

Some things to know about Unity Christian School

Faith and Learning

As a Christian school, Unity offers Bible classes, chapels and devotional times. However, we believe that those things alone do not make a Christian school. We believe that all of life comes under the lordship of Christ, and so our entire curriculum and all of our activities at school are infused with a Biblical worldview. In classrooms, God is the centre of our curriculum, regardless of what we are teaching. Students are given opportunity to explore, experience and evaluate all of life under God. They are assisted in developing their God-given potential to enable them to join in the work of building the Kingdom of God. We believe that God is infused into every aspect of our lives and every square centimeter of Unity Christian School. We are a safe, but not a sheltering, environment where students are taught to be discerning and responsible about engaging in the world we live in.

Teacher Certification

As a Group 1 Independent School, all of our teachers are certified by the BC College of Teachers or by the BC Ministry of Education. We want to provide all students with the opportunity to achieve academic excellence!

Parental Involvement

We believe strongly in partnering with parents. Parental involvement is encouraged to create a “community approach”. There are many opportunities both inside and outside of the school for parental involvement.

Tuition

Tuition at Unity Christian School ranges from \$2450 to \$8100 per year, *per family*, depending on how many children you have and what their grade levels are (ranging from 1 child to 4 or more children). For students at the elementary campus, this includes all school supplies and fieldtrips. For students at the middle/high campus, it includes some school supplies, and all fieldtrips.

The total yearly fee can be broken up into 10-month payments or 12-month payments, which can be paid via cash, cheque or direct debit.

***It is important to note that under an agreement with Revenue Canada, UCS is able to offer parents a tax receipt for a significant portion of tuition. Receipt amounts vary depending on the number of children in each family.

In addition to tuition costs, the following costs may be incurred:

- ✓ At the elementary campus – hot lunches (optional), school clothing (optional)
- ✓ At the middle/high campus -- include a \$15 PE shirt (mandatory), a \$75 Athletic fee for any student on a team (\$75 for the year, no matter how many team sports they join), and 'Pizza Wednesdays' - \$1.75/slice or \$20/punch card of 12 (optional).
- ✓ There are many other hot lunch fundraisers that are run throughout the year. Students will be notified about these in advance.
- ✓ The occasional course will require the students to bring certain supplies from home, but for the most part, there are no hidden costs.

We do offer busing (including a shuttle bus to and from each campus). Busing fees are above and beyond tuition and range from \$50 to \$130 per month, *per family*.

Special Programs

Special Education

UCS has been recognized locally and provincially as offering exceptional support for those students with special needs. A recent Provincial Government evaluation of Unity Christian School highlighted our “sensitivity and acceptance of special needs students.” Our program is inclusive in nature, meaning that our students with special needs are part of their classroom activities as much as possible. When needed, there are spaces for them to have time away from the classroom.

Our “Educational Support Services Policy” outlines the specific details of our Special Education Program and outlines details regarding case load limits and admissions.

Learning Assistance

UCS also has a Learning Assistance Program. This program provides support for students who struggle to meet the curricular needs of their grade level. We are also working to find ways to support those students who excel and need enrichment.

Exploratories

Middle school students engage in an exploratories program. This program takes place during the school day but often takes students off campus to experience recreational, vocational or artistic events. The program is designed to help students broaden their personal experiences and to identify abilities and interests that they have. Service projects are also integrated into this program.

GATE

At the grade 11, 12 level, our students engage in an program called GATE (Gift and Talent Exploration). Students are encouraged to explore and develop their gifts in areas that are not traditionally covered in the school curriculum. This exploration – along with other activities - culminates in a senior presentation for family and friends near the end of the year.

Extra Curricular Activities

UCS provides a wide variety of extra-curricular activities for students to participate in. Some activities include:

- ✓ **Fine Arts:** elementary fiddle club, concert band, school plays
- ✓ **Athletic:** elementary skipping club, elementary and middle/high team sports, intramurals (please refer to the athletic page of the website for more info on the sports offered at Unity)

Reaching Out to Our Community

The Unity Christian School community is committed to serving the community at large. There are a number of service projects that we participate in on a regular basis. A number of our elementary classes sponsor children through World Vision and our middle/high students participate in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine. Our students have several opportunities to donate to the Chilliwack Food Bank. We have also participated in the Rice Raiser program, Operation Christmas Child and many other opportunities to give and serve.

School Culture

Unity Christian School is a vibrant community of teaching and learning. If you have the opportunity to walk through the halls of either campus of UCS, you will notice a great ethos amongst our students and staff. We believe that this is a great place to work, and a great place for our students to learn. There is an atmosphere of care and respect, but also one of fun and laughter. We laugh together, we cry together, and we live and grow together.

Field Trips

At Unity Christian School, we realize that a lot of great learning happens outside of the classroom. We often look for opportunities to extend our learning beyond the walls of our schools.

Elementary students participate in field trips to Science World, Burnaby Village Museum, The Chilliwack Library, Save-On-Foods, the pumpkin patch, The Apple Barn, the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, Songs, Strings and Steps and many more. All of our field trips have the goal of addressing curriculum in hands on manner, allowing students to experience God's world in a very personal way.

Our Middle/High students participate in a wide range of fieldtrips that stretch as far as Vancouver Island, Gambier Island, and the Okanagan. Grade specific, curricular, and extracurricular trips all give students a chance to explore God's creation 1st hand. All fieldtrips will be posted on the web calendar as early as possible.

Registration

Registration forms are available at either campus office.

Our principal, Ed Noot, likes to meet with each new family early on in the registration process. To book an appointment with him and have a tour of either of our facilities, please email Ed at ed.noot@unitychristian.ca.

For more information, please call or email either campus office:

- Elementary: 604-792-4171 / elementary@unitychristian.ca
- Middle/High: 604-794-7797 / general@unitychristian.ca