



Unionville High School Weekly Parent Bulletin

February 2, 2024

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TECH REQUEST FORM – 2023-2024

CLUBS

GUIDANCE UPDATES

Character Matters Trait of the Month: Perseverance

“ It always seems impossible until it's done. ”
— Nelson Mandela

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
February 5	First Day of Semester 2
February 20	Sem 2 & Grad Retake Photo Day
February 22	Immunization “Catch Up Clinic” at UHS
February 28	Arts Unionville Music Recital/UHS (7:00pm)



Welcoming Our New Vice-Principal!

We would like to wish farewell to Ms. Imada-Chan, who has been appointed as the Principal of Pierre Elliot Trudeau. We would like to extend a big welcome our **new Vice-Principal, Ms. Clarke**, who will be joining the UHS family.

Administration Student Alphas

Administration	Alpha
Ms. Clarke	A-J
Mr. Luong	K-Shas
Mr. Belmonte	Shek - Z

School Council Meeting

A friendly reminder, we will be hosting our 4th School Council Meeting on Monday, February 26th at 7:00 p.m. Translation services from English to Mandarin will be available. Please feel free to fill out the [School Council Pre-Registration Form - Monday, February 26, 2024](#).

We are all looking forward to seeing everyone in person!
Location: Unionville HS Library

Upcoming Event for February 26, 2024 School Council Meeting, please click [here](#).

Message from the Board Trstee

The message is from your school trustee, Ron Lynn, Markham Wards 2 and 6. For the detailed message, please click [here](#).

Markham Museum: Lunar Nights- Year of Dragon Festival

Indoor and Outdoor Festival at markham Museum from **Feb. 8- 25, 2024**. Use **15%** promo code: **YRDSB** (all caps) to purchase the tickets at [lunarnights.ca](#)

Detailed informaion, please check out the poster below:

[Lunar Nights Festival poster](#)

Free Family Activities at Varley Art Gallery

Lunarfest at the Varley

- Saturdays and Sundays, **February 10 to 11, and 17 to 18**
- **10 AM to 5 PM** | Free

Celebrate the Lunar New Year at Varley Art Gallery! Drop-in on February 10 and 11 for free family activities, and continue the celebration on February 17 and 18 with LunarFest, a community festival in partnership with the ACSEA. Don't miss the Lunar Lanterns in the courtyard from January to March, created in partnership with Indigenous artists. Experience a 2024 Lunar New Year celebration only at Varley!

<https://www.markham.ca/wps/portal/home/arts/varley-art-gallery/public-programs>

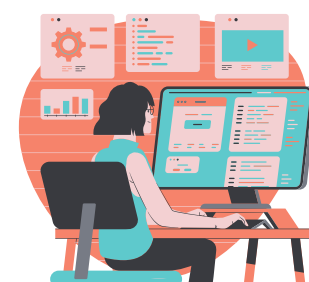
Canadian Computing Contest - Wednesday February 21, 2024, 12:15 -3:15 pm

The Canadian Computing Contest (CCC), administered by the University of Waterloo is a programming challenge for high school students with an interest in programming. It is an opportunity for students to test their skills to present coding solutions to five progressively challenging programming questions. Please see: Canadian Computing Competition (<https://cemc.uwaterloo.ca/contests/computing.html>) for more information.

The Computer Science Club of UHS, has been allocating time on a weekly basis to coach and prepare students for this Contest. Join the **Computer Club Google Classroom** for more updates! Code: **cyzkrgh**.

We encourage students who have taken any computer science course such as: **ICD20**, **ICS3U** or **ICS4U**, to consider doing the contest. Participating in the CCC is a great experience regardless of your level and counts towards one of the **STEM** requirements as well.

Contest Details: (only for all registered students)
Date: Wednesday February 21th, 2024
Time: 12:15 pm - 3:15 pm
Location: UHS Library



Participants:

Junior Level (Grades 9 or 10) — any student with elementary programming skills
Senior Level (Grades 11 or 12) — any student with intermediate to advanced programming skills
Any student may choose to write at any level (Junior or Senior) of the contest.

Process & Deadline for Registration: Wednesday February 7 by 11:59 pm - via School Cash Online

Please **register** your child and **pay** the required fees of \$10.50, before **February 7th, 11:59 pm** via **School Cash Online** if your child is interested in participating. The school cashonline link is already available for parents. Please ask your child to help you register them. Please share the receipt of payment, either as email or printed copy with your child, for them to have their logins validated to participate.

Account Validation & Practise Sessions- Friday Feb. 9 & Feb. 16, 3:15 - 4:30, Rooms: 102, 118, 105

All students who register, would be **required** to attend one of the above sessions to receive additional information and to have their logins setup, and validated for them to participate.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. J. Anandarajan at Jey.Anandarajan@yrdsb.ca, Teacher Supervisor - Computer Studies Department

UHS STEM Fair

We are organizing UHS' first STEM fair after school on **Feb 29th, 2024**. This is an opportunity to share and celebrate the great projects that students from UHS have been working on, and to promote inquiry-based learning school-wide.

- All students interested in participating and sharing their science/ technology/ robotics/ math/ computer science projects are welcome to complete the google form on the poster by **Feb 2nd, 2024**.
- If you are able to provide any donations (gift cards/prizes) to the best projects from the STEM fair, that would be greatly appreciated.

Please direct inquiries to Ms. Chung (Science Department). karen.chung@yrdsb.ca
Detailed information, please check the event poster: [UHS STEM Fair Jan. 2024](#)

UHS Safety First and Cross with Care

 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. Please obey all the traffic signs, such as the speed limit signs, one-way signs and stop signs.
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.
5. Student parking. Students should only park in the student parking lot on the Warden side.

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**  



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.

Pink Shirt Day

February 28, 2024, is Pink Shirt Day which is a globally recognized day to support anti-bullying, upstanding behaviour, and simple acts of kindness. UHS would like to share it with our parents, students and the staff to promote community and a sense of belonging while actively working to prevent bullying

Ubuntu Healing Wellness Circle

A virtual healing circle for Black identified students across YRDSB to join together in an inclusive affinity space, focused on supporting emotional well-being. This space is one that has been created to promote healing, wellness and resilience for Black identified students.

The group will be facilitated by members of the School Social Work Team. Students in grades 7-12 are invited to attend and participation will occur virtually.

For more detailed information, please check: [York Region District School Board Ubuntu Healing Wellness Circle](#)

Virtual Consultations for Parents/Caregivers of the Tamil Diaspora Community

In the YRDSB's ongoing effort to support achievement and well-being for students who are racialized and/or marginalized by oppression, and in support of the actions and goals set out in the Director's Action Plan, as well as the Student Mental Health and Addiction Strategy, we are offering virtual Community Care Team Social Work consultations for parents/caregivers of Tamil identifying students across the board.

This year we are piloting consultations directly with parents/caregivers of the Tamil Diaspora Community to enhance service access and language-specific support when seeking mental health services for their children. Through culturally affirming consultations, we are hoping to reduce barriers to accessing mental health support and fostering stronger relationships between the students, families and schools.

For more detailed information about this service, please check the posters below:

[Coffee with Tamil Social Worker-English-2024 \(yrdsb.ca\)](#)

[Coffee with Tamil Social Worker-Tamil-2024 \(yrdsb.ca\)](#)

To book consultations and/or for any questions please contact Nijatha Subramaniam via email at nijatha.subramaniam@yrdsb.ca or by phone at 905-727-0022 ext. 4138 (voicemail only).

Work Experience Newsletter

The following newsletter providing updates from the Work Experience team highlighting **student success stories**.

[Experience Works: Nineteenth Edition Newsletter: Winter 2023-2024](#)

Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) - Challenge for Credit

Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) is the formal evaluation and credit-granting process whereby students may obtain credits for prior learning. Prior learning includes the knowledge and skills that students have acquired, in both formal and informal ways, outside secondary school.

Detailed information, please check [PLAR Brochure - 2023-24 \(yrdsb.ca\)](#)

Aquatic Leadership Program Registration

Registration is now open for the **Aquatic Leadership Program - Part 2** course. In Part 2, students work on the Recreation and Healthy Active Living Leadership, Grade 12 (PLF4M1) course. The Lifesaving Society's National Lifeguard Certification and the Lifesaving Society's Swim and Lifesaving Instructor Certifications are embedded in the Ontario Curriculum. In order to qualify for the course students must have completed their Bronze Cross certification, Standard First Aid -C and be 15 years of age by the beginning of June. (Students do not need to be in grade 12). At the end of the course successful students are given an opportunity to apply for instructor and/or lifeguarding positions with the municipalities.

Detailed information, please click [here](#).

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 961 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.

Anoosh Sharif

UHS School Council Chair
OurSchoolUHS@gmail.com

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. Upcoming immunization clinic at UHS will be on **February 22, 2024** and it will be held in the UHS library.

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.

Library Information

The UHS Library provides many great resources to support students:

- Ebooks and audiobooks are available through [Sora](#). Students sign in using 0 followed by their student number.
- We have a [Globe and Mail](#) subscription available to all students.
- Toronto Star subscription: [Toronto Star E-Reader Edition](#), user id: 67370706 password: education
- Students are invited to join the Library's Google Classroom using code **dus2klz**.
- Databases and other online resources can be found [at our website page](#). This is also where you can search the library's collection for a book.
- Students can use [this form](#) to request a new book for the Library.

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.

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
March 4	Alchemy-Daytime at Markham Theatre
March 5	Alchemy-Evening at Markham Theatre (8:00 pm)
March 11 - 15	Spring Break
March 27	Arts Unionville Music Recital/UHS (7:00 pm)