## UNITY EAGLES

## Pandemic Impact: Adolescent Student Focus



Several organizations have been closely studying the impact of the pandemic on adolescent students in the U.S. While everyone has been impacted by the events from the last two years, high school students have faced specific challenges that are unique to their age level. One of the largest concerns that parents, educators, and students alike are discussing is the apparent increase of apathy. Students

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across the nation have expressed concerns over the potential for activities and experiences to be cancelled/taken away and the impact that can have on focus and effort. Studies show that open and consistent communication between parents and students and educators and students is one of the best strategies for decreasing apathy and promoting intrinsic motivation.

## **EXCITING EVENTS**Check out the Unity Website



During the week of December 20th, Unity High School students had some fun and competed in a gingerbread house contest. All of the classes represented well and Mr. Harris's class took home the win!



All of the Holiday concerts were truly exciting to experience once again in person. The band and choir students did a wonderful job, and parents and community members enjoyed listening to live music!



The Unity High School Student Council held a food drive fundraiser to help out with the elementary school and donated \$300 from their



Congratulations to Sidney Bader, Sydney Smith, Colleen Claude, and Madison Reed on receiving All State honors for their excellent volleyball seasons! Keep up the great work!



The Unity High School Wrestling Team worked with the local VFW Post #6856 on their Operation Christmas activities in early December. Their community service was greatly appreciated.

"Practice like you have never won...compete like you have never lost."

## ACT Testing is Around the Corner

Every spring, high school juniors across the U.S. sit down and take the ACT. In the state of Wisconsin, all high school students are required to take the assessment as a part of the state assessment protocol. Unity High School provides junior students with additional support and preparation for the ACT by providing an ACT Prep course that students

experience for two trimesters at a ½ hour each day. The ACT Prep program is designed to support students in terms of understanding ACT question design, content, and ultimately lead to an increased performance on the assessment as a whole. Core teachers work alongside students within the ACT Prep course to offer additional assessment strategies.