

Union Catholic

HIGH SCHOOL

**THE
SPIRIT OF
UNION
CATHOLIC**

VIEWBOOK



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Sister Percylee Hart, RSM

Principal

Dear Prospective Students and Families,

I am thrilled that you are considering Union Catholic High School as the next step in your educational journey. **I would like you to know that great opportunities await you here that can propel you toward success in your future: outstanding academics and a culture of caring and connectedness.**

Our core values of community, respect, responsibility, compassion and honesty are exemplified and modeled in all that we do, and inspire each of us to become “all God calls us to be.” And, our coeducational, real-world environment will prepare you to succeed in the real, spiritual and virtual worlds as you develop positive interpersonal skills while working collaboratively with your peers.

Your UC experience will give you the opportunity to develop, grow and nurture your individual talents and prepare you for what you can expect in college, the workplace, and beyond. At Union Catholic, you will soar to new heights so that you can go out and make a difference in our world.

Union Catholic is filled with a unique spirit because there is truly a place for everyone here. But this is only part of our story. I invite you to begin your very own chapter!

Sincerely,

Sister Percylee

300+

Virtual High School
Courses

100%
COLLEGE
ACCEPTANCE

50+

Clubs and
Activities

CANVAS
ZOOM



20 ACRE CAMPUS
LOCATED IN SCOTCH PLAINS

W

SIX
LEARNING
LEVELS

FROM FOUNDATIONS TO AP

11,600+
ALUMNI



UNDER ARMOUR.
HIGHLIGHT SCHOOL

WELCOME



THE SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY

At UC, students explore the world—inside the classroom and out. This is a community of shared learning where students develop skills and friendships that help them excel in high school and throughout their lives.

**LEADERSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES
TURN STUDENTS
INTO INNOVATORS.**

Some Leadership Opportunities Include:

- Emerging Leaders Program (ELP)
- Student Ambassador Program
- Big Brother/Big Sister Program
- Student Council

THERE'S A PLACE FOR EVERYONE AT UC.

Student-run clubs bring together like-minded students to share their passions. What better way to form friendships and learn from one another in a faith-based environment.

- Academic Team
- All For Kids Club
- American Literacy Club
- Animal Rights & Endangered Species
- Asian Club
- Black History Club
- Blue Crew
- Book Club
- Business Club
- Charitable Event Coordinator/Faith-In-Action
- Chess Club
- Chinese Calligraphy Club
- Community Outreach Club
- Crayon Club (Autism Awareness)
- Dance Club
- Environmental Club
- Flag Football
- Forensics Team
- French Club
- Glamour Gals
- Hearts for Heroes
- History/Models Club
- Human Dignity Club
- Irish Vikings
- Italian Club
- Journalism Club
- Juggling Club
- Junior Prom Committee
- Knitting Club
- League of Legends Club
- Literary Magazine
- Live Stream/Digital Journalism Club
- Meditation
- Music/Band/Concert Choir
- National Art Honor Society
- New York Times Reading Club
- Peer Ministry
- Portuguese Club
- Project Haiti
- REACH
- Respect for Life
- Robotics Club
- Service Club
- Sign Language Club
- Skate Club
- Ski Club
- Spanish Club
- STAND
- Step Squad
- Story Writing Club
- Student Advisory Committee
- Student Council
- Student Movement Against Cancer (SMAC)
- Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)
- UCPAC (Performing Arts and Tech Crew)
- Versus Club



**THE
SPIRIT OF
INCLUSION**

How to Apply

To join UC's diverse and exciting community, prospective students must:

- Complete a UC application;
- Submit sixth-grade, seventh-grade and first marking period of eighth-grade report cards;
- Submit standardized test scores.
- Take the Coop High School Admission Test

Getting Here

UC draws students from 80 different communities within 11 counties; and is committed to assisting students in need of transportation.

- If your local Board of Education does not provide busing, UC will do so. (Fee required)
- Families whose towns are not included on our current busing schedule should contact the UC transportation department.

Tuition

Tuition is payable in twelve monthly installments.

- A tuition reduction is available to students whose full tuition is paid early.
- A reduction is available to students whose parent(s) are alumni or are employed full-time as Catholic elementary or secondary school teachers.
- A reduction is available to families that have more than one child attending UC at the same time.
- Speak to the tuition office about alternate payment plans.

Scholarships

A variety of Union Catholic Scholarships are awarded to incoming freshmen who have an excellent academic history, have demonstrated a steadfast commitment to their academics and have demonstrated outstanding character and leadership qualities through their extra-curricular activities.

Annual Scholarship Testing Program

UC Scholarships are granted to incoming students with outstanding scores on the UC Scholarship Exam. This exam is given the first weekend in December of the student's eighth grade year.

Merit Scholarships

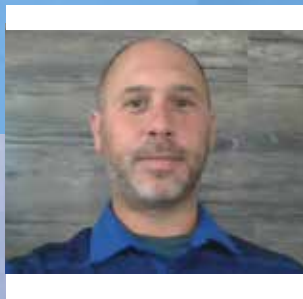
Merit Scholarships are awarded to incoming freshmen with an excellent academic history, including a review of their grades and test scores.



Dear Lord,

We believe that every person has been created by You for a special purpose. Send forth your Spirit so that we use the unique gifts and talents with which we have been blessed in loving service to You and to one another. May we always have faith, knowing that "for those who love God all things work together for good" (Romans 8:28). We ask this in the name of Jesus who is the way, the truth, and the life.

Amen.



John Becht
Social Justice Advocate
& Campus Minister

THE SPIRIT OF PURPOSE

UC IS MORE THAN A FAITH-BASED ENVIRONMENT - IT'S A COMMUNITY BUILT ON LEADERSHIP, RESPECT, AND SHARING. OUR CAMPUS-WIDE INITIATIVES NURTURE COMPASSION AND SOCIAL VALUES AND HELP STUDENTS BECOME ALL THAT GOD CALLS THEM TO BE.

Social Justice

Some initiatives include:

- The Lenten Initiative provides canned meals and shoes for the needy.
- The Thanksgiving Food Drive brings food to the hungry.
- The Christmas Drive gives toys to children and clothes to the elderly.
- Club Fundraisers help various student-chosen charities.

Days of Recollection

- Retreat Day builds students' relationships with each other —and with God.
- Retreat Weekend provides students with the time to explore their spirituality and better understand their faith. (Exclusively for juniors and seniors).

Peer Ministry

- Peer Ministry awakens the faith of the UC community.
- Ministers (students) plan and facilitate UC's Days of Recollection, liturgical celebrations, and social justice initiatives.
- Comprised of juniors and seniors, the ministry invites all students to participate in open events.

School Masses

- Masses for each grade during Orientation Week.
- Masses during Days of Recollection, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Holy Week, Graduation, and Holy Days of Obligation.
- Prayer services held throughout the year. (such as 9-11 and Ash Wednesday).

AT UC, THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS ONE-SIZE-FITS-ALL LEARNING. INSTEAD, EVERY STUDENT EMBARKS ON AN INDIVIDUAL JOURNEY THAT'S BOTH CHALLENGING AND REWARDING. THE SCHOOL'S **SIX LEVELS OF LEARNING** ARE TAILORED TO EACH STUDENT'S STRENGTH, THUS CHALLENGING THE MIND, FOSTERING ACADEMIC SUCCESS, AND PROVIDING STUDENTS WITH THE TOOLS THEY NEED TO SUCCEED IN COLLEGE AND BEYOND.



Union Catholic graduates enjoy a 100% college acceptance rate!



THE SPIRIT OF SUPPORT

Union Catholic's six levels of learning from Advanced Placement to Freshman Foundations provide students with the educational tools they will need to succeed in the Real, Spiritual and Virtual Worlds.

Canvas

This easy-to-use cloud-based learning management system (LMS) brings together the digital tools that teachers and students use most often. It integrates seamlessly with hundreds of apps, making it easy to study and learn on all devices, any time, anywhere

Zoom

This modern video communications tool includes a cloud based platform for audio and video conferencing, chat and webinars, making it easy to teach and learn on all devices, anytime, anywhere.

Virtual Library

The UC virtual library puts more than 16,000 sources of data at students' fingertips, making it easy to study and fun to learn. At UC, students stay engaged.

Virtual High School Collaborative (VHS)

The Virtual High School partnership allows UC students to choose from more than 250 online courses.

Dual-Enrollment: Fairleigh Dickinson University

All of UC's Advanced Placement courses are available for dual-enrollment (high school and college credit) through Fairleigh Dickinson University. Students who complete these courses successfully can transfer credit to the college of their choice.

Dual Enrollment: St. Thomas Aquinas College

Our arrangement with St. Thomas Aquinas College enables honor students to study English 101 and 102 online for high school and college credit.

School Counseling

Every student is assigned a counselor who will support them throughout their UC career. The school counseling office offers:

- Comprehensive College Advising
- College and Career Related Field Trips
- Academic, Personal and Career Counseling
- Social, Emotional and Academic Assemblies
- Naviance Planning, support and guidance

Peer Tutoring

Through the UC peer-tutoring program, students in the National Honor Society use their academic talents to help others—before school, after school and during study halls.



Fall Sports

Boys Soccer
Girls Soccer
Girls Tennis
Gymnastics
Girls Volleyball
Cross Country
Cheerleading

Winter Sports

Girls Basketball
Swimming
Winter Track
Cheerleading
Bowling
Boys Basketball

Spring Sports

Softball
Boys Tennis
Track
Golf
Girls Lacrosse
Boys Lacrosse
Baseball

THE SPIRIT OF COMPETITION

AT UC, STUDENTS GROW AND MATURE EMOTIONALLY, SPIRITUALLY, AND PHYSICALLY—THANKS TO THE SUPPORT OF FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND FACULTY.

Blue Crew

UC school spirit is alive and well, thanks to the Blue Crew. The student-run Crew comes to home and away athletic events—and its support is a vital part of the Viking tradition.

Athletic Training Facility

All UC athletes have access to a fully equipped state-of-the-art training facility, complete with the latest therapeutic and exercise equipment. Come game time, our athletes are ready to compete on an elite level.

Athletic Turf Field Complex

At UC, we take great pride in our athletic complex, which features a turf field for soccer, softball, baseball, and lacrosse, and a synthetic track surface for track and field. All students have access to a state-of-the-art weight room, as well as the golf course at the Shackamaxon Country Club.

Under Armour

UC is honored to be one of a handful of New Jersey schools selected as an Under Armour Highlight school. Our school was selected because of the quality and scope of our athletic program.

Livestream Program

Viking fans can access live UC sporting events from anywhere in the world via the UC website or the Livestream App.





THE PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY (PAC) DEDICATES ITSELF TO PRODUCING HIGH SCHOOL THEATER ON A PROFESSIONAL LEVEL.

PAC students have performed in award-winning Off-Off Broadway shows and at the Manhattan Repertory Theater. Our graduates have gone on to study theater, playwriting, and technical theatre at a number of colleges, including New York University, Carnegie Mellon, Drew University, Boston Conservatory at Berklee, and the School of Visual Arts.

Students can work onstage (cast), backstage (crew), or on a creative team to help stage a variety of productions every year.

Onstage

Acting, Singing, Dancing

Backstage

Lighting, Construction, Costumes, Sound
Stage Management and Run Crew

Creative Teams

Choreographing, Designing, Directing, Marketing

SUMMER PLAYS
CABARET NIGHT **FALL COMEDY/DRAMA**
ONE ACTS
THE SPRING MUSICAL

THE SPIRIT OF EXPRESSION



Music & Art Programs

- The Music Program allows music students to learn craft, theory, and performance by studying piano, string instruments, and music production, or by joining the concert choir or concert band.
- The Art Program helps students nurture their artistic talents, and encourages them to appreciate art in new ways. Art students can take:
 - Virtual High School (VHS) courses on regular, honors, accelerated and AP levels
 - Art classes on introductory and advanced levels
 - Classes in studio art and graphic design that prepare them for a lifelong journey in the field
- The National Art Honor Society helps students find art in all aspects of life. Its members:
 - Design art installations for events and projects throughout the year
 - Create ornaments for the tree-lighting service at Christmas
 - Attend field trips to professional art studios and museums



THE SPIRIT OF PURPOSE

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