



"THE FISHING LINE"

Staying connected to our Barracudas!

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Please note that school office hours during the summer will be 8:00 – 4:00 pm Monday – Thursday and 8:00 – 1:00 on Friday.

ENROLLMENT PROGRESS

Wow! We already have 40 new students that we will be welcoming to UCHS for the 2016-2017 school year. Most of these students will make up the incoming 9th grade class, but we have several students joining the current 10th, 11th and even 12th grade classes. We still have openings in the freshman class if you know of anyone who would benefit from the high-quality education and Christian atmosphere available here at UCHS. **Please remind your friends that we start earlier than public school so they shouldn't put off contacting us!**

SUMMER READ

The all-school summer read for this year is **"Tuesdays With Morrie"** by Mitch Albom. In this book—a memoir—the Golden Rule gets taken a step further: Don't just treat others as you'd treat yourself, but do a little better by them. Mitch and Morrie tag-team this life lesson to show us how important Compassion is. All students are expected to have the book read by August 8.

SPORTS PHYSICALS

Just a quick reminder that any student who wishes to participate in a sport this year must submit a current **sports physical** before practice for their sport begins. Forms are available from the school office.

UPCOMING DATES

Sunday, August 7:

Installation and Commissioning

At 3:00 pm in the St. Andrew's Sanctuary, UCHS will celebrate the beginning of the new school year with the Installation of Mr. Unverfehrt as our new Principal, Commissioning of our school staff, and presentation of our Accreditation renewal. All parents and students are encouraged to attend.

Monday, August 8:

First Day of School

All students are expected to report to school at 7:45 am.

Tuesday, August 9:

Parent Orientation at 6:00 pm (Location to be determined.)

Wednesday, August 10:

Picture Day

We will be taking all Fall Portraits on this day. Order forms will be sent home with students on Monday, August 7. This will also be Senior Portrait Day. Seniors will have their formal, casual, and cap & gown pictures taken at this time. This will be an early dismissal day.

Saturday, October 15:

PSAT TEST DAY (Note Date Change!!)

UCHS is required by the state of NC to administer a standardized test each year. Our choice of testing is from the SAT Suite of Assessments, which includes the PSAT 8/9 and the PSAT/NMSQT. All 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students will be required to test on this date.

Wednesday, December 21: Last Day of 1st Semester

Parents, please note that the last day of school in the first semester will be Wednesday, December 21. Please make your holiday plans with this date in mind. The return date will be Wednesday, January 4.

FREE MONEY!

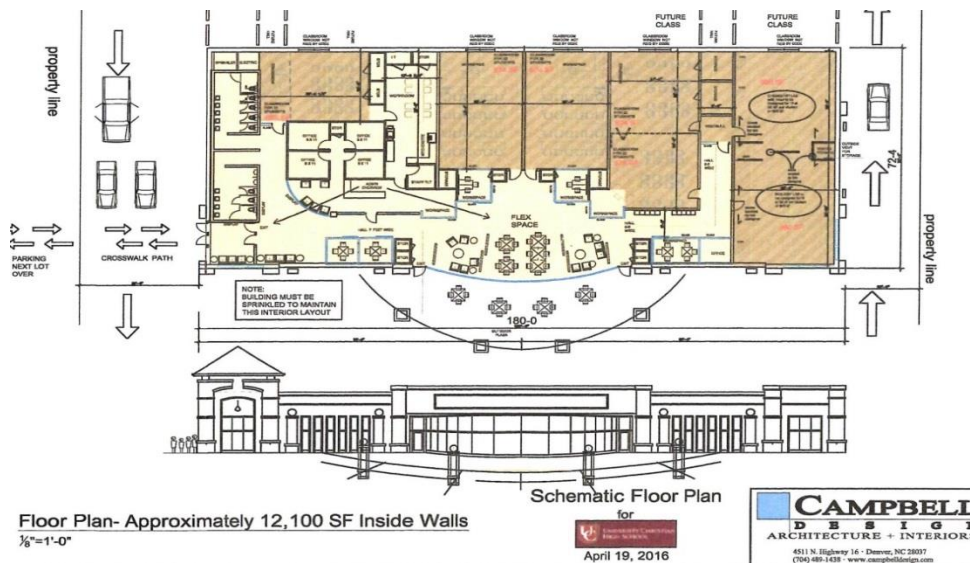
Thank you to everyone who has linked their Target Red Card to UCHS. We have received over \$100 so far this year from your purchases.

READING TUTOR AVAILABLE

UCHS has an excellent personalized resource for helping students improve their reading skills—especially reading comprehension. We are proud to announce that famed reading specialist, Mrs. Dare Gilbert, is available for the contracting of personalized reading instruction. Dare has instructed students with reading challenges in both public and private school settings. Her last institutional work in reading improvement was as the reading teaching specialist with Lenoir-Rhyne University where she trained student teachers in the art and science of reading instruction. Any family interested in discussing Dare's services may call Mr. Willard at 855-2995 for further details.

BREAKING GROUND!

These are exciting times at UCHS! God continues to bless our school in so many ways. The Building Committee has been hard at work for months determining what the best plans are for an effective, efficient learning space for years to come. The Foundation and Operations Boards have approved the final plan for the new school building. We expect ground breaking to begin this summer on our first phase of the building which will contain classrooms, offices, science labs, group and individual study areas. The building has been carefully designed to allow us to add on a second and third phase as well. The Capital Campaign will continue throughout construction to assure that we have the funds necessary to make this state-of-the-art facility exactly what we have dreamed of for years!



ATTENTION: PARENTS OF NEW STUDENTS

GMAIL: All students have a unique gmail address that is used for all school correspondence. Please have your child set up their account as soon as possible. The account address should be *the first letter of their first name, their entire last name, a "period", then uchs@gmail.com.* (Example: Sally Jones' email address would be sjones.uchs@gmail.com.) Please make sure your child follows this example. (If your child is the sibling of a past or existing student with the same first initial, please contact the school office so we can work out an alternate address for them.) Once the address has been set up, please have them send a message to uchigh@gmail.com so we know they are ready to receive communications from us.