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School Newsletter
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UCHS Newsletter

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Townwide Halloween Food Drive



The UCHS Student Council will be going door-to-door on Halloween from 1:00–4:00 p.m. to collect food donations for those in need. Thank you for supporting our community!

Important Reminders

- **If your child will be absent from school, parents/guardians must contact the school office to let us know. Please text the school cell number located above or update Edsby.**

- **Student fees are now PAST DUE! If you are not sure how much you owe, please call the UCHS office at the number located above. Pay via school cash or cash or cheque to the UCHS office.**

UCHS Highlights: October

1. **Our first fundraiser was a huge success!**
2. **UCHS Student Council hosted a spooky Spirit Week full of Halloween fun!**
3. **UCHS teams are competing hard, earning wins and having fun!**

Dates to Remember

November 3	Remembrance Day Assembly 1:30
November 4	SLCs 3:30-8:30
November 11	Remembrance Day - No School
November 16	Early Dismissal
November 19	School Picture Retakes

Between the Bells

ADMIN MESSAGE

The first snow has appeared, and it is hard to believe October has already passed by. This year we have been fortunate to have had a great start to the year, and to have many reasons to celebrate success here at UCHS. Drama is hard at work preparing for their production at the beginning of December, and Rock Band has been busy preparing for a school performance to culminate our SLC's Halloween Spirit Week. Our junior volleyball teams have all seen success in their tournaments, bringing home hardware from most. They are currently planning to attend conference playoffs on October 31st with the boys travelling to McLurg and the girls having the opportunity to host. We are rooting for both teams as they make the final push for medals next Thursday at Battle West District Volleyball Championships. Senior football has enjoyed a week of practices in the snow, preparing for a provincial quarter final matchup in Watrous on Friday. Our senior volleyball teams are also beginning the final push towards provincials with both hosting conference playoffs!

Students have also been busy preparing for our Student Led Conferences on Wednesday, November 4th from 3:30-8:30. This year we have decided to change our SLC dates in hopes of having conversations with guardians about celebrating your student's achievements and making plans for continued growth before the end of Term 1 and our first set of report cards. Students have worked on creating self-reflection documents within their ELA classes that will be picked up as students and guardians enter the building on SLC night to be referenced during the conferences.

Our School Community Council has kicked off the 2026 school year with two meetings already. The SCC at UCHS is always looking for more members to join our team. It is truly a great opportunity to hear what is happening within our school and to contribute ideas to help improve our school community. We meet as a collective seven times throughout the school year. If you are interested, please reach out to the school.

From the administrative team, we would like to thank everyone for their roles and contributions within our school community. We are looking forward to a wonderful November and the start of our second term!



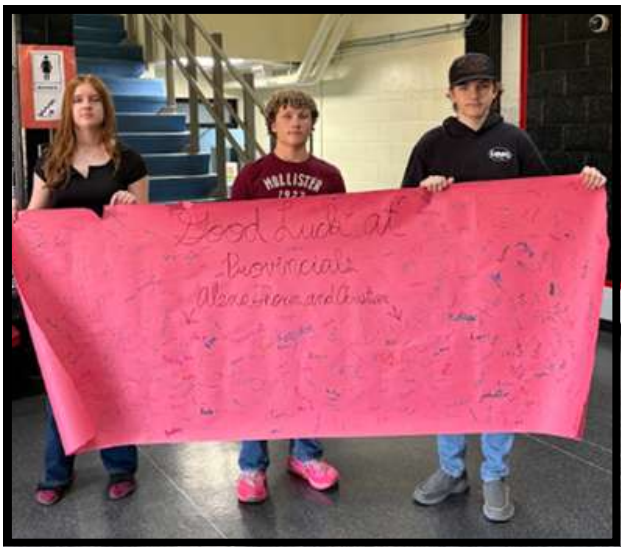
Mr. G

UCHS Cross Country



The UCHS cross country team travelled to Table Mountain to complete in the Battle West district meet where athletes in grades 9-12 are eligible to advance to provincials. Alexa Goring won the silver medal in the junior girls' category and Christian Neigum and Thorin Jedlicka qualified for provincials in their respective categories. Izaiah Crowe finished 11th in intermediate boys, just missing qualifying this year for provincials, but completing the course with a smile on his face.

On Saturday, October 17, Christian, Thorin, and Alexa travelled back to Table Mountain for the Provincial Championship. Once again, the course was challenging with steep hills and uneven terrain, but the weather was fantastic for the runners. While we didn't come home with any medals, each runner showed improvements throughout the season and gained a lot of experience competing at the provincial level.



Here are the results of our provincial athletes:
Senior Boys: Christian Neigum (96th)
Junior Girls: Alexa Goring (71st)
Junior Boys: Thorin Jedlicka (74th)







Congratulations on a fantastic season!

-Mrs. Clark

Grade 7 Boys Volleyball

In the month of October, the Grade 7 Boys volleyball team have made tremendous strides in their skills and development. This month saw the grade 7 boys travel to Cut Knife, Biggar, and host teams such as Kerrobert, Unity Public School, and St. Peters. Each game showed constant improvement that was very enjoyable to watch. The boys have been grinding every week thanks to our great practices led by our great volunteer coaches. These practices have allowed this athletic group to thrive and flourish against much older and bigger teams. Their will, grit, and determination have earned them multiple victories throughout the year. On top of this, the boys have bonded greatly. Despite having great results, the best part of the season was the friendships and laughter they had with each other that will last a lifetime. While most things in life are uncertain, one thing you can count on is a bright future in UCHS volleyball. Thank you to the parents, students, but most importantly our coaches for the great year!

Roster: Burke Gieni, Ryker Tyler, Caden Wagner, Nixon Johnstone, Emerson Lewis, Bryson Sieben, Liam Riou, Sean Canceran, Grayson Fowler, Emmit Manchester, Greyson Kappel, Peyson Sperle

Coaches: Lyle Aguinaldo, Alex Melnyk, Owen Bosch, Ron Cordita, Gio De La Cruz



Junior A Girls Volleyball

The Junior A Girls Volleyball Team has had a very busy October. The team continued tournament play with their final two regular tournaments of the year. Starting at JPII in North Battelford on October 2nd-3rd, the girls competed in a seven-team round robin tournament. After an extremely long and tiring day full of fantastic volleyball, the girls finished the round robin in second place. They then went on to defeat a very strong Melfort team in the third place match.

Out last regular tournament of the season was our home tournament, which was hosted on Saturday, October 17th. The girls battled hard throughout the day, and came out top of their pool. After solid games in the semis, the girls faced NBCHS in the final. While we did take them to three sets, the girls ended up taking home the silver medal. Thanks to all of our parents and volunteers who took the time to help out during the day. We cannot run a successful tournament without you!

South Conference Playdowns will be occurring in Unity, this weekend, on Saturday, October 31st. The top four teams will advance to district playdowns, which will be held in Macklin, the following week on Thursday, November 5th. Make sure to come out and cheer on these girls, as they work for a spot at the big show, at the beginning of November!



Junior B Girls Volleyball

The Junior B Girls Volleyball continued their season with some busy weekends in October. The girls competed in two more tournaments throughout the month. First, was their home tournament, where the girls faced some extremely tough competition. The girls did not back down to the challenge, and put up some fantastic scores against some of the best teams in our athletic district, which is something they should be extremely proud of.

They girls also travelled to Medstead for a long day of driving and playing volleyball. Here, the girls played their best volleyball of the season. They faced strong teams, but also had some great success in high intensity matches. They played their first “third set” of the season here, which was a very exciting experience for players, coaches, and even spectators.

Additionally, the girls travel for league play on Wednesday’s. They have played games against Kerrobert and Luseland, and they found a lot of success in league play.

A big thank you goes out to the three senior coaches for this team, Brynn Delhommeau, Tylan Blanchette, and Alivia Close. These girls dedicated so much of their time and energy into helping these girls develop their skills and grow into the volleyball players that they became throughout the season. Thank you, ladies, for spending so much time with these athletes and sharing so much of your knowledge with them. We all appreciate your hard work more than you know!

Congratulations, ladies, on a fantastic season full of growth and skill building. You should be proud of all that you have accomplished as a team. We look forward to seeing you back out on the court next fall.



Senior A Girls Volleyball

October has been a fun month of volleyball. First we were off to Lanigan where we won 3rd place. Then we enjoyed our Thanksgiving off before heading to Maidstone for some exhibition games. Our annual trip to Bert Fox Community High School at Fort Qu'Appelle was memorable as usual. We stopped at the Muskowegan Residential School. They have an important monument for reflection. The tournament was a huge success for us as we made it to the final where we lost to Raymore – 2nd place!

October 23 and 24 we spent in Meadow Lake at Carpenter's tournament. We were able to play some strong 3A schools and also face off against a dominant home team. The team again finished in 2nd place.

The Hallowe'en tournament in Macklin is the last of the regular season. The girls have costumes planned and made and look forward to a fun tournament full of strong teams to get us ready for playoffs.

We are excited to host Conference Playoffs on Saturday, November 7th. Come on down to check it out! The top 2 teams will advance to Regional competition. At Regionals, the top 3 teams will advance to Provincials in Maidstone.



Volleyball Volunteers

HELPING OUT THE COMMUNITY!

The Fall Fair is a huge Unity tradition. For the past few years, the Ag Society has asked us to help with set-up and take-down of the large tradeshow. This year we had an amazing turnout of junior and senior players and coaches to get the job done in record-time once again. It feels great to help out our community!



Unity CU Thank You!

SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY!

A big thank you to the Unity Credit Union for stopping by UCHS to hand out treats to our staff and students! We appreciate your thoughtfulness and support of our school community.



UCHS Library

OFF TO A GREAT START!

Congratulations to the students who had their names drawn in our September and October library draws! It's wonderful to see so many students visiting the library and checking out reading material. Keep it up, UCHS!


Ayvah Leibel


Caden Wagner


Kate McCrea


Patrick Balagtas


Grayson Fowler


Nat Mantie


Katrina Briegel


Maddox Clark


Davyd Doniev

UCHS Clothing Order

UCHS school clothing is available to order!

Show your Warrior pride! School clothing can be ordered online using the link below. The order deadline is November 13. Orders will be delivered to the school and distributed from here, with arrival expected before Christmas break.

Don't miss out!

www.freckledhoney.ca/uchs

Warriors of the Month

Respect ~ Responsibility ~ Choose to Learn
Achievement ~ Engagement ~ Self-Worth ~ Pride



Holly Lauinger

Holly has had a wonderful start to the year in our Mental Health & Addictions class. She shares inclusion and excitement with the large class. She asks insightful questions, engages fully, and shows patience and kindness as she encourages others to get involved. Returning to Parkview Place gave Holly another place to shine. She was so excited to reunite with a special resident she had gotten to know last year. Once again, her enthusiasm and sense of community is infectious and makes other students braver in a new environment.

This UCHS Warrior recognized by: Mrs. Orobko



Bentley Bloder

Bentley Bloder is off to a great start in grade 8! Not only does Bentley contribute positively to classroom discussion, she also does her best work on her written assignments. Bentley looks for people who need a partner and volunteers to work with them, and she helps other students who are behind or needing assistance. The positive attitude that Bentley brings to class each day helps build a positive learning environment for others. Bentley actively works to learn new things in Social Studies each day and makes meaningful connections to her own life experiences. Thank you, Bentley, for continually demonstrating UCHS's 3 Beliefs each and every day.

This UCHS Warrior recognized by: Ms. Partington



Brooke Bartley

I would like to recognize Brooke Bartley for consistently following our Three Beliefs. She is always respectful to staff and fellow classmates. She is responsible, both at school and at home where she helps care for younger siblings. Brooke always chooses to learn. She does her work diligently and asks for help if needed. When injured last year, she still chose to show up every day and do her best to complete her assigned tasks. She works well with others and is always willing to help.

This UCHS Warrior recognized by: Mrs. Hoffinger



Lyle Aguinaldo

Throughout September Lyle Aguinaldo have consistently demonstrated the beliefs of respect, responsibility, and choosing to learn. Lyle consistently uses his class time to complete assignments and is not afraid to ask questions to make sure he is understanding and learning. These two skills are essential to being a successful learner. In addition, Lyle is always polite and cheerful in the hallway and is quick to say hello. Great job Lyle, in displaying out school's core beliefs.

This UCHS Warrior recognized by: Mr. Hagel



Michael Nesdoly

This year, Michael is bringing everything he has to W & A 10! Every day, he always comes prepared and works exceptionally hard in class. He has become our class leader and people are constantly checking in with him to see if they got the same answer as "Big Mike!" His success in class is shown by his passing grades and how his peers respect and look up to him as their answer key! Awesome job so far this year, Michael! Way to show those 3 Beliefs at UCHS!

This UCHS Warrior recognized by: Mrs. Poitras



Burke Gieni

Burke demonstrates strong engagement in his learning and consistently challenges himself to stretch his thinking. He is eager to learn more, try new tasks, and explore different ways of solving problems. Burke is particularly engaged during math talks and class discussions. He is willing to share his ideas, explain his thinking, and listen to the strategies of others.

Burke also contributes positively to our classroom community. He is willing to work with anyone and approaches group work with kindness, respect, and a willingness to collaborate. He listens to others' ideas while also confidently contributing his own. His enthusiasm for learning, positive attitude, and willingness to take on challenges have made him a positive influence on those around him. Burke's curiosity, participation, and deeper thinking demonstrate what meaningful engagement in learning can look like.

This UCHS Warrior recognized by: Ms. Svenkeson



Grayson Fowler

Since starting Grade 7, Grayson Fowler has shown genuine respect for both his classmates and the staff around him. He is polite, considerate, and understands the importance of treating others the way he would like to be treated. Whether he is working with a classmate, participating in a group activity, or simply going about his day, he consistently demonstrates kindness and respect. He welcomes others to join him at lunch and can be seen in the hallways being a friendly face willing to help when needed. Grayson has made a positive impression during his first month attending UCHS and is someone others can count on to contribute to a welcoming school environment. His respectful attitude is a great example of what it means to be a positive member of our school community. Keep up the great work Grayson!

This UCHS Warrior recognized by: Mr. G



Nathan Dela Cruz

Nathan Dela Cruz deserves to be recognized for following all of our school's core values each day he comes to school. Nathan is willing to read notes aloud to the class, he listens and participates respectfully, and chooses to learn by working hard to complete everything he is asked to do. Nathan is a calm and kind human being who brings a positive presence to the classroom. He communicates well with both adults and peers, and he is respectful, thoughtful, and considerate in the way he shares his ideas. Nathan is nice to everyone, and he contributes meaningful thoughts that help our class discussions. Nathan is a quiet leader and a positive role model to his peers. I'm lucky to have you as my student. Keep it up, Nathan.

This UCHS Warrior recognized by: Mrs. DeRoo



Bennett Bretzer

Bennett is off to an excellent start in Physics 30 this year, demonstrating our three beliefs – respect, responsibility, and choosing to learn. He consistently comes to class prepared and on time. Bennett puts in genuine effort each day and is never afraid to take on a challenging problem. He is also comfortable asking his peers for help when he needs it, showing that he understands the value of working together and learning from others. His hard work and consistent effort are clearly reflected in his success in what can be a challenging course. Bennett is respectful toward staff and continues to demonstrate maturity in the classroom. Keep up the hard work, Bennet!

This UCHS Warrior recognized by: Mrs. Wood

Life Transitions 20/30 Students

I would like to say how refreshing it has been to have a group of students who are engaging and learning like my life transitions 20/30 students are. Whether we are learning about budgeting or having a discussion about different ways people eat, we are having a respectful, polite conversation and it's just lovely to see. Learning happens in so many moments that are not planned and if we take the opportunity to encourage that, we can learn so much from each other. Thanks for being great students, I appreciate it.

These UCHS Warriors recognized by: Miss Krips



Zaida Heck

In the month of September, I have had a lot of great students demonstrating our three beliefs to their peers and the school. One student who consistently follows our three beliefs has been Zaida Heck. Despite Zaida missing the first week, she has flourished in and out of the classroom. She has shown tremendous responsibility in catching up on material, engaging in class, and becoming a leader for her peers in the classroom. On top of this, Zaida has shown great dedication to her volleyball team, as well as respecting her peers in Phys. Ed and in the gymnasium at lunch. Great work on being a tremendous role model in our school, Zaida!

This UCHS Warrior recognized by: Mr. Feser



Avrey Kreimeier

This month I would like to recognize Avrey Kreimeier for her awesome effort and participation in PE class so far this year. Avrey consistently brings a positive attitude to class and is always willing to get involved, try new activities, and give her best effort. Avrey is inclusive of her peers, encourages others, and helps create a positive environment in our class. Whether we are playing a competitive game, learning a new skill, or working together as a team, Avrey is someone who can always be counted on to participate and contribute. Great job so far, Avrey!

This UCHS Warrior recognized by: Mr. Clark



Colton Beres

I would like to acknowledge Colton Beres for his amazing start this year! Colton is embodying the three beliefs of UCHS every single day. He is being respectful to his teachers and EA's. He has taken full responsibility for his education. He is choosing to learn in class, every single day and is pushing himself to be better than he was the day before. Keep up the good work, Colton!

This UCHS Warrior recognized by: Mrs. Hrynuik



Tanner Lawrence

This month I would like to recognize Tanner Lawrence. Tanner should be incredibly proud of the responsible choices she has been making! She has demonstrated initiative and a strong commitment to her learning by working ahead in her classes and taking ownership of her academic progress. Tanner is also showing maturity by thinking about her future options, engaging in meaningful conversations about her goals, and exploring the possibilities available to her. Her willingness to help others in our school community reflects her kindness and desire to make a positive difference. Perhaps most importantly, she is putting in the hard work to better understand herself, including her strengths, interests, and goals. These are all important steps toward building confidence, independence, and a successful future. Tanner is demonstrating what it means to be a warrior, and she deserves recognition for the thoughtful and positive choices she continues to make!

This UCHS Warrior recognized by: Mrs. Kendrick

Media Studies 20

This year is off to an excellent start in Media Studies 20. The group has jumped in at the start of first semester, have tackled their formative tasks with thoughtful vigor, have not hesitated to ask questions to deepen their understanding and form connections, and have shown that they will not hesitate in facing the challenges of developing their critical thinking skills.

It has been an excellent reminder that choosing to learn isn't just reflective of a growth mindset, but it also just makes things that much more interesting and fun, making it even easier to engage with the content.

Thank you to the crew in Media Studies 20 for the amazing start! I'm looking forward to seeing where the creativity and critical thinking will take us this semester!

These UCHS Warriors recognized by: Mr. Wood





Lyndon Reiniger, Kai Riou & River Thompson

Throughout the month of October, Kai Riou, Lyndon Reiniger and River Thompson have consistently demonstrated our three core beliefs: respect, responsibility, and choose to learn. All three vets have been excellent leaders on the Sr. Boys Volleyball team, showing patience and support to their teammates. The three boys also have demonstrated leadership by example. Even though most team's rookies carry team equipment and set up the nets for practice, the boy's willingness to support their teammates and take initiative demonstrates their commitment to the team and makes them a great example of our school's core beliefs.

These UCHS Warriors recognized by: Mr. Merilees





Tylan Blanchette, Alivia Close & Brynn Delhommeau

Alivia, Brynn, and Tylan have taken on a large leadership role within our school this year, as the coaches of the Junior B Girls Volleyball Team. These ladies are excellent role models of our three beliefs to our young athletes. Every single practice, these three show up to practice with a positive mindset and with a thought-out, well-prepared plan. They have created an environment where all athletes work hard, demonstrate commitment to the team and building their skills, and have fun! During games, they are encouraging and helpful, as the players look to them for advice while on the court. It is evident that their knowledge of the sport has been helping their team succeed. Thank you, ladies, for your continued dedication, despite your extremely busy schedules. We appreciate everything you do for us at UCHS, and your athletes do too!

These UCHS Warriors recognized by: Ms. Gartner



Kelsey Grant

This month I would like to recognize Kelsey Grant for her high achievement in science. Kelsey is the first one to arrive in class each day and the positive energy she brings makes our class better. Kelsey shows respect for her classmates and teachers in listening attentively and including her peers in group work. Kelsey makes every effort to complete assigned work during class time and is quick to offer help to others. Kelsey's strong work habits and choosing to learn everyday are reflected in her success in the first unit of science. Kelsey, thank you for bringing your positivity and strong work ethic to science class! You are an excellent role model of the 3 beliefs. Keep it up!

This UCHS Warrior recognized by: Mrs. Clark



Skyler Dimayuga

Skyler has made a wonderful start to the fall and consistently demonstrates our Three Beliefs in class. He arrives ready to learn, comes prepared with the supplies he needs, and takes responsibility for his learning. He even brings in additional art supplies so he can explore his interests and find creative ways to make each project his very own!

Skyler approaches new activities with a positive attitude and a willingness to experiment. He shares his ideas, encourages his classmates, and is comfortable asking for help or guidance when he needs it. His creativity and thoughtful participation help make our classroom a welcoming place to learn. And, between his witty jokes and imaginative ideas, Skyler brings a lot of joy to our class.

Thank you, Skyler, for showing up ready to learn, supporting your peers, and always doing your best!

This UCHS Warriors recognized by: Miss Kostyna

Grade 7 Social Studies

I want to recognize our Grade 7 Social Studies class for the outstanding job they did being a respectful, supportive, and positive audience during each other's project presentations!
Presenting in front of others can be challenging, and the encouragement, attention, and respect you showed your classmates helped create an environment where everyone could feel comfortable sharing their work. You demonstrated that being a great audience is just as important as being a great presenter.
These are the kinds of qualities that build strong relationships, create a positive classroom community, and set the tone for a successful high school experience. High school is not just about academics; it's also about supporting one another, celebrating each other's successes, and helping everyone feel that they belong.
Be proud of the classroom culture you are building together! Keep showing respect, offering encouragement, and lifting each other up. The way you all supported your classmates during these presentations is an excellent example of the kind of school community we all want to be part of. Great job, Grade 7!

These UCHS Warriors recognized by: Mr. Wakelin

Ordinary Joe — Nicola Roodt

Everyday actions. Everyday values. BIG impact!



Mrs. Orobko:
Nicola is an engaged student that takes great pride in her creative skills.

Mrs. Clark:
Nicola is kind to others and her cheerful energy brightens our science class.

Miss Gartner:
Nicola is a very dedicated and hard-working student. She is engaged in all class activities and always puts her best effort into her school work.

Ms. Krips:
Nicola is so polite and kind but is also firm in her beliefs and mature enough to choose to honour her values in her life choices.

Mr. Wakelin:
Nicola is a kind and courteous student who treats all of her classmates with respect and works hard in class. She is the type of student everyone would be happy to have in their class.











Through the LENS
OCTOBER







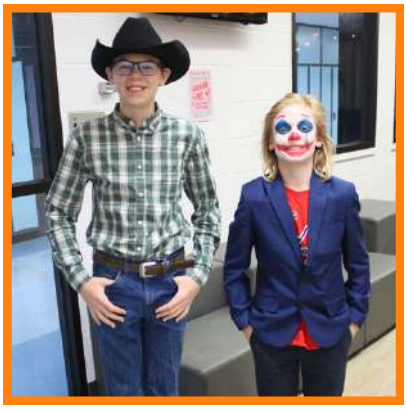














Smile!
















November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Remembrance Day Assembly 1:30 pm 	4 SLCs 3:30 pm Grade 11s See Your Future	5 Jr. Volleyball Districts: Boys-Medstead Girls-Macklin	6	7 Sr. Girls Volleyball Conferences in Unity
8	9	10	11  No School	12	13	14 Sr. Girls Volleyball Regionals
15	16 Early Dismissal	17	18	19 School Picture Retakes	20 Sr. Girls Volleyball Provincials @ Maidstone	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					