



UNITY COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL

September 2024



NEWSLETTER

WELCOME BACK TO ANOTHER YEAR AT UCHS!

The new school year is here, buzzing with fresh energy and exciting opportunities! With our inspiring staff and a range of innovative classes, we're all set for a year of remarkable growth and success. Let's make it a great one!

respect
responsibility
choose to learn

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PRINCIPAL'S PEN

SEPTEMBER 2024



Welcome to Unity Composite High School, home of the Warriors!

The start of this school year has been nothing short of excellent. Our new staff and students have settled in beautifully, and we are now in full swing. It is heartwarming to witness the exceptional levels of participation in our extracurricular activities and the overwhelming support from our community. From the recent chili cookoff hosted by our Student Leadership Council, to our thriving volleyball teams, football team, cross country runners, SADD members, and drama enthusiasts—there are countless opportunities for every student to get involved and find their passion at UCHS.

This year, our school's focus is on elevating our attendance practices and success planning to new heights. By maximizing in-person learning experiences, we aim to create meaningful educational journeys, assess learning through diverse methods, and foster a strong sense of community. Our mission is clear: Building Citizens – Striving for Excellence!

As we settle into the rhythm of the school year, here are a few logistical reminders for guardians and students alike. Please ensure that any student absences are reported in advance using Edsby, by calling the school, or by texting our designated cell phone. If a student needs to leave school early, kindly contact the office beforehand and remind them to obtain a 'leave early' slip.

This year, our Grade 7 and 8 students will be using a standardized gym strip for Physical Education classes, which includes shirts and shorts available from our tuck shop in the library. Additionally, students can opt to wear any Warriors warm-up shirt or purchase other Warrior Athletic gear from the tuck shop. This initiative aims to promote healthy habits and ease the transition into high school PE while we promote a unified Warrior culture. Feel free to contact the library to explore additional items for your student.

Looking ahead, October promises to be another exciting month at UCHS. Time flies when you're learning and growing together! We encourage all parents to regularly log into Edsby to stay updated on their student's progress and to reach out to teachers with any questions or concerns. We aim to update our gradebooks monthly at the minimum and welcome conversations about student learning and growth anytime.

Wishing everyone a joyful Thanksgiving season filled with gratitude and togetherness.

Warm regards,

Mr. Melnyk

Fair Notice Letter



Dear Parents/Guardians:

The safety of our children is of top priority. We, the Living Sky School Division (LSKYSD) and Light of Christ Catholic School Division (LOCCSD), have been collaborating with our community partners and together we have developed a plan for responding to high-risk behaviours. High-risk behaviours include, but are not limited to, possession of weapons, bomb threats and threats to injure oneself or others.

This letter is to inform you that LSKYSD/LOCCSD have administrative procedures that require principals to initiate the completion of a "threat assessment" in all cases of students displaying any type of high-risk behaviour. Should you wish to review the "Administrative Procedure 626 - Violence Threat/Risk Assessment" (LOC) or "Administrative Procedure 4.17 Safe Schools" (LSKYSD) please visit our websites at either www.loccsd.ca or www.lskysd.ca. The purpose of a threat assessment is to determine how best to support high-risk students so that their behaviour does not become hurtful or destructive. If your child comes home and tells you that a student has behaved in a threatening way at school, please advise your principal and be assured that your principal will be taking measures to deal with the situation in a positive and proactive manner. If your principal invites you to a meeting to discuss safety concerns about your own child, please be assured that the procedure is being followed and that the primary goal is safety, not punishment.

This letter is intended to serve our community with fair notice that we, as school communities, will not accept "no response" to a serious threat. Our goal is to respond to all threats in a professional manner that provides for a healthy and caring learning environment.

We are pleased to provide, in conjunction with our community partners, a safe environment for all of our students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cory Rideout'.

Cory Rideout
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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'B. Vickers'.

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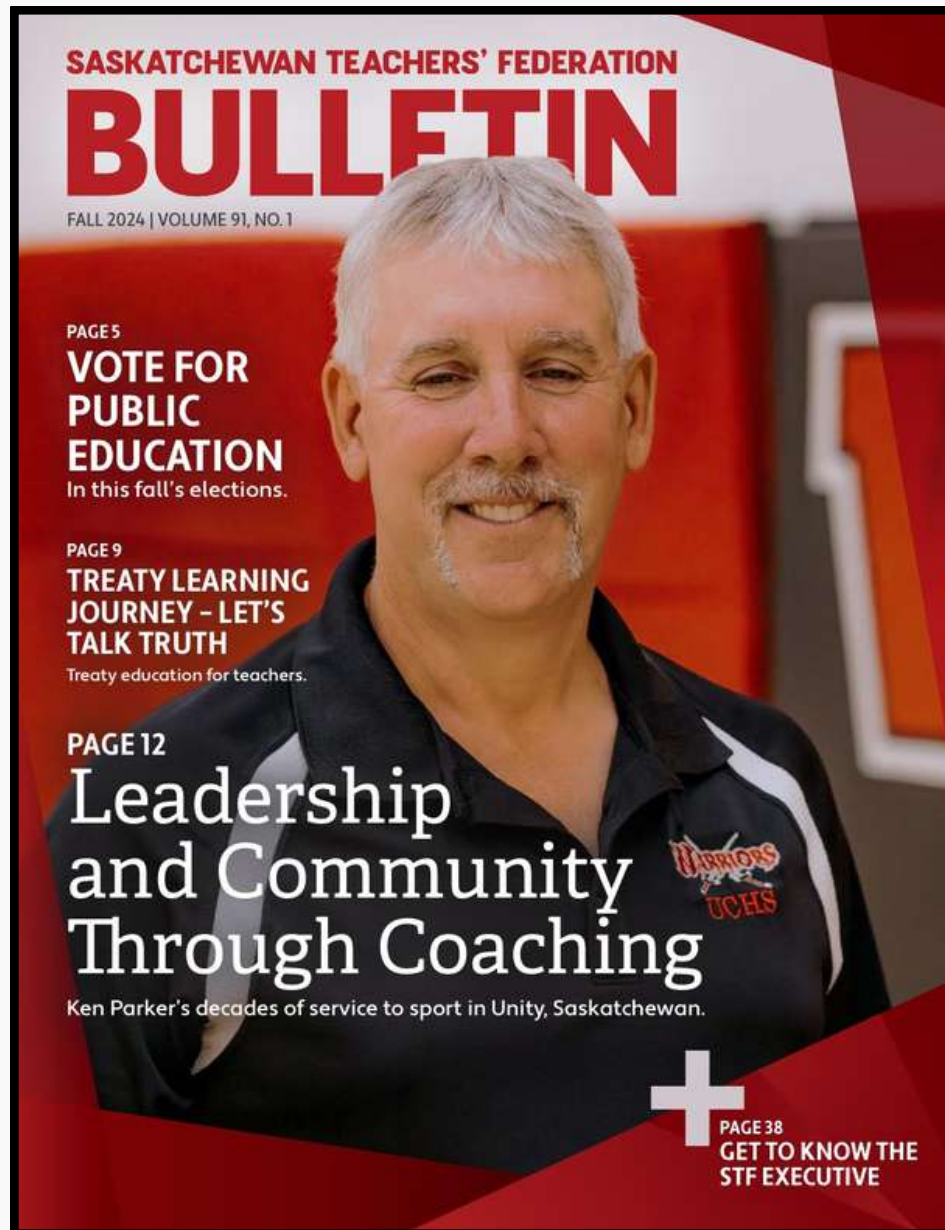
Contact Us : mckitrick@lskysd.ca - (306) 445-3851



CONGRATULATIONS MR. PARKER

FOR THE LOVE OF SPORT

Congrats to our very own Mr. Parker for being recognized by the Saskatchewan Teacher's Federation. His contributions to school and community go above and beyond. Thank you Mr. Parker for all you do! UCHS is proud of you!



Check out the link below!

<https://www.stf.sk.ca/about-stf/news/stf-bulletin/>

Welcome



Mrs. Krystal Hrynuik

Hello! My name is Krystal Hrynuik and I have been hired to replace Mrs. David at UCHS. I know I have big shoes to fill, and I am hoping to do my best for my students! I am from Kerrobert originally and I moved home 6 years ago to be closer to my family. I will be commuting to Unity for at least the first year. My husband also works in Unity, in the office at NWT.

I am excited for a new school year and all the opportunities and possibilities of working at such a great school with an amazing staff!



Mr. Wade Wakelin

Hello I am Mr. Wade Wakelin, I am excited to be the new shop teacher at UCHS. I come from the Battlefords and am a proud dad of 3 little girls. I hunt, fish and work on cars in my spare time.

Mrs. Ashley Steinhubel

My name is Ashley Steinhubel, and I grew up in Macklin, SK. I graduated in 2016 and then I attended school through the university transfer program at Lakeland College for two years. I continued my final two years of my Bachelor of Education degree at the University of Alberta. I enjoy traveling and going to new places as well as doing any activities outdoors. I am looking forward to meeting everyone at Unity, as I start a new chapter of my teaching career at UCHS!!



Miss Lauren Gartner

Hi UCHS! My name is Lauren Gartner, and I am so excited to be back, this time joining the teaching team. I have lived in Unity all my life. After graduating from UCHS in 2019, I went to the University of Saskatchewan where I obtained my Bachelor of Education, with focuses in math and biology, as well as a Bachelor of Art with a focus in Psychology. You might have seen me around lots in the last few years, doing the things that I love most: playing sports, coaching sports, and reffing sports. Volleyball is a huge passion of mine and I am really excited to bring my love for the game back with me to UCHS. I am so excited to be back, and to continue my teaching career in such an awesome school.



Miss Morgan Svenkeson

My name is Morgan Svenkeson and I grew up in Kinistino (which is a small town of about 700 people), and graduated in 2018. I attended the University of Saskatchewan where I obtained my Bachelor of Science degree in Biology as well as my Education degree which focuses on biology and chemistry at the high school level. Outside of school, I have a passion for sports. I have played most school sports, but basketball and volleyball were my focuses. I have spent many hours coaching and reffing these sports as well. I also have a passion for reading and spend a lot of my spare time absorbing anything and everything I can get my hands on. I am excited to join the Unity community and start this new chapter of my life in a place that seems to offer a lot of opportunities!



EXTRA-CURR.



2023-24
Drama
Production

Why join extra-curricular activities?

- **SKILL DEVELOPMENT:** Enhances teamwork, leadership and time management.
- **SOCIAL SKILLS:** Builds communication and relationships.
- **ACADEMIC IMPROVEMENT:** Often boosts engagement and performance in schoolwork.
- **STRESS RELIEF:** Provides a constructive outlet for stress and anxiety.
- **CAREER EXPLORATION:** Offers insight into potential career paths and interests.
- **COLLEGE APPLICATIONS:** Strengthens applications by showcasing diverse interests and commitments.
- **TEAMWORK:** Promotes tolerance, respect, cooperation and the development of healthy competitiveness.

Here is what we offer!

- Archery
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Book Club
- Cross Country
- Curling
- Drama
- Football
- Golf
- Junior Soccer
- Positive School Climate Committee
- Pride Group
- Rock Band
- Snolympics
- Student Leadership Council
- Students Against Destructive Decisions
- Track & Field
- Volleyball
- Wrestling
- Yearbook



2023-24
Track &
Field Day

Listen to announcements or talk to a staff member in charge for more information!

NO GUTS, NO GLORY

WARRIOR FOOTBALL



The Warrior Football team headed into fall camp the last week of August to get ready for the 2024 season. The Warriors have 24 players for their 2024 roster. This year the Warriors have 9 Grade 12 students including: Brandt Gilbert, Dawson Rusk, Zen Halter, Noah Gumpinger, Jagr Lewin, Mateo Rutley, Rhett Berki, Ethan Berotia, Kieran Wildeman. The Warriors opened their season in Biggar on September 5 with a convincing 36-18 victory. The Warrior Defense recorded 6 interceptions, including two by Dawson Grant. On offence the Warriors scored 5 times, with Rylan Fauth catching a pass for a touchdown and returning an interception for a touchdown. The Warriors headed to Eatonia on September 12. The Warrior offence started strong with a Dawson Grant TD run, and never looked back. Dax L'Heureux had a dominant game on the ground, while Josh Delhommeau and Ethan Bertoia had strong defensive efforts to help the Warriors leave Eatonia with a commanding 60-6 victory. The Warriors opened their home schedule on September 19 against Rosetown. The Unity defense had two terrific defensive stands deep in their own end to hold back the Royals early in the first quarter. Shortly after, a swing pass to Dawson Grant resulted in a 70-yard touchdown for the Warriors. Unfortunately, despite strong defensive games from Zen Halter and Ethan Bertoia, and a good game on the ground from Noah Gumpinger, the Warriors were not able to stop Rosetown, and finished with a 32-8 loss. The Warriors are preparing for their annual "Friday Night Light's" game on Friday, September 27. The game will feature pink jerseys and a donation from the 50/50 earnings will be made to the Canadian Cancer Society in honor of October's Breast Cancer Awareness initiative.

EVERY STEP A JOURNEY

2024 WARRIOR CROSS COUNTRY



This year I have the pleasure of coaching the cross-country team. Here is our team roster:

- Grade 7 – Tyrin Leclerc, Davyd Doniev, Blake Lanegraff, Alex Raputin, Liam Close, Oaken Jedlicka
- Grade 8 – Riley Bartley, Heleina Tisado, Gabriel Neigum, Kingston Meredith, and Alexa Goring
- Grade 9 – Jimmy Starchief, Christian Neigum, Brady Loran, and Thorin Jedlicka
- Grade 11 – Sebastian Neigum
- Grade 12 Jamal Starchief

Our first meet was in Biggar where athletes battled a hilly terrain and windy conditions and yet, they all had a personal best from their practice times. Here are the top ten placings:

- Senior Boys - Jamal Starchief 4th
- Intermediate Boys - Jimmy Starchief gold, Christian Neigum 6th
- Pee wee Boys – Liam Close gold

Our second meet was in Wilkie. Once again, many personal bests. Here are the top ten placings:

- Senior Boys – Sebastian Neigum bronze
- Intermediate Boy – Brady Loran silver, Jimmy Starchief 4th, Christian Neigum 8th
- Bantam Boys – Gabriel Neigum 7th, Thorin Jedlicka 8th
- Bantam Girls – Alexa Goring 5th, Kingston Meredith 6th
- Pee Wee Boys – Liam Close gold

We are hosting the next meet in Unity on September 26 at the golf course. Finally, our team will travel to Luseland for the District Championship on October 3th. This year provincials are in Humboldt on October 12th for any qualifying athletes in Grade 9 -12.

Mrs. Clark



PATIENCE MEETS PRECISION

GOLF



2024 UCHS Senior Golf Team

UCHS held SR Golf tryouts in early September with seven athletes trying out to represent the Warriors at BattleWest Districts. After a two round try out, Nash Sperle, Ethan Stifter, Daxon L'Heureux and Caden MacDonald advanced to Districts. Jackfish Lake Lodge hosted on September 17. The weather was excellent and the competitors were ready. Congratulations to Daxon for shooting an 87 and earning a fourth spot finish. He will be on TEAM BATTLEWEST for SHSAA Provincials on September 27-28, 2024. Provincials will be held near Goodsoil at Northern Meadows Golf Club. We wish Dax the best of luck at Provincial Golf.

Thank you to all those who tried out and the parents that supported their athletes through the process.

Mrs. Snell

POWER ON THE COURT

SR. BOYS VOLLEYBALL



Warrior Senior Boys Volleyball 2024

Back:

Dominic Sieben, Dawson Gilbert,
Dylan Kelly, Nash Sperle, Ethan Stifter,
Caden MacDonald, Lincoln Galger,
Zander Willy, Lynden Reiniger.
Mr. Ken Parker (coach)

Front:

Kai Riou, Bennett Bretzer,
Gabe Weber, Zayden Wagner,
John Daniel Virtudez, Garret Brebner,
River Thompson

For the first time ever, the team hosted its tournament on opening weekend September 6/7. The roster was split into to teams with Shoes consisting of the older returning starters and the Socks being made up of the younger players. The 9 team, 2 day tournament was filled with excitement as the court had a Unity team on it just about each time of the draw. The younger Socks learned quickly about senior level volleyball but their junior experience kicked in after the 3rd game when they went on a winning streak. In the end, they lost the bronze medal game to Lashburn.

The older Shoes placed first in their pool, third in the re-pool and then went on a winning streak to get to the final against McLurg. They ended up with a silver medal. The tournament went very well thanks to a great group of student volunteers and an amazing parent group that staffed a fantastic booth including both setup and teardown.

This roster will remain as two teams for tournaments in Medstead, Maidstone and Wilkie. After that, one team will be formed for tournaments in Clavet, North Battleford and the SHSAA playoff run in November.

Mr. Parker

See you in the stands!

PLAYING WITH HEART

SR. 'A' GIRLS VOLLEYBALL



Back:

Kaybree Zunti, Kali Scherr,
Avyne McLean, Kira Purcell,
Maycie Gumpinger,
Coach: Mrs. Orobko

Front:

Kasey Parker, Morgan Lewis,
Halle Ducherer, Casey Lewin,
Skylar Hansen

After two days of tryouts, the A team was chosen. On September 13/14, the girls attended a 7 team tourney in Maple Creek and the team was victorious. This past weekend, the girls hosted a 10 team Tourney for Truth and Reconciliation. It was a huge success. The remainder of the season sees the team travel to Lanigan, North Battleford Comp, Bert Fox in Fort Qu'Appelle, and Macklin. Playoffs begin in November. Stay tuned for locations. A favourable playoff run will take the girls to Regina for Provincials.

Mrs. Orobko

LEAVE IT ALL ON THE COURT! _____

SR. 'B' GIRLS VOLLEYBALL



2024 Warriors Senior 'B' Girls Volleyball

This year, the Senior B Girls volleyball team has 15 players on the roster. Our grade 12s are Mercedes Magnus and Alice Wichamann. In grade 11, we have Jayce Brown, Amaya Frocklage, Tatem Jones, Madison Manchester, Jade Venn, Hudsyn Winterhalt, Jordis Zunti. In grade 10, we have Janessa Abrams, Jenay Bishop, Megan Grant, Cadence Johnson, Claire Moscrip, and Chyna Niccolls.

The girls have had a season full of growth and improvement so far. We have competed in two tournaments in Shellbrook and at home where we faced some very strong A volleyball teams. The girls battled in all of their games and had some great success in these tournaments. For the rest of the season, we will take part in league play on Tuesday's, as well as three more tournaments coming up in October, in Rosetown, Biggar, and Kindersley.

Ms. Gartner

Come out and cheer us on!

TOURNEY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

On September 20/21, the Sr Girls hosted their 4th Annual Tourney for Truth and Reconciliation. 10 teams competed and participated in thematic events. This year featured 2 UCHS teams: The A team coached by Mrs. Orobko and the B team coached by Ms Gartner.



Friday night featured a “Unity Game” with one player from each team divided into two teams and coached by Alumni Jade Bast, Camara Brown, and Sydney Greenwald. Mr. Parker officiated. The game was full of amazing rallies and the energy in the gym was electric.

Saturday featured a noon ceremony where each team highlighted a success story from their treaty lands. This was followed by a promise to by each participant written on orange shirts, yellow suns, green grass, or blue waters to symbolize the treaty promise, “as long as the sun shines, the grass grows, and the waters flow.” Lastly, we held our annual serving contest where a member of each team is invited to participate in serving “around the world” to all 6 positions. The fastest time was our very own Jordis Zunti! She got it done in 7 serves in only 23 seconds. She won beautiful cupcakes donated by Chelsea Fawell, The Cake Mama.

The tournament continued placing the A team in the Championship Pool and the B team in the Consolation Pool. Neither team advanced to playoffs. The A team finished with a very exciting win over Macklin 28-26; 25-12. In the Final, Bert Fox Bisons defeated Clavet Cougars and Maple Creek earned Bronze over Plenty Wildcats.



An awesome tournament. Thank you to all officials and the many student volunteers. Also, we are grateful for our parents who ran a fantastic booth and were wonderful with clean up.

PASS, SET, SPIKE!

JR. 'A' GIRLS VOLLEYBALL



Warrior Junior Girls Volleyball 2024

This year's team members are Emersyn Brown, Ashlyn Brown, Logan Gerein, Myah Wagner, Alivia Close, Natalie Bertoia, Brynn Delhommeau, Shaye Winterhalt, Meryn Greenwald, Hayley Wagner, Emry Gumpinger and Tylan Blanchette.

The season started in Wilkie on Saturday, September 14, where the team played extremely well for their first tournament together. The girls were very excited to start their season and they brought that enthusiasm with them onto the court. Throughout the day they showed incredible growth and, in the end, took home the gold medal. On Saturday, September 21, the Warriors travelled to North Battleford Comp to a very competitive tournament. The girls played well against some tough teams and their hard work earned them fourth place overall. We will be attending two more tournaments throughout the season and will be hosting our home tournament on Saturday, October 19.

Besides tournaments, the team has been practicing twice a week and are planning on playing a few league games during the week. This team is a lot of fun to work with, has already shown great improvement and has amazing potential. The month of October is sure to be exciting, filled with lots of play and even more fun.

Mrs. Gartner

SET FOR SUCCESS

JR. 'B' GIRLS VOLLEYBALL



The Junior B Girls have started off their season with a win in their first league game. We have home league games on Wednesday, September 25th and Wednesday, October 2nd. Come on out and cheer the girls on! The girls also head off to their first tournament in Macklin on Friday.

Mrs. Steinhubel

Warrior Junior 'B' Girls Volleyball 2024

Back:

Brinley Headrick, Jaidyn Mackrell,
Emma Ralston, Tiana Leibel,
Bella Willy, Ella Brebner,
Chloe Moscrip, Kalley McWatters

Front:

Kailey Bertoia, Ayla Sperle,
Chenae Bowker, Summer Gruhlke,
Caislyn Leslie, Mya Kostiuk

Let's go Warriors!

DO IT FOR TERRY!

TERRY FOX RUN



On September 26 our school took part in the Terry Fox Run & Walk. All junior high students completed their Terry Fox run as part of our UCHS Jr. Cross Country meet and while our senior students had the opportunity to run or complete the walk with their classes. We had a beautiful day to run and great participation from all our runners.

The results of our Jr. races are as follows:

- Grade 7 Boys: Gold - Liam Close, Silver - Van Gieni, Bronze - Kody Walz, 4th - Blake Lanegraff, 5th - Kace McCrea, 6th - Alex Raputin
- Grade 7 Girls: Gold - Taenslee Wagner, Silver - Jesse Cooper, Bronze - Avrey Kreimeier, 4th - Sevaya Wildeman, 5th - Blakely Carlton, 6th - Livia Lang
- Grade 8 Boys: Gold - Cutter Lewin, Silver - Ryden Hoffman, Bronze - Cort Ducherer, 4th - Blake Lewis, 5th - Gabriel Neigum, 6th - Gio Dela Cruz
- Grade 8 Girls: Gold - Ella Brebner, Silver - Jaidyn Mackrell, Bronze - Myah Wagner, 4th - Summer Gruhlke, 5th - Kingston Meredith, 6th - Ara Kendrick
- Grade 9 Boys: Gold - Daxon Walz, Silver - Brady Loran, Bronze - Owen Bosch, 4th - Jimmy Starchief, 5th - Christian Neigum, 6th - Alex Melnyk
- Grade 9 Girls: Gold - Tylan Blanchette, Silver - Emma Gilbert, Bronze - Alivia Close, 4th - Bella Willy, 5th - Nevada Pipke, 6th - Haley Clarke

Our overall champion and winner of our Terry Fox Run was Daxon Walz with a time of 5 Minutes and 7 seconds!

Finally, we would also like to thank all of those who donated to our UCHS Terry Fox Run this year. Our school set a lofty goal of \$1 000. With the help of the massive fundraising efforts of our grade 9 students we smashed that goal bringing in a total of \$2 500! Thank you for supporting such an important cause UCHS!

Mr. Cey



GREATLY APPRECIATED! —————

A HUGE THANK YOU!



Thank you to the Unity Knights of Columbus for the \$750 donation. This donation will be used to fund some food program events planned for the upcoming school year.

Pictured is Bill Romanowski presenting the cheque to Principal Aaron Melnyk.

Thank you to the
Unity Delta Co-op
for donating \$300 towards
our UCHS Terry Fox
Foundation donation.
We are truly grateful for
your support.



TYLER ZUNTI MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT —————

UCHS VOLLEYBALL ALUMNI

Come out and support the UCHS Volleyball Alumni Tournament
in memory of Tyler Zunti.

Saturday October 12

Unity Composite High School

- Lunch will be available
- Raffle and Silent Auction

All money raised goes towards mental health initiatives in Unity.

OCTOBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <u>Volleyball</u> • Sr. B Girls @ Wilkie • Sr. Boys @ Cut Knife	2	3 Warrior Football vs Eaton Kickoff @ 4 pm	4 <u>Volleyball</u> Fri-Sat • Sr. B Girls @ Rosetown • Sr. A Girls @ NBCHS • Sr. Boys @ Clavet	5 <u>Volleyball</u> • Jr. A Girls @ JPII
6	7	8	9	10	11 Warrior Football @ Rosetown Kickoff @ 7 pm	12 Volleyball Alumni Tourn.
13	14 HAPPY thanksgiving  No School	15 Senior Volleyball Host League	16	17	18 <u>Volleyball</u> Fri-Sat • Sr. B Girls @ Biggar • Sr. A Girls @ Bert Fox • Jr. Boys @ JPII Warrior Football League Championship	19 <u>Volleyball</u> • Jr. A Girls Home Tourn.
20	21 Early Dismissal	22	23	24	25 <u>Volleyball</u> Fri-Sat • Sr. B Girls @ Kindersley • Sr. A Girls @ Macklin • Sr. Boys @ NBCHS	26 <u>Volleyball</u> • Jr. A Girls Conferences
27	28	29	30	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN <u>Volleyball</u> • Jr. A Girls Districts @ NBCHS • Jr. Boys Host Districts		<u>Volleyball</u> • Sr. A Girls Conferences

October: the month of transformation...

