



Unionville High School Weekly Parent Bulletin

Friday, April 28, 2023

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TECH REQUEST FORM – 2022-2023

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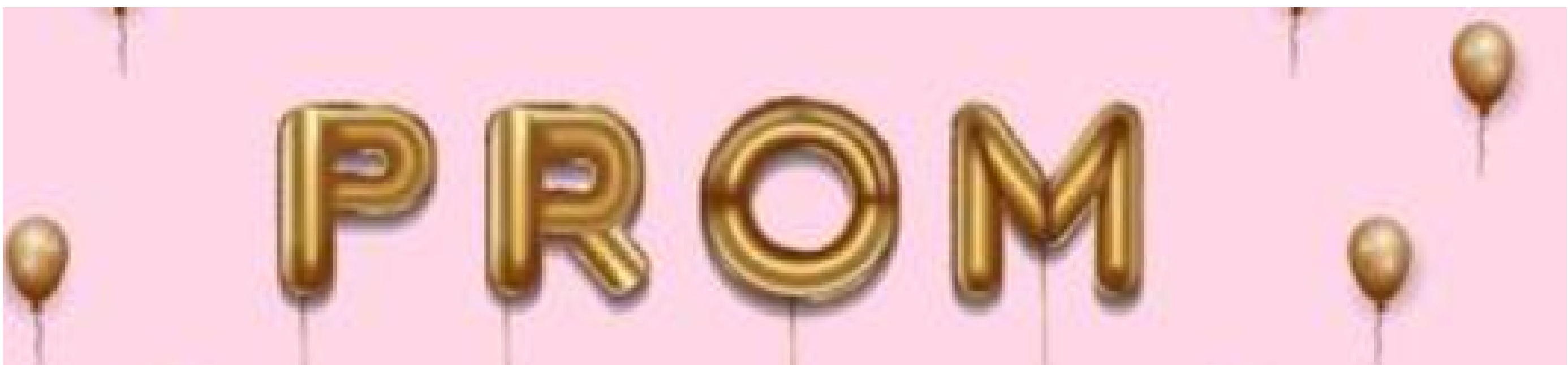
GUIDANCE UPDATES

Character Matters Trait of the Month: Honesty

“Truth never damages a cause that is just.” - Mahatma Gandhi

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
FRIDAY, MAY 5	PA Day (No Classes)
MONDAY, MAY 22	Victoria Day (No Classes)



Prom 2023

Our Unionville High School prom will be taking place on **Thursday, June 1, 2023** from 5:30pm-10:30pm. Ticket sales will begin on **Monday, April 24** on [School Cash Online](#) and will run until **Thursday, May 4**. Ticket prices will be: \$90 (for those who have paid the SAC fee), \$100 (for those who have not paid the SAC fee) and \$110 for guests outside of UHS. If you have any questions, please contact Ms Damji at zafirah.damji@yrdsb.ca.

From This Week's Communications

[York Pride Festival](#)

Upcoming Programs at MPL

School Readiness - [Sat | Apr 29 | 10 AM | Milliken Mills](#)

Pets & Wildlife in Markham - [Sat | Apr 29 | 11 AM | Cornell](#)

Environmental Art - [Sun | Apr 30 | 1:30 PM | Milliken Mills](#)

Shared Reading with Pups in the Library for Adults - [Thurs | May 4 | 7 PM | Cornell](#)

Black Heritage Collection Launch Party - [Sat | May 6 | 10 AM | Milliken Mills](#)

Markham Centre Trails Grand Opening - [Sat | May 13 | 10 AM](#)

2023-2024 School Year

The proposed YRDSB 2023-2024 school year calendars have been sent to the Ministry for review and approval. These calendars may be accessed on the [YRDSB website](#).

Please note: Calendars are not official until they receive formal Ministry approval which is expected in late May 2023.

Semester 2 Exams

All students and families need to ensure that students are present and available for the Semester 2 Exam block. Semester 2 Exams will take place **June 21-27, 2023** . Please be aware that **June 28, 2023** is Exam Review Day.

Faith Accommodations for Semester 2

Please be advised of **our regular daily prayer room** during semester two:

Central Prayer Room Location: Room 326 (With the exception of April 24, May 8 & 29, and June 19 where it will be held in room 219).

Prayer/Meditation Space Request

Does your child need a space to practice their faith? All students who would like to use our Prayer/Meditation Space for the 2022-2023 school year should complete the School Start Up forms: <https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/> and email Ms. Kyriopoulos (effie.kyriopoulos@yrdsb.ca) for more information.

Homestay Families Needed for International Visa Students

Host families are needed to offer homestay accommodation to International Visa students. The experience of hosting can be a once in a lifetime experience for your family. Are you able to offer a caring home environment to a YRDSB international student? Remuneration (monthly stipend) is available to families to cover the cost of hosting. Hosting opportunities are available from two well-known organizations, approved by YRDSB. These organizations can support you every step of the way. Both [Canada Homestay Network](#) and [MLI Homestay](#) offer additional information online. These opportunities are available broadly to YRDSB staff, and members of school communities

Student Parking Reminders

Dear Students and Families,

Please keep in mind the following parking procedures:

Students must reapply every semester for a new parking pass. **Please note there are limited spots available for student parking.** After a student has completed the application process and **upon approval** a \$20.00 deposit is required through School Cash Online. This deposit will be refunded at the end of each semester provided that the parking pass is returned to the main office. Students are only permitted to park along the outside portables. Please refer to this [map](#) for student parking location. Students must display their parking pass clearly on their dashboard. Students are responsible for all City issued parking tickets.

Please note: We have reached our maximum for student parking passes for the 2022-2023 school year.

Library Items:

The Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety has its [National Day of Mourning](#) on **April 28**. This day is to remember workers who have lost their lives or developed injuries and illnesses due to their jobs. To learn about workers' rights and the history of labour, borrow one of these books from the UHS Library. Click links for more information.

[Dolores Huerta: Labor Leader](#) by David Alexis
[Labour and Social Reform](#) by Miriam Bardswich
[Working Toward Achieving Workers' Rights](#) by Catherine Brereton
[Students Against Sweatshops](#) by Liza Featherstone
[The Worldwide Movement Against Child Labour](#) by Alec Fyfe
[1919: A Graphic History of the Winnipeg General Strike](#) by the Graphic History Collective
[The Canadian Labour Movement: A Brief History](#) by Craig Heron
[Indigenous Women, Work and History, 1940-1980](#) by Mary Jane McCallum
[Making Sweatshops: The Globalization of the U.S. Apparel Industry](#) by Ellen Rosen
[Transforming Labour: Women and Work in Post-War Canada](#) by Joan Sangster

Students are invited to join the Library's Google Classroom. The join code is sv427pg. Students may also search for books, request books and access other resources on the [Library page](#) (click link) of the UHS website.

Students also have access to ebooks through [SORA](#) (click link). They sign in using the number 0 followed by their student number.

Volunteer with Markham Public Library

Get your hours, make friends and create an impact for your community. Click [here](#) for flyer.

What Do You Need to Graduate from High School?

[What do you need to Graduate?](#) – Click the link to see what courses and requirements you will need to graduate.

Culturally Responsive Mental Health & Wellbeing Services for Students & Families

Please click [here](#) for flyer.

Technology Requests

We are encouraging all students to bring their own laptop or chromebook to school on a daily basis to assist in their learning. If you are bringing a personal laptop or chromebook, please ensure that it is clearly labelled for ease of identification. All students who were previously issued a Board device should bring this device to school for continued daily use. If your child does not already have a personal or Board laptop or chromebook, please complete the **[Technology Request Form 2022-2023](#)**.

Peer Tutoring

All students **interested in becoming a peer tutor** for the 2022-2023 school year must submit their application through this link: <https://bit.ly/BecomeTutorUHS0>

This application must be completed using the **student's GAPPS email**. Upon submitting, students will **receive an email containing a PDF** that will need to be printed, signed and returned to the Guidance Department dropbox located outside the Guidance Office. **Please Note:** If students are applying to tutor a subject they are currently taking, please ask your subject teacher first, as students are required to indicate their subject teacher's name to confirm if they are recommended for tutoring that subject.

All students **requesting a peer tutor** must submit their application through this link: <https://bit.ly/RequestTutorUHS>

This application must be completed using the **student's GAPPS email**. Upon submitting, students will **receive an email containing a PDF** that will need to be printed, signed and returned to the Guidance Department dropbox located outside the Guidance Office.

[Please click here for the Peer Tutoring flyer](#)



Wellness Reminder of the Week:

The UHS Wellness Council is a student run council whose mission is dedicated to improve students' health and well-being by creating and maintaining a positive school environment here at UHS. To learn more about how you can be part of the UHS Wellness Council, [please click here](#) for our Instagram page.

“Incredible change happens in your life when you decide to take control of what you do have power over instead of craving control over what you don’t.” - Steve Maraboli

News, Tips and Resources for Families

Looking for the latest news, tips and resources for families? Some of our departments put out monthly newsletters that provide helpful updates and resources for families.

Visit our [newsletters page](#) to see them all, or check out the latest from:

- [Centre for Black Student Excellence](#)
- [Math and Math Problems of the month](#)
- [Mental Health](#)
- [Parent, Family & Community Engagement](#)
- ["The Special Edition"](#) Exceptional Learning Strengths and Needs Newsletter

Summer School:

Summer school registration is now open and will close **June 16th**. To register, go to My Pathway Planner and click on Continuing Education. Both in-person and online courses are offered but are not guaranteed as they are subject to sufficient enrolment and teacher availability. Please note that students must be in the province of Ontario in order to attend any online course.

Click [here](#) for Summer School Registration Information

- 1) Log into [MyBluePrint / MyPathwayPlanner](#) using your student GAPPS login.
- 2) Click on the CONTINUING EDUCATION tab on the left column.
- 3) Click on the EXPLORE COURSES button.
- 4) You can either SEARCH for the course you wish to register for by the name or course code OR you can click on the dropdown menu at your chosen Summer School option and select your Summer School course.
- 5) Select the course you wish to register for by clicking on the button SUBMIT.
- 6) *No Sign Off Forms are required*

South Asian and Tamil Youth Conference

Grades 7 to 12

To honour South Asian Heritage Month, the York Region District School Board in partnership with [The South Asian and Tamil Women's Collective](#) invites self-identifying South Asian and Tamil, female and gender non-binary, grades 7 to 12 students to attend our 2023 South Asian & Tamil Well-Being Conference.

Students will participate in a day of culturally responsive, identity affirming mentorship and learning in support of their agency, health and well-being.

SHSM students should note that this conference fulfills the Experiential Learning required for your SHSM certification!

Saturday, May 6, 2023 from 8:30am – 2:30 pm

Where:

[Pierre Elliott Trudeau Secondary School](#)
90 Bur Oak Ave, Markham, ON L6C 2E6

Registration:

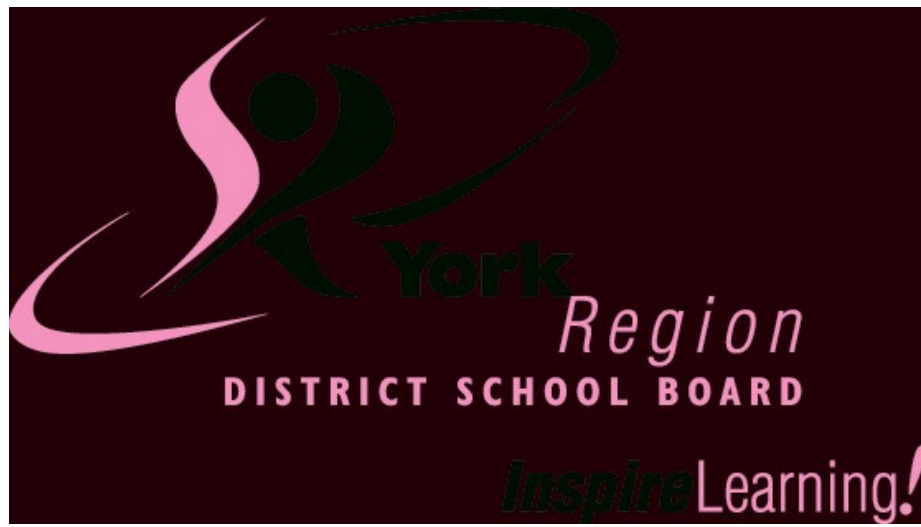
Students are to register through this [Conference Google Form](#).

Students should also bring the completed [consent](#) for filming form to submit at the conference.

Contact:

For more information, please contact:

nusrat.sacranie@yrdsb.ca or hshah@ccsyr.org or
sana.aliqureshi@gmail.com or ayesha.syed@yrdsb.ca



Preserving our Past

Sikh Heritage Month

Please join us to commemorate our first Sikh Heritage Month Celebration with YRDSB. Our focus is on Preserving our Past. At this event, the Educators of Students of South Asian Heritage (ESSAH) will provide time and space to highlight and promote Sikh histories, language and identity, and to build unity through community.

Exhibits:

- Sikh Heritage Museum Display and Keynote Speaker
- Artifacts
- Artwork Exhibit by YRDSB Students
- Shabad Performance
- Gathkha Performance
- Community Partners and Vendors

April 29, 2023

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Woodbridge College, 71 Bruce St, Woodbridge

[Registration Online by April 26](#)

More Information, contact: harpinder.kaur@yrdsb.ca 905-884-2046 ext 268

Leadership and Peer Support Credit Knowing Your Strengths to Design Your Future

Designed for Students with Disabilities



Are you a student who self identifies as a person with a disability?

Do you want to explore more opportunities with your peers?

Are you seeking a leadership role?

If so, this course is for YOU!

For the Second Summer YRDSB is offering a summer credit course and experience like no other!

This is a unique experience for students who have a disability (and who self-identify as a person with a disability) to earn a leadership and peer support course credit (GPP301) and have an incredible time working with peers! This course will include an overnight field trip at a post-secondary University or College.

Course Description

The course will include in-person experiential learning and opportunities that will be co-created with students and staff. Your teaching team will include a YRDSB teacher, Occupational Therapist, Peer Mentors and Educational Assistants.

Students will explore their own strengths and needs while honouring diversity and inclusivity. This course prepares students to:

- contribute to disability positive identity formation and affirmation
- explore peer support opportunities and the value of peer support
- learn to identify their own leadership styles
- seek leadership opportunities
- develop self advocacy skills
- learn system advocacy skills

Course Date/LocationExpression of Interest

This course will run through the school of To express your interest in the course, please continuing education from July 5th-July 28th at complete the [Expression of Interest Form](#).
Richmond Green Secondary School.



<https://bit.ly/40qxzhb>

For more details about this program, please contact Stephanie Ellis (stephanie.ellis@yrdsb.ca) or Wendy Howes (wendy.howes@yrdsb.ca).

SCHOOL IMMUNIZATIONS

Did your child miss the recent student immunization clinic at school?

An immunization clinic for Hepatitis B, Human Papillomavirus (HPV-9) & Meningococcal vaccines were offered to students at your child's school this week by York Region Public Health. If your child missed the opportunity in school, it is not too late.

There are still opportunities to be immunized.

- **Make an appointment at york.ca/immunization for your child to receive the vaccines at a York Region Public Health student catch-up immunization clinic. *Please note that clinic appointments are released 30 days in advance.***

For more information about the school immunization clinics or eligibility for vaccines please call **York Region Public Health** at 1-877-464-9675 or visit **york.ca/immunization**

1-877-464-9675
TTY 1-866-512-6228
york.ca/immunization



Fearlessly Black

Master Class #3



presented by
**THE CENTRE FOR
BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE**

Monday May 8, 2023

5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

@ The Venu Event Space

2800 Highway 7, Woodbridge, ON

The Black Excellence Program invites you to the last Master Class for 2022 - 2023 featuring Dr. Howard Stevenson.

Have you ever been racially profiled and froze because you didn't know what to say?

Worried about how to confront racial tension at school?

Well, Dr. Howard Stevenson has perfected the art of how to respond in these uncomfortable situations!

Dinner is available at no cost. Register for this FREE workshop with a parent, guardian or caring adult using the link below.



Dr Howard C. Stevenson

**BLACK
EXCELLENCE**

5:00 p.m. Doors open

5:15 - 5:30 p.m. Dinner & mingle with community partners

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Interactive workshop



[Register here](#)

Note: All YRDSB student participants must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or adult family member.



Navigating Secondary School and Beyond

2023 Summer Program

Program overview

The Come Up summer program is a unique in-person course offered to self-identifying Black students in the York Region District School Board. It also includes guest speakers, field trips, lunch and swag.

Students entering grade 9 will earn a Civics and Careers (GLC20/CHV20) credit.

Students entering Grade 10 will earn a Black History (CHE30) credit. This credit can be used to fulfill the grade 10 compulsory history credit.

Eligibility

- Are you entering Grade 9 or 10 in September 2023?
- Do you self-identify as Black?
- Are you a YRDSB Student?
- Are you interested in earning a high school credit?

Dates

July 5 - July 28, 2023 (Monday-Friday)*

*Attendance is mandatory for the duration of the program.
Please note: Lunch will only be provided on Mondays and Wednesdays.

8:45 a.m. - 3:35 p.m.

Choice of Tommy Douglas SS or Milliken Mills HS

Registration opens April 11, 2023

Register by May 26, 2023



Virtual Black Parent/Guardian Workshop Series

2023 Summer Program

Is your child a YRDSB student?

Is your child transitioning to Grade 9 or 10?

Is your child registered in the Come Up Program?

Does your child self-identify as Black?

**Join us for a workshop series
on navigating the secondary
school system.**

Session # 1 - Tuesday, June 27, 2023, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Understanding the Secondary System

(Structure, Rights, Policies, Attendance, Credit Recovery, IEPs and more)

Session # 2 - Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Supporting your Child (Mental Health Supports, Tips and Strategies)

Families of all students for the summer school program will receive registration information for the Black Parent/ Guardian Workshop Series via email once student registration is complete.



For more information email: TheComeUP@yrdsb.ca



BRINGING STEM TO LIFE: WORK-INTEGRATED LEARNING PROGRAMS

*Summer
2023*

**Are you a high school student entering Grades 11 or 12?
Get paid while working with k2i academy on a
STEM research project and pursuing a Grade 11 (3U) or
Grade 12 (4C) Physics credit.**

**Students will be selected by their school board and priority will be given to
underrepresented students in science, technology, engineering and math
(STEM) fields including: Black and Indigenous youth, and women.**

ARE YOU INTERESTED? LEARN MORE HERE.

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9AM TO 5PM



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Beside Terry Fox PS
161 Sawmill Valley Drive

*MORE INFO AT [YOUTHSPEAK.CA](https://youthspeak.ca) OR EMAIL EVENTS@YOUTHSPEAK.CA

York Region

U.S. College & University Fair



Organized by CollegeTrackr Canada

May 16 at 7pm-9pm ET
Thornhill Secondary School

- Meet U.S. Universities
- Undergraduate Programs
- NCAA Sports
- Scholarships
- And More!



Scan Here
to Register



COMING SUMMER 2023 Nurturing Black Student Excellence in Education (NBSE)

MEET BLACK U OF T STUDENTS, STAFF
AND ALUMNI TO DISCOVER HOW A
BUSINESS DEGREE CAN HELP YOU
ACHIEVE YOUR FULL POTENTIAL!

Black-identifying students from grades 9-12 are welcome.
Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

LEARN MORE:

nbse.utsc@utoronto.ca

uoft.me/nbse-utsc



YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES

APR- JUN 2023

SPRING PROGRAMS



青少年 & 家庭服务

APR- JUN 2023

春季 活动目录



Hong Fook Youth and Family Services

Programs and services offered
April to June 2023

[Click here](#)

青少年及家庭服务

活动与服务将于
2023年4月至6月之间提供

[请点击这里](#)

Club Info

Club Name	Contact
Architecture	Zach Layton
Arts Council	Shane Clodd
Artisans Club	Jessica Li
Badminton Club	Jonathan Tam - Ivan Wong
Black Excellence	Sara Faulkner - Zach Teitel - Beckey Serwaa
Board Games Club	Brooke Semoff
Book Club	Celeste Lawton
Business & Sports	Neil Sareen
Charis Christian Club	Peter Lansing
Chess Club	Jessica Deluca-Kurek
Chinese Culture Club	Shan-Chen Yu
Community Council	James Campbell
Computer Science Club	Raymond Do
Cooking Club	Anna DiLorenzo
Dance Council	Melissa Bettio - Kathleen Major
Debate Club	Megan Woo
DECA	Kuo Pan - Wes Guldemon - Neil Sareen
Desi Student Association	Arora Angad Singh
Dramatic Arts Council	Laz Geronikolos
Eco-Council	Michael Johnston
Film Club	Lauren Fridman - Shiraz Rafik - Zach Layton
Gender & Sexuality Alliance	Sara Faulkner - Zach Teitel
Guitar Ensemble	Niloufar Barazesh
Historical Club	Laura Fong
Jazz Band	Niloufar Barazesh
K-Pop Club	Kathleen Major
Light Music Club	Jennifer Porter
Math Club	Daniela Panacci
Med Club	Henry Wang
Mock Trial	Nathan Struk
Muslim Students Association	Farhan Baig
Narrative Arts Club	Shiraz Rafik
Newcomers Club	Keyan Wu - Brooke Semoff
Philosophical Studies Club	Laura Fong
Prom Committee	Zafirah Damji - Daniela Panacci - Melissa Bettio
Robotics	Brian Cho - Andrew Dennis Raymond Do - David De Paolis
Science Club	Elaine Howard - Jeffrey Chan
Shalom Unionville	Zach Teitel
Show Choir	Melissa Bettio - Julia Fong - Michelle Teh
Soccer Club	Mathew Himelson
Social Justice Club	Felicia Sukdeo - Jennifer Porter
Special Events Club	Zafirah Damji - Susan Sun

STEM Beyond	<u>Georgina Mantelos</u>
Table Tennis Club	<u>Jeffrey Chan</u>
Tamil Students Association	<u>Sharma Sharma</u>
Target Alpha	<u>Mathew Himelson</u> - <u>Wes Guldemon</u>
Wellness Club	<u>Michelle Farwell</u>
Writers Club	<u>Zach Layton</u>
Unionville Howl	<u>Keyan Wu</u>
Voice Acting Club	<u>Stephanie Taylor</u>
Yearbook Club	<u>Lisa Wong</u> - <u>Frances Tom</u> - <u>Zach Layton</u>
Yoga Club	<u>Jennifer Zamperin</u>
Zoology	<u>Yiu Lun Leung</u> - <u>Daniel Dietrich</u>
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JUNE 21 - 27	Exams
TUESDAY, JUNE 27	Graduation
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28	Exam Review Day
THURSDAY, JUNE 29	Eid-ul-Adha
FRIDAY, JUNE 30	P.A. DAY (No Classes)