



UNITY... FAITH, EXCELLENCE, SERVICE

HOME BULLETIN

October 1, 2019

1. **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.)
2. **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 7	Full day of school Conferences from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 8	Full day of school
Wednesday, October 9	Full day of school
Thursday, October 10	Full day of school Conferences from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Friday, October 11	Early Dismissal (12:25 p.m.) Conferences from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
3. **ISRAEL PARENT MEETING:** We are pleased to introduce the first ever Israel study tour for Unity! Next June, journey to the land of the Bible and walk in the footsteps of Abraham, David, Elijah, and Jesus. See the Bible come to life before your eyes as you walk the land and hear the story. Join in a life-changing experience that will continue to impact your faith for years to come. Be part of the journey!

We invite you to attend a trip information meeting on either October 16 at 7:00 p.m. or November 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Unity Commons to learn more. The trip will be led by Mr. Tim Blamer, Bible teacher at Unity. Mr. Blamer has traveled to Israel extensively in the past fifteen years and led biblical tours since 2012. The trip is open to current Unity high school students and staff and, if space allows, parents, alumni, and others in the community. We will travel from June 14-27, 2020. Come to one of the meetings to learn more about this life-changing experience!

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4. **SCHOOL PICTURES:** To view and order your son/daughter's school picture, visit <https://mconomyphotography.shootproof.com>. Click on the appropriate folder (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th) and enter password: ucpictures2019. Pictures will be mailed 5-7 days after the order has been placed.
5. **"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 Jen Byker at 669-1820 or email her at jbyker@unitychristian.org.

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

➤ **Early Release Fridays for Hudsonville Public:**

October 18	February 21
November 15	March 6
December 13	April 24
January 31	May 8

On these dates:

- AM busing from UCHS and Hudsonville will run as normal.
- In PM, 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.
- Unity buses will run as normal.

➤ **NO School for Hudsonville Public:**

November 27
February 3, 4

On these dates:

- Students must provide their own transportation to school.
- In PM, 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.
- Unity buses will run as normal.

7. **STUDENT COUNCIL HOSTED DANCE:** Student Council will be sponsoring a dance after the home football game on Friday, October 11. 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. **STUDENT COUNCIL:** This year's Student Council is made up of 15 members from the sophomore through senior class. The officers are Emily Wolters, President; Jordan Bruckbauer, Vice President; Lydia Wiersma, Secretary; Cassidy Folkert, Communicator. Mr. Mark TeSlaa and Mr. Chris Achterhof are the faculty advisors.
9. **BITTERSWEET SKI PASSES** will be on sale at Unity October 21-25. 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 \$18. Adult passes (**non-students** over the age of 18) will also be available for \$18. Once you have purchased your pass, lift ticket and rental prices are reduced to \$18 each for students and \$22 each for adults. Non-discounted rates are \$39 for lift tickets and \$22 for rentals. Essentially, the pass pays for itself even if you only ski once this winter. If you have any questions, contact Rob Bosma at 669-1820.
10. **SENIOR PICTURES:** The deadline for senior pictures and baby/toddler pictures for the 2019-20 yearbook is December 3, 2019. 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).
11. **YEARBOOK SIGNING PARTY:** The yearbook party will be held Wednesday, November 21, from 2:30 – 3:15 p.m., in the commons for all alumni from the class of 2019. All Unity students will receive their yearbook at the end of their 8th period class.
12. **CHOIR NEWS:** The choral concert will be held on Tuesday, October 1, 8:00 p.m., at Fair Haven Ministries in Hudsonville.
13. **BAND/ORCHESTRA NEWS:** Uniforms have been sent home. Please make sure that their uniforms are home and fit well.

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.

The bands will be marching in the Hudsonville Holiday Parade on Saturday, November 23. Come support the band as they march down 32nd Avenue in Hudsonville!

14. **FALL MUSICAL – Tuck Everlasting:** Unity Christian is proud to present *Tuck Everlasting* this fall under the direction of Mrs. Ashton Foreman. Performances are scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on November 21 and 22 and at 5:00 p.m. on November 23 at the **Hudsonville High School Auditorium** on Allen Street.

Ticket Sales: Ticket sales will be sold online. Please go to Unity’s website (www.unitychristian.org), and click on *Theatre Tickets* under the “News and Events” tab. You will be able to pick your own seats and pay online. At the final ticket payment section, you will be given the opportunity to sponsor the musical with your additional donation. Those who donate \$10.00 or more will be listed as a Musical Theater sponsor on the program.

There are two ticket release dates:

- October 21 (beginning at 8:30 a.m.) - Early release tickets go on sale for \$14 each
- November 11 (beginning at 9:30 a.m.) – General tickets go on sale for \$8

For handicap seating, please call the Unity office at 669-1820.

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

- **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 16, 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 \$17. 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 – Oct. 6 – Engineering not required
- American Legion Scholarships
- Central Michigan University Centralis Scholarship and CMU Leader Advancement Scholarship Program
- Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship – Nov. 5
- Rick Heerema Unity Tuition Scholarship –entering military – see Mr. Heethuis for application
- Hugh and Eve Meeter Calvinism Award (Scholarship) – Feb. 1
- MHSAA – Farm Bureau Insurance Scholar-Athlete Scholarship – Due to Mr. Heethuis by Wednesday, November 27
- Michigan Tech Scholarship Program – Oct. 15
- Northern Michigan University Presidential Scholars Competition – Oct. 21
- SAE Engineering Scholarship – March 15
- MSPE Engineering Scholarship – Feb. 1

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 follow the directions.

16. **SADERFEST SPORTS CELEBRATION:** This fun event was held on Friday, September 27, and \$55,000 was pledged for the athletic program at Unity Christian. Thank you to our students for the effort they put forth in obtaining sponsors, and to all who donated individually or as a business sponsor to this event!

17. **COACHING OPPORTUNITIES:** Unity Christian has coaching vacancies for the following sports: **Girls Diving, 9th Girls Basketball, Assistant Wrestling, Varsity Baseball, JV Baseball, JV Softball, and JV Tennis.** We are searching for individuals who have a passion for the Lord, enjoy working with high school students, and can successfully lead or assist in these respective high school programs. 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](#).

18. **WINTER SPORTS TRYOUTS:** Remember – in order to participate in a winter sport practice or tryout, your son/daughter needs to have turned in a physical to the office dated after April 15, 2019 and completed all CRU card requirements listed below.

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

November 4	Hockey (cooperative program with Hudsonville H. S.)
November 11	Girls Basketball
November 18	Boys Basketball, Boys/Girls Bowling, Wrestling
November 25	Boys Swimming (cooperative program with Hudsonville H.S.)

19. **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 prior to the start of the season.

Below is a list of requirements that must be completed for student athletes to receive a CRU Card. CRU Cards are required by the coaches the first day of tryouts/practice for athletes to participate.

- Physical dated after April 15, 2019 turned in to the athletic office (physical forms are available by clicking [here](#)).
- ImPACT Baseline Concussion Testing complete – To be done every other year. Athletes in all winter sports EXCEPT bowling need to have an up to date ImPACT test. ImPACT testing will be held on October 21 at 3 p.m., October 22 at 3 p.m., and October 29 at 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the blue computer room at school. You can go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0449ABA922A3FC1-20192020> to sign up for ImPACT testing.
- Academic Eligibility & Transfer Eligibility – To be completed by the athletic office.
- Register your child for their winter sport and complete the required “FinalForms” paperwork. This includes medical information, travel permission, and athletic handbooks. Access our site by clicking here: <https://unitychristian-mi.finalforms.com>. **You must pick a winter sport first for your child in order for the athletics forms to show up on your child’s Final Forms page.** 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.
- Once the requirements are met, athletes can stop in the Athletic Office to pick up their CRU Card during break or lunch starting on Monday, October 28.

20. **FALL SPORTS UPDATE (as of 10/1/19)**

Cross Country	Boys	0-4
	Girls	1-3

Football	Varsity	4-1	
	JV	4-1	
	Freshmen	4-1	
Golf – Girls	Varsity	1-2 in duo matches	6 th Place Jenison Invite 4 th Place Unity Invite Currently 3 rd in conference
	JV	1-2 in duo matches	Currently 4 th in conference
Soccer – Boys	Varsity	10-0-5	
	JV	9-4-2	
	Freshman	7-5-1	
Swimming – Girls		0-6	2 nd place finish at TK Relays
Tennis – Boys	Varsity	4-6-2	
	JV	10-2	
Volleyball	Varsity	5-8-4	Currently 2-2 in conference
	JV	15-4	2 nd Place at Coopersville Invite 1 st Place at Allendale Invite
	Freshmen	11-7	

Equestrian Club - The Equestrian Club competed in three meets in September. The girls worked very hard each week practicing patterns and showed great improvement while learning new riding skills. The club hopes to place even higher in the meets next year and would love more members. If any student has a horse and would like to compete in the MIHA Equestrian Meets every Saturday in the month of September 2020, please contact the Athletic Office. Thank you to coach Elizabeth Zeerip for her work with the club this year!

21. **SPIRIT STORE:** The Spirit Store will be open during lunchtime (11:30am – noon) on Wednesday, October 16, and Wednesday, October 30.
22. **VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY:** A Veterans Day assembly will be held at Unity on Monday, November 11, for all UC Alumni, UC community veterans, and their families. A special service will begin at 9:30 a.m., followed by refreshments and an opportunity to meet and greet fellow veterans. Chaplain (LTC) Scott Koeman will be the featured guest speaker. Help us thank and honor all who have served God and our country through military service.
23. **SENIOR ALL-NIGHTER:**
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.

Don't like to cook every night? Then plan on pizza from Marco's for **Tuesday, November 5**. Marco's Pizza in Hudsonville will donate a portion of the day's sales to the Unity Senior All-Nighter. More information will be in the November Home Bulletin.

24. **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).
25. **PACE 2019/2020:** Unity’s annual fund drive for tuition assistance will kick-off the week of October 15. PACE provides funds that help keep Christian education affordable. This year’s theme is, “Providing Christian Education Focused on *FAITH, EXCELLENCE* and *SERVICE*.”. PACE provides every Unity student with the opportunity to build a foundation in Christ through a Christ-centered, Bible-based, academically-excellent education that prepares them as leaders for Him in this world. And, because \$165,000 from PACE is designated for a \$275 grant-in-aid per student, ALL STUDENTS benefit! Another \$175,000 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 remaining \$65,000 will go toward capital 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.

Our fundraising partner, J. Milito & Associates, Inc. are making the calls through the month of November, to over 2,000 members of the Unity community, and soon you’ll receive a call. So, before you do, please remember to pray for PACE, and then respond generously.

Also, consider this...Once again, we have a matching gifts challenge. For every new or increased financial gift from last year 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 you receive a call..

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. Thank You!

26. **#GIVINGTUESDAY:** Looking for an easy way to give to Unity? #GIVINGTUESDAY is an easy, online way to support Unity Christian High School. On Tuesday, December 3 (the Tuesday after Thanksgiving and Cyber Monday), you can go to the UC website at www.unitychristian.org for the link that will take you directly to #GIVINGTUESDAY, and make your one-time donation electronically! Safe and secure! No checks to write! Thank you for giving to Unity!

27. **ANNUAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION MEETING:** Tuesday, October 22, 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 22, at 7:00 a.m. in Room 121, at Unity Christian High School, 5900 48th Avenue, Hudsonville, Michigan 49426. For more information or if you plan to attend, please contact Jack Lutke at 662-4011.
28. **UC BUSINESS DIRECTORY:** As a business, organization, and/or a parent of a Unity Christian High School student you support Unity—either through event or scholarship 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:

- The correct listing of the business/organization name, address & phone
- Website information
- The contact name
- The category or type of business

29. **REVIVE: It's Nifty Being Nine!** Revive celebrates its 9th Anniversary in October! Wow! God continues to bless Revive with record-breaking sales numbers, abundant donations, and more shoppers every year.

Help Revive celebrate 9 years September 30 – October 5 by enjoying almost the **ENTIRE STORE ON SALE every day!** Plus enter to **win \$90** to Revive!

Monday – 9% off *most EVERYTHING* in the store!

Tuesday – 19% off *most EVERYTHING* in the store!

Wednesday – 29% off *most EVERYTHING* in the store!

Thursday – 39% off *most EVERYTHING* in the store!

Friday – 39% off *most EVERYTHING* in the store!

Saturday – 59% off *most EVERYTHING* in the store!

(some exclusions may apply)

Check Revive's website for more October sales information, including sales on Books & Media, Records and Musical Items, Fall Décor & Costumes, and Housewares!
www.ReviveResale.org

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

31. **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **Jenison Christian School** will have its annual Fall Arts & Crafts Fest on Saturday, November 2, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (7726 Graceland Drive, Jenison). Admission is free. Lunch will be available. For more information, visit our www.jenisonchristian.org “Support JCS” or email craftshow@jenisonchristian.org.

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

October 1	Choir Concert, 8:00 p.m., Fair Haven Ministries
October 2	Late Start – 8:25 a.m.
October 3	Choir Concert, 7:30 p.m., Fair Haven Ministries
October 7, 10	Parent/Teacher Conferences, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
October 11	Parent/Teacher Conferences, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. – Early Dismissal
October 16	Israel Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
October 24-25	CEA Convention – No School
November 6	Israel Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
November 11	Veteran’s Day Assembly, 9:30 a.m.
November 15	Blood Drive
Nov. 21-23	<i>Tuck Everlasting</i> , Hudsonville High School Fine Arts Auditorium, 7:00 p.m. Thursday & Friday, 5:00 p.m. Saturday
November 23	Holiday Parade – Bands
November 27	Yearbook Signing Party, 2:30 – 3:15 p.m.
November 28, 29	Thanksgiving Break – no school
December 2	Band Concert, 7:30 p.m., Unity’s Gym
December 4	Late Start – 8:25 a.m.
December 9	Choir Concert, 7:30 p.m., Fair Haven Ministries
December 16	Orchestra Concert, 7:30 p.m., Fair Haven Ministries
December 18, 19, 20	Finals
December 21 – Jan. 5	Christmas Break