

Newsletter



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Principal's Pen



November has been another fantastic month at UCHS, filled with remarkable displays of Citizenship and Excellence. Our volleyball teams wrapped up their season on a high note with many accomplishments: the Jr A Girls earned a well-deserved Bronze, the Jr A Boys brought home Gold, the Sr A Girls advanced to provincials, and the Sr Boys earned Bronze at provincials. Our football team also competed in the provincial playdowns, and the excitement continues with our drama program heating up.

As we move into the winter months, basketball, curling, and archery have all kicked off, and the school is eagerly looking forward to the drama performances on December 9 and 10.

It was wonderful to see so many students and guardians attend the student-led conferences in November. Reflecting and setting goals together is an essential part of our students' learning journey. As we enter the second half of the semester, discussions about final exams in January have begun. I encourage all families to review the exam schedule and plan accordingly.

Please note, students who are required to write exams must be in attendance to complete their courses. Absences for specialist appointments, emergencies, or bereavement can be accommodated with proper communication and documentation. However, vacations are not an acceptable reason for rescheduling exams. We have noticed an increase in vacation forms this year, and if your child will be missing school for a vacation, please ensure they pick up an extended absence form from the office and discuss their upcoming absences with teachers well in advance.

Our UCHS attendance practice is designed to closely track student attendance. When students miss 5-10 classes in a subject, teachers will connect with the student to review progress. At 10 absences, teachers will reach out to guardians to discuss the attendance rate and academic progress. After 15 absences, a referral to administration is made for a more in-depth review, and we begin exploring success plans. If necessary, students may be given more time by being withdrawn from courses to ensure they receive additional supports in fewer classes at a time. While we strive to support students who need to be absent for short periods, we emphasize the importance of in-person learning opportunities for both lessons and assessments.

Please continue to monitor attendance through Edsby and notify the school in advance of any absences. As we enter the holiday season, the school feels filled with joy, and we look forward to celebrating this special time with our students.

From our school family to yours, Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Mr. Melnyk

JUNIOR High Remembrance Day Artwork



The junior arts (7, 8 and 9's) have had remarkable success in their development, creativity and uniqueness in their Remembrance Day art. Based on student and teacher votes, our top 3 finalists that were selected to be sent on to the Legion were Emma Senger (Gr.8), Eric Niccolls (Gr. 8), and Jimmy Starchief (Gr. 9) for the black and white category. Our top three choices for the colour category were Mya Kostiuk (Gr. 9), Keira Schumack (Gr. 9), and Jesse Cooper (Gr. 7).

Thank you to all students for your incredible artwork submissions!



Not Alone - Tyler Smith



Tyler Smith, Humboldt Broncos bus crash survivor and Season 9 Canadian Amazing Race winner stopped in Unity recently for a presentation. Students from McLurg and Macklin Schools joined us at UCHS to hear his inspirational story and continue to open the dialogue around mental health. Tyler was relatable and captivating. The students were deeply engaged and touched by his story. He shared that you are 'Not Alone,' and it is important to become self aware to ask for help when things get tough.

Later that evening Tyler spoke at the Unity Community Center at an open presentation to the greater community. The audience was also touched by his story and we hope this not only opens the conversations at school about wellness, but also community wide.

Thank you to the following groups for supporting us to make this opportunity become a reality:

UCHS SCC

UCHS SADD

Unity Minor Hockey

Unity Volleyball Alumni

Aviso Wealth

Unity Credit Union

Macklin School

McLurg School



Senior Boys Volleyball

SHSAA 3A Bronze Medalists!

Our last newsletter had only one tournament listed in it. Since that time the Warriors have been very busy.

The Warriors remained as two separate teams for all of September. At Medstead, it was the younger Socks that placed first in their pool while the older Shoes placed second in their pool. This created an all-Unity semi-final where the older Shoes came out on top with some laughs along the way. The old Shoes then defeated Spiritwood in the final to win the tournament. At Maidstone MegaVolley, the younger socks started the tournament on Thursday with the old shoes returning on Saturday. The younger team had a tough start and the Warriors ended up on the consolation side of the tournament. However, after a long day on Saturday, Unity ended up winning the consolation side of the tournament. The following weekend was at McLurg, again with two teams. The competition was tough throughout and in the end the Socks lost in the first round of playoffs to Edam. The old Shoes had a great semi final against Edam but found themselves playing in the bronze against Turtleford. It was a very eventful game and, in the end, the Shoes won the bronze medal.

It was after the McLurg tournament that the team was paired down to one roster and they travelled to Clavet. The round robin had some good break-in games for the new roster, but the playoffs began with a very challenging game against Aden Bowman (Saskatoon). The Warriors had a very large comeback from 21-15 to win 25-23 and advance to the final against Clavet. This final was a real test against another 3A school that included a second set victory 30-28. However, the team lost this match in three sets and placed second. The team then travelled to North Battleford at the end of October. It was a long two-day tournament with many games and Unity faced McLurg in the final. The boys defeated McLurg in the first set but lost the next two to earn another silver medal. The final tournament of the regular season was in Edam where the team put on a real show of talent going undefeated all day including the final against Edam to win the tournament.

The SHSAA playoff run began in Unity on November 9. The boys defeated Maidstone, Canoe Lake and Makwa to become Conference champions. They then travelled to Clavet on November 16 for Regional playoffs. After placing first in their pool, they defeated Maidstone and faced Clavet in the final. To avenge the loss earlier in the year, the boys defeated Clavet in two sets to become regional champions.

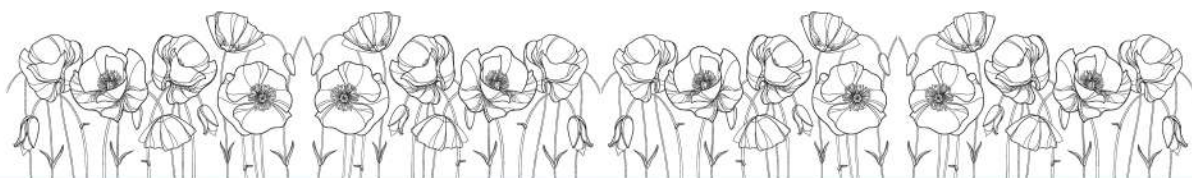
Provincial playoffs were held for the first time in Esterhazy. The hosts were very gracious, and they did a great job of making us feel welcome. Despite not playing their best volleyball, the boys went undefeated on the opening day with victories over Carnduff, Rosthern JC and Oxbow. Saturday began with a match against rival Osler VCA. After an opening set loss, the boys pulled it together to win the match and place first in their pool. The quarter final was against Clavet. This match went three games, but the Warriors came out on top. The semi final was against defending champions and host team Esterhazy. The first set was a 27-25 loss despite a comeback from 24-20. They boys lost the second set as well 25-21 and were sent to the bronze medal game against Waldheim. The energy was very high in this match with many Unity fans showing support from the stands. The game went three sets and, Unity won the match with the final point from our well known "block party". I would like to say the provincial adventure ended there but a winter storm prevented us from making it home and the team was forced to stay one more night in Wynyard.

Many thanks to the parent/caregiver group that assisted with the opening tournament and were there to transport the team and cheer from the stands. The Warrior fan base at Esterhazy was well recognized with moustaches and cheers in unison with the team on the bench. Everything you did for your athlete is appreciated.

Thanks to the team for a great season that ended with an SHSAA Bronze Medal. Special thanks to the graduating players Gabe, Caden, Zander, Ethan, Zayden, John, Nash, Garret. Your commitment to the sport through volunteering, officiating, coaching and playing has provided many fond memories and provided a great example for future warriors. I am proud of each of you and I hope to see you return as Alumni.

The Warriors will return next fall with some experience and some help from a Jr. Boys district champion roster.

Mr. Parker
Sr. Boys Coach



Back: Kyle Parker (AC), Caden MacDonald, Ethan Stifter, Nash Sperle, Dylan Kelly, Dawson Gilbert,
Zander Willy, Layne Parker (AC), Ken Parker (C)

Front: Gabe Weber, Bennett Bretzer, Zayden Wagner, John Daniel Virtudez, Garret Brebner,
River Thompson, Lynden Reiniger

Senior Girls Volleyball

November was playoff month for the Warriors. They began with Conferences in Rosetown. The team went undefeated on the day and earned the Conference medal.

Next up was Regionals in Delisle where the girls went in ranked 2nd. After a VERY long day the girls finished second to Waldheim and earned themselves a trip to Provincials in Regina.

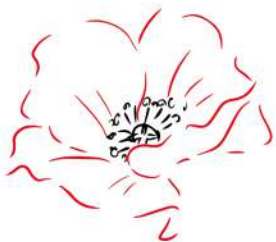
We loved representing our Region with sister schools: Waldheim and Makwa.



Provincials is always a special experience. They got to play teams from all over the province in new schools and gyms. The host school, Laval, is a French language school. We adapted to Visiteur v. Domicile on the scoreboard and loved hearing starters introduced using numbers in French too! The team met all their team goals for the season ending with earning a playoff game. Playing Carnduff in the quarter-finals, the team played their best volleyball of the season – ending on a high note for sure. We all enjoyed one last roadie together and took in some sights along the way.

We bid farewell to the grade 12 players, Halle Ducherer, Avyne McLean, Kasey Parker, and Kaybree Zunti and look forward to next season!

Mrs. Orobko



Senior Girls Basketball

The Senior Girls Basketball team have kicked off their season. The roster is composed of the following:

Tylan Blancette, Alyssa Coons, Leighton Forbes, Maycie Gumpinger, Keanna Kelly, Avyne McLean, Kasey Parker, Chloe Parungo, Kali Scherr, and Shayna Wildeman. Brynn Delhommeau and Tiana Leibel from Grade 9 are also helping the Sr Girls out when available.

The girls started their season with a 1 point win over Maidstone and picked up a win over Clavet. They sit at 2-2 on the early season and will travel to Martensville and Rosetown for tournaments before the Christmas break.



UCHS Drama Presents
NOT in association with 

A Special
**Christmas
Special**
Christmas

A Comedy by Alice LaFausse
**December 9th
and
December 10th**

7:00 PM, Doors Open at 6:30 PM
\$10 for Adults
\$5 for Students

Student Success Stories

Trustworthy

- the quality of being deserving of trust or confidence; dependability; reliability

Respect ~ Responsibility

~ Choose to Learn



Kody
Walz



Kody has adjusted well to the high school, which can sometimes be difficult for Grade 7 students to do so quickly.

Often, there is a big shift with expectations for Grade 7 students, and Kody has adjusted well and meets expectations thoroughly. Kody works very hard in math class and has a strong desire to learn. He always a student that you can count on to have work completed and to help others with their work as well. He asks questions when he needs clarification, he takes initiative to catch up what he missed when absent and is very helpful to his classmates who may need some help. Great work Kody!

~submitted by Ms. Gartner

Keaton Knorr is a great example of someone who can be trusted at UCHS! In his Digital Productions - Sky Plus class, he keeps on top of his work on his own in the computer lab, comes after school to complete tasks when necessary and sets high standards for his products. In Accounting 20, he completes his work efficiently, helps other students, and asks questions when necessary. His attendance is excellent at school and he is the kind of guy who is reliable and full of integrity - someone definitely worth hiring! Thanks for being a leader at UCHS, Keaton! We all appreciate your trustworthiness!

~submitted by Mrs. Poitras

Keaton
Knorr





Lucas
Partington



I would like to acknowledge, Lucas Partington, for his trustworthiness of taking accountability in completing any possible homework given. He has demonstrated the skills of trustworthiness, by being responsible and coming in at lunch, without needing reminding, to give it his all and finish what is expected. Lucas represented this when working on his Remembrance Day art project. Lucas is a student that consistently portrays exemplary behavior through his respect for his classmates and teachers, his respectful mannerisms and his ability to be responsible which all contribute to his success in being a trustworthy individual.

Congratulations on behalf of the UCHS Staff!

~submitted by Mrs. Steinhubel

Tate Pool has had a fantastic start to the school year. He has been working extremely hard to follow our three beliefs and it has definitely been paying off for him in Math 9. He is always polite, respectful, and trustworthy, he volunteers answers and will give his best effort on even the most challenging questions, he works hard to complete his homework assignments, and he is not afraid to ask questions. I look forward to your continued great work throughout the rest of the year. Keep it up, Tate.

~submitted by Mrs. Gartner



Tate
Pool

Anallah Johnstone has joined SADD and SLC this year, and she has quickly become a valuable and trustworthy member of both groups. She is always willing to help with any project, and she often asks how she can help before being approached. She never takes on more than she can accomplish or promise things she can't deliver, but she is consistently offering to work shifts or help organize various projects. She came to the Provincial SADD conference this month and plans to attend a Leadership Conference with the SLC in November as well. She is showing her true Warrior spirit this year at UCHS. Thanks, Anallah!

~submitted by Ms. Partington

Anallah
Johnstone



Rowan
May



If you are looking for a trustworthy student in our school, you can't go wrong with Rowan May. I would trust him to do anything I asked of him and to successfully troubleshoot any problems he encountered. He quickly offers help to anyone who needs it and you can be assured that he'll do his best to solve your problem. He is mature and responsible, two traits that will lead to great success in life. Thanks for being such a stand-up guy, Rowan.

~submitted by Ms. Krips

The Jr Boys volleyball team has had a busy season in terms of hosting duties. They have hosted a home tournament, a conference playoff, a district playoff and league games. Each of these events requires our gyms to be set up, and at UCHS our gyms are set up in a very particular way. Just about each time I have been unable to supervise directly the correctness of the setup but I have entrusted the team lead by captain Alex Melnyk to get the job done right. He has yet to let us down in leading his team to seeing that the net is the right height, the chairs are properly positioned and the score clock is operating correctly. Having faith that students can do such tasks correctly is a relief and I want to thank Alex and his teammates for doing a great job this year. You are all on the road to success as you move forward as senior Warriors.

~submitted by Mr. Parker



Alex
Melnik



Rhett Berki and Mateo Rutley are two students who exemplify the virtue of trustworthiness. Whether I am instructing the class, working with small groups, or students are working independently, I know that Rhett and Mateo will be working productively on task. Whenever they finish their work, they often take the initiative to start the next assignment. Without a doubt, Rhett and Mateo are students who I can trust to be on task in the classroom and who are always polite and considerate in their interactions with peers and teacher alike. Keep up the great work!

~submitted by Mrs. Clark

Rhett Berki
+
Mateo Rutley





Grade 8 PAA

I would like to acknowledge the Grade 8 PAA (Cooking) class for how trustworthy they are. I am always impressed by this class and their ability to be present, be respectful, be responsible and how they are always choosing to learn. PAA cooking classes require a lot of maturity and responsibility, as to avoid injuries in the kitchen. This class understands that and respects the kitchens and each other.

This class has the best overall attendance of any of my classes and I am grateful as it helps the overall flow of learning go smoothly. I never have to worry about this class working together, cheering each other on and lifting each other up. It is a natural reaction for them. They are quick to help each other if someone is falling behind or getting frustrated. They are always respectful and kind, no matter what.

I trust this class completely to show up on time, put in the effort, show respect to everyone and everything and simply do their best each day.

~submitted by Mrs. Hrynuik

Zayden is a grade 12 student this year and a visible citizen at UCHS. In the classroom, he is a model of our Three Beliefs. Zayden demonstrates engagement, puts forward a genuine effort, and meets deadlines. He communicates in a mature manner and elevates the level of decorum in the classroom. He is an important member of the volleyball and basketball teams and acts as a student coach of both. He is also an official of both sports. Zayden is easy to count on. He is responsible and able to solve problems in a respectful way. Being trustworthy means one can be counted on. Zayden shows his trustworthiness through his behaviours and relationships. His calm demeanor puts others at ease, and he is consistently a credible representative of our mission statement:

Building Citizens; Striving for Excellence

~submitted by Mrs. Orobko



Zayden
Wagner

Ayla
Sperle



I would like to recognize Ayla Sperle for her consistent demonstration of the 3-Beliefs at school. She is a very respectful participant in our class. She treats her teacher, her classmates, and the lesson with respect. She is kind and helpful. She is responsible in class. She is always prepared for class and does what she is supposed to do. Ayla also consistently chooses to learn. She is doing well in class and wants to achieve success at school.

I'm proud of your work ethic and positive attitude. Keep up the great work, Ayla!

~submitted by Mr. Melnyk

Emerson Brown



Being trustworthy means a person can be relied on as honest and reliable. I would like to acknowledge Emersyn Brown for her trustworthiness in ELA, Social Studies and as a human being. Emersyn can be counted on to follow our 3 Beliefs. Emersyn consistently communicates on schoolwork and ALWAYS follows through on her statements. Whatever she states, happens. Whether it is homework, studying, group work, being away or answering questions and being involved in discussions, Emersyn is as trustworthy as it gets.

Well done, Emersyn.

~ submitted by Mr. Orobko

In Physical Education trust is an essential value that we talk about regularly. I have noticed several students exemplify this value this year and many could be highlighted. One student who has come leaps and bounds in his trustworthiness is Dawson Rusk. Dawson would be the first to admit that he had room to grow in this category in previous years. However, as a grade 12 student he can regularly be counted on to make the right decision even when the teacher is not watching. Dawson even helps to remind his classmates of the expectations in PE and has taken on a new role as a leader. He is a pleasure to have in class. Keep up the good work Dawson!

~submitted by Mr. Cey



Dawson Rusk



Josh Delhommeau



Josh's positive energy and social nature makes the math and science classrooms a fun place to be. His inherent leadership skills are evident in class where he can often be found sharing his knowledge and ideas with peers; creating an educational environment that peers want to participate in. He is not afraid to take risks, try something new, and collaborate with others. His consistent smile and sense of humor radiates to those around him. Thank you, Josh, for utilizing your social nature and energy in a way that makes

our classroom a better place!

~ submitted by Ms. Huber

Choose to Learn

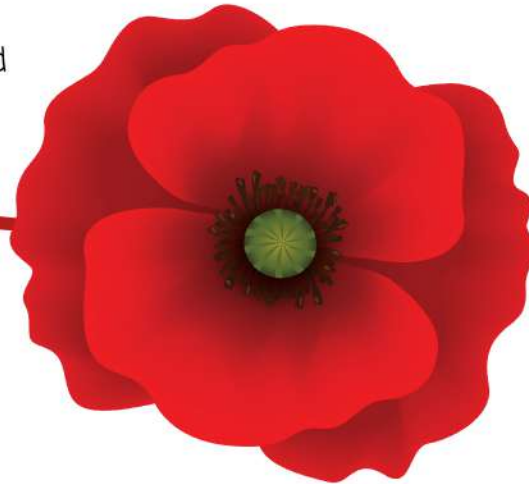
As term 1 comes to a close, so too does the early learning in a class. At this point, students have already faced some challenges and decided how they will approach them.

Owen and Lincoln have been working diligently in ELA, quietly focused on getting done formative and summative tasks, working with feedback, asking questions, and making a sincere, consistent effort.

Often choosing to learn is a steady, ongoing process that requires focus, and an open mind. Lincoln and Owen have demonstrated both so far in ELA 10 this semester. Keep up the great work!

~submitted by Mr. Wood

Owen Brebner & Lincoln Galger



In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place, and in the sky,
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard among the guns below.

~ John McCrae ~



December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
					Basketball: → • Sr. Boys Home Tourn. • Sr. Girls @ Martensville	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Drama Performance 7:00 pm	Drama Performance 7:00 pm			Basketball: → • Jr. A Girls @ Maidstone • Sr. Boys @ Humbolt • Sr. Girls @ Rosetown	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
				Christmas Kindness Lunch	Last day before Christmas break Early Dismissal	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
						
29	30	31				
		New Year's Eve		Return to School Monday January 6th Day 4		

