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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 10 Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">School Council Meeting (6:00pm-8:00pm)Junior Girls Volleyball at Markville S.S. (3:30-5:30pm)
February 11 Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Music Students at Band Festival (Le Parc Banquet Hall)Immunization Clinic (Library)Course Information SharingCommunity Class Selling Popcorn (Period 4-5)
February 12 Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Music Students at Band Festival (Le Parc Banquet Hall)Canadian Computing Contest (UHS)PEAK to Stiver Mill Community CentreNintendo Club (Cafeteria 3:06-4:30)
February 13 Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Music Students at Band Festival (Le Parc Banquet Hall)SHSM Trip to Markham Stouffville Hospital
February 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Valentine's Day Market (Atrium)

UPCOMING EVENTS FEBRUARY 17th-21st

February 17 Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Family Day
February 18 Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
February 19 Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Auto Show at MTCCP.E.A.K. to Stiver Mill Community CentreJunior Girls Volleyball at UHS (3:30-5:30pm)AU Music Recital #2 (7:00-9:00 pm)
February 20 Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Photo Day for Grad RetakesAMK10 & 20 at Kiwanis Festival
February 21 Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Photo Day for New Registrations & Grad Retakes

Ontario Secondary Literacy Test

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) this year will be taking place on Tuesday, March 31, 2020. The OSSLT is a graduation requirement for all students in the province of Ontario.

If currently in grade 10, your child will be writing the OSSLT for the first time. All students that are writing the OSSLT this year are encouraged to join the After School Literacy Program that begins next week.

The After School Literacy Program consists of ten (10) sessions of one and a half (1.5) hours of intensive practice with reading and writing skills and strategies. We will be running two programs, each one ending just before the OSSLT. The details about each program are:

Program 1	Program 2
February 10, 2020 - March 23, 2020	February 11, 2020 - March 12, 2020
Every Monday and Wednesday, 3:20pm - 4:50pm	Every Tuesday and Thursday, 3:20pm - 4:50pm
Room 302	Room 302

There is no fee to participate in this program and it is free for all students of UHS. Grade 10 students are invited to join through School Cash Online and must register there. Please choose **ONE** of the programs above that best suits your child's schedule and register through School Cash Online, under "After School Literacy - Semester Two".

These workshops have been designed to support students with passing the OSSLT this year, and are offered to help students gain a greater understanding of the skills required to be successful in both the reading and writing sections of the test.

If you have any questions or concerns about this valuable OSSLT support, please contact Shiraz Rafik via email at shiraz.rafik@yrdsb.ca.

School Council Meeting (校务委员会)

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Monday, February 10th, 2020 (2020 年二月十日 星期一)

UHS Library (UHS 图书馆)

6:00-6:30 Guidance - Courses selection (辅导室-有关选课的介绍)

6:30-6:45 Administrations update (学校行政人员报告)

Corona Virus community discussions (针对武汉肺炎, 进行社区讨论)

6:45-7:15 Mix and Mingle -Sharing family perspectives and experiences (Refreshments will be provided, and it's time for parents to connect and exchange experiences.) (家长联谊与经验分享时间, 除了与其他家长交流沟通外, 同时享用校方准备的点心)

7:15-7:30 Overview of YR Health and YRDSB approach, overall health concerns, and discrimination (概述约克郡教育局在健康方面的政策与方针, 对整体健康的重视以及目前所面对的歧视问题)

7:30-8:00 Community collective brainstorming (脑力激荡并集思广益)

UHS Course Selection

On Thursday February 6th, all students received a copy of their credit counselling summary from their period 1 class.

Students who do not have a period 1 were able to pick-up their Credit Counselling Summary (CCS) from the Guidance office. If they have not received their CCS, please have them visit the Guidance office.

The CCS has been provided to help students select courses for next year. We ask that students carefully review it and if they have any questions or concerns about the information on the CCS, students may come to the Guidance office during your lunch or spare to speak to a counsellor.

Students, parents and guardians can begin viewing UHS course offerings by visiting the following sites:

Courses and descriptions:

<https://app.myblueprint.ca/public/courses/yrdsb/unionville1>

Click here for Courses at a Glance

Students will be using My Pathway Planner to complete their course requests. (<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Pages/default.aspx>). Students can begin to 'lock-in' their course requests starting February 12th. The final day to submit courses will be February 24th. Students will receive more information about course selection in the first week of February during grade assemblies.

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.

Ron Lynn

Trustee, Markham, Wards 2, 3 and 6

YRAACC: 3rd Annual Black History Month Event

The York Region Alliance of African Canadian Communities invites you to celebrate with us at our third annual Black History Month event on February 15, 2020, between 11 am and 4 pm, at Richmond Green Secondary School, 1 William F. Bell Pkwy, Richmond Hill, ON L4S 2T9. The event is free, and we request that you register at:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/york-region-aacc-2020-black-history-month-event-tickets-88303306567>

For more information, please visit [this site](#).

New Registration Photos and Grad Photo Retakes

Edge Imaging will be here to take photos for **two days** only on Thursday, February 20 and Friday, February 21.

Thursday, February 20 is reserved for grad photos only. Students who are new to UHS in semester two will have their photos taken on **Friday, February 21st during period one only**. The rest of the day on Friday will be reserved for grad photos.

Immunization Clinic

There will be an immunization clinic at UHS on **Tuesday, February 11** in the library for students requiring vaccinations. The library will not be available for quiet study or classes on this day due to the clinic.

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](#).

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

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.

Sincerely,



Louise Sirisko Director of Education