



April 8th Early Dismissal

Dear families,

On Monday, **April 8, 2024**, a full solar eclipse will occur, which will block the sun's light in some areas.

In York Region, we will experience effects of the eclipse between roughly 2:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., which coincides with the scheduled dismissal times for our schools. We have heard concerns regarding the potential for students being outside and inadvertently looking at the sun, which may cause serious health problems, such as loss of eyesight. We have also heard concerns of traffic and students walking home during peak darkness.

Out of concern for student safety, on April 8, 2024, all students in elementary and secondary schools will be dismissed early. Unfortunately, in order to ensure transportation services (school bus and taxi) can accommodate all schools' early dismissal, there will be a slight adjustment in our dismissal time. On April 8, 2024, Unionville High School will dismiss students at 12:05 p.m. **Student after school activities will also be cancelled for that afternoon.**

April 8, 2024 Schedule

8:25 AM - 8:30 AM (home room)

8:30 AM - 9:45 AM (period 1)

9:45 AM - 9:50 AM (transition time)

9:50 AM - 11:05 AM (period 2)

11:05 AM - 11:10 AM (transition time)

11:10 AM - 12:05 PM (period 3)

12:05 pm - (student dismissal)

Please know that this decision was made with student safety at its center. If you have any questions, please contact us at unionville.hs@yrdsb.ca

Spring OSSLT

Attention to all students who will be writing the OSSLT this semester (this includes eligible students who did not participate or were not successful in the fall administration): our dates have been finalized and this semester's OSSLT will be taking place on the following dates: **April 3 and 4** during **periods 3 and 4**.

If you have any questions, please email Mr. Luong (raymond.luong@yrdsb.ca).

Promoting Success For Students Of First Nation, Métis And Inuit Ancestry

York Region District School Board provides an opportunity for students with **First Nation, Métis and Inuit** ancestry to self-identify. The process is voluntary and the information gathered will be kept confidential.

The self-identification process is the first step in providing:

- Culturally specific learning opportunities or activities;
- Additional support for academic achievement and well-being, including designated support staff;
- Communication between schools, First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education staff, Aboriginal students and their families;
- Connections to post-secondary institutions, community groups, service providers and other partners;
- More learning opportunities for all members of the school community to develop a greater understanding of Aboriginal perspectives, cultures and histories

[Indigenous Self-Identification Form](#)



Newmarket African Caribbean Canadian Association 2024 Scholarship Application

The NACCA Scholarship is awarded to students who are entering their first year of full time post-secondary studies; this also includes apprenticeship or trade programs. These students demonstrate academic excellence and a commitment to community service in order to break down barriers and build inclusive spaces.

More information is available here: <https://www.naccacommunity.ca/scholarship-award-2024.html>

Deadline to apply is **March 29, 2024**.

UHS School Council Meeting

A friendly reminder, we will be hosting our last School Council Meeting of this year on **Monday, April 15** 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

PARENT TEACHER NIGHT

Parent Teacher Night

April 3, 2024 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Parent Teacher Night is from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. on April 3, 2024. Families will have an opportunity to meet with their child(ren)'s teacher(s) in person, and learn more about their course(s). Parents/Guardians 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. The TeachAssist Parent Portal available at <https://ta.yrdsb.ca/parents>.

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](#).

Families who require translation assistance for the Parent Teacher Night interview are asked to connect with their teachers directly.

If there 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

Food Drive from April 2 - 19

The Muslim Students' Association and EnviroCouncil are running a food drive from **April 2 - 19**. 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

Click the invitation for more details.



Graduation Ceremony Fee Due

Attention, families of graduating students!

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

YRDSB Summer School 2024 Registration

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

Students will register on MyBlueprint/My Pathway Planner.

Note: Summer school runs from **July 3 - July 26, 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 31, 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

Markham Public Library Learning Opportunities/Programs

1. Saturday April 6th - "Value"-able Education: Finding the Best Affordable US University Options (virtual program)
2. Thursday April 11th - The Secrets to Scholarship Research and Writing (Markham Village Library)
3. Thursday April 18th - York U Scholars' Hub: Markham's Infrastructure and York U Campus (Markham Village Library)
4. Tuesday April 30th - Graduate Studies at York University's Markham Campus (virtual program)
5. Saturday May 4th - Winning Canadian Scholarship (Markham Village Library)
6. Thursday May 9th - Preparing for a Healthcare of Medical Career: Tips for High School Students (Cornell Library)

For additional details, please see [registration link](#) regarding the list of programs.

Mandatory Prom Assembly

There is a mandatory prom assembly in the large gym on **Thursday, April 11** 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.

JOIN US

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**.

Through the program you get:

- start-up money to kick-off a new summer business
- advice and mentorship from local business leaders to help get the business up and running

Learning how to run your own student business is one of the best summer jobs you can have. You get to be your own boss while learning what it takes to manage a business. Sales, marketing, bookkeeping, customer relationship management and networking are just a few of the highly useful skills you'll develop.

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

City Of Markham Small Business Summer Company Program

Thank you very much,
City of Markham

CNE 2024 Rising Star Applications NOW OPEN!

In 2024, the CNE's Rising Star Talent Competition will introduce its 37th year of showcasing young artists. The competition features talented performers in a wide variety of genres competing for prize money in front of a live audience of CNE fairgoers! **The Rising Star contest applications are now open! Deadline to apply is May 24, 2024.**

Selected singers, dancers, musicians will perform at the 2024 CNE on the International Stage in Hall B, at the Enercare Centre. Congratulations to our 2023 Rising Star winners Kaitlyn Lau from the Junior Category and Thea Asedillo from the Youth Category!

Rising Star Website

CNE Rising Star 2024 Poster



Calling all Superstars
ages 6 to 21 years:
Singers • Dancers • Instrumentalists
Actors • Magicians • Comedians & more!
Performing Solo or as a Group

CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION
AUG 16 TO SEPT 2, 2024
LET'S GO TO THE EX! THEX.COM
Toronto, Ontario

Audition deadline is May 24, 2024

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.

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.

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

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.schoolcashionline.com/>

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Chair, School Council UHS

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

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.

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.

Library Information

Check out some of the new non-fiction available in the Library. Click titles for more information.

Black Boys Like Me: Confrontations with Race, Identity, and Belonging by Matthew R. Morris

I Am, I Am, I Am: Seventeen Brushes with Death by Maggie O'Farrell

Beauty in a Box: Detangling the Roots of Canada's Black Beauty Culture by Cheryl Thompson

Girls, Interrupted: How Pop Culture is Failing Women by Lisa Whittington-Hill



Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
April 8	Early Dismissal (8:25 am - 12:05 pm)
April 11	Bubble Tea Fundraising #7
April 17	Arts Unionville Music Recital/UHS/ (7:00 pm)
April 25 - 29	Semester 2 Midterm Report Card eDistribution
April 30	UHS Music at Markham Theatre (7:00 pm)