



# Unionville High School

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### Club List 2019-2020

Please click the link below to find out about clubs at UHS. Students who are interested in joining a club should speak to the teacher advisor or attend the scheduled meeting. The link below includes teacher contact names and meeting times.

[Club List 2019-2020](#)

### NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS FEBRUARY 10th-14th

February 17 Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Family Day</li></ul>
February 18 Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li></li></ul>
February 19 Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Auto Show at MTCC</li><li>P.E.A.K. to Stiver Mill Community Centre</li><li>Junior Girls Volleyball at UHS (3:30-5:30pm)</li><li>AU Music Recital #2 (7:00-9:00 pm)</li><li>Photo Day for New Registrations &amp; Grad Retakes</li></ul>
February 20 Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Photo Day for Grad Retakes</li><li>AMK10 &amp; 20 at Kiwanis Festival</li></ul>
February 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li></li></ul>

### UPCOMING EVENTS FEBRUARY 17th-21st

February 24 Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li></li></ul>
February 25 Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>PEAK Students Visit George Brown College</li><li>Pascal, Cayley, Fermat Math Contest (Cafeteria Period 2)</li><li>York Region Skill Challenge at Seneca College</li></ul>
February 26 Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chamber Choir at Trinity– St.Paul's Centre for The Indigo Project</li><li>P.E.A.K. to Stiver Mill Community Centre</li><li>UBC Michel Smith Challenge (Period 4)</li></ul>
February 27 Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chamber Choir at Trinity– St.Paul's Centre for The Indigo Project</li><li>York Region Skills Challenge at Humber College</li><li>Junior Girls Volleyball at MDHS (3:30-5:30pm)</li></ul>
February 28 Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chamber Choir at Trinity– St.Paul's Centre for The Indigo Project</li><li>Robotics Competition at Durham College (12:00-7:00pm)</li></ul>

## STRIKE NOTICE

"A one-day strike by all teachers' unions, including ETFO and OSSTF, will occur on Friday, February 21. **All elementary and secondary schools will be closed to students on February 21**, unless an agreement has been reached by this date. For up to date information, please visit [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca) and the Board's twitter feed @yrdsb.ca"

## ELL MEETING CANCELLED

ELL Parent Network Meeting on February 25 is cancelled.

## BCFN 10th ANNUAL FUNDRAISING INVITATION

Black Foundation of Community Networks cordially invites you to our 10th Annual Fundraising Dinner & Dance. Please click **HERE** for more information.

## ATTENTION GRADE 9 AND 10 SCIENCE STUDENTS

The Michael Smith Challenge, a University of British Columbia sponsored Science contest for grades 9 and 10 students will take place on Wednesday February 26th, 2020 during period 4, from 12:40 to 1:40 pm in room 353. This national competition emphasizes logical thinking and contains material in the Science curriculum common to all provinces. Please register by paying \$ 6.18 via School Cash Online and pick up a field trip form from the Science office. Registration deadline is February 21st.

## UHS COURSE SELECTION

Course selection is now open on My Pathway Planner (<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Pages/default.aspx>)

Course selection information and instructions can be accessed on the school website under the Guidance tab--'Course Selection' (<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/unionville.hs/guidance/Pages/default.aspx>).

On Thursday February 6th, all students received a copy of their credit counselling summary from their period 1 teacher. Students who do not have a period 1 class can still pick-up their credit counselling summary from the Main office. We ask that students review their credit counselling summary and use it to help them plan and select courses for next year.

The Guidance department is offering 'drop-in' help sessions from February 12th to the 24<sup>th</sup> in the Guidance office. Guidance Counsellors will be available during this time. Students have been instructed to come during their lunch.

Students must submit their course requests in My Pathway Planner no later than **February 24 in My Pathway Planner**. Once course requests have been submitted, they cannot be changed. The course request sign-off form must be printed, signed by the student and his/her parent/guardian and submitted to the homeroom teacher by February 26 the latest. Students who do not have a homeroom teacher can submit their printed requests to the Guidance Secretary. In early spring, students and their parents/guardians will have an opportunity to request changes on their course verification sheets. After this time, course changes will not be made. For the 2020-2021 school year, elective course changes will NOT be completed.

## New Registration Photos and Grad Photo Retakes

Edge Imaging will be here to take photos for **two days** only on Wednesday, February 19 and Thursday, February 20 .

Thursday, February 20 is reserved for grad photos only. Students who are new to UHS in semester two will have their photos taken on **Wednesday February 19 during period one only**. The rest of the day on Wednesday will be reserved for grad photos.

## Aquatic Leadership Program – Winter 2020

Please click [here](#) for the Aquatic Leadership Program for Winter 2020.

## English as a Second Language Classes for Adults

Classes available for registration. Please click [here](#).

## Upgrade Your Employment Skills

Upgrade your skills for employment. Please click [here](#).

## No Parking Zone

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Please be advised that there is a No Parking Zone located in front of the main entrance of the school on Town Centre Boulevard. This area is for buses and pick up and drop offs only. Most importantly this is a fire route. For safety reasons we cannot have cars parked or idling in this spot even if occupied by a driver or passenger.

## What is Arts Camp?

For over thirty years, on the shores of a private lake in the Haliburton Highlands, Camp White Pine hosts a unique yearly camp for York Region District School Board students. Arts Camp is an intensive one-week immersion in performance-based and product-generating art programs and experiences. To ensure the student experience is memorable, dynamic and fun, teachers, local and regional artists as well as student counselors plan and facilitate amazing art programs and support a unique, inclusive environment for campers. 250 students ranging from Grade 7 to Grade 12 from across York Region attend morning and afternoon arts-based programs augmented by other daily workshops and activities. The week-long camp culminates with an on-site Art Show/Gallery Tour and Performance Night.

For information on how to apply, visit the board website: <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/arts/Pages/Arts-Camp.aspx>

## 2020 March Break Youth Engagement Program

This program is for mature students in Grades 9-12 who may be interested in Policing or working within a Police service. For more information please click [here](#).

## Ontario Educational Leadership Centre

Transformative leadership courses are available for grade 6-12 students interested in developing foundational leadership skills, making a difference in their schools and communities, and becoming agents of change. Please click the link for more Information. [OELC Leadership Courses](#).

## ARTS UNIONVILLE SOLO RECITAL #2

**Wednesday, February 19, 2019 - 7:00 pm**

UNIONVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - 600 Village Parkway

ARTS UNIONVILLE SOLO RECITAL #2

Please join us for the second of four solo recitals by members of the Arts Unionville piano, strings, winds, and voice classes. Admission is free and all are welcome!

# Message From Our Trustee

February 2020 – Trustee Greetings for School Newsletters

## Message from Our Trustee

As we enter another month of winter, this is a good time to be thinking about our health, well-being and the importance of self-care. We know that, like all of us, our students can focus better when they feel better. Our schools play an important role in health and mental health promotion and education, and fostering well-being and mental health is one of our priorities as a school board.

There is a lot of work taking place in our schools and board to create healthy schools and promote mental health and well-being, including:

- Providing training and resources for educators on strategies to support mentally healthy classrooms for all students, including holding a mental health conference.

- Hiring identity specific mental health workers and developing partnerships with community partners to serve the diverse needs of our students.

- Developing a Student Suicide Intervention Protocol to help keep students safe in the event of suicidal thoughts or actions.

- Educating students about the risks of substance use and misuse, including vaping and cannabis.

- Providing strategies and supports for students in preparing for exams and managing stress.

This commitment is also reflected in Board policy like the Healthy Schools and Workplaces policy and procedures. Setting policy, which governs the operation of the Board, is one of the roles of trustees, and we greatly value the input provided by students, staff members, family and community members. I encourage you to look at the policies under review and share your feedback.

We have a lot to look forward to in 2020. At the Board meeting in December, trustees unanimously approved the addition of new permanent Indigenous Trustee and Indigenous Student Trustee positions. We are committed to Indigenous Education in our Board and it is important that these voices are represented at the table. We hope to fill the positions as soon as possible and will share more information as it becomes available.

A message from the Chair of the Board of Trustees is also available on the Board website at [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca).

Ron Lynn

Trustee, Markham, Wards 2, 3 and 6

## Winter Weather Notice

Dear Families,

As we go into the winter months, it is important that families are aware that there may be rare occasions when emergency weather events occur and we need to close all schools and Board locations.

### *Emergency winter weather*

Emergency closures will be considered when facilities may not be safe for students and staff members to attend school for the full day. This may include events that significantly limit school operations or access to the school site, or cause widespread, prolonged power failures or downed power lines.

In keeping with our current practice, we will continue to keep our schools open as much as possible. However, it is important that families have alternate childcare arrangements planned for the rare occasions when schools may be closed. Before and after care programs will also not operate if schools are closed. Please take the time to make plans in the event of an emergency school closure.

### *School transportation cancellations*

School transportation (buses and taxis) may be cancelled due to extreme cold or inclement weather. If transportation is cancelled in the morning, it will also be cancelled for the afternoon. On these days, schools will remain open unless otherwise stated.

Families can use their best judgment to decide whether to send their children to school on inclement weather days. Students will not be penalized for missing school. For safety reasons, you are required to let the school know if your child will not be attending school that day.

### *Communication to families*

Decisions about school transportation and school closures will be made as early as possible and no later than 6:00 a.m.

We are introducing a new communications system that will send **text messages to parents/guardians for emergency purposes only**. This includes the rare event of a school closure. Parents/guardians have the ability to opt-out of receiving text messages should they choose.

We will do our best to notify families in advance when we may be considering closing school and Board offices. Our priority continues to be the safety of our students, staff members and families. If you have any questions, please speak with your school principal.

Transportation cancellations or school closures will also continue to be communicated through:

Student Transportation Services website: [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com)

Student Transportation Hotline: 1-877-330-3001

[Board website](#) and school websites

[@YRDSB](#) Twitter account

Radio and TV media outlets

For more information on [severe weather days](#), please visit our website [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca).

Sincerely,



Louise Sirisko Director of Education