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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 JANUARY 13-17TH

January 13 Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Jr. & Sr. Boys Basketball Game at Markham District (3:00pm)Vigil at Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre for Learning (6:30-7:30pm)
January 14 Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
January 15 Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PEAK to Stiver Mill Community CentreSr. Girls Volleyball at Milliken Mills(2:45-5:15pm)Pet Therapy in Room 216(Period 3)
January 16 Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
January 17 Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Deadline for Student Trustee Applications

UPCOMING EVENTS JANUARY 20-24TH

January 20 Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Festive Lunar New Year (Periods 3-4 in the Atrium)School Council Meeting (6:00-8:00pm)
January 21 Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Day in the Life Experience for International StudentsFestive Lunar New Year (Periods 3-4 in the Atrium)
January 22 Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Day in the Life Experience for International StudentsPEAK to Stiver Mill Community CentreSemester 2 Locker Clean out
January 23 Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">ExamsAU Auditions Begin
January 24 Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Exams

GRADE 9 EQAO MATH TEST POSTPONED

Dear families of Grade 9 students,

On Thursday, January 9, 2020, York Region District School Board announced that it would be postponing the Grade 9 Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) assessment for first semester Applied and Academic Math. This is a result of the job sanctions currently underway by the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF).

We appreciate that you may have questions regarding the rescheduling of the test. We anticipate receiving more information from the Ministry of Education and will update you as soon as we do.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's education, please feel free to contact your teacher or the school directly.

Sincerely,

Suelyn Cheong

Principal

School Council Meeting Postponed to Honour Victims and Support Families

Dear families,

As you may be aware, the York Region community has been deeply affected by the tragic January 8 plane crash in Iran and a vigil to honour the victims has been scheduled for Monday, January 13 at 6:30 p.m. **As a result, we have made the decision to postpone our next School Council Meeting. The next School Council meeting will now take place on Monday, January 20 from 6 to 8 p.m.** A new RSVP link for this meeting is forthcoming.

Our deepest condolences and thoughts are with all those affected, and we join others around the world in mourning the loss of the victims.

Families and community members are invited to attend the vigil to honour the victims and show support for our students, families and our community:

Monday, January 13, 2020 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre for Learning
36 Regatta Ave, Richmond Hill

Please note that this will be an outdoor event. If you are attending, please dress for the weather, including proper footwear.

Locker Clean Out – January 22, 2020

Last Day of Semester 1 classes

Locker clean out

Teachers are to escort students to the locker area and remain with students in the hallways during the assigned locker clean-out time.

- 8:35-8:55 New wing (Classrooms 238-245, 350-357)
First Floor (Music, Drama, Tech, Phys Ed classes)
- 9:00-9:20 Second floor classes (Classrooms 204-233)
Portable classes
- 9:25-9:40 Third floor classes (Classrooms 301-348)

Students not returning for Semester 2 must empty belongings from locker and return lock to main office.

Tamil Heritage Month

On October 5, 2016, Motion M-24 was passed in the Federal Parliament, officially proclaiming January of every year as Tamil Heritage Month (THM). Thus, we are pleased to invite you to join us in acknowledging and celebrating Tamil Heritage Month in Canada. Tamil Heritage Month aims to celebrate the richness of the Tamil language and its literature, as well as to highlight the vibrant traditions, histories, arts, and cultures of Tamil Canadians. In addition, it seeks to recognize the significant contributions of Tamil Canadians in key areas of social, cultural, economic, and political spheres.

According to the Tamil calendar, January 14 begins the month of “Thai” and the start of the Tamil New Year. On this day Tamils around the diaspora will be celebrating Tamil New Year and Thai Pongal, the Tamil harvest festival. Thai Pongal is the most important and widely-celebrated festival amongst Tamils around the globe. Thai Pongal is a time to give thanks for the blessings of the previous year and a time to look forward to the New Year.

Pongal refers to rice cooked in milk and sweetened with chakkarai (brown cane sugar). On Thai Pongal, members of the family wake up early in the morning, dress in new clothes and gather together to cook the traditional Pongal meal. Additional ingredients used in this special dish include milk-roasted green gram (payaru), raisins, cashew nuts (optional), and cardamom. Pongal is served with fruits (banana and mango) on a banana leaf, and the family gives thanks to the sun and the farmers for a bountiful harvest before sharing the special dish with family members, friends and neighbours.

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 counsellors 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>

LIVE WELL TAKE ACTION PROGRAM

Looking for Student Participants: The "Live Well, Take Action: Ambassador Program for East Asian Youth" is currently accepting applications from East Asian youth who are interested in or have the potential to engage in social activism, current issues and community development. Prospective students may not necessarily be holding leadership roles or considered to be "loud" or outspoken. Workshops will focus on wellness, critical thinking and communication skills, and students will apply their learning by creating group projects that will be presented at various events. Volunteer hours and snacks will be provided! For more info, visit our website at: livewelltakeaction.com or contact Ms. Farwell, Guidance Counsellor, at michelle.farwell@yrdsb.ca. Deadline to apply is **Friday, January 17th, 2020**.

Grad. Google Classroom

Grade 12 students are encouraged to join the UHS Grad Google Classroom to receive important up-to-date information about graduation and post-secondary planning. Students can sign up using this **Google Classroom code**: rhg0eyg

In-Class Night School

In-class night school is now open for registration until February 6th through My Pathway Planner. Only students who cannot get the course at UHS qualify. All courses are offered at the Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre for Learning in Richmond Hill. Interested students must print off a registration form and submit it to Guidance for approval.

Night School E-Learning

Night School E-Learning registration is now open for Grade 11 and 12 courses offered in Semester 2. Please see your Guidance Counselor to complete the application form. Only students who cannot get the course in day school are eligible.

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.

Student Trustee Election

Students going into grades 11 and 12 next school year are eligible to apply for the role of student trustee. The application package, information about the role and eligibility and the process are posted on the [Student Trustee website](#).

The deadline for students to submit their applications for the position of student trustee is **11:59 a.m. (noon) on Friday, January 17, 2020**. Members of the selection team will review applications received and schedule interviews with eligible candidates. Four students, one from each of the four areas in the Board ([North](#), [East](#), [West](#), [Central](#)) will be selected to be candidates eligible for election by elementary and secondary students in York Region.

Important Dates

January 17, 2020 - deadline for student trustee applications

February 7, 2020 - the campaign period begins

February 21-26, 2020 - online voting will take place

February 27, 2020 - election results will be announced

Exams for Special Education Students

Exams for Special Education Students:

Many of our students require computers, a quiet space to complete their exams as well as additional time or double time as per their IEP Assessment Accommodations. Please review your IEPs prior to exams and discuss the assessment accommodations with your teacher.

Signing-up to write in Special Education:

If your child wishes to write their **entire exam** in special education **they** will need to come down to room **218 to sign-up**. They are however encouraged to write with their class so they may easily access their own teacher for assistance and with questions throughout the exam. Sign-up will be available until **January 20th in room 218**.

If writing with their class they will still receive their assessment accommodations.

ATTENTION GRADS!

Scholarship News:

Check out the Guidance Moodle for updated scholarships, step by step guidelines and eligibility criteria.

Schulich Leaders Scholarship

For students interested in STEM programming at university

Due: January 14th - ****Deadline Extended!**** - due in Guidance by 3pm for school sponsored applications.

Western University President's Scholarship

Due: January 14th - due in Guidance by 3pm for school sponsored applications.

Please see Moodle for details (Open to Domestic and International students!)

40 *Get more from volunteering* Hours & Beyond

By volunteering in the community, youth are to explore who they are, learn to relate with others and our environment through new lenses.

Get involved in...



Age: Grade 9-12

Duration: Jan 9 – May 30, 2020

Orientation: Thur Jan 9, 2020 4-6pm

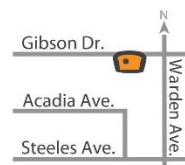
Registration Deadline: Jan 6, 2020

Venue: 105 Gibson Centre

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AEBS Newsletter

SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2020 for the

Alliance of Educators for Black Students Dinner and Dance Fundraiser at the Crystal Fountain Event Venue, 60 McDowell Gate in Markham

Theme: Motown

For Full AEBS Newsletter click [here](#)

Exam Schedule – January 2020

UNIONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL: EXAMINATION SCHEDULE SEMESTER 1 - JAN. 2020

Thursday, Jan 23 (Period 1) 9:00 - 11:00am			Friday, Jan 24 (Period 2) 9:00 - 11:00am			Monday, Jan 27 (Period 5) 9:00 - 11:00am			Tuesday, Jan 28 (Period 3) 9:00 - 11:00am			Wednesday, Jan 29 (Period 4) 9:00 - 11:00am		
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	ESLE01-02	239 MITHARU	MPM1D1-02	244 I. WONG	SNC1D1-02	336 HLEVCA						FSF1D1-01	239 BENETEAU	
	FSF1D1-02	238 CASTAGNA	MPM1D1-11	236 ATWAL								HIF1D1-01	314 MCMULLEN	
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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

Aquatic Leadership Program – Winter 2020

Be certified as a lifeguard ready for employment

Program Information:

The Aquatic Leadership Program – Part 2 is offered in partnership between the York Region District School Board, Continuing Education and the City of Markham and the Town of Aurora. The program will be offered in two locations and uses a blended learning format consisting of pool instruction, face-to-face instruction and on-line learning to deliver a Ministry of Education credit while earning qualifications to be a trained lifeguard and swim instructor.

Winter 2020 Part 2: City of Markham and Town of Aurora

Upon completion, successful students may earn the following courses and certifications:

- Secondary School Grade 12 Credit - Recreation and Healthy Active Living Leadership - PLF4M
- National Lifeguard Certification
- Lifesaving Society Swim and Lifesaving Instructor Certifications (Markham) or Red Cross Water Safety Instructor and Lifesaving Society Lifesaving Instructor Certifications (Aurora)

	Town of Aurora Part 2	City of Markham Part 2
Location	Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex 1400 Wellington St. East Aurora, ON L4G 7B6 905-726-4770	Milliken Mills Community Centre 7600 Kennedy Rd Markham, ON L3R 9S5 905-477-6410
Date	Mondays and Wednesdays February 10, 2020 to June 17, 2020 Saturdays Online February 22, 2020, February 29, 2020, March 28, 2020 and May 23, 2020	Tuesdays and Thursdays February 11, 2020 to June 18, 2020 Saturday Online March 28, 2020
Time	5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Pool and Classroom Dates	February 10, 12, 19, 24, 26 March 4, 9, 23, 25, 30 April 1, 8, 15, 22, 27, 29 May 4, 6, 11, 13, 20, 25, 27 June 1, 3, 8, 10, 15	February 11, 13, 20, 25, 27, March 3, 5, 10, 24, 26, 31 April 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 30 May 5, 7, 12, 19, 21, 26 June 2, 4, 9, 11, 16,
Online Only Dates	February 22, 29 March 2, 11, 28 April 6, 20, May 23 June 17	February 18 March 12, 28 April 28, May 14, 28 June 18
Eligibility	Participants must be 16 years or older by June 2020 exam date and hold Bronze Cross certification and Standard First Aid.	Participants must be 16 years or older by June 2020 exam date and hold Bronze Cross certification and Standard First Aid.

Students must pass the final exam for each aquatic course including the in-water examinations in order to receive their Lifeguarding and Swim Instructor qualifications. Credits and aquatic certifications may be granted independently.

For more information visit: <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/ConEd/Pages/ALP-Overview.aspx>

Contact: YRDSB Continuing Education Services at (905) 884-3434 or aquaticleadership@yrdsb.ca



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2020 March Break Youth Engagement Program



2020 March Break Youth Engagement Program

Who is Suitable for this Program?

- This program is geared to mature students in Grade 9 – Grade 12 who may be interested in Policing or working within a Police service (not mandatory).
- This program is very structured and has a physical fitness component which all participants will be involved in.
- This program is designed to assist students in gaining self-confidence, self-discipline, self-awareness and resiliency.

Students Must Be:

- Resident of York Region
- Between the ages of 15-18 years old
- Currently in Grade 9 – Grade 12
- Currently attending a York Region Secondary School
- Complete an Essay and submit with the application
- All students must have their own transportation to this program – public transit is not an option

Our Goal:

- To have a week of learning and to experience a small portion of what the recruitment process may be like when applying to York Regional Police
- To enable you to get to know yourself better, your strengths as well as areas you can enhance
- To have you meet other students with similar goals and form lasting friendships
- To have you interact and work with Officers who will continue to mentor you during this week

How to Apply:

- Interested applicants please email csv@yrp.ca requesting a copy of the application
- Applications must be completed digitally and emailed back to csv@yrp.ca

For more information or further questions contact:

Debbie Robinson #5459, Supervisor, Community Safety Village, York Regional Police by email at csv@yrp.ca

Come Chill with the Dogs!

What is happening? The St. John's Ambulance organization will be here with their Dog Therapy Program! Specially trained dogs will be available for short individual visits where you can enjoy relaxing with them to de-stress before exams.

When will it happen? Wellness Wednesday January 15th during Period 3

Where is it? Room 216

Who can come? All UHS Staff and Students are invited.

How can I participate? Just show up! We will be letting people in the room a few at a time for 5-10 minutes.

Festive Lunar New Year

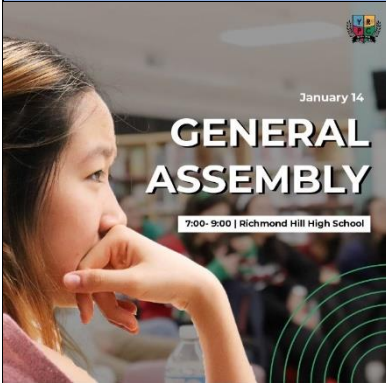


Lunar New Years @UHS

The festive Lunar New Year is celebrated by many communities in East Asia and Southeast Asia. Staff and students at Unionville High School will be ringing in the Year of the Rat on Monday, January 20, 2020 and Tuesday, January 21, 2020. During periods 3 and 4 refreshments and tea will be served in the atrium and students will have the opportunity

to take part in activities such as designing lucky envelopes and learning to write their names in several different Asian languages.

YRPC General Assembly



Students are invited to attend the YRPC January General Assembly, taking place on Tuesday, January 14th from 7-9 PM at Richmond Hill High School. The theme for the event is time management and productivity. The event will feature workshops, speakers, activities, discussions, and the opportunity to develop effective study habits as students enter exam season. Students interested in attending should speak to Mr. Belmonte.