

From the Desk of Mr. Dorethy  
February 2016

Freshman will get information concerning ordering class rings on February 1, 2016 at 2:30. They will be able to order class rings on February 5, 2016 at 2:30-3:05 in the high school cafeteria.

The girls' basketball regional begins on February 8, 2016. The regional will be held here at Unity.

The boys' regional begins on February 22, 2016. The regional will be held at Camp Point Central.

FFA week will be February 22-26:

Monday - Hawaiian Day

Tuesday - Greenhand Day, members wear "old" FFA shirts

Wednesday - Official Dress Day, Ag knowledge bowl during Ag classes, FFA Meeting & Ag Olympics 7-9

Thursday - Teacher Appreciation breakfast and chapter t-shirt day

Friday - Drive your tractor to school day, hats & boots for dress, ice cream making in Ag class

I have included the attendance policy from the student handbook. Please remember to bring a note from your doctor or dentist so that those absences do not count against your student for the allowable absences.

Parents if you would like homework please check your student's teachers website. Please call in before 9:00 am, so that teachers can get the homework ready during their prep period.

**Examples of excusable reasons for school absence:**

1. Personal illness, after the 4<sup>th</sup> called in personal illness/occurrence a doctors' excuse will be required. If the student does not have a doctors' excuse then it will be considered unexcused. Anytime a Dr. Note is brought in that illness/occurrence will not count against the four illness/occurrence.
2. Busses not operating
3. Emergency illnesses or death in immediate family
4. **Family Vacation approved in advance by the principal. The student is required to get assignments from the teacher before they leave on the approved vacation. Due date of assignment will be determined by the teacher. If not pre-approved it will be considered unexcused.**
5. Medical or dental appointments
6. Principal has the authority to approve absences that he/she deems appropriate.

**Examples of unexcused reasons for school absence:**

1. Missed school bus
2. Car broke down
3. Oversleeping
4. College day without prior approval from the principal
5. Skipping school--There are no approved skip days
6. Work, except in extreme emergencies approved by the principal
7. Other excuses that the principal deems inappropriate
8. 1 hunting day per school year will be allowed. Any subsequent hunting days will be considered an unexcused absence. Student must show tags for deer or turkey season at the office before the day the student wants to be gone.

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February 1, 2016

Dear Unity High School Senior and your Parent(s) or Guardian(s),

It's hard to believe that we're already into the second semester and graduation will soon be upon us.

Graduation has been set for May 22, 2016 at 2:00pm. For this year's graduation, I am planning a senior slideshow presentation and I am requesting your assistance as I begin those preparations. Please look through your collections of photos and snapshots (and ask extended family members to do the same) and provide me with pictures that celebrate the life of your senior. While the pictures are to be of the senior - others can be included in the photo. I will need a baby picture and a recent individual picture - a senior picture would work great! The other pictures can be whatever you want. The presentation will consist of various pictures of your senior. Considering the number of students in this class, we are requesting **five** photos for each senior.

I also need group photos of the Senior Class throughout their school years, examples would be class parties, little league, etc. You may send as many of these that you have for the class.

A possible assortment of pictures might include:

- baby picture—must have
- school pictures or snapshots at elementary age
- school pictures or snapshots at jr high age
- pictures or snapshots with family or friends
- pictures that show favorite hobbies, sports, etc
- pictures with pet(s)
- pictures from senior year
- senior picture or recent—must have

**Please label all photos and have your senior bring them to the school office. I would also suggest that they be placed in a protective cover, such a plastic bag. If you have digital photos feel free to send them to school on a thumb drive. They will be returned as soon as they are scanned.**

Thank you.



Bill Dorethy High School Principal