

BARRACUDA NEWS REPORT

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Sports

The UCHS sports teams had another great week on the fields and courts. For many of them, it was an end to a great season. On October 3rd the women's volleyball team beat Victory Christian by a staggering 3-0. On Tuesday the 4th, both men's soccer and women's volleyball beat Woodlawn in landslide wins. On Wednesday the 5th, Tennis lost a hard fought match to Christ the King, their only loss of the season. They still are expected to advance far in the conference and state tournaments. On Thursday 6th, cross country ran at McAlpine Greenway. The girl's team came in first place. Sarah Roseman won the girls race by running a school record time of 23:12. The boys team finished 4th. Tommy Little came in sixth place and ran a then season best of 19:44. Soccer concluded its season with a hard fought 5-0 victory over Challenger. Girls' volleyball also won on Thursday in an astounding 3-0 victory over Challenger. Volleyball concluded a great season on Tuesday the 11th, with a hard fought loss to Statesville Christian. –Trey Warlick

Suha Speaks- Ocean Pollution

1,045 dead, \$60 billion dollars in damages, and multiple cities are devastated by the Hurricane Matthew. Schools have been shut down on the eastern part of North Carolina, and the chaos is more apparent than ever. According to CNN, this hurricane is the third most expensive hurricane in American history. Over 110,000 people in North Carolina are powerless and are told not to be fooled by the sunny weather right now, because the rivers are still swelling in the areas of Eastern North Carolina. Just in North Carolina alone, there is three billion dollars worth of damages and more than 7,000 homes

UCHS Culture: "Willardisms" and More

"If someone says there's free lunch, heifer dust! There is not any and that just grinds my shorts." If that made even a little sense to you, congrats! You are clearly a member of the Barracuda family. UCHS has developed a culture that is fluent in the language of "Willardisms," but it also means much more. There are no other classrooms in America where not having seen every single Batman movie is pretty much a mortal sin. And there is no other place in America where your decision to wear chubbies will spark more debate than global warming. So EF Hutton (aka listen up), because this is UCHS culture: awareness. Our awareness of each other at UCHS is incredible. Yes, we will all notice if you decide to come to school in joggers, and yes, there will be a meme about it on Meme of the Day by lunchtime tomorrow. Why? Everyone knows almost everything about everyone. And while this leads to a lot of Twitter roasts and salty memes, it also brings a lot of understanding. Being constantly surrounded by innovative, ambitious, and informed students defines our culture as three prongs of awareness: awareness of the world, awareness of others, and awareness of oneself.

Awareness of the world is that freak-out moment in 9th grade Civics class when you realize that you have no idea who your congressional representative is and even less of an idea as to how this country should be run, and you have to take US History with Barrett to figure it all out. Awareness of others is participation in those religion class Socratic seminars that force you to see religion objectively, recognizing the beauty and merit in religions that are not



Suha Speaks- Ocean Pollution cont.

(cont., p.1) destroyed according to NBC. Outside of the USA, the citizens of Haiti are struggling to find shelter and food. According to UNICEF, more than four million children's lives were and still are in danger as there may not be enough clean water for all the children. Students, parents, and staff of UCHS, this is our time to help others. Donate water and your time to clean up the devastation left behind from this natural disaster. –Suha

Feeding the Fish

Sophomore Michael McAllister spends his free time making music about issues that afflict him and his surroundings. Inspired by Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, a current topic in his Public Speaking class, this rap is meant to address modern racial tensions and the unfinished work, uniting a nation, for us today:

Equality is relevant
 Then why not make it prevalent
 Division of decision
 Just shows we're not indifferent
 Black or white
 Who's right
 To find out we fight
 North and south
 Should doubt
 What it's even about
 Who said war could be civil
 People stuck in the middle
 Don't disgrace
 Have faith
 But keep your head on a swivel
 What can history teach us
 All the pain that it features
 We can learn
 To discern
 What went wrong, let it lead us
 To the path
 In spite we laugh
 But hindsight
 Is written on the epitaph -Michael
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 -Carolyn Oursler

(cont., p.1) your own. And awareness of yourself is understanding where you fit into this huge picture and developing exactly what you want to contribute to the world. We all cultivate this awareness culture every day we walk into school, and for that, 3 on 3. - Catherine Crooks

The Reef

Every baked good you buy, the seniors get a little closer to NYC. Next time you're hungry, don't forget to stop by the school store to help them out. All the t-shirt submissions look awesome, thank you to everyone who contributed! Student Council will be sending out a survey soon for each class to vote on their favorite t-shirt submission. Upcoming events for October:

Character Day- Friday, October 21st

Halloween Dance- Friday, October 28th.

-Trinity M.

Jump In, The Water's Warm-

On Wednesday, each student made a promise to abide by the school's honor code. The honor code's three parts--upholding academic integrity, having respect for one another, and acting with honorable obligation in regards to disrespect in cheating--are a vital part in forming a positive UCHS community and culture. What some people don't realize is that UCHS is not some crazy college-training camp that pushes students to stress about hours of homework and expects only the highest grades. Instead, UCHS is about preparing each student for success in life, which starts with cultivating respect for one another and committing to a lifetime of learning. UCHS forms a culture built on values that not only prepare students for making a good grade, but also cultivate personal growth, an honest work ethic, and respectfulness. These lessons lead to a lifetime of success and learning past the minimum grade requirements, even past college, and into our adult lives.

-Caroline W.