



Unionville High School Weekly Parent Bulletin

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TECH REQUEST FORM – 2023-2024

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GUIDANCE UPDATES

Character Matters Trait of the Month: Honesty

“If you tell the truth you don’t have to remember anything.” — Mark Twain

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
March 25 - 26	Secondary Interim Report Cards eDistribution
March 27	Arts Unionville Music Recital/ UHS (7:00 pm)
March 29	Good Friday (No School)
April 1	Easter Monday (No School)
April 2	SIN Clinic (11:00 am - 3:00 pm)
April 3	Parent Teacher Night / UHS (5:30 pm - 7:30 pm)

Parent Teacher Night

Parent Teacher Night is from **5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.** on **April 3, 2024**. You will have an opportunity to meet with your child(ren)’s teacher(s) in person, and learn more about their course(s). Parents can use **TeachAssist**, an online platform, to schedule a meeting time with their children’s teacher(s) on Parents’ Night. All students in our school currently have a TeachAssist account to access information associated with their class assessments.

Parents/guardians may access appointment bookings **on Tuesday, March 26 at noon** through the TeachAssist Parent Portal available at <https://ta.yrdsb.ca/parents>. From there, enter your email address and leave the password blank, to set up a one time access link, or to reset a password that you've created. An email will be sent with a time limited link that will look similar to this:

teachassist@yrdsb.ca
To: parent_email

Click here for your one time access to teachassist
<https://ta.yrdsb.ca/live/parents/listReports.php?email=parent&token=serdftyugio678>

Once logged in, parents/guardians will have the option to set up a password. For **instructions** on how to book a parent-teacher interview through TeachAssist, please click [here](#). If you have any questions about this process, please contact our main office.

If you have any challenges with meeting in-person on **April 3, 2024** , please contact your child’s teacher directly to make alternative arrangements to communicate.

Your partners in education,
UHS Admin Team



UHS School Council Meeting

A friendly reminder, we will be hosting our last School Council Meeting of this year on **Monday, April 15th** at **7:00 p.m.** Translation services from English to Mandarin will be available.

Please feel free to fill out the **School Council Pre-Registration Form - Monday, April 15, 2024**

Agenda:

- 1. Welcome
- 2. USAC Updates
- 3. Subject Presentations:
 - Science - Ms. Chung & Mr. Chan
 - Computers - Mr. Anandarajan
 - English - Mr. Teitel & Ms. Vanderveen
- 4. Admin Updates
- 5. School Council Updates





We are all looking forward to seeing everyone in person!

Location: Unionville HS Library

BUBBLE TEA is Being Continued!

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.schoolcashonline.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 <u>pearls and coconut jelly!</u>
	Mango green tea coconut jelly – 50% sugar, no ice, regular size A tropical paradise of sweet and fruity mango topped with <u>coconut jelly!</u>
	Pearl Milk Tea – 50% sugar, no ice, regular size Tapioca <u>pearls</u> add a pleasant texture to our signature milk tea, a best-selling fan favourite.



Order now and enjoy!

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



Food Drive from April 2nd - 19th

The Muslim Students' Association and Envirocouncil are running a food drive from **April 2 - 19th**. With the Markham Food Bank, we "strive to create a welcoming environment of fairness and equality for everyone". There will be boxes in the front foyer. Donations of non-perishable food items that are before the expiration date are welcome. These are the items that our community members need the most:

- Small bags of rice
- Individually Wrapped Snacks for School
- Hot Cereal (Instant Oatmeal, Oats)
- Instant Coffee
- Jam
- Canned Salmon, and Sardines
- Canned Evaporated Milk
- Non-Dairy Milk (oat, almond, rice)
- Vegetarian Soups
- Habitant Soup
- Cooking Oil
- Kidney Beans
- Peanut Butter
- Cake Mixes
- Juice
- Canned Fruit
- Infant Formula - Stage 1, 2 and 3

If you have any questions, please inquire with Farhan Baig, Michelle Teh, and Karen Chung. Thank you.

Guidance Office

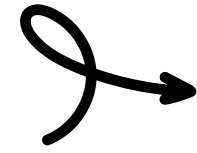
Graduation Ceremony Fee Due

Attention, families of graduating students!

The Unionville High School graduation ceremony is on **Wednesday June 26th, 2024**. The graduation fee is available on the **School Cash Online** until **March 31st, 2024**.

Your \$75 fee includes two guest tickets, keepsake, gown and cap. make sure you order the gown and pay the fee before the deadline.

Click the invitation for more details.



YRDSB Summer School 2024 Registration

Registration for Summer School opens on **Tuesday April 9th 2024**.

Students will register on MyBlueprint/My Pathway Planner.

Note: Summer school runs from **July 3rd - July 26th, 2024**. The school day will begin at 8:45 a.m. and end at 3:33 p.m.

You can visit the following link for more information:

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/secondary-school/summer-learning-opportunities/2024-secondary-summer-school>

Please note that the 2024 Summer School Course Offerings and Locations will be updated very soon (within 1-2 weeks).

You can view these updates here: <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/secondary-school/summer-learning-opportunities/secondary-summer-school/2024>

Important Dates

OCAS (Ontario College Application Services) semester 2 mid-term mark upload: **April 26, 2024**

OUAC (Ontario Universities Application Centre) semester 2 mid-term mark upload: **April 25, 2024**

Full Disclosure: **May 7, 2024**

Full disclosure: applies to all grade 11 and 12 courses and if the course is withdrawn after the full disclosure date, a withdrawal (W) is entered in the credit column and the student's mark at the time of withdrawal is recorded as a percentage in the achievement column of the transcript".

Summer Mentorship Program

Please note that the Summer Mentorship Program at the University of Toronto has extended the application deadline to **March 31st, 2024**.

The STEAM Program at U of T is another great summer opportunity for students from grades 10-12 who would like to engage in research and designing solutions to address challenges in the healthcare system. This program "is designed with an equity focus for students identifying with groups that are underrepresented in health sciences (i.e. Black, Indigenous, Filipino, Latin American, racialized, and/or from any background experiencing socioeconomic barriers). Priority is given to students from underserved schools and neighborhoods". Please see the following brochures for more details.

Summer Mentorship Program Brochure

SMP Brochure 2024 (young men)

STEAM Design Brochure (Summer 2024)

Markham Public Library Spring 2024 program

Spring into learning as we are offering a wide variety of programs/workshops during the months of March and April! We will be hosting an in-person Neurodiversity Resource Fair, a wide selection of math programs, a Student Success and Stress Management workshop, various post-secondary studies/career workshops, scholarship workshops for teens, a preschool program and much more. We truly look forward to have you and your family join us!

Markham Public Library Spring 2024 program

School Immunization

We are sharing information with families about immunizations for students. If your child needs vaccines, such as those required by law to attend school in Ontario, York Region Public Health provides free student catch-up immunizations to all eligible students in JK to Grade 12 by appointment only. It's also important that you report your child's vaccination to York Region Public Health. Please read this important message from York Region Public Health on vaccinations.



Mandatory Prom Assembly

There is a mandatory prom assembly in the large gym on **Thursday, April 11th** during **period 3**. This assembly is for grade 12 students who are planning on attending prom. Teachers will bring their classes down after taking attendance. The assembly is expected to run for about 35-40 minutes, so please plan accordingly.

All period 3 grade 12 classes will attend the assembly.

Any grade 12 students who have lunch or spare in period 3 are expected to attend the assembly, if they are planning on attending prom.

Any grade 12 students who are in non-grade 12 classes during period 3 should be excused from that class to attend the assembly, if they are planning on attending prom.

Thanks!
Daniela



Unionville High School STUDENT SIN CLINIC

Service Canada representatives will be at our school to help students and newcomers apply for their Social Insurance Numbers, learn about the Canada Job Bank and Summer Program for Youth and learn about the new Federal Dental Program.

Date: **April 2, 2024**

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Place: UHS Front Foyer

Please see the poster for more details: **Sin Clinic Unionville HS-April 2**

Ministry of Education Guide to Ontario's Education System

The Ministry of Education has launched a Parent's Guide to Ontario's Education System.

This new resource will provide families with helpful information that allows them to have a stronger role and actively participate in their children's education. The guide covers a number of subjects such as knowing how their child is doing in school, learning about suspension and expulsion processes, attending a school council meeting or parent involvement committee meeting, and knowing about specialized supports to help all children succeed.

This initiative is part of the government's recent efforts to increase transparency and accountability in our school system.

The full guide can be found at [Ontario.ca/educationguide](https://ontario.ca/educationguide)

Information is available in 10 different languages – [English](#), [French](#), [Simplified Chinese](#), [Traditional Chinese](#), [Punjabi](#), [Tagalog](#), [Arabic](#), [Spanish](#), [Portuguese](#) and [Hindi](#).

Ontario Summer Company Grant Program for Youth Entrepreneurs

Dear Community Partners and School Teachers,

Thank you for supporting the MSBC and the innovation ecosystem.

We would like to announce that our Ontario Summer Company Grant Program for Youth Entrepreneurs application is **NOW OPEN!**

The program offers students between 15 to 29 \$3000 as a grant to start their business in the Summer. The program also contains a 3 month training program. The application deadline is **May 17, 2024**.

Please feel free to share with your students or your clients. If you need a presentation or intro session, please feel free to let us know.

<https://markhambusiness.ca/helping-businesses/small-business-grants/summer-company>

Thank you very much,
City of Markham

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](#)**.

Supports for Students with Autism and their Families

This session will support parents, guardians and families with:

- Understanding Autism
- Process for diagnosis
- YRDSB referral process
- School supports
- Community resources

Date: **Wednesday, May 1, 2024**

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Location: Unionville High School, 201 Town Centre Blvd, Markham, ON L3R 8G5

Please register by Apr. 28, 2024.

This free information session is organized by Inclusive School and Community Services in partnership with Student Services of York Region District School Board. For more information, please email shani.blake@yrdsb.ca or pauline.guo@yrdsb.ca

Please note that Childcare will not be provided.

York University 2024 International Mathematical Modelling Challenge

The IMMC Canadian Committee would like to invite Secondary Teachers and their Students (Grades 9-12) to participate in the 2024 International Mathematical Modelling Challenge (IMMC-2024). Further information and details can be found in the letter to Teachers. Teachers need to have administrator support prior to registering. Schools choosing to participate should contact parents/guardians for approval to share student names with York University prior to registering.

NEKS Korean Families Engagement Night

The Network of Educators for Korean-Canadian Students (NEKS) invites Korean families and community members to attend a workshop to develop a deeper understanding of the Ontario Education System. Families will be able to learn about the K-12 Ontario Education System with an emphasis on transitions from elementary to secondary school, post-secondary pathways, and Special Education. Please share the flyer below with your school community.

NEKS Korean Family Engagement Night (Flyer)

Thursday, April 11, 2024

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Thornhill Secondary School

167 Dudley Avenue, Thornhill, ON

Registrants will have an opportunity to attend two of the following workshops:

- Opportunities and Pathways after High School: Learn about different pathway opportunities after high school. What career opportunities are there? How do we prepare our students for life after high school?
- Transitioning into High School: Learn about different programs at YRDSB schools. What are some tips for being successful in high school?
- Special Education: Learn about special education and Individualized Education Plans. How can students who are struggling in school be supported?

Registration Information

Register online using this Google form.

Registration deadline is Monday, April 8, 2024.

For more information, please contact: Jasmin (Jae Yeon) Kwak, NEKS Chair, jaeyeon.kwak@yrdsb.ca

SEVA Sikh Student Association Launch Event

Sikh students from Grade 6 to 12 are invited to be part of the YRDSB Sikh Student Association, a space where your identity is celebrated and supported!

Date: **Tuesday, March 26, 2024**

Time: 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Location: Virtually (the link will be shared upon registration)

The Sikh Student Association provides YRDSB students with a platform to connect, collaborate, and explore strategies to foster inclusive environments for Sikh students. This space will provide opportunities to build on leadership skills and advocacy to support yourself, peers and the community.

To Register please fill out a registration form by March 25, 2024. If you have any further questions, please reach out to SEVA.YRDSB@gmail.com

See SEVA SSA Flyer for more information.

Summer Institute Registration Opens

Summer Institute Registration

Looking for summer learning and fun activities for students entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8? Summer Institute offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum.

The program runs for six weeks during July and August. It is offered at nine school sites around York Region.

For more information on dates, programs and locations, please visit the Summer Institute webpage.

Registration opens **March 27, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.** Families can register online.

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



The City of Markham Volunteer Opportunity

Search for volunteer activities that interest you!

Volunteering is a fun and engaging way to give back to your community. People of all ages and abilities can volunteer with the City of Markham.

We are looking for passionate people ages 14 and older who want to share their talents, skills and experiences to make Markham an even better place to live, work and play!

Make new friends and memories that will last a lifetime by volunteering for Recreation Services, Markham Museum, Varley Art Gallery of Markham, Flato Markham Theatre, Markham Public Library or at one of the City’s events. Volunteer, yourself, or sign up with family or friends!

City of Markham Volunteer Website

City of Markham Volunteer Portal



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](#)

Library Information

In recognition of Ramadan, here are some great books to check out from the UHS Library! Click titles for more information.

- [Does My Head Look Big in This?](#) by Randa Abdel-Fattah
- [American Dervish: A Novel](#) by Ayad Akhtar
- [Love from Mecca to Medina](#) by S.K. Ali
- [Ayesha at Last](#) by Uzma Jalaluddin
- [Crescent Moons and Pointed Minarets: A Muslim Book of Shapes](#) by Hena Khan
- [Muslim 100: The Lives, Thoughts and Achievements of the Most Influential Muslims in History](#) by Muhammad Mojlum Khan
- [Once Upon an Eid: Stories of Hope and Joy](#) by 15 Muslim Voices
- [by Aisha Saeed](#)
- [Not the Girls You're Looking For](#) by Aminah Mae Safi
- [Averroes \(Ibn Rushd\): Muslim Scholar, Philosopher, and Physician of the Twelfth Century](#) by Liz Sonneborn
- [Ms. Marvel. 1, No Normal](#) by G. Willow Wilson



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 17	Arts Unionville Music Recital/UHS/ (7:00 pm)
April 25 - 29	Semester 2 Midterm Report Card eDistribution
April 30	Spring Celebration/ UHS Music at Markham Theatre (7:00 pm)