors practice Tuesdays and Thursdays, building their skills together. Besides hitting the ice, the curlers and parents, joined forces to promote both the curling club and community spirit by putting a float in the Winter Wonderland Parade. A huge thank you to Eddie Knorr for the use of his truck and Brenda Pool for the use their flat deck. The kids had fun with it. Also in December, the Warriors hosted North Battleford High School curlers in exhibition games. Hot chocolate and candy canes were shared along with some competitive fun. We would like to thank Brad and Sharon at the club for always having the ice ready and doors open. We appreciate your support.



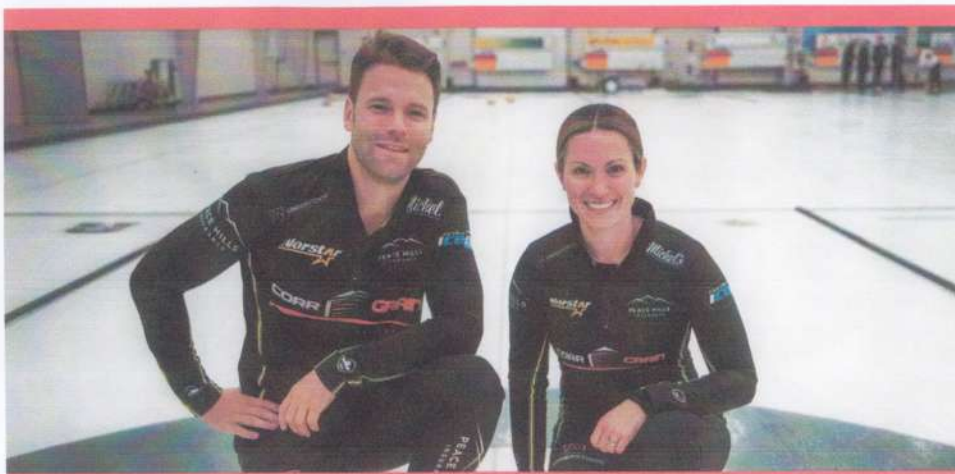
UCHS is hosting Open Mixed Curling Provincials in March. The Unity Curling Club has been very supportive of the event and we are grateful to the volunteers who have stepped up to help with the planning. The committee is currently looking for sponsorship to ensure the event is amazing for the participants. Eight Teams will be competing in Unity on March 7-8.

There are many events happening with curling this winter; stop by the rings and check it out!

Coach Snell



Curling Rocks!



HOSTED BY TEAM WALKER / MUYRES
2018 World Bronze Medallist's

Unity Curling Club

January 28, 2025

Ages 6-17 4:00 - 6:30pm

- On-ice junior curling clinic with the team!

- Short Presentation on the team's experiences!

- Autographs and Prizes

Contact Sharon for more info and to register:
unitycurlingclub@gmail.com / 1-306-228-2212

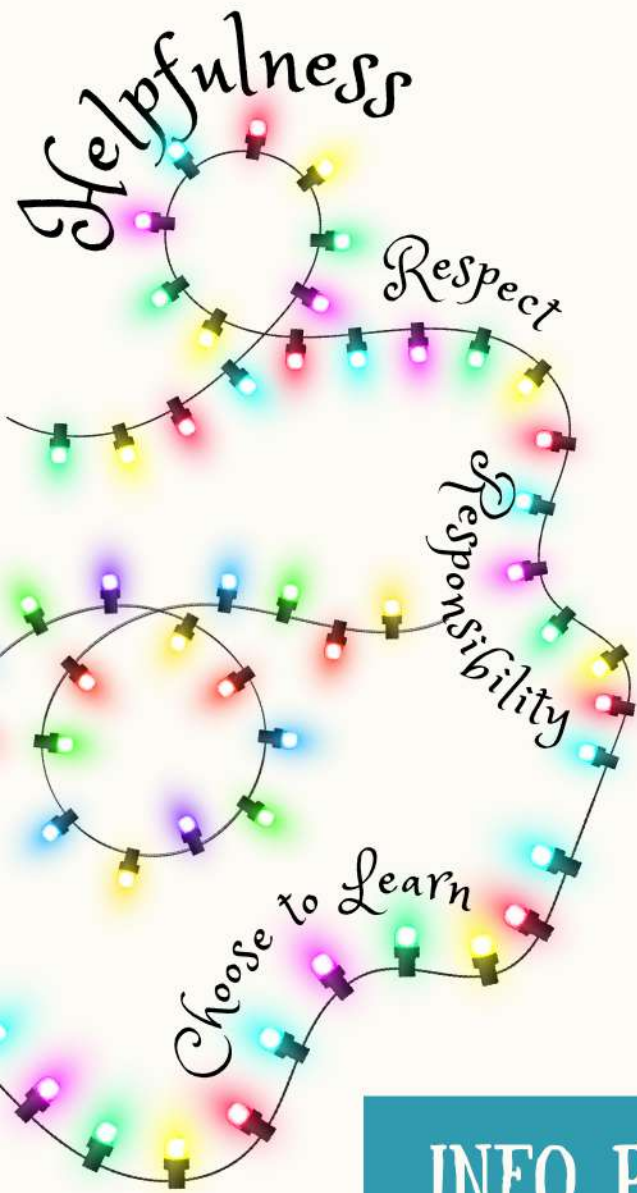
Graduation 2025

Parents of students who are eligible to graduate in 2025 were invited to a large group meeting at the end of November to clarify roles and provide information. UCHS will host the school portion on Friday, June 27 at 10 am. The remainder of events and celebrations will be planned and undertaken by the families led by a grad committee. Following the meeting the grad committee was elected by the students:

Halle Ducherer, Zen Halter, Avyne McLean, Kasey Parker, Sadie Risling and Mateo Rutley.

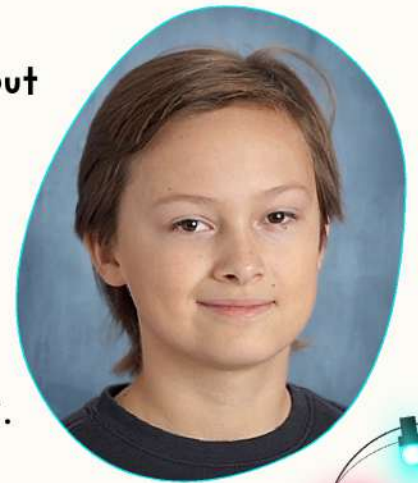
Questions about fundraisers, activities, and events can be directed to them!

Student Success Stories



MAKRAY HALTER

In 7C, if you want something done, many students quickly volunteer to help. One such student is Makray Halter. Makray is willing to assist with all classroom tasks. He also completes that task efficiently. Mackray is someone who would fit that employment category of 'able to work independently'. He takes the task, and he completes it without needing supervision or assistance. Thanks to Makray for consistently demonstrating the 3 Belief virtue 'helpfulness'.
~submitted by Mr. O



INFO PRO 10

I am very grateful to have such a great bunch of students in my Info Pro 10 class in last period every day. They are happy to help with any job that I give them, like helping me re-set the iPads or make sure all the laptops are plugged in when

Mrs. L'Heureux is away. Not only are they helpful, they make my job easier and we get to have more fun. Thank you, I appreciate that you are following the 3 beliefs and being the kind of class group that is making my job easy.

~submitted by Miss Krips



HAVENN MAGNUS

Havenn has exemplified a great level of helpfulness in our current art unit of dance as well as in computers. Havenn is very often quick to understand steps and is successfully able to follow along in an efficient manner, allowing her the time to help others. Havenn's kindness in wanting to help others is much appreciated in the classroom. Her role she talks on in helping others learn the dance steps also demonstrates leadership abilities. Keep up the great work!

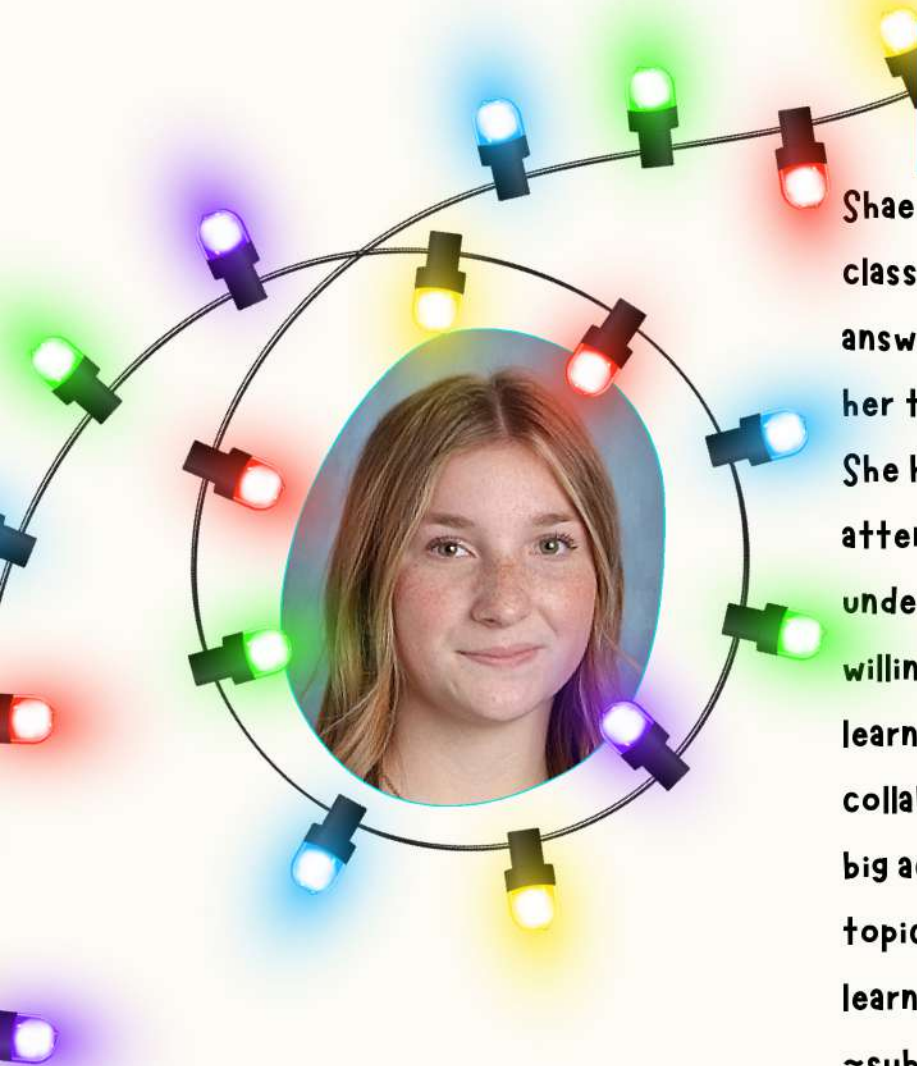
~submitted by Mrs. Steinhubel



SHAE WINTERHALT

Shae works extremely hard in our Math 8 class. She is always the first to offer an answer in class discussion or offer to help her table partners when they are struggling. She has strong patience and kindness, and she attempts to make difficult topics easier to understand for her classmates. Her willingness to help her classmates with their learning has created a more positive, collaborative classroom environment. This is a big accomplishment for Shae, as explaining topics for others is enhancing her own learning as well. Keep up the great work Shae.

~submitted by Ms. Gartner



ASPEN GEREIN

A few weekends ago, UCHS was tasked with hosting a volleyball event in the middle of a 4 day non-student weekend. Trying to find workers to assist in the running of the event in these situations is a challenge -- unless you have a Warrior like Aspen Gerein. As soon as the call went out in the announcements, Aspen volunteered her day to work the gate (not even as part of a class requirement!). She was here well before her shift and offered to stay the entire day even though only 4 hours was required. She greeted our guests with a smile and was efficient in the collection of money. Thank you Aspen for this helpful act of volunteerism.

~submitted by Mr. Parker



TATEM JONES

This month, I would like to highlight Tatem Jones in our Visual Arts class. Tatem truly embodies the virtue of Helpfulness through her constant willingness to assist both her peers and myself.

Whether she finishes a project early or takes a short break, Tatem is always the first to ask, "What can I help with?" Her initiative makes a meaningful difference in our classroom. She readily lends a hand to classmates who are struggling, offering guidance, encouragement, or practical support whenever it's needed. Tatem's kindness and helpfulness help to foster a positive and collaborative environment where everyone feels supported. She reminds us all of the impact that small acts of kindness can have in building a stronger, more unified classroom community.

Thank you, Tatem, for being a shining example of Helpfulness! Keep up the amazing work!

~submitted by Miss Kostyna



HUNTER IRELAND

Hunter Ireland is helpful. Even though it is just simple and small things, I can count on him to lend a helping hand in class. He willingly helps set up equipment and clean up regularly. He does it with a smile and I can tell that he genuinely feels good pitching in and helping out. It is because of students like Hunter that lessons go smoothly and everyone benefits. Thank you for all the little things you do to help and your positive attitude!

~submitted by Mr. Melnyk



AMAYA FROCKLAGE

Amaya is a student in our Mental Health and Addictions class. She is an inclusive and patient person with a healthy sense of humour. Amaya's sincerity is a valuable asset to her communication skills. In class discussions, she can articulate what others may be thinking or feeling. She patiently includes others and helps get the message across to those who may not have caught it the first time. On our visits to Parkview Place, Amaya sets the residents at ease, communicates kindly, and makes everything more fun. It is so great to have Amaya in our class community and as a citizen in our school. Her helpfulness shows up as compassion and citizenship.

~submitted by Mrs. Orobko



KELSEY GRANT

This month I would like to recognize Kelsey Grant for her unwavering helpfulness in the classroom and the gym.

Kelsey epitomizes the virtue of helpfulness. In class, Kelsey is an honest and respectful student.

Kelsey participates in lessons, works well with her peers, and always completes her work on time. Her commitment to the three virtues of UCHS is a tremendous help, as a true example of the work ethic and behavior we try and instill in all our students. In the gym Kelsey is much the same. Kelsey is prepared everyday and participates in whatever the activity of the day is. Kelsey is always one of the first students to lend a hand. Whether it's setting up equipment for the day, taking down and putting stuff away, or simply organizing materials, Kelsey is always quick to volunteer. Kelsey has been especially helpful to me during the archery unit, where she is most often the lone student helping me with the tedious task of hanging the net. Kelsey, thank you for being such a helpful student. Keep up the good work!

~submitted by Mr. Clark



DANE KOWERCHEK

Dane Kowerchuk has settled in well to Warrior life here at UCHS. He is the first one in my hallway most mornings and always has a greeting for anyone passing by. He is kind and friendly to everyone he meets throughout the day. Dane routinely offers staff and students his assistance, no matter the task or need. He does not need to be asked to lend a hand, but rather sees where he is needed and steps in. Dane is constantly trying to better himself and make UCHS a positive environment for everyone else, too.

~submitted by Ms. Partington





OLHA DONIEVA

Choose to Learn

As we approach Christmas break and we head into the home stretch of the semester, personal work habits and growth mindsets can be put to the test. Olha has demonstrated tremendous resilience in both areas, and in doing so, has exemplified the idea of choosing to learn. As she completes her ELA 10 credit, Olha in a course that is merged with the ELA 10b she already completed, Olha has been alternating between working with the class, and working independently to expand her ELA skills and explore unique content. Her patience, positive attitude and perseverance have been tremendous assets in her success, and have been inspiring to others working with her. Olha also has confidence and does not shy away from asking questions for clarification and to

clarify her understanding.

Fantastic work this semester Olha!

~submitted by Mr. Wood

CLAIRE MOSCRIP

Claire joined Drama Crew this year, a bit of a different role for her, since her last few three years have been spent as an actor. Three weeks before this year's performance, we were met with a situation where one of our current actors was unable to perform their duties. Mr. Wood looked at me and the first thing he said was, "Claire – Claire can do this part!" I looked across the stage and there was Claire! We both approached her and she agreed to bail us out! Thanks for always being willing to help out, Claire! Whether it is a set, a prop, or getting on the stage unexpectedly, we know we can always count on you! We sure do appreciate you!

~submitted by Mrs. Poitras



ELISHA AVENA

Elisha Avena is having a fantastic Foundations and Pre-Calculus 10 class. Each day, Elisha carries out her responsibilities by paying attention in class, working through assignments, and asking for assistance when needed. She has excellent attendance, prepares for all assessments, and completes her homework. But that is not all. Elisha also spends a lot of time helping others who are having difficulties in this subject.

She very patiently answers questions, explains her responses, and guides her peers in the right direction. I know that this help is very much appreciated. Thank you, Elisha, for being an excellent role model, for consistently following our three beliefs, and for taking the time to help others. Keep up the good work!

~submitted by Mrs. Gartner



BLAKE WELSCH & DYLAN POOL

In gym class, Blake and Dylan have emerged as remarkable leaders during the curling unit and shown a dedication to helpfulness. Recognizing that many classmates were new to the sport, they took the initiative to mentor them in class, helping them work on their skills and sharing pointers. This helpful attitude created a welcoming environment, allowing students to feel comfortable as we explore something new and unfamiliar in P.E. class. Through this dedication and helpfulness, Blake and Dylan have significantly impacted their classmates' learning experience, demonstrating how one's willingness to help can inspire success in others.

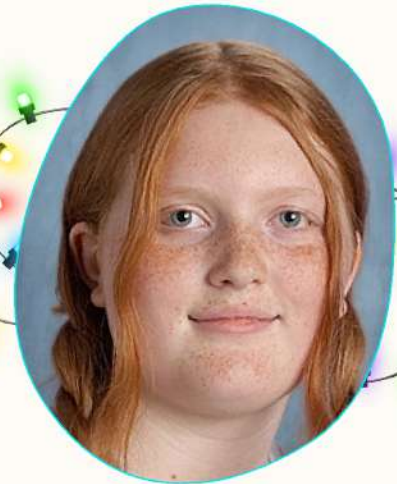
~submitted by Ms. Svenkeson



KATRINA BRIEGEL & ISAAN SAWATZKY

Being helpful to others is an excellent virtue and one that is hard to come by nowadays. When I think of the word "helpful" two students that come to mind are Katrina Briegel and Isaan Sawatzky. Katrina and Isaan are always willing to lend a helping hand in the classroom. They have volunteered their free time to help tidy and clean the kitchens in the Home-Ec room and they are always willing to help other students in and out of the kitchen. These girls are true examples of what it means to go above and beyond to be helpful people. It is a rare and wonderful quality that really sets them apart as good citizens and responsible warriors.

~submitted by Mrs. Hrynuik



JADA POITRAS

This month I would like to recognize Jada Poitras for the virtue of helpfulness. Jada is a student who always offers to help with tasks in SLC. Whether it is making posters to advertise events, decorating for dances, recording meeting minutes or picking up supplies for events, Jada is quick to volunteer her time. Jada can always be counted on to help if there is a need and Jada's contributions to the SLC group have been invaluable this year. Thank you, Jada for being helpful!

~submitted by Mrs. Clark



Senior Final Exam Schedule – January 2025

Date	Times	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Jan 27 Monday (Day 1)	9:00-11:30 AM		ELA 20/21	ELA 30/31
	12:45-3:15 PM	ELA 10	Health Science 20 History 20	
Jan. 28 Tuesday (Day 2)	9:00-11:30 AM	F and P 10 WA 10		Biology 30
	12:45-3:15 PM	Mental Health 10	Foundations 30	Foundations 30
Jan. 29 Wednesday (Day 3)	9:00-11:30 AM	Science 10	Physical Science 20 Foundations 20	Pre Calc 30
	12:45-3:15 PM	History 10	Media 20**	Social 30
Jan. 30 Thursday (Day 4)	9:00-11:30 AM	Accounting 10/20* Home Ec 10	Accounting 10/20**	
	12:45-3:15 PM			Chemistry 30

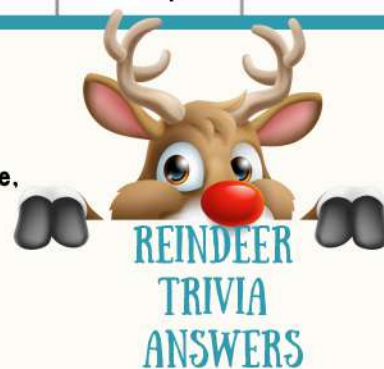
Junior Final Exam Schedule – January 2025

Date	Times	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9
Jan 27 Monday (Day 1)	9:00-11:30 AM			
	12:45-3:15 PM			
Jan. 28 Tuesday (Day 2)	9:00-11:30 AM			
	12:45-3:15 PM			
Jan. 29 Wednesday (Day 3)	9:00-11:30 AM			
	12:45-3:15 PM			
Jan. 30 Thursday (Day 4)	9:00-11:30 AM	Health 7A Health 7B	8 PAA (H. Ec)	Social 9A** Science 9B**
	12:45-3:15 PM	7A PAA (H. Ec) 7C PAA (H. Ec)	Social 8A** Science 8B**	9 PAA (H. Ec)

JANUARY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <i>*Happy New Year*</i>	2	3	
5	6 First Day Back	7	8	9	10 Basketball: • Jr A Girls Home Tourn. • Sr. Girls @ Maidstone	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 Basketball: • Jr A Girls @ Kerrobert • Sr Girls @ LCBI • Jr A Boys Home Tourn.	18
19	20 Early Dismissal	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Sr. Exam Week	28	29	30 Jr. Exams	31 PD Day No School Basketball: • Sr Girls @ Lloyd Comp.	

Dasher: How the Grinch Stole Christmas by Dr. Seuss
 Dancer: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis
 Prancer: Tiny Tim from A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens
 Vixen: 'Twas the night before the Christmas, when all through the house,
 not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse!
 Comet: Ebenezer
 Cupid: The Best Christmas Pageant Ever
 Donner: Cindy Lou Who
 Blitzen: J.R.R. Tolkien who wrote The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings





Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
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