



Unionville High School Weekly Parent Bulletin

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Character Matters Trait of the Month: Empathy

"It's one of the greatest gifts you can give yourself, to forgive."
- Maya Angelou

DATE	EVENT
DECEMBER 26 - JANUARY 6	Winter Break
JANUARY 13 - 14	Showtime 7:00pm
JANUARY 19 - 20	EQAO Math



We made it!! As the long awaited Winter Break is finally upon us, we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helps to make UHS the amazing building that it is. It starts at home with parents, guardians and families who support our students when they are not under our direct care during the school day. You lend us your most prized possessions, your children, every day from 8:25am until 3:05pm and beyond when involved in participating in our amazing clubs, teams and more! Our incredibly hard working teaching staff and EAs who go that extra mile to ensure our students are supported in a variety of different ways contribute enormously to making UHS the amazing place that it is. In addition to our teaching staff, our incredible office support staff and caretaking teams work tirelessly to manage all of the behind the scenes tasks that enable all of us to do our jobs. Finally, without our wonderful students, we would be lost.

To the entire UHS Family, on behalf of the Administration team, we wish you all a happy, safe and relaxing Winter Break. We look forward to welcoming you back ready and recharged as we push into the final few weeks of Semester 1 in January of 2023!

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UNIONVILLE HOWL

DECEMBER NEWLETTER



Please click [here](#) to access this month's issue of the Unionville Howl

NBE3U Announcement

We are pleased to announce that all sections of ENG3U next semester will be changed to NBE3U as of February 6.

Students who had ENG3U on their timetable for semester two will now see it replaced by NBE3U.

NBE3U is equivalent to ENG3U and intended to prepare students for the compulsory Grade 12 English University course.

NBE3U explores the themes, forms, and stylistic elements of a variety of literary, informational, graphic, oral, cultural, and media text forms emerging from First Nations, Métis, and Inuit cultures in Canada, and also examines the perspectives and influence of texts that relate to those cultures. In order to fully understand contemporary text forms and their themes of identity, relationship, and self-determination, sovereignty, or self-governance, students will analyze the changing use of text forms by Indigenous authors/creators from various periods and cultures in expressing ideas related to these themes. Students will also create oral, written, and media texts to explore their own ideas and understanding, focusing on the development of literacy, communication, and critical and creative thinking skills necessary for success in academic and daily life.

“The history of Canada begins with Indigenous peoples; this land’s development and its future are inextricably linked to its first inhabitants. In this unique position, Indigenous peoples have perspectives on and knowledge of this land and of humanity that can inform how Canada addresses global challenges in the twenty-first century. Exploration of Indigenous cultures, ways of knowing, and contributions to society is therefore essential for students as the global citizens and problem solvers of tomorrow.” (The Ontario Curriculum Grades 9 to 12: First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Studies Revised 2019).

If you have questions regarding this change, please contact a school administrator.

Links to Explore

[BFCN Scholarship Application Workshop](#)

[Mindful Parenting Series](#)

[NCCM Families and Community Event](#)

[Newmarket African Caribbean Canadian Association](#)

[Three Part Series on Poverty](#)

[The Rhapsody Film Screening](#)



Unionville High School Healthy Snacks Initiative

Unionville High School has a morning healthy snack program but recently they heard from students that they are sometimes not hungry in the morning, but “ravenous in the afternoon”! In November, three boxes arrived containing the materials to assemble wagons, which are currently being used to distribute snacks. Students of Room 313 assembled the wagons demonstrating a high level of skill and proficiency.

The class has set days where they work in pairs to organize and prepare food items to be transported around the school. Using the wagons, the students are able to share healthy snacks with their peers ensuring everyone has the fuel for learning. Thank you to these students for getting the snack wagons rolling at Unionville High School!

Morning Music Requests

Hey wolves, want to suggest your favourite school appropriate songs and have them played in the mornings? Students can submit music requests via their gapps accounts now through the following [Google form](#) - - or they can also access the form on our instagram @uhs_announcements! Remember that songs must be school appropriate! Looking forward to hearing from you!"



Black Excellence Program Secondary – We Are Wednesday Workshop

Students who self-identify as Black or African descent have opportunities to network and learn from one another, as well as learn from a diverse field of experts through 3 full-day Master classes as well as 5 after-school **We Are Wednesday Workshops**. In the new year, Master Classes will be held in February and May and the We are Wednesday workshops are scheduled for January, March, April and June. Please see the information below on how to join the ‘We are Wednesday Workshop’ meetings.

Black Excellence Program Secondary – We Are Wednesday Workshop

Theme: Black Love/Healthy Relationships

Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Time: 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://yrdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/4567599355>

Meeting ID: 456 759 9355

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Looking for Winter Programs? Please see the following link from our partners at Hong Fook!

[HONG FOOK - Winter Catalogue - English](#)

[HONG FOOK - Winter Catalogue - Chinese](#)



UHS Showcase

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 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](#)



Sports Corner

We are excited to announce that Unionville High School will have an Alpine ski/snowboard team that will compete in the YRAA competitions. This team will be competing in 5 events during the months of January & February at various locations including devil's glen country club, beaver valley ski club, and mount St. Louis moonstone. Racers have the opportunity to compete against other schools within the board and potentially qualify for OFSAA in which they will be up against other racers from all over Ontario.

Coach Cao & Coach Tam



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

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!

Here are some of the newest books at the UHS Library

Time is a Mother by Ocean Vuong

Me and White Supremacy by Layla F. Saad

You Truly Assumed by Laila Sabreen

Conversations in Black by Ed Gordon

The Violin Conspiracy by Brendan Slocumb



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:

According to Reviewlution.ca, approximately 235,000 Canadians are homeless in 2022, around 10,000 of them are in Toronto. If you can, please donate non-perishable food items or unused clothing to your local food bank or charity.

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 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.

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.

Club	Teacher Supervisors
Artisans Club	Jessica Li
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 Guldemond - 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 Guldemond - Matthew 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	Yiu Lun Leung - Daniel Dietrich

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