



MAY 2025

NEWSLETTER

Unity Composite High School



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SEMESTER 2 IMPORTANT DATES:

- Holidays/Non-Student Days:
 - June 26-27
- Graduation:
 - Friday June 27 @ 10 am
- **FINAL EXAMS: JUNE 20 – 25**

PRINCIPAL'S PEN

As the school year draws to a close, I want to take a moment to share some personal news. I have recently accepted a new position with Living Sky School Division as the Human Resources Administrator, beginning in July. While I am excited for this new chapter, leaving Unity Composite High School is not easy. The past seven years have shaped who I am, both personally and professionally, and this community will always hold a special place in my heart.

Serving as principal of UCHS has been an honour. I am deeply grateful to the students, families, staff, and community members who have made this journey so rewarding. Your effort, dedication, and support have made a lasting impact, and I sincerely thank each and every one of you.

I am pleased to share that Mr. Gieni will be stepping into the role of principal for the 2025-2026 school year. His strong relationships with students, staff, and community members—built through his current leadership role and his active involvement in various local initiatives—make him a natural fit. I have every confidence in his ability to lead UCHS forward with care and vision.

Although I'll no longer be in the building day to day, I won't be far away. I look forward to continuing to support UCHS and all schools in our division in this new capacity.

As we approach the final stretch of the year, let's keep our focus where it matters most—supporting our students to finish strong. While we eagerly anticipate celebrating our major awards on June 10, year-end activities on June 16, and our Cap and Gown ceremony on June 27, there is still important work to be done. Please take time to review the final exam schedule and ensure students are preparing to complete all required coursework and assessments.

Final exams will only be rescheduled under exceptional circumstances, including specialist appointments and emergencies. In such cases, advance notice and documentation are required.

Let's work together to make this final month one of purpose, pride, and positivity. With the sun shining and summer on the horizon, there is much to feel optimistic about.

Wishing everyone a successful finish to the school year!

Warm regards,

Mr. Aaron Melnyk

UCHS Community Council
Condensed Chair's Report from the AGM
May 12, 2025

Your 2024-25 UCHS Community Council was comprised of:

Parent and Community Members - Jeff Tiffin (Chair), Ashley Hamilton
(Vice chair), Harlen Crier (Secretary), Ward Snell (Treasurer) and Joe Poitras

Student Members - Ojasvi Nedunuri, Alice Wichmann

Appointed Members - Aaron Melnyk, Ken Parker, Heather Poitras

Our local Living Sky School Division board member Ronna Pethick also attended meetings as she was able

Meetings for the 2024-25 school year were held on: September 16, October 21, November 18, December 16, February 10 and April 14

Major initiatives undertaken by the SCC during the 2024/25 school year were:

November 30th	Co sponsored Tyler Smith mental health presentation
February 3rd	Secured significant funding from Farming for the Future for UCHS
March 31st	LSSD supper and workshop night with a focus on AI
April 14th	Successfully lobbied the Town of Unity to instal an additional stop sign east of UCHS to convert that intersection into a three way stop to improve safety

Finally Ward Snell was recongized for his ten years of service to our SCC - we will miss his significant contributions to our SCC and to our school

Sincerely

Jeff Tiffin
UCHS Community Council Chair



PRIDE WALK



Wednesday, June 11
@ 12:30

Meet at the front of
Unity Composite High School

Dress up! Bring your own sign!
Show your PRIDE spirit!

For more information
contact Natasha:
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EVERYONE WELCOME!



STUDENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL: CELEBRATING A YEAR OF SCHOOL SPIRIT AND FUN!

As the school year comes to a close, we would like to highlight the events SLC has planned this year. We have had an amazing time with our spirit weeks, school dances, hat days, and pep rallies which are all aimed at boosting school spirit and creating memorable experiences for everyone. SLC's hard work and creativity have truly made a difference in our school community. The fun for the year isn't quite over though!

Mark your calendars for the Summer Fun Day on June 16th! We will have games, freezies, and a bouncy castle! SLC has also been very busy renovating their room which will be completed in the fall.

If you see an SLC member, thank them for their dedication to making our school a vibrant and welcoming place! This years SLC Graduating members include: Co-Chairs Sadie Risling and Halle Ducherer, Ojasvi Nedenuri, Naycie Feser-Surine. Continuing members include Jada Poitras, Mayla Williams, Katrina Wagner, Annie Pitura, Alexa Goring, & Anallah Johnstone. If YOU want to help make UCHS great, please consider joining the SLC in the fall!



HAPPY TO BE IN SADD

Our SADD committee had a fabulous year under the leadership of Jada Poitras and Hailey-lynn Aldred. We went to a provincial SADD conference in October, helped fund the Tyler Smith presentation, brought in a SADD speaker to talk about her experience with loss, contributed to dances with our mocktails, and did some fun activities. The Donut Drink and Drive sale and impaired google activities were a huge hit. SADD reminds everyone to drive safely and enjoy the summer!



TRACK & FIELD

Track and Field Districts - Ms Gartner, Mrs. Gartner, Mrs. Orobko, Mr. Wakelin

After 2 months of practice for seniors, and the junior high track meet, the crew headed to North Battleford on May 28 and 29 to compete at Battlewest Districts. Two days in the hot sun were filled with victories, disappointments, personal bests, and tons of memories!

A very big thank you is owed to Mr. Parker who drove the bus, organized the booth, and worked the javelin for 2 days so the coaches could coach. Thanks to Mr. O also for running the track on Wednesday.

Congratulations to the following athletes for their achievements and to those who have earned a place on the Battlewest team and will compete at Provincials next weekend, June 6 and 7, in Moose Jaw:

Senior Boys:

Dawson RusK: High Jump

Garret Brebner Triple Jump, Relay

Zayden Wagner Triple Jump

Dawson Gilbert: Hurdles, High Jump, Long Jump

Junior Boys:

Ethan Ruberry: Long Jump

Intermediate Boys:

Owen Bosch: Long Jump, Triple Jump, Relay

Zane Lanegraff: 100m, 200m, High Jump, Long Jump, Relay

Daxon Walz: 800m, 1500m

Senior Girls:

Keanna Kelly: Discus

Jayce Brown: Long Jump, High Jump, Relay

Junior Girls:

Casey Lewin: 100m, 200m, Long Jump, Discus, Relay

Kadence O'Brian: Triple Jump, Relay

Intermediate Girls:

Natalie Bertoia: High Jump, Triple Jump, Long Jump

Mya KostiuK: 100m, 200m, High Jump, Relay

Nevada PipKe: Quad, Relay

Emma Gilbert: Discus

Tylan Blanchette: Shot put

Go Warriors!

Special Mention to:

Casey Lewin Junior Girls Aggregate

Zane Lanegraff Intermediate Boys Silver medalist

Blake Lanegraff PeeWee Boys Aggregate

Dylan Pool Pee Wee Boys Silver

Weston Agar Pee Wee Boys Bronze

SUMMER FUN!!

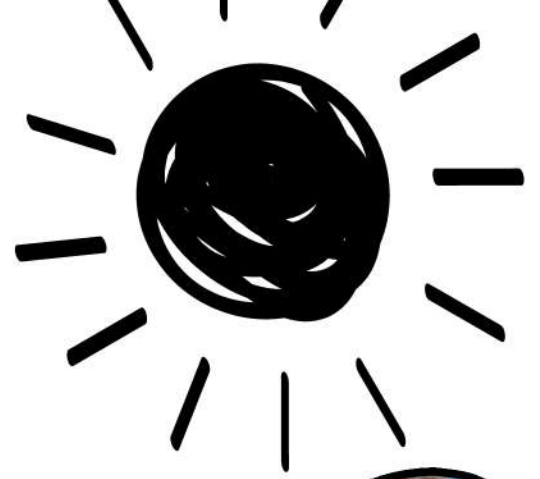


June 16th we are celebrating summer and the end of the semester on the horizon! The SLC, SADD, and PSCC committees are hosting an hour of summer fun including games such as ladder ball, corn hole, basketball, tug-a-war, etc. We will run on alternate bells and Summer Fun will take place the last hour of the school day. Can't wait to see everyone from UCHS there!



STUDENT SUCCESS STORIES

Kindness



**JAYCE
BROWN**



Jayce consistently shows Kindness throughout her actions and attitude. She is always willing to help her peers, answering questions patiently, without ever making anyone feel embarrassed. She includes others without hesitation, welcoming people into her lab groups even if they aren't part of her usual circle of friends. Jayce is also respectful and responsible, always putting her lab materials away. She treats all classmates, teachers, and lowerclassmen with genuine politeness. Jayce's quiet generosity makes the classroom a more welcoming place for everyone!

-submitted by Ms. Huber

**MYAH
WAGNER**



Myah exemplifies Kindness in numerous ways, making a significant impact on those she interacts with. Her approachable and warm demeanor fosters an inclusive environment which makes others feel valued and respected. In the classroom, Myah consistently demonstrates a willingness to assist both peers and teachers. Whether it's offering help with group projects, providing support to classmates, or doing a Kind act for a teacher, Myah's helpful nature always shines through which is a positive example for others to follow. Myah also embodies Kindness by speaking thoughtfully and respectfully to all she encounters. Overall, Myah serves as a remarkable representation of true Kindness.

~submitted by Mrs. Steinhubel

OWEN BREBNER



Owen Brebner is one thing in Accounting – focused! He uses his class time, works hard, strives for perfection in his work and isn't happy with just "good enough". He wants to be right! While other students may try to take short cuts, Owen never does. He follows all of the Accounting rules and principles and he is thorough in his approach. Owen is a quiet and respectful student who is Kind, thoughtful and positive in class. He never complains about the task at hand, and instead, gets to work! Thanks for choosing to learn in this class, Owen! Your positivity and Kindness are appreciated.
-submitted by Mrs. Poitras

SEBASTIAN LAUINGER



Sebastian has been in my classroom taking Wildlife & Habitat through SKY Plus. His assignments are excellent, he has good communication skills, and he is polite. When we were going to Wilkie for a Place-Based Day, he immediately offered to carry the heaviest bucket for me. He is always courteous when asking for help and very appreciative after receiving it. You'll do very well in your chosen career as an Integrated Resource Manager, Sebastian. Keep up the great work!
-submitted by Mrs. Hoffinger

Respect • Responsibility • Choose to Learn

HOLLY LAUINGER



Holly is such a Kind person. She is empathetic and aware of others. When sharing celebrations at the beginning of class, she often calls out the successes of other students. She is inclusive and looks for ways to make others comfortable. She greets others with a smile and eye contact, and I'm always grateful for her compliments on my outfits! She is a lover of animals and an accepting friend. Holly makes UCHS a more friendly place to be.

-submitted by Mrs. Orobko

DEZYRAE PARADIS



When I think of students that have shown Kindness I am reminded of Dezryae Paradis. She is a genuinely Kind soul who looks after her friends and pets with the utmost care. She is a generous person and she has a lot of responsibilities that she takes seriously. Dez, thanks for showing me that students your age can choose to be Kind to others and will be even better adults.

-submitted by Miss Krips

I think Kindness is a misunderstood virtue in that Kindness can easily be seen as weakness; however, I think it is a great show of strength. Everyone can be unKind at times, sometimes downright cruel, but the person I am thinking of has shown nothing but Kindness to myself, as well as those around her. Holly Lauinger not only comes to class every day with a smile for anyone who needs it, she quietly helps others around her all the time. She is always positive and gives encouragement to her classmates and her friends. If someone has done something they should be proud of, she is the first person to point it out and leads the applause. She can read people well and is the first to notice when someone is stressed or upset and becomes their cheerleader. Holly's Kindness is a shining example of what everyone should strive towards to make the world a better place.

-submitted by Mrs. Hrynuik

GAUGE GROTH



Mark Twain said "Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see." Kindness is being a friend to all, showing empathy and respect, always choosing the path of consideration. Gauge Groth is a young man who gushes Kindness. Gauge is a happy, easy-going and considerate young man. He always says 'good morning' and always volunteers to help when help is needed. Gauge is Kind to all. He is a pleasure to teach for many reasons, with Kindness being at the top of the list. Keep being a great example for other, Gauge!

-submitted by Mr. O

**KIND PEOPLE
SAVE THE
-WORLD-**

LIAM CLOSE



Liam truly shines because of his Kindness and caring nature. In math and science class, he is always ready to help his classmates when they don't understand something. He is the type of student that can be paired up with anyone, and he will always treat them with Kindness. During gym class, Liam also shows what teamwork and Kindness really means. Instead of just trying to score goals for himself, he makes sure everyone gets a chance to play. He encourages his classmates to join in, passing the ball to those who might be shy or unsure. Liam's Kindness inspires others to be more supportive, making the classroom a friendlier place. His actions remind us that true success is about being Kind to others.

-submitted by Ms. SvenKeson

EMMA GILBERT



Emma Gilbert is a clear-cut example of Kindness in the classroom and school community. Inside the classroom, she can always be found participating in conversation with her table partners, regardless of who she is sitting beside. She offers a helping hand to classmates who might be struggling with a topic, and also seeks out assistance when she needs it herself. Outside of the classroom, Emma will always be found with a smile on her face, whether she is wandering the halls with her friends during lunch or participating in gym activities. Thanks for being such a positive student, Emma! Keep up the great work!

-submitted by Ms. Gartner

ANNIE PITURA



Annie Pitura is a valued member of SADD and SLC and her enthusiasm is contagious. She gives of herself continuously, never hesitating to jump in and take on a task. She even pushed herself to overcome her discomfort with public speaking and became a regular voice on the announcements this semester. Whether it is selling mocktails with SADD, planning improvements in the SLC room, organizing events, or making posters, Annie is always helping others. She is Kind and compassionate and makes others feel welcomed. UCHS is a better place because of her.

-submitted by Ms. Partington

HAILEY SACHER



Congratulations to Hailey Sacher who is having much success in Foundations and Pre-Calculus 10. In the past, Hailey sometimes found Math to be a challenge. However, this semester she has made incredible progress. She pays close attention to the lessons in class, conscientiously completes her homework assignments, prepares for all tests and quizzes, and asks questions when she needs assistance. Her hard work and determination have not only increased her overall mark this year but have also contributed to building her confidence level which will help her to succeed in future Math classes. Keep up the fantastic work, Hailey!

-submitted by Mrs. Gartner

LEVON MCGONIGLE



Kindness is an underrated value that is really appreciated in any student, and I am pleased to say that there are many students who I currently work with at UCHS that regularly display Kindness. The student that I chose to highlight this month is one that I have had the pleasure of working with in each semester this year. Currently I teach Levon McGonigle in PE 20 where his Kindness is regularly on display in his interactions with his peers. I also know him to be a kind and genuine person in our community and would like to recognize his overall growth and citizenship over the past few years. Keep up the great work and growth Levon!

-submitted by Mr. Cey

#BeKind

OJASVI NEDUNURI



As I go through my list of students and consider the characteristic of Kindness, I am inspired by Ojasvi Nedunuri. Always with a smile on her face and always polite with everything she says, I look forward to seeing her in my class every day. As chairperson of the Positive School Climate Committee, Ojasvi leads by example as she is always looking for ways to make others feel safe and welcome. Thank you Ojasvi for your Kindness at UCHS.
-submitted by Mr. Parker

CHYNA NICCOLLS



This month, I would like to recognize Chyna for the virtue of Kindness. Chyna shows Kindness in her interactions with students and staff alike. She is often one of the first in class and always has a polite greeting. In conversations with her classmates, Chyna listens carefully, and she helps others when they need it. Chyna also shows Kindness in keeping her desk and lab area clean and tidy. Thank you for being Kind!
-submitted by Mrs. Clark

KELSEY GRANT



Kelsey joined the drama club for the first time this year, and her presence has been nothing short of inspiring. From day one, she brought a bright positivity and a genuine Kindness that uplifted everyone around her. Though new to theater, Kelsey embraced every challenge with enthusiasm and grace, supporting her peers with encouraging words, and by filling in anywhere she was needed. Her humility, combined with a strong work ethic, quickly made her a valued member of the cast. Kelsey helped create a space where everyone felt supported. For a first-time member, Kelsey made a lasting impression, proving that Kindness and a positive attitude are as powerful as any spotlight!
Thanks for your hard work and Kindness, Kelsey!
-submitted by Mr. Wood

BLAKE KING



"Being Kind means responding to the needs of others—and people can be Kind, no matter how old or young they are."

-Fred Rogers

Blake King is quietly Kind to those around him. He recognizes when someone needs something and helps them out. The other day the teacher announced that the students in Blake's class could use calculators and needed a textbook. While his classmate was distracted, Blake brought him a calculator and textbook from the side table. Without looking for acknowledgement or thanks, Blake just did the Kind thing. He demonstrated Kindness without expecting anything in return. Blake shows Kindness through his quiet respect and thoughtfulness toward his classmates and staff members. Thank you, Blake!

-submitted by Mrs. Snell

TALIA STAFFORD



DEZ PARADIS



Talia Stafford and Dez Paradis are Kind. I have had the pleasure of subbing in a variety of classes recently. I haven't taught these girls since grade 9 and it has been a pleasure to work with them again. They are just as Kind, inclusive, patient, and respectful as I remember. They care about their personal success and about their peers' as well. They are agreeable, and helpful towards the substitute teacher. I'm glad we have quiet and Kind leaders like them in our school. They display consistent citizenship and for that reason, I am pleased to recognize them.

-submitted by Mr. Melnyk

Junior Final Exam Schedule – JUNE 2025

Date	Times	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9
June 20 Friday (Day 2)	9:00-11:30 AM	Regular Classes		
	12:45-3:15 PM			
June 23 Monday (Day 3)	9:00-11:30 AM	ELA (7A/7B) ELA (7C)	ELA	PAA Home Ec
	12:45-3:15 PM	Math (7A/7B) Math (7C)	PAA Home Ec	ELA
June 24 Tuesday (Day 4)	9:00-11:30 AM	Health (7A/7B) Health (7C)	Math (8A) Math (8B)	Math
	12:45-3:15 PM	Social (7C) Science (7A/7B)	Science (8A) Social (8B)	Social (9B) Science (9A)
June 25 Wednesday (Day 5)	9:00-11:30 AM	PAA (7B)		PE (9A) PE (9B)
	12:45-3:15 PM			

Senior Final Exam Schedule – JUNE 2025

Date	Times	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
June 20 Friday (Day 2)	9:00-11:30 AM	F & P 10 Foundations 20	ELA 20	ELA B 30/31
	12:45-3:15 PM		Enviro Science 20 Health Science 20	
June 23 Monday (Day 3)	9:00-11:30 AM	ELA B10	WA 20	Physics 30
	12:45-3:15 PM	Wellness 10 History 10	Pre Calc 20 Foods 30	Foods 30
June 24 Tuesday (Day 4)	9:00-11:30 AM	Science 10	Physical Science 20	Social 30
	12:45-3:15 PM		Foundations 30 Foods 20	Foundations 30 Foods 20
June 25 Wednesday (Day 5)	9:00-11:30 AM	Acct 10/20	Acct 10/20 Media Studies 20	Calc 30/WA 30
	12:45 – 3:15		Phys Ed 20	Phys Ed 20

June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Grade 8 Field Trip	6 School Swimming: • 8A 1:10-2:10 • 8B 2:15-3:15 Provincial Track in Moose Jaw →	7
8	9 School Swimming: • 7A 1:10-2:10 • 7B 2:15-3:15	10 Awards Assembly 2:00 pm (alt. bells) Warrior Night 7:00 pm	11 PRIDE Walk Junior Golf Districts	12 School Swimming: • 7C 10:00-11:00 • Wellness 10 11:15-12:15 LSSD Hall of Fame 5:00 pm Northland Power Curling Centre in NB	13 School Swimming: • 9A 11:15-12:15 • PE 20 1:10-2:10 Grade 6 Buddy Lunch	14
15	16 Summer Fun Hour School Swimming: • 8A 1:10-2:10 • 8B 2:15-3:15	17 School Swimming: • 9B 9:00-10:00 • 9A 2:15-3:15	18 School Swimming: • 7B 11:15-12:15 • 7C 1:10-2:10 • 7A 2:15-3:15	19 School Swimming: • 9B 9:00-10:00 • Wellness 10 11:15-12:15 • PE 20 1:10-2:10	20 FINAL EXAMS	21
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29	30					