

The Knight Light

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



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Tell your Friends

Here we are in the middle of May. The winter that would not end is now behind us and the end of the school year is right in front of us. The month of May now brings warmer weather, and events and memories like the national day of prayer, dramas, association meeting, graduations, open house and Dutch days. We will have our open house tomorrow. Word of mouth is still our best form of advertisement, even in this digital age, but that is not exclusively what I would like to encourage you to tell your friends about. Throughout this school year, our focus has been on hope – the hope we have in Jesus Christ. This month we are not shifting away from hope, but rather emphasizing the need we have to go out and share the reason for the hope that we have.

Where have you placed your hope? Do we have hope in our possessions, our finances, or our children? If so, we may be disappointed. Only hope that is found in Jesus Christ is an anchor for our soul. Our hope is not in our military. Our hope is not in a new building. Our hope is not found in test scores. None of these things is innately bad unless they distract us from the reason for our hope. A word that comes to mind when it comes to sharing the reason for the hope that we have is witnessing. To witness simply to share the things that you know. After healing a demon-possessed man, Jesus tells the man to, "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how He has had mercy on you." (Mark 5:19) That is all we have to do. Just tell someone what Jesus has done for you. For those who are in Christ, it should be easy to share what Christ has done for you, because no matter what else may happen in our lives we have a Savior who loves us enough to die for us and save us from our sins. All the time God is good.

-Chris Pluister



New Building Update:

In October of 2018, the school board voted to begin building a new campus in Clinton, IA. After installing drain tile and getting the building site to grade, the weather in November prevented further progress without incurring more additional expense than the school board was willing to incur. This resulted in the builders needing to wait until the spring to resume building. A preliminary draft of Unity's 2019-2020 calendar was drafted with the desire to move into the new building during an extended spring break in April of 2020. As of this week, due to the continued rain, the ground is still too wet to pour the foundation of the building. The school board has not stopped the building project, but the weather delay has caused a decision to postpone the completion date. The current plan is no longer to move into the new building during the 2019-2020 school year; the target is now to move in during the summer of 2020.



Calendar for the next two weeks:

Thursday (16th) – 6th grade orientation

11:45 TRIP at Bargain Bonanza

11:25,30 Dismiss

P.M. Teacher in-service

Friday (17th) – 2:00 – 7:00 Open House

Tuesday (21st) – 4-6:00 Registration (Pay registration and turn in paperwork if it hasn't been done yet)

6:30 HS Academic Awards

Wednesday (22nd) – 8:20 Elementary chapel

Thursday (23rd) – 11:45 TRIP at Bargain Bonanza

6:30 Pops Concert – Don't miss this last concert of the year!

Friday (24th) – 6:30 Unity Night at the Ball Park

Monday (27th) – Memorial Day – no school

Tuesday (28th) – K-2 field trip

Wednesday (29th) – High school exams

8:20 Elementary chapel

7 & 8 class trip

3 & 4 field trip

Thursday (30th) – High school exams

11:45 TRIP at Bargain Bonanza

6:30 8th Grade Honors Night

Friday (31st) – Last day of school

11:25, 11:30 Dismiss

7:00 High School Graduation

Saturday (1st) – Boosters' Golf Outing

Menu for next two weeks:

Monday (20th) – K-6: Kindergarten menu – Chicken nuggets, fries, slush cup, milk

7-12: Kindergarten menu – Chicken nuggets, fries, fruit, milk

Tuesday (21st) – K-6: Shrimp poppers, breadstick, broccoli, fruit, milk

7-12: Shrimp poppers, breadstick, broccoli, fruit, milk

Wednesday (22nd) – K-6: Sloppy joe, Baked Lays, fruit, milk

7-12: Sloppy joe, Baked Lays, fruit, milk

Thursday (23rd) – K-6: Hot dog, baked beans, fruit, milk

7-12: Hot dog, baked beans, fruit, milk

Friday (24th) – K-6: Hot ham & cheese, carrots, fruit, milk

7-12: Hot ham & cheese, carrots, fruit, milk

Monday (27th) – Memorial Day – no school

Tuesday (28th) – K-6: Sophomore menu – Stuffed crust cheese pizza, breadstick, smiley fries, fruit, milk

7-12: Sophomore menu – Stuffed crust cheese pizza, breadstick, smiley fries, fruit, milk

Wednesday (29th) – K-6: Cooks' choice

7-12: Cooks' choice

Thursday (30th) – K-6: Chef's salad, breadstick, fruit, milk

7-12: Chef's salad, breadstick, fruit, milk

Friday (31st) – No lunch – last day!

A Huge Thank You!

Thank you to all who contributed to Student Council's recent Penny Wars. The junior class won the war with the most points AND the most money! Altogether we brought in \$516.73 to send to Wigs for Kids. Thank you for being such a blessing to some kids who are in need of a wig.

Reminder to Parents and Students in High School

All high school students are required to complete service hours each year. Freshmen must have 5, sophomores need 10, and juniors and seniors need 15 hours. They need to be completed by May 15. Report cards will be held at the end of the year if they are not completed. Seniors who still owe service hours will not receive a diploma until all hours are completed. Forms are available in the office.

For Parents of Students in Kindergarten, 2nd, and 6th Grades

This is a reminder that you need to turn in a Dental Exam form before the end of the school year. Parents of kindergarteners also need to turn in a Vision Exam form before the end of the year. Thank you!

Job Openings for Next Year

- **Cook** –We are looking to add another member to our kitchen staff
- **Half-time 4th grade teacher** – As our elementary enrollment has increased, the school board has decided to separate 3rd and 4th grade in the morning which will allow us to serve our families more effectively.
- **Administrator** – This is a new position to join the administrative team in an attempt to fill in some of the gaps in marketing, promotions, facilities and transition planning while Mr. Pluister focuses on Truth in working with parents, students, and teachers. This position is being funded by the blessing of a private donation and will not be funded by tuition dollars for the 2019-20 school year. This individual needs to love Christ and Christian Education.
- **Elementary Music teacher** – we are seeking a part-time music teacher for Elementary.
- **Full-time High school Math Teacher** – Tim Wessels has announced that he will be moving from the area to support his wife, Laura, who is embarking on a new career.

Birdies for Charity

Birdies for Charity is an easy fundraiser that will give you a start on your 2019-20 HEART obligation. Participants only need to make a one-time flat donation or pledge one or more cents per birdie made at the John Deere Classic tournament. The foundation will bill all participants so there is no need for you to collect money. In addition to the pledges received, the JDC will match a minimum of 5%. There are forms available in the office. Completed forms need to be turned in at the office by June 5. If you have any questions, call or text Eric (618-447-2046) or Tiffani (618-447-2043).

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 9:00-4:00 and three to four 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, stop by the store and pick up an application or contact Roy Wilson at 563-503-2727 for an application and job description.

Looking for an Auction Coordinator

Could this be you? We are looking for someone to work in conjunction with a Live Auction coordinator and a Silent Auction coordinator for our auction next year. Please contact Korri Marcum if you are interested or have questions (563-357-8308).

Sign up for the Golf Outing

The Boosters' annual golf outing will be here before you know it. Get together a team of 4 to participate. The cost is \$50 per golfer which includes 18 holes of golf, cart rental, and an opportunity for prizes. Contact the school office to sign up your team. The outing will take place on Saturday, June 1.

Unity Night at the Ball Park

Friday, May 24

Don't miss Unity Night at the Ball Park when you can come and spend the evening with your Unity friends. For only \$4 you may purchase a ticket at the school office for admission to the game. We will also have food tickets for \$4 (hot dog, chips and a 12 oz. drink). Our K-6 students will sing the National Anthem and the first pitch will be thrown out by one of our own students. Make plans now to join in the fun and see Barb to get your tickets before they are gone!

Mark Your Calendar

- Thurs., May 30 – 6:30 8th Honors Night
- Fri., May 31 – Last Day
7:00 HS Graduation
- Sat., June 1 – Boosters' golf tournament
- Wed., June 5 – Birdies for Charity forms due in office
- Fri., June 6 – Report cards picked up

The Unity Family is Cordially Invited

The Class of 2019 would like to invite you to the following graduation celebrations:

- Cecelia Abbott** – Monday, May 27, 10 AM to 1 PM at Church of the Open Door (816 13th Ave. N, Clinton)
- Tyler Appel, Haley & Trevor Bickelhaupt, Joey Woods**- Saturday, June 1, 4-7 PM at Mt. Carroll Farm Bureau (811 Clay, Mount Carroll)
- Caleb Hirl & Zach Wilbur** – Saturday, June 1, 1-4:00 at Journey Church Fellowship Hall (1010 13th Ave. N Clinton – previously known as Evangelical Free Church)
- Makayla Smith** – Saturday, June 1, 11-1:00 in the back/banquet area of Manny's Too in Fulton (305 11th Avenue)

Farewell Open House for Tim Wessels

Please join us in wishing a fond farewell to Tim and Laura Wessels after 28 years of service as a teacher at Unity Christian School. We will be having an Open House for Tim on Saturday, June 22. More details to come.



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**A LIFE
FOCUSED ON
CHRIST**

**EDUCATION
THAT MATTERS**

Unity Christian School
Mission Statement

In covenant with Christian families, Unity teaches the Truth from a Christ-centered perspective for lives of discipleship.



Open House - Friday May 17

2:00 - 7:00 PM

711 10th Street , Fulton, IL

Unity is the only Pre K - 12th grade non-denominational Christian School in the gateway area. If you are interested in learning about a Christ-Centered education, join us at the open house. We'd love to give you some information so you can make an educated decision as to what is best for your family.

Unity Christian School offers a proven curriculum without the restrictions of the government-mandated Common Core.

Jesus is our Common Core and the anchor for our soul!

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