



UNITY... FAITH, EXCELLENCE, SERVICE

HOME BULLETIN

October 3, 2017

Created to Worship is Unity's chapel theme this year.

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind
and with all your strength. Mark 12:30*

Our chapel theme for the month of September was "I Love You." This year we will be examining the language we use in worship. One of the fundamental expressions we use in worship is telling God that we love him, and in turn, God reveals his vast love to us. Many of our chapels focused on God's unconditional love to us. We also saw that we express love to God when we live our lives ready and willing to be open to all God has to say to us.

Our theme for October is: "I'm Sorry."

1. PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE DATES AND TIMES FOR OCTOBER:

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on the following dates and times in Unity's multipurpose gym:

Monday, October 9	Full day of school Conferences from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 10	Full day of school
Wednesday, October 11	Full day of school
Thursday, October 12	Full day of school Conferences from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Friday, October 13	Early Dismissal (12:25 p.m.) Conferences from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

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2. **"PARENT CONNECT"** is Unity's parent portal for viewing student information. By logging into the Parent Connect website, you may view student data items such as current course grades, daily schedule, transcript, attendance, etc. You should note that what you are viewing on the initial page after logging in is not a daily schedule, but rather a list of email addresses of your student's teachers. To view a schedule, click on the appropriate tab on the left.

The web address is: <https://SSL3.schooloffice.com/unity/parentconnect/>. For your convenience, a link to this URL is provided under the "Academics" tab on Unity's website www.unitychristian.org.

If you have a problem or have forgotten your Parent Connect "Login ID" or "Password", call Judy Mulder at 669-1820 or email her at jmulder@unitychristian.org.

3. **TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION FOR UNITY STUDENTS WHO RIDE HUDSONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL BUSES:**

Early Release Fridays for Hudsonville Public:

October 13	January 12
November 3	February 22
December 1	April 13

On these dates:

- AM busing from UCHS and Hudsonville will run as normal
- In PM, UCHS will provide Bus #03 for students who ride south & east of school; Bus #04 for students who ride north and west of school.
- Unity buses will run as normal

There will be NO Hudsonville Public busing on Wednesday, November 22. Students must provide their own transportation to school. In the afternoon, Unity Bus #03 will provide transportation home to students who ride south & east of school; Bus #04 for students who ride north and west of school.

4. **UNITY STUDENT SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:** We are off to another great start for our student involvement with service projects! There are plenty of opportunities for our students to get involved with a wide range of different activities. But we are still looking for new and different opportunities. If you are aware of any, please contact Scott Soodsma at 669-1820.

Some service projects we have done already and are scheduled to do include:

Woman at Risk	Compassionate Heart
Holland Rescue Mission	Bingo Night at Degage Ministries

One agency we serve at said, "Your students are so hard working when they are here, they can come any time." So please encourage your son or daughter to get involved. They will help serve and be blessed in return.

5. **SCHOOL PICTURES:**

To view and order your son/daughter's school picture, visit www.mcconomyphotography.shootproof.com. Click on the appropriate folder (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th) and enter password: ucpictures2017. Pictures will be mailed 5-7 days after the order has been placed.

6. **STUDENT COUNCIL:**

This year's Student Council is made up of 18 members from the sophomore through senior class. The officers are Natalie Schuitema, President; Becca Ziel, Vice President; Britta DeLong, Secretary; Taya Koetsier, Correspondent. Mr. Mark TeSlaa and Mr. Chris Achterhof are the faculty advisors.

7. **BITTERSWEET SKI PASSES** will be on sale at Unity October 9-13. Passes will be sold during break and lunch to students. Passes will also be available in the office during school hours (7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.). Student passes are \$16. Adult passes (non-students over the age of 18) will also be available for \$16. If you have any questions, contact Rob Bosma at 669-1820.

8. **SENIOR PICTURES:** Yearbook 2018

- The deadline for senior pictures and baby pictures for the 2018 yearbook is December 1, 2017. We can accept one of the wallet photos students hand out to friends. Please be sure that it is at least a waist or higher photo. We cannot accept horizontal pictures.
- Please drop off pictures to the office in an envelope by December 1, or email in jpeg format (300 dpi, min. 2MB) to Jeanne Arends at jarends@unitychristian.org. Questions? Please contact Mrs. Arends at school (669-1820).

9. **YEARBOOK SIGNING PARTY:**

The yearbook party will be held Wednesday, November 23, from 2:45 – 3:15 p.m., in the commons for all alumni from the class of 2017. All Unity students will receive their yearbook at the end of their 8th period class.

10. **CHOIR NEWS:**

The **Choral Concert** will be held on **Thursday, October 5**, 7:30 p.m., at Fair Haven Ministries in Hudsonville.

11. **BAND NEWS:**

Band uniforms have been sent home for most students. Please make sure that their uniforms are home and fit well.

The bands will be marching in the Hudsonville Holiday Parade on Saturday, November 18. Come support the band as they march down 32nd Avenue in Hudsonville!

Our Winter Concert is on Monday, December 4, at 7:30 in the Unity gym.

12. **ORCHESTRA NEWS:**

Orchestra uniforms have been sent home. Please make sure that everything fits your student well and they have their uniforms at home with them.

Chamber Strings will be performing in **HARK UP** this year at Grand Rapids Christian High School. We are super excited about this opportunity. More details to come. The dates are **Monday, November 27, and Wednesday, November 29. Dress rehearsal is on November 30, with performances on December 1 (7:30 show), December 2 (3:00 and 7:30 show), and December 3 (3:00 show).** Please do everything in your power to keep these dates open and free for your string student. Commitment forms, details, and information will be coming home soon.

Also, please mark your calendars in advance for our Christmas Concert. This year the Christmas Concert will be on **Monday, December 18, at 7:30 p.m.** in Unity's multipurpose gym. We will celebrate with a hymn sing and cookies.

13. **FALL MUSICAL – WEST SIDE STORY:**

Unity Christian is proud to present *West Side Story* this fall under the direction of Mrs. Ashton Foreman. Performances are scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on November 30 and December 1, and at 5:00 p.m. on December 2 at the **Hudsonville High School Auditorium** on Allen Street.

You have an opportunity to become a PATRON of the Musical by returning the enclosed **Patron Form by October 18, 2017.**

14. **UNITY DIRECTIONS – AND DUE DATES FROM THE GUIDANCE STAFF:**

Mr. Bill Postma - Director of Instruction

Mrs. Julie Essebaggers – Middle Schools; International Students

Mr. Randy Heethuis – Counselor, (A - K)

Mr. Dan Sanders – Counselor, (L - Z)

Mrs. Cyndi Post - Specialist in learning disabilities

- **Freshmen:** Counselors met with freshmen to explain the services available to them through the Guidance Office. Counselors have also been meeting with freshmen on a student or teacher request basis.
- **Sophomores:** Sophomores are allowed to sign up for the PSAT until all seats are filled (see information about the PSAT under “Juniors”). The PSAT prepares students for the SAT which will be taken their junior year as part of the Michigan Merit Exam. The SAT is also what will be used for college admission and scholarship decisions. For additional practice, sophomores will be taking the PSAT 10 this spring. Sophomores with a strong academic record are encouraged to take the PSAT.
- **Juniors:** Juniors will be taking the PSAT, which is the qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship Competition. This test will be given on Wednesday, October 11, during morning classes. Counselors have met with all juniors to explain the importance of this test. Students should sign up in the school office. Cost is \$16. The PSAT is a great practice test for the juniors who will be taking the SAT later this spring.

- **Seniors:** Seniors are currently meeting individually with counselors to review credits for graduation and the work they need to do in order to get ready for life after high school. This work involves career ideas, jobs, college applications, and scholarship/financial aid applications. Seniors have been given a packet with information on all of these areas.

Scholarship opportunities can be researched using various online websites such as www.fastweb.com. Additional information is also made known to students through the daily Student Bulletin. Below is a sample of scholarships currently being offered:

- AES Engineering Scholarships
- American Legion Scholarships
- Central Michigan University Centralis Scholarship and CMU Leader Advancement Scholarship Program
- Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship
- Rick Heerema Unity Tuition Scholarship –entering military
- Hugh and Eve Meeter Calvinism Award (Scholarship)
- MHSAA – Farm Bureau Insurance Scholar-Athlete Scholarship – Due to Mr. Heethuis by November 22
- Michigan Tech Scholarship Program
- Northern Michigan University Presidential Scholars Competition
- SAE Engineering Scholarship
- MSPE Engineering Scholarship

Student college applications are pouring in to counselors. Students planning on applying to Grand Valley, Michigan State, and University of Michigan have been encouraged to get applications done as soon as possible. Students are strongly encouraged to have their college applications completed by November 15. Some colleges have a November 1 deadline for early decision.

As of October 1, families can complete the FAFSA for college financial aid. One parent and the student need to have a FAFSA ID number. These can be created at the FAFSA website which is www.fafsa.ed.gov. Click on the FSAID tab and following the directions.

15. **COACHING OPPORTUNITIES:**

Unity Christian has head coaching vacancies in co-ed bowling and varsity **softball**. We are searching for someone that has a passion for the Lord, enjoys working with high school students, and can successfully lead a high school bowling program. If you have any interest or know of someone who might have interest, please contact Unity Christian Athletic Director Jeff Engbers at 669-1820 or jengbers@unitychristian.org.

An application can be found on our athletic website (www.unitychristianathletics.org, “More” tab, “Coach Openings”) or by clicking [HERE](#).

16. **CRU CARDS:** If your son or daughter is planning to try out for a winter sport, he/she must have a CRU Card prior to trying out each season. CRU Cards are given out by the athletic office and are a way for us to track all the necessary paperwork (that used to be done after your child has started the season) prior to the start of the season.

Requirements are:

- Physical dated after April 15, 2017
- ImPact Baseline Testing Complete (to be done every-other year. Winter sports required in all sports except for bowling.)
 - Stay tuned for times at the end of October that athletes can sign up to take this test.
- Academic Eligibility & Transfer Eligibility – to be completed by the athletic office
- Final Forms
 - We have partnered with FinalForms, an online forms and data management service. FinalForms allows you to complete and sign athletic participation forms for your students online. The most exciting news is that FinalForms saves data from season-to-season and year-to-year, meaning that you will never need to enter the same information twice! FinalForms also pre-populates information whenever possible, for each of your students, saving you time. You will review your information once per school year to verify information is current and sign the forms. Once you have registered, you can track the progress of the CRU card simply by logging in! Access our site by clicking here: <https://unitychristian-mi.finalforms.com> or www.unitychristianathletics.org and click on the final forms announcements.
 - If your son or daughter participated in a fall sport and they plan on a winter sport, please log into FinalForms to make sure information is updated and they are marked down as trying out for a winter sport.
 - To access the Unity Christian Final Forms account, go to www.unitychristianathletics.org and click on the “FinalForms” image that will appear in the scrolling photos.

Students are required to take their CRU Card with them to their coach prior to trying out for their sport.

17. **PHYSICALS AND WINTER SPORTS TRYOUTS:**

Remember – if your son or daughter is planning to try out for a winter sport and has not yet turned in a physical to the office dated after April 15, 2017, he/she must do so in order to be allowed to participate in practice or tryouts.

The first date for tryout/practices for winter sports is:

October 30	Hockey (cooperative program with Hudsonville H. S.)
November 6	Girls Basketball
November 13	Boys Basketball, Bowling, Wrestling
November 20	Boys Swimming (cooperative program with Hudsonville H.S.)

18. **FALL SPORTS UPDATE (as of 10/2/17)**

Cross Country	Boys	1 – 3	Placed 3 rd at Sparta & Otsego
	Girls	0 – 4	
Football	Varsity	4 – 2	
	JV	5 – 1	
	Freshmen	5 – 0 – 1	
Golf – Girls	Varsity	3 – 2	Finished 3 rd in Conference
	JV	4 – 1	
Soccer – Boys	Varsity	11 – 0 – 4	
	JV	8 – 4 – 3	
Swimming – Girls		2 – 5	
Tennis – Boys	Varsity	3 – 9 – 2	
	JV	6 – 5	
Volleyball	Varsity	3 – 2	
	JV	4 – 1	
	Freshmen	3 – 2	
Equestrian Club			Finished 1 st at District Meet Regional Meet October 3 rd .

19. **UNITY'S SPIRIT STORE:** Open Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.
This year's SADER SALE will be held Saturday, November 12, from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Come check out the new merchandise!

20. **SENIOR ALL-NIGHTER:**

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered their time so far with donut sales and the apple pie sales!

Seniors will continue to sell Key Cards for \$25 through the month of December or they can be purchased at the school office as well. Many thanks to those of you who already purchased them.

Marco's Pizza Fundraiser Night: Are you looking for an easy option for lunch or dinner? Order pizza anytime from 10:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. on Tuesday or Wednesday, November 7 and 8, and Marco's will donate 20% of the earnings to the Senior All-Nighter. **Be sure to tell them when you place your order that this is to support the UCHS Senior All-Nighter.** Thank you for your support!

21. **MOMS IN PRAYER:**

Calling all Praying Moms! The Unity Moms in Prayer group believes that lives and whole communities are changed forever when moms gather together to pray. Therefore, we are eager to welcome more mothers who are willing to pray for one hour each week for the Unity staff and students. We meet on Mondays from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. in Room 121. We would love to have you join us!

22. **REVIVE:**

- The Revive Resale store is seeking a new part-time assistant manager. This position requires approximately 20 hours a week (daytime hours and every 5th Saturday; no evenings or holidays). A job description and application may be picked up at Revive or emailed to you. Contact Darlene VanKempen, Revive's store director, at 662-3375 or revive@unitychristian.org. Resumes with completed applications must be turned in by Tuesday, October 31.
- Revive is in need of cashiers! Revive needs cashiers for 2 hour shifts on a weekly and a monthly basis as well as on-call cashier subs. We will work with any time commitment you are able to give! Revive welcomes high school age volunteers and older for this position. Please call the Revive managers at 662-3375 or email at revive@unitychristian.org for more information or discuss your interest. It's a great way to serve our schools, fill your time, or add to your resume!

23. **PACE 2017/18:**

Unity's annual fund drive for tuition assistance will kick-off the week of **October 24**. **PACE** provides funds that help keep Christian education affordable. This year's theme is, "*A Commitment to God's Children that Impacts the World!*" **PACE** helps every Unity student have the opportunity to build a foundation in Christ through a Christ-centered, academically-excellent education that prepares them as leaders for Him in this world. And, because \$175,000 from **PACE** is designated for a grant-in-aid of \$275 per student, **ALL STUDENTS** benefit! Another \$165,000 from **PACE** is designated for tuition assistance for families who want their children to attend Unity but financially would not be able to, and demonstrate this need based on their financial application. And the final \$65,000 will go to capital needs/improvements.

To reach our goal of \$400,000, we need your help through **PACE**. Every year, the number of families who struggle to afford Christian education is growing. We must not let any child lose the opportunity to know Christ more fully through a Christian education experience because of financial constraints.

Consider this...Once again, we have a *matching gifts* challenge. For every new or increased financial gift to **PACE**, we receive a match (up to \$50,000). That means your increased or new gift is doubled! So, please prayerfully consider how you will respond when our fundraising partner J. Milito & Associates, Inc. calls on you.

Please remember to pray for PACE and the \$400,000 needed to sustain and provide for Christian education for ALL students... and then respond generously.

24. **UNITY BUSINESS DIRECTORY:**

As a business, organization, and/or a parent of a Unity Christian High School student, you support Unity - either through event or sponsorship, or as a UC patron of the Education Foundation, *PACE* or the *Building Unity* campaign, or through tuition – and we want YOU to be included in the UC Business Directory – at no cost to you! This directory is available on the UC website at www.unitychristian.org. We encourage Unity families to support and utilize the local businesses and services listed. (Printed copies are available upon request.)

If you would like your business or organization listed, please contact the Development Office at development@unitychristian.org or call 662-4011, by January 1. (If you are already listed, please visit the website to view your current listing to make sure it is still correct.)

Please indicate:

- Correct listing of the business/organization name, address & phone
- Website information
- Contact name
- Category or type of business

25. **ANNUAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION MEETING – OCTOBER 24, 7:00 A.M.:**

The Unity Christian Education Foundation Trustees invite you to the Annual Education Foundation Meeting that will be held on Tuesday, October 24, at 7:00 a.m. in **Room 121**, at Unity Christian High School. For more information or an agenda, please contact Jack Lutke at 662-4011.

26. **PRAYER CALENDAR:** The Prayer Calendar is located on our website or by clicking: https://www.unitychristian.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/UCHS-PRAYER-CALENDAR_OCT-2017_1.pdf

27. **CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, & DECEMBER:**

October 5	Choir Concert, 7:30 p.m., Fair Haven Ministries
October 6	Student Dance, after football game until 11:30 p.m.
October 9	Parent/Teacher Conferences, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
October 12	Parent/Teacher Conferences, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
October 13	Parent/Teacher Conferences, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. – Early Dismissal
October 19-20	CEA Convention – No School
November 17	Blood Drive

November 18	Holiday Parade – Bands
November 23	Yearbook Signing Party for 2017 Alumni, 2:45 – 3:15 p.m.
November 24, 25	Thanksgiving Vacation; No School
November 30, Dec. 1, 2	<i>West Side Story</i> , Hudsonville High School Fine Arts Auditorium 7:00 p.m. Thursday & Friday; 5:00 p.m. Saturday
December 4	Band Concert, 7:30 p.m., Unity’s Gym
December 6	Adam’s Park Christmas Party
December 11	Choir Concert, 7:30 p.m., Fair Haven Ministries
December 18	Orchestra Concert, 7:30 p.m. Unity’s Gym
December 20, 21, 22	Finals
Dec. 23 – Jan. 7	Christmas Break



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Dear Friends of Unity,

This is your invitation to reserve Thursday, Friday, or Saturday, November 30, December 1 and 2, and join us as Unity Christian presents the American musical landmark, *West Side Story*. All performances will take place at Hudsonville High School Auditorium on Allen Street. Thursday and Friday performances will be at 7pm and Saturday performance will be at 5pm. The production involves an onstage cast of 65+ students, a pit, and many additional devoted students (180+) and adults.

This musical is full of exiting dances, beautiful music, and tells a story from which we can all learn. You have the opportunity to become a PATRON OF THE MUSICAL by returning the enclosed patron form by October 18, 2017.

“Patron Ticket” holders will be given priority seating and will be assigned in the order received until the deadline of Wednesday, October 18 for \$12 a ticket. All additional ticket orders will be filled in the order received.

Patron ticket orders will be filled from the following sections on a first-come, first-served basis: Lower level front half, upper wings – right and left, balcony rows 1 & 2.

If you wish to order tickets in addition to your patron tickets, please use the “Additional Tickets” line on the patron form. Also, use the “Additional Tickets” line to order general \$6 admission tickets. Please indicate on the form anyone who requires handicapped or wheelchair accessible seating.

Please enclose payment for all tickets ordered. We will mail your patron order tickets the week of October 22. Return the ticket form as soon as possible for best selection of seats. If you are not ordering patron tickets, your request will be filled in the order received beginning on the first day of general tickets sales, which is November 13. Thank you for your past, present, and the Lord willing, future support.

Sincerely,
Ashton Foreman, Director

**WEST SIDE STORY
PATRON/ADDITIONAL TICKET FORM**

Name _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

PATRON ORDERS ONLY:

Name as it should appear on the program: _____

	THURSDAY (11/30)		FRIDAY (12/1)		SATURDAY (12/2)	
# of tickets	_____	+	_____	+	_____	= _____
x \$12 = total	_____	+	_____	+	_____	= _____
<i>(office use only)</i> FILLED	_____		_____		_____	

ADDITIONAL TICKETS:

	THURSDAY (11/30)		FRIDAY (12/1)		SATURDAY (12/2)	
# of tickets	_____	+	_____	+	_____	= _____
x \$6 = total	_____	+	_____	+	_____	= _____
<i>(office use only)</i> FILLED	_____		_____		_____	

Total Tickets: _____

Total Cost: \$_____

Check if anyone requires handicap/wheelchair seating

Any other special needs that we should know about: _____

“Patron Ticket” holders will be given priority seating and will be assigned in the order received until the deadline of Wednesday, October 18.

****Tickets ordered with this form are non-refundable****