



Unionville High School Weekly Parent Bulletin

Friday, June 30, 2023

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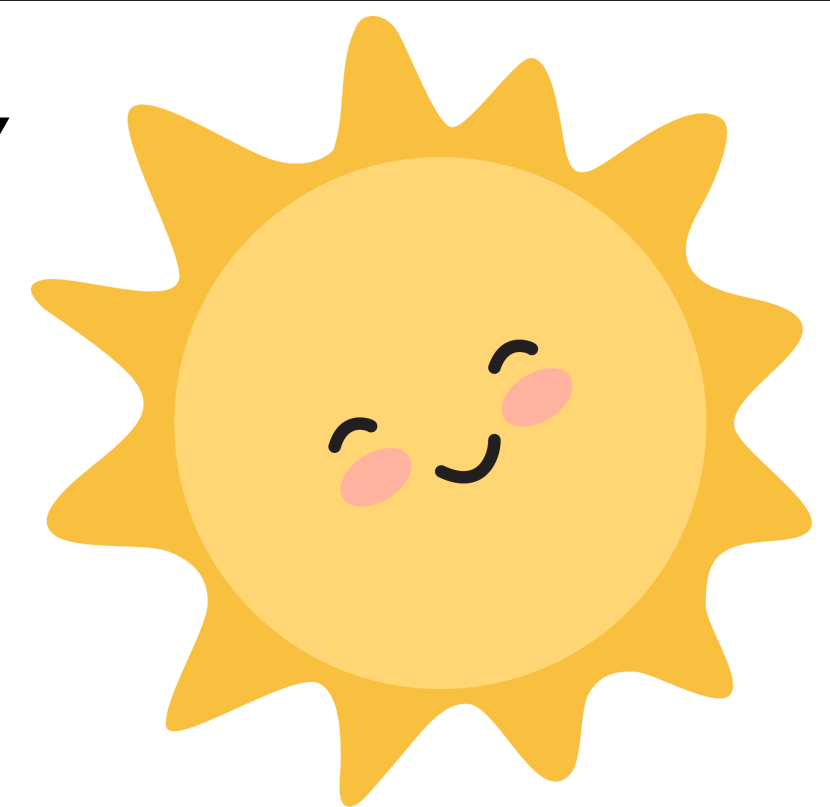
Character Matters Trait of the Month: Integrity

“Integrity is the seed for achievement. It is the principle that never fails.” - Earl Nightingale

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4	Labour Day (No Classes)
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5	Grade 9 Day
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6	First Day of Classes for Grades 10 -12

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER BREAK!



Diploma/Transcript Pick Up:

Diplomas and transcripts will be available for pick-up in the main office at Unionville High School from July 10 to July 27, 9:00am to 2:00pm. Please note that the office is closed on Fridays in the summer.

Technology Return

If you have borrowed a Chromebook from the school, please remember to return to the main office immediately.

Attention Grade 12 Students: An Important Message About Your GAPPS Account:

This is a message for all Graduates and any student leaving YRDSB at the end of *June, 2023*. Students who wish to keep work that has been saved on the YRDSB Google Drive (GAPPS account) will need to download it as soon as possible - **no later than the end of July 2023**. They will not have access to this account after this time.

Instructions on how to Download your Google Data:

1. Select the Google Apps and Services you want to export your data and documents from, and select the option to receive the file as a download via email (depending on the size of your Google account, this could take several hours). Use the .zip file option.
2. Once the Google Takeout email arrives, use the links to download your archived data and documents to the personal computer, USB/external drive and/or the personal Google Drive that you wish.
3. You can "unzip" the archives and then upload the data and documents to a new personal Google Account or use the files and documents in Microsoft Office or other applications.

Need More Help? Support resources from Google are available on how to download your Google data.

Guidance - What You Need To Know

Summer School

Continuing Education staff can assist you with questions about your summer school course.

In-Person Summer School, Remote Credit Strengthening, Indigenous Languages and International Languages

Withdrawal: If you no longer wish to participate in this program, kindly complete the following [link](#) to withdraw prior to **July 5**. After that date, the student will need to speak directly with their summer school teacher.

Full disclosure date – **Monday, July 24th, 2023**
General Inquiries: continuing.education@yrdsb.ca

Online Learning Summer School (Asynchronous)

Withdrawal: If you no longer wish to participate in this program, kindly email online.learning@yrdsb.ca to withdraw prior to **July 4, 2023**. After that date, the student will need to email their summer school teacher.

Full disclosure date – **Friday July 21st, 2023**
General Inquiries: online.learning@yrdsb.ca

Timetable Request/Inquiry:

Please Note: Timetable/course change requests will not be accepted. As indicated during the course selection process, course elective changes will NOT be completed for the 2023-2024 school year. Information will be provided in early September for timetable concerns that are not related to elective changes.

Any request emailed directly or left on voicemail for your Guidance Counsellor will NOT be considered. Additionally, students' alternate course selections may have been used to ensure a complete timetable.

Guidance appointments are not available for the first 3 weeks of September. Please note that priority will be given to student timetables that are incomplete.

Mental Health Resources:

Your mental health is important! As the summer approaches it is important to be mindful of your well-being and to take good care of yourself. Below are some mental health resources to assist your needs:

[310-COPE](#): 905-310-COPE (2673) or 1-855-310-COPE (2673) - available 24/7

[KidsHelpPhone](#): 1-800-668-6868, text 686868 - available 24/7

<https://mindyourmind.ca/> Mental Health Helpline: 1-866-531-2600 - available 24/7

<http://www.fsyr.ca/> Family Services of York Region 905-895-2371 or 1-888-223-3999

<https://www.yorkhills.ca/> York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families 905-503-9561

<https://hongfook.ca/> Hong Fook Mental Health Association 416-493-4242

www.youthline.ca Lesbian Gay BI Trans Youth Line 1-888-687-9689

[Black Youth Helpline](#): 1-833-294-8650

[Taibu Community Health Centre](#): 416-644-3536

<https://bouncebackontario.ca/> BounceBack is a free, guided self-help program that's effective in helping people aged 15 and up who are experiencing mild-to-moderate anxiety or depression, or may be feeling low, stressed, worried, irritable or angry.

Community Hours:

The summer break is a great time for students to work on completing Community Involvement Hours. Students are reminded that they must have their activity pre-approved prior to engaging in the activity. Students may join the 'UHS Volunteer Google Classroom (**enrolment key: emu544b**) to learn about volunteer opportunities.

A reminder that students require 40 hours of community involvement to graduate.

Volunteer with Markham Public Library

Get your hours, make friends and create an impact for your community. Click [here](#) for flyer.

What Do You Need to Graduate from High School?

[What do you need to Graduate?](#) – Click the link to see what courses and requirements you will need to graduate.

News, Tips and Resources for Families

Looking for the latest news, tips and resources for families? Some of our departments put out monthly newsletters that provide helpful updates and resources for families.

Visit our [newsletters page](#) to see them all, or check out the latest from:

- [Centre for Black Student Excellence](#)
- [Math and Math Problems of the month](#)
- [Mental Health](#)
- [Parent, Family & Community Engagement](#)
- ["The Special Edition"](#) Exceptional Learning Strengths and Needs Newsletter

Library Items:

Remember that students can keep reading through the summer with [SORA](#), where they can access both ebooks and audiobooks. Students sign in using the number 0 followed by their student number. Students can also keep up with current events through the library's subscription to [The Globe and Mail](#). Wishing everyone a spectacular summer!

From the YRDSB:

[University of Toronto Faculty of Music Workshop](#)

Transition Support for Special Education:

Graduating students who have an IEP and are continuing onto Post-Secondary education in the fall should reach out to the Accessibility Services Departments at their respective Colleges and Universities, do not wait. Register now if they haven't already, as they will need to submit paperwork and meet with staff in order to ensure they receive accommodations right away in the fall. This website was shared with all students by their SERTs as it links directly to Accessibility Services at each Post-Secondary Institution: <https://www.transitionresourceguide.ca/>

2022-2023 School Photos from Edge Imaging

The end of the year is almost here! Congratulations to you - summer is just around the corner and we know you can't wait.

This is a reminder to all parents and students: don't forget to purchase your 2022-2023 school photos from Edge. School photos are the perfect way to start celebrating summer and all of the achievements you have accomplished!

Be sure to follow these simple steps and order your photos now!

1. Find your portrait code and passcode on your photo proof sheet (don't have it? Call or LiveChat Edge's customer care team directly and be prepared with your child's student number @ 1-888-416-334 or edgeimaging.ca).
2. Go to edgeimaging.ca/order and enter your codes.
3. Easily purchase your photos and remember this school year and everything you've accomplished!

Thank you so much and have a wonderful summer!

Parking Pass Reminder

Attention Students,

All students with a second semester parking pass (Blue) please return your parking pass as soon as possible to **Mrs. Dudani in the main office**. You will be reimbursed your deposit via School Cash Online upon returning your parking pass.

Skills Competitions

York Region Skills Competition Wed. Mar. 1st, 2023 @ Humber College

Congratulations again to the entire UHS Skills team for representing UHS at the York Region Skills Competition on Mar. 1st @ Humber College. In our opinion the team was outstanding. From the feedback we have gathered, the students had a wonderful experience competing against other students from other schools in York Region. Worth noting: UHS won the most medals by a high school, a record held by UHS for the past 10 years.

Medals to note for 2023:

Gold medal for 3D Animation – Jessical Lal & Yuk Ming Wong

Silver medal for 3D Animation - Vicki Li & Jason Pan

Bronze medal for 2D Animation – Chapman Wong & Harrison Fang

Gold medal for Photography – Spark Mark

Silver medal for Robotics Vex V5 – Eric Xue, Nicolas Chen, Samuel Cai, Chapman Lam

UHS Robotics Team note:

Special thanks to our sponsors from the UHS Robotics Team. We could not have completed our robots without your financial assistance and services this year. This year we competed in the VEX V5 Canadian Signature Event in Markham, at YRSC in March and by winning a Silver Medal we earned a spot at the provincial championships at OTSC in May 2023.

Markham District Energy
Hana Japanese Restaurant
Family of Bob Wang
Centerpoint Paint & Decorating
TMAP Home Solutions Plus
Genesis Furniture
RoboSource

Pathway Communications (for web hosting and also a financial sponsor previously)



Ontario Technological Skills Competition May 2nd, 2023 @ Toronto Congress Centre, Toronto, Ontario

The Gold medalist and Silver medalists from YRSC went on to the Ontario Skills Technological Competition (OTSC) which was held on May 2nd held at the Toronto Congress Center in Toronto. In addition, UHS sent additional students, to the provincial competitions in the following areas: Architectural Design / Electronics / Website Design / IT Networking/Graphic Design Presentation/ Graphic Design Studio / GIS / Mechanical CAD and Computer Programming

York Region's best were pitted against students from all across Ontario in various skills competitions. From the feedback we have gathered, the students had a wonderful experience competing against students from other schools boards. Long overdue congratulations to the UHS Skills team for representing UHS and YRDSB at OTSC.

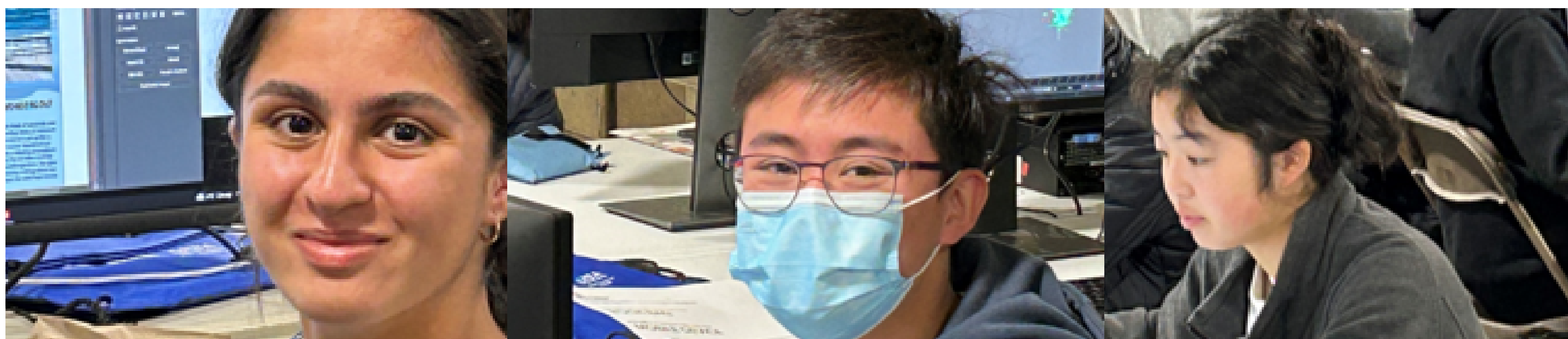
Worth noting: UHS had sent the most competitors both medal winners and additional delegates from YRDSB and UHS had won the most medals from a YRDSB school; again a record held by UHS for the past 10 years.

Medals to note for 2022:

Gold medal for Graphic Design Presentation – Amrra Mengistu
Silver medal for IT & Network Systems – Chris Liu
Bronze medal for Web Design and Development – Winston Zhao
Gold medal for Photography – Spark Mark

***Spark Mark was eligible to represent Team Ontario at the Skills Canada National Competition in Winnipeg.**

Thank you to Mr. Kotsopoulos and Mr. Cho for organizing the UHS Skills team this year.
Thank you to the following teachers for supporting the students on our team for the skills competitions this year:
Ms. Wong, Mr. Layton, Mr. DePaolis, Ms. McMillan, Ms. Gardham, Mr. Clodd, Mr. Anandarajan, Ms. McMullen, and Ms. Joo



Canadian National Skills Competition May 22nd to May 27th 2023 @ RBC Centre, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Each year the top students (in secondary and post-secondary) from all across Canada gather to compete at the Skills Canada National Competition (SCNC) representing their provinces and territories. This year the national competition was held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, from May 24th to May 27th hosting over 12,000 students, parents, educators, government, and industry professionals and partners. Skills Canada – partnering with various educational institutions, government and industry sectors – is an organization whose mission is to encourage and support a coordinated Pan-Canadian approach to promoting skilled careers in trades and technologies to youth and their communities.

Spark Mark, from Unionville High School in YRDSB, was one of the students who represented Team Ontario, becoming eligible to compete at this year's national event by winning a gold medal in photography at the Ontario Technological Skills Competition held in Toronto annually. Prior to that, Spark won gold at the York Region Skills Competition (a regional event held by YRDSB) for the same skill.

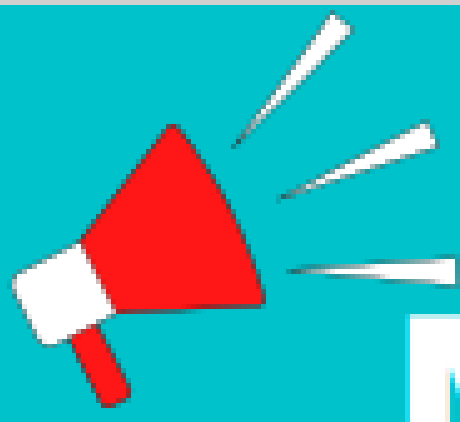
Team Ontario sent 135 people including student competitors as well as their coaches/teachers, and other delegates to Winnipeg for this year's national competition. There were 550 total competitors in 45 skills / trades competitions at this event. It was a sight to see as our students from Ontario were seated beside students from Yukon, Saskatchewan and across from Alberta, Northwest Territories and PEI, editing their photograph projects at their table. At the other table were students from all the other provinces. It was wonderful to see all the students connect at orientation, already sharing their learned experiences with each other. Even though the students were there to compete against each other, they also shared a camaraderie as they had common skills, passions, and interests, as well as a keen desire to learn from each other in the end. You have to imagine this is like a National Olympic event, but instead of sports, it showcases skills and trades. In fact, the winners of this national competition (depending on whether the skill is eligible) receive a spot on Team Canada to compete at the World Skills Competition which will take place in Léon, France in 2024.

After an enduring and fierce competition demonstrating and putting their skills to the test, Spark won the silver medal in photography (Secondary) at the SCNC event. It was quite impressive to see Spark and all the other competitors demonstrating their high level of skill throughout their competitions, including areas like 3D animation, architectural design, electronics, robotics, carpentry, brick laying, automotive repair, and aircraft maintenance, to name a few.

According to Spark, "The best part was meeting new people from across Canada and learning so much in that short period of time. Overall, it was a really fun experience being part of Team Ontario and also cheering for other team mates during the medal ceremony. It was a once in a lifetime experience."

Congratulations Spark on representing Team Ontario and for doing so well in your competition.





CALLING ALL ASPIRING MENTAL HEALTH LEADERS!



Honorarium Provided!

YOUTH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Hong Fook Mental Health Association is looking for passionate Asian-identifying youth leaders ages 16-25 to promote the awareness of mental health and issues facing the Asian community.

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

Youth Ambassadors will develop leadership skills by identifying pressing youth mental health needs and how they can be addressed through a series of workshop presentations in the community.

AUGUST 2023 - MAY 2024
VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON MEETINGS

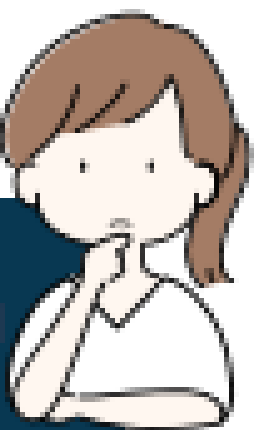
DESIGN AND PRESENT A WORKSHOP SERIES TO YORK REGION COMMUNITIES

WHY JOIN THIS PROGRAM?

BECOME A MENTAL HEALTH AMBASSADOR AT SCHOOLS AND IN THE COMMUNITY

DEVELOP PUBLIC SPEAKING AND LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

RECEIVE TRAINING FROM PREVIOUS YOUTH AMBASSADORS



WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

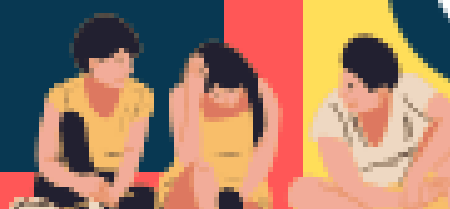
ASIAN-IDENTIFYING YOUTH AGES 16-25 LIVING IN YORK REGION

ABLE TO COMMIT FOR THE FULL SCHOOL YEAR

APPLY NOW!

1 EMAIL RESUME TO BERNIE YEUNG AT BYEUNG@HONGFOOK.CA

2 FILL OUT THE APPLICATION FORM:





Virtual Black Parent/Guardian Workshop Series

2023 Summer Program

- Is your child a YRDSB student?
- Is your child transitioning to Grade 9 or 10?
- Is your child registered in the Come Up Program?
- Does your child self-identify as Black?

Join us for a workshop series on navigating the secondary school system.

Session # 2 - Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Supporting your Child (Mental Health Supports, Tips and Strategies)

Families of all students for the summer school program will receive registration information for the Black Parent/ Guardian Workshop Series via email once student registration is complete.



For more information email: TheComeUP@yrdsb.ca