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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 12

School Council Meeting

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Junior Girls Volleyball at Father Michael

McGivney 2:30 pm

February 13

Grade 9 Concert Band to OBA

Le Parc - 7:00 am to 10:30 am

Arts & Culture SHSM to Markham Museum

9:00 am - 2:30 pm

February 14

Michael Smith UBC Science Competition

12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Symphonic Band to Ontario Band Association

Concert Band at Le Parc 8:00 am

February 15

Ski Team to Beaver Valley

6:00 am to 4:00 pm

Wind Ensemble & Chamber Winds to OBA

Le Parc 7:15 am to 12:30 pm

Junior Girls Volleyball at Bur Oak SS

2:30 pm to 5:30 pm

American Math Competition (AMC 10 & 12)

8:30 am to 9:45 am in the Cafeteria

February 16

Grad Retake Day & New Semester 2 Students

Photo Day in the Atrium

Debate Club to U of T Hart House

1:30 pm to 9:00 pm

WEEK OF FEB 12 to FEB 16

CSI - Students visit departments on their lunch
to ask questions about courses

February 19

Family Day (no school)

February 20

AWI3M & HNB4M to ROM

9:00 am to 1:45 pm

Leadership Team Meeting

3:10 pm

February 21

AU Strings to Kiwanis Music Festival at Earl
Haig Secondary School

Grade 10 -12 French Classes to CineFranco
at Famous Players Canada

February 22

Junior Girls Volleyball at Milliken Mills H.S.

2:55 pm to 6:00 pm

Semi-Formal at Crystal Fountain Event

Venue 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Ski & Snowboard Team race
at Georgian Peaks

February 23

Rock Climbing Team at the Hub
all day

Contests

Any students writing the Waterloo Canadian Computer Contest are to meet in room 114 at 8:30 am Wednesday February 14.

American Math Competition (AMC 10 & 12) 8:30 am to 9:45 am in the Cafeteria. Arrive at 8:00 am to sign-up.



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



PARENT BULLETIN

After School Literacy Program

This program is available to all students who are eligible to take the OSSLT test.
(OSSLT administration date: April 10, 2018)

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) is a requirement for students who wish to graduate with a secondary school diploma. As a school, we are taking many steps to assist our students in completing the test successfully. One way that we have chosen to assist some of our students is by offering an after school literacy program to reinforce reading and writing skills.

The after school literacy program consists of ten (10) sessions of one and a half (1.5) hours each to receive intensive practice with reading and writing skills and strategies. At the end of the sessions, each student will complete a checklist of strengths and needs.

Program Start Date: February 21, 2017

Program End Date: April 4, 2017

The program is scheduled every Monday and Wednesday (except the lesson on March 5 moved to March 6) starting at 3:30pm and ends at 5:00pm.

(Note: a minimum of 12 students is necessary for this program to be offered)

If you would like your child to take the after school literacy program, please register through School Cash Online.

If you have any other questions, please contact Mr. Fung by email. (raymond.fung@yrdsb.ca)

Phys-Ed Lockers

This semester ALL students enrolled in a fitness class of any level will be given a second locker. This is to allow them to keep their valuables safe and secure while in class. It will also allow us to keep the fitness room clear of bags and boots which gives us access to more valuable floor space. Each student will receive a school issued lock for these lockers.



Grad Photo Retake Day / Semester 2 New Students Photo Day

Attention Graduates: Friday February 16th is Grad Photo Retake Day. If you need to retake your photo, please come by the office to sign up for a time slot.

Attention New Semester 2 Students: This Friday February 16 is Picture Day. Please ensure you take your picture in the cafeteria between 8:30 am and 10:30 am. Teachers, please excuse new students during class time to take their picture. You need your picture taken for your student card.





PARENT BULLETIN

Guidance News - Course Selection

The course selection process has begun. Students have received a copy of their credit counseling summary and instructions on how to access and complete course selections in Career Cruising. Students have also attended presentations about the course selection process and graduation requirements. These presentations can be accessed on the school website under the Guidance tab.

Guidance is offering a 'drop-in' help session on February 14 to assist students with course selections. A Guidance Counsellor will be available during this time. A schedule has been shared with students. Students are asked to attend during their lunch period. Students can also make a Guidance appointment with their alpha counsellor if they require further assistance.

Students will be able to submit their course requests in Career Cruising beginning February 12, however all course requests must be submitted no later than **February 23 in Career Cruising**.

Once course requests have been submitted, they cannot be changed. Course requests must be printed, signed by students and their parent/guardian and submitted to homeroom teachers by February 26. Students that 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.



Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Your child won't be in high school forever, save the memories of their high school experience in this year's yearbook.


Whether your son or daughter is a grade 9 or a grade 12 student, a yearbook is always a great idea. Looking back at their yearbook will bring a smile as they remember their high school experiences during these formidable years, and it's easy to order a yearbook if you have not done so already. However, time is quickly running out. Don't miss out on the opportunity to purchase your yearbook. February 28, 2018 is the final deadline. It's simple! Just click the link below and order it online. No long lines to wait in, no cheques or cash to send to school just a one-stop shop online.

<https://yrdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>

Reserve your child a yearbook today to say how proud you are.
Thanks!

Sincerely,
The Yearbook Staff

a yearbook
is a love letter
a school writes
to itself.





UHS School Council

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Meeting Minutes – January 22, 2018

- Principal Suelyn Cheong introduced YRDSB trustee Billy Pang
1. **TED Talk:** Student Alexis Murrell was invited to the TED Talk
 2. **Student Council update:** Due to exams Joyce Zhu and Ariana Kertsanis were unable to attend. Updates were provided by Raymond Fung:
 - Holiday Food Drive raised over 3000 cans to Markham Food Bank
 - Semi Formal to be held on Thursday February 22nd at Crystal Banquet Hall
 3. **Principal Update:**
 - Students formed team to bring in dogs to use as therapy from St. John Ambulance
 - Proposal to bring the dogs once a week
 - Cafeteria closed during exams
 - Wellness team will provide free oatmeal and yogurt to students during exams for breakfast
 - Showtime was held on January 13
 - Visa orientation day on January 24th and 25th
 - Locker clean out January 24th
 - Exam review day February 1st
 - Semester 2 begins on February 5th
 - OSSLT for grade 10 on April 10th
 4. **Presentation by Head of Business** – Wesley Guldemonnd
 - Overview on Business course at UHS
 5. **Presentation by Head of Computer Science:** - Paul Poulsson
 - Overview of the course

Meeting adjourned at 7.50 p.m.
Next meeting on February 12, 2018

Information for parents to help prevent the spread of illness in your child's school

The school your child attends is currently experiencing an increase in absenteeism. The school is working with York Region Public Health to stop the spread of illness from person to person, but there is much that you can do at home.

You play a big role in ensuring that the germ(s) that are causing the illness in your child's school are not passed onto family members and potentially other students that attend the school.

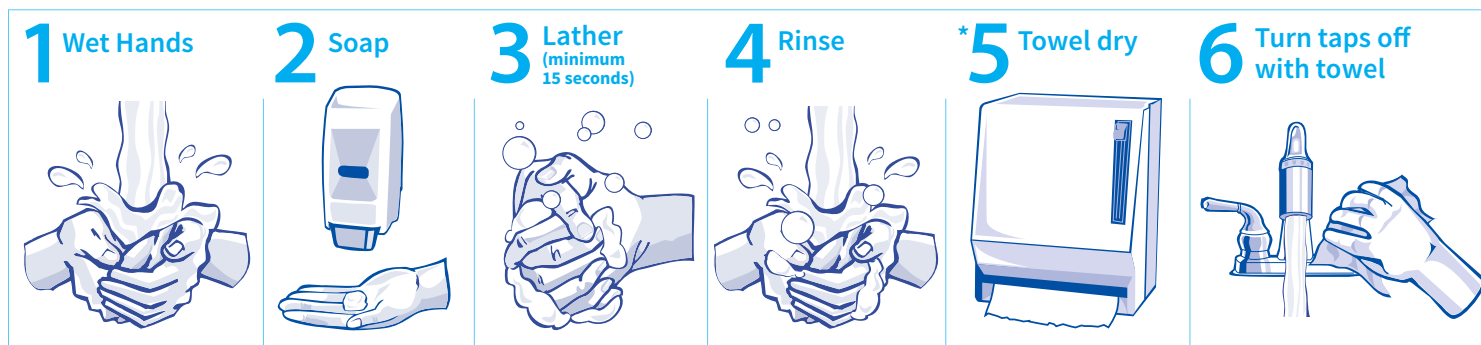
Following some important infection prevention and control practices, such as proper hand hygiene and proper cleaning and disinfecting at home will help to protect your family and prevent further spread at school.

Proper Handwashing is the most effective way to prevent the spread of illness.

Hands should be washed:

- **before** serving food or eating
- **after** coming home from public places such as school or the walk-in clinic
- **after** interacting with anyone who is ill
- **after** using the washroom
- **after** coughing, sneezing, or blowing nose
- **after** cleaning up body fluids such as vomit and feces

Wash hands frequently for at least 15 seconds using the six-step method.



*It is recommended to use paper towels if a family member is sick with vomiting and/or diarrhea. If a cloth towel is used to dry hands, ensure it is changed regularly (e.g., three to four times a day) to prevent spread of illness.

Proper use of Hand Sanitizer

- If your family uses hand sanitizer when handwashing facilities are not available, it is recommended that it contains 60 to 90 per cent of alcohol.
- Hand sanitizer is not effective on hands that are visibly soiled.
- When using hand sanitizer, apply enough to wet entire hands and rub solution until completely dry.
- Carefully follow the manufacturer's directions for proper use and storage of product.

Cleaning and Disinfecting

In addition to practicing good hand hygiene, it is important to properly clean and disinfect surfaces to prevent the spread of illness in your home.

Cleaning comes first

- Cleaning is the physical removal of visible dirt and organic matter.
- There are three steps to the cleaning process: **wash, rinse, and dry**.
- **Wash** with soap, water and friction, **Rinse** with water, and **Dry** by air or with a clean towel.
- All three steps must be done properly, prior to disinfecting.

Disinfecting is the second step

- Disinfecting is a process that destroys most micro-organisms that can cause diseases.
- Disinfectants are chemicals used for the process of disinfecting. To work properly, disinfectants must be applied to a clean surface, at the proper strength/concentration for the required contact time.
- Always follow the manufacturer's directions. These will provide information on proper mixing directions and required contact time.
- Look for "disinfect", "disinfection" or "kills viruses and bacteria" claims on the product label.

Ensure surfaces that are frequently touched, such as door handles, light switches and faucets, along with toilet seats and washrooms are routinely cleaned and disinfected.

Take precautions to protect yourself when Cleaning Up Vomit and Diarrhea

- To reduce the risk of spreading illness, it is important to use personal protective equipment (PPE) such as rubber/disposable gloves, an apron and a mask when cleaning up vomit and diarrhea.
- Consider purchasing PPE if you do not already have it at home.
- Soak up the vomit/diarrhea with paper towels and discard the contents into a garbage bag.
- Clean area with soap and water. Rinse the soap off and then dry the area.
- Disinfect the area with a disinfectant for the recommended contact time.
- Wipe up excess disinfectant after the contact time has been achieved and discard paper towel.
- Discard any used, disposable PPE into the garbage.
- Wash hands properly with soap and water.
- If the PPE is reusable equipment such as rubber gloves and cloth aprons, ensure they are properly cleaned and disinfected or properly laundered after use.
- Always wash hands after the clean-up.

It is important to teach your child about infection prevention and control practices, such as proper hand hygiene and the appropriate way to sneeze and cough into sleeve or a tissue, so they can help to stop the spread of illness.

If your child is ill, please keep them at home.

For more information on infection prevention and control, visit york.ca/infectionprevention



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