

# UNITY CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

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REPORTS

## IMPORTANT DATES IN

### OCTOBER

Project Day	Oct. 7
Thanksgiving	Oct. 10*
Grad Photos and Picture Retakes	Oct. 25
Christian Schools Convention (P.A. Days)	Oct 27&28*

\* Denotes No School

# The Inner Loop

The Bi-Weekly Newsletter for Unity Families designed to keep you "In the Loop!"

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## Principal's Conference 2016—Banff



Aaron and Ada Harnden, Andy Crouch, Andy and Annette Cabral ( Andy is Principal at Brampton Christian School)

### A Message from the Principal, Mr. Aaron Harnden

Flourishing...I am left with this word after departing from the bi-annual Christian School's Principal Conference in Banff, Alberta this past week and what that means for our school. As a school, we view each of our students as the bearers of God's image, and as these bearers, it is our desire to see them flourish. As parents and as educators, we want to create the environment and the context which allows them to do so and to provide them with these opportunities. Andy Crouch, the keynote speaker in our conference, argued that flourishing can best be done through institutions and although ( cont'd on next page)



## A Message from the Principal, Continued...

We currently live in a culture of de-institutionalization, the family, the church, and Christian schools are key components in providing the system in which our students can live life abundantly. As difficult as it may be, we strive to take students (our children) from their safety and comfort zones and into a vulnerable position that will stretch their learning and growth. This looks different for each student, yet it is preparing each one of them for their future.

It is important that we strive to maintain and reshape our institutions, and not only for the immediate generation, but for generations to come. I appreciate the work and vision of the founders of our Christian schools and for Unity Christian High School. Within our context, we strive to provide the context for students to flourish. Project-based learning is one such opportunity that students are able to move beyond their comfort zone, think critically, and dive deeper into a topic that has a real-life application, and yet at the same time, enable them to use their abilities and gifts. The end result is a striving for excellence and beautiful work. Our institution provides the means by which students can do this and be provided the opportunity, as image bearer, to flourish.

### Guidance Report for September 29, 2016

The school year is in full swing and guidance counselors are meeting with students about their education plan. Some students may be interested in adding enrichment experiences to their learning outside of school. Waterloo Unlimited is a unique, transdisciplinary high school enrichment program at the University of Waterloo. [Waterloo Unlimited](http://www.unlimited.uwaterloo.ca) brings together curious, motivated, well-rounded teens from across the country. Please visit the website:

[www.unlimited.uwaterloo.ca](http://www.unlimited.uwaterloo.ca)

[Grade 12 | Road Map to Research | November 16 - 18, 2016 | 3-day program](#)

Application Deadline: Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016

[Grade 11 | Theme of "Design" | March 13 - 17, 2017 | 5-day program](#)

Application Deadline: Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016

[Grade 10 | Theme of "Change" | May 14 - 18, 2017 | 5-day program](#)

Application Deadline: Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

**Grade 12 students** considering university, can begin their research at eINFO 2017. Find and compare Ontario university programs, plus get information about residences, scholarships, campus visits and more. eINFO is the only resource that is updated directly by the Ontario universities. Visit [www.electronicinfo.ca](http://www.electronicinfo.ca).

Grade 12 students planning for post-secondary education are invited to visit with representatives who are visiting our school:

Redeemer University College at Unity

Tuesday, October 4 at 9 am.

Lakehead University at Unity

Thursday, October 6 at 1:30 pm.

Trent University, at Unity

Friday, October 14 at 9:30 am

Christian College Fair at Unity:

Emmanuel Bible College, Heritage College & Seminary, Liberty University, and Trinity Western University. Monday, Oct. 17 at lunch time.

Community College Information Fair: Enercare Center at Exhibition Place on Oct. 17 (5 – 9 pm) and Oct. 18 (10 – 3 pm). Explore career options. Meet college staff and faculty.

Visit [www.ocif.ca](http://www.ocif.ca)

If you can't attend the Toronto fair, it is coming to Georgian College on October 27 (12:30 – 2 pm)

University Information Program:

St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School

201 Ashford Dr, Barrie

date: Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>

time: 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

The UIP offered in Barrie includes all 21 Ontario universities. Students can choose to attend 3 individual presentations as well as take a walk along all the other schools and ask questions and gather print material if interested. Parents are also welcome.

An updated list of other visitors coming to Unity in October and November will be available in the next Inner Loop.



# THRIFT SHOP



## DID YOU KNOW??

- There are 6 re-Source Thrift Shops in Ontario-all supporting their local Christian School
- Combined retail experience of the Board of Directors is less than 1 year
- Unsellable clothing items are recycled with the Kidney Foundation
- Canvas grocery bags that are received are forwarded to the Barrie Food Bank to use for their clients
- We had a special needs volunteer that was able to gain employment because of her volunteering with us
- We currently have a Christian Horizons client and her worker that love to volunteer
- You can earn your 40 hours towards your high school diploma with us
- You receive a 30% discount whenever you volunteer
- Proceeds from the re-Source Thrift shop have been directed to Unity as well as two of our feeder schools

*Join us as we continue to serve the Barrie community and raise funds for Christian Education in Simcoe County!*

### Early Progress Reports:

Early progress reports were sent home today with students. Please note that not every student received a report. This report goes home for individual classes for two reasons:

1. Teachers have noted that a student is not performing to task;
2. Teachers have noticed that a student is performing very well;
3. Teachers are recognizing improvement for work.

These forms need to be returned to the office, signed by a parent.

**Aaron Harnden**

*Principal*

### 2015-2016 Yearbook:

Didn't have a chance to buy last year's yearbook? There are still a few remaining copies in the office! If you are interested in purchasing one, please contact Pam at the office. Cost is \$40.00 each—they are well done and of great printing quality!

The Unity 2016-2017 Phone Directory is being sent home tomorrow, Friday, September 30th, please check with your student to ensure you receive one.



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**"He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together" Colossians 1:17**



## UNITY'S PRAYER CORNER

### Please pray for:

**Our Students:** That they would continue to seek and walk in God's plans and purposes for their lives.

**Our Staff:** For wisdom and guidance as they begin a new year and learn the uniqueness of the individual students in the school.

**Our School:** That it would continue to be known in the community for its positive impact in the lives it touches.