



UNITY... FAITH, EXCELLENCE, SERVICE

HOME BULLETIN

September 3, 2019

1. **OPEN HOUSE: Monday, September 9, 7:00 p.m.**

The open house will begin with an introduction of *The Infusion Project*. This initiative, created by Unity Christian, is an exciting opportunity, allowing us to better serve parents, students, and the larger Unity community.

At Unity, we believe it is more challenging than ever for students to navigate through the issues they face during their teenage years.

This 30-minute presentation will describe how Unity is cultivating awareness and understanding for our community to best engage a rapidly changing culture while living in faith, with excellence, for lives of service. Included in the presentation will be the introduction of:

- How Unity addresses with its students specific issues related to the high school years.
- A new blog attached to Unity’s website giving parents information and help related to topics impacting students.
- Parent Nights! Two evenings during the school year for parents to come to Unity to learn about and discuss relevant topics related to students, their world, and their faith.
- Access to faith-based resources for parents and students related to engaging culture.
- An inside look into chapels at Unity.

Unity Principal Jerry DeGroot and Director for Spiritual Life Dan Landstra will lead this presentation. We are excited to introduce *The Infusion Project* to the Unity community and look forward to the impact it will have as we claim all things for Christ.

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 9, at 7:00 p.m.

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2. **ACTIVITY TEAMS:** There is a new opportunity for the students at Unity to serve their peers. We now have activity teams replacing what used to be class officers. This change will allow students to take more elective courses while still being involved in organizing class activities. There will be three different teams per class: food court, activity, and Winterfest. The food court team will help serve food at lunch time once a week. The activities team will plan and organize a class event where students have fun and socialize together. The Winterfest team will help organize their class for the events during spirit week and the lip sync. These class teams will be supervised by a team of three teachers and have meetings throughout the year. We are excited to see how our students can work together to make the 2019-2020 a great school year.

3. **LATE START:** Wednesday, October 2, will be our first late start. For all students riding a bus, the bus schedule will remain the same and you will arrive early (normal bus schedule time). For students who drive or arrive other than a bus, school will begin at 8:25 a.m. (first bell rings at 8:20 a.m.).

4. **URGENT NEED - HOSTING AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT:** Hosting an International student is a wonderful opportunity for your family to experience and learn about a new culture while providing a home and family for a student who desires attend high school in the U.S. A safe and loving home is key to their success as they learn and discover who God has created them to be.

Partners In Learning has a hosting opportunity at Unity Christian for the 2019-2020 school year. International students come with their own spending money and health insurance. A \$700 monthly stipend is provided to host families to help offset any costs that are incurred while hosting. A host family is needed for George, a 10th grade boy returning from China who enjoys biking, bowling, reading, photography, and enjoys using technology to solve problems. He describes himself as polite, optimistic, and friendly with a good sense of humor.

Please contact Rod DeJager with Partners in Learning if you have questions or are interested in hosting George! 1-562-243-1020

5. **STUDENT HANDBOOK:** The Student Handbook is posted on our website under the "Academics" tab or by clicking [here](#).

6. **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.

7. **UNITY'S STUDENT BULLETIN** is made available 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.

8. **FOOD COURT:** Unity has gone “cashless” in the food court during the school day. Instructions on how to set up your student’s account was mailed home along with the PIN number your student will need to use in order to buy food.

You may place funds in your student’s account via credit card or bank account transfer. There is a charge of \$2.65 per \$100 for credit card transactions; \$1.00 per \$100 for direct bank transfers. The funds should be available within 20 minutes for an online transaction. You may also bring funds directly to the Unity office with no fee; however, the funds will not be available for 24 hours. When bringing money to the office, please place money in an envelope with your student’s name on it.

The schedule for lunchtime food sales is published daily in the Student Bulletin and usually follows this schedule:

<u>DAYS</u>	<u>FOOD</u>	<u>COST</u>
M - F (available during snack, lunch, and after school)	Milk	\$1.50 per 1 pint of flavored chocolate
	Bottled water	\$1.00
	UC Icees	\$1.00/\$1.75
	Gatorade/Propel	\$1.50
	Pop	\$1.75
	Starbucks/Bai	\$2.00
	Candy Bars	\$1.00
	Chips/Pretzels/Cookies	\$.50
	Muffins	\$1.00
	Yogurt	\$.75

Lunchtime only:

Monday – Thursday	Hotdogs & Nachos	\$1.50
Mondays	Little Caesars Crazy Bread	\$2.50
	French Fries	\$1.50
Tuesdays	6” Sub	\$3.50 (Ham or Turkey)
	French Fries	\$1.50
Wednesdays	Wing Doozy – 4 Wings	\$4.00
	French Fries	\$1.50
Thursdays	Chick-Fil-A Chicken Sandwich	\$4.00
	French Fries	\$1.50
Fridays	Pizza	\$2.00/slice

9. **"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 9 or you may call Jen Byker in Unity's office at 669-1820.

10. **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 3 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.

Students will have the opportunity to cheer on participations in Unity's annual "Victory Day" celebration on Saturday, September 7. This event is held at the Unity football stadium from 2-4pm. A pep band is formed to play the Unity Fight song as every touchdown is scored.

11. **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 Tuesday, October 1, **8:00 p.m.**, at Fair Haven Ministries in Hudsonville. Hope to see you there!

12. **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 3-6, 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 *Tuck Everlasting*. This production is based on the book by Natalie Babbitt. The dancing will be phenomenal, the music is gorgeous, and the storyline is will help us appreciate the gift of time. Performances are November 21-23, 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 9, 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.

13. **SENIOR PICTURES:** The deadline for senior pictures for the 2019-20 yearbook is December 3. 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 Kim Brinks at school (669-1820).
14. **SENIOR ALL-NIGHTER INFORMATION FOR THE CLASS OF 2020:** On September 4, senior students will be receiving their senior all-nighter information packets on fundraising opportunities for the May 18 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 25. Each student is requested to sell a minimum of 8 pies each. For sales over 20 pies, 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 4, and Saturday, October 5. Please prayerfully consider helping out with this event. You can sign up to volunteer by clicking [HERE](#).

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. You can also order pies online using your credit card at <https://www.cognitofrms.com/UnityChristianHighSchool5/uchsapplepiesale>.

- **Key Cards are on sale now!** 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 2020 Senior All-Nighter. Start saving now!

15. **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 5 (with registration by September 6), November 2 (with registration by October 3), and December 7 (with registration by November 8). **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 26. Registration for this test needs to be completed online by September 20. (Late registration deadline is October 4. Late registrants are charged extra.)

The winter ACT test is December 14, with a November 8 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 16. 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 \$17.00. Students will receive further information about signing up for the PSAT later this month.
- ◆ **COLLEGE APPLICATIONS:** On Thursday, August 30, 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 Tuesday, September 24, 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 Tuesday night, September 24, 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.

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 20, when Unity plays Holland Public 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 as this is a GREAT community-building event!

Ticket Sales: Tickets are \$5.00 each and will be on sale to students during break and lunch on Thursday and Friday, September 12 and 13. You can also purchase tickets in the school office or at Revive now through Friday, September 13. Tickets will not be sold at the event.

19. **'SADERFEST - SEPTEMBER 27, 2019:** 'Saderfest will be held on Friday, September 27 after school, and it is all new this year. It will be looking more like 'Saderfeast than 'Saderfest this year! Instead of participating in a run/walk as we have done in the past, all athletes are invited to a fun event of food, games, and prizes as we celebrate the efforts of many in raising funds for Unity's Athletic Department. This fundraiser is a major foundation towards achieving our budget for the athletic program. Unity has chosen not to charge athletic fees like many area schools. Student athlete participation helps raise the funds needed to allow Unity to continue providing for athletics without a fee. 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/2019SaderfestSportsCelebration>. Please check www.unitychristianathletics.org for more information on the event. We thank our athletes for their participation and our community members for your support of this event!

20. **COACHING POSITIONS:**

Freshman Girls Basketball Coach

Unity Christian has a head coaching vacancy in Freshman Girls Basketball. 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 basketball 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](#).

Dive Coach

Unity Christian has a diving coach vacancy. 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 basketball 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](#).

21. **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 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 (cell: 616-304-1056). The MIP group will start the week of September 9.

22. **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!

23. **REVIVE:** Revive is **Celebrating \$5 Million in total sales** since opening in October 2010! Wow! We are so humbled by shoppers and donors who continue to walk through our doors to make that number possible. Whether you're new to Revive or visit us on a regular basis, *we appreciate you!* Thank you for blessing Revive with your donations and your purchases these last 9 years. We pray that we are a blessing to you and to this community as well –today and for many more years to come.

Join us for a special **"Treating our Customers" Sale** on Thursday, September 12, in honor of this special \$5 Million milestone. You'll **receive 50% off Everything you DON'T Wear!** That means Furniture, Housewares & Home Decor, Sporting Goods, Linens, Toys, Books & Media, Electronics, Appliances, and more – *all 50% off!* For one day only, **Thursday, September 12, 10am-7pm**. Don't miss this chance to let us treat you to some spectacular savings!

Revive has changed the store over to Fall and Winter items! Shop fresh fall arrivals in men's, women's, & kids' clothing, shoes, accessories, coats, Halloween costumes, home décor, floral arrangements, furniture, and more! Open M/W/F 10am-5pm, T/Th 10am-7pm, and Sat. 10am-3pm. Check our Facebook page or website for more information about what's happening at Revive! www.ReviveResale.org

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

25. **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **Post Family Farm** 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 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 are interested. Phone – 669-1964; email – tours@postfamilyfarm.com.
- Zeeland West High School is holding a formal dress sale of previously owned dresses on September 14, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The sale is being held at the high school (3390 100th Ave., Zeeland) and dresses are \$15 each.

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

September 7	Victory Day, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
September 9	Open House, 7:00 p.m.
September 14, 15	Senior Class Retreat
September 17	Picture Retakes
September 20	UC Tailgater
September 24	Financial Aid Meeting for parents of seniors, 7:00 p.m., Gym
September 27	'Saderfest
October 1	Choir Concert, 8:00 p.m. , Fair Haven Ministries
October 2	Late Start, 8:25
October 3	Concert Band/Orchestra Concert, 7:30 p.m., Fair Haven Ministries
October 7	Parent/Teacher Conferences, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
October 10	Parent/Teacher Conferences, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
October 11	Parent/Teacher Conferences, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. – Early Dismissal
October 11	Student Dance, Unity gymnasium, after football game until 11:30 p.m.
October 24, 25	CEA Convention – no school
November 15	Blood Drive
November 21, 22,23	<i>Tuck Everlasting</i> , Hudsonville High School Fine Arts Auditorium 7:00 p.m. Thursday & Friday, 5:00 p.m. Saturday
November 23	Bands – Holiday Parade
November 28, 29	Thanksgiving Break – no school

UNITY CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

Monday, September 9, 2019, 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 – 7:30		<u>Parent Meeting</u>	<u>J. DeGroot</u>	<u>Gym</u>
7:35 – 7:45	1 st	_____	_____	_____
7:50 - 8:00	4 th	_____	_____	_____
8:05 – 8:15	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.



UCHS Class of 2020 All Nighter Fundraiser



APPLE PIE SALE WE MAKE 'EM – YOU BAKE 'EM



Pies will be made from scratch on Saturday, October 5.

Wonderful pies - easy to bake and can be frozen!

Great for holiday parties, to give 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!



Sell 8 pies & get a coupon for free donut!

Sell 20 pies & get a Wendy's Gift Card!

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

COST:
1 Pie \$10.00
2 Pies \$19.00
3 Pies \$27.00

- ~ Order forms due back **September 25**
- ~ 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.

**ALL PIES MUST BE PICKED UP FROM HUDSONVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ON
OCTOBER 5 FROM 9:30 A.M. – NOON**

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

STUDENT NAME: _____ **PHONE #** _____

Customer Name:	Customer Phone:	Customer Email:	# of Pies	Check/Cash TOTAL:	Student or Customer Pickup

EXTRA ORDER FORMS AVAILABLE IN UNITY'S OFFICE
Contact Info: Tonya Cervantes 616-378-6126