

UCHS NEWSLETTER

UNITY COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL

BUILDING CITIZENS STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE



OPENING ASSEMBLY

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BETWEEN THE BELLS!



October is upon us, and we have quickly cruised our way through the first month of learning and growth here at UCHS. As a staff, we would like to extend a huge welcome to each of you back to another school year or maybe even your first with us. With anticipation and enthusiasm, we'd like to remind you of our three core beliefs that will shape our journey together: Respect, Responsibility, and Choose to Learn.

Respect is the foundation upon which our school community is built. We encourage a culture of inclusivity, empathy, and appreciation for diversity. Every student and staff member deserves to be treated with kindness, consideration, and dignity. By practicing respect, we create an environment where everyone feels valued, heard, and supported.

Responsibility is something we value in the development of building responsible citizens. We believe that instilling a sense of responsibility in our students prepares them for a successful future beyond the walls and corridors of UCHS. We encourage them to take ownership of their learning, their actions, and their choices.

Choose to Learn is where we see students making good choices with how they interact with one another in class and taking their own learning seriously. Positive interactions with staff and students, following through with expectations for assignments and deadlines, along with regular attendance are just a few indicators of choosing to learn.

Together, when we choose to learn, show respect, and take responsibility, we build a stronger school community for everyone. Thank you for continuing to grow with us on this journey and I am so excited for the year ahead with you all!

Mr. Graeme Gieni

WELCOME TO UCHS

We are WARRIORS!

MR. SEAN CARLEY



I am Mr. Carley. I am the new Math 7, Social 9, and History 20 teacher at Unity Composite High School. I graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with a B. Ed degree majoring in Speculative Fiction Language Arts and Anthropology Social Studies. This is my fourth-year teaching and I previously worked in Kyle, and North Battleford. I bring to UCHS my years of skill with prop making and 3D printing. I am an avid maker (woodworking, vacuum forming, 3D modelling, foam smithing, etc) in my free time. I hope to introduce 3D printing as a regular part of my classroom plans to bring the materials to life.

MR. GRAEME GIENI



Hello UCHS families, I am so happy to join this educational community as your new Principal for the school year. A bit about me, I completed my education degree at the University of Regina, majoring my education degree in Visual Art. I since have worked in multiple schools around Unity prior to joining Unity Public School six years ago as VP. It was a great change to be able to start teaching back in Unity where I have called home for the last 20 years, along with my wife and two sons. Currently I am teaching Grade 7 PE and Visual Art 20/30. I'm looking forward to the opportunity to build new relationships with you all and to be a part of the Warrior community.

MS. CARA HARMS



My name is Cara Harms, and I have the honour of being at UCHS until the Christmas break. I am interning in Mrs. Orobko's and Mr. Parker's classes for grades 9, 10, and 12. My specializations are in math and ELA. I like to play clarinet, speedskate, crochet, knit, and play cards. Though I am originally from Saskatoon, and I calling Denzil my home for the foreseeable future.

MRS. DONNA HOFFINGER



My name is Donna Hoffinger. I am the new Grad Coach and Classroom Complexity Teacher at Unity Composite High School. I will be the co-teacher for Sky Plus, Living Sky School Division's blended online and in person learning program. I will also be working with individual students and small groups to help them reach their education goals. I was born and raised in Unity and I'm very excited to be working in my former high school! I look forward to working with the students and staff at UCHS, reconnecting with former school mates, and even teaching some of their children.

WELCOME TO UCHS

MRS. HANNAH KENDRICK



My name is Hannah Kendrick, and I am excited to join the UCHS team this year as a student services teacher (SST)! I have lived in Unity since 2008, teaching mostly at St. Peter's school, where I had a variety of roles, including teaching grade 6, Intensive French, Music, online learning support, and student services. I love how as a teacher I learn something new every day, and that I get to spend my days working with children. I am excited to get to reconnect with old students, and to get to know the ones that I haven't had the chance to work with yet!

MISS KEYA KENNON



My name is Miss. Kennon and I am so excited to be completing my internship here at UCHS! I grew up in Biggar but now live in Saskatoon and attend the University of Saskatchewan. I have the honour of being in Mr. Clarks room where I will get to teach some history, social studies, health, and phys. ed. I also get to spend some time with Mrs. Partington, teaching ELA. Besides teaching, I am an avid volleyball player and coach and have the pleasure of coaching the junior girls B team this season as well as helping with the senior girls B team. I will be at the school until Christmas break and I look forward to getting to know the community more!

MS. JILLIAN PERNITSKY



My name is Jillian Pernitsky, I am originally from Wilkie, SK. I have lived in Unity since 2013 and I have two children Gage and Lakely. I have always had a passion for hairstyling since I was little, doing my first wedding and graduates at the age of 15. I finished Hair School in 2009 and have been doing hair ever since. I currently do hair out of my house and also have recently taken on the job as the Hairstyling teacher here at UCHS. So far its been a blast teaching a great group of ladies!

GRADE 7S AND ALL NEW STUDENTS . . .

YOUR WARRIOR JOURNEY BEGINS!

HONOUR AWARDS

2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE THROUGH A COMMITMENT TO
CONTINUOUS LEARNING & GROWTH THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

HONOUR ROLL

The UCHS Honour Roll celebrates students who exemplify our belief in "Choosing to Learn." Senior High students earn this distinction by achieving an average of 80% or higher, while Junior High students achieve Honour Roll status by receiving a proficiency rating of 3 or greater on all course outcomes.

GRADE 7

Weston Agar
Wyatt Anderson
Elise Avena
Grayden Bellegarde
Baylee Boerrichter
Blakely Carlton
Polina Chernii
Bryce Clarke
Liam Close
Jesse Cooper
Hudsyn Crier
Skyler Dimayuga
Eden Fawell
Adalynn Gagnon
Van Gieni
Makray Halter
Zaida Heck
Otto Heitt
Oaken Jedlicka
Mykelti Johnstone
Aliya Keller
Willem Lindeque
Chester Miller
McCrea Kace
Dylan Pool
Stella Purington
Alex Raputin
Nash Rewerts
Isaan Sawatzky
Alex Sieben
Hailey Timms
Jaycelyn Tyler
Lorena Valdes Rancol
Taenslee Wagner
Kody Walz
Blake Welsch

GRADE 8

Lyle Aguinaldo
Aurora Bowey
Ella Brebner
Gio Dela Cruz
Alexa Goring
Kelsey Grant
Brinley Headrick
Anallah Johnstone
Cutter Lewin
Blake Lewis
Jaidyn Mackrell
Chloe Moscrip
Tajasvi Nedunuri
Gabriel Neigum
Eric Nicolls
Dryden O'Brian
Lucas Partington
Angel Parungo
Jailyn Reiniger
Nicola Roodt
Emma Senger
Olivia Shaw
Hayley Wagner
Myah Wagner
Ripley Wells
Shaye Winterhalt

GRADE 9

Natalie Bertoia
Tylan Blanchette
Chenae Bowker
Alivia Close
Ron Cordita
Brynn Delhommeau
Iryna Donieva
Logan Gerein
Emma Gilbert
Maryn Greenwald
Tinsley Leclerc
Colby Maze
Nevada Pipke
Annie Pitura
Emma Ralston
Mission Sawatzky
Anton Sieben
Ayla Sperle
Alexis Timms
Katrina Wagner
Daxon Walz
Mayla Williams
Shayla Zunti

GRADE 10

Janessa Abrams
Elisha Avena
Jenay Bishop
Owen Brebner
Leighton Forbes
Lincoln Galger
Maycie Gumpinger
Skylar Hansen
Morgan Lewis
Lucas Maze
Chyna Nicolls
Kadence O'Brian
Chloe Parungo
Kira Purcell
Lynden Reiniger
Kai Riou
Kali Scherr
Jordyn Schurman

GRADE 11

Sage Aldred
Jayce Brown
Wyatt Clarke
Alyssa Coons
Josh Delhommeau
Olha Donieva
Reid Ducherer
Jaya Duffin
Ava Eddingfield
Dylan Gavel
Dawson Gilbert
Lorrie Henderson
Dylan Kelly
Keanna Kelly
Keaton Knorr
Avery Kowerchuk
Casey Lewin
Daxon L'Heureux
Sebastian Lauinger
Madison Manchester
Levon McGonigle
Jada Poitras
Connor Ralston
Clarrisa Roodt
Dominic Sieben
Kaden Sperle
Wyatt Tiffin
Jade Venn
Jordis Zunti

HONOUR AWARDS

2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR

SUBJECT PROFICIENCY AWARDS

MATH & SCIENCE

GRADE 10 Lynden Reiniger 94%
Kai Riou 94%

GRADE 11 Wyatt Tiffin 99.5%



THE HUMANITIES

GRADE 10 Maycie Gumpinger 90.5%

GRADE 11 Wyatt Tiffin 96%



PRACTICAL AND APPLIED ARTS

GRADE 10 Elisha Avena 99%
Information Processing
Chloe Parungo 99%
Information Processing

GRADE 11 Wyatt Tiffin 99% Accounting



PROFICIENCY AWARDS

GRADE 10 Elisha Avena 92.3%
Maycie Gumpinger 92.3%

GRADE 11 Wyatt Tiffin 98.1%



UCHS EXTRA-CURR.

WHERE PASSION MEETS PURPOSE

**GET
INVOLVED.**

**GET
INSPIRED.**

WHAT WE OFFER:



Archery

Dungeons & Dragons

Rock Band

Badminton

Football

Snolympics

Basketball

Golf

Student Council

Book Club

Junior Soccer

SADD

Choir

Maker Club

Track & Field

Cross Country

Minecraft

Volleyball

Curling

Pop Culture

Wrestling

Drama

Pride Group

Yearbook

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Our newly formed Student Council is comprised of former groups SLC and PSCC. We are off to a great start under the leadership of Claire Moscrip and Jada Poitras. We have some former members and some new members who are all motivated to make the year a blast. Welcome Week was a great start to our year! The SC would like to thank all the businesses and organizations that joined us to compete in the Annual Chili Cookoff. The RCMP team came out victorious with the Resource Center in 2nd and Davin Agar in 3rd. Together we raised \$500 for the Terry Fox Foundation. We have held our first pep rally and are busy planning incentives for the Fruit & Vegetable Sale as well as our Spooky Halloween Dance. Watch for upcoming details about the dance on October 31st as well as food drive competitions happening within the school. This year's canvass of the town for the Food Bank will NOT happen October 31, but we are planning several ways to gather donations throughout the year. Our Student Council meets Tuesdays at lunch, and we are still accepting members. Come join the fun!



CHILI COOKOFF WINNERS

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Chili Cookoff on Wednesday, September 17! It was amazing to see so many UCHS Warriors and community members come together for some friendly competition, great food, and lots of laughs. And the chili crown goes to... the RCMP! They brought the heat and took home the big win—congratulations to the champions, pictured below! Coming in hot behind them were the Unity Resource Center in second place and Grade 7 student Davin Agar taking third. Great job to all the teams! Also a huge thank you to the Unity Co-op for donating the bowls for our cookoff!



SENIOR GOLF

The senior golf team, comprised of Daxon Walz, River Thompson, Bennett Bretzer, and Daxon L'Heureux, competed at Districts held at Jackfish Golf Course on Wednesday, September 17. All the boys played well and represented our school with pride, determination, and great sportsmanship. Great work boys!

A special thank you to Regan L'Heureux who volunteered to coach the senior golfers this season. Your help is greatly appreciated.



CROSS COUNTRY

This year I have the pleasure of coaching the cross-country team, along with our intern teacher Miss Harms. Here is our team roster:

Grade 8 – Tyrin Leclerc, Blake Lanegraff, Alex Raputin, Liam Close

Grade 9 – Riley Bartley, Heleina Tisado, Kingston Meredith, and Alexa Goring

Grade 10 – Jimmy Starchief, Christian Neigum and Thorin Jedlicka

Our first meet was in Biggar where athletes battled a hilly terrain and extremely hot weather. Here are the top ten placings:

Junior boys - Christian Neigum 4th

Intermediate Boys - Liam Close silver medal, Thorin Jedlicka 10th

Our second meet was in Wilkie, with much cooler conditions that were optimal for running. Many of our athletes had personal bests! Here are the top ten placings:

Junior Boys – Christian Neigum 8th

Intermediate Girls – Alexa Goring 10th

Bantam Boys – Liam Close gold

Bantam Girls – Heleina Tisado 9th

We hosted a meet in Unity on September 25th at the Unity golf course. Stay tuned to the next newsletter for results from this meet. Finally, our team will travel to Little Loon for the District Championship on October 2nd, and provincials in Yorkton on October 11th for any qualifying athletes in Grade 9 -12.

Mrs. Clark



JR. 'A' GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The Junior A Girls Volleyball team has been off to a fantastic start so far this season. So far, the team has attended two tournaments. In Wilkie on weekend one, the girls grew massively as a team and took home the gold medal. In North Battleford at NBCHS, the team faced some very strong competition. They rose to the challenge and played fantastic volleyball against some strong teams that we will continue to compete against throughout the year. At this tournament, they took home third place.

Moving forward, we will be competing at tournaments in Spiritwood and JPII in North Battleford. We will also be hosting our home tournament on October 18th, so make sure to come out and support the girls. Following that, we will have conference playdowns at JPII, and we will wrap up the season when we HOST Junior Girls District Volleyball, on Thursday, October 30th.

The girls have been practicing hard in order to prepare for the rest of the season. They will participate in some league play on Wednesdays as well. Congratulations on the impressive season so far, ladies, and keep working hard for the rest to come!

The team consists of three Grade 8s – Blakely Carlton, Jesse Cooper, and Jaycelyn Tyler – and nine Grade 9s – Ella Brebner, Ashlyn Brown, Emersyn Brown, Emry Gumpinger, Brinley Headrick, Chloe Moscrip, Hayley Wagner, Myah Wagner, Shaye Winterhalt. The team is coached by Mrs. Rhonda Gartner and Ms. Lauren Gartner.



JR. 'B' GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The Jr. B girls volleyball team is already having an amazing season and cannot wait for what's ahead! So far, the girls had their first tournament in Wilkie. The girls had a lot of growth over their first tournament and played some really close games, ending the tournament off with a dominant win. The girls will also be taking part in league this season, They won in three straight sets against Wilkie in their first league game of the season.

The girls will have more league games both at home and on the road. They also have two more tournaments to look forward to. They will be in Macklin on October 4th and then they have their home tournament on October 18th! Be sure to come out and watch.

The team this year is made up of a mix of grade 8 and grade 9 girls. This year's team includes Reign Baes, Kailey Bertoia, Summer Gruhlke, Zaida Heck, Anallah Johnstone, Aliya Keller, Livia Lang, Jaidyn Mackrell, Tejasvi Nedunuri, Jailyn Reiniger, Taenslee Wagner, and Sevaya Wildeman. This team is coached by Miss. Kennon and assisted by Brynn.



JR. BOYS VOLLEYBALL

The Junior Boys volleyball team has had a great start to the season. The team has travelled to two tournaments so far, one in Wilkie and one in Medstead. They spent the last couple of weeks preparing for the rest of their season. In Wilkie, the boys participated in pool play and went 3-2. Their positive teamwork and hard work led them to the bronze medal. While participating in the Medstead tournament, the boys showed tremendous growth, with improvements in communication, rotations, intensity, and utilizing skills learned in practice. Because of this, they earned the gold medal for the weekend.

The boys will continue their season with two visits to JPII, one for a tournament and another for Junior Boys Districts. They will also host two tournaments of their own – one on October 4th and another on October 25th, South Conference Championships.

The boys have been practicing hard so far to ensure a successful season. They have had great growth so far as a team, and they hope to continue that growth throughout the season. Keep up the good work, boys!

The team consists of Grade 8s Weston Agar, Eoighan Briggs, Liam Close, Van Gieni, and Alex Sieben, and Grade 9s Lyle Aguinaldo, Gio Dela Cruz, Dryden O'Brian, Reid Kiefer, Cutter Lewin, Gabriel Neigum, Eric Nicolls, Lucas Partington, and Tatum Ruberry. The team is coached by community coach Jeff Nemish.



SR. GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The A team has kicked off their season in style. September 5th and 6th, we travelled to the U of S tourney and battled hard against a variety of very tough teams. They defeated Langham in their playoff game to end the tourney. While there, they explored the campus a little and took in the Huskie Football Homecoming Game win!

September 12th and 13th, the team was in Maple Creek for their annual tournament. This trip is not complete without a stop at the greatest toy and candy stores in Saskatchewan! The girls finished 1st after the round robin, then lost to Gull Lake in 3 close sets to settle for silver.

After much planning and preparation, the team hosted their home Tourney for Truth and Reconciliation on September 19th and 20th. The theme of this year's tournament was Honouring Indigenous Artists. We began with a school-wide assembly featuring guest speaker, Shalen Fox, and a tribute to former student poet, Mercedez Tate.

This 11 team tournament featured a Unity Game on Friday night with 1 player from each team taking part in a friendly match. We also took a coach group photo to celebrate SHSAA Coaches Week! Saturday each team highlighted an Indigenous artist their team had learned about. The presentations were all informative and impressive. The highlights were the Maple Creek girls telling about their ribbon skirts and a player and assistant coach from Makwa performing two Jingle Dances. After this, a serving contest ended with Plenty Wildcats as the winners of the beautiful cupcakes donated by Chelsea Fawell, the Cake Mama. Playoffs followed with the results being Gold to Bert Fox Bisons, Silver to Unity Warriors, and Bronze to Plenty Wildcats.

Thank you goes to all our volunteers, to the staff for their support, and to the parents for their generosity and time. We are already excited about next year, but after all that hosting, we're ready to be the guest. The team travels to Lanigan on Sept 26 and 27.

Mrs. Orobko



Back: Addy Rewerts, Mrs. Orobko, Skylar Hansen, Kali Scherr, Kira Purcell, Alivia Close, Maycie Gumpinger, Gracen Rewerts
Front: Brynn Delhommeau, Emma Ralston, Morgan Lewis, Meryn Greenwald, Tylan Blanchette, Casey Lewin

SR. BOYS VOLLEYBALL

With a significant amount of turnover from last year, this year's version of the Warriors started on the first day of school to prepare for opening tournament in Wilkie. It was a great learning tournament and the team ended up 6-6. The following weekend in Medstead, the team showed a bit more experience and they ended up 2nd overall. Their tournament in Maidstone was a lesson that consistency will be needed to win key games. After two days on the concrete, the team did not place in the top half of teams attending.

Remaining tournaments included Clavet, Maidstone, LCBI and their home tournament on September 27. The enthusiasm to improve is definitely present with this team and they are looking forward to the playoff run in November. Come out and watch this exciting team develop. They are entertaining.

See you in the stands.

Mr. Parker



Back: Lynden Reiniger, Dominic Sieben, Dylan Kelly, Dawson Gilbert, Sebastian Neigum, Kai Riou, Jordan Brooks, Ken Parker (coach)

Front: Alex Melnyk, Owen Bosch, Christian Neigum, Ron Cordita, River Thompson, Hunter Ireland

FRUIT & VEGGIE SALE

UCHS FALL FUNDRAISER ~ OCTOBER 1-15

Unity Composite High School is excited to launch the first of two schoolwide fundraisers this year! From October 1 to 15, UCHS students will be selling fresh, high-quality fruits and vegetables as part of our long-standing tradition — the Fruit and Veggie Sale!

This fundraiser supports a wide range of school-based programs by helping cover the cost of materials, equipment, transportation, and more.

What's Available:

- Fruits: Six varieties of apples, pears, grapefruit, and mandarin oranges
- Vegetable Packs: Available in 7 lb, 16 lb, and 21 lb sizes

Support the Community:

Customers also have the option to donate their order directly to the Unity Food Bank. UCHS will ensure these donations are delivered on your behalf.

Important Dates:

- Order Period: October 1-15
- Delivery: Mid-November
- Students will contact customers to arrange for product pickup or delivery.

Thank you to Unity and the surrounding communities for your continued support. Let's make this year's fundraiser another success!



FALL OF 2024
FRUIT & VEGGIES
ARRIVE!

SEPTEMBER THROUGH THE LENS

UCHS FITTING TOGETHER

Opening Assembly ~ Honor Awards ~ Terry Fox Run ~ Grad BBQ ~ Chili Cookoff

Pancake Breakfast ~ Pep Rally ~ Guest Speaker Shalen Fox ~ Orange Shirt Day



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SEPTEMBER THROUGH THE LENS

EVERY PIECE MATTERS

Opening Assembly ~ Honor Awards ~ Terry Fox Run ~ Grad BBQ ~ Chili Cookoff

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OCTOBER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p>2025</p> <p>Fruit/Veggie Sale Begins</p> <p>Volleyball:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jr. boys host Cut Knife • Jr. girls host Macklin 	<p>1</p> <p>Football vs Eatonia 4 pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Volleyball:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sr. Girls Devm't @ Paradise Hill • Sr. 'A' Girls @ NBCHS • Sr. Boys @ Clavet 	<p>3</p> <p>Volleyball:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jr. 'A' Girls @ JPII • Jr. 'B' Girls @ Macklin • Jr. Boys Home Tourn.
5	6	7	<p>Volleyball:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 7 Girls host Kerrobert 	<p>8</p> <p>Volleyball:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jrs. host Luseland 	<p>9</p> <p>Football in Rosetown 7:30 pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Provincial Cross Country</p>
12	13	<p>HAPPY thanksgiving</p>  <p>No School</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Volleyball:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Srs. host Luseland/ Kerrobert 	<p>15</p> <p>Fruit/Veggie Sale Ends</p> <p>Volleyball:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jrs. @ Luseland • Grade 7 Girls host NB 	<p>16</p> <p>Volleyball:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sr. Girls Devm't @ Lloydminster • Sr. 'A' Girls @ Bert Fox • Jr. Boys @ JPII 	<p>17</p> <p>Volleyball:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jr. Girls Home Tourn. • Sr. Boys @ Maidstone
19	20					<p>24</p> <p>Volleyball:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jr. 'A' Girls Conferences • Jr. Boys host Conferences
26	27	Early Dismissal		<p>29</p> <p>Volleyball:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jr. 'A' Girls host Districts • Jr. Boys Districts 	<p>30</p> <p>Happy Halloween</p>  <p>School Dance 9-12 pm</p>	<p>31</p>