

# The Knight Light

Unity Christian School  
Comprehensive Christian Education  
Day Care, Preschool, Elementary, Junior & Senior High



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## Hopeful 2019

Only ten days into the New Year and it has already been an eventful winter. As far as weather, we had winter in November, fall in December and spring followed by the return of winter in January. Our community has also suffered tragedy with the death of a Clinton firefighter and the critical injury of another. It is difficult to know what to do when we see things like this on the news and/or in our own backyards. As Christians, we lift the Hosette and Cain families up in prayer. We also want to instill the hope that we have due to the love of Jesus as we seek to love our neighbors.

At this point in the year, it might be too late to talk about resolutions as many of the forgotten statistics may have already come true. The thought process behind resolutions can be good as long as they aren't something that we plan to abandon in a month. For those that have set some goals, I would encourage you to talk to people about them if you have set them to add some accountability (greatly increasing your likelihood of following through with your goals). I have recently heard some talking about resolutions with the following recommendations: Don't make them purely selfish. You may want to have several resolutions and it may be helpful to divide them into categories, like:

-one physical goal like I will exercise x times per week (the health teacher/personal trainer in me has to say don't make this a selfish goal about numbers on a scale or clothing sizes – instead make it a number of workouts, time, distance, amount of vegetable consumptions or if you are number-focused, make it about blood pressure or resting heart rate.)

-one mental goal that typically has to do with management of time or money – what you will spend more time doing, and what you are going to spend less time doing to provide opportunity for the first thing. A new year seems like a good time to prioritize.

-one spiritual goal – perhaps you want to read through the Bible in a year, go on a mission trip, or increase the boldness of your witness or pray with a prayer partner daily.

As we reflect on the year that we have had in 2018 we have many reasons to have both joy and hope. It is also important for us to make sure we do not quickly lose sight of Christmas. When the winter is darkest, we have reason to celebrate. When our souls were darkened with sin, baby Jesus was sent into the world to redeem us. We cannot reflect on this too often. Even in the darkness of winter or heartache...all the time, God is good.

-Chris Pluister



## Calendar for the next few weeks:

Thursday (10<sup>th</sup>) – 11:45 TRIP at Bargain Bonanza

Friday (11<sup>th</sup>) – Report cards will be sent home with K-12 students

5/6 Swim for PE

5:00 HSGBB @ Galesburg

6:30 HSBBB @ Galesburg

Saturday (12<sup>th</sup>) – 9:00 – 10:30 Little Hoops

HSBBB at Manny's Shootout

Monday (14<sup>th</sup>) – 3:30 JHGBB pictures

5:00 HSGBB vs. Faith here (concessions: Bickelhaupt, Williams, Wicklund, Beasley)

6:30 HSBBB vs. Faith here

**This is Parents' Night for boys' & girls' high school teams. Parents will be introduced between the games.**

Wednesday (16<sup>th</sup>) – 8:20 Elementary chapel

9:38 HS chapel

Thursday (17<sup>th</sup>) – TRIP at Bargain Bonanza

Friday (18<sup>th</sup>) – 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grades swim for P.E.

5:00 HSGBB at Quad Cities Christian

6:30 HSBBB at Quad Cities Christian

Saturday (19<sup>th</sup>) – 9:00-10:30 Little Hoops

## **HOMECOMING WEEK**

Monday (21<sup>st</sup>) – No school (MLK Day)

Tuesday (22<sup>nd</sup>) – 4:00 HS Scholastic Bowl vs. Amboy here (spectators are welcome)

6:00 JHGBB vs. Faith here (concessions: Tegeler, Wauford, Wilbur)

Wednesday (23<sup>rd</sup>) – 8:20 Elementary chapel

3:15-4:00 Spelling Bee practice (for finalists and alternates in grades 5-8)

Thursday (24<sup>th</sup>) – 11:45 TRIP at Bargain Bonanza

4:30 JHGBB at Trinity

Friday (25<sup>th</sup>) – 2:00 Pep rally in the gym

Homecoming games

5:00 HSGBB vs. Morningstar here (concessions: Appel, Wilbur, Steinhauer, VanderEide)

6:30 HSBBB vs. Morningstar here

Little Hoops will play

Saturday (26<sup>th</sup>) – 9:00-10:30 Little Hoops

## Menu for next few weeks:

Monday (14<sup>th</sup>) – K-6: Tuna & noodles, peas, fruit, milk

7-12: Tuna & noodles, roll, peas, fruit, milk

Tuesday (15<sup>th</sup>) – K-6: Chicken patty, carrots, fruit, milk

7-12: Chicken patty, carrots, fruit, milk

Wednesday (16<sup>th</sup>) – K-6: Hawaiian chicken wrap, broccoli, fruit, milk

7-12: Hawaiian chicken wrap, broccoli, fruit, milk

Thursday (17<sup>th</sup>) – K-6: Taco in a bag, refried beans, corn, fruit, milk

7-12: Taco in a bag, refried beans, corn, fruit, milk

Friday (18<sup>th</sup>) – K-6: Pulled pork, green beans, fruit, milk

7-12: Pulled pork, green beans, fruit, milk

Monday (21<sup>st</sup>) – No School

Tuesday (22<sup>nd</sup>) – K-6: White chicken chili, roll, fruit, milk

7-12: White chicken chili, roll, fruit, milk

Wednesday (23<sup>rd</sup>) – K-6: Tator tot casserole, green beans, roll, fruit, milk

7-12: Tator tot casserole, green beans, roll, fruit, milk

Thursday (24<sup>th</sup>) – K-6: Oven roasted chicken, potato wedge, roll, fruit, milk

7-12: Oven roasted chicken, potato wedge, roll, fruit, milk

Friday (25<sup>th</sup>) – K-6: Hot dog, carrots, fruit, milk

7-12: Hot dog, carrots, fruit, milk

## **Sympathy**

We express our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Custer on the recent passing of her aunt as well as the rest of the family that is experiencing much hardship related to the failing health of Paula's brother.

## **Thank You**

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the kindness and help our Unity Family has showered on us while Annette has been recovering from her broken wrist! Your prayers and thoughtfulness have been a huge blessing from our Lord!

In Christ, the Eslick Family

## **Spelling Bee**

Class spelling bees are taking place this week and next. Spelling Bee practices will be held on January 23 and 30 from 3:15-4:00 with Mrs. Behr for the 3 students and 1 alternate from each grade 5-8 that will move on to the school spelling bee on February 6.

## **Homecoming Week Nears**

**Jan. 22 – 25**

The student council is planning some fun activities for Homecoming week. Our theme this year is based on "The Wizard of Oz" with the theme "There's no place like Homecoming!" A pep rally will be held for K-12 students and Unity fans on Friday, the 25<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00. You are welcome to attend. Our Knights will take on Morningstar Academy at 5:00 and 6:30. Little Hoops will play that evening as well. We will have t-shirts for sale- more information to come.

## **Retro Uniforms for Sale**

The athletic boosters will be selling retro Unity gear for \$1. This is a great time to get some old unity attire to wear for Homecoming or to get that jersey you wore long ago. We will be selling items on Monday, January 14, at the HSGBBB game, Tuesday January 22, at the JHGBB game and Wednesday the 23rd at school. Please help the boosters clear some needed space in our uniform closet and dress at Unity's #1 fan as well!

## **Sophomore Fundraiser**

The sophomore class will be selling gourmet cupcakes from Scratch Cupcakery from Jan. 21 – Feb. 8 with delivery on Feb. 28. You may have seen their pink food truck at locations during the summer months. Cupcakes are sold in 6-packs and come frozen. There will be 20 flavors to choose from at price points between \$15-20. They also offer a vegan option and a gluten free option! We will have a group fundraising webpage available once our selling session begins or you may order from Mrs. Haas or any member of the sophomore class.

## **Alumni / Faculty Game Set**

The annual Alumni / Faculty game and cake auction will be held on Thursday, February 28. Mark your calendars. Little Hoops will also play that evening.

## **Help Wanted**

The Bargain Bonanza Board of Directors is looking for a person to work part time in the store. The hours are flexible but will typically be 9:00 to 4:00 and two to three days a week. This is an exciting time at Bargain Bonanza as God is blessing us in many areas. If you are interested in working for a store that is run with Christian Values and supports Unity Christian School, please contact Roy Wilson at 563-503-2727 for an application and job description. You may also stop by the store and contact our Manager, Connie Shannon.

## **Calendars Available**

If you forgot to order a 2019 Unity calendar but would like one, we do have a few extras. The cost has been reduced to \$10.00 each. This is a fundraiser for the freshman class. Thank you for your support!

## **Auction Space Needed**

We are looking for a space where auction items can be stored. It needs to be secure and accessible by auction committee any time day or night. If you have any ideas, call Korri at 815-589-4196. Thank you!

## School Cancellations, Late Start, Early Dismissal

We have already had our first snow day. If you are wondering about the possibility of school cancelling, late start, or early dismissal, there are several options for you. You may check your TV – Channels 4, 6, or 8; check our website ([www.unitychristian.com](http://www.unitychristian.com)), listen to local radio stations, or sign up online for [rainedout.com](http://rainedout.com) (see instructions below).

**In order to receive text or email alerts when Unity is closed, opening late or closing early, you must follow the steps below:**

Option 1: Go online to [www.rainedout.com](http://www.rainedout.com)

Type 'Unity Christian School' in the Search Term box and select 'Christianity' (under Religious) in the Category drop down menu. Then click search and you should see Unity Christian School.

Option 2: If you want to be added via smart phone: Text UNITYSCHOOL to **84483** to receive alerts from **Unity**.

It is the desire of every member of Unity's faculty, staff and administration to serve Christ as King. You can help. Please pray for us daily as we pray for you. Encourage us as we encourage you. And, as in every other part of life, problems occur. Please let us know how we can help. Talk to your teacher, staff member and principal when problems or concerns arise. Thank you.

### Administrative Emails

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## Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, Jan. 29 – Early dismissal; P.M. In-service

February 6 - Spelling Bee

February 11 - Blood Drive

Thurs., Feb. 28 – Kindergarten Round-up

Thurs., Feb. 28 – Alumni / Faculty Game & Cake Auction



The Junior High Science classes had fun learning about genetics as they used Punnett squares to determine the characteristics of their potatoes.