



Unionville High School Weekly Parent Bulletin

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TECH REQUEST FORM – 2023-2024

CLUBS

GUIDANCE UPDATES

Character Matters Trait of the Month: Empathy

“Could a greater miracle take place than for us to look through each other’s eye for an instant?”
– Henry David Thoreau

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20	Holiday Music Concert (7:00 pm)
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22	UHS Winter Assembly (Daytime/students only)
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 7	Winter Break
MONDAY, JANUARY 8	Return to School

Student Activity Council and Activity Fees Update

Unionville High School Council would like to thank all families that have been able to contribute towards the \$45 Student Activity Fee, which helps whole-school spirit events for all grades.

At this time, approximately 950 of our students out of our school population of 2016 have contributed. We thank you for your support. If your family has not contributed and you would like to, then please visit [School Cash Online](#).

Questions can be directed to our administration team or your school council chair.

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Student Trustee Elections - Application Deadline Extended

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 will be accepted until Monday, December 18 - 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.

Holiday Concert

UHS Music presents our annual Holiday Concert.

Wednesday December 20 - 7:00 pm at UHS. Free admission with the donation of non-perishable food to the school's holiday food drive.

Come celebrate the holidays with us!

Winter Food Drive

The Student Council and Muslim Students Association is running a winter food drive! We will have boxes set up at the Town Centre entrance for donations until **Friday, December 22**.

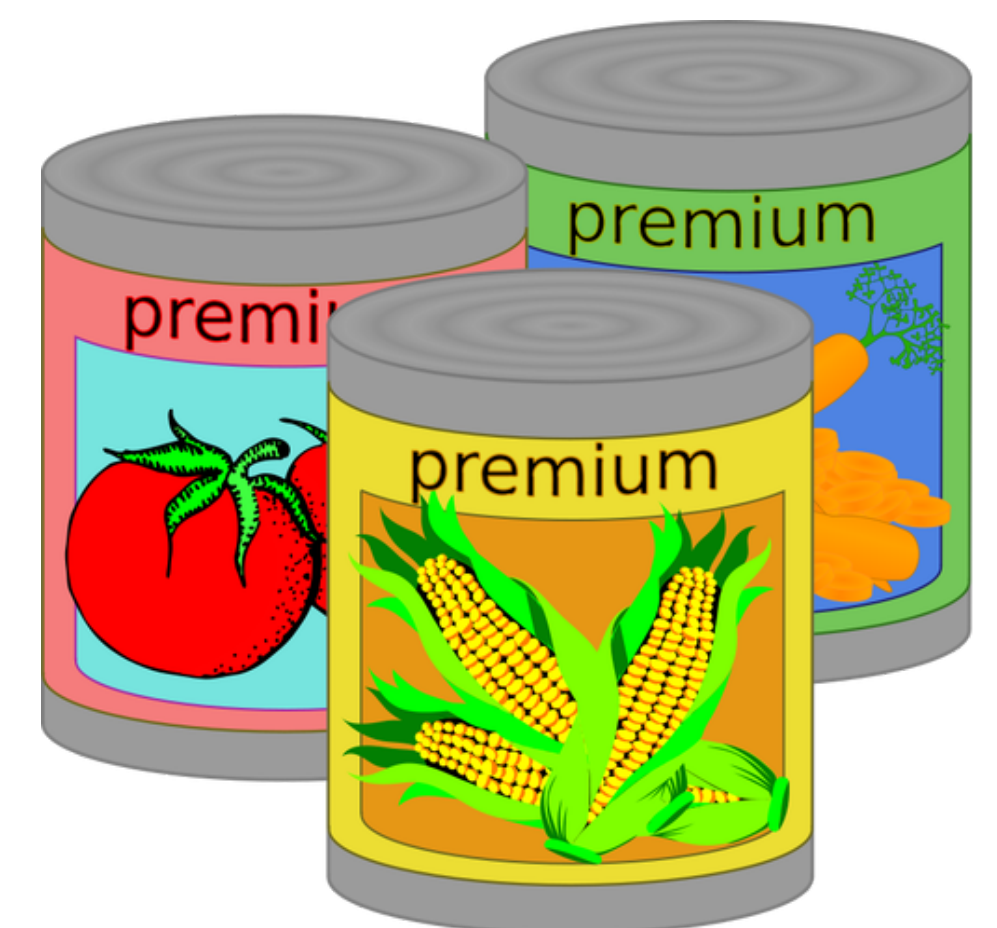
Hunger is a persistent problem. The people who turn to food banks include: families with children new Canadians; employed people whose wages not sufficient to cover basic living essentials; individuals on social assistance; and Canadians living on a fixed income, including seniors and people with exceptionalities.

The Markham Food Bank accepts financial (cash, cheque, or [online via Canada Helps](#)) and in-kind donations of non-perishable food, baby items, and hygiene products.

When making a donation to the Markham Food Bank, please ensure items are within the best before period, have not expired, and have not been opened. We are unable to accept homemade food and food that is no longer in the original packaging. We cannot accept alcohol or items with alcohol (e.g. chocolates with brandy).

Most needed items:

- Small and Large Bags of Rice
- Individually Wrapped Snacks for School
- Hot Cereal (Instant Oatmeal, Oats)
- Instant Coffee
- Jam
- Canned Salmon and Sardines
- Canned Evaporated Milk
- Non-Dairy Milk (oat, almond, rice)
- Vegetarian Soups
- Habitant Soup
- Cooking Oil
- Kidney Beans
- Peanut Butter
- Cake Mixes
- Juice
- Canned Fruit
- diapers size 5 and 6
- formula stage 1, 2 and 3



Please note that they currently have an influx of pasta, and Kraft dinner. We will continue to accept these food items, but we ask that you consider donating food from our most needed list.

Staff & Student Hockey Game

Join us at Angus Glen Arena on **Wednesday, December 20** at 4:00 pm to see our all-star students and staff take to the ice in our annual hockey game.

Come cheer on your favourite players as they skate their way into the holiday season.

Showtime's Production of Pippin

Showtime presents "Pippin" on **Friday, January 12** and **Saturday, January 13, 2024**.

There's magic to do when a prince learns the true meaning of glory, love and war in Stephen Schwartz's iconic and unforgettable musical masterpiece. It's an epic journey of discovery, full of great music and fabulous choreography. Join us for a full production, complete with an amazing live pit band and a cast of over 50 actors, singers and dancers!

Tickets are now available for purchase through [School Cash Online](#).

Evening show tickets will be available on School Cash Online until **Wednesday, December 20** - after that, you can purchase tickets at the Flato Markham Theatre office for an additional \$5 service charge.

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!

Message from York Region Public Health

York Region Public Health will be reintroducing the enforcement of the Immunization of School Pupils Act, which had been paused during the COVID-19 pandemic. York Region Public Health will contact families of students missing immunizations directly.

Please make sure you have provided your student's complete immunization records to YRPH and update them every time your child gets vaccinated.

YRPH will be holding student immunization "catch up clinics" at community immunization clinics and secondary schools in York Region. Information about the catch up clinic at UHS is forthcoming.

OUAC Information

The OUAC is officially closed for the holidays from **Friday, December 22** to **Tuesday, January 2, 2024**, 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 Undergraduate application well in advance of the **January 15, 2024** deadline.

Extended Applicant Services hours will be available on the January application deadline: **Monday, January 15**: 9:30 am to 7 pm (ET) Applicant Services Phone: 519-823-1063.

Night School

Night School registration will open up in My Pathway Planner on **Monday, December 18**. Classes are held remotely on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 pm to 9:45 pm. Only students who cannot get the course during day school are eligible to register. More information can be found at: <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/night-school-credit-courses>

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.

Secondary School Opportunities

Our secondary schools offer courses and programs that let you explore your interests, build skills and gain experience in areas that interest you. You can now search from 16 different sectors to learn more about:

- career pathways in the fields that interest you
- courses and programs you can take in secondary school that let you gain sector-specific skills, knowledge and experience
- how you can earn certifications, post-secondary credits and job experience while in high school

Find out what courses and programs are available in the fields that interest you at your school.

Student Mental Health & Addictions

Student Mental Health and Addictions is pleased to provide monthly newsletters that focus on various pertinent mental health topics and provides links to mental health supports.

Jumpstart Newsletter - Fall 2023

YRDSB Pathways is pleased to provide the 2023 Jumpstart newsletter. Hear from students, community partners and educators about a variety of programs and experiential learning in YRDSB, including SHSM, STEM, co-op and our own Mr Cho!

Annual Closure of Sports Fields

All sports fields are now considered closed until spring 2024 as per YRDSB standard operating procedures.

This is to ensure that secondary school fields are continuously available for students and community members, ensure safe and suitable conditions and sustainability, and educate individuals to participate in the stewardship of this valuable ecological resource.

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.

Library Information

Students are encouraged to stop by the Library next week to borrow reading material for the Winter Break. There are many new books waiting for everyone. Here are some suggestions! (click links for more details)

- [Into the Bright Open: A Secret Garden Remix](#) by Cherie Dimaline
- [We Free the Stars](#) by Faizal Hafsah
- [Three Holidays and a Wedding](#) by Uzma Jalaluddin
- [The Everlasting Road](#) by Wab Kinew
- [The Chalice of the Gods](#) by Rick Riordan
- [Blood Like Fate](#) by Lisselle Sambury
- [Well, That Was Unexpected](#) by Jesse Q. Sutanto

Upcoming Events

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January 12 - 13	UHS Showtime's Pippen (7:00 pm)
January 22	School Council meeting (7:00 pm)
January 25 - 31	Exams
February 1	Exam Review Day
February 2	PA Day