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School Newsletter
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UCHS Newsletter

building citizens ~ striving for excellence

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UCHS Highlights: September

1. **Opening Pep Rally: We started the year with energy and school spirit!**
2. **Welcome Week: A fun and exciting start to the school year!**
3. **Sports & Clubs: Teams and clubs are getting underway!**

Dates to Remember

October 12	**Thanksgiving Day - No School**
October 19	**Early Dismissal**
October 26	**PD Day - No School**

important reminder:

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.

Between the Bells

ADMIN MESSAGE

Warrior Families,

Welcome back to another school year here at UCHS! We hope that everyone had a great summer break and want to extend our warmest welcome back to our new and old warrior families as we kick off another exciting year.

Some reminders for families as we begin this school year. SchoolCash remains our way of collecting student fees and payments throughout the year. Edsby in past years was our main way to communicate grades and marks with our families, but this year it will also be used even more for classroom, parent, and extra-curricular communication. If you have any questions or need assistance getting setup, please contact the school office. Our daily announcements are shared to welcome students each morning and are displayed on tv monitors throughout the school daily. This newsletter is also a great source of information for our clubs and activities, and school updates from the office.

We kicked off our first day of school with our opening assembly where we proudly highlighted our mission of Building Citizens & Striving for Excellence along with our three beliefs of respect, responsibility, and choose to learn. We want families to also know that this mission and values are often what drive our goals throughout the year and highlight our student expectations.

As usual, our school has been buzzing with fall activity. Currently, we have 8 volleyball teams, our senior football team, a cross-country team, a drama club, a yearbook group, SADD, student council, pop culture, Minecraft, rock band, and much more taking place through our extra-curricular activities. We are always thrilled to see our students taking opportunities to further develop their skills and interests outside of the classroom. This truly is the great part of being a member of the Warrior Community. Our admin team also want to extend a huge shoutout and gratitude to our dedicated staff and the community volunteers who contribute their time and energy to make our school a great place to learn and grow. Your support is deeply appreciated as we build this community of Warriors together.

Every school year presents opportunities for learning and growth. The energy and enthusiasm from staff and students have already made September fly by. There is a real sense of excitement and possibility in the air, and we are confident that the year ahead will be filled with learning, growth, and memorable moments. As we embrace new opportunities, overcome challenges, and celebrate successes during this school year, we want to remind everyone that We Are All Warriors in our own unique ways.

Thank you for being such an important part of our school community. Here's to a fantastic year filled with pride, purpose, and plenty of Warrior spirit!

Mr. G & Mr. Wood



Meet the UCHS Staff

THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE UCHS HAPPEN!



Mrs. Aguinaldo

Educational Assistant

Supporting students every step of the way!



Mr. Clark

Teacher

When I'm not at school, you can usually find me at a field, diamond, or rink.



Mrs. Andreas

Saskatchewan Distance Learning OLF

When I'm not at school, you can usually find me out in the country.



Mrs. DeRoo

Student Services Teacher

When I'm not at school, you can usually find me with my kids and animals.



Mr. Barlan

Caretaker

Making UCHS SHINE!



Mr. Feser

Teacher

My favourite thing about UCHS is all the various clubs and sport teams our school offers for students of all interests.



Mrs. Clark

Teacher

When I'm not at school, you can usually find me at the rink watching my kids play hockey.



Ms. Fisher

Secretary

One thing I hope students know is that we are here to support them through both their successes and hard days. Our goal is to watch them walk across the UCHS stage on graduation day!



Mrs. Frenette

Educational Assistant

My favorite way to spend a day off is relaxing and watching documentaries and docuseries.



Mrs. Herzog

Educational Assistant

When I'm not at school you can usually find me...with my kiddos at the lake or in a booth.



Ms. Gartner

Teacher

When I'm not at school, you can usually find me on the volleyball court or at the dance studio!



Mrs. Hoffinger

SkyPlus

My favorite way to spend a day off is curled up with a coffee and my Kindle.



Mr. Gieni

Teacher ~ Principal

Something you might not know about me is I love to cook and try out new creations.



Mrs. Hrynuik

Teacher

One thing you might not know about me is I used to live in Vancouver.



Mrs. Gilbert

Secretary

When I'm not at school you can usually find me in the country, walking my dog 😊.



Mrs. Ireland

Caretaker

My favourite thing to do on my day off is to spend it with my grandkids.



Mr. Hagel

Teacher

My favorite way to spend a day off is spending time with my family and working on an old car, or reading an old comic book, or watching an old movie, or playing an old game.



Mrs. Keller

Educational Assistant

Something you might not know about me is I have a Maine Coon cat.



Mrs. Kendrick

Student Services Teacher

My favorite thing about UCHS are the people; students and staff.



Mr. Merilees

Teacher

My favorite way to spend a day off is at the golf course.



Miss Kostyna

Teacher

If I could give students one piece of advice... Don't be afraid to try something new- even if you're not good at it right away, you'll never know unless you give it a chance!



Mrs. Orobko

Teacher

One thing I hope students know is that Words are Important.



Miss Krips

Teacher

My favorite way to spend a day off is sleeping in, hanging out with my dog, watching movies and reading.



Mrs. Partington

Teacher

I love summer days at the beach, reading, and long visits over lunch.



Mrs. L'Heureux

Librarian

One thing you may not know about me is that I am the youngest of 7 kids, 5 older brothers and 1 older sister.



Ms. Pernitsky

Teacher: Hairstyling

When I am not at school you can find me at the ball diamond or hockey rink.



Mrs. Liddicoat

Educational Assistant

When I am not at school you can usually find me behind my camera and spending time with my three kiddos.



Mrs. Poitras

Teacher

My favorite thing about UCHS is greeting smiling students in the hall to say Good Morning and watching students get involved in all the activities to discover what they are really good at!



Mrs. Reiter

Caretaker

Keeping UCHS running smoothly and always doing it with a smile!



Ms. Svenkeson

Teacher

My favorite thing about UCHS is all of the different sports and clubs that students can join!



Mrs. Schurman

Educational Assistant

When I'm not at school you can usually find me at home working on DIY furniture flips, painting, crafting, sewing or anything art related.



Mr. Wakelin

Teacher

If I could give students one piece of advice: be nice to each other, it costs nothing and makes a huge difference.



Mrs. Sieben

Educational Assistant

When I'm not at school you can usually find me at the hockey rink or the ball diamond. Or in the laundry room 😜.



Mr. Wood

Teacher ~ Vice-Principal

If I could give students one piece of advice: Learning to learn from your mistakes and think critical are the ticket.



Ms. Simoneau

Counsellor

One thing I hope students know is that it is okay to make mistakes. "Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new." ~ Albert Einstein



Mrs. Wood

Teacher

One thing I hope students know is... they can do hard things!

Bring on the new school year, UCHS!

We're ready for another great one!

So Much to Do at UCHS

AT UCHS, THERE'S A PLACE FOR EVERYONE.

Intramurals!

Cross Country!

Book Club!

Wrestling!

Jr. Soccer!

Basketball!

Crochet Club!

Sr. Girls Flag Football!

Rock Band!

Curling!

SADD!

Yearbook!

Archery!

Volleyball!

Track & Field!

Football!

Guitar Club!

Student Council!

Golf!

PRIDE Club!

Drama!

Pop Culture Club!

Badminton!

Minecraft Club!

Be involved.
Be inspired.
Find your thing!

Student Council Highlights

MAKING OUR SCHOOL A BETTER PLACE!

The UCHS Student Council has gotten off to a great start! We have a great group of students who meet Tuesdays at lunch. New members are welcome and encouraged.

Welcome Week was a fun start to the year, and our Chili Cook-Off raised $441 for the Terry Fox Foundation. Thank you to the Delta Coop for donating the cups, bowls, and spoons for this event! Thanks also to all our teams who made some amazing chilli for this event and to all of the community members who came to support us.

September 23, 24, and 25, four of our members travelled to Nipawin for the provincial leadership conference. The SSLA Come Back Tour hosted by Nipawin LP Miller Staff and Students was the first conference since 2019. We participated in large group events, heard amazing speakers, and attended break out sessions. We are grateful for this amazing opportunity to learn and network with other student leaders.

We are planning a Food Drive for the local food bank on Halloween. Look for more information to come on Facebook. We will also be looking for more student and adult volunteers to help us.













Senior A Girls Volleyball

Sr Girls A team has a very exciting season underway.They travelled to U of S Tourney the first weekend of the year and got lots of great experience. They earned a few wins and enjoyed beating Kipling who they defeated for the provincial bronze last fall. Then they were off to Regina to compete at LIVT at Luther College High School. Lots of very intense matches at that tourney with a few wins too!

September 25 and 26 the girls hosted their 6th Annual Tourney for Truth and Reconciliation. 10 teams competed over the two days. The tournament also features a Unity Game on Friday night with one player from each team competing in one game. It was coached by alumni: Addison and Gracen Rewerts. Saturday after the round robin is complete, teams gather in the gym to present something from their treaty lands. This year we were thrilled to have lots of personal stories and connections in addition to a video from Bert Fox about Treaty 4 Celebrations and a Jingle Dancer, Lexie Fiddler, and a Traditional Dancer, Echo Kytwayhat, from Makwa First Nation. Following this we have a serving contest. Congrats to our own Brynn Delhommeau who won this year in 32 seconds. She got the cupcakes donated by Chelsea Fawell. At the end of the two days Clavet captured gold over Shaunavon in the final. Unity's A team defeated Bert Fox for Bronze.

We are looking forward to a busy October in Lanigan, Fort Qu'Appelle, Meadow Lake, and Macklin. Then playoffs will be underway in November!



Back Row: Gracen Rewerts AC, Emma Ralston, Kali Scherr, Kira Purcell, Alivia Close, Maycie Gumpinger, Skylar Hansen, Addison Rewerts AC
Front Row: Vicki Orobko HC, Brynn Delhommeau, Tylan Blanchette, Morgan Lewis, Meryn Greenwald

Warrior Cross Country

FINDING OUR STRIDE!

This year's team consists of 4 athletes with lots of experience and a high level of commitment! Our intermediate runners race a 3km course while junior and senior athletes run 4km.

Here is our team roster:
Grade 10 – Izaiah Crowe (int.), Alexa Goring (jr.)
Grade 11 –Thorin Jedlicka (jr.), Christian Neigum (sr.)

Our first meet was in Biggar where athletes battled rain and very muddy hills. Alexa finished in 4th for junior girls and Thorin finished in 7th place for junior boys. Our second meet was in Unity where 358 runners showed up to race! The weather was beautiful, and our athletes and student volunteers represented our school and community well! Izaiah Crowe placed 9th in intermediate boys, Alexa placed 5th in junior girls, and Thorin won the bronze medal for junior boys! The third week our team travelled to Wilkie to race where all our runners had personal best times. Izaiah finished 10th in intermediate boys, Thorin took 5th place for junior boys, Alexa 4th for junior girls, and Christian 10th in senior boys.

This week our team will travel to Luseland for the last race before the District Championship on October 7th @ Table Mountain. Athletes in grades 9-12 will qualify at districts to attend the provincial meet on October 17th.

Submitted by,
Mrs. Clark











Junior B Girls Volleyball

TIME TO HIT THE COURT!

The Junior B Girls Volleyball team has been busy so far this season, with practices and games filled with a lot of growth and skill development. So far, the girls have travelled to two tournaments, in Wilkie and Spiritwood. In Wilkie, the girls worked hard and placed third in their pool. In Spiritwood, the girls battled all day, placing first in their pool after round robin play and fourth in the tournament!

Additionally, the girls travel for league play on Wednesdays. They have played games in Wilkie and Macklin, where the girls have continued to develop their skills, both on the court and with their teammates.

Moving forward, the girls will participate in more league play, as well as attend a tournament in Medstead. They will also be hosting their home tournament on October 18th, along with the Junior A Girls. Make sure to come and cheer them on!

The girls are excited to continue practicing up in preparation for the rest of their season. Good work so far, ladies!

The team consists of #1 Ayvah Leibel, #2 Adelia Vermeulen, #4 Harper Sperle, #5 Erica Kiefer, #9 Memphys Galger, #10 Grace Pitt, #11 Larissa Hurton, #12 Brooklyn Grant, #13 Braelyn Tyler, and #15 Sophie Risling.

The team is coached by three wonderful student coaches, Brynn Delhommeau, Tylan Blanchette, and Alivia Close. These three ladies are in Grade 11 and are very busy with their own school, volleyball, and work schedules, so we appreciate the commitment and knowledge that they bring to every game and practice.



Junior A Girls Volleyball

SPIKE SQUAD!

The Junior A Girls Volleyball team has been off to a fantastic start so far this season. So far, the team has attended three tournaments. Our first tournament at NBCHS consisted of 7 teams, where we participated in round robin play. The girls grew massively as a team here, winning all but two sets in their first games together as a team. In Wilkie, the girls faced some very strong competition. The rose to challenge throughout the entire day, and played fantastic volleyball against teams we will continue to face throughout the rest of our season. They ended up bringing home second place. Finally, we attended MegaVolley in Maidstone, a very large two-day tournament, filled with lots of excitement. Here, the girls played their best volleyball of the season yet, working their way all the way to the final, and losing to a very strong Lloyd Comp team in the championship game, 53-51!

Moving forward, we will be competing at JPII's tournament 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 hosted here at UCHS on Saturday, October 31st, and we will wrap up the season when we travel to Macklin for Junior Girls District Volleyball, on Thursday, November 5th.

The girls have been practicing hard in order to prepare for the rest of the season. Congratulations on the impressive season so far, ladies, and keep working hard for the rest to come!







The team consists of...

Grade 8s:
Paige Close
Layne Johnson
Emily Melnyk

Grade 9s:
Reign Baes
Blakely Carlton
Jesse Cooper
Zaida Heck
Livia Lang
Jaycelyn Tyler
Taenslee Wagner
Sevaya Wildeman

Coach: Ms. Lauren Gartner.

Junior Boys Volleyball

OFF TO A HOT START!

Nothing beats the cold morning air, the yellow leaves, and the gyms at UCHS packed with hard hitting volleyball. This year, the junior boys have been off to a hot start. We first packed our cars and headed to Medstead in early September. Despite the power going out and relocating the finals to Edam, the boys never slowed down and brought home a silver medal for their hard work. The next weekend saw them compete in Wilkie, where the boys went undefeated in the round robin. The boys would proudly bring home another silver medal after losing to Medstead in a thrilling third set. Last weekend, we had the privilege of travelling to Maidstone for Mega Volley. Despite a slow start, the boys picked up where they left off and earned the number one seed after round robin play. After dominating wins against Ministikwan and Maidstone, the boys would once again bring home silver after losing to a great Lloydminster Composite High School team. While silver is a running theme, the boys have played extremely well and have shown great improvement.

As for the rest of the year, we have our home tournament this Friday. Make sure to come out and support the boys against the province's finest on October 2nd. We will wrap up league play October 24th with one more tournament in Spiritwood. Stay tuned as conferences and districts are coming up with future places and dates to be announced soon. Great start boys!

2026 UCHS Junior Boys

Alex Sieben, Weston Agar, Davin Agar, Nicholas Neigum, Jensen Fawell, Kody Walz, Liam Close, Dylan Rabl, Van Gieni, Nathan Dela Cruz, and Carter Knowles.

Terry Fox Afternoon

HOPE IN EVERY STEP

On September 16, UCHS came together for our annual Terry Fox Afternoon at the Unity and District Regional Park. Our junior high classes took part in a run, while some of our senior students participated in a walk. Congratulations to the top six juniors in each category, and a huge shout-out to all of our junior students for completing the run! With beautiful weather and great participation, it was a wonderful afternoon to get active, enjoy the outdoors, and honour Terry Fox and his incredible legacy.



Grade 7 Boys:
Bryson, Peyson, Ryker, Grayson, Emerson, Sawyer



Grade 7 Girls:
Paisley, Chloe, Emery, Hannah, Jasmine, Rayne



Grade 8 Boys:
Dylan, Maddox, Owen, Nicholas, Davin, Carter



Grade 8 Girls:
Layne, Emily, Erica, Paige, Parker, Harper



Grade 9 Boys:
Liam, Kody, Oaken, Weston, Bryce, Alex



Grade 9 Girls:
Zaida, Avrey, Jaycelyn, Jesse, Blakely, Taenslee











Through the LENS

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October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 **Volleyball** • Jr. A Girls @ JPII • Sr. A Girls @ Lanigan • Sr. B Girls @ P. Hill **Volleyball** • Jr. Boys @ UCHS **Sr. Football** • Lights game @ 7:15	3 **Volleyball** • Sr. Boys @ UCHS
4	5	6	7	8 **Cross Country Districts** **Sr. Football** • vs. Eatonia @ 4:30	9	10
11	12 Happy Thanksgiving **No School**	13	14	15 **Sr. Football @ Maple Creek**	16 **Volleyball** • Sr. A Girls @ Bert Fox	17 **Volleyball** • Jr. A/B Girls @ UCHS **Cross Country Provincials**
18	19 **Early Dismissal**	20	21	22 **Sr. Football Playoffs**	23 **Volleyball** • Sr. A Girls @ Meadow Lake	24 **Volleyball** • Jr. Boys @ Spiritwood
25	26 **PD Day** **No School**	27	28	29	30 **Volleyball** • Sr. A Girls @ Macklin	31 **Volleyball** • Jr. A Girls @ UCHS • Jr. Boys Conference **Sr. Football Playoffs**

Happy Halloween

Thank You!

A big thank you to Unity Co-op for generously donating hot dogs for a BBQ lunch during Welcome Week!
Your support helped bring our school community together!
We truly appreciate your generosity!

CO-OP Delta