



Unionville High School Weekly Parent Bulletin

April 12, 2024

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TECH REQUEST FORM – 2023-2024

CLUBS

GUIDANCE UPDATES

Character Matters Trait of the Month: Optimism

“There is nothing you can’t do, if you set your mind to it.
Anything is possible.. ”
— Rick Hansen
(Canadian track and field athlete in Paralympic Games)

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
April 15	School Council Meeting - Library (7:00 pm)
April 17	Arts Unionville Music Recital - UHS Atrium (7:00 pm)
April 18	Bubble Tea Fundraising #8
April 22	Mostly Mozart Monday Concert - UHS Atrium (4:00 pm)

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.



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

You're
Invited!



ARTS UNIONVILLE MUSIC RECITAL - Wednesday, April 17 - UHS Atrium 6:30 pm

UHS staff, friends and family are cordially invited to experience solo performances by the talented members of the Arts Unionville music department on Wednesday, April 17 at 6:30 pm. Please join us to hear a wide-ranging and diverse recital of vocal and instrumental music spanning five centuries.

The concert takes place in the Atrium on **Wednesday, April 17 at 6:30 pm.**

All are welcome!!

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 at 4:00 pm.**

All are welcome!!



Th Upcoming BUBBLE TEA is April 18

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!



QQ Lychee – 30% sugar, no ice, regular size
Refreshing tropical fruitiness of lychee topped with QQ, our topping that includes both our pearls and coconut jelly!



Mango green tea coconut jelly – 50% sugar, no ice, regular size
A tropical paradise of sweet and fruity mango topped with coconut jelly!



Pearl Milk Tea – 50% sugar, no ice, regular size
Tapioca pearls add a pleasant texture to our signature milk tea, a best-selling fan favourite.



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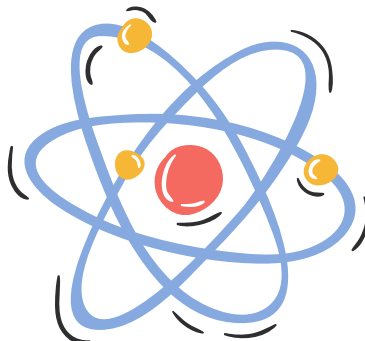


York University 2024 International Mathematical Modelling Challenge

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.

- Targeted groups: Grades 9 and 12 in public and private schools
- Free Registration (extended to): **April 20, 2016**
- Format: One word problems, any consecutive 5-day, access to their own computer lab, a team of up to 4 students supervised by a teacher
- Electronic Submission of: 1. Executive summary 2. A full report 3. Sign Control Sheet 4. Signed Parental/ Guardian Authorization Form

[York University International Mathematical Modeling Challenge Website](#)



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>



Chef Candace Esquimaux Visit UHS on April 17

Greetings UHS community!

The Family Studies department is thrilled to extend a warm welcome to **Chef Candace Esquimaux**, who will be our esteemed guest on **Wednesday, April 17th**. Chef Candace will be graciously sharing her wealth of knowledge and expertise as a seasoned chef and caterer, particularly within the realm of our Food and Culture classes.

On the menu for the day are delectable **bison meatballs** paired with refreshing **strawberry juice**!

If you're eager to discover more about Chef Candace, we encourage you to explore her website:

<https://www.candacescatering.ca/>



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.

Attention - PEAC Registration Flyer

In a bid for our final push for full attendance at the upcoming PEAC Regional Symposium, we are reaching out seeking your support in registration for the PEAC Regional Symposium. The date is fast approaching (April 18th), and we are asking schools to register community attendees by **April 12th** (2 parents for each elementary school and 3 parents for each secondary school). Embedded within the attached flyer are information/registration links and we have also included a link to workshop descriptions below:

- [Information regarding registration, workshop selection and agenda on the PEAC Regional Symposium Webpage](#)
- [Registration Link](#)
- [PEAC Regional Symposium Workshops](#)

Respect Differences

Student Focus Group Invitation

We invite self-identifying Black students to join us for a focus group event dedicated to fostering well-being and creating identity-affirming spaces for Black students at Unionville High School. This event will take place during **Period 1 to Period 3** on **Tuesday May 14th**. Explore topics such as self-expression, cultural identity, and mental health in a supportive environment where your voice matters.

For more information about this event, please contact Beckey Serwaa: beckey.serwaa@yrdsb.ca, Jeffrey Chan: jeffrey.chan@yrdsb.ca or Vice Principal Patrick Belmonte: patrick.belmonte@yrdsb.ca

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 if you have any questions or difficulties in accessing the registration link.

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 here](#) 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 or pauline.guo@yrdsb.ca

Please note that Childcare will not be provided.

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.
[2024 Secondary Summer School In-Person Learning](#)

SUMMER school

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

Youth Workshops at Aaniin Community Center or Online

YRES (not-for-profit) is hosting free workshops for middle school and high school students (Grade 6-12) on Saturdays from 3 p.m to 4 p.m. Each week has a different topic, from refining transferable employability skills to planning out one's high school journey. These workshops are all free, and students can join us either **in person at the Aaniin Community Centre** or **on Zoom**.

Flyer and program details:

[Youth Workshop April-June2024 Flyer \(YRES\)](#)

Thank you,
York Region Educational Services

Web: www.yorkeducation.org

Scan the QR code to register.



yorkeducation.org



info@yorkeducation.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.

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](#)

Family Engagement Evening

Understanding the Ontario Education Systems - Part 2

Welcome to our second SEAS “Family Engagement Evening” event supporting families and caregivers to develop a deeper understanding of the Ontario Education System.

In this session, we are discussing report cards, assessment and evaluation, at both elementary and secondary levels.

Presentations will be available in English, Mandarin, Korean and Cantonese.

Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024

Time: 6:30 - 8:00pm

Location: Markville Secondary School, 1000 Carlton Road, Markham, ON L3P 7P5

Please use this link to [register](#) by Monday, April 23, 2024

Please see the pdf version for this [flyer](#).

For additional inquiries, please contact: bronson.chu@yrdsb.ca or pauline.guo@yrdsb.ca



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](#)



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

April is the 26th National Poetry Month! Celebrate by borrowing one of these poetry collections from the UHS Library. Click titles 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



Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
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)