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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 3rd-7th

February 3 Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Semester 2 Begins
February 4 Day 1	
February 5 Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PEAK to Stiver Mill Community CentreJr. Boys Basketball (Home Game – 4:45-6:45pm)
February 6 Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sr. Girls Volleyball to Markham District (2:30-5:30pm)DECA Ontario Provincials (Toronto Sheraton Centre)
February 7 Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Safety/Course Selection AssembliesDECA Ontario Provincials (Toronto Sheraton Centre)

UPCOMING EVENTS FEBRUARY 10th-14th

February 10 Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">School Council MeetingJunior 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)
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 Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Valentine's Day Market (Atrium)

IMPORTANT NOTICE



Secondary Schools Closed to Students on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 due to OSSTF Strike

Notice has been provided by OSSTF, the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, that all YRDSB secondary school teachers will be conducting a one day strike affecting secondary schools on **Tuesday, February 4, 2020**.

If the strike proceeds, on Tuesday, February 4, 2020, secondary schools will be closed to students for the day. Please do not send students to secondary school on February 4. Elementary schools will not be affected and will remain open. All secondary school transportation services (including buses, taxis, etc.) will not be running. Independent childcare programs in secondary schools are expected to continue - please confirm with your provider.

School will resume on Wednesday, February 5, 2020, and students are expected to return to their regular timetables for the day.

Please continue to monitor media, www.yrdsb.ca or Twitter: [@YRDSB](https://twitter.com/YRDSB) for up to date information.

Letter to Families

NOVEL CORONA VIRUS - FAQ



UNIONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

201 Town Centre BLVD., Markham, Ontario L3R-8G5 Tel: (905) 479-2787

Monday, January 27, 2020

Dear families:

Further to our correspondence last week, we are aware of confirmation by Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health regarding a confirmed case of novel coronavirus in Toronto. At this time, Public Health agencies have not communicated any concern or connection between this case and any school in York Region, including ours.

Our school board is in communication with public health agencies, including a conference call today with Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health. They continue to reiterate that risk to Ontarians remains low and that additional measures at the school level are not necessary. Our school will continue to operate as normal. We depend on you as our closest partners in education to respond based on scientific medical advice and reinforce the following healthy practices by children during the peak flu season:

- Wash hands well and often with soap and warm water.
- Cover your mouth and nose when you sneeze or cough; cough and sneeze into your sleeve or arm or a tissue and discard the tissue after use.
- Contact your health practitioner and stay at home if you are ill.

York Region Public Health is not advising the wearing of masks. Please do not send your child to school wearing a mask, as this may unnecessarily elevate concerns among students and may cause increased risk of infection to the user. You can read more information about [recommendations from Ontario's Ministry of Health on what you can do to protect yourself](#).

As you are aware, there is heightened sensitivity and some misinformation on social media regarding the novel coronavirus. You are encouraged to focus on the messages coming from our public health agencies as trusted sources of information. We are in close contact with York Region Public Health and are fully prepared to respond to advice and direction aimed at protecting the health of our school community. Our caretakers continue to provide very thorough and effective cleaning and disinfection as part of their routine duties. York Region Public Health has stated that no enhanced cleaning or disinfecting is recommended at this time.

As per standard school practice, all school staff are encouraged to be vigilant for students who are ill and to report any concerns to the principal. Students who are ill should remain at home and families should contact their health care practitioner.

For up to date information, please visit www.york.ca/coronavirus, www.ontario.ca/coronavirus or www.canada.ca/coronavirus.

As we receive additional information from public health agencies, we will pass it on to our families. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact York Region Public Health at 1-800-361-5653.

We look forward to supporting your child during this exam time and wish them the best.

Sincerely,

Suelyn Cheong
Principal

YORK REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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

Sankofa Mentoring Program for Black Youth between 12 - 18

Now that the December break is over, the program is starting up again. New applications are now being processed. Please note that there is no cost and dinner is provided for the students who attend the program. See the flyer for more details. [Sankofa Mentoring Program](#)

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](#).

UHS Course Offerings

The course selection process will begin in February. 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

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>

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.

New Registration Photos and Grad Photo Retakes

On **Thursday, February 20**, Edge Imaging will be set up in our cafeteria for new registration photos and graduation re-takes. Students who are new to the school will have their pictures taken in the morning. Grad re-take photos are by appointment only.

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.

Semester 2 Timetables

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Semester 2 timetables will be emailed to students' gapps accounts and to parents/guardians who have an email address registered with the school on Friday January 31st.

Please note, no elective changes will be completed. Any timetable changes made in the first week of semester 2 will be completed for students who were not successful in their semester 1 courses. Guidance will be contacting these students.

AEBS Newsletters

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](#)

BFNC Scholarship Application Workshop & Pathway Planning

An interactive workshop is being offered to show Black students and their parents how to search, apply and win scholarships and bursaries. Please click this link: [BFCN Scholarship Application Workshop & Path Way Planning](#)

A Different Booklist

Please click [this link](#) to the events page on the A Different Booklist site.

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