



UNITY... FAITH, EXCELLENCE, SERVICE

HOME BULLETIN

May 1, 2019

1. FINALS SCHEDULE FOR SECOND SEMESTER:

Time of Final	Wed., May 22	Thurs., May 23	Fri., May 24
(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:	10:35 a.m.	11:55 a.m.	10:35 a.m.

* Extended time for final

Notes on Finals Week:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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 22
- 7:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon on Thursday, May 23
- 7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. on Friday, May 24

2. **2019/20 ENROLLMENT:** An email regarding online enrollment was sent to all parents (grade 8-11) on April 18. If you did not receive this email or have any questions, please contact Krista Bosscher in the school office at 669-1820 or unity@unitychristian.org. **Enrollment is due on Friday, May 3.**

3. **SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:** Beginning May 24, 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.

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4. **8th GRADE ART PORTFOLIOS:** 8th grade art portfolios for advanced placement are due on Friday, May 17. 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 10: Hudsonville Public buses will NOT run their PM routes on May 10. 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 Saturday, April 13, at Allendale High School. They received a 1 rating. Also, congratulations to Men's Ensemble who was selected for Michigan Youth Arts Festival on May 10. This is the highest honor a choir can receive in the state of Michigan and it is the first time the boys have received this award.

The spring concert will be **Thursday, May 2, 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 Disney favorites. You won't want to miss it!

b. **Orchestras:**

Chamber Strings: Our Spring "Pops" Concert will be held at Fair Haven Ministries on **Tuesday, May 7**. This concert will include the Chamber Strings and Symphonic Bands and will honor the seniors of 2019. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Concert Orchestra: Our Spring "Pops" Concert will be held **Thursday, May 16**, 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 10, for Chamber Strings and Friday, May 17, 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

Summer Camps: If your student is interested in any summer camps, please talk to Mrs. Jager. She has talked about many of them in class but if you need more information you can

email her at sjager@unitychristian.org. Here are a few that were talked about in class and highly recommended by Mrs. Jager:

- Knollcrest Music Camp (July 29 – August 2 Calvin College Summer Day Camp)
- Grand Valley Strings Leadership Camp (August 12-15 Day Camp)
- Awakenings Worship Camp at Hope College (June 9-14 Hope College Overnight Camp)
- Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp (near Muskegon, 13-day intense camp throughout the summer)

c. **Bands:**

The bands will participate in the Tulip Parade on **Wednesday, May 8**, beginning at 2:00 p.m. The buses will be leaving Unity at 12:30. We should be back to Unity no later than 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 2:45 p.m.

Symphonic Band: The spring band concert will be held at Fair Haven Ministries on **Tuesday, May 7**, 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 16**, 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 20!

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 \$64.50 which includes the writing test. The SAT without the writing test is \$49.50. 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 8	May 3	May 20
July 13	June 14	June 24
September 14	August 16	August 30
October 26	September 20	October 4
December 14	November 8	November 22

<u>SAT Test Dates</u>	<u>SAT Registration Date</u>	<u>SAT Late Registration (extra fee)</u>
June 1	May 3	May 22
August 24	July 26	August 13
October 5	September 6	September 24
November 2	October 3	October 22
December 7	November 8	November 26

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 3.
- ❖ *PLEASE NOTE:* Any scholarship collected after Friday, May 3, may not be included in either the Awards Night program or the Graduation program.

9. **FALL/WINTER SPORT FINAL RECAP**

Swim/Dive – Girls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>MISCA Academic All State:</i> Johanna Boelema, Paige Lenters, Katelynn Scholma, Stephanie Tebben • <i>NISCA Academic All American:</i> Johanna Boelema, Paige Lenters, Katelynn Scholma, Stephanie Tebben
Basketball – Girls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>BCAM Team Academic All State Honorable Mention</i> • <i>BCAM Top 100 Sportsmanship Award</i>
Basketball – Boys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>BCAM Team Academic All State Honorable Mention</i> • <i>BCAM's Best Division 2 All State Team:</i> TJ VanKoevering • <i>BCAM's Best Division 2 Honorable Mention All State Team:</i> Noah Wiswary • <i>BCAM Team First Award:</i> Bryce Lanser • <i>BCAM Division 2 Coach of the Year and Region 7 Coach of the Year:</i> Scott Soodsma • <i>Detroit News Division 2 First Team All State:</i> TJ VanKoevering • <i>Detroit News Division 2 Honorable Mention All State:</i> Noah Wiswary • <i>Detroit Free Press Division 2 First Team All State:</i> TJ VanKoevering • <i>Detroit Free Press Division 2 Honorable Mention All State:</i> Chandler Collins, Noah Wiswary • <i>Detroit Free Press Division 2 Dream Team Coach:</i> Scott Soodsma • <i>MLive Grand Rapids Basketball Dream Team:</i> TJ VanKoevering • <i>MLive Grand Rapids Basketball Dream Team Honorable Mention:</i> Noah Wiswary • <i>MLive Grand Rapids Basketball Dream Team Coach:</i> Scott Soodsma

10. **SPRING SPORTS** – as of April 30, 2019:

Baseball – Varsity	5 – 12	2 nd at Christian School Invite
Baseball – JV	8 - 6	
Baseball – Freshman	5 - 7	
Golf – Boys Varsity	0 – 2	3 rd , 4 th , 4 th at OK Green Jamborees
Golf – Boys JV	2 – 3	3 rd , 4 th , 2 nd at OK Green Jamborees
Lacrosse – Girls Varsity	7 - 5	
Lacrosse – Girls JV	4 - 2	
(Co-op program with Hudsonville)		
Lacrosse – Boys Varsity	5-3	
Lacrosse – Boys JV	3-3	
(Co-op program with Holland Christian)		

Soccer – Girls Varsity	9 - 2	
Soccer – Girls JV	6 – 3 - 2	
Softball – Varsity	9 - 7	1 st at Rockford Invite
Softball – JV	11 - 2	3 rd at Otsego Invite
Tennis – Girls Varsity	0 - 7	2 nd at Lowell Invitational
Tennis – Girls JV		
Track – Boys	2 - 2	2 nd at the Houseward
Track – Girls	1 - 3	3 rd at the Houseward

11. **SPORTS PHYSICAL NIGHT:** Unity is offering sports physicals to its students as well as middle school students for a cost of \$15 (78er football players are also required to have a sports physical). Dr. Steven Verkaik, along with several other doctors and assistants, will sponsor this sports physical evening on **Tuesday, May 7 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** at Unity Christian. Students are asked to come to the physical night with their physical form completed he student/parent filled out, including all signatures and insurance information. Every physical MUST be on the approved MHSAA form (updated for 2017/18). Physicals not on this form will not be accepted, and no incomplete forms will be accepted. You can find a copy of the blank physical form in the high school office or online at this [link](#).
12. **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY – CONCESSION LEADER:** A fundraising activity of Unity Christian 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 Concession Leader. Becoming a Concession Leader simply requires taking a short online training class and certification test offered by the Health Department. Our Concession Leaders typically come in once or twice a season to help in concessions. If this sounds like something you would enjoy or if you have questions, contact Doug VanderPloeg at dvanderploeg@unitychristian.org or 669-1820. All Concession Leaders are provided with a family all-sports pass.
13. **UNITY SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS:** Unity Christian is offering Summer Sports Camps for baseball, basketball, football, golf, soccer, softball, tennis, volleyball, and wrestling. Information about the camps (age groups, dates, times, and prices) is currently available at <http://www.unitychristianathletics.org/main/campsclinics>. Online registration for camps is available at this [link](#); registration deadline is June 1. Please note that due to the time and confusion it presents with multiple camp discounts, Unity Christian will once again charge a fee of \$15 for each camp that a refund is requested for. In addition, refund checks will not be mailed or made available until August.
14. **COACH OPENINGS:** Unity Christian has coach openings for the following sports teams:
- Head Varsity Girls Swim Coach
 - Head JV Boys Basketball Coach
 - Head Freshman Girls Basketball Coach

15. **5th ANNUAL WEST MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL BASS FISHING INVITATIONAL:** The 5th Annual West Michigan High School Bass Fishing Invitational is scheduled to run on May 4, May 11, and May 18. 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. 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 Ross Graveling at ross.graveling@spi-int.org or 616-990-1075 or check out their website at www.spi-int.org. The sign up can be found at this [link](#).
16. **GAME ON ALUMNI FOOTBALL GAME WITH KIRK COUSINS:** Mark your calendars for Friday, May 17! Kirk Cousins has challenged the Unity Christian Alumni All-Stars to a touch football game against his Maroon Alumni All-Stars in an event called Game On! Game On will be held at Holland Christian on Friday, May 17. The Unity Christian Varsity Soccer team will take on Holland Christian first starting at 3:30 p.m., followed by Holland Christian's Victory Day event at 5 p.m. A BBQ dinner and lawn games will take place at 5:30 p.m., with the football game to start at 7:00 p.m. Tickets for Game On are \$8.00 per person or \$30 per family for the dinner/game combined, and are available at <https://hcs.ticketspice.com/game-on>, at the HCHS office, and the UCHS office. This will be the fourth Game On event for the current Minnesota Vikings quarterback with past opponents including West Ottawa and South Christian. Kirk will have a message to share with students in middle school and below at half time. If you are interested in being a sponsor of this event, please contact Jeff Engbers at 669-1820. All sponsorships from Unity patrons will benefit Unity Christian Athletics. Plan to come out to support your Unity Christian Alumni All-Stars on May 17... Maroon All Stars vs. Crusader All Stars... GAME ON!
17. **PM BUS ROUTE DRIVER NEEDED:** Unity is seeking a PM bus route driver for next school year. Please contact Doug VanderPloeg at 669-1820 or dvanderploeg@unitychristian.org if interested.
18. **SCRAP METAL DRIVE:** May 3 & 4 – On the weekend of May 3 and 4, Unity Christian will once again hold a Scrap Metal Drive to raise funds for the Education Foundations of Hudsonville Christian and UCHS. The drive will be held at 5790 Balsam Dr. in Hudsonville (across from Hudsonville Lanes) from noon to 8:00 p.m. on Friday and 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. Check out the ad on Unity's Facebook page and the Unity website.
19. **UNITY CHRISTIAN GOLF OUTING:** Registration is now open for the Unity Christian Golf Outing being held on Monday, June 3 at Sunnybrook Country Club in Grandville! There will be a morning and afternoon flight along with many great prizes and food. We invite you to join us as a golfer, sponsor, or both! Click on this [link](#) to sign up as a golfer or sponsor. We will have a Chinese Auction again this year, and you can participate even if you can't join us for golf. The following prizes will be available soon in a Chinese Auction: a Chicago weekend, a Silver Lake getaway, and a Mackinaw Island Grand Hotel package. For any questions please contact Jeff Engbers, Athletic Director, at jengbers@unitychristian.org or at 616/669-1820. We hope you can join us at this fun and worthwhile event!

20. **REVIVE:** Be sure to take advantage of **Revive's Double Discount Day!** On Wednesday, May 22, every shopper receives 22% off their ENTIRE PURCHASE! And if you shop in pairs, you *BOTH* get double the discount at 44% off your ENTIRE PURCHASE!

And don't miss Revive's very popular **5 for \$5 Sale** coming up too! Friday, May 31, is the **5th Friday of the Month Sale** where you get 5 items of non-tagged clothing for only \$5! Mix and match Kids and Adults! *But wait! Shop Thursday, May 30, from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m., to get the Early Bird Special of this same 5 for \$5 sale!*

Looking to be part of the Revive team? We would love to have you join our volunteer family! Although all help is always welcome, here are a few of our smore specific needs right now:

- Selling and shipping items online, possibly with Amazon Prime
- Cashier help one shift a week or as a sub during the summer schedule
- Afternoon Donation Sorting – Grab some girlfriends for a little gab time while you sort through incoming donations; even an hour or two would be a huge help!

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

22. **2019/20 SCHOOL CALENDAR:** The 2019/20 School Calendar is located on the Unity Website (News & Events/Schedules & Calendars/Academic Calendar 2019-20) by clicking [here](#). **Please note that this calendar has been recently updated from the previous one sent out.**

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

May 2	Choir Concert, 7:30 p.m., Fair Haven Ministries
May 7	Physical Night, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Symphonic Band/Chamber Strings Concert, 7:30 p.m., Fair Haven Ministries
May 8	Bands – Tulip Parade
May 9	Seniors Last Day Senior Dinner (7:15 p.m.) and Awards Night (8:00 p.m.), Unity's multipurpose gymnasium
May 13	Senior Class Trip to Cedar Point
May 15	Late Start
May 16	Concert Band/Concert Orchestra Concert, 7:30 p.m., Unity Christian multipurpose gymnasium
May 20	Graduation, 7:30 p.m.
May 22, 23, 24	Finals