

# **Unionville High School** Weekly Parent/Guardian **Bulletin**

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### **TECH REQUEST FORM – 2024-2025**

**CLUBS** 

**GUIDANCE UPDATES** 

**Character Matters Trait of the Month: Optimism** 

Optimism is a happiness magnet. If you stay positive, good things and good people will be drawn to you." - Mary Lou Retton

DATE	EVENT
April 14	Semester 2 Term 2 Begins
April 18	Good Friday
April 21	Easter Monday
April 24-28	Midterm eDistribution





#### **Online Safety**

As we begin a new semester, it is a good time to review some online safety tips as a family. Please see the link for resources on "Staying Safe from Cyber Attacks", "Social Media Safety", "Building Healthy Screen Time Habits", "How to Spot Cyber Scams", "Recognizing Misinformation", "The Power of Privacy", and other topics.



# School Council Meeting Rescheduled - Now on Tuesday, April 29th!

Dear UHS Families,

We wanted to inform you that our School Council Meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday, April 29th, at 7:00 PM.

We're also excited to share that we will have a special guest presenter joining us for the meeting!

<u>Unionville High School Council – Special Presentation for Parents</u>

Relationspaces; Transforming Relationships with Our Children
Tuesday, April 29, 2025
7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

School Council Meeting in the UHS Library
Each participant will receive a copy of Vicky Essebag's book:
"Relationspaces; A Solution-Focused Handbook for Parents."

Vicky Essebag will inspire parents with the principles of Relationspaces, which transform assumptions, intentions and behaviours in Relationships. Through relevant examples and scenarios, Vicky will share practical solution-focused skills and strategies that parents can immediately implement at home with their children of all ages.

#### **Guest Presenter:**

for Parents.

Vicky Essebag MEd-CPSY, OCT, CSFC.

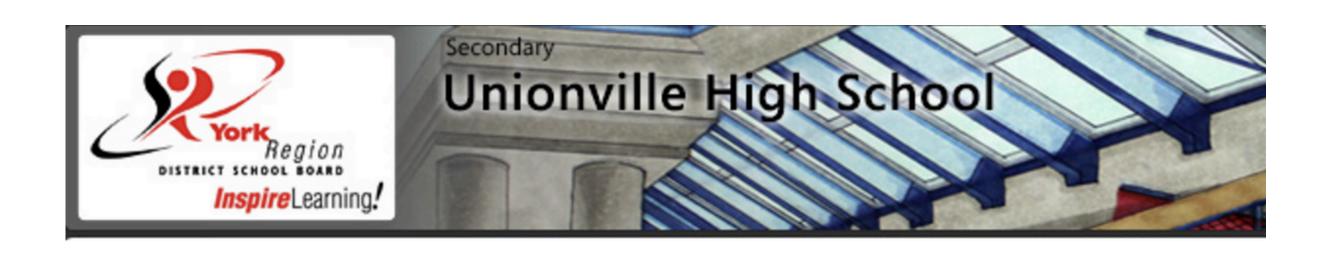
Vicky Essebag (Toronto, Canada) is a relational communication specialist, President-Elect of the North American Solution-Focused Brief Therapy Association and Fellow with the Institute of Coaching. She pairs her extensive background in education as a teacher, guidance counsellor, head of guidance, curriculum consultant, and school administrator, with her experience as a family therapist and solution-focused coach. Vicky is widely known for applying and teaching Solution-Focused Communication as a model to support a relationship-based approach in schools, families and organizations. Vicky inspires inclusive and compassionate spaces for living and learning. She is a public speaker, instructional leader and consultant. Vicky is Founder of the company – **Relationspaces.**www.relationspaces.com. info@relationspaces.com, and author of Relationspaces; A Solution-Focused Handbook

Please register if you will be attending to receive your free book.

Pre-Registration Link: <a href="https://forms.gle/uY5TTFVySahQPWyo9">https://forms.gle/uY5TTFVySahQPWyo9</a>

We hope you can join us for this informative and engaging evening.







# Celebrate 40 Years of Creativity at Unionville High School Sponsor a Pillar - Support a Legacy

The year 2025 marks the 40th anniversary of the opening of Unionville High School, and 2026 will celebrate 40 years of the Arts Unionville program—formerly Arts York. To commemorate this milestone, Grade 12 Arts Unionville Visual Arts students will transform the school's large concrete hall pillars into a series of vibrant, original murals.

https://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/unionville.hs/Documents/Celebrate%2040%20Years%20of%20Creativity%20at%20Unionville%20High%20School.pdf



Hi everyone,

Just wanted to bring your attention to some virtual workshops being held by York Hills for families/caregivers — Triple P Series, ADHD series, and some one off ones. Not sure if families at your school would be interested, but figured to forward these over in case. Just FYI, one of them is happening this Thursday Mar 6.

Please see below for the date, times, and links:

#### **One off Workshops**

Many Faces of Anxiety: May 7, 6:30pm to 8:30pm

(Many Faces of Anxiety Registration, Wed, 7 May 2025 at 6:30 PM | Eventbrite)

#### **Triple P Workshops**

Teen Triple P Seminar #1: April 24, 6:30pm to 8:30pm

(Teen Triple P Seminar #1 - Raising Responsible Teenagers Registration, Thu, 24 Apr 2025 at 6:30 PM | Eventbrite)

Teen Triple P Seminar #2: May 1, 6:30pm to 8:30pm

(Teen Triple P Seminar #2 - Raising Competent Teenagers Registration, Thu, 1 May 2025 at 6:30 PM | Eventbrite)

Teen Triple P Seminar #3: May 8, 6:30pm to 8:30pm

(Teen Triple P Seminar #3 - Getting Teenagers Connected Registration, Thu, 8 May 2025 at 6:30 PM | Eventbrite)

#### **ADHD Workshops**

Learning to Pay Attention: April 16, 6:30pm to 8pm

(Learning To Pay Attention Registration, Wed, 16 Apr 2025 at 6:30 PM | Eventbrite)

Exploring and Understanding the Inattentive Brain: May 14, 6:30pm to 8pm

(Exploring and Understanding the Inattentive Brain Registration, Wed, 14 May 2025 at 6:30 PM | Eventbrite



SMHO is offering a free, 5-part webinar series designed to help parents and caregivers navigate important topics related to substance use and addictive behaviours. They will provide insights and practical strategies on:

The intersection of addictions and mental health

Recognizing signs of substance use and addictive behaviours

How to talk about substance use at home

Current trends in student substance use in Ontario – What parents/caregiver need to know Technology overuse and problematic gaming

Dates are April 22, May 7, May 14, May 22, more dates to follow.

They can sign up here: <u>Supporting Your Child's Well-being: Free webinars for parents/caregivers Registration</u> [

<u>Eventbrite</u>

#### STUDENT SIN & SUMMER JOB BANK CLINIC SPRING 2025







Canada, UK, US

Organized by: CollegeTrackr Canada

Apr 7-10, 2025

Location:

**Zoom Events** 



# **Post-Secondary Financial Aid Information Presentation**

Attention Grade 12's. Not sure how you will pay for post-secondary education? Have questions about OSAP?

On **Tuesday, April 29, period 3 in the Library**, UHS is hosting a post-secondary financial planning presentation provided by Seneca College. Topics covered will include bursaries, scholarships and OSAP.

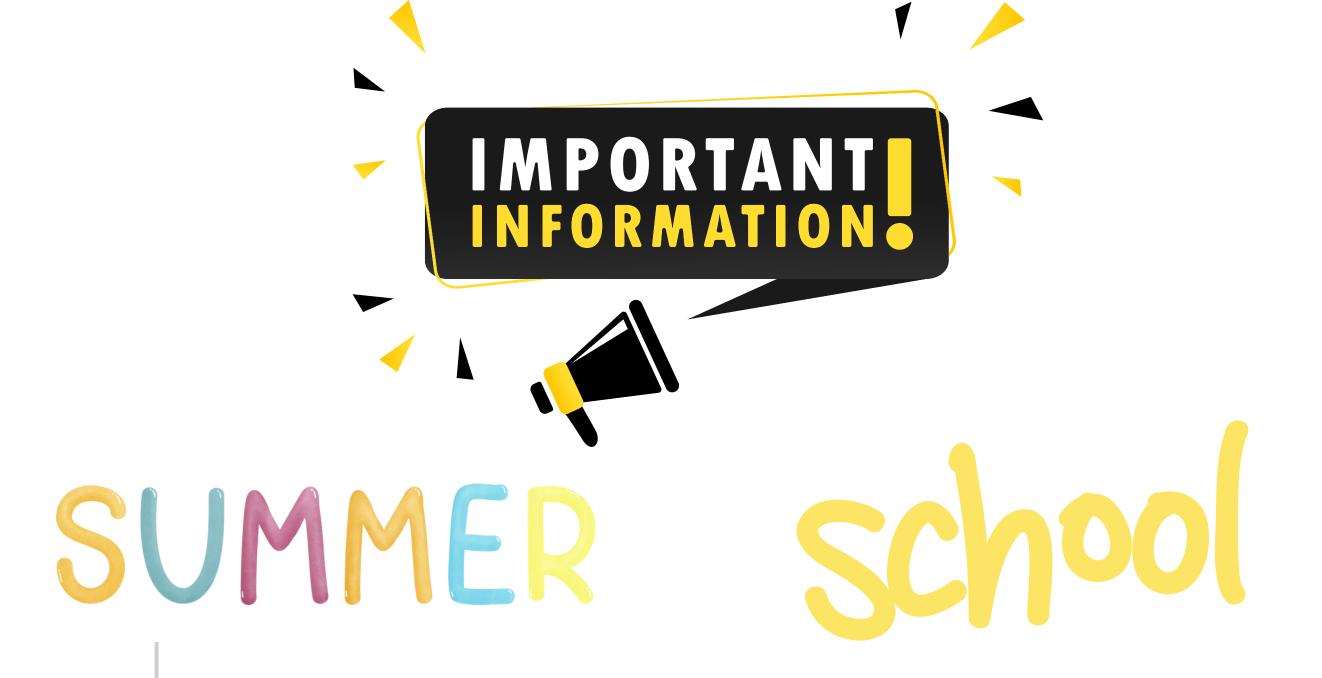
If you are interested in attending this presentation, <u>please register through school cash on-line</u>. **The deadline to sign up is Monday, April 28.** 

<u>If you have a period 3 class, please let your teacher know in advance that you will be absent.</u>

For more information, please come to the Guidance office.







#### YRDSB Summer School 2025

Summer School Registration opens on Tuesday April 15th 2025.

Summer school runs from July 2nd - July 25<sup>th</sup>

There are 2 Learning Formats Offered:

#### 1) In Person Learning

Acceleration courses will be offered in a face-to-face learning model.

Locations: Bill Hogarth SS, Bur Oak SS, Keswick HS, Maple HS, Middlefield HS, Newmarket HS, Richmond Green SS, and Thornlea SS

Full Disclosure Date for Acceleration Courses: Monday, July 21

The school day will begin at 8:45 a.m. and end at 3:33 p.m.

#### 2) Online Learning

Online Learning Courses are specifically designed to be taught in a fully online format (hours are flexible, however, students should be completing about 6 hours of work/day). Online learning relies on communication between pupils and teacher. Online learning does not require pupils and teachers to be face-to-face with each other. Classes occur online using an asynchronous model, with synchronous check-in opportunities with the teacher. The learning platform is Brightspace by D2L.

MyBlueprint/My Pathway instructions are outlined here:



Summer School Course
Offerings/Locations can be
found

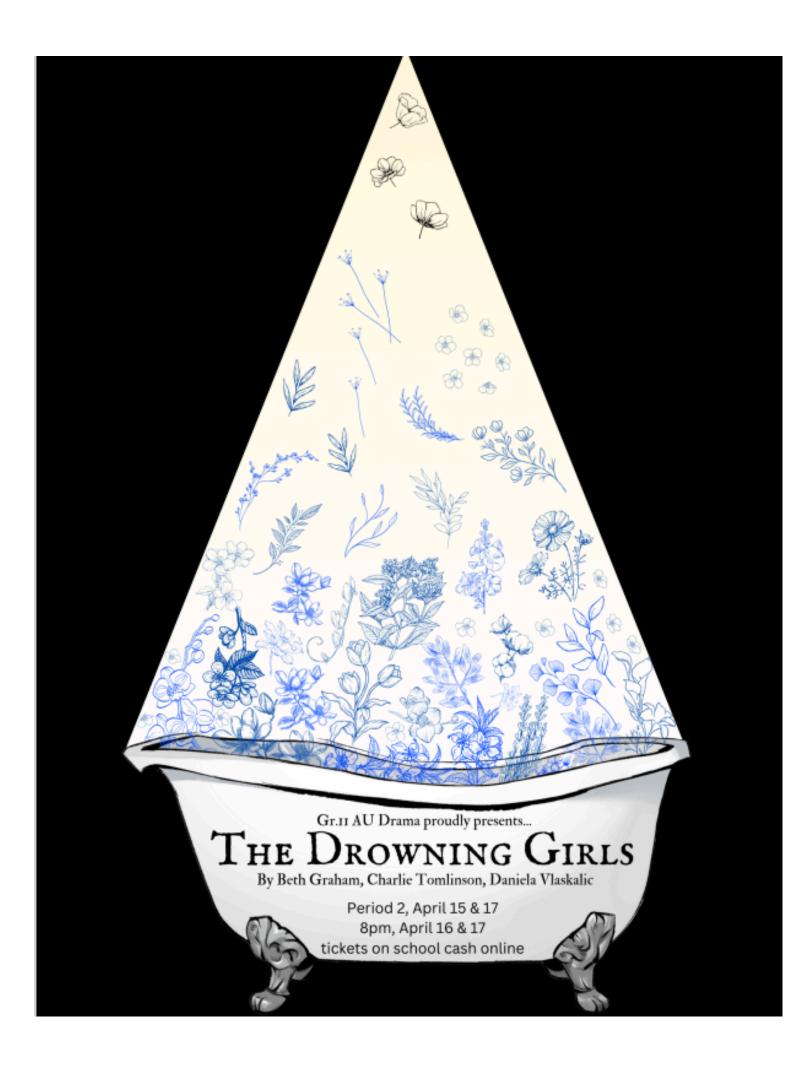
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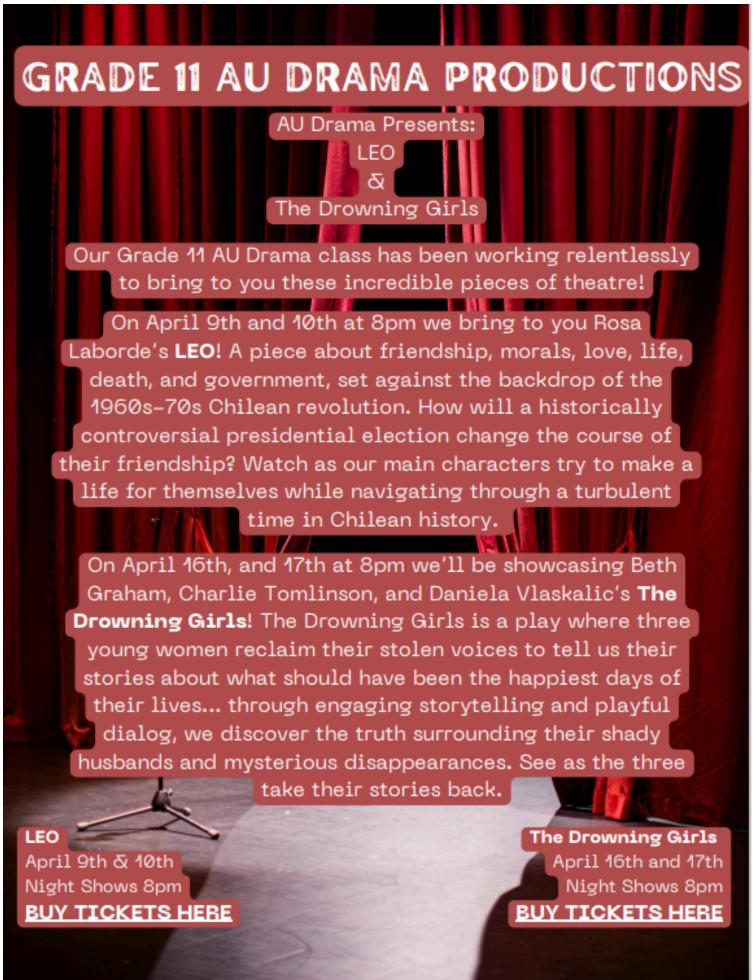


General Summer School Info can be found here:

Summer











The Drowning Girls April 16th and 17th Night Shows 8pm <u>BUY TICKETS HERE</u>

LEO: TBD





# What's happening in the school

The Ontario Ministry of Education released Policy/Program Memorandum 128 in the fall of 2024, which included a directive to school boards to set out enforcement mechanisms to address the possession, use and provision of tobacco, electronic cigarettes, nicotine products, recreational cannabis, alcohol and illegal drugs. In support of a comprehensive approach, we are pleased to announce that in the coming months, vape-detecting devices will be installed at all YRDSB secondary schools.

Our schools continue to provide education and support regarding the harmful impact of these products. Please see resources listed below.

#### **Resources for Families**

#### **QUASH**

- A Logical Plan for Quitting
  - free smoking and vaping cessation app (co-designed by youth for youth)

#### **School Mental Health Ontario**

- Vaping: What you need to know
  - o general information about vaping; outlines important facts, associated risks, and additional resources to support educators/families in having informed conversations with students

## York Region Public Health (YRPH)

- Vape Facts: What You Need to Know
  - o a website containing YRPH anti-vaping campaign videos and vaping facts
- Vaping and E-Cigarettes
  - o a website continuing YRPH information on vaping and health risks

#### **Canadian Lung Association**

- How to Talk to Your Child About Vaping
  - o a pdf guide for parents about talking with your child about vaping and the risks



#### **PARKING**

Parents and guardians dropping off students in the Town Centre and Warden drop off zones are asked to follow the traffic signs and asked not idle in fire zones. Please follow all posted signs for traffic flow and refrain from parking in visitor parking without a parking pass. Parents/guardians are also asked to not idle in no parking zones during the day and to not park in municipal parking lots.

The City of Markham has noted an increase in vehicles using the Flato parking lot. Please be aware that cars parked both in the City of Markham and UHS areas without authorization are subject to parking tickets. All parents/guardians who are visitors to UHS must park in the Town Centre lot and obtain a parking pass from UHS' main office.

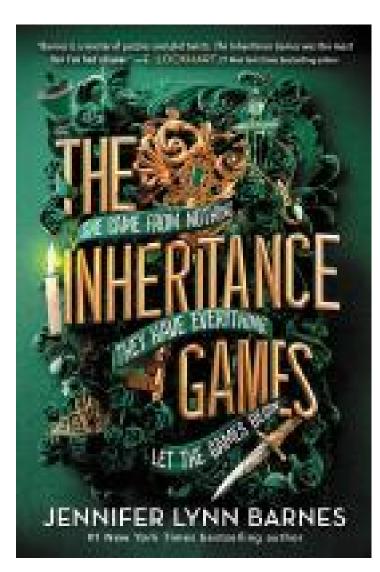
We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our parking areas organized, safe and accessible. If there are any questions, please reach out to the school directly.

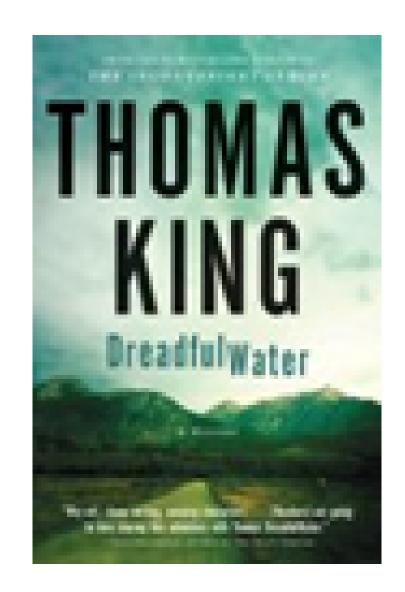


# I W READING



Isn't it sad when a great book ends? Enjoy the universe of a book longer by reading a series! Start a duology, a trilogy, or even an octology today with one of these great titles. These books and many more are available in your UHS Library.









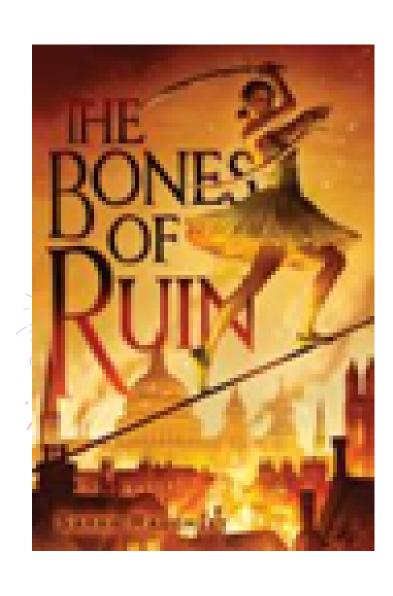
The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Lynn Barnes (4 books)

<u>DreadfulWater: A Mystery</u> by Thomas King (8 books)

Stars and Smoke by Marie Lu (2 books)

<u>Eragon</u> by Christopher Paolini (5 books)

The Bones of Ruin by Sarah Raughely (3 books)



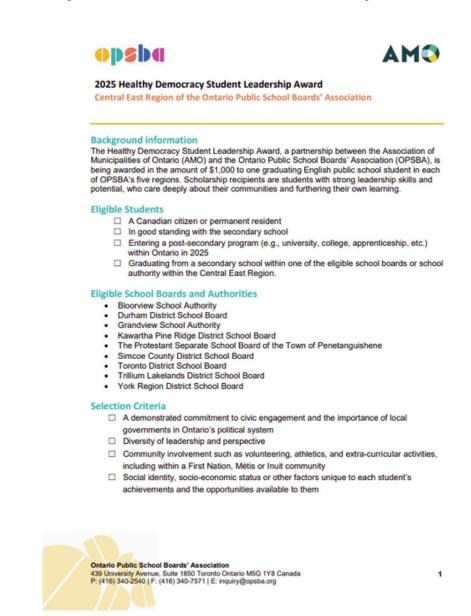


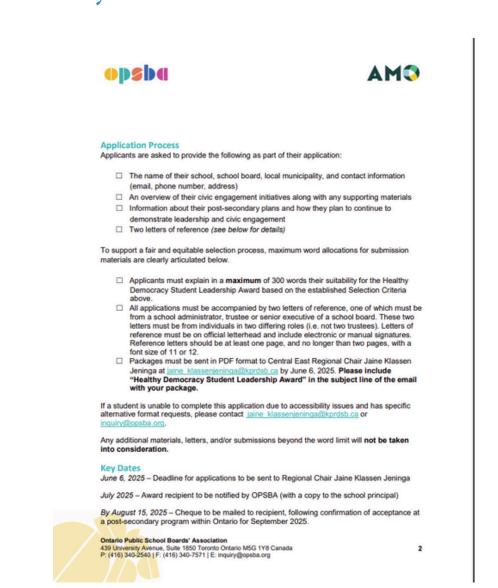




# Healthy Democracy Award Flyer

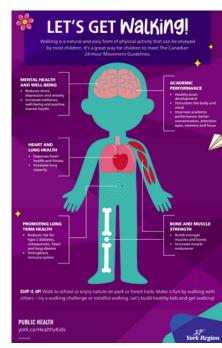






# LET'S GET Walking!

Walking is a natural and easy form of physical activity that can be enjoyed by most children.



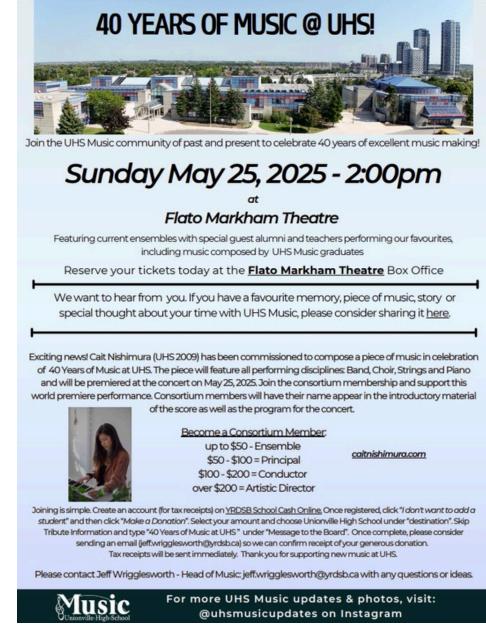
It's a great way for children to meet The Canadian 24-Hour

Movement Guidelines.







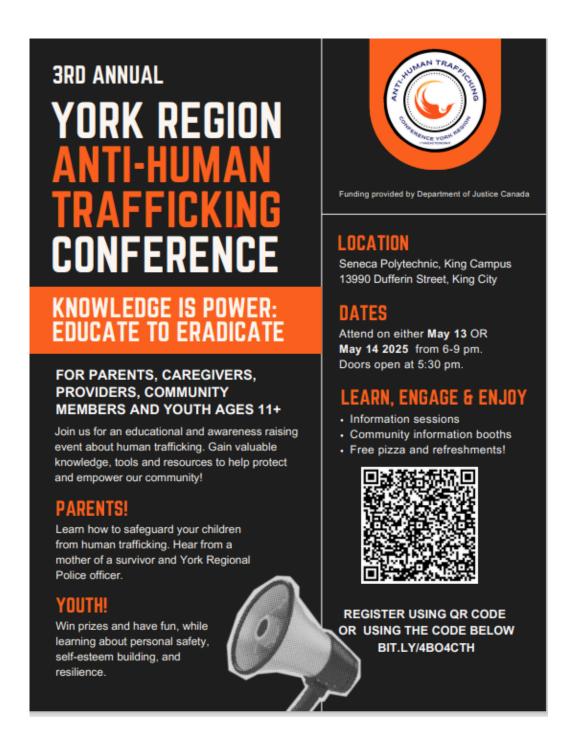








# 3rd Annual York Region Anti-Human Trafficking Conference



Good morning,

On behalf of our community partners, we are pleased to announce the 3rd Annual York Region Anti-Human Trafficking Conference, which will be held at Seneca Polytech on **May 13th and May 14th**, from **6:00 PM to 9:00 PM**.

This conference is a critical opportunity to learn more about the growing issue of human trafficking in our communities. As we work together to raise awareness and protect vulnerable individuals, it is essential that we all stay informed on how to identify and prevent trafficking. By attending, you'll gain valuable insights into how we can make a difference in our local area and beyond.

Please find the attached flyer with additional details. We kindly ask that you share this information with your school and parent community to help raise awareness and encourage participation.

We look forward to seeing many of you there that evening. As always, your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Warm regards,

# YRDSB Annual Budget Process Online Survey



Dear families,

Until **April 18**, York Region District School Board invites families and community members to participate in the Board's annual budget consultation process. Fill out the online survey (translated into 17 languages) or take part in a virtual consultation on **Monday, April 7, 2025**. More information on how to join the virtual consultation is available on the YRDSB website.

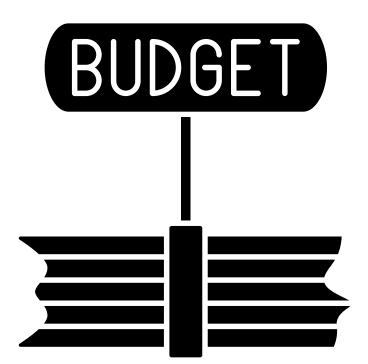
As the Board faces a decline in enrolment for the 2025-2026 school year, community feedback will help guide budgeting priorities. Questions about the budget process may be directed to budget@yrdsb.ca.

Thank you for your time and feedback.

Sincerely,

Ron Lynn Bill Cober

Board Chair Director of Education





## **Online Payments (School Cash Online)**

All YRDSB schools are now using School Cash Online as an online payment system. School Cash Online is an easy, safe and convenient way for families to pay online for extracurricular items or events, including yearbooks and field trips. It helps to reduce paper and the amount of cash/cheques handled by parents and students.

Families may make payments using School Cash Online, or by cash or cheque.

How do I access the tool?

You can register for <u>School Cash Online</u> at any time by visiting the website. Once you are registered, you will be notified of any new items available for your child.



How do I register? Please click <u>here</u> for instructions.





### Safety First - Message from UHS Administration Team

♦♦ IMPORTANT SAFETY MESSAGE FOR PARENTS: ENSURE SAFE CROSSING FOR YOUR CHILDREN! 👫 ♦♦

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The safety of our Unionville HS students is our top priority, especially when it comes to crossing roads. As we know, crossing busy streets such as Highway 7 and Warden, poses potential risks. Here are some essential reminders to ensure our students cross the road safely:

- 1. Understand and adhere to school zone rules. These areas often have reduced speed limits and additional safety measures to protect pedestrians.
- 2. Ensure your child understands the basic rules of road safety looking both ways before crossing, waiting for the signal, and only crossing at designated crosswalks.
- 3. Emphasize the importance of using designated crosswalks. Explain that these areas are specifically designed for safe pedestrian crossing, reducing the risk of accidents.
- 4. Discourage the use of electronic devices while crossing the road. Remind them that paying attention to their surroundings is crucial for their safety.

Let's work together to create a community where our UHS students can navigate the roads confidently and safely. By reinforcing these simple yet crucial guidelines, we can contribute to a secure environment for all. Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to the safety of our students at UHS!





## Network of Educators for Korean-Canadian Students Networking Event:

https://yrdsb.sharepoint.com/sites/BWW-News/SitePages/NEKS-Family-Engagement-Night.aspx?

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# **Sikh Heritage Month Celebration:**

https://yrdsb.sharepoint.com/sites/BWW-News/SitePages/Sikh-Heritage-Month-Celebration-at-Kleinburg-P.S.aspx?

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#### **Victims of Crime Week**

Parents, caregivers, guardians, community members and youth 11+ are welcome to attend the **3rd Annual Anti-Human Trafficking Conference** in York Region.

Join us at **Seneca Polytechnic College King Campus** on May 13 and 14, 2025 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. for an evening of learning, networking, and collaboration in the fight against human trafficking. <u>Registration for the 3rd Annual York Region Anti-Human Trafficking Conference</u>.

#### YRP OPEN MIC FLYER: YRP OPEN MICNIGHT.PDF

HTTPS://WWW.YRDSB.CA/SCHOOLS/UNIONVILLE.HS/DOCUMENTS/YRPOPENMICNIGHT.PDF







# **Summer Program - Camp Black Brilliance Summer Program**

Registration is open for The Centre for Black Student Excellence - Camp Black Brilliance Summer Program.

Camp Black Brilliance will offer families the opportunity to get to know the Kindergarten program and have their children experience their introduction to schooling in a way that is culturally responsive and affirming of their identity, through experiential learning.

Who: Children of Black Families who are Junior and Senior Kindergarten entering school in September 2025.

When: 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., **July 7 - July 25, 2025** 

Location: Choose One of the following locations (subject to change based on registration). Transportation is not included.

- Armadale Public School
- Crosby Heights Public School
- Discovery Public School
- Maple Leaf Public School

Register Today! Deadline is **June 1, 2025**.

For more information or questions, please contact the Centre for Black Student Excellence (CBSE) at blackstudentexcellence@yrdsb.ca.



DATE	EVENT
May 5	PA Day
May 13	Dance Highlights- Flato Theatre 7pm-9pm
May 14	UHS Music Spring Celebration 7pm-9pm
May 19	Victoria Day
May 22	UHS Music Celebration II 7pm - 9pm
May 22	SEAS - Asian Heritage Event in Cafe @ 4pm