



# Unionville High School Weekly Parent Bulletin

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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 25 - 29	Semester 2 Midterm Report Card eDistribution
April 30	UHS Music Presents Spring Celebration 2024 (Concert 1) - Markham Theatre (7:00 p.m.)
May 6	PA Day (No Classes)
May 7	Full Disclosure Semester 2

UHS Music Presents Spring Celebration 2024 at Flato Markham Theatre

**Concert 1:**  
**Tuesday, April 30** - 7:00pm: Grade 9 Concert Band, Junior Jazz Band, Arts Unionville Voices, AU Chamber Winds, Wind Ensemble and UHS Orchestra

**Concert 2:**  
**Wednesday, May 15** - 7:00pm: Symphonic Band, Concert Choir, Core String Ensembles, Senior Jazz Band, Jazz Club, Guitar Ensemble, AU Piano Ensemble, AU Strings

Tickets are available through [School Cash Online](#) until 1 week prior to the concert when they will be available through the box office at the theatre.

Hope to see you there.

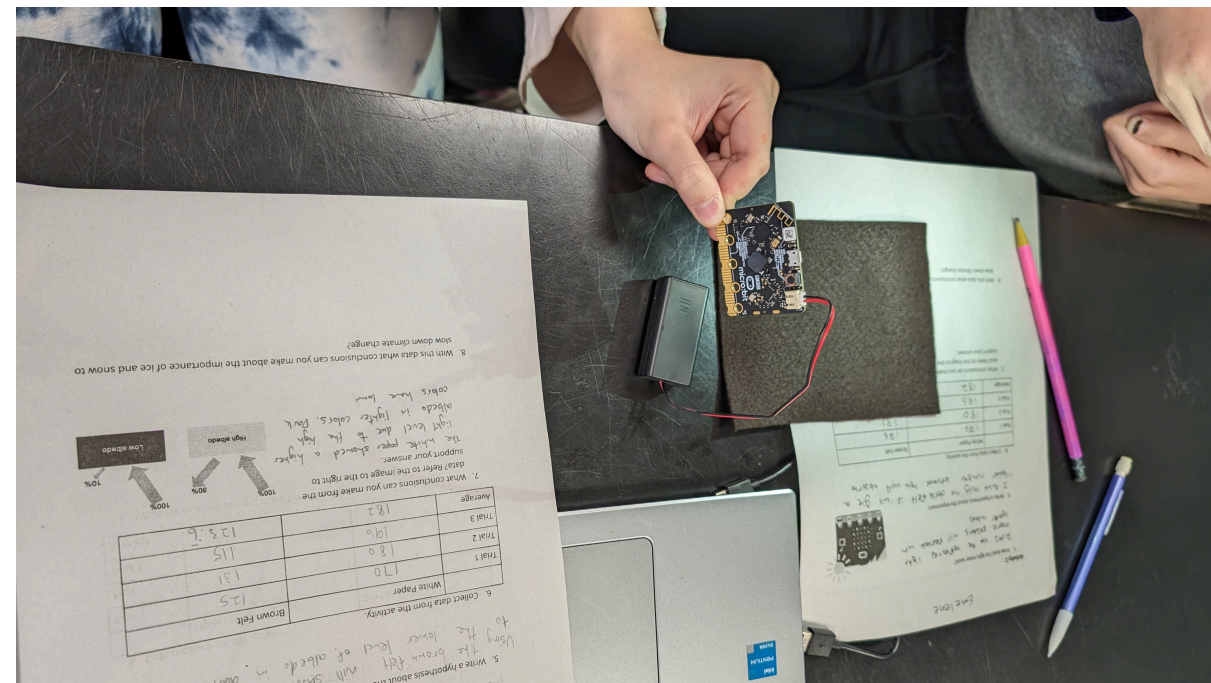






## Update for STEM ED

**STEM Ed, a student-led organization at UHS**, has made a significant impact on the school community by running coding and STEM workshops for elementary school students and grade 9s at UHS, including a workshop with grade 8s at Parkview PS last week that used micro:bits to investigate climate change. With a total reach of 333 students to date, their efforts have not only fostered a passion for STEM among younger students but have also demonstrated exemplary leadership capacity building. Through their initiative, they are nurturing future innovators and leaders while promoting equity in STEM education. Please e-mail [karen.chung@yrdsb.ca](mailto:karen.chung@yrdsb.ca) to learn more about STEM Ed.



## Food Drive - A Huge Success

**EnviroCouncil** and the **Muslim Student Association** have officially concluded the Unionville Food Drive! With your help, we were able to collect a total of approximately **1,400 donations** for the Markham Food Bank. 18% of Canadian households experience food insecurity, and it is more important than ever during difficult times to support our community.

Your donation has been invaluable in addressing an important issue in our local community; together, we can work towards a better future! Once again, the Muslim Student Association and EnviroCouncil extend our deepest thanks to all those who contributed to the food drive and made a difference.

Thank you!  
Karen Chung



## 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**.



## 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](mailto:beckey.serwaa@yrdsb.ca), Jeffrey Chan: [jeffrey.chan@yrdsb.ca](mailto:jeffrey.chan@yrdsb.ca) or Vice Principal Patrick Belmonte: [patrick.belmonte@yrdsb.ca](mailto:patrick.belmonte@yrdsb.ca)

## 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





# Guidance Office

**Seneca**

## 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](#)**

**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](#)**

## AEBS 2024 Scholarships for Self-identifying Black Students Graduating from YRDSB High Schools

EBS invites self-identifying Black students who are graduating from a high school in the York Region District School Board to apply for 2024 AEBS Scholarships.

(Please note that the link below is for graduating students applying for scholarships. It is not the form to nominate Grades 4-12 students for recognition at the Annual Achievement Awards Ceremony on June 4.)

Students can view **[AEBS 2024 Scholarships](#)** to learn more about the 2024 scholarships and to apply. (Having problems accessing the information? Search using Google Chrome.) Students are required to sign into their YRDSB Google Gapps Accounts to access the application form.

The deadline to apply is **Sunday, May 19, 2024**, before 11:55 p.m.

For further information contact:

Elaine Ricketts: [elaine.ricketts@yrdsb.ca](mailto:elaine.ricketts@yrdsb.ca); [elaine.ricketts@gapps.yrdsb.ca](mailto:elaine.ricketts@gapps.yrdsb.ca)

Charlotte Reid: [charlottereid60@gmail.com](mailto:charlottereid60@gmail.com) or (416) 540-1005

## Important Date

### 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.

## York Region US University Fair

Register for free to meet the NCAA, Common App and US universities this Spring 2024

### Speak to 35+ Universities & NCAA

- Meet In-Person or Online
- Undergraduate Programs
- NCAA Sports Recruiting and Eligibility
- Scholarships & Financial Aid for Canada
- Admissions Requirements
- Deadlines and more!

### Explore Career Pathways

- Healthcare (Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, etc)
- Business & Entrepreneurship
- Esports (Gaming)
- Visual Arts, Music, Dance, Theatre, Film
- Science, Tech, Engineering & Math

**Date: Thursday, May 16 -- 5 p.m.- 8 p.m.**

**Location: Bill Crothers S.S. 44 Main St Unionville Unionville, ON L3R 2E4**

More details, please see the **[York Region US University Fair Poster](#)**



The poster features the US and Canadian flags at the top. Below them are the logos for the York Region District School Board and the York Region. The text reads: "York Region US University Fair". It then says: "Register for free to meet the NCAA, Common App and US universities this Spring 2024!". There is a QR code with the text "Scan or Click Here to Register" below it. To the right of the QR code, it says "Speak to 35+ Universities & NCAA" followed by a list: "- Meet In-Person or Online", "- Undergraduate Programs", "- NCAA Sports Recruiting and Eligibility", "- Scholarships & Financial Aid for Canada", "- Admissions Requirements", "- Deadlines and more!". Below the QR code, it says "May 16th 2024 5pm-8pm ET" and "44 Main St Unionville Unionville, ON L3R 2E4". To the right of this, it says "Explore Career Pathways" followed by a list: "- Healthcare (Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, etc)", "- Business & Entrepreneurship", "- Esports (Gaming)", "- Visual Arts, Music, Dance, Theatre, Film", "- Science, Tech, Engineering & Math".



# JOIN EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

## Fast Track Career Expo

### Fast Track: Explore Your Future Evening Event

Are you a student OR a parent/guardian of a student in Grades 9 - 12? If yes, please join us at the **Venu Event Space** in Vaughan (2800 Hwy 7, Vaughan ON, L4K 1W8) from **5:00 pm to 8:00 pm** on **Wednesday, May 22, 2024**.

Our many exhibitors, including local employers, trade unions, colleges, industry partners and associations will be available to provide students and their families with information on career opportunities. Come and explore and learn about the many possibilities available! Our evening will end with our keynote speaker who will talk about what soft skills employers are looking for and how students can present themselves professionally in various €

> [Register today](#)

#### Price

No cost. Open to students in Grade 9-12 and their families.



More details, please check the [Fast Track Career Expo Poster](#)

## Sharing our Data Stories - Dismantling Anti-Black Racism in Schools

Please feel welcomed to attend an Online meeting regarding Sharing Our Data hosted by the DABRS Team.

**Monday, April 29, 2024**

**6:00pm-7:30pm**

Join a discussion about the Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Strategy 2022-2023 Annual Report.

We will explore what the data says about the current outcomes of Black students in the York Region District School Board and what actions are being taken in response. Open to families of Black children enrolled in YRDSB schools. Students are welcome to attend with their families. Zoom link will be provided upon registration.

### Submit your registration

## 2nd Annual Anti-Human Trafficking Conference, York Region

Parents, caregivers, youth 11+ and community members, welcome to the [2nd Annual Anti-Human Trafficking Conference in York Region!](#)

Join us at **Seneca Polytechnic College King Campus** for an evening of learning, networking, and collaboration in the fight against human trafficking.

Our conference brings together experts, advocates, and community members to raise awareness and education. Through engaging workshops and inspirational talks, gain valuable knowledge and tools to protect and empower our community. Light dinner will be served. Don't miss this opportunity to make a difference and be part of the solution. See you there!

**This event is funded by the Department of Justice Canada and sponsored by New Door Real Estate Mentorship and Staffing Group.**

**Date: Tuesday, May 14 and Wednesday, May 15, 2024**

**Time: Doors open at 5:30 PM**

**Venue: Seneca Polytechnic King Campus, Magna Hall, 13990 Dufferin St, King City, On, L7B 1B3**

The evening will kick off with registration and an opportunity to explore community booths, while we have a light dinner. At 6:00 PM, we will commence with a compelling presentation by a York Regional Police human trafficking Detective, alongside a mother of a survivor, shedding light on what human trafficking looks like specifically in York Region and offering invaluable insights on how we can protect our youth.

Simultaneously, youth attendees will be engaged in interactive workshops, covering topics such as online safety, fostering healthy relationships, and building resilience and so much more. These workshops, facilitated by leading experts in the field, are designed to equip our youth with the tools they need to navigate the complexities of the modern world safely.

To conclude the evening on a high note, youth participants will compete in an exciting session of Family Feud, putting their newfound knowledge to the test for a chance to win fantastic prizes and the prestigious first-place title. Our adult presentation will conclude with an expert panel for a question answer period.

Please find [the event flyer](#), which includes a registration link. I kindly ask that all attendees register for the event to ensure adequate food, prizes, and teams are provided.

Additionally, for updates on the event, please follow [@TakeActionOnHT](#) on Instagram.

Please register [here](#) to secure your place at this pivotal conference. Looking forward to welcoming you for an evening of education, empowerment, and community engagement.

## 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.



# Love and Supports

## Jewish History Month

In recognition of **Jewish Heritage Month**, we have a number of activities and events planned at Unionville. We are kicking off the learning for the month by hosting The Tour for Humanity Bus from the Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center (FSWC) for Civics classes, and we will be ending the month with a visit from Holocaust survivor Nate Liepcigar for our Canadian History students.

We will host a display about Jewish Heritage in the school library, and there will be displays and announcements showcasing the incredible contributions of Jewish-Canadians to Canadian society past and present.

On **May 9**, Shalom Unionville and the GSA will host an after school screening and discussion of the **short film Periphery** about intersectionality and Jewish identity.

Come chat with us in the History Department for more ideas!

See also the [YRDSB Website](#) for more.



## 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](mailto:shani.blake@yrdsb.ca) or [pauline.guo@yrdsb.ca](mailto:pauline.guo@yrdsb.ca)

Please note that Childcare will not be provided.

## 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](#).

## 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](http://www.yorkeducation.org)

Scan the QR code to register.



[yorkeducation.org](http://yorkeducation.org)



[info@yorkeducation.ca](mailto:info@yorkeducation.ca)





# Ontario Summer Company Grant Program For YouthEntrepreneurs

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

### 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!

### Risinng Star Website

### CNE Rising Star 2024 Poster



## 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 newly available in the Library. Click titles for more information.

Dragon's Dilemma by Catherine Little  
The Lost Hero (books 1-5) by Rick Riordan  
Coming of Age: 13 B'nai Mitzvah Stories edited by Jonathan Rosen  
Blood Like Fate by Liselle Sambury  
Mooncakes by Loretta Seto  
Cold: A Novel by Drew Hayden Taylor  
Medicine Walk by Richard Wagamese



## Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
May 14	Dance Highlights Evening Show - Markham Theatre (7:00 p.m.)
May 15	UHS Music Presents Spring Celebration 2024 (Concert 2) - Markham Theatre (7:00 p.m.)
May 16	Mayfair (11:00 am - 2:00 p.m.)