



Unionville High School Weekly Parent/Guardian Bulletin

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TECH REQUEST FORM – 2024-2025

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GUIDANCE UPDATES

Character Matters Trait of the Month: Empathy

“Learning to stand in somebody else’s shoes, to see through their eyes, that’s how peace begins. And it’s up to you to make that happen. Empathy is a quality of character that can change the world.”
- Barack Obama

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
November 25 - December 12	Grad Photos by Appointment
December 10 - 11	UHS Music Winter Fantasia 2024 at Flato (7:00 pm)
December 11	Arts Unionville Dance "Beyond the Frame" at Flato (12:40 pm - 1:40 pm)
December 18	Holiday Concert at UHS Atrium (7:00 pm)



Thank You for Supporting UHS Arts!

We are thrilled to share the success of our Pizza Pizza fundraiser, which took place on Monday, December 2nd, at the Markham Town Square location. Thanks to the incredible support from our Unionville High School staff, parents, guardians, and students, the event was a huge success, with sales nearly doubling the usual Monday totals!

Your participation helped raise \$300 for our Arts programs, including dance, drama, music, and visual arts. This contribution will go a long way in supporting the creativity and talent of our students.

A special thank you to Ruban, the manager of Pizza Pizza, for his generosity and collaboration in making this initiative possible.

We are so grateful for the strength of our UHS community and the dedication you show to fostering the arts. Thank you again for making this event a resounding success!

*We
thank
you!*



Arts Unionville Dance Presents..."Beyond the Frame"

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Place: **Flato Markham Theatre**

Date: **December 11th, 2024**

Time: **12:40 p.m. - 1:40 p.m.**

Step inside the world of all things art, as the unexpected, inspirational, and vivid world of three dimensional art is depicted in this hour long journey. Witness "the frame" being broken in unconventional ways, as we break literal barriers and set free from enclosures. We can't wait to share this original creative take on dance with you!

- You are invited to purchase adult tickets to this matinee performance through your child's account, which is now available on **School Cash Online**.
- For external public tickets (those without a YRDSB school cash online account), click the following link:

<https://yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/356431/72/False/True>

Purchased tickets will be distributed in classes for dancers to bring home the week prior, or if purchased after December 6th, will be available for pick up before the show in the foyer of the theatre lobby.

Please note, **Flato Markham Theatre will not be selling these tickets**, it is only through school cash online that they can be purchased. They are general admission seating, but we will be reserving a centre orchestra section for parents/guardians. We recommend you purchasing your tickets at your earliest convenience as this show is also being opened for our UHS students to attend as well. We would hate for you to be disappointed!



UHS Showtime Presents "Curtains"

Curtains is a musical mystery comedy with a book by Rupert Holmes, lyrics by Fred Ebb, and music by John Kander. Based on the original book and concept of the same name by Peter Stone, the musical is a send-up of backstage murder mystery plots, set in 1959 Boston, Massachusetts and follows the fallout when Jessica Cranshaw, the supremely untalented star of Robb.

Date: **Friday, January 10, 2025**

Saturday, January 11, 2025

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: Flato Markham Theatre

Evening show tickets will be available on **School Cash Online** until **December 19th**, after that sales are through the theatre box office for an additional \$5.00 service charge.



UHS Music Department Presents Winter Fantasia at Flato Markham Theatre

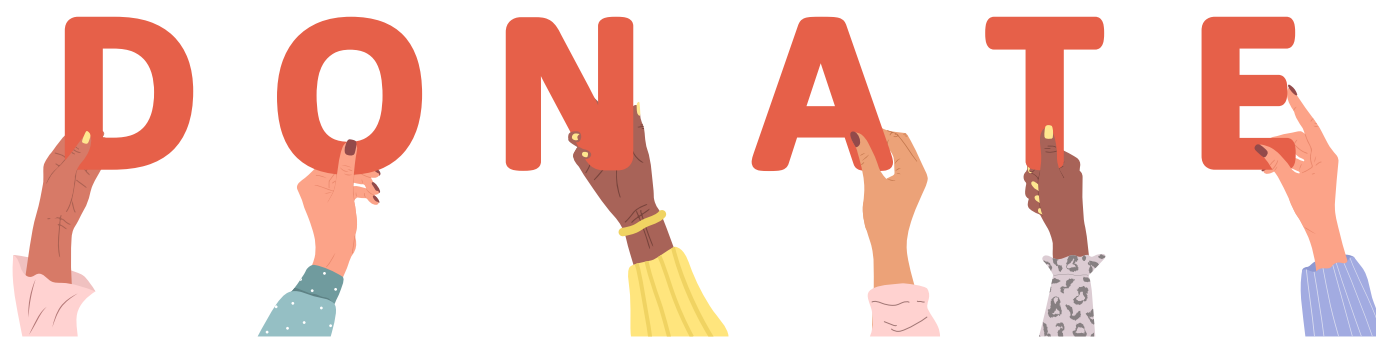
December 10, 2024 - 7:00 pm featuring:

Grade 9 Concert Band
Chamber Choir
UHS Chamber String Ensemble
Junior Jazz Band
AU Piano Ensemble
Wind Ensemble
Chamber and Solo performances

December 11, 2024 - 7:00 pm featuring:

Arts Unionville Strings
UHS Chamber Winds
Concert Choir
Senior Jazz Band
Jazz Choir
Guitar Ensemble
Grade 10 Symphonic Band
AU Piano Ensemble
UHS Orchestra

FANTASIA



UHS Holiday Food Drive

We hope you are doing well, as we're officially in December (a.k.a. the holiday season / countdown season)! 😊

As we enter this festive time of year, it would be fantastic to give back to those in need in our Markham Community by encouraging our Period 1 Homeroom classes to donate non-perishable items to the Markham Food Bank.

FYI - The Class That Donates The MOST amount of Food Items will WIN... a Class Breakfast with UHS Swag! 😎
UHS, are you ready to compete for a good cause?

If you can kindly encourage your students (who have the means to participate in this food drive) by posting the following image onto your google classroom, that would be awesome.

Housekeeping Items:

1. Please use a box and/or reusable grocery bag to store the food items collected by your class
 - If you need a box/reusable grocery bag, please respond to this email to let me know!
 2. When your box is full (and/or during these dates: Friday December 6th, Friday December 13th and Wednesday December 18th - final deadline) please fill out this [Google form](#) to report the number of items donated.
- NOTE: You can fill this form out multiple times).

1. Please have a student bring the box to the 2nd floor art gallery (just next to the main office).
Students will empty the items into the bigger boxes on the table so they can bring your classroom box back, which means you all can continue collecting until December 18th!

FYI - Teachers and Students who do NOT have a period 1 class, can also donate!

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to myself, Keyan Wu, Karen Chung and/or Cathy Clarke.
Many thanks!

- USAC x Wellness Council x EnviroCouncil



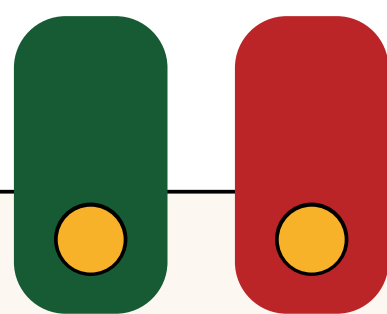
UHS Food Drive

Self- Reporting

Google Form

(For Students and Teachers with no Period 1 Class)





Trustee Newsletter Greeting - December 2024 - Ron Lynn - Markham Wards 2 and 6

As we approach the winter break, I am happy to share a few updates from the Board of Trustees and to wish you all the very best for the approaching break and holiday season.

For full content of the message, please click [here](#).

UHS School Council Meeting Presentations and Minutes are Available Now

Unionville High School Council is a collaborative, co-operative advisory body whose mission is to facilitate a partnership between members of the school community to achieve the highest possible standards of education in an inviting and wholesome environment.

The previous meetings' presentations are available on [UHS School Website - School Council Presentations](#).

The previous meetings' meeting minutes are available on [UHS School Website - School Council Meeting Minutes](#).

Our next School Council meeting will be **Monday, January 20th, 2025** at 7:00 pm. More information will be available soon.

Safety First - Message from UHS Administration Team

 **IMPORTANT SAFETY MESSAGE FOR PARENTS: ENSURE SAFE CROSSING FOR YOUR CHILDREN!** 

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The safety of our Unionville HS students is our top priority, especially when it comes to crossing roads. As we know, crossing busy streets such as Highway 7 and Warden, poses potential risks. Here are some essential reminders to ensure our students cross the road safely:

1. Understand and adhere to school zone rules. These areas often have reduced speed limits and additional safety measures to protect pedestrians.
2. Ensure your child understands the basic rules of road safety - looking both ways before crossing, waiting for the signal, and only crossing at designated crosswalks.
3. Emphasize the importance of using designated crosswalks. Explain that these areas are specifically designed for safe pedestrian crossing, reducing the risk of accidents.
4. Discourage the use of electronic devices while crossing the road. Remind them that paying attention to their surroundings is crucial for their safety.

Let's work together to create a community where our UHS students can navigate the roads confidently and safely. By reinforcing these simple yet crucial guidelines, we can contribute to a secure environment for all. Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to the safety of our students at UHS!

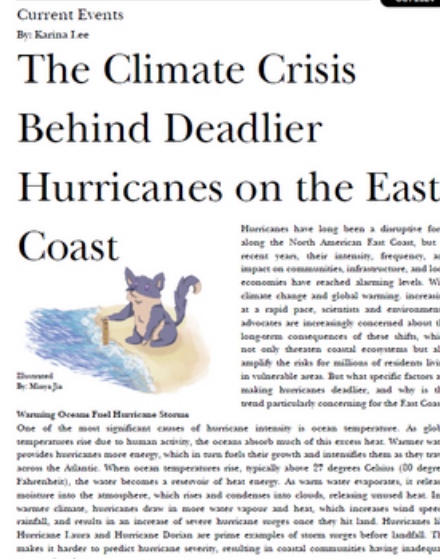
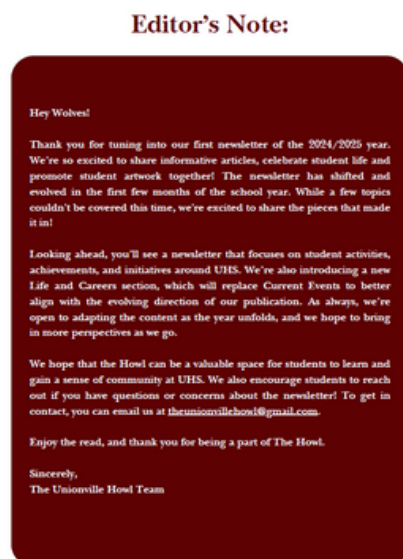
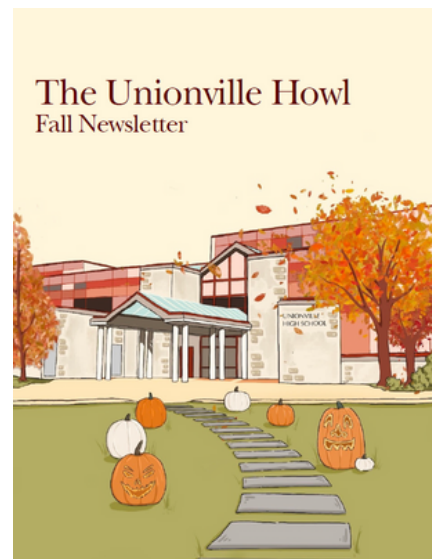
  #SafetyFirst #CrossWithCare  



Do you know...

The Unionville Howl Fall Newsletter 2024-2025 Published!

The Unionville Howl is proud to present it's first newsletter of the 2024-2025 school year! The UHS community is invited to read the publication here (insert link). A special thank you to Ms. Wu and the Howl student leadership creative and editorial team for their work on this publication!



To read more
Click here

Sign up for Family Dashboard- All Students

The **Family Dashboard** will give you secure one-stop access to information and applications related to your child's education. It is designed to make it easier for families to engage with their child's education.

In this first phase, the dashboard will include secure access to report cards and links to useful information for parents/guardians.

Setting up your account

1. Visit **family.yrdsb.ca** to set up your account.
2. Click **"No account? Create one"** under the email
3. Enter this email address into the email field and click the Next Button
4. Check your email, you will receive an email with a one-time code that expires within 30 minutes in order to confirm your identity.
5. Return to the account creation screen and enter this code
6. Once your email has been validated you will be asked to create a password, enter a Display Name (Parent/Guardian name) and enter the following information about your child or one of your children for further verification:
 - a. Student Number
 - b. Student Birthdate
 - c. Student Home Address Postal Code



For additional support, you can also email: **FamilyDashboardHelp@yrdsb.ca**

Grad Photo Sign Up Announcement

Attention **grade 12 students**: Grad photos are coming!



Edge Imaging will be here to take grad photos **beginning Monday November 25**.

Don't forget to book your appointment!

Please **sign up online** at **www.bookmygrad.ca**. Our school code is: WUH

Sign up early to get the time that works best for you.

Congratulations class of 2025; we look forward to seeing you for your graduation photos.



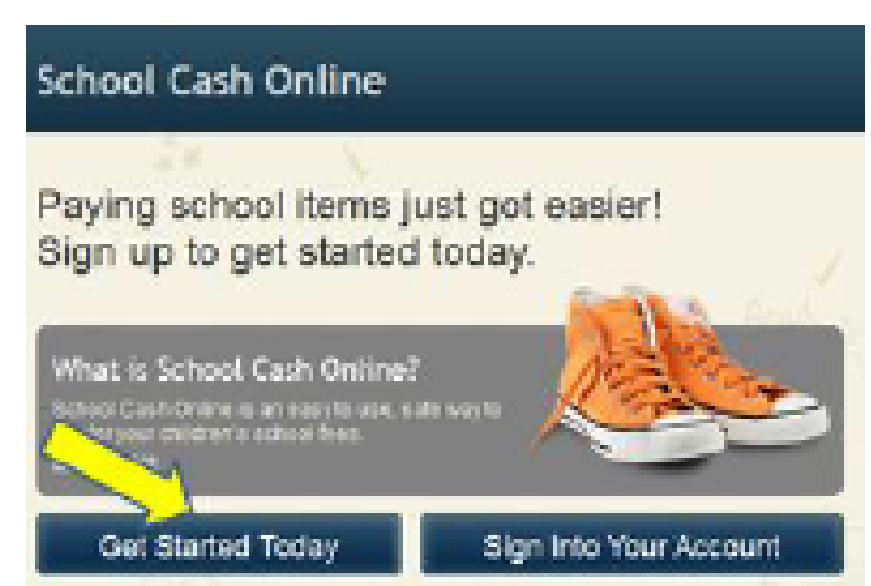
Online Payments (School Cash Online)

All YRDSB schools are now using School Cash Online as an online payment system. School Cash Online is an easy, safe and convenient way for families to pay online for extracurricular items or events, including yearbooks and field trips. It helps to reduce paper and the amount of cash/cheques handled by parents and students. Families may make payments using School Cash Online, or by cash or cheque.

How do I access the tool?

You can register for **School Cash Online** at any time by visiting the website. Once you are registered, you will be notified of any new items available for your child.

How do I register? Please click **[here](#)** for instructions.



GUIDANCE

UHS international Trip to Switzerland and Italy in 2025

Unionville High School is going to Switzerland and Italy in 2025! The dates for this trip are **May 15-23, 2025**. For more information, such as the itinerary and price per student, please scan the QR code on the poster. Students who are interested must have good attendance and must be passing all their classes in order to participate in this trip. Receive a \$200 discount if you register **before December 31!** For any additional information or questions, please contact Yachna Minhas at yachna.minhas@yrdsb.ca or Shiraz Rafik at shiraz.rafik@yrdsb.ca

ITALY



Pathways to Skilled Trades and Technology Open House

Do you want to learn more about the pathways to a career in the skilled trades and technology? Are you a student OR a parent/guardian of a student in Grades 9 - 11? If you answered yes to these questions, please join us at Richmond Hill High School (201 Yorkland Street, Richmond Hill, ON, L4S 1A2) on **Monday, December 9, 2024** from **6:30 pm - 8:30 pm**.

Our exhibitors, including local employers, trade unions, colleges, industry partners and associations will be available to provide students and their families with information on the pathways to a career in the skilled trades and technology.

In addition, there will be presentations throughout the evening by the Pathways Teams from York Region and York Catholic District School Boards along with local employers.

Come and learn about the pathways to a career in the skilled trades!

Registration is required. A detailed agenda will be emailed to you the week prior to this event.

Click [here](#) to register!

If you have any questions about this event, please email the YRDSB Pathways Team at pathways.yrdsb@gapps.yrdsb.ca.

Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter - November 2024

Dear Families and Caregivers,

Today, technology and more specifically screens are everywhere and are a part of most of our daily lives. As we continue to adjust to this new reality, there are opportunities to explore our relationships with our devices, how you can model a balanced relationship with them, and support your children in doing the same. This year, in alignment with the Ministry of Education's School Board Policy on Enforcement of Restrictions to Student Mobile Personal Device Use, the Central Mental Health Team would like to draw your attention to the connection between screen-time and mental health.

For more resources and information, please check YRDSB website:

Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter - November 2024
Digital Wellness and Screen Time Balance



Programs and Events

Families of YRDSB Black Students Monthly Information Session

Families, parents, caregivers, please join us for our monthly virtual meeting where families with Black children come together to learn about resources and upcoming programs for Black students in both elementary and secondary schools.

Agenda:

- Presentation - Ways to support our children
- Upcoming Programs and events
- Question and answer session

Please **register** as soon as possible.

A Zoom meeting link will be sent after registration. Let us come together to empower our students and build a stronger community.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Location: Online

When: Monday, December 16, 2024 - 18:30 to Monday, December 16, 2024 - 19:30

Contact

Blackstudentexcellence@yrdsb.ca



TCC Heritage Month Video Essay Competition

Tamil Community Centre's Tamil Heritage Month Video & Essay Competition 2025 Call for Entries

Theme: **Meeting Together, Meeting Place** – Celebrating the Tamil Community Centre and Preserving Our Culture. We're excited to announce the launch of our Tamil Heritage Month Video & Essay Competition as part of the Tamil Community Centre's mission to celebrate and preserve Tamil heritage! Students from all schools are invited to participate in this exciting contest.

Age Groups:

Category 1: Students aged 10-13 Category 2: Students aged 14-18

Prizes: First Prize: \$1,000 Second Prize: \$750 Third Prize: \$500

How to Enter:

Submit your video or essay via email to [info@tamilcentre.ca] with the subject line: Tamil Heritage Month Video & Essay Submission – [Your Name]. Please include your full name, age, school, and contact details in the body of the email. If you are attaching a video, please send a Google Drive link with the correct access settings for anyone to be able to view your video.



Kwanzaa Celebration Invitation

Students, staff and families, please join us on Monday, December 9, 2024, as we come together to celebrate Kwanzaa!

This special event will honour African heritage, unity and culture and will be a time to reflect on the seven principles of Kwanzaa, enjoy cultural traditions and foster community spirit.

Please see the **flyer invitation** for more information.



Autism Parent Support Group (Chinese)

Please see the poster for the Parent support group flyer for Autism's Parents. These workshops are designed to provide support and resources for parents navigating the journey of raising a child with Autism.

Services Offered:

- Information about autism services and interventions,
- Network of supportive families and experts,
- Confidence and strategies to help your child succeed,
- Community engagement in activities that promote cultural understanding.

-Free of charge

Please register from the link: <https://forms.gle/LT2ik39n9P8KAYch6>

Date: Every Tuesday

Time: 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Location: 50 High Tech Rd, Richmond Hill, L4B 4N7 (In-Person)

Language: Mandarin or Cantonese

For more information, please contact: KC Tsang 289-317-3741, ktsang@ccsy.org





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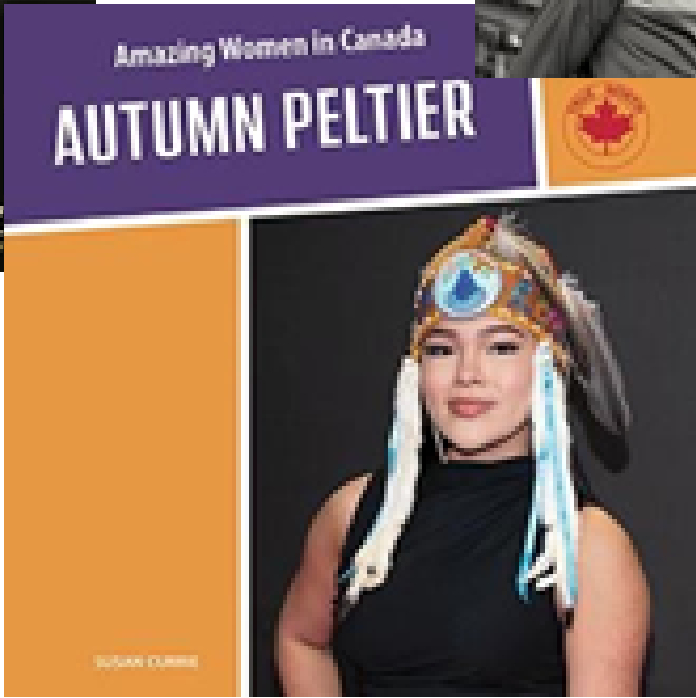
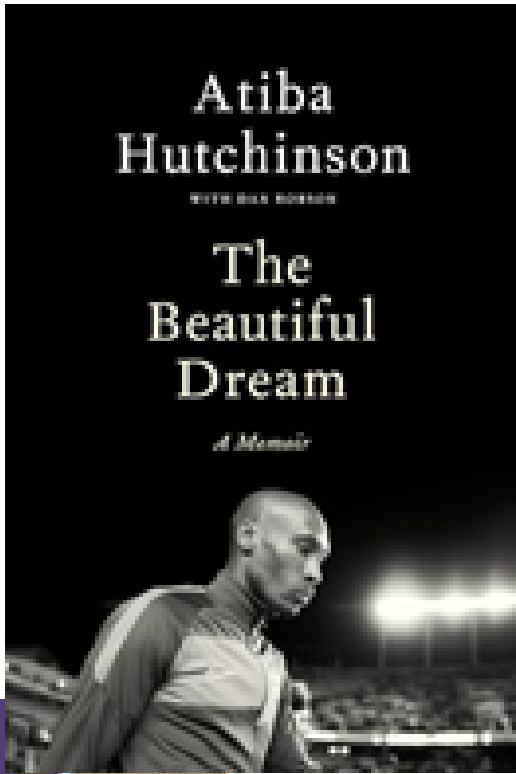
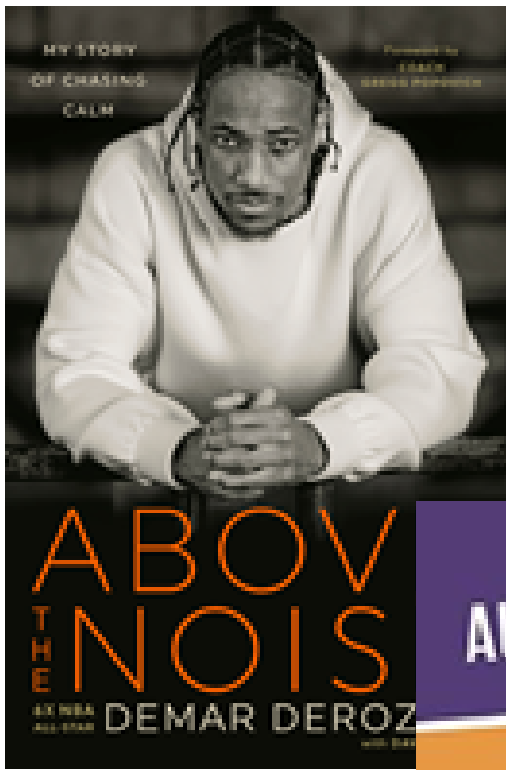
New in Your Library

Dive into some remarkable life stories with these memoirs and biographies, now available to borrow from your UHS Library.

Above the Noise: My Story of Chasing Calm
by DeMar DeRozan

The Beautiful Dream
by Atiba Hutchinson

Amazing Women in Canada
--series featuring Autumn Peltier, Mary Simon, Jean Augustine, Christine Sinclair, and many more



DATE	EVENT
December 23 - January 3	Winter Break
January 10 - 11	UHS Showtime "Curtains" at Flato (7:30 pm)
January 20	School Council Meeting #4 (7:00 pm)
January 22 - January 28	Exam Week
January 29	In Class Instructional Day (Full Day) Chinese Lunar New Year
January 30	Exam Review Day (Modified Schedule)
January 31	Professional Development Day (No classes)