



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
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

Happy
HOLIDAYS

Successful Food Drive!

We are very proud to report that thanks to student, staff, and family contributions, we were able to donate 1876 items to the Markham Food Bank. This was a wonderful collective effort that showcases the generosity and compassion of our community here at UHS, and we couldn't be prouder. Thank you so much, and Happy Holidays!



What's in January...

Dog Therapy is Back!

Are you feeling stressed out with your assignments, tests and exams?

If so, you need Dog Therapy in your life! 😊

We will be hosting 3 sessions in room 350...

Session #1: Friday **January 10th - 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. - Period 2**

Session #2: Friday **January 17th - 11:20 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. - Period 3**

Session #3: Tuesday **January 21st - 12:40 p.m. - 1:40 p.m. - Period 4**

Teachers can sign up their classes by emailing me - felicia.sukdeo@yrdsb.ca

Students who have lunches during those dates can visit the therapy dogs in room **350**.



UHS Showtime Presents "Curtains"

Hi UHS,

As you know, our annual Showtime production is taking place upon our return from the break. This year we present Curtains; A hilarious and suspenseful musical comedy whodunit with a book by Rupert Holmes, lyrics by Fred Ebb, and music by John Kander. We are hosting a UHS matinee performance on Thursday January 9th during periods 4 & 5, as well as two evening performances on Friday January 10th and Saturday January 11th. We would love for you to join us!

For the evening shows, tickets are available at the **Flato Markham Theatre box office/website** for an additional \$5 service fee.

As **for the UHS matinee performance taking place on Thursday January 9th during periods 4 & 5**, tickets will be available on **School Cash Online** for students to purchase until **January 8th at noon**. Please note that the students will be signed out for both periods 4 & 5 if a ticket is purchased with the necessary permission from parents/guardians through the cash online listing directly.

Thank you for your support of this annual performance that we are so excited to share with our UHS community!

Team Showtime



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**.

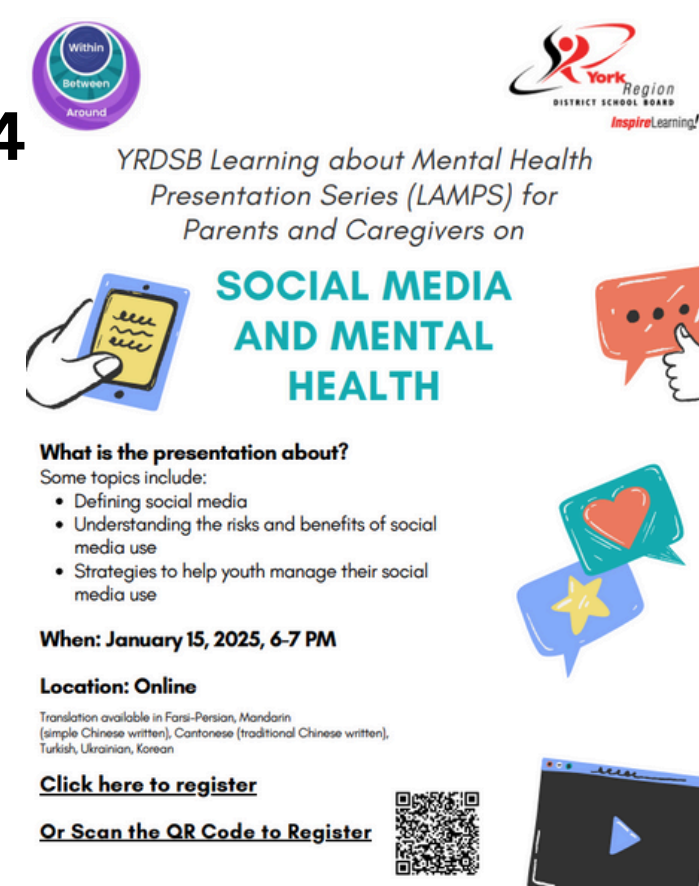
The previous meetings' meeting minutes are available on **UHS School Website - School Council Meeting Minutes**.

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

"Social Media and Mental Health" Presentation Wednesday January 15th, 2024

Participation: All Parents and Caregivers are welcome. Translation can be provided during the presentation through the online virtual platform tool.

Registration: Registration information will also be shared through our Monthly Parent/Caregiver Mental Health Newsletter, through the **WWW Events Page**, social media, as well as through your school's Mental Health Liaison. Parent/Caregiver presentations will occur throughout the school year. The date for this year's first presentation will be **January 15, 2025** (Virtual 6:00 pm to 7:00 p.m.).



The Unionville Howl December Newsletter 2024-2025!

Happy Holidays, Wolves! The Unionville Howl is excited to share with you our December newsletter. Please read and enjoy!




[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.

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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

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

Registration for Night School is Open Now!

Students will **register** on **MyBlueprint/My Pathway Planner**.

If you would like more information, you can view the poster inside the guidance office.

Night school (semester 2) runs from February 13th 2025 - June 5th 2025

Classes follow the Remote learning delivery model and will be delivered virtually in real-time (synchronous).

Classes are held on **Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30-9:45 p.m.**

You can visit the following link for more information.

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/adult-learning/night-school-credit-courses/night-school-courses-offered>

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: 9 Spaces Left

Hello Families,

Congratulations! Your student is invited to join us on a once-in-a-lifetime travel experience with their classmates to Switzerland and Italy in May of 2025!

This trip will give students the chance to learn by experience and immerse themselves in the culture. They will expand their language skills, gain new perspectives of the world around them, and discover more about themselves. The world is the best classroom!

We will be holding an information meeting with further information about the trip in the New Year. However, we wanted to send out the enrolment link now to give you the opportunity to enrol now. With the holidays approaching, contributions towards the trip might make for an excellent gift! As our gift to you, EF has added a **\$200 Early Enrolment discount that is valid until the end of December!**

Plus, all students who are enrolled onto the trip by **December 31st** will be entered into a draw where one lucky student in your class will **win an extra \$200 off** their tour price. Very exciting!

If you would like to join the trip and be entered into the draw, please visit the following link:

- Enrollment Link: **<https://www.eftours.ca/tour-website/2853481TY>**
- Tour Number: 2853481TY
- Please note: you will be placed on a waitlist upon enrollment and once confirmed to be in good standing with the school will be accepted onto the trip

For any additional information or questions, please contact Yachna Minhas at yachna.minhas@yrdsb.ca or Shiraz Rafik at shiraz.rafik@yrdsb.ca



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Library Information

Winter Break is the perfect time to relax with a great e-book or audiobook. These are both available through Sora. Students sign in using 0 followed by their student number.

Other Library resources are also available for students throughout the Winter Break. Databases and other online resources can be found at our website page. Passwords are found on the Library’s Google Classroom. The join code is dus2klz.

The Globe and Mail subscription will also continue to be active.

Wishing everyone a restful and enjoyable break!

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 environmen 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>



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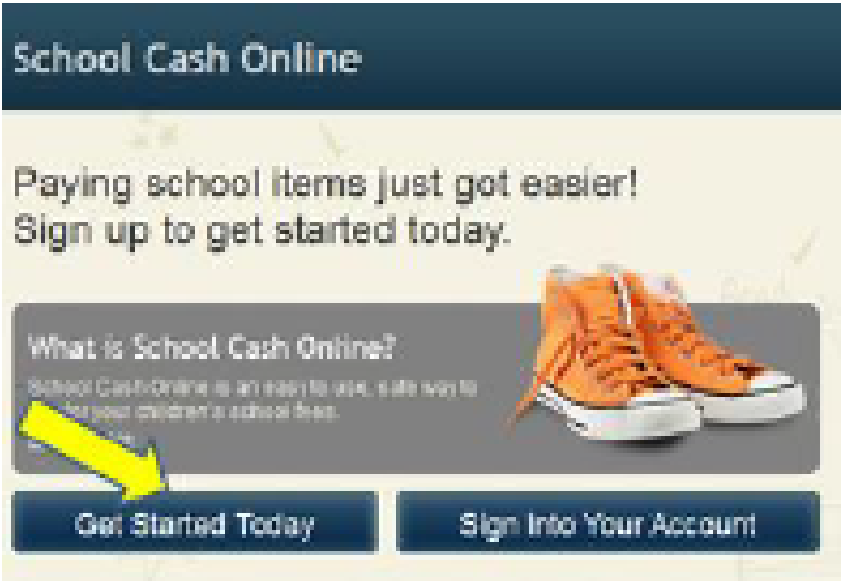
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Online Payments (School Cash Online)

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.



DATE	EVENT
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)

