



Unionville High School Weekly Parent/Guardian Bulletin

December 13, 2024

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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
December 18	Holiday Concert at UHS Atrium (7:00 pm)
December 20	UHS Winter Assembly 2024 at Flato Markham Theatre
December 23 - January 3	Winter Break
January 10 - 11	UHS Showtime "Curtains" at Flato (7:30 pm)

Winter Spirit Week

Hi everyone, USAC is hosting a Winter Spirit Week next week, from Monday, December 16th, to Friday, December 20th. The themes are as follows:

Monday, December 16th: Candy Cane Monday
Wear red and white stripes!

Tuesday, December 17th: Twin Tuesday
•Wear the same outfit as a friend!

Wednesday, December 18th: Sweater Weather Wednesday
•Wear your favourite cozy or silly sweater!

Thursday, December 19th: Festive Accessory Thursday
•Wear a winter or festive accessory, like a headband, pin, or earrings!

Friday, December 20th: PJ Day Friday
•To prepare for the Break, dress in some comfy pajamas!
•You can also bring stuffed animals and pillows, BUT you are responsible for keeping track of them.





Celebrate WITH US

UHS Music Annual Holiday Concert

Wednesday December 18, 2024 - 7:00pm at UHS Atrium

Admission is **free** with a **donation** of non-perishable food to the **UHS food drive**

We invite the UHS Community to join the UHS Music Department for their annual holiday concert on Wednesday, December 18 at 7 p.m. in the atrium. Families are invited to bring a donation for our food drive and enjoy the joy of the holidays through music.



UHS
FOOD
DRIVE

UHS Winter Assembly 2024

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Friday December 20 at Flato Markham Theatre

- Period 2 = grade 12
- Period 3 = grade 10
- Period 4 = grade 11
- Period 5 = grade 9

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.



Locker Clean Out

Tuesday, December 17th
Periods 3 and 4

Please listen to the announcement and wait for the classroom teachers' instructions.

Period 3 - Grade 10s and 12s (last twenty minutes of the period 12:00 -12:20 p.m.) *not an early lunch for 10s and 12s

Period 4 - Grade 9s and 11s (first twenty minutes of the period 12:30 - 12:50 p.m.)

Period 3 and 4 teachers invited to be in the hallways during locker clean out.

- Students encouraged:
1. to return materials
 2. to throw out food
 3. to review the lost and found.
 4. to bring home any important belongings
 5. to lock your locker (don't leave the lock unlocked)



CLEAN IT AND LOCK IT

Severe Weather Policy and Procedures

Winter is here! The York Region District School Board is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all students, staff, families and community members on days that are deemed to be **severe weather**. Please check the link for information on snow days at YRDSB.



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 👁️🚦



GUIDANCE

YRDS Arts Camp 2025

Join us for an immersive program in visual, studio, and performance arts. Explore your identity through creative expression, supported risk-taking, and collaboration with peers and staff. Fosters self-confidence, individuality, and the discovery of new talents.

Camp dates: **Sat. May 24 - Sat. May 31, 2025**

==> For more information and to apply, visit:

bit.ly/YRDSBac25info

==> For registration please click [here](#).

Applications open **Fri. Dec 13 - Fri. Feb. 7**

Campers (gr. 7-12)
Counsellors-In-Training (gr. 9-11)
Counsellors (gr. 11 & 12)

Questions? Email: arts.camp@yrdsb.ca
Find us on Instagram @YRDSBArtsCamp



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



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.

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE



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
2. If you need a box/reusable grocery bag, please respond to this email to let me know!
3. 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).

4. 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)



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 - 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.

York Region Volleyball House League Program

York Region Sports is a premier sports organization in the York Region area, dedicated to promoting active and healthy lifestyles through a wide range of athletic programs and events. With a focus on community engagement and excellence in sportsmanship, we strive to enrich the lives of individuals of all ages and abilities.

House League Program

January 11 - March 15, 2025

Learn volleying, passing, hitting, and serving

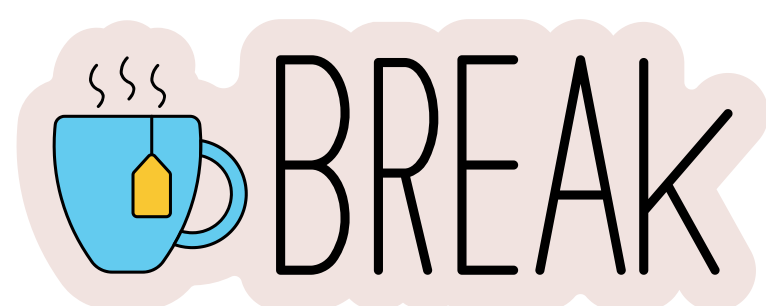
- Develop skills through games and activities
- Play in a non-competitive environment that makes learning FUN!

What to Expect:

- Skill development + modified gameplay every session

Using kid-friendly equipment for confidence and success!

Registration here: <https://yorkregionsports.ca/vballcamp>



Library Information

Winter Break Reading

Students are invited to borrow books from the Library before they leave for Winter Break. Here are some seasonal suggestions. These titles and many more are now available in the UHS Library.

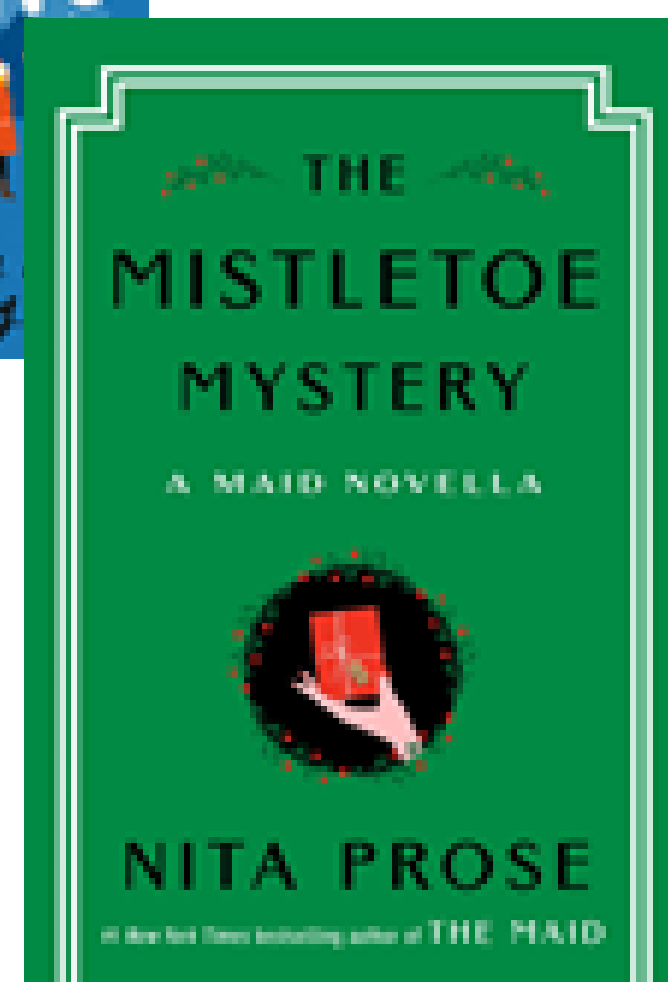
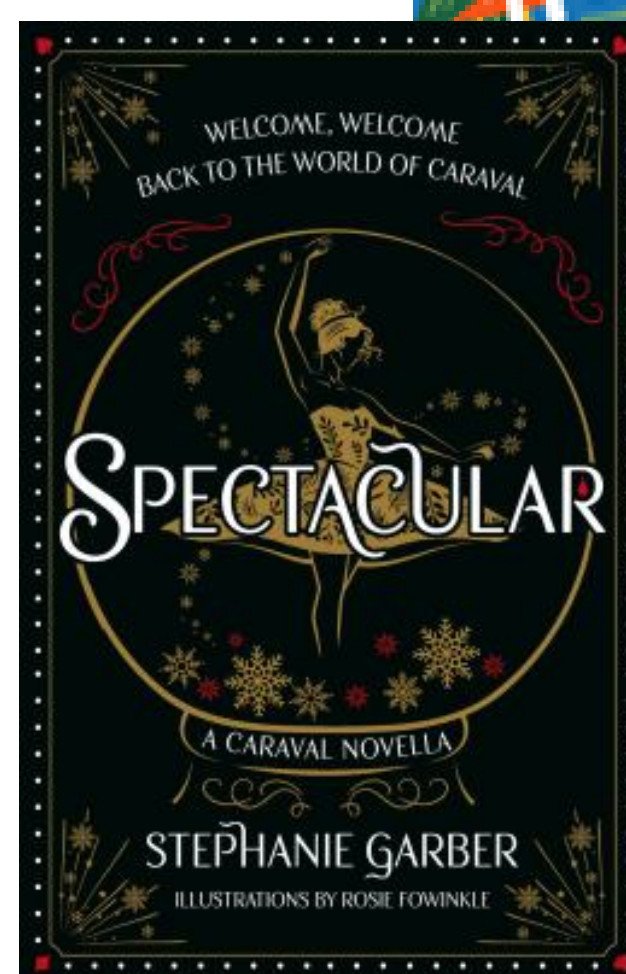
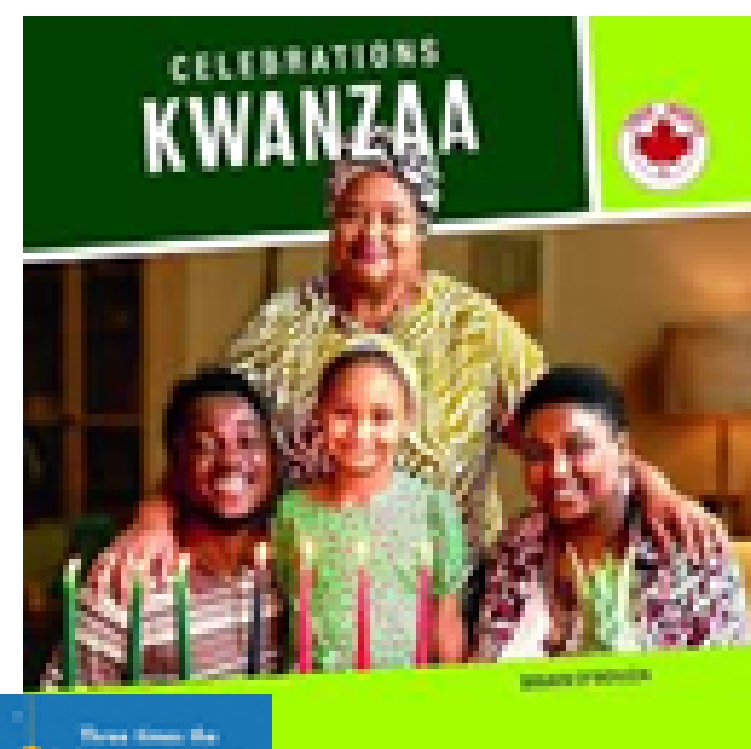
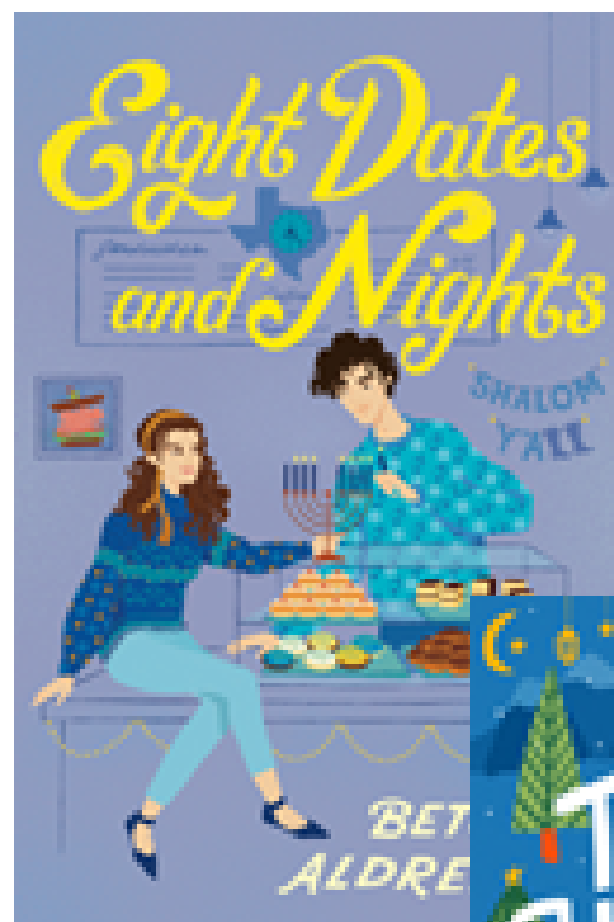
Eight Dates and Nights
by Betsy Aldrege

Kwanzaa
by Brian D'Souza

Spectacular: A Carnaval Holiday Novella
by Stephanie Garber

Three Holidays and a Wedding
by Uzma Jalaluddin

The Mistletoe Mystery
by Nita Prose



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

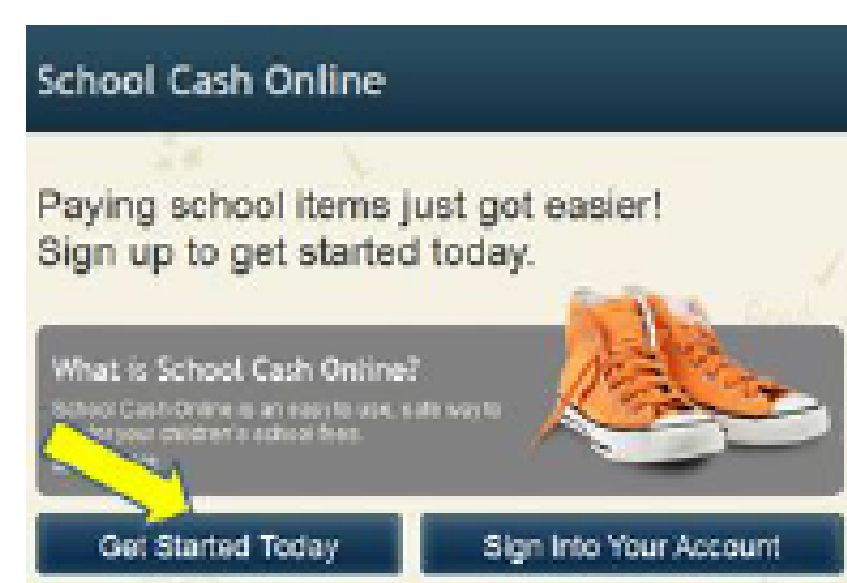
Online Payments (School Cash Online)

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.



COMING SOON

DATE	EVENT
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)

