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I would like to begin by acknowledging the new staff and students at UCHS this year. It is never easy to move to a new school or begin a new role and doing so during a global pandemic certainly makes this a unique year for a new start. Welcome to all the grade 7's and other new Warriors! After 2 months it is nice to see everyone settling into the Warrior way and jumping on board. New staff members include EA's Stephanie Keller, Mary Ellen Herzog, Charmaine Kiefer, Kelsie Salewiski, and most recently Zenon Orobko who will be joining us on November 2. New caretakers, David Watt full time and Marvin Barth who has joined the team and will allow us to enhance our cleaning and sanitation practices as he works in the evenings each day between both UPS and our school. Mr. Wood has returned after a year away allowing Ms. Wintonyk to move into the role of Mrs. Nett is away from school as she welcomed a new addition to her family with the birth of her son, Ace, during the summer. We are lucky to have such a strong team at UCHS and thankful for all the newest students and staff members.

The first Block is wrapping up this week and some important dates to keep in mind include the summative deadline prior to report cards, that was on October 27, the final assessment date for Block 1 classes which is October 30, and report cards are scheduled to be published on Friday, November 6 for all classes. Report cards will be available for viewing through the Edsby webpage and are best viewed on a tablet or computer. Trying to view the report card on a phone can present viewing problems due the size and formatting of the document. Another important date to mark on your calendars is SLC night on November 25. This year we will use a virtual format where students will demonstrate access to their Google Classrooms and take guardians on a tour while they reflect on pieces of their work. Teachers will facilitate this conversation and support in some goal setting while students consider areas for growth. Please keep an eye out for more details and information on how to sign up for these conferences.

As we move into Block 2 it is also important to keep our excellent sanitation and safety procedures at the front of mind. Cleaning of hands upon entry to the building and classrooms, mask wearing at all times, with the exception of particular class activities with the teacher's discretion and keeping our distance whenever possible. Guests and visitor restrictions remain in place. If a parent needs to drop something off or pick up a student, they should call the office from their vehicle. As cases of COVID-19 rise in Saskatchewan, we should be aware of the Level 3 response plans across the Province. If cases become a concern in our school community area, we are preparing to move to Level 3 if needed, which would include students attending school only on alternate dates. In consultation with the Living Sky School Division and UPS we will communicate the details of that plan with families in a timely manner if required to move to this level of safety. Throughout the course of the first Block the staff and students have done a marvelous job and we hope to continue in the next Block.

Mr. A. Melnyk, Principal



Mark Your Calendar

October 30—Block 1 Summative Day

November 2—Block 2 Begins

November 6—Report Cards

November 11—Remembrance Day NO SCHOOL

November 16—Early Dismissal at 2:15 p.m.

November 25—Virtual Student-Led Conferences 3:30-9:00 p.m.

November 30—PD Day NO SCHOOL



Important Notes Regarding End of Block 1

Report cards will be published in Edsby on Friday, November 6th. They will be available for viewing on a computer. The mobile app is not able to display the report cards as effectively, so please use a computer to view if possible.

Summative Assessment Deadline (for overdue assessments) was Tuesday, October 27th

Block 1 Assessment Day is Friday, October 30th

Student-Led Conferences will be held virtually on Wednesday, November 25 beginning at 3:30pm. Please watch your email, for more information to come at a later date.

Important
Message

We would like to clarify a few things about our daily attendance

- 1. Notifying the office – When your child is going to be away from school, for any reason other than school-related event (eg. sickness, medical appts, hockey, dance, baseball, Minor football, ect) please call the school at 306.228.2657 to let the office know. Since we have an answering machine, you can call any time and leave a message. Since students have more than one teacher, all attendance is checked through the office.**
- 2. Calls home – If you have not notified the office that your child is going to be away, then an automated call from us to check about his/her absence will be made.**
- 3. Excused or unexcused absences – This does NOT imply a judgment as to how valid the reason was that your child was absent. If you inform us of your child's absence, we will record it as excused. If you do not, it will remain recorded as unexcused.**
- 4. Legal implications – Please keep in mind that we are required, under the Education Act to keep an accurate record of attendance. We appreciate your help with this.**
- 5. Learning Implications – Strong achievement and strong attendance go hand in hand. With new curricula and a clear emphasis on formative assessment, giving students feedback as they work toward their outcomes, is getting more difficult to replace time in class with homework.**



REMINDER

SCHOOL FEES AND FORMS ARE NOW OVERDUE. PLEASE TURN ALL FORMS, HANDED OUT TO YOUR CHILD/ CHILDREN ON THE FIRST DAY, ALONG WITH FEES INTO THE OFFICE ASAP. ALL FEES MUST BE PAID BEFORE REPORT CARDS WILL BE HANDED OUT IN NOVEMBER. PAYMENT OPTIONS AVAILABLE, IF REQUIRED, PLEASE CONTACT THE MAIN OFFICE AT 306-228-2657, FOR MORE INFORMATION.



Edsby has replaced HomeLogic, you should have received an invite via email from Division to setup an account. If you did not receive an email or have any questions regarding this new program please call 306-228-2657.

Parents can check Edsby regularly for attendance records, reporting absences, and viewing student assignment date and grades.

For assistance with logging into Edsby, please visit:

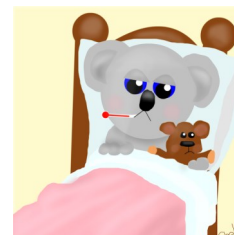
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SICK?
PLEASE STAY HOME.



Remember if your child is sick with one or more of the following symptoms, fever, cough, headache, aches/pains, sore throat, chills, runny nose, nasal congestion, conjunctivitis, dizziness, fatigue, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, loss of appetite, loss of taste/smell, shortness of breath, please keep them home and call 811.

Students need to check their Google Classrooms regularly and especially when absent. Students can add their parents to their accounts as 'guardians' to view materials, updates, and deadlines.



CAT TESTING

In early October, UCHS students in grade 7 and 9 were assessed using the Canadian Achievement Test – 4th edition. The CAT-4 is a standardized assessment that examines individual reading, writing and mathematics. The content is designed to reflect Canadian outcomes and can be connected to Saskatchewan curricula.

Each assessment was independent and represents your child's current academic level of achievement. If you are interested in learning more about your child's results, please call the school or email me to set up an appointment to review the results. Scores should be in by early November.

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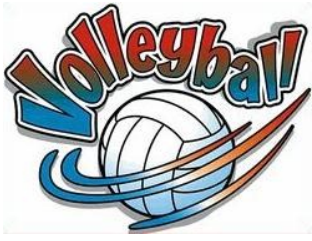
JOB OPPORTUNITY

Are you interested in being more involved at UCHS? Would you like to

help students with unique learning needs? UCHS is looking for substitute educational assistants. If you are interested or would like to learn more about the role, please contact Kyla Snell at 228-2657 or check out "Job Opportunities" on Living Sky's website for the casual EA application package.

SCHOOL PHOTOS HAVE BEEN POSTPONED INDEFINITELY





Junior Girls Volleyball – Mrs. R. Gartner

The focus this season for the Junior Girls Volleyball team will be on skill development to prepare for next year. There will also be an emphasis on fitness and of course having fun. We will be practicing every Monday and Thursday until the end of November. I am looking forward to working with this group of girls.

This year's team members are: Jenessa Bakken, Jade Bast, Camara Brown, Jacelyn Delhommeau, Halle Ducherer, Taylor Ducherer, Jenai Grant, Sydney Greenwald, Jorja Gumpinger, Quinn Halter, Spencer Halter, Kierra Heitt, Avyne McLean, Molly Orobko, and Kasey Parker.



School Clothing and School Jacket Orders

We will be placing UCHS school clothing and jacket orders this year. The forms will be sent out with this newsletter as well as sent home with your student.

Deadline to order school clothing is Wednesday, November 18.

There has been no deadline set yet for the school jackets, we will notify those interested in ordering jackets as soon as we have a date.

School Clothing orders will be back in time for Christmas and our hopes are to also have the jackets here for Christmas as well.

If you are interested in ordering any of the available items, please complete an order form and return to the school office with payment asap.

2020/21 Yearbook

The 2020/21 Yearbook order will be sent out with this newsletter as well as sent home with your student.

Please make sure to clearly mark the total for your order as well as whether you are paying by cheque or cash.

Graduates please ensure if you have selected to have a baby picture published in this years yearbook and/or have it engraved that this is also clearly marked and showing in the total.

Deadline to order 2020/21 yearbooks is Wednesday, November 18, 2020





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October 20, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The safety of our children is of top priority. We, the Living Sky School Division (LSSD), have been collaborating with the Saskatchewan Health Authority and together we work to ensure the health and safety for all staff and students.

This letter is to inform you that the Saskatchewan Health Authority and LSSD work together when situations such as the following arise:

- 10% or more of the school population is away due to illness on a given day.
- A communicable disease has been diagnosed in a staff member or a student. A communicable disease may be (but are not limited to):
 - Chickenpox
 - Measles
 - Mumps
 - Influenza

This letter is intended to serve our community with fair notice that we, as school communities, have a duty to provide demographic information (date of birth, address, name and phone number) to Public Health in the event that the situations above have surfaced. Our goal is to continue to provide a healthy and caring learning environment.

We are pleased to provide, in conjunction with Saskatchewan Health, a safe environment for all of our students and staff.

Sincerely,

Director of Education
Living Sky School Division

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