

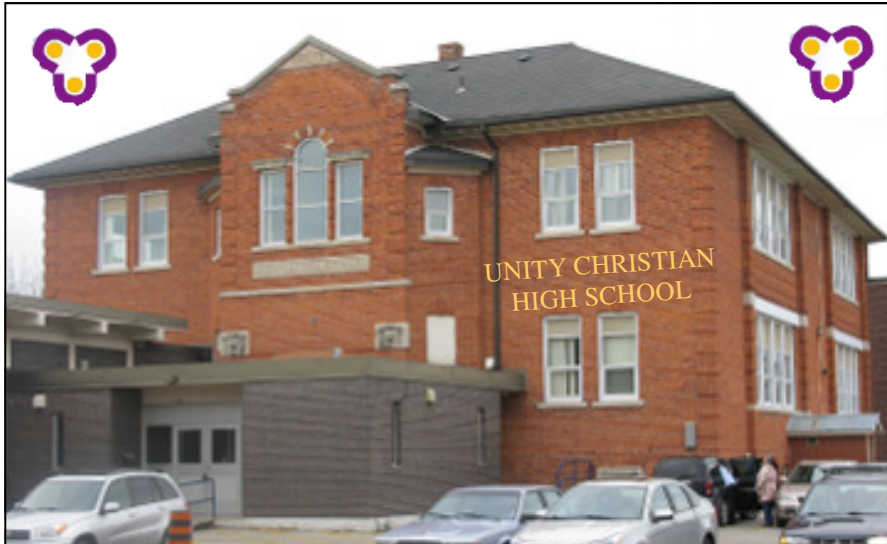
## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Unity Work Days at the New Building
- Board Report
- Unity Fall Golf Tournament
- Internal Review Team Report

## IMPORTANT DATES

Last day to hand in Culminating Activities	June 18
Last day of regular classes	June 18
Work Bee - Floor removal	June 19
Exam Days -	June 21-25
Work Bee and BBQ - Cleaning and wall repairs	June 26
Graduation	June 30
Reports cards mailed out by	July 2

## UNITY READY FOR AUGUST 1ST MOVE!



With your help during the months of June and July, we could have the renovations done for August 1. Please consider spending a Saturday at the new building or sign up for a work crew. See page 2 for details!

## A Message from the Principal, Mr. Peter Bulthuis



### "We May Not Be Big, but We're Small"

These are the words of the inimitable Stuart McLean of *Vinyl Café* fame. Dave and Morley run a record shop and café; McLean shares their triumphs and tragedies with us. The Vinyl Café cannot stock the volume of recordings of, say, a HMV or even the Internet. But it always carries exactly what you need. Surprisingly.

Their delightful little

catch phrase is emblematic of Unity Christian High School. We have just under 80 students; we are only six years old; we do not have the extensive range of courses that other Simcoe County high schools have. But we always carry exactly what you need. Surprisingly. And it offers activities beyond expectations.

Our play sold out three houses this year, and was a critical success; we've been to OFSSA several times already; Unity came in second of all the schools in Barrie

for the collection of E-waste, and received a \$1000.00 cheque from the Rotary club a few weeks ago; Unity came sixth of all the high schools in the Canada for blood donations (as a % of eligible donors), and received a \$200.00 cheque from Canadian Blood Services and was highlighted in the media in the middle of June; Unity hosts about 40+ local elementary students in "Math Olympics"; 84% of our graduates have been...

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**Principals Message continued**

accepted into post-secondary schools; Unity will live in a heritage building like no other in Simcoe County next year; Unity hosts over 50 local elementary students in "Speechfest"; Unity's success rate for the OSSLT is over 90% annually, relative to the provincial average of just over 80%; Unity is based on Paul's words: "For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him." (Col. 1: 16)

As we wind down the year, it is imperative that we recount Unity's blessings. And there have been many. The ones above are just some of the more obvious ones. This doesn't include the young people who have "Ah-ha" moments; teachers who give freely; BOD and committee members who give to the kingdom willingly; parents who bless the school with love and prayer.

Graduation is June 30 at 7:30. Unity would love it if you joined the celebration. The school will again bid farewell to a group of students who are ready to define their new place in the Kingdom.

On behalf of the staff, the board and its committees, I pray a safe summer to each of you: live in joy, in hope and in peace.

(PS: Please be ready to help out with "sweat equity" as we prepare 25 Burton for students' arrival on September 7.)

**Work bee this Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, starting at 8:30 am. We are looking for a few volunteers (10 max) to help remove the floor in the main hall and student commons. It is important for those working to have appropriate foot wear, gloves, pry bars (if possible) and a strong back. Thanks Facilities Committee**



**June 26 Fun work day at Unity North 25 Burton Ave. Come and put a little sweat equity in our new building! We are looking for 50+ volunteers for the day. We will start at 8:30am and we will supply coffee while we figure out which team you will be on for the day. We will also provide a hot lunch and cold drink. Tools you may need to bring are a 4 or 5 inch putty knife, a flat screw driver, a small hammer, pliers, rags and a bucket. A sunny disposition would be a great asset, too. We will be prepping the walls for paint (removing nails and screws, patching the walls, and washing everything). If you can help, please contact the school so we have an idea of how many crews to plan for and how much food to prepare for lunch. Thank you in advance, Facilities Committee**



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## UNITY BOARD REPORT:

Unity's new board held its first meeting on Monday, June 14, 2010. There was a full agenda, but we got through most of it. The following are some highlights of the meeting:

- We bade farewell to John Triemstra and thanked him for his dedicated service on the board over the past 3 years.
- We welcomed our newest members Rennie Stegeman and Kim Selkirk (who unfortunately was unable to attend due to work commitments).
- We elected our new executive
  - a. Enno Meijers - Chair
  - b. Marty Veenstra - Vice Chair
  - c. Paul Francis - Treasurer
  - d. Wilfreda Eisses - Secretary
- We made committee assignments
  - a. Program Committee - Rennie Stegeman, Wilfreda Eisses and Paul VanLoenen
  - b. Transportation - Harry Regeling
  - c. Promotion and Development - Kim Selkirk and Enno Meijers
  - d. Finance - Paul Francis and Enno Meijers
  - e. Contract Partnership - Paul VanLoenen
  - f. Facilities - Mike Huitema, Dale Antonides and Harry Regeling
  - g. Human Resources - Marty Veenstra

- We approved a leave of absence for Kevin VanSchubert who requested a few months time off the board for several professional and personal reasons. We are looking forward to his return in the fall and in the mean time wished him well during the G-20 summit.

- We heard a report from Wilf Kortleve on behalf of the School Evaluation Committee. A synopsis of that report is included in this Loop. We thanked Wilf as well as Jessica Antonides, Carolyn Berg and Peter Bulthuis for their extensive work on this project.

- We continued to monitor closely our fiscal position. We spent some time looking at various scenarios for next year depending on our final enrolment numbers. In the end, we set August 10 as the date upon which we will base our enrolment revenue projections and determine whether they allow us to hire any additional staff.

- We rejoiced at the way so many things seem to be coming together for the new building, and thanked God for all the wonderful and talented people he has set among us to ensure that His will is done.

We are always looking for committee members to share the work and excitement of Unity. If you have any interest in finding out more about any of our committees please contact any board member. Our next meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2010.

## UNITY FALL GOLF TOURNAMENT



Saturday Sept. 25th at Innisbrook  
Early AM start  
Cost \$100.00

Includes 18 holes, cart, lunch

We are also looking for hole sponsors  
\$100.00 gets your company name  
advertised at a hole.

Donations of prizes would also be  
greatly appreciated!

## INTERNAL REVIEW TEAM REPORT SUMMARY

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We as the internal review team have wrapped up step three of the seven-step process as laid out in the Progressive Assessment Framework for Secondary Schools (PAFSS). We started in October of 2009 and have completed our work this past May. Our team reviewed the survey results from last fall, interviewing committee chair personnel and gathering information on ten predetermined norms as set out by the OACS PAFSS. All Christian schools should have a clear purpose expressed in their vision and mission statements, effective governance at board level, leadership in administration and professional competence in the delivery of educational services. Christian school improvement therefore requires a constant internal reflection on these critical aspects of school organization by the board, staff, students, parents/guardians, and supporting community. This work creates a system of accountability, transparency and positive change for the future of Unity. The information we have gathered is now in the hands of the Board. It is suggested that the Board be given two years (June 2012) to have acted on the recommendations of our committee and the Board appoint two members to oversee the process of fulfilling our recommendations with a one year check-up date (June 2011). Through our information gathering, we have found that we do many things well here at Unity and we can improve on some other areas.

We examined school governance, which encompassed constitutional issues, Board meetings and job descriptions. We looked at the vision of the school. Mission statements, strategic planning and Christian character at the school were included in this area. Our third area of research was school administration, which included appointment of qualified Christian administrators, student admission policies and academic placement. Information from finances was compiled, but as a result of timing issues, this norm, which includes some of the areas pertaining to the preparation of year end financial statements, contract and benefit packages as well as membership fees, should be revisited. Next, we looked at the curriculum involving the school calendar, academic support programs in place and the topic of extra curricular activities. Students were addressed in our study as well. We examined code of conduct policies, the school's student services program and how student leadership is encouraged. Our ever faithful staff was part of our survey as we touched on teacher contract negotiations, teachers' professional development growth and the balance of experience and expertise among staff. The building facilities section was not researched as a result of our upcoming move to Burton Avenue. Our next section explored school culture, covering areas such as emergency response policies, Christian character within the school and the student discipline policy. Our final section encompassed community relations looking at membership meetings, new parent services and public relations.

The information listed above is some of the highlights that we as a committee studied as part of the ten areas of research in our main report.

We as the internal review team thank the board, teachers, students, parents and Unity supporters for their participation in this process. As our work as a committee has come to an end, we trust that the Board works with the OACS using this information to help Unity grow.

Wilf Kortleve  
Caroline Berg  
Jessica Antonides  
Peter Bulthuis

**Special thanks to the Internal Review Team for their many hours of service over the past year.**



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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 may end this semester well. Pray for good time management and study skills for final projects and year end exams.
- Our Staff - That they may remain healthy and focussed as they end off this year.
- Our Administration - That they may lead with humility and servants' hearts. That they will plan wisely for the coming year.
- Our Board - That they may continue to seek God first as they plan for the future of Unity. Pray for the renovations in the new building and for all the committees working to have the doors open on Sept. 7th for the first day of school.
- Our Community - They we may come together in this great time in the history of Unity. That each person can contribute in some way to the new campus.
- Our Churches - That they may encourage us in our daily walk with our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**"The Music Department at Unity has been SO blessed! We wish to thank Enno Meijers for his donation of a new drum kit to our school, Carol Arizza for her donation of an acoustic piano, and Cyndi van Arragon for the donation of her acoustic piano. These gifts are SO appreciated and will go to excellent use! THANK YOU!!"**

**THANK YOU!**



**If you are looking for a way to bless Unity as we move to the new school, please contact the office as there are many items (furniture, music stands, sound system, projectors, Science equipment, Tech. Ed. Equipment, dust collection system) that we will be looking to have donated for next year.**

### Service Learning Hours

Students: Hand in your supervisor reports for the volunteer hours you did this school year. Forms are available in the guidance office or on the school website.