



UNITY... FAITH, EXCELLENCE, SERVICE

HOME BULLETIN

May 1, 2018

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

Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.

Matthew 28:19

Our chapel theme for April has been "Live the Life." Our continued communication with God leads us to action. In fact, when we realize all that God has for us, there are very few things that we can't do. When we put our love of God into action by serving other people, we are realizing to the fullest that we have been created to worship.

Our theme for the month of May is: "Here I Stand."

1. FINALS SCHEDULE FOR SECOND SEMESTER:

Time of Final	Wed., May 23	Thurs., May 24	Fri., May 25
(7:50) 7:55 – 8:55 (*9:10)	1 st	3 rd	4 th
(9:10) 9:15 – 10:15 (*10:30)	5 th	6 th	7 th
(10:30) 10:35–11:35 (*11:50)	---	8 th	---
Buses will leave Unity at:	10:40 a.m.	12 noon	10:40 a.m.

* Extended time for final

Notes on Finals Week:

- a. Students need not take more than two (2) finals in one day. If the student has three finals on Thursday, he/she may make arrangements with the teacher to take a final on Wednesday or Friday.
- b. Students are required to be in school only when they are taking their finals. Students must stay in their finals room for a minimum of one hour. After an hour, if finished, students may leave the classroom and campus. Students not finished after one hour may stay another fifteen minutes to finish.
- c. Buses will make their morning pick-up run as normal and will leave Unity as noted in the schedule above.

• **THE LEARNING COMMONS** is open when school is in session for students:

- 7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 23
- 7:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon on Thursday, May 24
- 7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. on Friday, May 25

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2. **2018/19 ENROLLMENT:** Enrollment for the 2018-19 school year is due Friday, May 4, 2018.
3. **SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:** Beginning May 25, Unity's summer office hours are as follows:
Monday – Thursday: 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
4. **8th GRADE ART PORTFOLIOS:** 8th grade art portfolios for advanced placement are due on Friday, May 18. Portfolios should be dropped off at Unity's main office. Please make sure your student's name and middle school are on each artwork. If you have any questions, please feel free to email Julie Thrower, art teacher, at jthrower@unitychristian.org.
5. **TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION FOR UNITY STUDENTS WHO RIDE HUDSONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL BUSES:**

May 11: Hudsonville Public buses will NOT run their PM routes on May 11. Unity bus #03 will take students home who live to the south and east of Unity and bus #04 will take students who live to the north and west of school home. AM busing will not be affected. Unity buses will run their normal routes.

6. **THE MUSIC GROUPS FROM UNITY ARE BUSY:**

a. **Choirs:**

Congratulations to our Choirs: Treble Ensemble, Men's Ensemble, Chamber Singers, and numerous small ensembles and soloists performed at State Solo and Ensemble Friday and Saturday, April 13 and 14, at Allendale High School. They received a 1 rating. Also, congratulations to Treble Ensemble who were nominated for Michigan Youth Arts Festival in May.

The spring concert will be **Thursday, May 3**, 7:30 p.m., at Fair Haven Ministries. This includes all five choirs as they showcase their accomplishments from competitions and their work throughout the school year. They will also be singing oldies favorites. You won't want to miss it!

b. **Orchestras:**

Ashley Freerksen (violin) qualified to play in the State Honor Orchestra. They will be going to Western Michigan University for the weekend of May 13 to play with other qualifiers throughout the state in the honors orchestra. Congratulations for this high honor! We are proud of you!

Chamber Strings: Our Spring "Pops" Concert will be held at Fair Haven Ministries on **Tuesday, May 8**. This concert will include the Chamber Strings and Symphonic Bands and will honor the seniors of 2018. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Concert Orchestra: Our Spring "Pops" Concert will be held **Thursday, May 17**, at Unity Christian High School. This concert will include the Concert Orchestra and Concert Band. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Uniform Collection Day will be Friday, May 11, for Chamber Strings and Friday, May 18, for Concert Orchestra. The uniforms do not need to be washed. Please remind your student to turn these in; they can't graduate or take exams if they have not been turned in.

We had a fantastic year with the orchestras. It is hard to believe it is coming to an end already. I want to thank all of you for your support and encouragement for the orchestra and the music department. I am truly blessed to work at such a wonderful place and glorify God through all that we do. ~Mrs. Jager

c. **Bands:**

The bands will participate in the Tulip Parade on **Wednesday, May 9**, beginning at 2:00 p.m. The buses will be leaving Unity at 12:30. We hope to be back to Unity by 4:00. Students may ride home with a parent from the parade if they provide a note from home to Mr. Knot. If picking up a student directly from the parade, please meet the band at the end of the parade route (Kollen Park) around 3:00 p.m.

Symphonic Band: The spring band concert will be held at Fair Haven Ministries on **Tuesday, May 8**, at 7:30 p.m. This concert will also feature the Chamber Strings.

Concert Band: The spring concert will be held at Unity Christian on **Thursday, May 17**, at 7:30. The concert will also feature the Concert Orchestra.

Students will turn in band uniforms the days following each spring concert. Uniforms should come back to school the day after the concert so they can be dry cleaned over the summer.

7. **SENIOR ALL-NIGHTER:** Please check your emails for more information as it becomes necessary. You should have received an email already for opportunities to chaperone and an informational email will be coming soon! The All-Nighter Committee would like to thank all who helped, supported, and prayed for the fundraisers, the committee, and the students. We are excited for a fun-filled, safe evening of activities on May 21!

Thank you to all who have turned in your Family Fare Direct Your Dollars receipts! Please continue to save your receipts and turn them in to school for next year's Senior All-Nighter.

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

Mr. Bill Postma - Director of Instruction
Mrs. Julie Essebaggers – Counselor (Middle Schools; International Students)
Mr. Randy Heethuis – Counselor, (A - K)
Mr. Dan Sanders – Counselor, (L - Z)
Mrs. Cyndi Post - Specialist in learning disabilities

EIGHTH GRADERS

- ❖ Eighth grade students listed their course selections during orientation in February. If you have any questions about these selections or wish to make any changes, call Mr. Bill Postma at Unity, 669-1820.

FRESHMEN

- ❖ Freshmen are meeting with counselors and selecting classes for next year. A copy of this schedule, along with a tentative four-year plan, will be emailed home in the coming weeks.

SOPHOMORES

- ❖ Class scheduling for next year's juniors is complete.

JUNIORS

- ❖ Class scheduling for next year's seniors is complete.
- ❖ The SAT is a college entrance exam juniors took as part of the MME (Michigan Merit Exam) in April.

Many students will choose to retake the SAT test to improve their scores. The SAT is required for college admission and for scholarships. The fee for the SAT test is \$60.00 which includes the writing test. The SAT without the writing test is \$46.00. Your counselor can give advice about which option is best for your student and if it would also be a good idea to take an ACT test.

<u>ACT Test Dates</u>	<u>ACT Registration Date</u>	<u>ACT Late Registration (extra fee)</u>
June 9	May 4	May 18
July 14	June 15	June 22
September 8	August 3	August 17
October 27	September 21	October 5
December 8	November 2	November 16

<u>SAT Test Dates</u>	<u>SAT Registration Date</u>	<u>SAT Late Registration (extra fee)</u>
June 2	May 3	May 23
August 25	July 27	August 15
October 6	September 7	September 26
November 3	October 5	October 24
December 1	November 2	November 20

SENIORS

- ❖ Counselors visited senior classes to share year-end information and to collect a form on which seniors listed plans for next year and any **scholarships** received. The information collected is for Awards Night and the graduation program. Any additional scholarship information should be given to Mr. Heethuis by May 4.
- ❖ *PLEASE NOTE:* Any scholarship collected after Friday, May 4, may not be included in either the Awards Night program or the Graduation program.

9. **SPRING SPORTS** – as of April 30, 2018:

Baseball – Varsity	2 -10	
Baseball – JV	5 – 6	
Baseball – Freshman	1 – 9 – 1	
Golf – Boys Varsity	2 – 1	2 nd , 3 rd , and 4 th at League Jamborees
Golf – Boys JV	3 – 1	
Lacrosse – Girls	1 – 6	
(Girls lacrosse is a cooperative program with Hudsonville High School)		
Lacrosse - Boys	4 – 3	
Lacrosse – Boys JV	3 - 4	
(Boys Lacrosse is a cooperative program with Holland Christian High School)		
Soccer – Girls Varsity	6 – 1 – 1	
Soccer – Girls JV	6 – 1 – 1	
Softball – Varsity	5 – 8	
Softball – JV	17 – 1	1 st at Otsego Invite
Tennis – Girls Varsity	6 – 6 – 1	
Tennis – Girls JV	5 – 1 – 1	
Track – Boys	1 – 2	3 rd at the Houseward
Track – Girls	0 – 3	3 rd at the Houseward

10. **SPORTS PHYSICALS:** Consistent with the Michigan High School Athletic Association rules for athletic participation and eligibility, Unity requires that a student-athlete pass a sports physical in order to be eligible to try out for and participate on athletic teams. In addition, all middle school students who participate in 78er football are required to have a physical. It is recommended that ALL students (no matter age) receive a physical prior to athletic participation.

The policy of Unity and the MHSAA is that a current sports physical must be on file for the current year; that is, any sports physical passed on or after April 15, 2018, will make the student-athlete eligible for the 2018/2019 school year athletics.

11. **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:** “Becoming a PIC.” A fundraising activity of Unity athletics is the concession stand which is open at most home athletic events. One requirement of the Health Department is that when the concession stand is open, its staffing is supervised by a “person-in-charge” (PIC). Becoming a PIC simply requires taking a short online training class and certification test offered by the Health Department. If this sounds like something you would enjoy or if you have questions, contact Doug VanderPloeg at dvanderploeg@unitychristian.org or 669-1820.

12. **UNITY SPORTS CAMPS:** Unity Christian is offering Summer Sports Camps for baseball, basketball, football, golf, soccer, softball, tennis, volleyball, and wrestling.

Information on the camps (age groups, dates, times, and prices) is available on Unity's website: <https://unitychristianathletics.org/main/campsclinics/>. Be sure to register for camps before the Monday, May 21 deadline. Online registration is found at the following link: https://www.cognitofrms.com/UnityChristianHighSchool/_2018SummerCamps

13. **BLOOD DRIVE TO BENEFIT UNITY CHRISTIAN ATHLETIC BOOSTERS:** Sometimes making a difference in the community means rolling up your sleeves. This summer, you only need to roll up one. During the Summer Step-Up blood drive, Michigan Blood will give \$10 to the Unity Christian High School Athletic Boosters for **every** blood donor. Talk about a win-win! This blood drive will be held on Friday, June 1 from 12 p.m. – 5 p.m. at Grace Community Church – Cambridge Room (3500 New Holland Street in Hudsonville; please use Entrance E and not main church entrance). To schedule your appointment for the blood drive, click the link below. Walk-in donors are welcome, but appointments have priority and are recommended and appreciated.

[Hudsonville Community Blood Drive sponsored by the Unity Christian High School Athletic Boosters](#)

14. **4th ANNUAL WEST MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL BASS FISHING INVITATIONAL:** The 4th Annual West Michigan High School Bass Fishing Invitational is scheduled to run on May 5 and May 9. This tournament is an outreach to West Michigan High Schools, as a devotional will be shared during the event and is put on by Sportspersons International Ministries, NorthPointe Christian, and Caledonia Bass Club. If you are interested in signing up or finding out more information, please click on one of the link below. If you are interested in helping at the event or have any questions, please contact Maury DeYoung mdyoung@spi-int.org or Tim at t.deyoung2@yahoo.com. The sign up can be found here: <https://goo.gl/kE5A9F>

15. **SCRAP METAL DRIVE 2018:** Mark your calendars for the Scrap Metal Drive that will be held on **Friday & Saturday, May 4 & 5**. This drive is a fundraiser for the Hudsonville Chr. and the Unity Chr. Education Foundations. **Times are: Friday – Noon to 8 p.m.; Saturday – 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Location: 5710 Balsam Ave., Hudsonville (across from Hudsonville Lanes.) Bring in your scrap metal, old appliances, grills, etc.! Call Alden Jelsema (616.813.5972) if you have any questions on what qualifies as scrap metal!

16. **UC GOLF OUTING 2018:** Plan now to attend the UC Golf Outing on **Monday, June 4, 2018**, at **Sunnybrook Country Club** on Port Sheldon Road in Grandville. AM and PM flights are available, and the registration fee includes a BUFFET lunch. Prizes will be awarded at the Dinner, which follows the event, and other prize-winning opportunities will be offered. Contact Michelle DeGroot at 669-1820, or email Athletics@unitychristian.org for information regarding sponsorship or registration.

17. **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Christian Schools International (CSI) is seeking qualified applicants for the part-time position of receptionist/administrative assistant beginning June 2018. Hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This front desk person will greet visitors, answer the phone, and provide administrative clerical support, mainly in the area of data input and update. Must be organized and able to multi-task. Competence in Microsoft Office software is necessary, and experience in an office environment is a plus. Knowledge of Microsoft CRM program is preferred. Send cover letter and resume to dlantz@csionline.org.

18. **PRAYER CALENDAR:** The Prayer Calendar is located on our website [here](#).

19. **UNITY'S CALENDAR FOR MAY:**

May 3	Choir Concert, Fair Haven Ministries, 7:30 p.m.
May 7	8 th Grade Co-Curricular Night, 7:30 p.m.
May 8	Symphonic Band/Chamber Orchestra Concert, Fair Haven Ministries, 7:30 p.m.
May 9	Senior Dinner (7:15 p.m.) and Awards Night (8:00 p.m.), Unity's multipurpose gymnasium
May 11	Senior's last day
May 14	Senior Class Trip
May 16	Late Start (school begins at 8:25 a.m.; first bell at 8:20 a.m.)
May 17	Concert Band/Concert Orchestra Concert, Unity's multipurpose gymnasium, 7:30 p.m.
May 21	Graduation, Unity Christian High School multipurpose gymnasium, 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)
May 23-25	Finals
May 25	Student's last day

20. **CALENDAR DATES FOR 2018/2019:**

Early August	Student schedules for 2018/2019 mailed home
August 20	First Day of School (12:25 dismissal)
August 24	Freshman Mixer/Senior Kickoff (12:25 dismissal grades 10-11)
August 31-Sept. 3	No School (Labor Day Weekend)
September 10	Open House
October 8, 11, 12	Parent/Teacher Conferences (12:25 dismissal on October 12)
October 25, 26	No School (Christian Educator's Convention)
November 22, 23	No School (Thanksgiving Break)
December 19, 20, 21	Finals
Dec. 22 – Jan. 6	No School (Christmas Break)
January 7	School resumes
January 12	Winter Dance
February 8	Winterfest (early dismissal)
February 22, 25	Winter Break
Feb. 26, 28, March 1	Parent Teacher Conferences (12:25 dismissal on March 1)
March 29 – April 7	Spring Break
April 8	School resumes
April 12	Prom (12:25 p.m. dismissal)
TBD	Last Day for Seniors
TBD	Graduation
May 22, 23, 24	Finals