

Unionville High School Weekly Parent Bulletin

Friday, April 21, 2023 201 Town Centre Blvd. Markham, ON

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TECH REQUEST FORM - 2022-2023

CLUBS LIST 22 - 23

GUIDANCE UPDATES

Character Matters Trait of the Month: Honesty

"Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom" - Thomas Jefferson

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
MONDAY, APRIL 24	School Council Meeting 7:00pm
FRIDAY, MAY 5	PA Day (No Classes)
MONDAY, MAY 22	Victoria Day (No Classes)
THURSDAY, JUNE 1	UHS Prom



To all of our families observing Eid-ul-Fitr and Ridvan, we would like to wish you a very happy celebration this weekend.

From This Week's Communication:

Challenging Stories Book Club

<u>Jewish Heritage Month - Community Screening of Periphery, the Short Film</u>

NCCM - Families and Community Event

Run, Walk, Wheel or Ride for Mental Health

Tune In YRDSB - Shine

Youth Exploitation Parent Presentation



Unionville High School's School Council Presents...

Life-Proofing Our Kids for Success:

A Four-Part Series

Dr. Lin & Associates https://www.drlinandassociates.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



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 <u>School Cash Online</u> 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.



CONGRATULATIONS to the Varsity Rock Climbing Team who claimed their fourth consecutive YRAA Championship title at Rock and Chalk. The team had 39 students competing, and 12 achieved top scores qualifying for individual finals which took place last week. Matthias Ko, Pierre Drivas, Matthew Robinson, Isaac Yu, Melina Parashevoulakos, Kimiya Moin, Andreas Li, Catherine Yu, Cassidy Lin, Nicole Zhang, Jenna Robinson & Jacob Cheng represented UHS at finals bringing home an assortment of medals in the Recreational, Sport, and Elite categories. Way to go Wolves!

Upcoming Programs At Markham Public Library

Chess In the Library - <u>Sun | Apr 23 | 3 PM | Unionville</u>

Laughing Yoga - Sun | Apr 23 | 9:30 AM | ZOOM

English Conversation Circle - Mon | Apr 24 | 1:30 PM | ZOOM

Reading Club for Kids 8 - 10 - <u>Saturdays | 2:45 PM | Thornhill C.C.</u>

Shared Reading - Wed | Apr 26 | 7 PM | ZOOM

How to Use the Digital Library - Wed | Apr 26 | 10:30 AM | Thornhill C.C.

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

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 <u>YRDSB website</u>.

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 <u>Canada Homestay Network</u> and <u>MLI Homestay</u> offer additional information online. These opportunities are available broadly to YRDSB staff, and members of school communities

UHS Library Items

<u>Earth Day</u> is **April 22.** Go green by borrowing one of these books from the UHS Library. Click links for more information.

Bridging Cultures: Scientific and Indigenous Ways of Knowing Nature by Glen Aikenhead

Green is the New Black: How to Change the World with Style by Tamsin Blanchard Native Science: Natural Laws of Interdependence by Gregory Cajete

Urban Green: Architecture for the Future by Neil Chambers

Wear No Evil: How to Change the World with Your Wardrobe by Greta Eagan

A Walk on the Tundra by Rebecca Hainu

Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer We Are Water Protectors by Carole Lindstrom

Can Your Smartphone Change the World? By Erinne Paisley

Do One Green Thing: Save the Earth Through Simple, Everyday Choices by Mindy Pennybacker

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 <u>SORA</u> (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 <u>here</u> 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

Culturally Responsive Mental Health & Wellbeing Services for Students & Families

Please click <u>here</u> 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 <u>click here</u> for our Instagram page.

April is known as the month of Spring, new beginnings, and a time to bloom. Sometimes, life throws curveballs at you and it can be hard to figure out the right direction. However, the most important thing to know about life is, it goes on.

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 <u>newsletters page</u> 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

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.

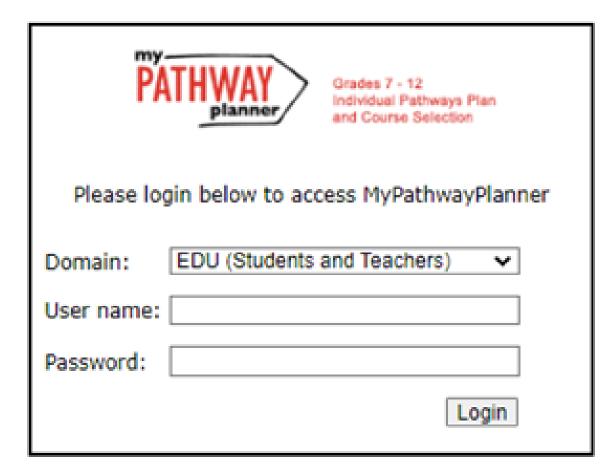
Please note: We have reached our maximum for student parking passes for the 2022-2023 school year.

Summer School:

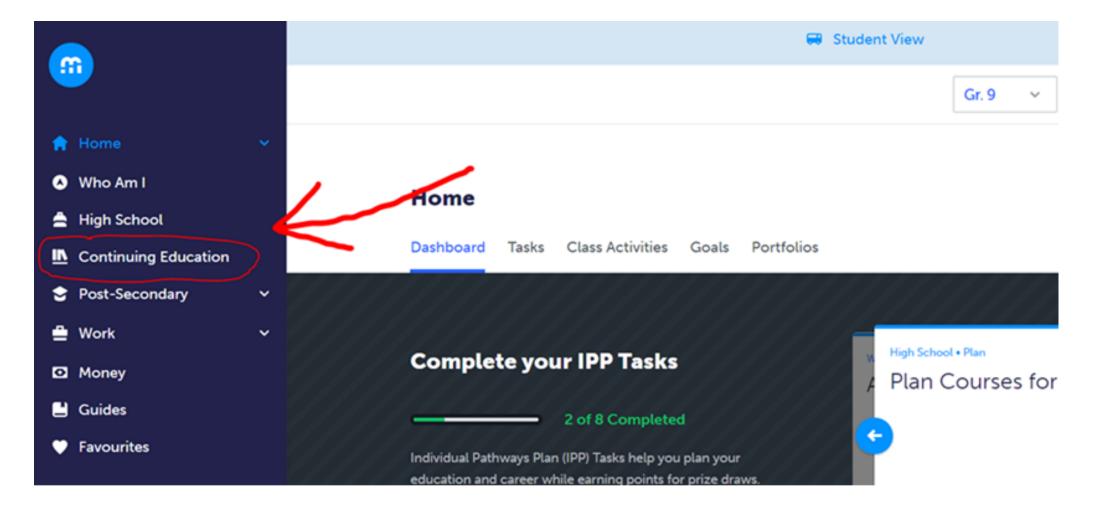
Summer school registration is now open and will close **June 16th.** To register, go to My Pathway Planner and click on Continuing Education. Both in-person and online courses are offered but are not guaranteed as they are subject to sufficient enrolment and teacher availability. Please note that students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

Click <u>here</u> for Summer School Registration Information

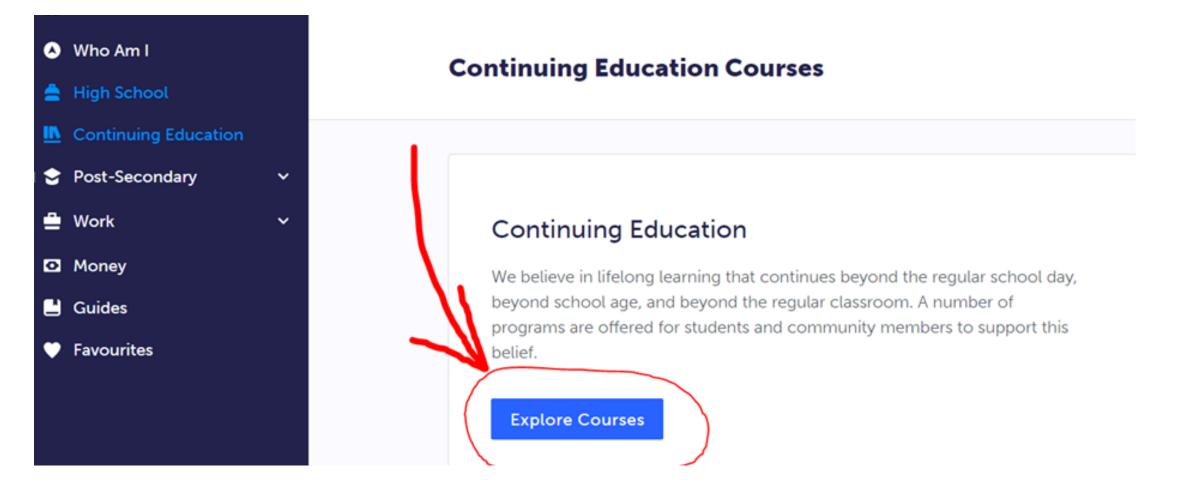
1) Log into MyBluePrint / MyPathwayPlanner using your student GAPPS login.



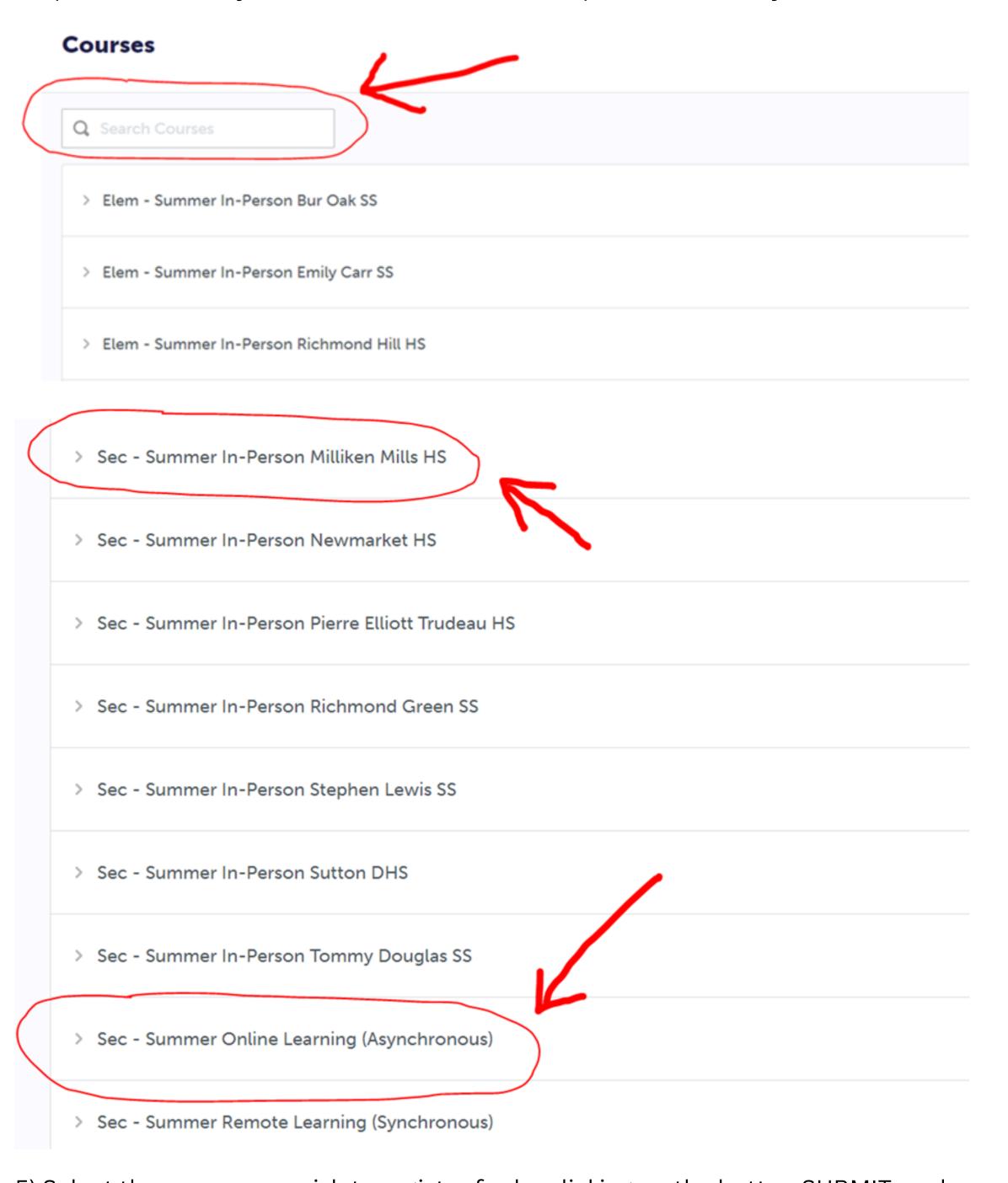
2) Click on the CONTINUING EDUCATION tab on the left column as shown below:



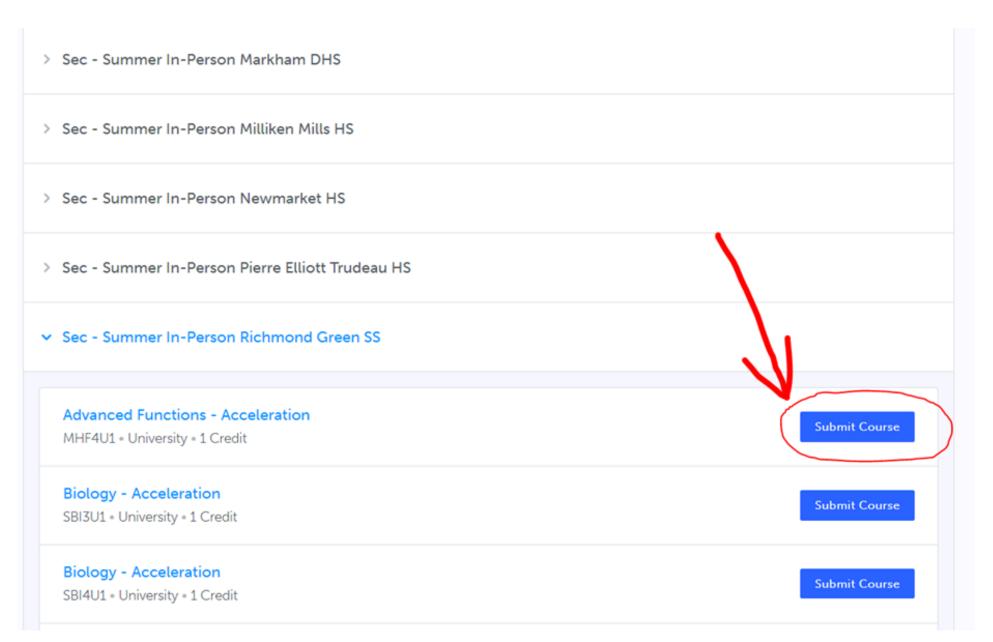
3) Click on the EXPLORE COURSES button as shown below:



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 as shown below:



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



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 (GLC2O/CHV2O) credit.

Students entering Grade 10 will earn a Black History (CHE3O) 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



April 26, 2023

9:30am—2:00 pm (EST)



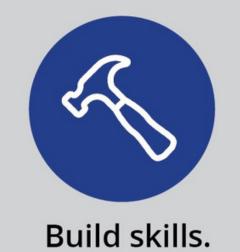
7899 McLaughlin Road, Brampton, ON

Registration deadline is April 19, 2023.

For more information, contact lchester@skillsontario.com.

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Thank you to our Young Women's Initiatives Partners













BRINGING STEM TO LIFE: WORK-INTEGRATED LEARNING PROGRAMS

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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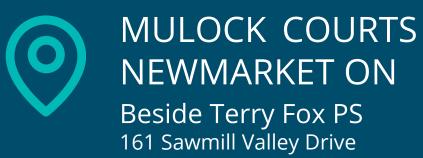
Make a Change!





ALL YOUTH AGES 13-17





*MORE INFO AT 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





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

Discover the Benefits of Studying in the UK

Thursday, April 27th at 6.30 pm ET

Register for this online webinar below



- 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

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





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

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Club Name	Contact
Table Tennis Club	<u>Jeffrey Chan</u>
Tamil Students Association	<u>Sharma Sharma</u>
Target Alpha	<u> Mathew Himelson</u> - <u>Wes Guldemond</u>
Wellness Club	<u>Michelle Farwell</u>
Writers Club	Zach Layton
Unionville Howl	<u>Keyan Wu</u>
Voice Acting Club	<u>Stephanie Taylor</u>
Yearbook Club	<u> Lisa Wong - Frances Tom - Zach Layton</u>
Yoga Club	<u>Jennifer Zamperin</u>
Zoology	<u> Yiu Lun Leung - Daniel Dietrich</u>
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