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## What's Coming Up

### • Urban Stories

**October 31, November 21 and  
December 6, 2017**

**8:30am**

Other dates include February 20, March 14,  
April 12, and May 9, 2018

Urban Stories is a great opportunity for us to welcome new faces to Urban. Guests have a chance to learn more about UCS and meet our kids during the school day. Please RSVP to Colleen DeJohn Pallett at 216-939-8441 or [cdpallett@urbancommunityschool.org](mailto:cdpallett@urbancommunityschool.org).

### • UCS Christmas Concert

**December 12, 2017 (ECC - Level 3)**

**9:00am**

### • December 19, 2017 (Choir Concert)

**6:30pm**

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## A Message from Tom Gill, President

Core to our mission at Urban Community School is connecting our students to opportunity and opening their eyes to the broader world that awaits them. That effort begins in the classroom through our innovative approach to academics that simultaneously challenges and engages students. It continues with our efforts to take our students off campus, to our region's arts, cultural,

natural, and science centers and attractions — everything from the Cleveland Museum of Art to the Cuyahoga Valley National Park to the West Side Market and many more in between. Our goal is to help UCS students learn to think and dream big.

Urban Community School also is committed to empowering our students and families to lead healthy lives. One example is our learning garden, which teaches students about green, healthy eating while they also grow their own fruits and vegetables. Students can take their crops home to their families, gaining a sense of accomplishment as they develop healthy eating habits.

Involvement in sports and recreation is a great way to combine these important goals of exposing our students to the world and helping them establish habits for lifelong health and wellness. This September, we launched a lacrosse program that we believe will pay dividends to our students for their entire lives — helping them stay active, learn how to be self-disciplined and work as part of a team, and perhaps even set them up for financial aid down the line.

Our lacrosse program is the result of support and partnership from US Lacrosse and its North Coast Ohio Chapter, which have committed \$300,000 to the Lacrosse Communities Project in Cleveland. We are proud to have been selected as the second community for this national effort. You can see the impact already at the beautiful new lacrosse field on our campus and recent lacrosse clinics that are introducing our students and other local children to the game. It's a joy to see our students streaking down the field and building a love for the game.

Special thanks also goes out to Cleveland State University men's lacrosse head coach Dylan Sheridan and his team; Medina High School head women's lacrosse coach Colleen Bodkin; and players from the Baldwin Wallace women's lacrosse team, who all donated their time to help coach UCS students. We are also proud to partner with Ohio City Incorporated, St. Ignatius High School, and the Cleveland Municipal Schools on the project.

We encourage you all to stop by the campus, check out the new field, and see our kids in action.

*—Tom Gill, President, Urban Community School*

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Attention Alumni, please share your updated contact information with John Hagerty at [jhagerty@urbancommunityschool.org](mailto:jhagerty@urbancommunityschool.org) or 216-939-8441

# UCS's Backyard Transformation

## Before

This was the land prior to the lacrosse field being constructed.



## During

It took a lot of hard work, time, and effort to develop the land into what is now our new lacrosse field.

## After

The completed project has exceeded our expectations and we look forward to sharing the space with our kids and the community!



# From Dirt to Turf

## US Lacrosse Community Project in Cleveland

On Friday, September 15, UCS hosted a press conference and ribbon cutting ceremony to unveil the new lacrosse field constructed in partnership with US Lacrosse, US Lacrosse North Coast Ohio Chapter, Ohio City Incorporated, and Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization. Key politicians attended this exciting event, including Mayor Frank Jackson and Councilman Kerry McCormack. Towards the conclusion of the press conference, all 580 of our children, faculty, and staff joined us on the field to take part in the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Team members from both Cleveland State University's men's lacrosse team and Baldwin Wallace University's women's lacrosse team were on hand to teach our kids the basic skills and drills.

The event was extremely successful and the amount of support for this new project clearly shows that this field has so much to offer our students, partners, and community.



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