



# P A R E N T BULLETIN

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### December 4

Music Winter Fantasia at

Flato Markham Theatre

7:00 pm to 9:30 pm

AU Dance & Tech Dress Rehearsals at

Markham Theatre ALL DAY

Staff Meeting

3:15 pm

Showtime's Spirit Week

### December 5

BBI2O charity food sales

Music Winter Fantasia

at Flato Markham Theatre

7:00 pm to 9:30 pm

Dance Performance, "Neverland"

Flato Markham Theatre

12:30 pm to 1:45 pm (P4)

Senior Boys Basketball

4:45 pm to 6:00 pm

Junior Boys Basketball

2:50 pm to 4:30 pm

Senior Girls Volleyball at Bayview SS

2:30 pm to 5:30 pm

GLE101 Chill Fair (Period 1 in Atrium)

Showtime's Spirit Week

Grade 12 Drama Performance

6:30 pm in room 106

### December 6

BBI2O charity food sales

Mandarin classes to Dragon City Mall

10:00 am to 1:45 pm

Grade 12 Drama Performance

Periods 3 & 4 in room 106

Showtime's Spirit Week

### December 7

Swimming at Pan Am Centre

2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Senior Boys Basketball at Markham District

2:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Junior Boys Basketball at St. Brother Andre

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2:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Showtime's Spirit Week

### December 8

Showtime's Spirit Week

Life Skills Class to SNAP Basketball Tournament

9:30 am to 2:30 pm

### December 11

Junior Boys Basketball

2:50 pm to 4:30 pm

Senior Boys Basketball

4:45 pm to 6:00 pm

### December 12

Senior Girls Volleyball at Father Michael

McGivney 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm

### December 13

Swimming at Markham Pan Am Centre

7:30 am to 2:00 pm

### December 14

Outdoor Education class to

Horseshoe Valley 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Alumni Panel Presentation for Grad Students

10:00 am to 11:15 am

Junior Boys Basketball

3:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Senior Boys Basketball

4:00 pm to 5:30 pm



Check out the latest school announcements by following us on twitter [@UHSupdates](https://twitter.com/UHSupdates)

## Samosas for Myanmar

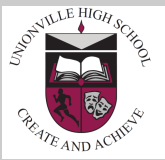


On Thursday November 23, 2017, students at Unionville High School participated in a "Samosas for Myanmar" Fundraiser. This event was initiated by student council president and grade 12 student, Joyce Z, who wanted to make a difference in the lives of Myanmar refugees. Hundreds of thousands of people (the majority of victims being women and children) have been displaced and many are facing torture, rape and death in Myanmar. With the help of her teachers, Mr. Farhan Baig and Mr. Dustin Cash, and the support of her principal, Ms. Suelyn Cheong, Joyce and her council sold

1,250 vegetarian samosas in 4 hours, raising over \$2,000! Joyce was also able to secure a \$1,000 donation from a local business taking UHS's total donation amount to \$3,068.68. For more information on the project that prompted this whole initiative, please click here: <https://create.piktochart.com/output/25424585-burmese-genocide>

The \$3068.68 was then matched dollar-for-dollar by the Canadian Government; this is enough to feed over 100 refugee families for over a month. Special thanks to the following students who promoted the event and who sold the samosas: Adrian Chow, Ariana Kertsanis, Dionne Li, Kaitlin Lam, Karen Lee, Katherine Inglis, Samantha Ng, and Willow Leahy. All money raised was donated to the registered Canadian charity, Islamic Relief (<http://islamicreliefcanada.org/>).





# PARENT BULLETIN

## Alumni Panel Presentation

UHS will be hosting an Alumni Panel Presentation. We have invited UHS students that have graduated last year to speak to current grade 12 students about their experience with post-secondary education, and to offer tips and advice regarding post-secondary programming.

The presentation will be held on Thursday, December 14, period 2 in the library.

Students interested in attending this presentation are asked to sign up using the bit.ly link below (please ensure that the student is logged into his/her school gapps account and not a personal Google account).

**The deadline to sign up is Friday December 8, 2017.**

<http://bit.ly/>

A permission form will be emailed to the students once they have completed the on-line Google form. **Students must have a parent/guardian sign it. Students are asked to show this form to their period 2 teacher (if they are missing a period 2 class) and bring the form to the library on the day of the presentation. This form will be their 'ticket' into the presentation and will confirm their attendance.**

For more information, students are asked to come by the Guidance office.

## Semester 2 Timetables

Semester 2 timetables have been emailed to students' gapps accounts and to parents/guardians who have an email address registered with the school.

Students are expected to attend all classes on their timetable. Students who need to make a necessary course change for semester 2 are asked to follow the instructions below to access the on-line Course Change Request form. The on-line Course Change Request form will be available until **Wednesday Dec 6, 3:00 p.m.**

Any timetable changes made in the first week of semester 2 will be completed for students who were not successful in their semester 1 courses or for students requiring a pathway change.



1. Log on to <http://bit.ly/uhschangeform> or click on the QR code →
2. Complete the entire form. Please ensure you provide a correct email address.
3. A PDF form will be emailed to you. Please print and have a parent/guardian sign.  
*\*\*This form will be required when your counsellor contacts you.\*\**
4. Only one form can be submitted by each student.
5. The Course Change Request form will be disabled on Wednesday December 6<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m. This is your last day to submit the form.
6. If you need help accessing this link, please come to the Guidance Office and we will be more than happy to assist you.

## Music Performances

The Music Department presents **WINTER FANTASIA 2017** at Flato Markham Theatre on December 4 and 5 at 7:00 pm. Our annual celebration features all of our large performing ensembles, small ensembles and solo presentations. We will also be featuring the premiere of new compositions by our very own UHS students. Free tickets for staff are available by contacting Jeff Wrigglesworth.



### Arts Unionville Strings at Massey Hall

Mr. Beckwith and 10 members of the Arts Unionville Strings class will be performing Part I of *Messiah* by George Frederick Handel on Saturday, December 2 and Sunday, December 3, 3:00pm, at Massey Hall in Toronto with the St. Michael's Choir School. You may purchase tickets through the Massey Hall website. [https://www.masseyhall.com/tickets/?facility\\_no=12&facility\\_no=other](https://www.masseyhall.com/tickets/?facility_no=12&facility_no=other)

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# CALLING YOUNG WRITERS!

## 8th ANNUAL SHORT STORY CONTEST

Open to residents or full-time students in York Region and Bradford/West Gwillimbury, 22 years and under

- Topic: A short story beginning with the words:  
*"Only one person knew the truth"*
- Length: 750 words maximum
- Deadline: **February 14, 2018**
- Entry fee: \$10.00
- Cash prizes: \$400, \$300, \$200, \$25
- Winning story to be printed in the newspaper
- Winners to be announced in April 2018
- Go to [www.cfuwauroranewmarket.com](http://www.cfuwauroranewmarket.com) and click on "Writing Contest" to download entry form and rules



The Canadian Federation of University Women  
CFUW Aurora/Newmarket Club  
in partnership with the York Region Media Group

CFUW Aurora/Newmarket members and employees of the York Region Media Group and their immediate families may not enter.







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November 28, 2017

Dear Families,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I am pleased to [announce](#) the appointment of Louise Sirisko as the new Director of Education of YRDSB beginning in the new year. Louise brings a wealth of knowledge and experience from 27 years in education, most recently as Director of Special Education/Success for All Branch at the Ontario Ministry of Education.

Louise has a strong commitment to building positive relationships and working with students, families, staff and community members to advance student achievement and well-being. We look forward to welcoming her to the YRDSB and to working with her to continue creating safe, inclusive and welcoming learning and working environments for all of our students and staff.

I would also like to express our most sincere appreciation to Kathryn Wallace who supported our system over the previous six months in the Interim Director of Education role. Her leadership was outstanding during a challenging time for our Board.

Kathryn Wallace's last day will be November 30, 2017. In the interim, an Acting Director of Education will be appointed.

I want to acknowledge and thank families for their support as our Board has been experiencing this period of transition. I want to assure you that throughout this time, our focus has been and will continue to be on our students.

We look forward to welcoming Louise Sirisko to the YRDSB and to working with her to continue advancing student achievement and well-being.

Sincerely,

Lorelea Carruthers  
Chair of the Board