



# Unionville High School Weekly Parent Bulletin

Friday, December 16, 2022

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## Character Matters Trait of the Month: Empathy

"If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy practice compassion."  
- Dalai Lama

DATE	EVENT
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20	Music Performance Cafeteria 7:00pm - 8:00pm
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21	Drama Performance Markham Theatre 7:00pm - 9:30pm
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23	Winter Assembly at Markham Theatre
DECEMBER 26 - JANUARY 6	Winter Break



### WELCOME MR. WILSHIRE

Please join us in welcoming Mr. Reid Wilshire who has joined our Administrative Team until the end of this semester.



To all those in our UHS community celebrating Chanukah, we'd like to wish you and your families a very happy celebration!

## Sports Corner

Our Junior Boys Basketball Team came together to start our season with 2 wins and 2 losses. The team has worked incredibly hard this season. We have improved in various aspects of the game from defensives switches to rebounding against bigger defenders and knocking down some really clutch baskets to put us in the position that we are currently in right now. We sit in the middle of the pack in our areas and we hope to continue to grow and get better as a team throughout the regular season in preparation for our playoff run.

Coach Pan & Coach Zamperin

## Badminton Intramural

The UHS Rec Leadership class is hosting a for-fun doubles badminton tournament next week after school in the small and large gyms. Team sign up was on Wed Dec 14th. If your team signed up, here are the details you need to know. See you there! Stay tuned for a Dodgeball Tournament being held after the holiday break!

Date: **Tuesday December 20th**

When: **3:00pm - 5:30pm**

Where: **Large and small gyms**

Cost: **\$2.00 per person + permission forms** need to be filled out (posted outside the large gym)

## UHS Music presents our annual Holiday Concert.

**Tuesday December 20, 2022 - 7:00pm** in the atrium at UHS.

Admission is free with a non-perishable food item for the school's Holiday food drive.

Please plan to come and celebrate the season with the Music Department.

See you there.

## EQAO Math

Attention all families of students who are taking Grade 9 Math (MTH1W1) this semester: The EQAO Math Assessment will be taking place during your child's math class on **Thursday, January 19 and Friday, January 20, 2023**. A letter will be sent home to all affected families when school resumes in January (after the Winter Break). Please stay tuned for more details coming in the new year!



Dear members of the UHS and Arts Unionville communities,

Unionville High School's Showtime program proudly presents....

Something Rotten The Musical by Wayne and Karey Kirkpatrick at Flato Markham Theatre:

When: **January 13th and 14th 2023**

Time: **Doors open 6:30pm, Show starts at 7:00pm**

Where: **Flato Markham Theatre** (171 Town Centre Blvd, Markham, ON L3R 8G5) and Unionville High School

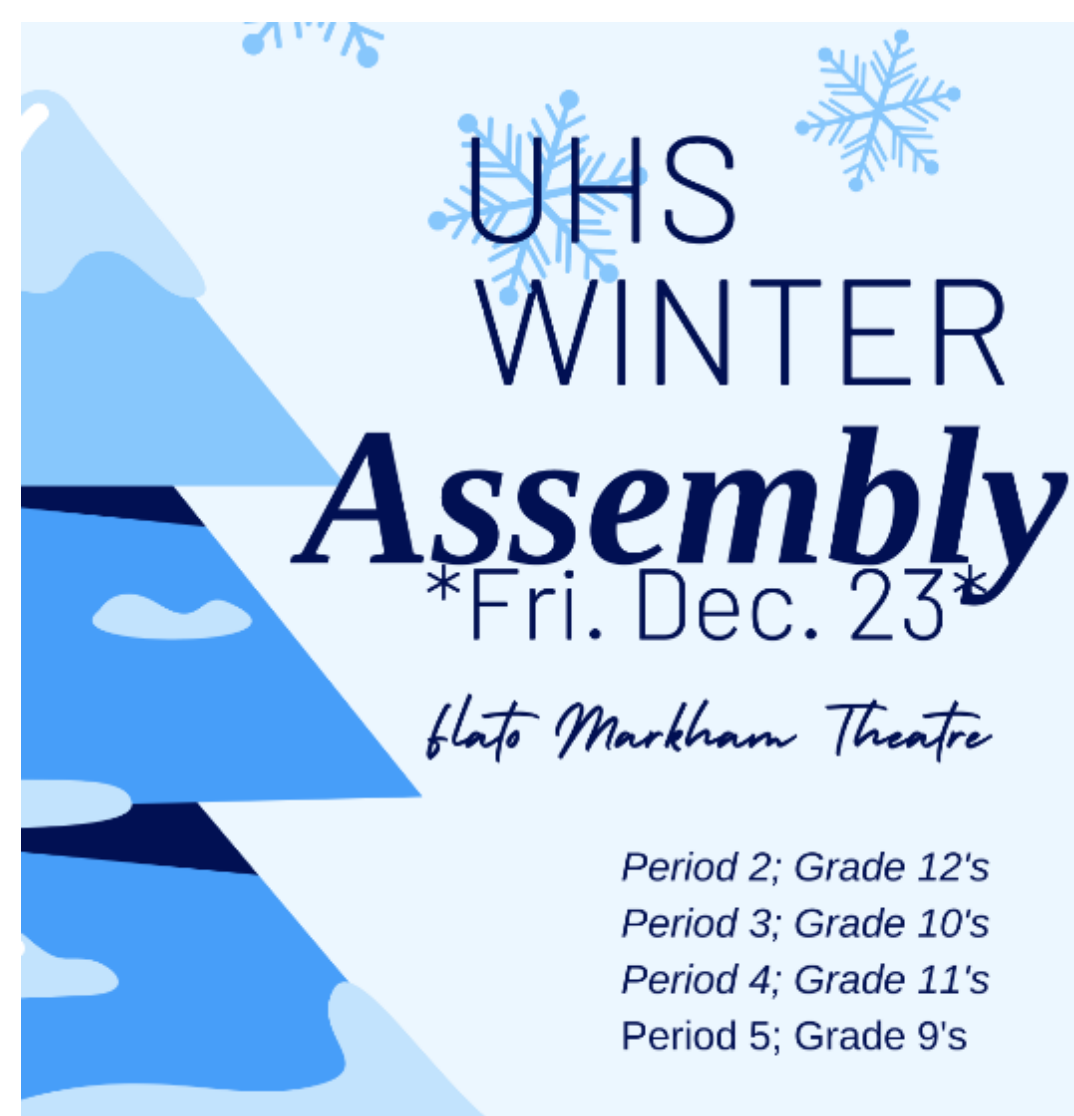
Price: **20.00 dollars**

"Something Rotten" with a book by Karey Kirkpatrick & John O'Farrell and music and lyrics by Karey and Wayne Kirkpatrick at the Flato Markham Theatre. Join us on Friday January 13th and/or Saturday January 14th at 7pm as we welcome you to the year 1595 to witness the Bottom brothers desperately try to compete in the theatre world against the wildly popular William Shakespeare.

Ticket are available here:

[Showtime Presents "Something Rotten" Jan 13/23 at Markham Theatre](#)

[Showtime Presents "Something Rotten" Jan 14/23 at Markham Theatre](#)



We are looking forward to kicking off the holidays with our annual Winter Assembly at Flato Markham Theatre on Friday December 23.

- Period 2 - Grade 12
- Period 3 - Grade 10
- Period 4 - Grade 11
- Period 5 - Grade 9



UHS Yearbook

# COVER CONTEST

Theme: 90s' scrapbook  
DEC 23  
DUE DATE

Theme: 90s zines and scrapbooks  
Size: 8.75" x 11.25" front & back + 0.5" spine  
Format: png or high resolution jpg  
Resolution: 300 ppi  
Contact: Ms. Tom @ the Arts Office



Hey, Wolves! Want a book filled with your fondest memories? A time capsule that contains all your friends and the best moments? Well, look no further than the yearbook! Hop onto school cash online and buy our exclusive yearbook today!  
<https://yrdsb.schoolcashionline.com/Home/SignIn>

## OUAC Closed

The OUAC is officially closed for the holidays from **December 22, 2022 to January 2, 2023**, inclusive. The OUAC website and online applications will be available during this time.

To reduce the chance of delays and slower online response times, encourage your university-bound students to complete and submit their 101 application well in advance of the January 12, 2023 deadline.

Extended Applicant Services hours will be available before the 101 application deadline:

**Tuesday, January 10 and Wednesday, January 11: 9:30 am to 7 pm (ET)**  
**Thursday, January 12: 10:00 am to 7 pm (ET)**

Applicant Services Phone: 519-823-1063

Please inform your guidance office staff and any others who may be interested.

Thank you,  
The OUAC Secondary School Division

## Here are some of the newest books at the UHS Library

[Seeing Gender: An Illustrated Guide to Identity and Expression](#) by Iris Gottlieb  
[Become an App Inventor](#) by Karen Lang and Selim Tezel  
[Boys and Girls Screaming](#) by Kern Carter  
[Development of the Reserve System](#) by Simon Rose and Kathleen Corrigan  
[Opportunity for All: Inclusion](#) by Lydia Lukidis



Students are welcomed and encouraged to borrow books to take with them over the break!

Students also have access to ebooks through SORA. They sign in using the number 0 followed by their student number.



## Wellness Reminder of the Week:

December is the month of giving and receiving. Take a moment today to send a grateful message to a friend or call a family member to show your appreciation!

The UHS Wellness Council is back! We are 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 click here](#) for our Instagram page.

## 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/BecomeTutorUHS0>

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](#)

## Preparing for Severe Weather

As we are getting into colder climates and temperatures, here is a message that was sent to families from the YRDSB :

Dear families,

With yesterday's announcement from Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health regarding masking and winter weather approaching, we want to provide families with an update on masking and the steps we take to keep students safe when severe weather occurs.

### *Masking in Schools*

Yesterday, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health strongly recommended that individuals wear masks in indoor settings. We continue to consult with York Region Public Health, who are strongly recommending masking in indoor settings. York Region schools and workplaces continue to be mask friendly environments and masking is strongly encouraged in YRDSB schools and buildings, and on all forms of school transportation. All students, staff, families and visitors who choose to wear a mask, or who are advised or required to wear a mask will be supported in doing so. A limited number of masks are available; children who wish to wear a mask but do not have access to one, may contact their school.

### *School Transportation Cancellations*

School transportation (buses and taxis) may be cancelled due to extreme cold or inclement weather. On these days, schools will remain open unless otherwise stated. If school transportation is cancelled in the morning, it will also be cancelled in the afternoon. Any special or hot lunch days and field trips will also be cancelled.

Families should use their best judgment to decide whether to send their children to school on extreme cold or inclement weather days. Students will not be penalized for missing school on those days. For safety reasons, please let the school know if your child will not be attending school that day.

### *School Closures*

Emergency closures will be considered when conditions may not be safe for students and staff members to attend school for the full day. This may include events that significantly limit school operations or access to the school site (e.g., widespread, prolonged power failures or downed power lines).

In keeping with our current practice, we will continue to keep our schools open as much as possible. However, it is important that families have alternate childcare arrangements planned for the rare occasions when schools may be closed. Before and aftercare programs will not operate if schools are closed.

### *Communication to Families*

Decisions about school transportation and school closures will be made as early as possible and no later than 6:00 a.m. We will do our best to notify families in advance when we may be considering closing school and Board offices. Transportation cancellations or school closures are communicated through:

- Student Transportation Services - [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com) or 1-877-330-3001
- Board and school websites
- @YRDSB Twitter account
- Radio and TV media outlets

For more information on severe weather days, please visit our website [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca).

## Semester 1 Exams

All students and families need to ensure that students are present and available for the Semester 1 Exam block. Semester 1 Exams will take place **January 26 - February 1**. Please be aware that **February 2, 2023** is Mark Review Day and **February 3, 2023** is a PA Day.

## School Zone Parking Safety

Parking safety is everyone's responsibility! Please see the attached links for more information from the City of Markham about how we can all contribute to road safety.

### **Common Responsibilities of By-Law Enforcement & Regulatory Services**

### **By-Law Enforcement & Regulatory Services Newsletter**

### **School Zone Parking Safety Pamphlet**



## 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](mailto:effie.kyriopoulos@yrdsb.ca)) for more information.



## Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter

December 2022

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*YRDSB Mental Health services are provided by YRDSB psychology and social work personnel*

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### **Student Mental Health and Addiction Strategy**

A closer look at the concept of “Between and Around”

Dear Families,

In the [November edition of the Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter](#) We took a closer look at the concept of **Within**. In this edition, we continue to focus on the [Student Mental Health and Addiction Strategy \(SMHAS\): A Holistic Approach to Mental Health, Within Us, Between Us, Around Us](#) by taking a closer look at the concept of “**Between**” and “**Around**” and the associated priority actions.

More than words on paper, the SMHAS strategy is created to be action-oriented. With an understanding that actions, accountability and collaboration are needed to foster [identity-affirming](#) and [healing-centred](#) spaces that enhance mental health.

To uphold the collaborative process of our strategy development and honour the voices and contributions of students, families, communities, organizations and staff who shared their wisdom with us, we have co-created a multifaceted, holistic framework informed by many voices. This framework encompasses mental health and wellness that is inclusive of the whole person and the many intersections (intersectionality ) and relationships that are encompassed within their social identities. This speaks to the key concepts of Between and Around.

### **Between:**

Between can be explained as the social aspect of our relationships with other people, our families, and communities. This includes but is not limited to our connections and relationships with faith groups, elders and beyond. The Between action areas focus on building capacity, understanding and resources with people, families, and communities in YRDSB to address trauma, racial trauma and other forms of harm while supporting healing and growth. We approach the development of the Between priority actions with an understanding that we, as a school board,

To read the full Newsletter please click [here](#).

## CLUBS LIST 2022-2023

Club	Teacher Supervisors
Artisans Club	<u>Jessica Li</u>
Book Club	Celeste Lawton
Business & Sports	Neil Sareen
Charis Club	Peter Lansing
Chess Club	Afsana Ahmed
Chinese History Club	Shan-Chen Yu
Club de Français (French Club)	Peter Lansing
Community Council	Melissa Del Rosario - James Campbell - Felicia Sukdeo
Computer Science Club	Raymond Do
Cooking Club	Anna DiLorenzo - Frances Tom
Dance Council	Melissa Bettio - Kathleen Major
DECA	Kuo Pan - Wesley Guldemonnd - Neil Sareen
Dramatic Arts Council	Lazaros Geronikolos
Eco-Council	Michael Johnston
Film Club	Lauren Fridman - Shiraz Rafik - Zachary Layton
Gender & Sexuality Alliance	Sara Faulkner - Zachary Teitel
Guitar Ensemble	Niloufar Barazesh
Jazz Band	Niloufar Barazesh
Light Music Club	Jennifer Porter
Math Club	Daniela Panacci - Shan-Chen Yu - Liubov Chulkova - Shama Sharma
Mock Trial	Dustin Cash – Nathan Struk
Muslim Students Association	Farhan Baig
Narrative Arts Club	Shiraz Rafik
Newcomers Club	Tara Kapeluch
Philosophical Studies Club	Laura Fong
Prom Committee	Zafirah Damji - Daniela Panacci - Melissa Bettio
Robotics	Brian Cho
Science Club	Elaine Howard - Jeffrey Chan
Show Choir	Melissa Bettio - Julia Fong - Michelle Teh
Social Justice Club	Felicia Sukdeo - Jennifer Porter
Special Events Club	Zafirah Damji - Susan Sun
STEM Beyond	Georgina Mantelos
Tamil Students Association	Shama Sharma
Target Alpha	Wesley Guldemonnd - Mathew Himelson
UHS Architecture Club	Zachary Layton
UHS Black Excellence	Sara Faulkner - Zachary Teitel - Beckey Serwaa
UHS Med	Evan Mallin
UHS Wellness Club	Michelle Farwell - Evan Mallin
UHS Writers Club	Zachary Layton
Unionville Howl	Keyan Wu
Zoology Club	<u>Yiu Lun Leung</u> - <u>Daniel Dietrich</u>

Please click [here](#) to contact teachers.

### Upcoming Events - January 2023

DATE	EVENT
JANUARY 13 - 14	Showtime 7:00pm
JANUARY 19 - 20	EQAO Math
MONDAY, JANUARY 23	School Council Meeting 7:00pm - 8:30pm
JANUARY 26 - FEBRUARY 1	Culminating Activities/Exams