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## U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

March 11-15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>March Break</li> </ul>
<b>Monday March 18</b> Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leadership Team Meeting (3:15-4:45pm)</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday March 19</b> Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ELL Parents Network Meeting (6-7:30pm)</li> <li>Symphonic Band to Music Alive Festival (8:15-11:30am)</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday March 20</b> Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
<b>Thursday March 21</b> Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
<b>Friday March 22</b> Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interim Report Card Distributed</li> <li>Robotics to York University (March 22-24)</li> </ul>

### Inclement Weather Day Information

An inclement weather day happens when weather conditions make it impossible to operate a school bus safely. Schools will remain open. Parents need to inform the school office if their child will not be attending; if we receive information from parents, this will not be shown on the student's attendance record.

It's important to note that students will not be penalized for missing school due to designated inclement weather days.

### Community Contacts & Services

York Regional-- Police-Fire-Ambulance	911
Markham Stouffville Hospital	905-472-7000
Kids Help Phone	1-800-668-6868 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week)
Community Crisis	1-855-310-COPE (2673) Response Line (24 hours a day, 7 days a week)
Youthdale – Crisis Line	416-363-9990 for Youth (24 hours a day, 7 days a week)
360° Kids	905-475-6694 (press 3 for Connections Emergency Housing)
Poison Control	1-800-268-9017
Family Services – York Region	905-415-9719 or 1-866-415-9723



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# UNIONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

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March 8, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians:

**RE: Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test – Modified School Day Wednesday, March 27, 2019**

The Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) has scheduled **Wednesday, March 27, 2019** as the day for students across the province to complete the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). To assist in creating the best possible environment for students writing the test, and as a result of changes to EQAO policy, the Board will implement a modified school day. **On March 27, secondary schools will follow an exam-style day in which:**

- **only grade 10 and Previously Eligible students who are writing the test are required to be at school** (no regular classes for students in grades 9, 11, and 12 will occur);
- students will be dismissed upon completion of the test;
- school bus and taxi service will run on their normal schedules; and
- self-contained special education classes [e.g., developmentally delayed, autism, complex needs, multiple exceptionalities, PEAK, York Academy-Section 23 (Care and Treatment) programs, Intensive, Intensive Resource Support, and Acquired Brain Injury] and Elementary Music will follow their regular schedule.

### **For Students Writing the OSSLT**

Students writing the test will come to school on March 27 at their normal start time, 8:30am, to write the OSSLT which will begin at 9:00am. Based on EQAO timelines for the test, we anticipate that many students will finish writing in about 3 hours. Students will be dismissed upon their completion of the test; however space will be made available in the school for those who need to remain until regular dismissal time. Students requiring extra time will continue to write their test during an extended test-taking period. Modifying the school day in this way allows schools to maximize teacher supervision and support, availability of classroom space and, access to technology.

### **For Students Not Writing the OSSLT**

Although schools will be open, regular classes will not be running. Students are encouraged to use the time on this day to review or complete coursework, prepare for upcoming assessments, engage in Individual Pathways Planning, or complete community involvement hours.

We wish every student success on the OSSLT and appreciate your ongoing support for student achievement and well-being.

Please direct questions to Shiraz Rafik, literacy teacher, via email at [shiraz.rafik@yrdsb.ca](mailto:shiraz.rafik@yrdsb.ca).

Sincerely,

**Suelyn Cheong**

Principal



# PARENT BULLETIN

## March Break Office Hours

The Unionville High School office will be open from 8 am - 4 pm during March Break (Tuesday, March 12 – Friday, March 15). Please note that the office will be closed on Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. Have a safe and happy March break!

## Guidance News

### Community Hours

March Break is fast approaching and 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 completing the activity. A special reminder to Grade 12 graduating students that the deadline to submit completed Community Involvement hours is Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Students may join the 'UHS Volunteer Google Classroom' (enrolment key: **bf1Jq7**), view the Community Involvement board outside the Guidance office or meet with a Guidance counsellor to learn about volunteer opportunities.



## Course Verification Forms

On Monday March 18, students will receive their course verification form from their home-room class. Students who do not have a homeroom class can pick up their form from the Guidance office. Please carefully review the courses that your child has selected for the 201-2020 school year. You may want to re-visit the UHS course calendar at <https://app.myblueprint.ca/public/courses/yrdsb/unionville> when reviewing his/her choices.

**If your son/daughter is satisfied with his/her course request, he/she may keep the form and no further action is required.**

If your son/daughter would like to change his/her request, please follow the steps outlined on the reverse side of the verification form. Once completed, please sign the form and have your son/daughter return the form to the Guidance office no later than **Thursday March 21, 2019.**

It is very important that your son/daughter consider their selections very carefully to ensure availability of courses. Elective course changes **will not** be completed after this final verification process.

UHS Guidance



# PARENT BULLETIN

## York Region skills challenge Feb 28, 2019

Congratulations to the entire UHS Skills team for representing UHS at the York Region Skills Challenge last week (February 28th) and this week (March 6th). 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.

Worth noting: UHS won the most medals (including the most Gold) by a high school, a record held by UHS for the past 6 years.

### **Medals to note for 2018:**

Gold medal for Prepared Speech - Tiffany Elefano  
Bronze medal for Job Interview - Cynthia Wang  
Bronze medal for Graphic Design Presentation – Doris Liu  
Silver medal for Graphic Design Presentation – Katherine Yu  
Gold medal for Graphic Design Studio – Victoria Lin  
Silver medal for Hairstyling - Kamiya Simon  
Bronze medal for 3D Animation - Melody Duncan and Yuki Xu  
Silver medal for 3D Animation - Frank Ye & Jerry Zhang  
Gold medal for 2D Animation - Amber Ou and Jocelyn Ngan  
Gold medal for Fashion Design – Elliot Jia  
Bronze medal for Carpentry Individual - Matthew Yu  
Silver medal for Technical Design team of 4 - Evan Li, Anna Zhou, Thivya Prakash, Sarah Cloughley,



The Gold medalist will be going on to the Ontario Skills Technological Competition (OTSC) on May 7<sup>th</sup> held in Toronto. In addition, UHS will also be sending students, to the above provincial competitions, in the following areas: *Robotics and Control Systems / Baking / Electronics / Website Design / IT Software Applications/Aesthetics / and Computer Programming*

Thank you to the following teachers giving up so much of your precious time to invest in our students and for teaching them valuable skills for their future as well as to compete in competitions like YRSC.

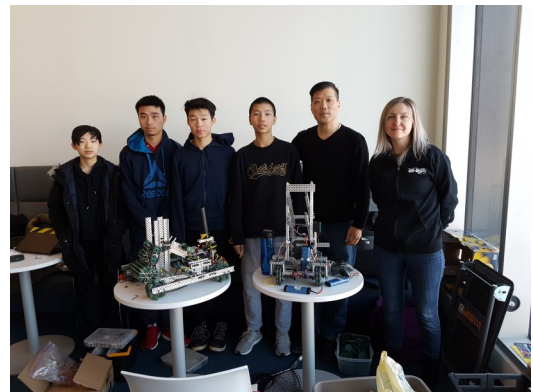
Thanks to Ms. McMillan, Mr. Cho, Mr. Poulsson, Mr. Berridge, Mr. Wood, Mr. Guldemon, Ms. Cheung, Ms. Gardham, Mr. Clodd, Ms. Parnell, and Ms. Minos, for your students and support.

Final thanks to Ms. McMillan for taking on the UHS Skills Coordinator role and organizing the entire UHS team

### **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. Our robotics team will also compete in FIRST FRC Robotics Competition on Mar. 22 – 24<sup>th</sup> at York University.

**York Region District School Board**  
**Markham District Energy**  
**Pathway Communications**  
**Oxford Learning**  
**Dr. X Academy of Robotics and Coding**



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2019年3月20日，星期三  
Unionville High School (Unionville高中學校)  
201 Town Centre Blvd, Markham

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### 議程：

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下午6:30 - 晚上7:00 開幕儀式和學生的聲音  
晚上7:00 - 晚上8:45 工作坊和閉幕儀式

### 议程：

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下午6:30 - 晚上7:00 开幕仪式和学生的声音  
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### 工作坊包括：

加拿大大麻合法化專題講座  
我們的心聲：學生讀書及生活的經驗與挑戰  
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請立即報名！截止日期為2019年2月27日星期三 報名網址：  
<http://bit.ly/SEASWorkshopsMarch2019>

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School Board presents

## LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL



WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY  
27TH, 2019

6:30 PM- 9:00 PM

### Presentations From:

Lana Fisher Head of Guidance Department- Alexander Mackenzie High School  
Student Panel Guest Speakers

### Information/Resources From:

Shawna Akerman, Parent and Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing  
Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides  
George Brown College- Accessible Learning Services & Deaf Upgrading Program

### ALEXANDER MACKENZIE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

300 Major Mackenzie Drive West  
Richmond Hill, L4C 3S3

University of Guelph, Advisor for Students with Disabilities

York University, Disability Consultant

Seneca College (York University), Counselling and Accessibility Services

Canadian Hearing Society, assistive devices & financial aids

VOICE Teen Outreach, Laura Girardo & Mikael Valli

More Information Available from: Silent Voice, Bob Rumball Centre for the Deaf, Scholarships and Bursary Information, Phonak Canada, CHHA (Canadian Hard of Hearing Association)

## MARCH BREAK CAMP FOR ADULTS (18+) WITH A DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY AND/OR DUAL DIAGNOSIS

ARTS & CRAFTS  
MUSIC & DANCE

FIELD TRIPS  
COMMUNITY  
OUTINGS

# CAMP VITA 2019

Be yourself

March 11 - March 15, 2019

Chancellor Community Centre  
350 Ansley Grove Road  
Woodbridge, Ontario  
L4L 5C9

OUTDOOR  
ACTIVITIES

1:5 STAFFING RATIO  
FOR ONLY \$30 PER DAY

For more information contact  
Lorie Carbone, VITA Support Services Team  
[lcarbone@vitacsl.org](mailto:lcarbone@vitacsl.org) or 416.749.6234 ext 216

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Teachers and  
Administrators are  
invited to respond  
to:

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[erika.barber@yrdsb.ca](mailto:erika.barber@yrdsb.ca)



# STUDENT WELL-BEING AND SUCCESS

## ***Guardians and Parents of East Asian Students!***

Please join us for an evening as we address issues that impact not only a student's *academic success*, but as well, their overall *well-being*.

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**WHEN: Wednesday March 20th, 2019**

**WHERE: Unionville High School** (201 Town Centre Blvd.)

**Time: 5:45-8:45PM**

5:45-6:30PM - Light Dinner and Community Partners

6:30-7:00PM - Opening Remarks and Student Voices

7:00-8:45PM - Workshops and Closing

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### **Workshop Options Include:**

*Supporting Youth in Healthy and Responsible Use of the Internet*

*Our Voice - Newcomer Student Experiences and Challenges*

*Let's Talk Legalization of Cannabis*

*How to Talk So Youth Will Listen*



**SEAS** (Supporting East Asian Students) is a group of educators and supporters who are committed to responding to the lived experiences of East Asian students by advocating for their improved achievement and well-being through equitable practices. Building relationships with students, families, educators, community members and

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**Register via Google Form by February 27th, 2019**  
**<http://bit.ly/SEASWorkshopsMarch2019>**

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