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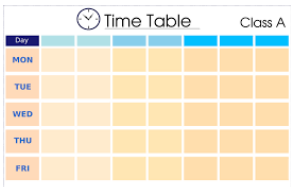
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The staff at Unionville High School would like to extend a warm welcome to new and returning students. We are looking forward to working with parents and guardians - our partners in education. Do not hesitate to contact us for support. We hope the coming year is safe, successful, and full of rich learning experiences.

Please review the YRDSB Guide To The School Year with your child: [YRDSB Guide to the School Year](#)

Important Dates	Timetables
<p>Sept 3: Grade 9 first day at school Sept 4: Grade 10-12 first day at school Sept 6: Student Safety Assemblies Sept 13: Photo Day Sept 16: School Council Meeting Sept 18: Grade 9 Camp Day Sept 23: PA Day Sept 24: ELL Parent Network Meeting Sept 26: Terry Fox Run</p>	<p>All student timetables were emailed to student GAPPS accounts on Friday Aug. 30. Student timetables were also emailed to parent/guardian emails on file. Students are reminded to keep a copy of their timetable, preferably on their mobile device or a hard copy of their own as the timetable includes course information, room numbers, and locker information as well. Paper copies of the timetable will NOT be available at school.</p> 



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PARENT BULLETIN

Greetings from the Trustee

Message from Our Trustee

I am so pleased to welcome all of our new and returning families to another school year. As your school board trustee, it is my role to advocate for quality public education in York Region, and to ensure that our students remain at the centre of all of our decision making. The [Board of Trustees](#) makes [policy](#) and [budget](#) decisions, and communicates with the public, among other [responsibilities](#).

We are also responsible for setting direction for the school board, through our [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#). This plan sets out four priorities: Foster Well-Being and Mental Health, Build Collaborative Relationships, Champion Equity and Inclusivity, and Empower Ethical Leadership.

As we start the new school year, I want to highlight the importance of relationships. We want to build and maintain relationships with our families that are built on trust, respect and responsive communication. To support that, I will continue to keep you informed of our work and priorities, and I encourage you to [contact me](#) if you have any questions or concerns. You can also find the [message from the Chair of the Board](#) on the Board's website.

In addition, I invite you to share your feedback on our Board policies. Policies govern everything from field trips, school volunteers, equity and inclusive education, student discipline and much more, and we greatly value input from families on these important matters. We regularly post on our website the [policies that are under review](#) and available for comment as well as information about how to share your feedback. I hope you will take a look.

I know school staff are excited to welcome back students, and I look forward to meeting more of our families throughout the upcoming school year. I encourage you to build a relationship with the staff members and community at your school. There are so many [different ways to get involved](#) and support your child's education. I hope you have a great start to the school year and wish you a happy, safe and successful year ahead.

Ron Lynn
Trustee, Markham Wards 2, 3 and 6



PARENT BULLETIN

Student Agenda

On Wednesday, September 4, all students will receive a copy of the student agenda. [Student Agenda 2019-2020](#) The agenda contains safety information, policies, and important dates. Please note that English and Chinese versions of this agenda will be available on our school website: unionville.hs.yrdsb.ca. In addition to receiving the agenda, students will receive the following forms:

1. Start-up permission form (blue; double-sided) - student and guardian must initial
2. Consent form (yellow) - student and guardian must sign
3. School Council nomination form (pink) - optional

The blue and yellow forms must be initialed/signed and returned to the student's homeroom teacher no later than **Wednesday, September 11**. The pink nomination form may be submitted before or at the **School Council Meeting on Monday, September 16 (6:30-8pm)**.

A Chinese version of the student agenda will be available shortly.

很快就会会有中文版的学生議程。

Guidance News

International Languages

Registration will be available until Sept 12th for students who would like to take an international language course for credit! They are year long courses that begin on Sept 14th. Interested students can register on My Pathway Planner. Please print out the registration form and hand it in to Guidance for approval.

E-Learning Night School

It is open for registration. Courses begin on Sept 23rd. Only students who cannot get the course at UHS and have 3 or fewer courses qualify. You must come to Guidance to complete a form for approval before completing the on-line registration. Please note that your registration cost will not be reimbursed if you apply without approval.

Student Attendance Reminder

- Absent for the day: Inform the school by phone or email.
- Late for a period: Inform the school and have your child come to the office for a late slip.
- Sign out for a period: Provide a note to the office or sign out in the office. Always come to the office and sign in again.

If you receive an iNFORM Student Absence message about your child's absence, please reply to it to confirm the absence or if any changes are needed.



PARENT BULLETIN

Grade 9 First Day of School

Schedule for **Tuesday, September 3 : Grade 9 Orientation Day**

Parents/Guardians are invited to attend an information session at 8:30 in the cafeteria. A Mandarin version of this session will be held in the library.

8:30 - 9:15	Welcome Assemblies (students in the large gym)
9:20 - 9:50	Period 1
9:55 - 10:25	Period 2
10:30 - 11:00	Period 4
11:05 - 11:35	Period 5
11:40 - 12:40	BBQ Lunch
12:45 - 1:20	Group Photo (Warden Ave. field)
1:20 - 2:30	Team building Rotations
2:35 - 3:06	Closing Assembly (large gym)

Staff

We have several new faces joining our staff. Please welcome these new staff members:

Patrick Belmonte (Vice Principal)
Sarah McMullen (Family Studies Head)
Zachary Teitel (English Head)
Ivan Wong (Math Assistant Head)
Maria D'Andrea (Attendance secretary)
Warren Foster (SOFS)

Please welcome these returning staff members:

Jim Kotsopoulos (Tech)
Suzanne Masilamany (Library)
Clemansa Hlevca (Math/ Science)
Roset Abdelmalik (PEAK)
Nellie Simtikidis (Guidance Secretary)
Priscilla Chan (Reception/ Arts U Secretary)



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September 3, 2019

Dear families,

We are so excited to welcome you to the 2019-2020 school year at York Region District School Board. We hope that you are looking forward to a year of learning, growth and discovery. It is important to us that all of our students and families know that they are a valued part of our school community. Each and every child has important and unique contributions to offer and we aim to create learning environments where they feel safe, respected and supported in making those contributions.

It is a privilege to work alongside families to support your children in exploring their interests, learning more about the world around them and reaching their full potential. We are more successful in doing that when there are strong connections between our schools and families, and we hope you will find opportunities to build those important connections throughout the year.

Our work to provide your child with the best possible education is guided by four priorities set out by the Board of Trustees in our Multi-Year Strategic Plan: Foster Well-Being and Mental Health, Build Collaborative Relationships, Champion Equity and Inclusivity, and Empower Ethical Leadership. [Our plans](#) are available on the Board website or you can make a request through your school office.

As part of our commitment to build collaborative relationships, we will continue to keep you informed about our work at the board and important news and events through our website, social media and through your school. We look forward to connecting with you, and wish you a happy, safe and successful school year.

Sincerely,

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Louise Sirisko
Director of Education

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Corrie McBain
Chair of the Board