



Unionville High School Weekly Parent Bulletin

Thursday, April 6, 2023

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Character Matters Trait of the Month: Honesty

“The first step toward greatness is to be honest.” - Dr. Samuel Johnson

DATE	EVENT
FRIDAY, APRIL 7	Good Friday (No Classes)
MONDAY, APRIL 10	Easter Monday (No Classes)

Grade 10 History Field Trip to the Indigenous Ingenuity Exhibit at the Ontario Science Centre



Last week, our Grade 10 History cohort participated in a fun and educational field trip to the Indigenous Ingenuity Exhibit at the Ontario Science Centre. The students had the opportunity to explore and experience Indigenous inventions, in addition to their culture, knowledge, and history, through a hands-on interactive experience. Our students had an incredible experience and felt as though their knowledge, with regards to Indigenous peoples, had deepened as a result of this trip. Here are some of the quotes that students had to share:

"Each artifact was interactive and creative, it made me understand each item meaningfully, that was super enjoyable!! I now know more about indigenous culture and it made me deepen my connections with their culture. I became more dedicated to reconciliation. I do wish that conflicts such as residential schools and current problems were addressed in order for people to understand the indigenous peoples' hardships "

"The exhibit featured many artifacts showing the genius of Indigenous people, it allowed us to better understand the culture."

"Attending the Indigenous Ingenuity Exhibit was a truly eye-opening experience. Through the art, artifacts, and interactive displays, I gained a deeper understanding of the rich history and cultural traditions of Indigenous peoples. The exhibit not only showcased their incredible ingenuity, but also highlighted the challenges they have faced and continue to face in society. It was a meaningful and genuine experience that left me with a greater appreciation for their resilience, strength, and contributions to the world. This exhibit has deepened my understanding of Indigenous history, culture, and the people, and has inspired me to continue learning and advocating for their rights and recognition."

A special thank you to Ms. Donaldson for organizing the trip, the Grade 10 History teacher team, and staff volunteers for making this possible.

Yours truly,

Katie Major and Michelle Teh
Indigenous Liaisons

Welcoming Students to the Library During P3

Starting **Wednesday, April 5**, Mrs. Cassano, our Library Technician, will be supervising the Library during period 3 for students on lunch and spare.

As with all other periods of the day, the following expectations apply:

1. Students using the library on lunch or spare must sign in using the sign-in binder.
2. The Library is available for quiet study. Please use the cafeteria for socializing.
3. The Library is not a lunch room. Please use the cafeteria for lunch. Bottles of water are allowed. Please join the Library Google Classroom using join code **sv427pg** to ask us any questions.

We look forward to welcoming you.



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!

When:

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:

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Unionville High School's School Council Presents...

Life-Proofing Our Kids for Success:

A Four-Part Series

Dr. Lin & Associates <https://www.dr.linandassociates.com/>

Monday, April 24, 2023—Resiliency for Life @ 7:30pm to 8:30pm — Jackie Robertson

Jackie Robertson is a Registered Psychotherapist with over 30 years of experience working with families, adolescents and children. Jackie is a passionate speaker, educator, facilitator and consultant. Jackie has a wealth of experience in the areas of mental health, familial issues, trauma and adoption as she also provides training for the Adoption Counsel of Ontario. She has travelled internationally to build partnerships, coach leaders, provide clinical expertise, and facilitate teaching and workshops. She is engaging, down to earth, humorous and highly motivating in her work approach. She finds her work in supporting others on their journey to reach their full potential is extremely enriching.

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To Join the conversation with Jackie Robertson on Monday, April 24, 2023, please complete the google form:

[UHS School Council Invitation April 24, 2023](#)

If you would like a free copy of Dr. Lin's: "Life Proofing Your Kids; Healthy Parents, Happy Kids." Please email us at

unionville.hs@yrdsb.ca

We hope to see you there!

UHS School Council Invitation April 24, 2023

School Council Meeting Tentative Agenda:

Dear Families,

Our 6th School Council Meeting will be held on Monday, April 24th at Unionville HS in the Library at 7:00 p.m. We will also be offering the meeting virtually. (Google meet will be shared with our families).

School Council Meeting Tentative Agenda:

Monday, April 24, 2023 – 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

1. Welcome
2. Updates from USAC – 5 min
3. ADMIN Updates – 5 min
4. Subject Presentations:
 - Moderns – Mr. Lansing – 5 min
 - Physical Education – Mr. Wilson – 5 min pre-recorded video
5. The Gift of Learning – Stress and Our Kids – Resiliency for Life @ 7:30pm to 8:30pm – Jackie Robertson

Please use the link below to **pre-register**.

[UHS School Council Invitation April 24, 2023](#)

Do you have questions that you would appreciate a response to? Please use the link below to **submit your questions** ahead of time or during the School Council Meeting. Responses will be provided within the preceding Parent Bulletin.

[School Council Meeting Q and A 2022-2023](#)

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Looking forward to connecting with you.

Thank you,

UHS Administration

International Day of Pink

International Day of Pink is intended to create a more inclusive and diverse world. The Day of Pink originated in Eastern Canada, after a few young students decided to stand up against homophobia, bullying and toxic masculinity. Although the first Day of Pink occurred 15 years ago, students continue to experience homophobia, transphobia and biphobia. Schools and workplaces need to commit to raising awareness, building inclusion and eliminating discrimination for students in 2SLGBTQI+ communities. Principals and managers are encouraged to consider their local contexts and find ways to engage students, staff and community members to promote inclusion through the International Day of Pink in schools and workplaces on April 12, 2023. All students and staff have the right to learn and work in environments that are free from hate, discrimination, and harassment. Positive acts of advocacy, allyship and solidarity have an impact on our culture and society. Show your support by wearing pink on **April 12, 2023** to celebrate the International Day of Pink and engage in inclusive learning for, with and on behalf of the students and staff you serve.

SCHOOL IMMUNIZATIONS

York Region Public Health is returning to your child's school for an immunization clinic for Hepatitis B, Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) & Meningococcal vaccines. Vaccines are available for free to students in grades 7-12.

The Scheduled clinic day is **WEDNESDAY APRIL 19, 2023**

A new consent submission **IS NOT required for students who received vaccines at school in fall of 2022.**

For students who did not receive vaccines at school in the Fall of 2022, it's not too late to submit a consent form. **CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE ELECTRONIC CONSENT to complete a school clinic immunization consent form.**

For more information about the school immunization clinics or eligibility for vaccines click here to visit our webpage or call York Region Public Health at 1-877-464-9675

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Avagadro and Chem 13 Contests

Our UHS Science department is now taking registrations for the Avagadro and Chem 13 News Chemistry contests hosted by the University of Waterloo. These are challenging on-line contests conducted under teacher supervision in the school Library during period 3 on **Thursday, May 11th** for the grade 12 Chem 13 contest and on **Thursday, May 18th** for the grade 11 Avagadro contest. Please register via Cash On-Line before April 14th. Best of luck, chemists!

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.

FLATO Theatre Update

Big dance competitions at the FLATO Theatre are returning this spring! The theatre has secured satellite parking at the Apple Creek Church as overflow parking. The dates below will identify where parking may be more of a challenge for the campus and where we will have our parking lot barricaded in the morning to prevent City staff and students/parents from parking here, so we have more parking available for our events.

FLATO is hosting larger dance competitions on **Thursday, April 13th** and **Friday, April 14th**.

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 3 & 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.

From This Week's Communication

[Tune In YRDSB: Supporting 2SLGBTQI+ Students](#)

Every Student Counts Survey Opt-Out Information - Letter to Families

This information is also available in the following languages: [Arabic](#), [Chinese Simplified](#), [Chinese Traditional](#), [Farsi](#), [Gujarati](#), [Hebrew](#), [Korean](#), [Punjabi](#), [Russian](#), [Tamil](#), [Turkish](#), [Urdu](#) and [Vietnamese](#).

York Region District School Board will be engaging students from Kindergarten through Grade 12 in the [Every Student Counts Survey](#). CCI Research has been contracted to support YRDSB in the administration of the survey. The online survey will occur from **April 24, 2023 to - May 10, 2023** and will be available in multiple languages.

The Board provided an opportunity for internal and external partners to provide their feedback on the draft surveys. This feedback was used to inform the development of the final surveys. We thank everyone who took the time to provide us with their feedback. Final versions of the survey are available on the [Board website](#).

Information for Families of Students in Kindergarten to Grade 3

Students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 will complete the survey at home with their parent(s), guardian(s) or caregiver(s). Families of students in Grades K-3 who do not wish for their child to fill out the survey can disregard the paper invitation, which will be considered an opt out.

Families of students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 who require an accommodation (e.g., paper survey in enlarged print, translated paper copies) to complete the survey need to contact CCI Research between February 27, 2023 and March 10, 2023 by phone at 1-866-450-4907, to make a request.

Information for Families of Students in Grade 4 to Grade 12

Students in Grade 4 to Grade 12 will receive a paper invitation to complete the survey from their teacher, and will be provided with in-class time to complete the survey. Parents or guardians of students in Grade 4 to Grade 12 who **do not** wish for their child to receive the survey will have the opportunity to opt out between **February 27, 2023 and March 10, 2023**. Families can opt out by completing this [form](#), or by contacting CCI Research by phone at 1-866-450-4907.

Spring OSSLT

Attention to all students who will be writing the OSSLT this semester (this includes eligible students who did not participate or were not successful in the fall administration): our dates have been finalized and this semester's OSSLT will be taking place on the following dates: **April 17, 18, 19 and 20** during **periods 1 and 2**. Students and families will receive specific details as to when they will be writing the OSSLT in March. Any questions about the OSSLT should be directed to our Literacy Teacher – Ms. Chankseliani – at alyssa.chankseliani@yrdsb.ca or Vice-Principal - Mr. Gheewala - at amol.gheewala@yrdsb.ca

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

UHS Library Items

April is the 25th [National Poetry Month!](#) Celebrate by borrowing one of these poetry collections from the UHS Library. Click links for more information.

[Women Do This Everyday: Selected Poems](#) of Lillian Allen
[NDN Coping Mechanisms: Notes from the Field](#) by Billy-Ray Belcourt
[An American Sunrise: Poems](#) by Joy Harjo
[Milk and Honey](#) by Rupi Kaur
[Treble](#) by Evelyn Lau
[The Cinnamon Peeler: Selected Poems](#) by Michael Ondaatje
[How to Read a Poem](#) by Molly Peacock
[Citizen: An American Lyric](#) by Claudia Rankine
[Scars and Stars](#) by Jesse Thistle
[I Place You Into the Fire: Poems](#) by Rebecca Thomas
[Time is a Mother](#) by Ocean Vuong
[Mind Platter](#) by Najwa Zebian



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.

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/BecomeTutorUHSO>

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](#)

Create a Book for Elementary School Kids - Deadline April 16

Please click [here](#) for flyer.

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](#)**.



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.

Did you know that laughing can have numerous mental health benefits? According to Taylor's Counselling Group, laughter has several therapeutic benefits including stress relief, improved mood and self-esteem, soothes tension, and strengthens relationships. So, watch a funny video or make jokes with your friends!

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](#)

Did You Know!

On the York Region District School Board website, you can translate the webpage to almost any language!

Please see below for an example!



The screenshot shows the York Region District School Board website. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "Q 尋, 我們今天要找什麼?" and a dropdown menu with "我想...". A language selection dropdown menu is open, showing a list of languages including English, Afrikaans, Albanian, Arabic, Armenian, Azerbaijani, Basque, Belarusian, Bengali, Bosnian, Bulgarian, Catalan, Cebuano, Chinese (Simplified), Chinese (Traditional) (highlighted), Croatian, Czech, Danish, and Dutch. The main content area is in Chinese and titled "在線學習畢業要求". It includes a sidebar with navigation links like "社區參與", "數字要求", "34 信用門檻", and "在線學習畢業要求". The main text discusses the online learning graduation requirements for students starting in 9th grade in the 2020-21 school year, listing goals such as being comfortable in a fully online environment, digital literacy, and transferable skills. A language selection dropdown menu is overlaid on the right side of the page.

Preparing for Severe Weather

As we are getting into colder climates and temperatures, here is a message that was sent to families from the YRDSB :

Dear families,

With yesterday's announcement from Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health regarding masking and winter weather approaching, we want to provide families with an update on masking and the steps we take to keep students safe when severe weather occurs.

Masking in Schools

Yesterday, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health strongly recommended that individuals wear masks in indoor settings. We continue to consult with York Region Public Health, who are strongly recommending masking in indoor settings. York Region schools and workplaces continue to be mask friendly environments and masking is strongly encouraged in YRDSB schools and buildings, and on all forms of school transportation. All students, staff, families and visitors who choose to wear a mask, or who are advised or required to wear a mask will be supported in doing so. A limited number of masks are available; children who wish to wear a mask but do not have access to one, may contact their school.

School Transportation Cancellations

School transportation (buses and taxis) may be cancelled due to extreme cold or inclement weather. On these days, schools will remain open unless otherwise stated. If school transportation is cancelled in the morning, it will also be cancelled in the afternoon. Any special or hot lunch days and field trips will also be cancelled.

Families should use their best judgment to decide whether to send their children to school on extreme cold or inclement weather days. Students will not be penalized for missing school on those days. For safety reasons, please let the school know if your child will not be attending school that day.

School Closures

Emergency closures will be considered when conditions may not be safe for students and staff members to attend school for the full day. This may include events that significantly limit school operations or access to the school site (e.g., widespread, prolonged power failures or downed power lines).

In keeping with our current practice, we will continue to keep our schools open as much as possible. However, it is important that families have alternate childcare arrangements planned for the rare occasions when schools may be closed. Before and aftercare programs will not operate if schools are closed.

Communication to Families

Decisions about school transportation and school closures will be made as early as possible and no later than 6:00 a.m. We will do our best to notify families in advance when we may be considering closing school and Board offices. Transportation cancellations or school closures are communicated through:

- Student Transportation Services - www.schoolbuscity.com or 1-877-330-3001
- Board and school websites
- @YRDSB Twitter account
- Radio and TV media outlets

For more information on severe weather days, please visit our website www.yrdsb.ca.

Discover the Benefits of Studying in the UK

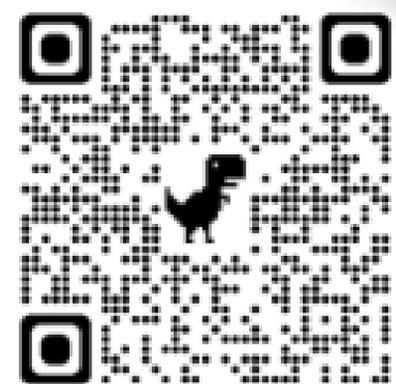
Thursday, April 27th at 6.30 pm ET

Register for this online webinar below



Topics to be discussed in this webinar:

- Benefits of studying in the UK
- Entry requirements and costs
- Application process and timeline
- How to set up your UCAS profile
- Required documents
- How SI-UK assists you



Register
here

There will also be time for a Q&A at the end

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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
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
Dramatic Arts Council	Laz Geronikolos
Eco-Council	Michael Johnston
Film Club	Lauren Fridman - Shiraz Rafik - Zach Layton
Gender & Sexuality Alliance	Sara Faulkner - Zach Teitel
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	Zafrah 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
Social Justice Club	Felicia Sukdeo - Jennifer Porter
Special Events Club	Zafrah Damji - Susan Sun
STEM Beyond	Georgina Mantelos
Table Tennis Club	Jeffrey Chan
Tamil Students Association	Shama Sharma
Target Alpha	Mathew Himelson - Wes Guldemon
Wellness Club	Michelle Farwell
Writers Club	Zach Layton
Unionville Howl	Keyan Wu
Voice Acting Club	Stephanie Taylor
Yearbook Club	Lisa Wong - Frances Tom - Zach Layton
Yoga Club	Jennifer Zamperin
Zoology	Yiu Lun Leung - Daniel Dietrich

Please click [here](#) to contact teachers.

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
APRIL 17 - 20	OSSLT
THURSDAY, APRIL 20	Semester 2 Term 2 Begins
FRIDAY, APRIL 21	End of Ramadan