



Unionville High School Weekly Parent Bulletin

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Character Matters Trait of the Month: Perseverance

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

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
February 26	UHS School Council/ Library (7:00 pm)
February 28	Pink Shirt Day (Support Anti-bullying) The Pascal, Cayley and Fermat Math Competitions/ in The Cafeteria (period 1) Arts Unionville Music Recital/ UHS (7:00 pm)
February 29	UHS STEM Fair/ Library (After School)
March 5	Alchemy-Student Show at Markham Theatre (12:45 pm) Alchemy-Evening Show at Markham Theatre (7:00 pm)

FEBRUARY

UHS 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 pleased to have a speaker from the Canadian Mental Health Association join us for 1 hour at our Feb 26 School Council meeting in our library. For more details, please click [here](#).

School Council Meeting Agenda:

1. Welcome – 5 min
2. USAC Updates – 5 min
3. Subject Department Presentations
Ms. Sharma & Ms. Panacci – Math – 10 min
Mr. Geronikolos & Ms. Bettio – Drama/Dance – 10 min
4. Fundraising update - A.Sharif 5 min
5. Supporting Our Youth - Teen Stress and Anxiety - Dr. Mary Louise Ireland Presenting – 50 min

We are all looking forward to seeing everyone in person!
Location: **UHS Library**

The Fryer, Galois, Hypatia, and Euclid Math Competitions

The Fryer, Galois, Hypatia, and Euclid Math Competitions will be open for registration on School Cash Online starting this coming **Monday, February 26th**, closing on **Monday, March 4th** (registration will close sooner, if we reach capacity).

Please register at [School Cash Online](#)

$$M = \left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} \right)$$

UHS STEM Fair

UHS' first STEM fair is after school on **Thursday, Feb 29th** in the **library**. 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.

1. If there are additional interested students in participating and sharing their science/ technology/ robotics/ math/ computer science projects can e-mail karen.chung@yrdsb.ca
2. If you are able to provide any donations (gift cards/prizes) to the participants of the STEM fair, that would be greatly appreciated.
3. Some projects will be selected to go to the York Region Science and Technology Fair at York University.

Please direct inquiries to Ms. Chung (Science Department). karen.chung@yrdsb.ca

Detailed information, please check the event poster: UHS STEM Fair Feb. 29th, 2024



BUBBLE TEA Is Here

It is a perfect treat to enjoy while supporting UHS programs and initiatives. **Indulge in a cup and contribute to our school's efforts to fundraise towards upgrading our computer lab.** Order now and enjoy!

Click the picture below for more ordering details. You can also order directly from : <https://yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>



QQ Mango – 30% sugar, no ice, regular size

A tropical paradise of sweet and fruity mango. Topped with QQ, our topping that includes both our pearls and coconut jelly!



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Refreshing tropical fruitiness of lychee topped with QQ, our topping that includes both our [pearls](#) and [coconut jelly](#)!



Mango green tea coconut jelly – 50% sugar, no ice, regular size

A tropical paradise of sweet and fruity mango topped with [coconut jelly](#)!



Pearl Milk Tea – 50% sugar, no ice, regular size

Tapioca [pearls](#) add a pleasant texture to our signature milk tea, a best-selling fan favourite.

ORDER HERE

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Peer Tutoring

All students **interested in becoming a peer tutor** for the 2023-2024 school year must submit their application through this link: <https://bit.ly/BecomeTutorUHSO>

This application must be completed using the **student's GAPPS email**. Upon submitting, students will **receive an email containing a PDF** that will need to be printed, signed and returned to the Guidance Department dropbox located outside the Guidance Office. **Please Note:** If students are applying to tutor a subject they are currently taking, please ask your subject teacher first, as students are required to indicate their subject teacher's name to confirm if they are recommended for tutoring that subject.

All students **requesting a peer tutor** must submit their application through this link: <https://bit.ly/RequestTutorUHS>

This application must be completed using the **student's GAPPS email**. Upon submitting, students will **receive an email containing a PDF** that will need to be printed, signed and returned to the Guidance Department dropbox located outside the Guidance Office.

Please click here for the Peer Tutoring flyer



Guidance for Higher Studies- Career Information Workshop

Career Guidance workshop for high school students facilitated by the ASGC on **February 24, 2024** at **Milliken Mills HS**.

Detailed information about the workshop, please click the poster: [Guidance for Higher Studies](#)

The University of Toronto's Summer Mentorship Program

The University of Toronto's Summer Mentorship Program online application deadline is **March 22, 2024**. The Summer Mentorship Program gives high school students of **Indigenous** or **African ancestry** a chance to explore health sciences at the University of Toronto over four weeks in July. Students receive an SNC4M credit for completing the program. Students must be at least 16 years old by June 30, 2024, to be eligible. Other eligibility criteria are listed on the [website](#).

Please see the posters or detailed information:

[SMP 2024 Brochure](#)

[SMP Brochure 2024 \(young men\)](#)

Annual Alchemy Performance

Show: **Alchemy**

Date and Time:

- Tuesday, **March 5, 2024** -- Student Show: **12:45 pm**
- Tuesday, **March 5, 2024** -- Evening Show: **7:00 pm**

Place: **FLATO Markham Theatre**

We all know AU as Arts Unionville, but did you know that AU is also the chemical element of gold? Well, get ready for a golden performance...Alchemy!

At UHS, Alchemy is an annual show that brings the four art disciplines together to celebrate the arts. This show features original works created by students from all artistic fields, including visual arts, music, drama, and dance!

Buy tickets to the show on [School Cash Online](#).



UHS Celebration of Black History Month with Morning Performances

The Music Department will continue our celebration of Black History Month with morning performances in the atrium starting around 8:00am:

- **Monday February 26** - Piano solos and chamber ensembles
- **Tuesday February 27** - Jazz Band
- **Wednesday February 28** - AU Chamber Choir
- **Thursday February 29** - Wind Ensemble



UHS School Council Chair: Invest in the Students' Future

Dear UHS Families,
Publicly funded schools benefit from our support, whether it is our time volunteering or directly through financial contributions. Our generosity has a direct impact on the type of high-quality educational resources and unique activities that Unionville High School can offer our students to support their development, interests, and talents. This year we hope to raise enough funds to upgrade our outdated computers that students learn and rely on. We ask you to take a moment to consider investing in our school, demonstrating the value of community involvement, and taking pride in supporting UHS for the benefit and enrichment of all our students. <https://yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>

Anoosh Sharif
Chair, School Council UHS

For the easy 5 steps to donate and the Mandarin translation: [UHS School Council Invest in Our Students](#).

Celebrating Black History Month

We are pleased to share with you several events that are taking place within York Region District School Board and our broader community to recognize Black History Month and beyond.

This school year, we are continuing to grow and expand some of our Centre for Black Student Excellence programs, including [Ascending Sisters+](#), [RISE Brothers](#) and the [Black Excellence Program](#).

We also want to invite and welcome you to visit our [Centre for Black Student Excellence](#) on the website where you can find information about our programs, Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Strategy, Black History Month resources for students and families, and links to community partners.

For more detailed, please check the poster: [2024Celebrating Black History Month \(yrdsb.ca\)](#)

Summer Pathways Programs 2024

There are several Summer Pathway Programs students can participate in and earn one to two credits, such as Cooperative Education (Co-op), Alternative Learning Experiential Program (ALEP), OYAP-Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program, College Dual Credit courses and the Innovation Course at Y-Space in Markham.

[2024 Summer Pathways Flyer](#)

Metrolinx-- Ontario's One Fare Program

Effective **February 26, 2024**, students will only pay once when they transfer between TTC and GO Transit, Brampton Transit, Durham Region Transit, MiWay and York Region Transit. Learn more on the [Metrolinx website](#)

SEAS Family Engagement Evening

Welcome to our first "Family Engagement Evening" supporting families and caregivers to develop a deeper understanding of the Ontario Education System. In this first session, we will provide an overview of the K-12 Ontario Education System with an emphasis on **transitions, pathway planning, the OSSD** and the **course selection process**.

Presentations will be available in English, Mandarin, Korean and Cantonese.

This event is brought to you in partnership with Community and Partnership Developer for East Asian Families, YRDSB Inclusive School and Community Services, CCSYR Settlement and Education Partnership in York Region, NEKS (Network of Educators for Korean Students) and Curriculum and Instructional Services of YRDSB.

Date: Wednesday, **February 28**, 2024

Time: 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Location: Markville Secondary School, 1000 Carlton Road, Markham, ON L3P 7P5

Please [register](#) by Monday, February 26, 2024

<https://bit.ly/3Ot1p0X>

For additional inquiries, please contact: pauline.guo@yrdsb.ca or bronson.chu@yrdsb.ca

Youth Workshops at Aaniin Community Center or Online

We would like to share with you upcoming Youth Workshops at Aaniin Community Center or Online. They are offered by NPO YRES in collaboration with Markham's community center (Youth workshops) and York Region (Anti-bully program). Students who live in other regions such as Newmarket, can also join these sessions via Zoom. All sessions are community programs and free of charge.

Please see the attached flyers and feel free to share them with the students G6-12.

Flyer and program details:

- [YRES Keva Planks and Anti-Bully Program \(yrdsb.ca\)](#)
- [YRES Youth Workshop Program Flyers \(English/French/Mandarin\) \(yrdsb.ca\)](#)

Thank you,
York Region Educational Services

Web: www.yorkeducation.org

Email: Info@yorkeducation.ca (Preferred Communication Channel)

Phone: 416-475-6622 (Monitored Mondays - Saturdays 9 am - 5 pm)

Phone: 647-467-9121 (Monitored Sundays 9 am - 5 pm)

Amazing Class Project Turned into Sensational Life Experiences

Join us on a fascinating journey where students from Unionville High School go through an experiential education program where they dive into the world of craftsmanship by crafting electric guitars from scratch. From learning the ins and outs of shop tools to cultivating perseverance, our students are gaining invaluable skills that extend far beyond the classroom.

In this video, you'll hear firsthand accounts from our students as they share their experiences mastering machines like the planer, jointer, and chisel. Safety is the top priority, thanks to the guidance of our dedicated teacher, Mr. Dennis. But it doesn't stop at guitars. We delve into the broader implications of our program, exploring how these newfound skills translate into future endeavours, whether it's crafting furniture, pursuing a career in architecture, or venturing into construction like our special guest, Andrew Edwards from Greenway Construction.

Andrew, a seasoned carpenter and advocate for hands-on learning, shares his journey from high school shop class to becoming a red seal carpenter, emphasizing the importance of this programs to shaping future professionals. Through the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP), they're not just building guitars; they're building futures. Join us as we discuss the benefits of apprenticeships, the importance of patience, and the value of making mistakes as stepping stones to success.

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kY5j3HYt83A>
- <https://www.instagram.com/reel/C2-RnX0ge2P/?igsh=ejlmdDhhaDBobDZk>
- https://www.instagram.com/reel/C2-KWZ2Apv_/?igsh=djExYnRmM3VnOTA=

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

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).

Message from the Board Trustee

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

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 \(yrdsb.ca\)](#)

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.

Library Information

Library procedures and general information are available [here](#)

Celebrate Black History Month at the UHS Library by borrowing one of these amazing works of non-fiction by a Black Canadian author. Click links for more information.

[My Ackee Tree: A Chef's Memoir of Finding Home in the Kitchen by Suzanne Barr](#)

[The Skin We're In: A Year of Black Resistance and Power by Desmond Cole](#)

[Until We Are Free: Reflections on Black Lives Matter in Canada edited by Rodney Diverlus, Sandy Hudson and Syrus Marcus Ware](#)

[No Bootstraps when You're Barefoot: My Rise from a Jamaican Plantation Shack to the Boardrooms of Bay Street by Wes Hall](#)

[In the Black: My Life by B. Denham Jolly](#)

[They Said This Would be Fun: Race, Campus Life and Growing Up by Eternity Martis](#)

[The Autobiography of Willie O'Ree: Hockey's Black Pioneer by Michael McKinley](#)

[Viola Desmond: Her Life and Times by Graham Reynolds](#)

[The Black Battalion, 1916-1920: Canada's Best Kept Military Secret by Calvin W. Ruck](#)

[Disorientation: Being Black in the World by Ian Williams](#)



Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
March 11 - 15	Spring Break
March 27	Arts Unionville Music Recital/ UHS (7:00 pm)
April 3	Parent Teacher Interviews/ UHS (6:30 pm)
April 17	Arts Unionville Music Recital/UHS/ (7:00 pm)