



UNITY... FAITH, EXCELLENCE, SERVICE

HOME BULLETIN

September 4, 2018

1. CHAPEL & DEVOTIONS:

We are excited to begin another year of chapel and devotions at Unity. Each morning, Monday through Thursday, we gather as a school in chapel to participate in corporate worship. Each Friday, all faculty and staff participate in small group devotions with a third hour class.

Unity chapels and devotions seek to engage students in God’s Word through our “Deep – Wide – Real” action theory. This theory, based in part on Andy Stanley’s theory of spiritual growth, creates a worship culture where each student is presented with many opportunities to meet God in a personal way, understand and accept Jesus and salvation, and encounter the Holy Spirit.

As you talk with your student about chapel and devotions that are “Deep – Wide – Real”, they can share with you how their intentional worship time at Unity allows them to grow in faith.

Each chapel and devotion will meet each of the elements of our action theory in some way.

DEEP: Chapels and devotions are Biblical. We address important issues through the lens of scripture. Chapels and devotions are intended to be a time to further understand God’s written Word to his people and how it applies to life. All chapels and devotions must ultimately point to the Word of God as Truth.

WIDE: Chapels and devotions include all students by respecting where they are in relation to God. Each chapel and devotion will be done in such a way that students feel welcome in a safe environment to think deeply, question sincerely, and work through doubts and uncertainty.

REAL: Chapels and devotions are infused with a connection to the everyday lives of Unity students. We will relate the Word of God to a contemporary culture, guiding students toward a faith they can practice in all areas of life. Listening to the voice of God through his Word will be contrasted with the voice of culture to learn discernment.

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2. **STUDENT HANDBOOK**: The Student Handbook is posted on our website under the “Academics” tab or by clicking [here](#).
3. **EXCUSING STUDENTS**: Unity requires a written note or telephone request from a parent/guardian to give your student permission to sign out. When your student returns, he/she must stop at the office and sign in. We do not accept absences by email.
4. **“PARENT CONNECT”**: Parent Connect is Unity’s parent portal for viewing student information.

For parents of new students, a letter containing login information was sent home last week. For parents of returning students, you may use the login information that you had last year.

By logging into the Parent Connect website, you may view student grades, daily schedule, attendance, etc.

The Parent Connect web address is <https://SSL3.schooloffice.com/unity/parentconnect/>. A link is also provided under the “Academics” tab on Unity’s website www.unitychristian.org.

If you are a parent of a returning student and have lost your login information, you may pick up your login information during the Open House on September 10 or you may call Judy Mulder in Unity’s office at 669-1820.

5. **UNITY’S STUDENT BULLETIN** is made available to view on TVs in areas around school and in classrooms during 4th period. Parents can view the Student Bulletin each day online on Unity’s website www.unitychristian.org under the “News and Events” tab.

6. **OPEN HOUSE: Monday, September 10, 7:00 p.m.**

This year Unity’s Open House will begin with a presentation, *Faith, Culture, and High School: Spiritual Growth at Unity!* by Principal Jerry DeGroot and Director for Spiritual Life and Leadership Dan Landstra.

This presentation will allow parents an up-close look at the world of a high school student at Unity, to better understand the most pressing issues they confront, to discover how these issues play a role in their personal and spiritual growth, and how Unity intentionally engages each student to encourage spiritual growth in all areas of life. Resources for engaging their students will also be provided for parents.

After the presentation, parents will meet with their student’s teachers in the following three classes: 1st, 4th, and 8th periods. All Careerline Technical Center student parents will meet with the Dean of Students Scott Soodsma during 8th period in the counseling center, Rm. 113.

This is a special evening for parents! We ask all our parents to attend this important evening to learn more about Unity and how together we help our young people grow and develop. We hope to see you on Monday, September 10, at 7:00 p.m.

7. **STUDENT COUNCIL HOSTED DANCE:** Student Council will be sponsoring a dance after the home football game on Friday, September 28. Cost is \$4 for Unity students and \$7 for guests (includes pizza). Unity students are only allowed one guest. Students should enter through the doors by the band/choir rooms and be sure to bring your student ID. Dance will finish at 11:30.

8. **BAND AND ORCHESTRA NEWS:** The Bands and Orchestras are off to a great start this year. Please look for uniforms coming home soon.

Mark your calendars for our first concert, the Fall Dessert Medley, which will be held on October 2 at 7:30 p.m. This concert is held at Fair Haven Ministries. Please plan on bringing a finger-food dessert (peanut free) to share after the concert. This is a wonderful night to feature each group and start off the year with some yummy treats and community building.

9. **CHOIR NEWS:** The Unity choirs are aligned as follows.

Girls' Chorus: all 9th grade girls

Bella Voce: 10th – 12th grade girls

Men's Chorus: 9th – 12th grade boys

Chamber Singers: male/female (soprano, alto, baritone) 10th – 12th audition choir

Choral Ensemble: male/female 10th – 12th audition choir

You will have the opportunity to hear all the choirs at the Fall Concert scheduled for Thursday, October 4, 7:30 p.m., at Fair Haven Ministries in Hudsonville. Hope to see you there!

10. **MUSICAL:** Plans for this year's annual musical are well underway, and there is excitement in the air. Auditions for on-stage roles will be cast September 4-6, and off-stage committees and pit will be organized in the next few weeks. There is so much that goes into a production, and we covet your prayers as we go through the anxiety of starting rehearsals and the busyness of the preliminary organization. Please note that even if your student is participating in a fall sport or any other activity, they can still be part of the musical cast! Please have them talk to Mrs. Foreman if they have any questions.

This year we will be performing *Newsies*. This production is based on the labor strikes of 1899. The dancing will be phenomenal, the music is powerful, and the history of it will help us realize how blessed we are. Performances are November 29, 30, and December 1, and will be in the Hudsonville High School Fine Arts Auditorium.

For parents of the cast, there will be an important parent's meeting on Monday, September 10, at 6:00 p.m. in the choir room. Parent committees are explained with opportunities to sign up to help in various important areas, including prayer partners. Please make every effort to have each cast member represented by at least one parent.

Musical is always a huge undertaking, and we thank you for your amazing support, encouragement, and prayers.

11. **SENIOR PICTURES:** The deadline for senior pictures and baby pictures for the 2019 yearbook is December 1, 2018. We would prefer pictures be sent to us digitally in jpeg format (ucyearbook@unitychristian.org). We will also accept one of the wallet photos students hand out to friends. Please be sure that it is at least a waist or higher photo. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Brink at school (669-1820).
12. **SENIOR ALL-NIGHTER INFORMATION FOR THE CLASS OF 2019:** On September 5, senior students will be receiving their senior all-nighter information packets on fundraising opportunities for the May 20 All-Nighter. There are many areas in which you can help and get involved! Please encourage your student to participate as well! We will be emailing information to parents on volunteer and fundraising opportunities.

The first and largest fundraiser is the homemade apple pie sale. Orders are due by Wednesday, September 26, and each student is requested to sell a minimum of 8 pies each. For sales of over 20, the student will receive a gift card for their efforts. Students will receive an order form in their packets at their information meeting. This fundraiser also requires the most volunteers for the dates of Friday, October 5, and Saturday, October 6. Please prayerfully consider helping out with this event and watch for an email with a Sign-up Genius link where you can sign up to help.

TO ALL UNITY FAMILIES: Please help support the senior class and the Senior All-Nighter event by supporting our current fundraisers.

- See the enclosed **Apple Pie** order form and place your order for these delicious apple pies. They are homemade and come boxed and ready for your freezer and can be baked at your convenience.
- **Key Cards will be on sale beginning September 10!** Get a coupon savings book AND unlimited use deals book for only **\$25.00** if you purchase through the Unity office or a Unity senior. (The general public will pay \$40 for both books.) Visit www.KeyCardDeals.com to view all the thousands of deals. Order through a Unity senior and they will get credit towards incentives. Thanks for your support!
- **Direct Your Dollars** (formerly Cash for Class): Do you shop at Family Fare or any of the 160+ SpartanNash owned retail stores or fuel centers? The **entire original receipt** can be turned into the office at Unity. When the collected receipts total \$150,000, SpartanNash will send us a check for \$1,000 to go toward the 2019 Senior All-Nighter. Start saving now!

13. **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

- ◆ **SAT TEST DATES** for this fall are October 6 (with registration by September 7), November 3 (with registration by October 5), and December 1 (with registration by November 2). **Seniors**, see your counselor regarding the value of retaking the SAT or possibly the ACT in your situation.

- ◆ **ACT TEST DATES:** **Seniors**, the fall ACT test date is October 27. Registration for this test needs to be completed online by September 28. (Late registration deadline is October 14. Late registrants are charged extra.)

The winter ACT test is December 8, with a November 2 registration deadline. Registration is all online.

- ◆ **PSAT TEST DATE:** Unity will be giving the PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test) to **interested juniors** on the morning of October 10. All juniors are encouraged to take this test. Sophomores are invited to take this as space allows.

The PSAT is also the qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship.

The fee for this test is \$16.00. Students will receive further information about signing up for the PSAT later this month.

- ◆ **COLLEGE APPLICATIONS:** On Tuesday, September 4, counselors met with seniors in their Global Studies to review all the steps in the **college application process**, including filling out the Common Application. Students also signed in to their Naviance Student Accounts, which is the program used to send transcripts and other college documents.

- ◆ **FINANCIAL AID AND PARENT COLLEGE INFORMATION NIGHT:**

Financial Aid Meeting: On Thursday, September 27, at 7:00 p.m., a college financial aid counselor will be here to walk parents through the college financial aid process including any changes to the FAFSA. This meeting will take place in the lower commons area.

College Information Night: Is your oldest child a senior this year? Is he/she beginning to look at colleges? Are you wondering, “How in the world does this whole process work?” If so, this night is just for you. Counselors will have met with seniors and already shared this information with them. We will cover the college application process, how we send transcripts, and scholarship search programs. We will meet Thursday night, September 27, at 8:00 p.m., in the lower commons area immediately following the financial aid meeting. Contact a Unity counselor if you have any questions.

Parents may attend either meeting or both.

- ◆ **FRESHMAN**: Counselors will be meeting with freshman classes to introduce themselves and talk about the role of the high school guidance counselor at Unity.
 - ◆ Last spring, current freshmen, sophomores, and juniors took the PSAT 8, PSAT 9, or PSAT 10. Early in September, counselors will be handing back and explaining these test scores.
14. **COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST**: Unity Christian is seeking to hire an individual as Unity's Communications Specialist. The primary role of this position is to capture the vision of Unity Christian and turn it into engaging online and written content. For a full description and to receive more information for this position, please send inquiries to unity@unitychristian.org. This is a part-time 25-30 hours/week and will be paid hourly.
 15. **UNITY'S SPIRIT STORE**: Unity Christian is seeking parent volunteers to help organize and sell Unity apparel in the Spirit Store. Please contact the school office (unity@unitychristian.org or 669-1820) if you are interested. Currently, the Spirit Store is closed.
 16. **UNITY ALL SEASONS-ALL SPORTS PASSES**: Unity sports passes can be purchased in the office.
 - You can buy a Family Pass for \$125. This means that dad and mom and all dependent members of the family will receive a pass that will gain them admission to all Unity home athletic events in the fall, winter, and spring.
 - Also available are the individual adult season pass for \$50, and the individual student pass, grades K-12, for \$20.
 - Admission at the gate for all Unity sporting events is \$5 per person.
 17. **ATHLETIC WEBSITE**: Check out Unity's athletic website at www.unitychristianathletics.org. Find up-to-date game summaries, links to articles, cancellations, and schedules.
 18. **UC TAILGATER**: The UC Tailgater event will be held on Friday, September 7, when Unity plays Holland Christian at the Hudsonville Public Stadium. This year's event will be a pig roast and held at Baldwin Street Middle School right outside of the football stadium from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. We hope you will join us at this is a GREAT community-building event! Tickets for the tailgater are still available for \$5 through Wednesday, September 5, at both the high school office and Revive. Tickets will not be sold at the event.

19. **UNITY CHRISTIAN/SOUTH CHRISTIAN FOOTBALL GAME CANCER AWARENESS NIGHT – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 AT HUDSONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL:** Unity Christian High School and South Christian High School are joining communities at the varsity football game on September 21 at the Hudsonville High School Stadium in support of cancer awareness! The driving purpose for this event is to focus on education and identifying families who have or are presently walking through the challenge of cancer, as well as promoting positive forms of support for those families affected by cancer.

Both schools will be selling UC-SC Cancer Awareness Night T-shirts for \$10.00 to all students, parents and fans. Proceeds from this sale will support three cancer-related causes: Starlite Shores Family Camp, the Lemmen-Holton Cancer Pavilion, and the Van Andel Cancer Research Institute. Please wear these shirts to the football game on September 21, regardless of what team you are rooting for! Register to purchase a T-shirt at either South Christian or Unity Christian by clicking on/going to this link: <https://www.cognitoforms.com/UnityChristianHighSchool/CancerAwarenessNight>. All pre-registered T-shirts as well as a select number of shirts will be available to be purchased by anyone at each school's athletic office starting on Monday, September 17. If you want to pre-register for a shirt, please do so by Thursday, September 6. As you register to purchase a t-shirt, we are asking you to post your story as a point of encouragement that can be shared for the support of others going through cancer. Please feel free to respond to the questions (by name or anonymously) listed at the link above. This page will be available to be viewed at the websites for each school, and excerpts from these reflections will appear in the game program on September 21.

Helmet stickers, colorful socks worn by football players, and a prayer time featuring Unity Christian and South Christian students during the pre-game will all be a part of this Cancer Awareness Night. We look forward to seeing all the Crusaders and Sailors at the game to support their schools and raise awareness of the journey through cancer which so many families have walked.

20. **'SADERFEST - SEPTEMBER 28, 2018:** 'Saderfest will be held on Friday, September 28, at 4:00 p.m. The event will incorporate the high school students and community members raising money to participate and running or walking through a number of color stations. At the end of the run, we will have a few games with chances to win prizes. The greater community is invited to participate in the event -- we want you there! Student athletes are required to raise \$75 to participate and are encouraged to raise \$200 to help us meet our \$50,000 goal. Students are asked to enter their sponsors for this event at <https://www.cognitoforms.com/UnityChristianHighSchool/2018SaderfestColorRun>. Community members, parents, and siblings who would like to participate can register at <https://www.cognitoforms.com/UnityChristianHighSchool/2018UCSaderfestRunRegistration>. Please check www.unitychristianathletics.org for more information on the event. You can also check out a video about the event at <https://youtu.be/e-6SykJnq4A>. Come out and join us at this fun color run!

21. **COACHING POSITIONS:**

Assistant Varsity Softball Coach

Unity Christian has an assistant coaching vacancy in Varsity Softball. We are searching for someone who has a passion for the Lord, enjoys working with high school students, and can successfully help lead a high school softball program. If you have any interest or know of someone who might have interest, please contact Unity Christian Athletic Director Jeff Engbers at [616-669-1820](tel:616-669-1820) or jengbers@unitychristian.org.

JV Girls Tennis Coach

Unity Christian has a head coaching vacancy in JV Tennis. We are searching for someone who has a passion for the Lord, enjoys working with high school students, and can successfully lead a high school tennis program. If you have any interest or know of someone who might have interest, please contact Unity Christian Athletic Director Jeff Engbers at [616-669-1820](tel:616-669-1820) or jengbers@unitychristian.org.

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

22. **ATTENTION ALL MOTHERS:** Moms in Prayer welcomes any mother who would like to pray one hour each week for the Unity staff, students, and their own children. Please join us in Room 121 each Monday from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. or Fridays from 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. We have witnessed answered prayers and been blessed to bond as moms as we lift up our concerns and praises to Jehovah! PLEASE JOIN US ANY TIME THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Gaffner at 669-4383. The Monday MIP group will start Monday, September 10, and the Friday MIP group will begin Friday, September 28.

23. **UNITY BUSINESS DIRECTORY:** Is your business or company included in the Unity Business Directory? If not, and you have supported Unity financially as a parent, patron, or business sponsor for one of our fundraising events, you qualify for inclusion in this directory. Please submit your business information by email to development@unitychristian.org, or contact the Development Office at 662-4011. If you are currently listed, please check your listing and send/call us with any updated information. You will find the UC Community Business Directory on Unity's website www.unitychristian.org. Thank you!

24. **PRAYER CALENDAR:** The Prayer Calendar is located on our website or by clicking [here](#).

25. **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **Post Family Farm** in Hudsonville is looking to hire energetic ADULTS for seasonal work this fall (September and October). Opportunities include donut making, leading school tour groups and tractor hayride driving. These opportunities are available from early morning to evening, Monday-Saturday. Donut making involves working with several others in our bakery making donuts, filling orders, and running the cash register. Tour guides take a group of children, teachers, and parents around the farm. This does include the pleasure of driving a tractor. All training is provided. After school and festival workers may work in donuts, office, admissions, or drive tractor to and from the pumpkin patch. No previous experience is required for any position. Work days and hours are very flexible to fit your schedule. Please contact Julie at Post Family Farm if you have any interest in working in a fun, farm atmosphere. Phone: (616) 669-1964; email: tours@postfamilyfarm.com
- Sign up now for the **Annual Hudsonville Christian School Clay Shoot**. The HCS Sporting Clay Shoot will be held on Saturday, September 8, at Blendon Pines, starting at 9:00 a.m. Proceeds from this fun event go toward tuition assistance needs. Sponsors for this event are still needed. Click [here](#) for the registration form.
- Mark your calendars because **Septemberfest** is right around the corner. Come out and Support Hudsonville Christian School at the annual arts and craft show on September 15 from 9am – 3pm at the Hudsonville Fairgrounds. This will be your one stop shop! Shop our 170+ vendors in all five barns along with farmer’s market items outside and get lunch at the Hudsonville Christian booth. Tickets are \$2 with kids 12 and under free. Strollers are welcome. VIP tickets are available which will allow you early entry before the crowds at 8:15am. The VIP passes also include a shopping bag full of local business coupons. There are only 100 available so get yours soon! Cost is \$7. Please help us spread the word by finding us on Facebook, liking it, and sharing us with your friends. Search Septemberfest Arts and Craft Show on Facebook. We cannot wait to see you there!

25. **CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, & NOVEMBER:**

September 7	Taste & U'll C
September 8	Victory Day
September 10	Open House, 7:00 p.m., Multipurpose Gym
September 18	Picture Retakes
September 27	Financial Aid Meeting for parents of seniors, 7:00 p.m., Lower Commons
September 28	'SaderFest, 4:00 p.m. Student Council hosted dance, after football game until 11:30 p.m.
October 2	Band/Orchestra Concert, 7:30 p.m., Fair Haven Ministries
October 4	Choir Concert, 7:30 p.m., Fair Haven Ministries
October 8	Parent/Teacher Conferences, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
October 11	Parent/Teacher Conferences, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
October 12	Parent/Teacher Conferences, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. – Early Dismissal
October 25-26	CEA Convention – No School
November 16	Blood Drive
November 18	Holiday Parade – Bands
November 21	Grandparents Day (11:30 – 12:40); 12:40 dismissal
November 22, 23	Thanksgiving Break – no school
Nov. 29, 30, Dec. 1	<i>Newsies</i> , Hudsonville High School Fine Arts Auditorium 7:00 p.m. Thursday & Friday, 5:00 p.m. Saturday

UNITY CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

Monday, September 10, 2018, 7:00 p.m., Multipurpose Gymnasium

Dear Parents,

Please check with your student(s) and fill in your schedule for Open House.

**6:45 – 7:00 0-Period Choral Ensemble A. Foreman Rm. 801
Parents of students who have Choral Ensemble during 0-period
meet in room 801 at 6:45 p.m.**

<u>TIME</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>TEACHER</u>	<u>ROOM</u>
7:00 – 7:50		<u>Parent Meeting</u>	<u>J. DeGroot</u>	<u>Gym</u>
7:55 – 8:05	1 st	_____	_____	_____
8:10 - 8:20	4 th	_____	_____	_____
8:25 – 8:35	8 th **	_____	_____	_____

**Parents of Careerline Technology Center students: During 8th period you are asked to meet with Mr. Soodsma in the Counseling Center, Rm. 113.

Note: All teachers will be available in their classrooms to meet with you following 8th period.

APPLE PIES WE MAKE 'EM - YOU BAKE 'EM

The pies will be made from scratch on **Saturday, October 6.**

They are wonderful pies, easy to bake, and can be frozen.

Consider the pies for your holiday parties, as gifts, and even for next summer's picnics.

We are asking each senior to sell eight pies to help make this fundraiser a success!

We are offering the following incentives:

- Sell 8 pies and get a coupon for a free donut
- Sell 20 pies and get a Wendy's gift card!

This form must be returned to the office completed with money to claim prize.

<u>COST OF PIES:</u>	1 Pie	\$10.00	
	2 Pies	\$19.00	Order forms due back <u>September 26</u>
	3 Pies	\$27.00	

~ Make checks payable to: Unity Christian HS Senior All-Nighter

~ Money must be collected and handed in **with** the order forms to Unity's office.

STUDENT NAME: _____ **PHONE #** _____

ALL PIES MUST BE PICKED UP FROM HUDSONVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ON
OCTOBER 6 FROM 9:30 A.M. - NOON

This is VERY IMPORTANT as we have no storage for unclaimed pies.

CUSTOMER NAME & PHONE #	# OF PIES	CHECK/CASH Total	*Student or Customer Pickup
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EXTRA ORDER FORMS AVAILABLE IN UNITY'S OFFICE

Contact Info: Dawn VanDyken 616-797-8304