



# UNITY... FAITH, EXCELLENCE, SERVICE

## HOME BULLETIN

November 2, 2020

1. **THANKSGIVING BREAK – CALENDAR CHANGE:** Please note that there is no school Wednesday, November 25 through Friday, November 27.

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

➤ Early Release Fridays for Hudsonville Public:

November 13      February 5      April 23  
January 15      March 5

On these dates:

- AM busing from UCHS and Hudsonville will run as normal
- In PM, UCHS will provide Bus #03 for students who ride south and east of school; Bus #04 for students who ride north and west of school.

Unity buses will run as normal.

3. **FINALS SCHEDULE FOR FIRST SEMESTER:**

Time of Final	Mon., Dec. 21	Tue., Dec. 22	Wed, Dec. 23
(7:50) 7:55 – 8:55 (*9:10)	1 <sup>st</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
(9:10) 9:15 – 10:15 (*10:30)	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>
(10:30) 10:35–11:35 (*11:50)	8 <sup>th</sup>	---	---
Buses will leave Unity at:	12 noon	10:40 a.m.	10:40 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 Monday, he/she may make arrangements with the teacher to take a final on Tuesday or Wednesday.
- 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.

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4. **SCHOOL CLOSINGS OR DELAYS WILL BE ANNOUNCED THROUGH GRAIL:**  
(Grand Rapids Area Information Line Network). Closings and delays are posted to GRAIL by 6:00 a.m. We rely on the stations to broadcast the information to you and put it on their "School Closings" website page.
5. **SENIOR PICTURES:** The deadline for senior pictures for the 2020-21 yearbook is Tuesday, December 1. We would prefer pictures be sent to us digitally in jpeg format ([ucyearbook@unitychristian.org](mailto: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).
6. **YEARBOOK SIGNING PARTY:** Due to COVID restrictions, there will be no yearbook signing party this year. Current Unity students will receive their yearbook on Tuesday, November 24. If our 2020 graduates have a sibling currently attending Unity, their yearbook will be sent home with the sibling on the 24th.
7. **FINE ARTS UPDATE:** You can view the fall band, orchestra, and choir concerts online at <https://vimeo.com/showcase/7682670>.

**Band:** The Hudsonville Holiday Parade on Saturday, November 23 has been cancelled.

8. **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

◆ **Testing**

- The PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary Scholastic Achievement Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) was given to 115 juniors on October 14. Counselors will be reviewing the results with students in December.
- Please keep the students in your prayers as they make decisions concerning future coursework, college choices, and career options. Pray that each student may sense, hear, and follow God’s plan for their lives.

Important dates:

November	College applications should be submitted by Thanksgiving.
March 1	Financial Aid Forms (FAFSA) filing deadline. FAFSA is now available to file online. The sooner the FAFSA is filed, the sooner students will receive financial aid packages from the colleges they have been admitted to.

- ◆ College Scholarship information is provided to students through the Student Bulletin. As our counselors receive information, they will publish it in the Student Bulletin. The Student Bulletin is read each day at the beginning of 4<sup>th</sup> period, is posted on bulletin boards throughout school, and it

is posted on Unity's website <unitychristian.org> (Click on "News & Events" and then "Student Bulletin").

Contact Mr. Heethuis for scholarship information and application materials. Some other places to begin searching for scholarships are:

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

[www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)

[www.ScholarshipExperts.com](http://www.ScholarshipExperts.com)

[www.studentscholarships.org](http://www.studentscholarships.org)

[www.goingmerry.com](http://www.goingmerry.com)

[www.TuitionFundingSources.com](http://www.TuitionFundingSources.com)

◆ **Scholarship Application Deadlines:**

- November 27 - MHSAA Scholar-Athlete Award – See Mr. Engbers or Mr. Heethuis for Access Code
- December 15 – Burger King Scholars Program
- March 15 - SAE Engineering Scholarships
- January 22 – Trinity Christian College Founders Scholarship
- January 31 - Lake Michigan Credit Union Hutt Scholarship
- February 1 – Hugh and Eve Meeter Calvinism Award (Scholarship)
- February 2 – University of Michigan – CLUB Grand Rapids Scholarship

◆ **College representatives** regularly visit Unity. Students can sign up to meet with them. These college representatives provide good college information as well as information specific to their school. The college representatives at Unity are announced in the Student Bulletin.

◆ **Beware of ACT/SAT Study Help Scams and Student Recognition.**

- Unity parents have received calls from 1-800-SERVICE type numbers. The caller says something like, "Your son/daughter has requested study helps..." They want your order and credit card number. Parents beware!

PSAT/SAT, and ACT tests and study helps are available from our counselors.

- **Student Recognition:** We occasionally receive questions about contests designed to select an outstanding student and about programs that seek to recognize outstanding students through a listing in a publication.

The National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) concludes that, "most programs of either type are commercial in nature; the primary purpose is to enrich the sponsor at the expense of students or their parents." The NASSP, therefore, "**advises against nominating students either for pageants or for listing in award publications.**"

9. **COACHING OPPORTUNITIES:** Unity Christian has coaching vacancies for the following sports: **9<sup>th</sup> Grade Baseball 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](mailto:jengbers@unitychristian.org).

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

10. **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, 2020 OR a physical dated after April 15, 2019 along with the MHSAA 2020/2021 Sports Health Questionnaire found at this [link](#). They also need to complete all CRU card requirements listed below.

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

November 2	Hockey (cooperative program with Hudsonville H. S.)
November 9	Girls Basketball
November 16	Boys Basketball, Boys/Girls Bowling, Wrestling
November 23	Boys Swimming (cooperative program with Hudsonville H.S.)

Stay tuned for more information regarding any changes due to COVID-19. As of now all winter sports are on as scheduled.

11. **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.

- A physical turned in to the office dated after April 15, 2020 OR a physical dated after April 15, 2019 along with the MHSAA 2020/2021 Sports Health Questionnaire found at this [link](#). The actual sports physical form is 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. If your student missed the ImPACT testing we held in October, please contact the athletic office as soon as possible.
- 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.

12. **MHSAA RECENT UPDATES ON WINTER SPORTS:**

- There will be no scrimmages in winter sports
- Only 4 teams allowed at one site in wrestling
- No more than 72 competitors at a site in bowling
- All winter sports will begin with a 2-spectator-per-participant limitation (flexibility will exist for participants with parents/guardians in excess of two individuals)
- Current MDHHS guidance requires face coverings for athletes in basketball, ice hockey and wrestling at all times. Face coverings are optional for athletes in active participation in bowling, but would be required at all other times when not involved in active participation.

13. **WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULING UPDATE**

- Winter sports schedules are currently being adjusted to fit with the above requirements. Stay tuned for more information.
- The OK Blue basketball schedule will have all levels of boys and girls playing at opposite sites on Tuesdays and Fridays. Final changes are currently being made.

14. **FALL SPORTS UPDATE (as of 11/1/20)**

Cross Country	Boys	Runner up at Wayland Invite. Gavin VanSolkema, Hank Kooyer, and Braedon Veurink advanced to Regional meet on October 31. Gavin VanSolkema qualified for State finals on November 7. <i><u>All Conference</u> – Gavin VanSolkema</i>
	Girls	Jessie Postma and Hannah Palmbos advanced to Regional meet on October 31.
Football	Varsity	7-0 OK Blue Conference Champions
	JV	<i><u>All Conference</u> – Will be announced next month</i>
	Freshmen	0-6
Golf – Girls	Varsity	4-1 (duos) <i><u>All Conference</u> – Joy Hess, Klaire Goebel</i>
	JV	5-1 (duos) <i><u>Honorable Mention All Conference</u> – Brooke Bruursema</i>
Soccer – Boys	Varsity	8-5-3 <i><u>All Conference</u> – Will be announced next month</i>
	JV	7-3-3
Swimming – Girls		3-5 Conference swim meet coming up on 11/6-7
Tennis – Boys	Varsity	22-2-3 Team finished as runner up at MHSAA State Finals!
	JV	12-1 <i><u>All Conference</u> – Ryan Broek, Kaden Dykstra, Brendan Bremer, Jack Christian</i> <i><u>MHSTeCA Div. 4 Team Academic All State</u></i> <i><u>MHSTeCA Academic All State</u> – Austin Widner, Jack Christian</i>
Volleyball	Varsity	18-8 Tied for 3 <sup>rd</sup> in OK Blue Conference
	JV	16-8 <i><u>All Conference</u> – Will be announced next month</i>
	Freshmen	16-6

### **Winter Coaches**

Varsity Boys Basketball: Scott Soodsma  
JV Boys Basketball: Ron Blouw  
Freshman Boys Basketball: Doug VanderPloeg

Varsity Girls Basketball: Bill Postma  
JV Girls Basketball: Josh Tubergen  
Freshman Girls Basketball: Mitch VanKoevering

Wrestling: Greg Leatherman

Boys and Girls Bowling: Todd Jeurink

15. **The ANNUAL 'SADERFEST** was held on October 28. We are very grateful for all the support and funds raised by our athletes. Pledges from this event totaled \$56,000! We also thank our event sponsors for their support – Coit Gravel Co., Redstone Builders, Dykema Excavators, and Western Michigan Fleet Parts. Thank you to all donors for your generosity!

16. **SENIOR PARENTS AND ALL UCHS FAMILIES:**

Key Cards! Key Card sales are open from now until December 31, 2020. We have a Dining Card for \$20 and a CarCare card for \$10. All sales will be made online. Please visit [www.KeyCardDeals.com](http://www.KeyCardDeals.com) and enter the UCHS Senior All-Nighter code 1001 when you make your order. Please also submit a name of a Senior so they can receive credit for the sale. All orders will be mailed to you directly from KeyCard. Prizes will go out to Seniors for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place sales!!

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 2021 Senior All-Nighter. Start saving now!

4. **#GIVINGTUESDAY:** Looking for an easy way to give to Unity? The “Give Now” button on our website ([www.unitychristian.org](http://www.unitychristian.org)) on December 1 will take you directly to our giving website to support Unity Christian on #GivingTuesday. Any gift amount given on #GivingTuesday will enter you into a drawing to win a \$100 VISA gift card that our student council will draw on December 2. Safe and secure! No checks to write! Thank you for giving to Unity!

17. **AMAZONSMILE:** Support Unity every time you shop Amazon.com. AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Unity, at no cost to you. When you do your shopping at AmazonSmile, Amazon donates .5% of the purchase price to Unity. Bookmark the link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-1443397> and support us every time you shop!

18. **MOMS IN PRAYER:** God’s power is unleashed through our prayers! We live in a culture that seeks to blind our children to the reality of God’s love for them. Praying with other moms for our children and their school breaks through these barriers, impacting and transforming them for Christ. Moms in Prayer meets at Unity on Mondays 1:30–2:30 p.m. and Fridays 7:30–8:30 a.m. You are welcome to join other moms in simple, conversational prayer based on God’s Word for your children and UC staff and teachers.

19. **REVIVE: Fall is Fun at *revive!***

November 5-7: Christmas Spectacular!

- *revive* has all you need to “deck your halls!” Get first pick of Christmas trees and Christmas floral arrangements, Holiday sweaters, and plenty of Christmas décor!
- Plus, receive **50% off Furniture!**
- And **50% off Jewelry!**
- Get a **FREE poinsettia** if you spend \$25!
- And receive a COUPON for the following week (Nov. 9-14) for **25% off your entire purchase** when you spend \$25!

Wednesday, November 11: Veterans Day Sale

- Every shopper receives 11% off their entire purchase.
- Veterans, Active Military, and Senior Citizens receive an additional 10% off all day!

November 16-21: Bargain Hunter’s Sale

- All Adult Bottoms (jeans, pants, skirts, capris, pjs) for **ONLY \$1** in our “Buck a Bottom” Sale.
- Plus **50% off Housewares**, including dishes, kitchenware, and any household item that is useful. (Excludes Home Décor – anything used to decorate your home)

November 23-25, 27-28: Black Friday Sales all Week Long!

- Check *revive*’s Facebook page or website ([www.reviveresale.org](http://www.reviveresale.org)) for more details as the date approaches!
- *revive* will be CLOSED Thanksgiving Day.
- *We wish to express our gratitude for all of you in the Unity community. Thank you for supporting revive through your shopping, donating, volunteering, and help of all kinds. And for hanging in there with us as we navigate together all that COVID-19 has brought into our lives. Praying you stay safe and have a Blessed Thanksgiving season!*

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

21. **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:**




- Harbor House Ministries needs people to help care for men and women with complex needs. We support each person in all aspects of life; physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Must be 18 years old with high school diploma or equivalent. Paid training is provided. Please contact [jmesman@harborhouseministries.org](mailto:jmesman@harborhouseministries.org) or contact the office at 616.797.9920. Or see our website [www.harborhouseministries.org](http://www.harborhouseministries.org) for more information.

22. **CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, and JANUARY:**

November 20	Blood Drive
November 25, 26, 27	Thanksgiving Break – no school
December 9	PENDING: Band Concert, 7:30 p.m., Unity’s Gym
December 11	Early Dismissal/Teacher In-service
December 14	PENDING: Orchestra Concert, 7:30 p.m., Unity’s Gym
December 15	PENDING: Choir Concert, 7:30 p.m., Hudsonville Public School
December 16	Adams Park Christmas Party
December 21, 22, 23	Finals
Dec. 24 – Jan. 6	Christmas Vacation
January 9	PENDING: Winter Dance, 6:30 p.m. punch bowl; 7:00 p.m. dinner; 10:30 p.m. end, Pinnacle Center
January 29	Blood Drive
January 25, 27	New Student Nights, 7:00 p.m.
February 1, 3, 8, 10	New Student Nights, 7:00 p.m.



# NOV 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>01</b>	<b>02</b> Little Caesar's Breadsticks \$2.50	<b>03</b> Farmhouse Wraps \$2.50	<b>04</b> Pasta with Red Sauce and Garlic Bread \$2.50	<b>05</b> Chick-Fil-A Sandwiches or Grilled Nuggets \$4.00	<b>06</b> DJ's Pizza Pepperoni or Ham 2 slices for \$4.25	<b>07</b>
<b>08</b>	<b>09</b> Little Caesar's Breadsticks \$2.50	<b>10</b> Subway \$3.50	<b>11</b> McDonald's Cheeseburger Happy Meals \$4.00	<b>12</b> Chick-Fil-A Sandwiches or Grilled Nuggets \$4.00	<b>13</b> DJ's Pizza Pepperoni or Ham 2 slices for \$4.25	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Little Caesar's Breadsticks \$2.50	<b>17</b> Farmhouse Wraps \$2.50	<b>18</b> Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup and Roll \$2.50	<b>19</b> Chick-Fil-A Sandwiches or Grilled Nuggets \$4.00	<b>20</b> DJ's Pizza Pepperoni or Ham 2 slices for \$4.25	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> DJ's Breadsticks \$2.50	<b>24</b> Little Caesar's Pizza Ham or Pepperoni 2 slices/\$3	<b>25</b> Thanksgiving Break 	<b>26</b> Thanksgiving Break 	<b>27</b> Thanksgiving Break 	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Little Caesar's Breadsticks \$2.50					

Available Daily:  
 Hot Dogs \$1.50\*  
 Fries \$1.50\*  
 Garden Salad \$1.50  
 Caesar Salad \$1.50  
 Hot Pockets \$2.00

Uncrustables \$1.00  
 Breakfast Sandwiches \$2.00  
 Candy 25¢ to \$1.50  
 Pop: \$1.75  
 ICEE's \$1.75

(\*not available Fridays)