



Unionville High School Weekly Parent Bulletin

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TECH REQUEST FORM – 2023-2024

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Character Matters Trait of the Month: Honesty

“Honesty is the first chapter of the book of wisdom.”
— Thomas Jefferson

Upcoming Events

| DATE | EVENT |
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| March 5 | Alchemy-Student Show at Markham Theatre (12:45 pm) Alchemy-Evening Show at Markham Theatre (7:00 pm) |
| March 7 | Bubble Tea Fundraising #3 |
| March 11 - 15 | Spring Break |
| March 11 - April 9 | Ramadan (Islam) |
| March 21 | Bubble Tea Fundraising #4 |
| March 25 - 26 | Secondary Interim Report Cards eDistribution |
| March 27 | Arts Unionville Music Recital/ UHS (7:00 pm) |



Annual Alchemy Performance

Show: **Alchemy**

Date and Time:

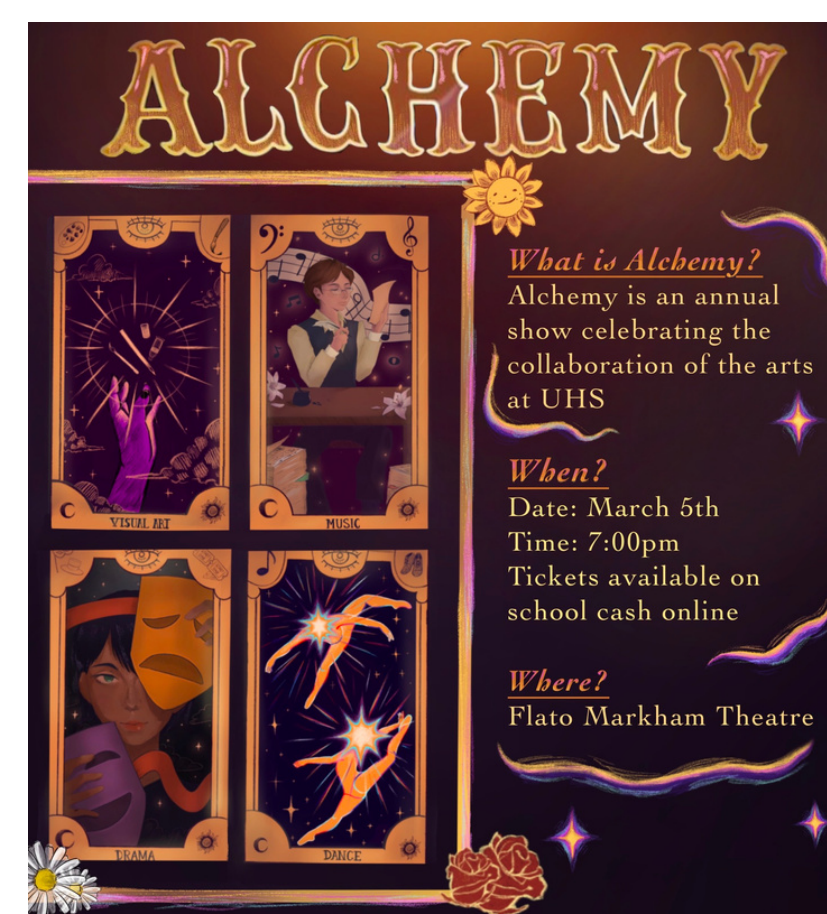
- Tuesday, **March 5, 2024** -- Student Show: **12:45 pm**
- Tuesday, **March 5, 2024** -- Evening Show: **7:00 pm**

Place: **FLATO Markham Theatre**

We all know AU as Arts Unionville, but did you know that AU is also the chemical element of gold? Well, get ready for a golden performance...Alchemy!

At UHS, Alchemy is an annual show that brings the four art disciplines together to celebrate the arts. This show features original works created by students from all artistic fields, including visual arts, music, drama, and dance!

Buy tickets to the show on [School Cash Online](#).



UHS Robotics Team Had a Clean Sweep at The YRSC VEX Robotics Competition

Since September the UHS Robotics team had been working tirelessly building robots for the VEX Robotics Competition. Our team was divided into three subteams (A, B, and C). We had entered competitions in February that took place at Brampton and St. Michael's College Schools.

For many this was their first time learning robotics and/or being in a competition for robotics.

With seasoned leadership all teams rose to the occasion never giving up even with some challenges and tough competition.

The A-team earned a qualification spot at the provincial competition which took place last weekend (Feb 23 and 24th) right here in Unionville at the Pan Am Centre.

Attached are photos with our robotics team A and our Mayor Frank Scarpitti and Regional Councillor Alan Ho

All three teams competed again this past Wednesday (Feb. 28th) at the York Region Skills Competition in VEX V5 Robotics.

Congratulations to all teams (A, B, & C) for a clean sweep at the YRSC VEX Robotics Competition.

Team A won gold, Team B won silver, and Team C won bronze. We are very proud of our students and their dedication to STEM.

Team A has won a berth to the provincial competition at OTSC in May. More details regarding the YRSC competition in next week's bulletin.

Thanks to the following teachers who helped supervise and coach our robotics team this year. Mr. DePaolis, Mr. Dennis, Ms. Gorica, Mr. Kotsopoulos, & Mr. Cho

And of course special thanks to all the parents who drove to competitions, hosted informal team meetings, and for simply being the best fans.



UHS School Council Meeting Presentations Are Available Now

Unionville High School Council is a collaborative, co-operative advisory body whose mission is to facilitate a partnership between members of the school community to achieve the highest possible standards of education in an inviting and wholesome environment. The previous meetings' presentations are available on [UHS School Website](#).

[School Council presentation Sept 18, 2023](#)

[School Council presentation Oct 16, 2023](#)

[School Council presentation Nov 20, 2023](#)

[School Council presentation Jan. 22, 2024](#)

[School Council presentation Feb. 26, 2024](#)

[Supporting Our Youth Teen Stress and Anxiety 1 hour Parent Educator Audience.pdf](#)

Our last School Council meeting for 2023-2024 school year will be **Monday, April 15th, 2024**. More information will be available soon.

The Next BUBBLE TEA Is in March 7th

It is a perfect treat to enjoy while supporting UHS programs and initiatives. **Indulge in a cup and contribute to our school's efforts to fundraise towards upgrading our computer lab.** Order now and enjoy!

Click the picture below for more ordering details. You can also order directly from : <https://yrdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>



QQ Mango – 30% sugar, no ice, regular size

A tropical paradise of sweet and fruity mango. Topped with QQ, our topping that includes both our pearls and coconut jelly!



QQ Lychee – 30% sugar, no ice, regular size

Refreshing tropical fruitiness of lychee topped with QQ, our topping that includes both our [pearls](#) and [coconut jelly](#)!



Mango green tea coconut jelly – 50% sugar, no ice, regular size

A tropical paradise of sweet and fruity mango topped with [coconut jelly](#)!



Pearl Milk Tea – 50% sugar, no ice, regular size

Tapioca [pearls](#) add a pleasant texture to our signature milk tea, a best-selling fan favourite.

ORDER HERE

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York Region Arts Camp

Celebrating over 30 years on the shores of a private lake in the Haliburton Highlands, Camp White Pine is host to a unique yearly camp for York Region District School Board students. Arts Camp is an intensive week-long immersion in visual, studio and performance art programs and experiences. YRDSB teachers, community artists and student cabin leaders plan and facilitate differentiated arts programs and support a unique, inclusive environment for campers. There are 250 students ranging from Grades 7-12 from across York Region who attend morning and afternoon arts-based programs augmented by other daily workshops and engaging whole-camp activities. This memorable and dynamic week-long camp culminates in a studio tour and performance night.

When is it?

Saturday, May 25th to Saturday, June 1st, 2024.

Where is it held?

Camp White Pine in Haliburton, Ontario. Optional transportation service is offered (see camper application for fee information).

Website: [York Region Arts Camp](#)

[ARTS CAMP 2024 Campers PDF](#)

[ARTS CAMP 2024 Campers Poster](#)



Annual South Asian dance Competition, TALA at Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School

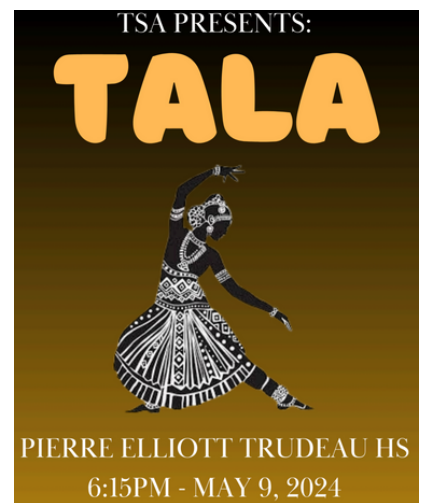
Hello,

On behalf of Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School's Tamil Student Association, we would like to invite you to the annual South Asian dance competition, TALA, which will take place on **May 9th 2024** at Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School. If your school is interested in participating in this event, please find the attached application form. The deadline to apply is **March 7th 2024**.

2023-2024 Final TALA Application

The theme of this year's competition is 'Heroes and Villains'. Please see the attachment for more information about rules, regulations, judging criteria and a google form to sign-up for a concept.

If you or someone at your school is interested in organizing a dance team for your school, please forward this email to them or send them the application. Also feel free to send this application to other YRDSB schools.



Thank you and we are looking forward to your responses.

Thank you,
Trudeau TSA

Markham Public Library's Spring Programs

As the days get longer and flowers start to bloom, we're thrilled to announce an exciting lineup of Spring Programs at MPL!

Here are Some of the Programs Available:

- Public Speaking for Kids
 - Unlock your child's confidence and communication skills with our dynamic public speaking program. Through non-threatening oral language and drama activities, students will develop self-confidence in their speaking skills and learn strategies for dealing with nervousness in order to become effective communicators.
- Toddler Jumpstart
 - Share special times with your walking toddler by exploring the world around them through stories, rhymes, music, creative play, and crafts in a social environment. This is a great program to help develop your toddler's fine and gross motor skills, and support language learning and early literacy skills.
- Math Skills
 - This program is specifically designed for grade 6 students. Students will explore and develop grade 6 math concepts such as number sense and operations, algebra, geometry, and spatial sense, measurement, and functions, and probability while learning to use problem solving techniques, reasoning.

🌐 Visit our website to explore ALL the programs. Register early to secure your child's spot in these enriching programs.

Explore [Spring Programs](#)



The Fryer, Galois, Hypatia, and Euclid Math Competitions

The Fryer, Galois, Hypatia, and Euclid Math Competitions will be open for registration on School Cash Online starting this coming **Monday, February 26th**, closing on **Monday, March 4th** (registration will close sooner, if we reach capacity).

Please register at [School Cash Online](#)

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

Youth Workshops at Aaniin Community Center or Online

Exciting news from York Region Educational Services (YRES)! We're thrilled to announce the launch of our new series of weekly workshops designed specifically for students in Grades 6 to 12.

Hosted at the Aaniin Community Center in Markham, these workshops cover essential topics such as "**Avoiding Burnout**" and "**Extracurricular Involvement**," among others. We're committed to providing these educational opportunities at no cost to ensure they are accessible to everyone interested. To accommodate all participants, we're offering both in-person and virtual attendance options. Sign up [here](#).

[YRES Youth Workshop Program Flyers Feb-March 2024](#)



ROM March Break Offer for Unionville High School Students

We are pleased to offer a discount coupon valid for 15% off admission and 15% off memberships for Unionville High School's students, staff, and their families to continue their learning this March Break and enjoy a visit to ROM - for less.

March Break at ROM returns with activities for all ages starting March 9 to 17, In addition to exploring art, culture, and nature throughout our permanent galleries, we also have several feature exhibitions this season with loads of fun educational content: ROM's armoured dinosaur Zuul, Wildlife Photographer of the Year, and more.

We hope you'll share this offer with your community.

[15% off Coupon for UHS students](#)



March Break ACB Youth Summit

The ACB Youth Summit is a unique learning experience that brings together young Black individuals from diverse backgrounds to access career guidance from ACB professionals, fun interactive activities, and opportunities for cultural expression and networking. Students will discover new perspectives, exchange ideas, and gain valuable insights from diverse guest speakers and attendees.

The March Break ACB (African Caribbean and Black) Youth Summit hosted by CCSYR (Catholic Community Services of York Region) will be at Maple High School on **Monday, March 11, 2024**.

Link to Registration Form: [ACB Youth Summit\(A unique learning experience to network and celebrate our cultural diversity\)\(google.com\)](#)

[March Break ACB Youth Summit - Flyer](#)

UHS School Council Chair: Invest in the Students' Future

Dear UHS Families,
Publicly funded schools benefit from our support, whether it is our time volunteering or directly through financial contributions. Our generosity has a direct impact on the type of high-quality educational resources and unique activities that Unionville High School can offer our students to support their development, interests, and talents. This year we hope to raise enough funds to upgrade our outdated computers that students learn and rely on. We ask you to take a moment to consider investing in our school, demonstrating the value of community involvement, and taking pride in supporting UHS for the benefit and enrichment of all our students. <https://yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>

Anoosh Sharif
Chair, School Council UHS

For the easy 5 steps to donate and the Mandarin translation: [UHS School Council Invest in Our Students](#).

Summer Pathways Programs 2024

There are several Summer Pathway Programs students can participate in and earn one to two credits, such as Cooperative Education (Co-op), Alternative Learning Experiential Program (ALEP), OYAP-Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program, College Dual Credit courses and the Innovation Course at Y-Space in Markham.

[2024 Summer Pathways Flyer](#)

Metrolinx-- Ontario's One Fare Program

Effective **February 26, 2024**, students will only pay once when they transfer between TTC and GO Transit, Brampton Transit, Durham Region Transit, MiWay and York Region Transit. Learn more on the [Metrolinx website](#)

The University of Toronto's Summer Mentorship Program

The University of Toronto's Summer Mentorship Program online application deadline is **March 22, 2024**. The Summer Mentorship Program gives high school students of **Indigenous** or **African ancestry** a chance to explore health sciences at the University of Toronto over four weeks in July. Students receive an SNC4M credit for completing the program. Students must be at least 16 years old by June 30, 2024, to be eligible. Other eligibility criteria are listed on the [website](#).

Please see the posters or detailed information:

[SMP 2024 Brochure](#)

[SMP Brochure 2024 \(young men\)](#)

Regional Speech Contest

The U+ Toastmasters, a not-for-profit organization that provides individuals with the opportunity to develop their public speaking and leadership skills.

This August 2024 they are hosting a Regional Speech Contest for children and youth between the ages of 8 to 18 residing in the Ontario region. They are organizing this event to give children and youth a platform to share ideas important to them and in turn, create a lasting impact on their communities.

Register for the preliminary round before **March 20th, 2024**

Contest Date: **August 18th, 2024**

[U+ Toastmasters X YRES Regional Speech Contest Flyer](#)



Peer Tutoring

All students **interested in becoming a peer tutor** for the 2023-2024 school year must submit their application through this link: <https://bit.ly/BecomeTutorUHSO>

This application must be completed using the **student's GAPPS email**. Upon submitting, students will **receive an email containing a PDF** that will need to be printed, signed and returned to the Guidance Department dropbox located outside the Guidance Office. **Please Note:** If students are applying to tutor a subject they are currently taking, please ask your subject teacher first, as students are required to indicate their subject teacher's name to confirm if they are recommended for tutoring that subject.

All students **requesting a peer tutor** must submit their application through this link: <https://bit.ly/RequestTutorUHS>

This application must be completed using the **student's GAPPS email**. Upon submitting, students will **receive an email containing a PDF** that will need to be printed, signed and returned to the Guidance Department dropbox located outside the Guidance Office.

[Please click here for the Peer Tutoring flyer](#)



Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) - Challenge for Credit

Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) is the formal evaluation and credit-granting process whereby students may obtain credits for prior learning. Prior learning includes the knowledge and skills that students have acquired, in both formal and informal ways, outside secondary school.

Detailed information, please check [PLAR Brochure - 2023-24 \(yrdsb.ca\)](#)

Student Mental Health & Addictions

Student Mental Health and Addictions is pleased to provide [monthly newsletters](#) that focus on various pertinent mental health topics and provides links to mental health supports.

Library Information

Students are encouraged to stop by the Library next week to borrow reading material for March Break. There are many wonderful books waiting for everyone. Here are some suggestions:

[Let's Make Ramen! A Comic Book Cookbook by Hugh Amano](#)

[Into the Bright Open: A Secret Garden Remix by Cherie Dimaline](#)

[The Anti-Racist Kitchen: 21 Stories and Recipes edited by Nadia L. Hohn](#)

[The Sun Will Come Out by Joanne Levy](#)

[Blue Lock by Kaneshiro Muneyuki](#)

[Bake with Anna Olson by Anna Olson](#)

[Fate of Flames by Sarah Raughley](#)



Secondary School Opportunities

Our secondary schools offer courses and programs that let you explore your interests, build skills and gain experience in areas that interest you. You can now search from 16 different sectors to learn more about:

- career pathways in the fields that interest you
- courses and programs you can take in secondary school that let you gain sector-specific skills, knowledge and experience
- how you can earn certifications, post-secondary credits and job experience while in high school

Find out what courses and programs are available in the fields that interest you at your school.

Upcoming Events

| DATE | EVENT |
|---------------|--|
| April 3 | Parent Teacher Interviews/ UHS (TBD) |
| April 17 | Arts Unionville Music Recital/UHS/ (7:00 pm) |
| April 25 - 29 | Semester 2 Midterm Report Card eDistribution |

