



# Ucluelet Secondary School Update

## School Website and App

For the most current USS information please access our school website at <https://www.sd70.bc.ca/uss>. You can download our new website app onto your phone by clicking on the links provided at the bottom of our website.

## Principal’s message

As incredible as it sounds, we are well underway in our second semester. Our school is extremely busy this time of year with wrestling and basketball championships, scholarship applications opening up, course selections, and grad right around the corner. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with events happening around the school.

## USS’ Informal Learning Update

**Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> & Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> starting at 1:00pm  
Ucluelet High School.**

**These will be early dismissal days for students. Students on the lunch program will receive a bagged lunch to take home.**

To parent(s) and guardian(s):

Conferences provide a great opportunity to become more familiar with your child’s learning in relation to their courses (i.e., strengths and stretches), ways to support learning at home, and how they are settling into school year.

Below are the email addresses of our teaching staff to arrange a conference time. Please note that if these scheduled dates and times don’t work for you, please schedule an alternative time to meet with your child’s classroom teachers.

Alternatively, teachers can provide a learning update which can be sent via email.

Name	Course(s)	Email
Lucas Anderson	English 10, English 12	<a href="mailto:LAnderson@sd70.bc.ca">LAnderson@sd70.bc.ca</a>
Fijona Brinkman	Careers 9, English 9/10, Socials 8	<a href="mailto:FBrinkman@sd70.bc.ca">FBrinkman@sd70.bc.ca</a>



Breakfast for Learning

Michael Chapman	Pre-Cal 10, Anat 12, Chem 12, Sc. 9	<a href="mailto:MChapman@sd70.bc.ca">MChapman@sd70.bc.ca</a>
Ornella Cirella	Pre-Cal 12, Physics 11, Chem 11	<a href="mailto:OCirella@sd70.bc.ca">OCirella@sd70.bc.ca</a>
Monique Copeland	Fr 8, NCN 8, Fr 10	<a href="mailto:MCopeland@sd70.bc.ca">MCopeland@sd70.bc.ca</a>
Bryan Grigg	Math 8, PHE 9	<a href="mailto:BGrigg@sd70.bc.ca">BGrigg@sd70.bc.ca</a>
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John Meszaros	Foods 9/10, Sc. 9	<a href="mailto:jmeszaros@sd70.bc.ca">jmeszaros@sd70.bc.ca</a>
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Chris Sylvester	Pre-Cal 10, Math 8/9, PHE 8	<a href="mailto:csylvester@sd70.bc.ca">csylvester@sd70.bc.ca</a>
Rayanna Stace-Smith	Careers 8, Socials 9	<a href="mailto:rstacesmith@sd70.bc.ca">rstacesmith@sd70.bc.ca</a>
Chloe Vernich	Act. Liv. 11/12, PHE 8/10, Careers 9	<a href="mailto:CVernich@sd70.bc.ca">CVernich@sd70.bc.ca</a>

**REMINDER:** Homework Hall runs Tuesday-Thursday with late buses running at 5pm. If students need some extra focussed time to work on projects, get caught up on outstanding assignments, and/or study for quizzes/exams they should take advantage of our homework hall.

### Grad Auction



2026 USS grads will be having a **grad auction on Saturday, May 2**. They will start collecting donations for the auction soon. The funds will be used to help pay for the Grad Ceremony and the Grad Day Trip our grads traditionally participate in. If you have a donation, please contact one of our 2026 Graduates or contact Ornella at [ocirella@sd70.bc.ca](mailto:ocirella@sd70.bc.ca).

**Extracurricular \_ please note that more extracurricular news will be coming out next week.**

### USS Joins CIG!

From its humble beginning as an educational adventure into a new style of theatre learning, The Canadian Improv Games (CIG) got its start in Ottawa in 1977. Ucluelet Secondary's Improv Team, "The Far West Pests" made their February of 2026 after months of Brinkman, a teacher at USS.



Our team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Junior Regional Tournament held in

historical debut at CIG this year in training with their coach, Ms. Fijona

Event at the Vancouver Island Comox Valley. The team also

bravely tried their hand in the Senior Tournament. Coach Brinkman hopes to follow their launch with USS's annual participation in CIG. Our team is Caius Howe, K.P., Serenity Daw-Lloyd, Isha August, Grace Henry, and Matej Gluhovic.

CIG is a national charity dedicated to enriching the lives of youth through improvisational theatre programs that promotes invaluable skills including Positivity, Communication, Leadership, Commitment and Teamwork through a variety of annually programmed workshops, training sessions and performance opportunities.



The Canadian Improv Games is a loving competition between teams of high school students trained to perform spontaneous, improvised scenes. Thousands of students in hundreds of high schools across Canada play in the CIG every year. Teams compete in Regional Tournaments, all in hopes to attend the week-long National Tournament & Festival in Ottawa.

As a newly formed team, we are always on the lookout for donations to help fund registration, travel, training, and other regular expenses involved in running extra-curricular activities. Encourage your students to form a team at their school and check out [improv.ca](http://improv.ca) for more info. Go Ukee Improv!

### Important dates to note

**Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> 6pm at USS in the Learning Commons**

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting

**February 23<sup>rd</sup>- February 27<sup>th</sup>**



- Mr. Ryan and Ms. Hagar will be going into classes to discuss next year's course selection process and handout course selection sheets. **Please review these with your child(ren), sign off on their choices, and return them to the office Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. These are also available to view/download off of our course selection page on our website.**

Course selections sheets, school handbook, and Math Pathways and Senior Academic Overviews can be found on our website. <https://www.sd70.bc.ca/uss>

- Mr. Anderson & Ms. Hagar will be meeting with grade 12 students to handout and explain our local scholarship application process. **Applications are due by Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**

**March 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>**

- Parent-teacher conferences – conferences will be held Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> starting at 1pm. Students will have half days to accommodate conferences. Please see below for teacher contacts.

**March 9<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Spring Break**