



Unionville High School Weekly Parent Bulletin

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TECH REQUEST FORM – 2023-2024

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Character Matters Trait of the Month: Empathy

“Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible.”
– Dalai Lama

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
UNTIL DECEMBER 15	Grad Photos (Room 326)
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12	UHS Music/Daytime
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13	Arts Unionville Presents Jazz Through the Ages - Flato Theatre (12:40 pm)
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20	Holiday Music Concert (7:00 pm)

Message from Our Trustee

December 2023

I hope everyone has had a good start to the school year and is looking forward to the winter break ahead.

As I have been visiting schools and attending events, I continue to be impressed by the professionalism and dedication of school staff, the commitment and support of families and the curiosity, creativity and enthusiasm of students. As a Board of Trustees, we continue our commitment to delivering a high-quality education, this also includes striving to create safe, caring, inclusive and respectful school environments where students feel valued and supported.

I want to thank everyone who attended the school council forum held in our area and helped to make the event such a success. It was a wonderful opportunity to bring together school council members for an evening of shared learning and discussion. School councils play such an important role in our schools, and we are grateful for all that they do to support students, family engagement and schools.

While we are not yet at the midway point in the school year, many students and families are already looking to the school year ahead, visiting [secondary school open houses](#) and starting to think about course selections for next school year. All our secondary schools offer a variety of courses, programs and opportunities that let students gain skills and experience, explore their interests and begin preparing for the future. Those opportunities are now even easier to explore.

Students can search from 16 different sectors that interest them, including STEM, Arts, business, manufacturing and many more to discover how they can earn credits, gain experience, skills and certifications in those areas. Visit www2.yrdsb.ca/experience-yrdsb to learn more.

One of our roles as a Board of Trustees is to regularly review Board policies to ensure they are relevant, reflect our mission and values as an organization, and meet the needs of our students. An important part of that process is collecting feedback from the community. [Learn more on the Board website](#) about how you can share your input and see what policies are currently being reviewed.

Message from Our Trustee, continued

I want to take this opportunity to thank families for their patience while we work to restore services following network outages as a result of a cyber incident, and to acknowledge the work of our staff who continue to deliver high quality public education and to restore services.

As we head into December, I also want to wish you a safe and enjoyable winter break. There are many significant dates for different faiths and cultures during this time of year, and to all those celebrating, I wish you a happy and joyous celebration. I hope everyone has an opportunity to relax, recharge and enjoy time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming you back in January.

Ron Lynn
Trustee, Markham Wards 2 and 6

Student Activity Council and Activity Fees

Unionville High School Council would like to inform you about the importance of the \$45 Student Activity Fee, which supports extracurriculars like clubs, sports teams, travel expenses, and whole-school spirit events. This fee helps ensure a range of school events and activities continue for ALL students, not just if your child is in an extracurricular club.

Parents are urged to take 1 - 2 minutes to pay via School Cash Online at <https://yrdsb.schoolcashionline.com/> (have your student number ready). Only 38% of our UHS families have paid, and we are trying to reach our goal of 80%. Your support is valued. Questions can be directed to our administration team or your school council chair.

Anoosh Sharif
Chair
UHS School Council

Unionville 高中校务理事会在此想让您了解四十五元学生活动费的有多重要，这项费用将用于支持社团、校队、旅行费用以及和代表学校精神相关的活动等课外活动上。这笔费用不仅仅是帮助您的孩子有多样的课外社团可以参加，也有助于确保所有学生都能持续参加一系列的学校活动。我们恳请家长能花 1-2 分钟的时间，透过 School Cash Online 支付学生活动费：<https://yrdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>（需要您小孩的学号）。目前只有百分之38的 UHS 家庭支付了该费用，我们正在努力并希望可以达到百分之80的目标。您的支持对我们来说十分宝贵。若您有任何问题，请不吝向我们的學校行政管理团队或校务理事会主席提出。

Anoosh Sharif
Unionville 高中校务理事会主席 敬上

Student Trustee Elections

If you will be in grade 11 or 12 next school year and are passionate about student voice, consider becoming a student trustee, and representing students across YRDSB.

Student trustees network with students, staff and the Board of Trustees to share information that gives students a meaningful voice. Learn more about the role and how you can apply at www.yrdsb.ca/studenttrustees.

Applications can be submitted between **November 27 - December 11**. The deadline to apply is **Monday, December 11** at 11:59 pm.

All students in Grades 5 - 12 will have an opportunity to vote for the candidate who represents our area of the Board. There are four areas of the Board: central, east, north and west. Once the four final candidates are announced, students can vote for two of the four candidates to represent them as student trustees in the 2024 - 2025 school year.

Students will receive information on how to vote in the election during the campaign and voting period.

Graduation Photos

Attention potential Grade 12 students: grad photos are now taking place in room 326! Edge Imaging is here to take grad photos, until **Friday, December 15**.

BOOK YOUR GRADUATION PHOTO SESSION NOW

Please sign up at www.bookmygrad.ca. Our school code is: WUH. Have your student card handy. Sign up to book a time that works best for you.



Congratulations class of 2024!

Pathways to the Skilled Trades Family Engagement Evening

The Pathways Team in Curriculum & Instructional Services in collaboration with the York Catholic District School Board and Workforce Planning Board of York Region invites families of students in Grades 9 - 11 to attend a Skilled Trades and Technology Career Planning Information Night.

The goal of this event is to inspire students to take their first step towards a career in industries that are constantly innovating, on the cutting edge of emerging technologies, and making a critical difference in people's lives. Students will have the opportunity to learn about some of Ontario's 140+ trades through presentations, a career panel and information booths. They will hear directly from former York Region students, tradespeople and local employers about life-changing career opportunities.

This event is taking place from 6:30 pm - 8:45 pm on **Wednesday, December 6** at Bayview Secondary School (10077 Bayview Ave, Richmond Hill, ON).

For the registration process and more information, please click [here](#).

UHS Music Presents Winter Fantasia 2023 at Flato Markham Theatre

- **Tuesday, December 12** - 7:00 pm: Grade 9 Concert Band, Core Strings Ensemble, Junior Jazz Band, AU Piano Ensemble, Chamber Choir and Wind Ensemble
- **Wednesday, December 13** - 7:00 pm: Symphonic Band, Concert Choir, Chamber Choir, Senior Jazz Band, Guitar Ensemble, AU Strings and UHS Orchestra

Tickets are available through [School Cash Online](#) until **Friday, December 8**. After December 8, tickets can be purchased through the Flato Markham Theatre box office, for an additional fee.

School Council Meeting

Our 4th School Council Meeting will be held **Monday, January 22, 2024** at 7:00 pm in the UHS library. Translation services from English to Mandarin will be available. Please feel free to fill out the [School Council Pre-Registration Form - Monday, January 22, 2024](#).

The agenda will be shared with all families at a later date.

We are all looking forward to seeing everyone in person!

Student Study Tour - Spain 2024

We are excited to announce an interdisciplinary trip to Spain.

This study tour will be from **May 17 - 25, 2024** for students in Grades 10 - 12 in English, History, Social Science, Family Studies, Visual Arts, and Physical Education.

MADRID, MALAGA, CORDOBA, GRANADA! Explore history, culture, food, and healthy, active living.

Pre-booking is now open on the website operated by our travel provider, Georgia Hardy Tours. Please look at our customized [website](#) for more details and the booking information.

Please reach out to Sara Faulkner sara.faulkner@gapps.yrdsb.ca or Yachna Minhas yachna.minhas@gapps.yrdsb.ca if you have questions.

Library Information

The [National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women](#) is on **Wednesday, December 6**. This day is observed during the [16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence](#), happening from **November 25** to **December 10**.

Learn more from these books at the UHS Library:

The Montreal Massacre by Louise Malette

Because They Were Women: The Montreal Massacre by Josée Boileau

Scholarship News

Students are encouraged to continue to check the Scholarship Google Classroom, as items will be updated as they become available. Please review for various scholarship opportunities. Classroom code: 6fdb6l3

UPCOMING SCHOLARSHIPS

School Sponsored:

January 9 - University of Western Ontario - Presentiment's Scholarship (domestic and International Students)

January 9 - Schulich Leaders Scholarship (STEM)

All eligibility criteria and application details are available for students on the 2023 - 2024 Scholarship Google Classroom.

BFCN Scholarship Application Workshops

Save the dates and register for the upcoming BFCN Scholarship Application Workshops! BFCN is excited to be collaborating with the Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce (DRART), Peel District School Board (PDSB), York Region District School Board (YRDSB), and York Region Catholic District School Board (YCDSB) to offer the BFCN Scholarship Application Workshop to Black students and their families.

BFCN invites all York Region District School Board (YRDSB) Black Grade 8 to Grade 12 students and their families to the BFCN Scholarship Application Workshop on **Wednesday, December 13** from 6:30 - 8:30 pm.

Please register ASAP and secure your spot to learn more about searching, preparing, and applying for post-secondary funding opportunities at <https://bit.ly/BFCNWorkshopDecember132023> or <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81234567890>

Upcoming Events

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December 22	UHS Winter Assembly (Daytime/students only)
December 23 - January 7	Winter Break
January 8	Return to School
January 12	UHS Showtime (7:00 pm)
January 22	School Council meeting (7:00 pm)
January 25 - 31	Exams