



**UCC**  
UPPER CANADA COLLEGE  
PARENTS' ORGANIZATION



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## Festive Marketplace - a Community Success

Festive Marketplace was an extraordinarily successful community event. Not only is “Festive” the Parents’ Organization’s biggest fundraiser of the year, it is by far the most attended and supported by parents, students, teachers and staff. And 2023 may have been the best yet!

Here are some highlights:

- Over 130 parent volunteers
  - 10 student club tables
  - Musical performances from prep students Years 3 to 7, including instrumental soloists, choir, recorders, the BlueNotes, Upper School Jazz bands, a brass quartet, and other student musicians
  - More than 70 Upper School students volunteered with set-up and take-down
  - Over 60 vendors including the PO, ABC, BBC, PPO and The Blues Shop
  - A Past Parent Breakfast
  - Incredibly generous donations for the online auction from current parents , alumni and friends of UCC resulted in another record breaking fundraising year!
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The PO would like to extend a huge thank you to PO Festive Chair Michelle Way and Silent Auction Co-Chairs Ann Tebo and Dimitra Kappos.



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### **Parent socials – Coffee & Cocktails**

The PO has been organizing Year Level parent socials and coffee mornings. Here are some pictures of the Year 8 and 10 parents meeting in the Foster Hewitt Lounge at the Wilder Arena recently. We have had a wonderful time reconnecting with old friends and meeting those new to the College.



Please see below for notable dates and times for upcoming social events.

**Y9** coffee morning Friday, February 23rd 8:30am-10am, Foster Hewitt Lounge, Wilder Arena .  
Click [here](#) to register.

**Joint Y11 & Y12** coffee morning Wednesday, February 21st 9:00- 10:30 AM, Foster Hewitt Lounge, Wilder arena [here](#)

**Evening parent socials - [SAVE THE DATE:](#)**

**Y8** - Wednesday, May 22th

**Y9** - Monday, April 15th

**Y10** - Wednesday, May 29th

**Y11** - Tuesday, May 28th

**Y12** - Friday, May 17th

## BBC Spirit at Winterfest

To help spirit us through the winter months, the Blues Booster Club (BBC) helped bring whole school pride to the gyms and arena for our annual Winterfest on January 19. The day marked a fantastic end to Spirit Week. Students wore blue and white and cheered on basketball and hockey athletic teams at games and at the Friday afternoon pep rally. Our mascot Ice cheered on our amazing student athletes, including everyone from the Year 1 Ice Chips to the recognition

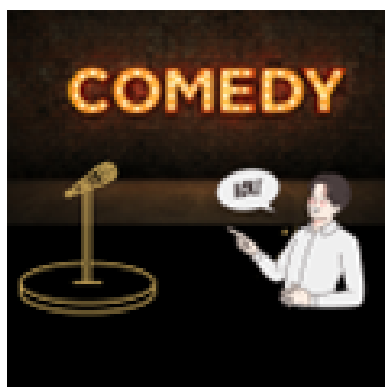
of the contributions of our Year 12 Varsity team members.

GO BLUES!



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## ABC Comedy Night - Tuesday, April 16



The Arts Booster Club (ABC) hopes your year 8-12 student and an accompanying adult will join them at the ABC Comedy Night on Tuesday, April 16th. This popular Upper School event (back after a three-year hiatus) will feature professional comedians in an intimate setting at the school.

Enjoy an hour of socializing and snacks before the show and then move on to the main event. It's a great opportunity for our community to share a night of good fun and laughs.

Tickets will go on sale online the week of February 19. Watch for details in Heads Up.

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## Don't wait - Join the Parents' Organization

If you've been thinking about joining the PO, now is the time. The last day to do so is Thursday, February 29th. Volunteer commitments range from a little to a lot, depending on the position. Some require you to be in person at school, while others you can do at home on your own time. Joining the PO is a great way to meet other parents, hear firsthand from decision-makers at UCC,



and of course, contribute to the school community. Click [here](#) for the **PO position descriptions** and [here](#) for the **PO self-nomination form**. Please contact Caroline Morgenstern, [PO Past President](#), if you have any questions. Feel free to reach out, describe your interests and available capacity and the PO will help find the best position for you.



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## PO “Annual” Luncheon - SAVE THE DATE

The PO is hosting a parent luncheon on Tuesday, May 7. This event is another traditional annual celebration that we are working hard to revive. All UCC parents are welcome to attend, particularly those who we would like to recognize for their volunteer efforts this past school year. Look for more details about the event including venue and ticket sales in upcoming PO communications.

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## Get your UCC Merchandise

From Blue Army spiritwear to crested grad frames, the PO has you covered on Marketplace. You'll find fleece lumber jackets, hoodies, composite frames, Yeti mugs, puffer jackets and much more.

All items on UCC Marketplace are sold by the Parents' Organization and all proceeds go towards

enhancing the student experience at UCC. To purchase, please click [here](#).



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## Join us at PO Advisory Meetings!

All parents are welcome to attend PO Advisory Meetings. Come early and enjoy a coffee with other upper school parents and listen to guest speakers from UCC. Please RSVP to [secretary@uccpo.ca](mailto:secretary@uccpo.ca). Meetings take place from 8:30-10:00 am in the Wilder Arena Lounge.

The next meeting date is:

- Tuesday, April 16th Annual General Meeting

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## President's Message:

On behalf of the Parents' Organization, I thank you for all of your support over the first part of this year and hope you have enjoyed a happy start to 2024.

We are so appreciative of all those in our community who have contributed to our PO initiatives, particularly our very hard working and dedicated volunteers. We are especially thankful for all those who supported us in making Festive Marketplace a successful celebration of our

community and grateful to those who have supported our other fundraising initiatives and on campus events.

Wishing you all a very Happy Family Day weekend!

Ann Katrusiak,  
PO President



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### Useful Quick Links

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[School calendar](#)

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