





# York Region District School Board's Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP) Survey

Dear parent/guardian,

Your School Board Trustees hope this letter finds you and your families well. As your School Board Trustees, we are extending a warm invitation for you to engage with your school community.

As we embark on an exciting journey toward developing our **Multi-year Strategic Plan (MYSP)**, your input and participation are invaluable. The **Multi-year Strategic Plan** serves as a roadmap that outlines our vision, goals, and strategies to enhance the overall educational experience for our students.

Your voices matter greatly in this process. We encourage you all to actively participate in our survey and consultation. Your parental insights will provide invaluable guidance to help chart our schools' future. At the same time, you can assist your children in voicing their ideas also! Please take a moment to participate in the survey by April 5th.

Here are links to the Parent and Student survey:

[Survey for Families](#)

[Survey for Community Members](#)



## MOSTLY MOZART MONDAY CONCERT - Monday, April 22 - UHS ATRIUM 4:00 pm

The Unionville High School Music Department presents an afternoon concert of orchestral and chamber works by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (Clarinet Concerto, Violin Concert #3 and Sinfonia Concertante), Johannes Brahms (Piano Quintet) and others, featuring the Arts Unionville String Orchestra and members of the Winds/Brass/Percussion class.



The concert takes place in the Atrium on **Monday, April 22**, beginning at **4:00 pm**.

All are welcome!!

## Th Upcoming BUBBLE TEA is April 11

It is a perfect treat to enjoy while supporting UHS programs and initiatives. **Indulge in a cup and contribute to our school's efforts to fundraise towards upgrading our computer lab.** Order now and enjoy!

Click the picture below for more ordering details. You can also order directly from : <https://yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>



**QQ Mango – 30% sugar, no ice, regular size**

A tropical paradise of sweet and fruity mango. Topped with QQ, our topping that includes both our pearls and coconut jelly!



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A tropical paradise of sweet and fruity mango topped with coconut jelly!



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## Student Voice: Student Commons Feedback

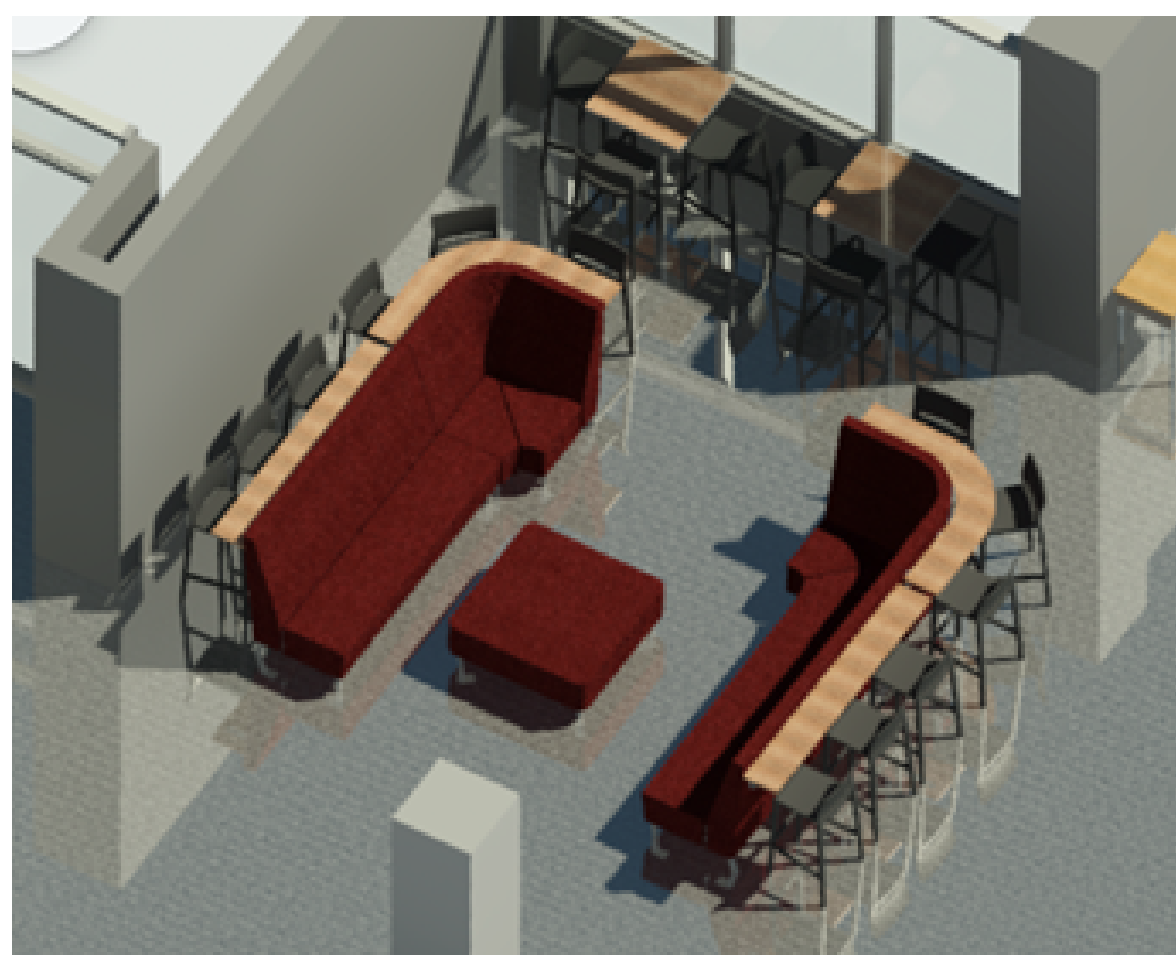
The purpose of this survey is to collect feedback on how students feel about the implementation of the Student Commons on the first floor in the areas around the cafeteria.

It includes the couches at the Warden Entrance as well as the tall dining tables beside the water refill station, beside the atrium stairs, beside the vending machines, and in front the windows in the cafeteria.

Your feedback is important to us and will help us continue to improve our school's environment.

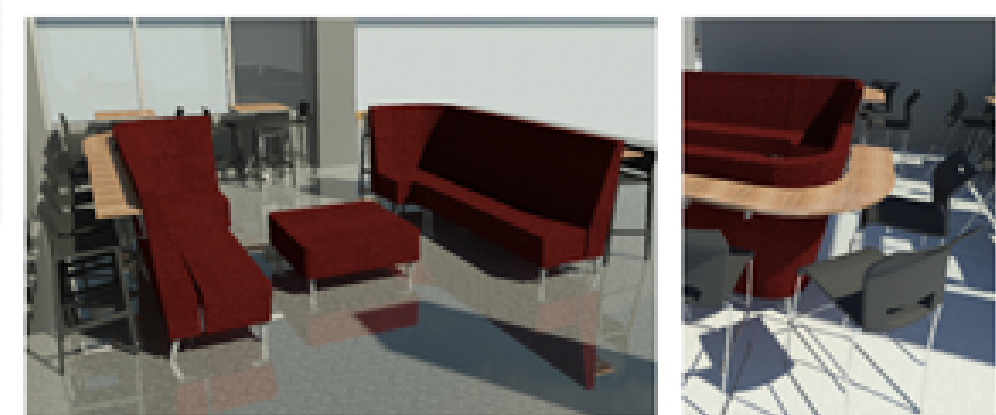
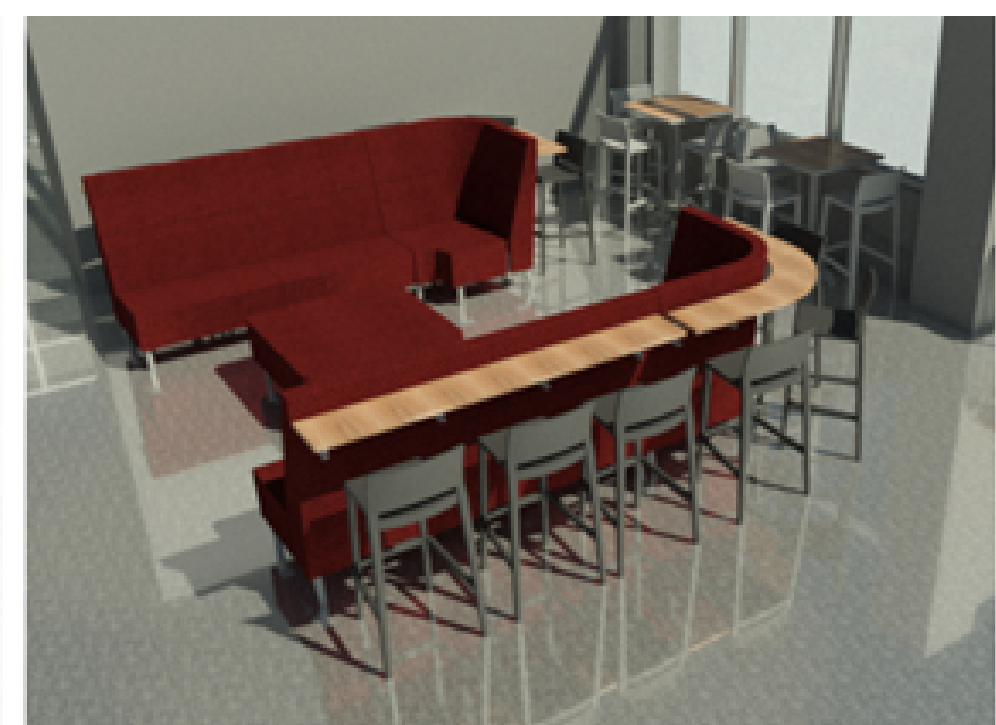
Please complete the survey here:

<https://forms.gle/pvZwXozzVEeFAHLJ7>



- Standing Desk Space Behind Seats
- Hooks underneath tables
- Bar high desk spaces

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## Graduation Class of 2024 INSTAGRAM

Graduation Class of 2024 Instagram

We are inviting families and students of grade 12 students to join our UHS Wolves Class of 2024 Instagram for updates regarding celebrations for the graduating class of 2024.

Please follow follow **uhswolvesclassof2024** ON **INSTAGRAM** and stay tuned for updates regarding prom and our graduation ceremony on June 26, 2024.



## Mandatory Prom Assembly

There is a mandatory prom assembly in the large gym on **Thursday, April 11** during **period 3**. This assembly is for grade 12 students who are planning on attending prom. Teachers will bring their classes down after taking attendance. The assembly is expected to run for about 35-40 minutes, so please plan accordingly.

All period 3 grade 12 classes will attend the assembly.

Any grade 12 students who have lunch or spare in period 3 are expected to attend the assembly, if they are planning on attending prom.

Any grade 12 students who are in non-grade 12 classes during period 3 should be excused from that class to attend the assembly, if they are planning on attending prom.

JOIN US

## UHS School Council Meeting

A friendly reminder, we will be hosting our last School Council Meeting of this year on **Monday, April 15** at **7:00 p.m.** Translation services from English to Mandarin will be available.

Please feel free to fill out the **School Council Pre-Registration Form - Monday, April 15, 2024**

Agenda:

1. Welcome
2. USAC Updates
3. Subject Presentations:
  - Science - Ms. Chung & Mr. Chan
  - Computers - Mr. Anandarajan
  - English - Mr. Teitel & Ms. Vanderveen
4. Admin Updates
5. School Council Updates

We are all looking forward to seeing everyone in person!

Location: Unionville HS Library

## Food Drive from April 2 - 19

The Muslim Students' Association and EnviroCouncil are running a food drive from **April 2 - 19**. With the Markham Food Bank, we "strive to create a welcoming environment of fairness and equality for everyone". There will be boxes in **the front foyer**. **Donations of non-perishable food items** that are before the expiration date are welcome. These are the items that our community members need the most:

Food Drive

Small bags of rice  
Individually Wrapped Snacks for School  
Hot Cereal (Instant Oatmeal, Oats)  
Instant Coffee  
Jam  
Canned Salmon, and Sardines  
Canned Evaporated Milk  
Non-Dairy Milk (oat, almond, rice)  
Vegetarian Soups  
Habitant Soup  
Cooking Oil  
Kidney Beans  
Peanut Butter  
Cake Mixes  
Juice  
Canned Fruit  
Infant Formula - Stage 1, 2 and 3



If you have any questions, please inquire with Farhan Baig, Michelle Teh, and Karen Chung. Thank you.



# Respect Differences

## Fostering Resilience Workshop Reflection

On March 22, there was a stress management and leadership workshop for the GSA. They would like to share what they learned and student reflections with staff and the parent/guardian community.

[Here is the description and reflections](#)



## Parent/Caregiver Series Supporting Students of Chinese Heritage.

The YRDSB Community Care Social Work series will provide a number of parent/caregiver virtual events to build community, support mental health, and promote healing.

The first session in the series is offered for any parent/guardian of students of Chinese Heritage. Parents, caregivers are invited to join this workshop and engage meaningful conversations that help students thrive at school. Tips on ways that help strengthen family relationships and emotional wellbeing will be shared. This will be a free virtual event.

Keep the Door Open (Repeated Session): Understand Your Child's Inner World

April 23, 2024 at 6:00pm-7:00pm Mandarin Session  
[Registration for Mandarin Session](#)

April 23, 2024 at 7:00pm-8:00pm Cantonese Session  
[Registration for Cantonese Session](#)



Please email [charmaine.tong@yrdsb.ca](mailto:charmaine.tong@yrdsb.ca) if you have any questions or difficulties in accessing the registration link.

## Promoting Success For Students Of First Nation, Métis And Inuit Ancestry

York Region District School Board provides an opportunity for students with **First Nation, Métis and Inuit** ancestry to self-identify. The process is voluntary and the information gathered will be kept confidential.

The self-identification process is the first step in providing:

- Culturally specific learning opportunities or activities;
- Additional support for academic achievement and well-being, including designated support staff;
- Communication between schools, First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education staff, Aboriginal students and their families;
- Connections to post-secondary institutions, community groups, service providers and other partners;
- More learning opportunities for all members of the school community to develop a greater understanding of Aboriginal perspectives, cultures and histories

[Indigenous Self-Identification Form](#)



## International Day of Pink

**April 10, 2024**, is the International Day of **Pink**. The International Day of **Pink** is a day when communities across Canada and across the world unite to celebrate diversity and raise awareness about the need to stop homophobia, transphobia, discrimination and all forms of bullying. On this annual day in April, individuals wear pink to show respect for diversity and to demonstrate support for learning and working environments which are safe and inclusive of people from all different backgrounds.

## Sikh Trails In Canadian Landscapes

Please join us to commemorate our Sikh Heritage Month Celebration with the Sikh Educators Voice Alliance and Sikh Student Association.

Our focus is on **Sikh Trails in Canadian Landscapes**. At this event, the Sikh Educators Voice Alliance (SEVA) and Sikh Student Association (SSA) will provide time and space to highlight and promote Sikh histories, language and identity and to build unity through community.

### When:

Saturday, April 27, 2024  
1:00 - 4:00p.m.

### Where:

Middlefield Collegiate Institute  
525 Highglen Ave, Markham, ON L3S 3L5

This event is an opportunity for parents, families and YRDSB staff members to network, share, and learn about ways to affirm and create positive spaces for students of Sikh identity.

Light refreshments will be served. Please fill out the [Registration Form](#) by April 22, 2024

If you wish to view this memo translated into Punjabi, please see the [Sikh Trails in Canadian Landscapes Punjabi flyer](#).



# Guidance Office

## YRDSB Summer School 2024 Registration

Registration for Summer School opens on **Tuesday April 9 2024**.

Students will register on MyBlueprint/My Pathway Planner.

Note: Summer school runs from **July 3 - July 26, 2024**. The school day will begin at **8:45 a.m. and end at 3:33 p.m.**

## YRDSB Summer School 2024 Poster

You can visit the following link for more information.

**SUMMER** school

## 2024 Secondary Summer School In-Person Learning

**Students will Register on MyBlueprint/My Pathway Planner.**

For more information, you can view the registration guide here:

## CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE SELECTION GUIDE FOR STUDENTS

## **The 2024 Summer School Course Offerings and Locations**

For more information, you can view the list here:

## Secondary Summer School Courses Locations

## **Youth Leader in Training**

**Date: April 20, 21, 27 & 28, 2024**

**Time: 9:00am - 5:00pm**

**Location: Markham South Welcome Centre (7220 Kennedy Road)**



Welcome Centre, Immigrant Services is partnering with the City of Markham to bring youth an opportunity to receive their CPR Level C certification, High FIVE Healthy Child Development Certification, as well as other skills needed to become a camp counsellor. At the end of the program youth will also be given an opportunity to receive placement with the City of Markham, which could also lead to a summer job opportunity. The program is offered to newcomer and immigrant youth aged 16-24 at no cost (priority given to Permanent Residents, CUAET holders and Convention Refugees).

For registration and inquiries, please visit <https://bit.ly/leaderintraining> or email me at [Kulthoom.Kazi@welcomecentre.ca](mailto:Kulthoom.Kazi@welcomecentre.ca)

## **Important Dates**

**OCAS** (Ontario College Application Services) semester 2 mid-term mark upload: **April 26, 2024**

**OUAC** (Ontario Universities Application Centre) semester 2 mid-term mark upload: **April 25, 2024**

Full Disclosure: **May 7, 2024**

Full disclosure: applies to all grade 11 and 12 courses and if the course is withdrawn after the full disclosure date, a withdrawal (W) is entered in the credit column and the student's mark at the time of withdrawal is recorded as a percentage in the achievement column of the transcript".

## **Markham Public Library Spring 2024 Program**

Spring into learning as we are offering a wide variety of programs/workshops during the months of March and April! We will be hosting an in-person Neurodiversity Resource Fair, a wide selection of math programs, a Student Success and Stress Management workshop, various post-secondary studies/career workshops, scholarship workshops for teens, a preschool program and much more. We truly look forward to have you and your family join us!

## Markham Public Library Spring 2024 program

## **Markham Public Library Learning Opportunities/Programs**

1. Saturday April 6th - "Value"-able Education: Finding the Best Affordable US University Options (virtual program)
2. Thursday April 11th - The Secrets to Scholarship Research and Writing (Markham Village Library)
3. Thursday April 18th - York U Scholars' Hub: Markham's Infrastructure and York U Campus (Markham Village Library)
4. Tuesday April 30th - Graduate Studies at York University's Markham Campus (virtual program)
5. Saturday May 4th - Winning Canadian Scholarship (Markham Village Library)
6. Thursday May 9th - Preparing for a Healthcare of Medical Career: Tips for High School Students (Cornell Library)

For additional details, please see [registration link](#) regarding the list of programs.



## Supports For Students With Autism And Their Families

This session will support parents, guardians and families with:

- Understanding Autism
- Process for diagnosis
- YRDSB referral process
- School supports
- Community resources



**Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024**

**Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

**Location: Unionville High School, 201 Town Centre Blvd, Markham, ON L3R 8G5**

Please register by Apr. 28, 2024.

This free information session is organized by Inclusive School and Community Services in partnership with Student Services of York Region District School Board. For more information, please email [shani.blake@yrdsb.ca](mailto:shani.blake@yrdsb.ca) or [pauline.guo@yrdsb.ca](mailto:pauline.guo@yrdsb.ca)

Please note that Childcare will not be provided.

## Summer Institute Registration Opens

Summer Institute Registration

Looking for summer learning and fun activities for students entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8? Summer Institute offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum.

The program runs for six weeks during July and August. It is offered at nine school sites around York Region.

For more information on dates, programs and locations, please visit the [Summer Institute webpage](#).

Registration opens **March 27, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.** Families can register online.

## Ministry of Education Guide to Ontario's Education System

The Ministry of Education has launched a Parent's Guide to Ontario's Education System.

This new resource will provide families with helpful information that allows them to have a stronger role and actively participate in their children's education. The guide covers a number of subjects such as knowing how their child is doing in school, learning about suspension and expulsion processes, attending a school council meeting or parent involvement committee meeting, and knowing about specialized supports to help all children succeed.

This initiative is part of the government's recent efforts to increase transparency and accountability in our school system.

The full guide can be found at [Ontario.ca/educationguide](https://ontario.ca/educationguide)

Information is available in 10 different languages – [English](#), [French](#), [Simplified Chinese](#), [Traditional Chinese](#), [Punjabi](#), [Tagalog](#), [Arabic](#), [Spanish](#), [Portuguese](#) and [Hindi](#).

## Ontario Summer Company Grant Program For Youth Entrepreneurs

Dear Community Partners and School Teachers,



Thank you for supporting the MSBC and the innovation ecosystem. We would like to announce that our Ontario Summer Company Grant Program for Youth Entrepreneurs application is NOW OPEN!

The program offers students between 15 to 29 \$3000 as a grant to start their business in the Summer. The program also contains a 3 month training program. The application deadline is **May 17, 2024**.

Through the program you get:

- start-up money to kick-off a new summer business
- advice and mentorship from local business leaders to help get the business up and running

Learning how to run your own student business is one of the best summer jobs you can have. You get to be your own boss while learning what it takes to manage a business. Sales, marketing, bookkeeping, customer relationship management and networking are just a few of the highly useful skills you'll develop.

<https://markhambusiness.ca/helping-businesses/small-business-grants/summer-company>

## City Of Markham Small Business Summer Company Program

Thank you very much,  
City of Markham

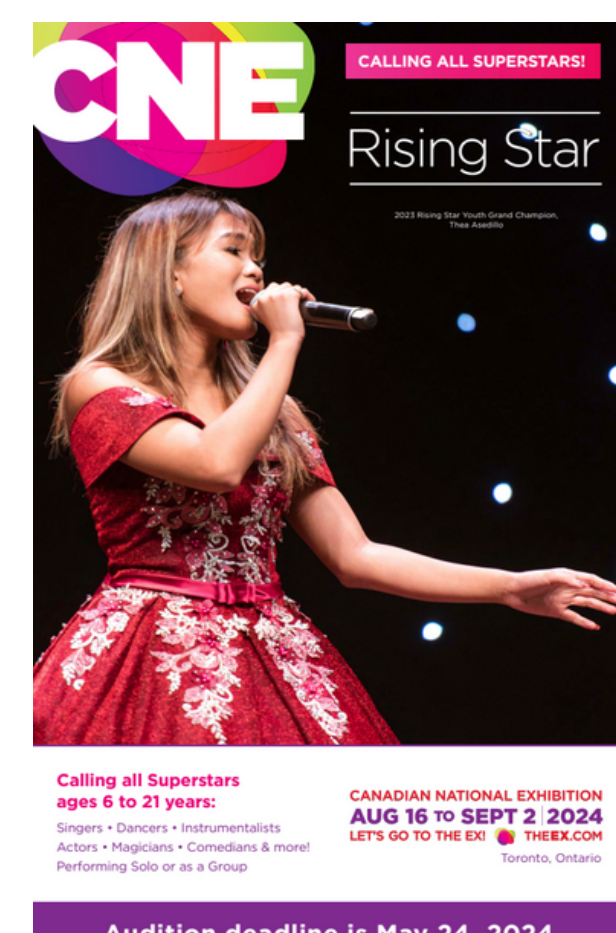
## CNE 2024 Rising Star Applications NOW OPEN!

In 2024, the CNE's Rising Star Talent Competition will introduce its 37th year of showcasing young artists. The competition features talented performers in a wide variety of genres competing for prize money in front of a live audience of CNE fairgoers! **The Rising Star contest applications are now open! Deadline to apply is May 24, 2024.**

Selected singers, dancers, musicians will perform at the 2024 CNE on the International Stage in Hall B, at the Enercare Centre. Congratulations to our 2023 Rising Star winners Kaitlyn Lau from the Junior Category and Thea Asedillo from the Youth Category!

[Rising Star Website](#)

[CNE Rising Star 2024 Poster](#)





## York University 2024 International Mathematical Modelling Challenge

The IMMC Canadian Committee would like to invite Secondary Teachers and their Students (Grades 9-12) to participate in the 2024 International Mathematical Modelling Challenge (IMMC-2024). Further information and details can be found in [the letter to Teachers](#). Teachers need to have administrator support prior to registering. Schools choosing to participate should contact parents/guardians for approval to share student names with York University prior to registering.

## NEKS Korean Families Engagement Night

The Network of Educators for Korean-Canadian Students (NEKS) invites Korean families and community members to attend a workshop to develop a deeper understanding of the Ontario Education System. Families will be able to learn about the K-12 Ontario Education System with an emphasis on transitions from elementary to secondary school, post-secondary pathways, and Special Education. Please share the flyer below with your school community.

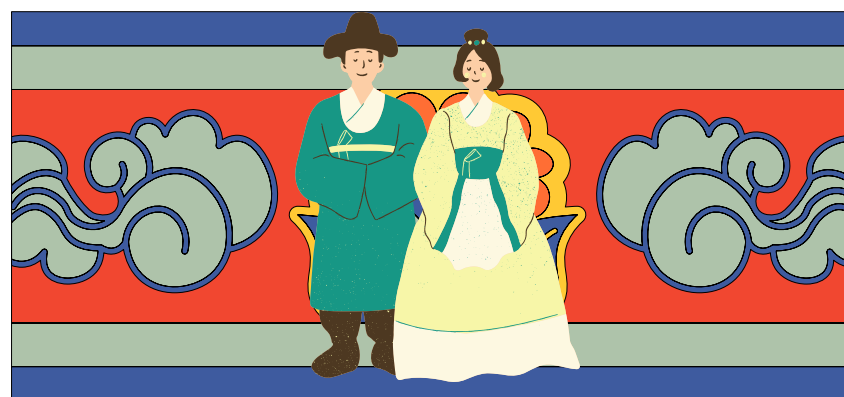
### NEKS Korean Family Engagement Night ([Flyer](#))

**Thursday, April 11, 2024**

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Thornhill Secondary School

167 Dudley Avenue, Thornhill, ON



Registrants will have an opportunity to attend two of the following workshops:

- Opportunities and Pathways after High School: Learn about different pathway opportunities after high school. What career opportunities are there? How do we prepare our students for life after high school?
- Transitioning into High School: Learn about different programs at YRDSB schools. What are some tips for being successful in high school?
- Special Education: Learn about special education and Individualized Education Plans. How can students who are struggling in school be supported?

Registration Information

Register online using this [Google form](#).

Registration deadline is Monday, April 8, 2024.

For more information, please contact: Jasmin (Jae Yeon) Kwak, NEKS Chair, [jaeyeon.kwak@yrdsb.ca](mailto:jaeyeon.kwak@yrdsb.ca)

## UHS School Council Chair: Invest In The Students' Future

Dear UHS Families,

Publicly funded schools benefit from our support, whether it is our time volunteering or directly through financial contributions. Our generosity has a direct impact on the type of high-quality educational resources and unique activities that Unionville High School can offer our students to support their development, interests, and talents. This year we hope to raise enough funds to upgrade our outdated computers that students learn and rely on. We ask you to take a moment to consider investing in our school, demonstrating the value of community involvement, and taking pride in supporting UHS for the benefit and enrichment of all our students. <https://yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>

Anoosh Sharif

Chair, School Council UHS

For the easy 5 steps to donate and the Mandarin translation: [UHS School Council Invest in Our Students](#).

## School Immunization

We are sharing information with families about immunizations for students. If your child needs vaccines, such as those required by law to attend school in Ontario, York Region Public Health provides free student catch-up immunizations to all eligible students in JK to Grade 12 by appointment only. It's also important that you report your child's vaccination to York Region Public Health. Please read this [important message from York Region Public Health on vaccinations](#).

## Secondary School Opportunities

Our secondary schools offer courses and programs that let you explore your interests, build skills and gain experience in areas that interest you. You can now search from 16 different sectors to learn more about:

- career pathways in the fields that interest you
- courses and programs you can take in secondary school that let you gain sector-specific skills, knowledge and experience
- how you can earn certifications, post-secondary credits and job experience while in high school

Find out what **courses and programs** are available in the fields that interest you at your school.

## Library Information

Check out some of these great books from the Library in recognition of April being Sikh Heritage Month in Canada. Click titles for more information.

[Sikhs in Canada](#) by Heather Hudak

[Bone and Bread](#) by Saleema Nawaz

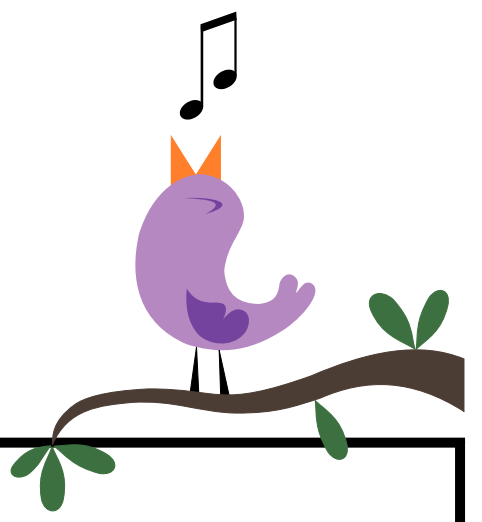
[Love & Courage: My Story of Family, Resilience, and Overcoming the Unexpected: A Memoir](#) by Jagmeet Singh

[Fauja Singh Keeps Going: The True Story of the Oldest Person to Ever Run a Marathon](#) by Simran Jeet Singh





## Upcoming Events



DATE	EVENT
April 18	Bubble Tea Fundraising #8
April 25 - 29	Semester 2 Midterm Report Card eDistribution
April 30	UHS Music at Markham Theatre (7:00 pm)
May 6	PA Day (No Classes)