



Unionville High School Weekly Parent Bulletin

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TECH REQUEST FORM – 2023-2024

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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 22	Mostly Mozart Monday Concert - UHS Atrium (4:00 p.m.)
April 25 - 29	Semester 2 Midterm Report Card eDistribution
April 30	UHS Music - Markham Theatre (7:00 p.m.)
May 6	PA Day (No Classes)



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 **Wednesday, June 26**.



MOSTLY MOZART MONDAY CONCERT - Monday, April 22 - UHS Atrium 4:00 p.m.

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!!



Guidance Office

Guidance News

On **Wednesday, May 1 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.

Grade 12 students interested in attending this presentation are asked to register for the event through **school cash on-line**. The deadline to **register** up is **Monday, April 29**.



Students with a period 3 class must let their teacher know in advance that they will be absent from class.

For more information, students may visit the Guidance office.

UHS Guidance

YRDSB Summer School 2024 Registration

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

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](#)



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 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 3:00 p.m to 4:00 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-June 2024 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: **Friday, April 26**

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

Full Disclosure: **Tuesday, May 7**

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. **Tuesday April 30** - Graduate Studies at York University's Markham Campus (virtual program)
2. **Saturday May 4** - Winning Canadian Scholarship (Markham Village Library)
3. **Thursday May 9** - 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.

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.

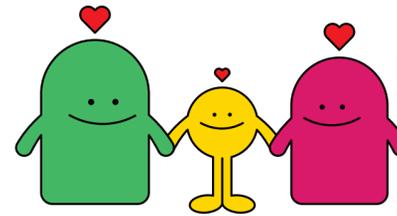
In this session, we are discussing report cards, assessment and evaluation, at both elementary and secondary levels.

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

Date: Thursday, April 25

Time: 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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



Please use this link to register by Monday, April 22

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 the ages of 15 to 29 a \$3000 grant to start a business in the Summer. The program also contains a 3 month training program. The application deadline is **Friday, May 17**.

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

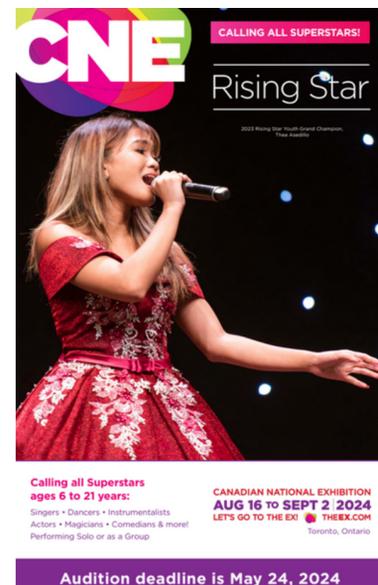
CNE 2024 Rising Star Applications NOW OPEN!

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 Friday, May 24.**

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](#)

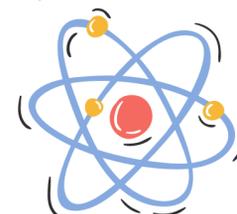


York University 2024 International Mathematical Modelling Challenge

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.

- Targeted groups: Grades 9 and 12 in public and private schools
- Free Registration (extended to): **Saturday, April 20**
- 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](#)



Respect Differences

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 from **1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.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, and the event details is on the board website: **Sikh Trails in Canadian Landscapes**. Please fill out the **Registration Form** by **Monday, April 22**.

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 14**. 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

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

Tuesday, April 23 at 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Mandarin Session
[Registration for Mandarin Session](#)

Tuesday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. 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

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 **Sunday, April 28**.

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.



Monday, May 6 Professional Activity Day Plans

Length: Full Day

Topic: Curriculum Implementation and Assessment Planning

Entity Hosting: All Secondary Schools

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Board-based personnel

Description:

Staff will engage in professional learning to support Annual Learning Plan (ALP) goals, including course/curriculum planning, assessment and evaluation planning, and department/subject focused professional development activities.

School teams will engage in improvement planning facilitated by school leaders.

Topics will vary by subject and include:

- Special Education: Community Classes
- Computer Programming
- Outdoor Education
- Supporting Equity in Assessment
- Supporting MLL learners in subject-area courses
- Technological Education
- Levelled Assessments for Math
- Enhancing Student Learning through the Use of Digital Tools
- First Aid Training for High Risk Sport Coaches

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.schoolcashionline.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 the fiction new to the UHS Library. Click titles for more information.

[Little White Lies](#) by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

[Deadly Little Scandals](#) by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

[Tilly in Technicolor](#) by Mazey Eddings

[Ellie's Deli: Wishing on Matzo Ball Soup!](#) by Lisa Greenwald

[Bad Cree: A Novel](#) by Jessica Johns

[Lunar New Year Love Story](#) by Gene Yuen Lang

[Blood Like Magic](#) by Liselle Sambury



Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
May 7	Full Disclosure Semester 2
May 14	Dance Highlights Evening Show - Markham Theatre (7:00 p.m.)
May 16	Mayfair (11:00 am - 2:00 p.m.)