



# Unionville High School Weekly Parent Bulletin

**March 8, 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
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)



### Message from UHS ADMIN Team

March Break is finally upon us and we would like to wish all students, families and staff a safe, restful and fun filled week! Please remember that we will return to school on **Monday, March 18th**. This is a wonderful time to take a moment to reflect on all of the positive people and things in our lives. We here in the main office, would like to take a moment to celebrate and thank our incredible community of families, students, teachers, office support staff and last but certainly not least, our caretakers for all that is done to build and create a safe and welcoming learning environment.

We encourage everyone to use this week to recharge their batteries for all of the big academic and social events that will surely make the rest of the school year fly by. Let's continue to support one another, have a growth mindset and face challenges with an open mind and positive outlook...spring is just around the corner. Wolves, let's use this opportunity to spend some quality time with loved ones in a safe and enjoyable manner before coming back on March 18th.

All the best,  
**Ms. Nunes, Ms. Clarke, Mr. Belmonte & Mr. Luong**



# March Break FUN!

## 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](#)

## 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](#)

Click the invitation for more details



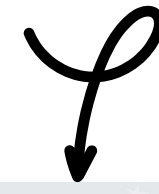
## Metrolinx-- Ontario's One Fare Program

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](#)



# 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 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.

## Community Involvement Hours

March Break has arrived 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 by June 1st. Students may join the 'UHS Volunteer Google Classroom' (enrolment key: [j7t5zik](#)) or meet with a Guidance counsellor to learn about volunteer opportunities.

## 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](#)

## 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".

## Course Verifications for the 2024-2025 School Year

Course Verifications for the 2024-2025 school year will be sent to students GAPPS email accounts and parent/guardian emails after the March Break. During the course verification period, students can request changes to their course requests. It is very important that your child consider their selections very carefully. Elective course changes will not be completed after this final verification process.

We ask that you and your child review the courses they have selected via My Pathway Planner. You and your child may want to re-visit the UHS course calendar at <https://app.myblueprint.ca/public/courses/yrdsb/unionville1> to review course descriptions and pre-requisites.

## 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](#)



## UHS Skills Team Results

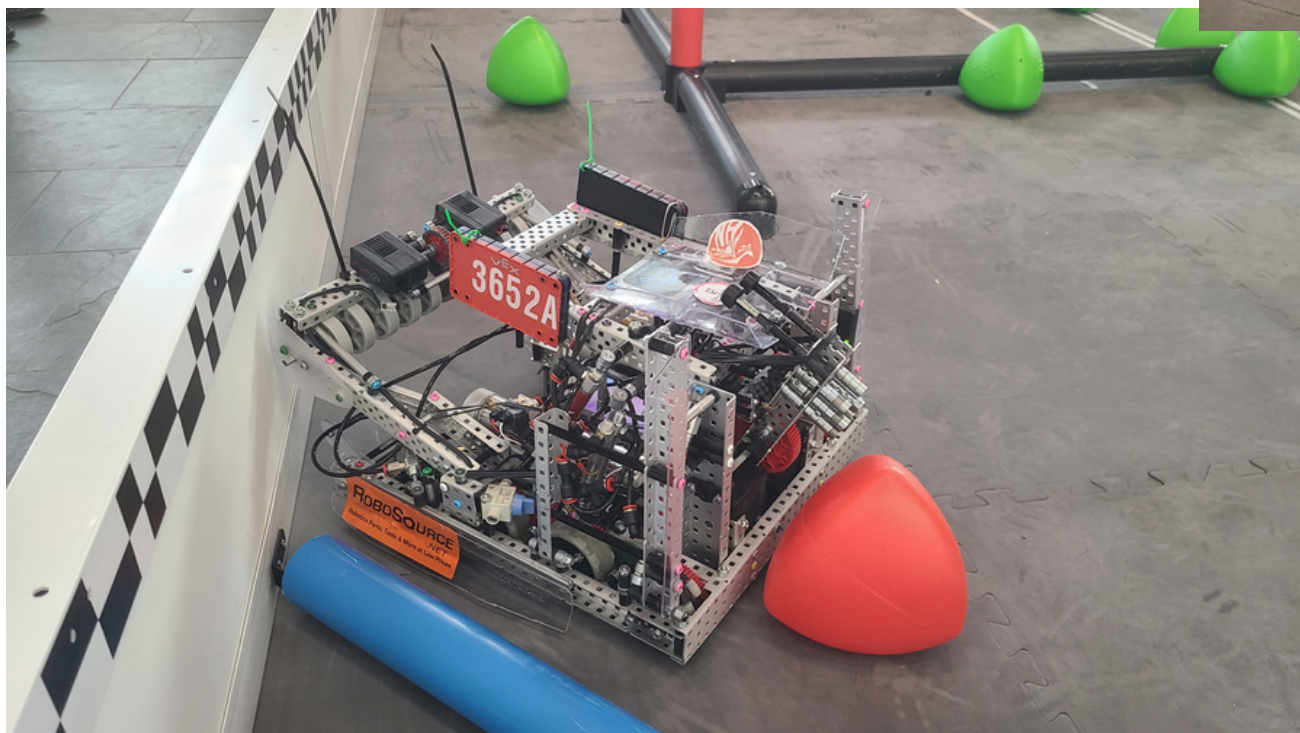
Congratulations to the UHS Skills team for representing UHS at the York Region Skills Competition held on Wed. Feb. 28th @ Humber College and Thurs. Feb. 29th @ Centennial College. Students enjoyed the experience of demonstrating skills in various subject areas within a competitive event

Note worthy mentions include:

- 2D Character Animation - Gold (Joey Ho & Elena Zhong)
- 3D Character Animation - Silver - (Harrison Fang & Chapman Yu)
- 3D Character Animation - Gold - (Mackenzie Chen & Chhavi Narula)
- Fashion - Bronze - (Eman Aboluhom)
- Photography - Silver - (Nathan Wong)
- Culinary - Bronze (Yi Shu)
- VEX Robotics -Bronze - ( William Wang, Johnnie Huang, Audrey Zhu, Zachary Hong )
- VEX Robotics - Silver - (Davis Liu, Steven Ma, Kevin Xiang)
- VEX Robotics - Gold - (Anna Wei, Andreas Li, Nathan Chu, Matthew Xie)

The gold (and silver from Photography) medalists will represent both UHS and YRDSB at the provincial competition in May for the OTSC @ Toronto Congress Centre. Well done to the entire team.

We have other direct to OTSC competitors as well.





## 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](#)

## The First UHS STEM Fair Top Projects

The first UHS STEM fair occurred on February 29th after school. All UHS students were invited to share their projects from science, technology, and computer science classes, as well as STEM-related extracurricular activities. There were almost 100 attendees and presenters, and almost a dozen projects and activities.

STEM Ed, a UHS club that supports and inspires youth to pursue science, technology, engineering and mathematics, promoted and organized the STEM fair and led interactive activities at the fair. STEM Ed continues to work towards promoting and fostering diversity, equity and inclusion in STEM, and their next events include coding and design engineering activities for grade 8s.

The top projects were selected using student feedback: project's engagement, knowledge, and enthusiasm. These were the projects that were selected by their peers:

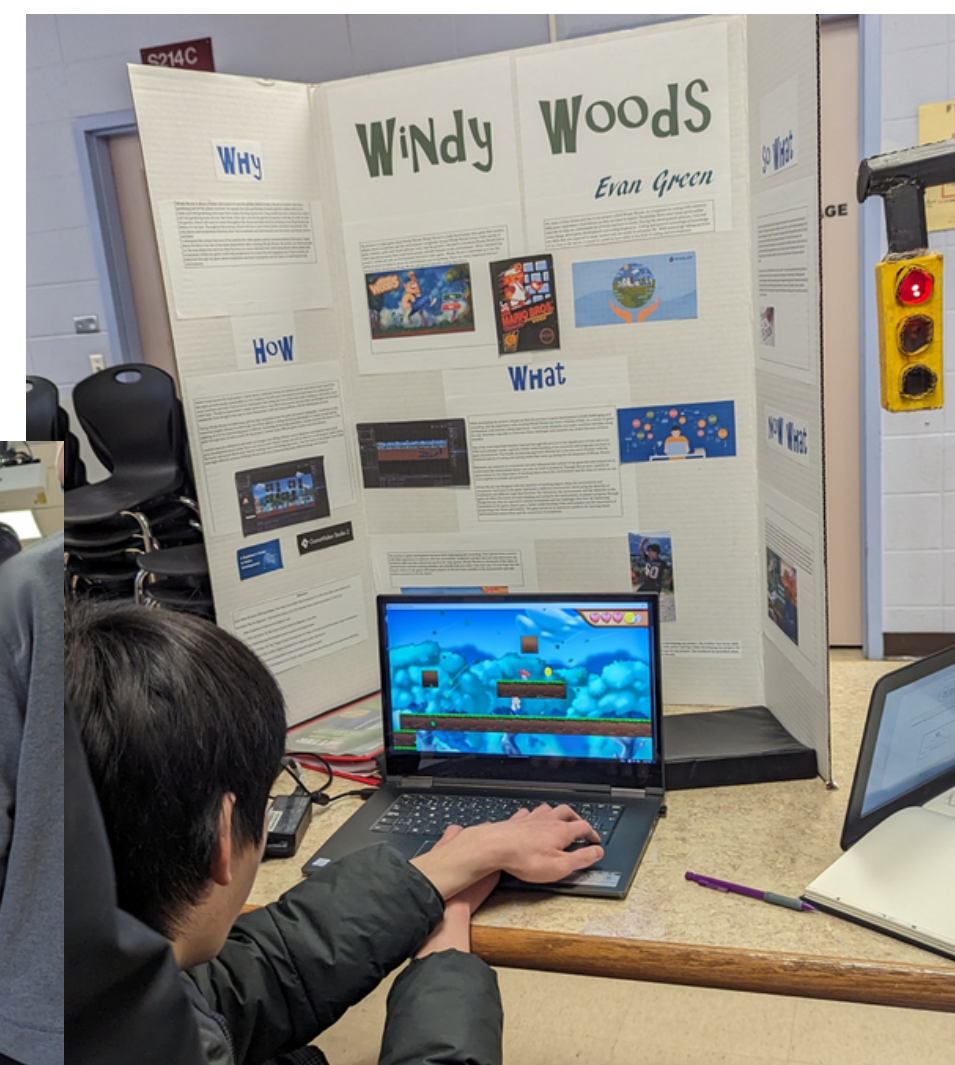
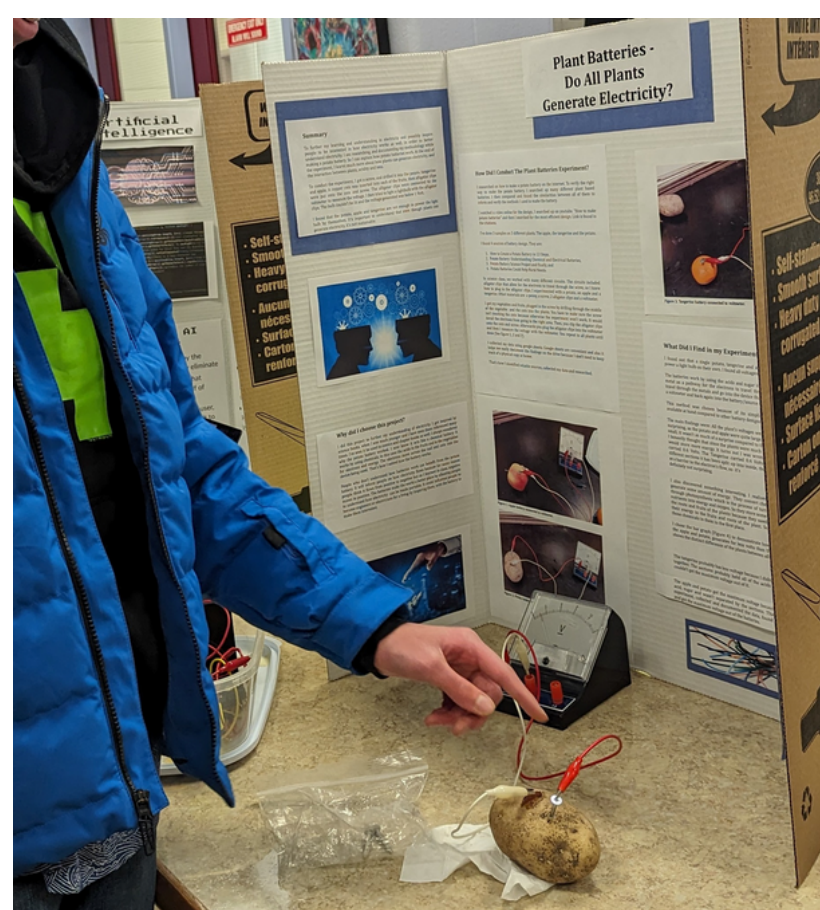
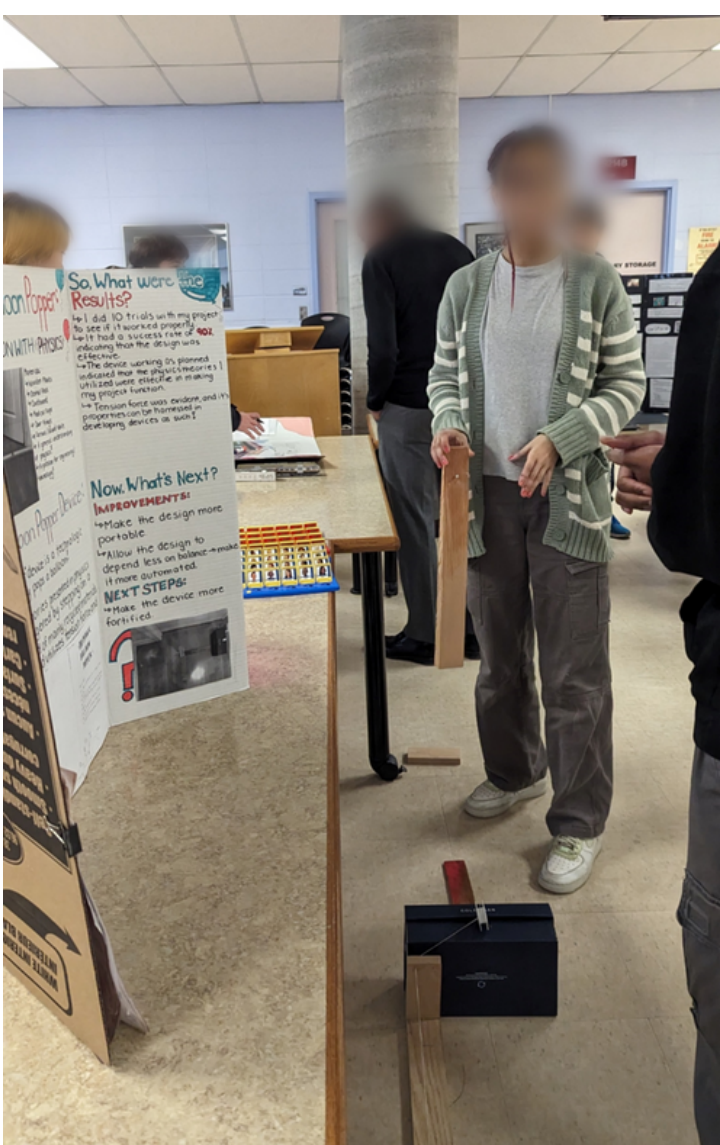
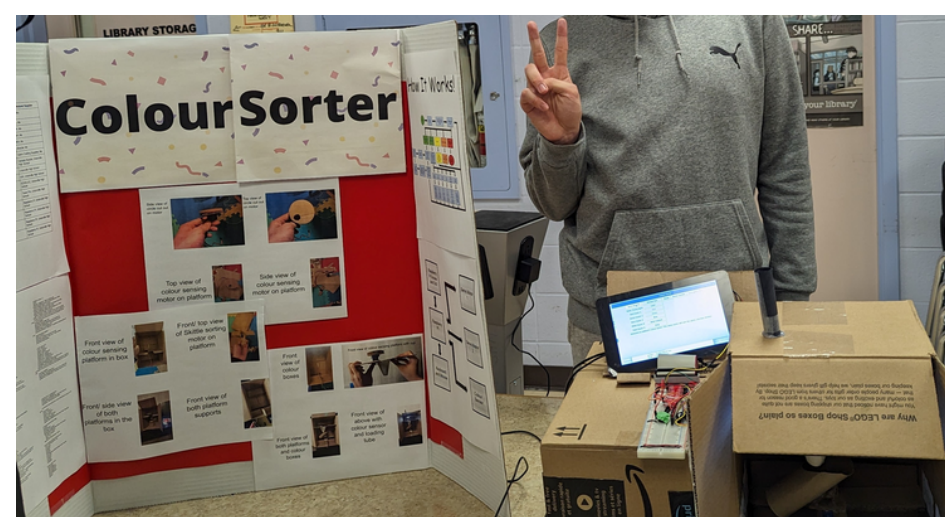
Project Name	Student(s)
Skittles Colour Sorter	Addison Wong
Automatic Balloon Popper	Amrra Mengistu
Guess Who Game	Henderson Harper, Nicolas Chan, Wen Yao Zhang
Vex Robotics Competition Robots	Sophia Chan, Nathaniel Rayman, Davis Liu, William Wang, Nicolas Chan, Johnnie Huang, Jenny Wu, Andreas Li
Windy Woods	Evan Green



We look forward to continuing to promote and support STEM for all in the UHS community.

Thank you to [Jey Anandarajan](#), Lisa Wong, Maria Lugosi, [Jeffrey Chan](#), Karen Chung, and the teachers in the computer science, technology, and science departments for making this event a success!

Karen Chung, M.Sc.





## Crisis Mental Health Supports for Students

For a variety of support services and agencies, please refer to the following list:

- 310-COPE [www.yssn.ca](http://www.yssn.ca): 905-310-COPE (2673) or 1-855-310-COPE (2673) - available 24/7
- [www.KidsHelpPhone.ca](http://www.KidsHelpPhone.ca): 1-800-668-6868, text 686868 - available 24/7
- Mental Health Helpline <https://www.ontario.ca/page/mental-health-services>: 1-866-531-2600 – available 24/7
- York Hills Help Phone Line: 905-503-9561 Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:30-4:00 pm; for children & youth (0-18 years), parents, caregivers or adult supporters. Visit [www.yorkhills.ca](http://www.yorkhills.ca) for more information.
- Markham Stouffville Hospital [www.msh.on.ca](http://www.msh.on.ca): 905-472-7000
- Poison Control [www.ontariopoisoncentre.ca](http://www.ontariopoisoncentre.ca): 1-800-268-9017
- Lesbian Gay BI Trans Youth Line [www.youthline.ca](http://www.youthline.ca): 1-888-687-9689
- Trans Lifeline [www.translifeline.org](http://www.translifeline.org): 1-877-330-6366
- Black Youth Helpline [www.blackyouth.ca](http://www.blackyouth.ca): 1-833-294-8650
- York Region Children's Aid Society [www.yorkcas.org](http://www.yorkcas.org): 905-895-2318
- York Region Abuse Program [www.centralhealthline.ca](http://www.centralhealthline.ca): 905-895-3646
- Police-Fire-Ambulance 911



## 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**

We are all looking forward to seeing everyone in person!

Location: Unionville HS Library

## The Next BUBBLE TEA Will Be the March 21st

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

Order now and enjoy!

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## 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/>

Anoosh Sharif  
Chair, School Council UHS

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



## USAC: School Merch Information

Hey Wolves!

We've got something special to announce, and we need YOUR input! Ever wanted to wear some custom school merch designed by your fellow students? Well, now's your chance to make it happen! We're talking about hoodies and T-shirts that everyone can wear. But before we dive in, we need to know if you are interested in them! Take a second to fill out a quick [Google Interest Form](#) and let us know your thoughts! You can ask your homeroom teacher for the link or visit SamThe Wolf's bio and story! Plus, if you're feeling extra creative, there's an option to throw in your design ideas! Just imagine seeing your masterpiece worn by your classmates all around campus. Pretty cool, right? So don't be shy! Let us know if you're down for some cool school merch and if you've got any killer design ideas. This is your chance to shine!

Link for google form: <https://forms.gle/CRoLP7APEP91rQHp7>

QR code for Google form:



## 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 \(young men\)](#)

## Library Information

March 8 is [International Women's Day](#). This year the Government of Canada's theme is Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress. Check out one of these great titles from the UHS Library to learn more about some incredible women! Click titles for more information.

[The Most Influential Women in STEM](#) by Barbara Allman  
[Chien-Shiung Wu: First Lady of Physics](#) by Alexis David  
[Dolores Huerta: Labor Leader](#) by Alexis David  
[Ellen Ochoa: Astronaut and Engineer](#) by Monika Davies  
[Hayley Wickenheiser](#) by Chelsea Donaldson  
[100 Canadian Heroines: Famous and Forgotten Faces](#) by Merna Forster  
[Immodest and Sensational: 150 years of Canadian Women in Sport](#) by Margaret Hall  
[Wilma Mankiller: Chief of the Cherokee Nation](#) by C.L. Laney  
[Wonder Women: 25 Innovators, Inventors, and Trailblazers Who Changed History](#) by Sam Maggs  
[Indigenous Women, Work and History](#) by Mary Jane McCallum  
[Running Down a Dream](#) by Candy Palmater  
[Viola Desmond: Her Life and Times](#) by Graham Reynolds  
[Michaëlle Jean](#) by Rebecca Szulhan  
[Roberta Bondar](#) by Leia Tait



## 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.



## 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](#)**



### Upcoming Events

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April 17	Arts Unionville Music Recital/UHS/ (7:00 pm)
April 25 - 29	Semester 2 Midterm Report Card eDistribution

