



Unionville High School Weekly Parent Bulletin

Friday, March 24, 2023

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Character Matters Trait of the Month: Fairness

“Equality is treating everyone the same. But equity is taking differences into account, so everyone has a chance to succeed.”
— Jodi Picoult

DATE	EVENT
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29	Parent/Guardian - Teacher Interviews
FRIDAY, APRIL 7	Good Friday (No Classes)
MONDAY, APRIL 10	Easter Monday (No Classes)



As the holy month of Ramadan began this week, we think of our Muslim students, staff and community. We wish that you continue to remain safe and healthy during your time of fasting, prayer and reflection. Please see the following message from our Director of Education wishing all of our families a happy and healthy month of Ramadan.

Semester 2 Exams

All students and families need to ensure that students are present and available for the Semester 2 Exam block. Semester 2 Exams will take place **June 21-27, 2023**. Please be aware that **June 28, 2023** is Exam Review Day.

2023-2024 School Year

The proposed YRDSB 2023-2024 school year calendars have been sent to the Ministry for review and approval. These calendars may be accessed on the [YRDSB website](#).

Please note: Calendars are not official until they receive formal Ministry approval which is expected in late May 2023.



Unionville High School's School Council Presents...

Life-Proofing Our Kids for Success:

A Four-Part Series

Dr. Lin & Associates <https://www.dr.linandassociates.com/>



Monday, April 24, 2023—Resiliency for Life @ 7:30pm to 8:30pm — Jackie Robertson

Jackie Robertson is a Registered Psychotherapist with over 30 years of experience working with families, adolescents and children. Jackie is a passionate speaker, educator, facilitator and consultant. Jackie has a wealth of experience in the areas of mental health, familial issues, trauma and adoption as she also provides training for the Adoption Counsel of Ontario. She has travelled internationally to build partnerships, coach leaders, provide clinical expertise, and facilitate teaching and workshops. She is engaging, down to earth, humorous and highly motivating in her work approach. She finds her work in supporting others on their journey to reach their full potential is extremely enriching.

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To Join the conversation with Jackie Robertson on Monday, April 24, 2023, please complete the google form:

[UHS School Council Invitation April 24, 2023](#)

If you would like a free copy of Dr. Lin's: "Life Proofing Your Kids; Healthy Parents, Happy Kids." Please email us at

unionville.hs@yrdsb.ca

We hope to see you there!

UHS School Council Invitation April 24, 2023

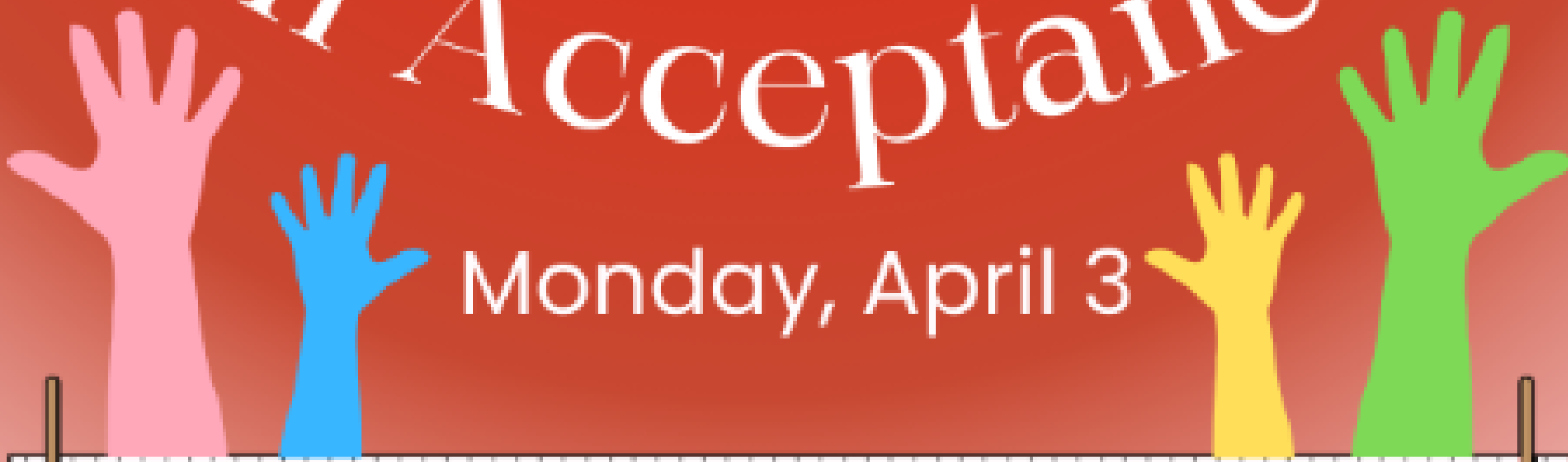
Sports Corner

"Congratulations to our snowboarders! The girls team won 1st and boys team won 3rd in YRAA. They also competed in OFSAA against the best racers from other school boards in all of Ontario. Huge shoutout to Anna Wei, Evelyn Wong, Yi Shu, Langden Peoples, Kody Mac, Nicholas Manole and Draven Ng."





Autism Acceptance Day



Monday, April 3

**STUDENTS & STAFF @
UNIONVILLE HIGH
SCHOOL:
WEAR RED!**

Show your support for the autistic community!

Parent/Guardian-Teacher Interviews

Parent/Guardian-Teacher Interviews will take place on **Wednesday, March 29 from 6:30-8:30pm** in-person at UHS. This evening will provide you with an opportunity to learn more about your child's programming and achievement.

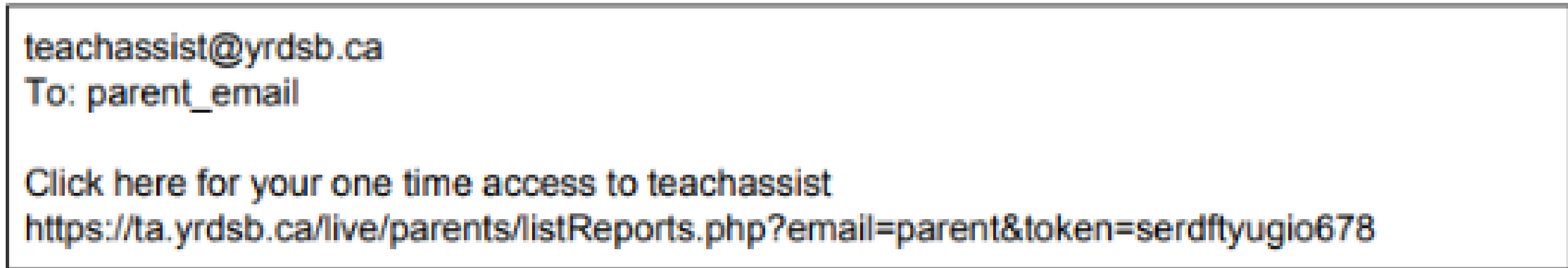
You can use TeachAssist, an online platform, to schedule a meeting time with each of your child's teachers.

All students in our school currently have a TeachAssist account to access information about their class assessments.

Parents/Guardians may begin accessing appointment bookings on **Friday, March 24th at 9:00am** 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:



Once logged in, parents/guardians will have the option to set up a password. For instructions on how to book an interview through TeachAssist, please click [here](#).

Parents/Guardians may book appointments until **Tuesday, March 28th at 3:00pm**.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact our main office at 905 479 2787.

Parents/Guardians who do not wish to book a time online can contact their child's teacher directly to book an appointment.

Important Timelines

Fri. March 24 - Mon March 27	Electronic Interim Report Distribution to Families
Fri. March 24 9:00am	Teach Assist Appointment Manager Opens
Tues. March 28 3:00pm	Teach Assist Appointment Manager Closes
Wed. March 29 6:30 - 8:30pm	Interview Night (in-person at UHS)

We look forward to seeing you in-person on **Wednesday, March 29**.

FLATO Theatre Update

Big dance competitions at the FLATO Theatre are returning this spring! The theatre has secured satellite parking at the Apple Creek Church as overflow parking availability as per normal. The dates below will identify where parking may be more of a challenge for the campus and where we will have our parking lot barricaded in the morning to prevent City staff and students/parents from parking here, so we have more parking available for our events.

The dates where FLATO are hosting larger dance competitions are below:

Tuesday March 28th, Thursday March 30th, Friday March 31st, Thursday April 13th and Friday April 14th

Upcoming Math Competitions

The Fryer, Galois, Hypatia, and Euclid math contests will be written in the first week of April.

The Fryer, Galois, and Hypatia contests, for students in grades 9, 10, and 11 respectively, will be written on April 5th during period 1.

The Euclid contest for grade 12 students will be written one day earlier, on **April 4th** during periods 1 and 2.

Please visit <http://www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca> for more information on these contests.

From This Week's Communication

[Interfaith Iftar 2023](#)

[NCCM Workshop Series 2022-2023 - Creating Identity Affirming Spaces and Practices to Support Muslim Learners](#)

[Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter – April 2023](#)

Community Involvement Hours Review Survey

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians, please click below for a chance to participate in the community involvement hours (volunteer hours) survey which will close on **April 6th at 4:00pm**

[Community Involvement Hours Review- For Secondary Students](#)

[Community Involvement Hours Review- For Parents/Guardians](#)

Every Student Counts Survey Opt-Out Information - Letter to Families

This information is also available in the following languages: [Arabic](#), [Chinese Simplified](#), [Chinese Traditional](#), [Farsi](#), [Gujarati](#), [Hebrew](#), [Korean](#), [Punjabi](#), [Russian](#), [Tamil](#), [Turkish](#), [Urdu](#) and [Vietnamese](#).

York Region District School Board will be engaging students from Kindergarten through Grade 12 in the [Every Student Counts Survey](#). CCI Research has been contracted to support YRDSB in the administration of the survey. The online survey will occur from **April 24, 2023 to - May 10, 2023** and will be available in multiple languages.

The Board provided an opportunity for internal and external partners to provide their feedback on the draft surveys. This feedback was used to inform the development of the final surveys. We thank everyone who took the time to provide us with their feedback. Final versions of the survey are available on the [Board website](#).

Information for Families of Students in Kindergarten to Grade 3

Students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 will complete the survey at home with their parent(s), guardian(s) or caregiver(s). Families of students in Grades K-3 who do not wish for their child to fill out the survey can disregard the paper invitation, which will be considered an opt out.

Families of students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 who require an accommodation (e.g., paper survey in enlarged print, translated paper copies) to complete the survey need to contact CCI Research between February 27, 2023 and March 10, 2023 by phone at 1-866-450-4907, to make a request.

Information for Families of Students in Grade 4 to Grade 12

Students in Grade 4 to Grade 12 will receive a paper invitation to complete the survey from their teacher, and will be provided with in-class time to complete the survey. Parents or guardians of students in Grade 4 to Grade 12 who **do not** wish for their child to receive the survey will have the opportunity to opt out between **February 27, 2023 and March 10, 2023**. Families can opt out by completing this [form](#), or by contacting CCI Research by phone at 1-866-450-4907.

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 17, 18, 19 and 20** during **periods 1 and 2**. Students and families will receive specific details as to when they will be writing the OSSLT in March. Any questions about the OSSLT should be directed to our Literacy Teacher – Ms. Chankseliani – at alyssa.chankseliani@yrdsb.ca or Vice-Principal - Mr.Gheewala - at amol.gheewala@yrdsb.ca

Homestay Families Needed for International Visa Students

Host families are needed to offer homestay accommodation to International Visa students. The experience of hosting can be a once in a lifetime experience for your family. Are you able to offer a caring home environment to a YRDSB international student? Remuneration (monthly stipend) is available to families to cover the cost of hosting. Hosting opportunities are available from two well-known organizations, approved by YRDSB. These organizations can support you every step of the way. Both [Canada Homestay Network](#) and [MLI Homestay](#) offer additional information online. These opportunities are available broadly to YRDSB staff, and members of school communities

UHS Library Items

In recognition of Ramadan, which began this week, here are some great titles to check out from the UHS Library! Click links 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



Students are invited to join the Library's Google Classroom. The join code is sv427pg. Students may also search for books, request books and access other resources on the [Library page](#) (click link) of the UHS website.

Students also have access to ebooks through [SORA](#) (click link). They sign in using the number 0 followed by their student number.

Upcoming Programs at Markham Public Library

Tamil Stories, Songs and Fun - [Mon | Mar 27 | 6 PM | Aaniin](#)

How to Write a Winning Resume that Gets Results - [Mon | Mar 27 | 6:30 PM | ZOOM](#)

Founder Fundamentals Workshop Series - [Tue | Mar 28 | 6 PM | ZOOM](#)

Yoga for Older Adults - [Wed | Mar 29 | 10:30 AM | ZOOM](#)

Traditional Indian music, musical instruments, and Singing - [Wed | Mar 29 | 7 PM | ZOOM](#)

Volunteer with Markham Public Library

Get your hours, make friends and create an impact for your community. Click [here](#) for flyer.

What Do You Need to Graduate from High School?

[What do you need to Graduate?](#) – Click the link to see what courses and requirements you will need to graduate.

Peer Tutoring

All students **interested in becoming a peer tutor** for the 2022-2023 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](#)

Create a Book for Elementary School Kids

Please click [here](#) for flyer.

Culturally Responsive Mental Health & Wellbeing Services for Students & Families

Please click [here](#) for flyer.

Technology Requests

We are encouraging all students to bring their own laptop or chromebook to school on a daily basis to assist in their learning. If you are bringing a personal laptop or chromebook, please ensure that it is clearly labelled for ease of identification. All students who were previously issued a Board device should bring this device to school for continued daily use. If your child does not already have a personal or Board laptop or chromebook, please complete the **[Technology Request Form 2022-2023](#)**.



Wellness Reminder of the Week:

The UHS Wellness Council is a student run council whose mission is dedicated to improve students' health and well-being by creating and maintaining a positive school environment here at UHS. To learn more about how you can be part of the UHS Wellness Council, [please click here](#) for our Instagram page.

“It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light.” – Aristotle

News, Tips and Resources for Families

Looking for the latest news, tips and resources for families? Some of our departments put out monthly newsletters that provide helpful updates and resources for families.

Visit our [newsletters page](#) to see them all, or check out the latest from:

- [Centre for Black Student Excellence](#)
- [Math and Math Problems of the month](#)
- [Mental Health](#)
- [Parent, Family & Community Engagement](#)
- ["The Special Edition"](#) Exceptional Learning Strengths and Needs Newsletter

Prayer/Meditation Space Request

Does your child need a space to practice their faith? All students who would like to use our Prayer/Meditation Space for the 2022-2023 school year should complete the School Start Up forms: <https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/> and email Ms. Kyriopoulos (effie.kyriopoulos@yrdsb.ca) for more information.

Did You Know!

On the York Region District School Board website, you can translate the webpage to almost any language!

Please see below for an example!



The screenshot shows the York Region District School Board website. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "Q 尋, 我們今天要找什麼?" and a dropdown menu with "我想...". Below the search bar, there are navigation links: "關於我們", "董事會計劃", and "學校". The main content area is titled "在線學習畢業要求" (Online Learning Graduation Requirements). It includes a sidebar with "畢業要求" (Graduation Requirements) and a list of links: "社區參與", "數字要求", "34 信用門檻", and "在線學習畢業要求". The main text states: "從 2020-21 學年進入 9 年級的每位學生開始, 學生現在需要獲得中學畢業。" (Starting from the 2020-21 school year, every student entering grade 9 will need to earn a high school diploma.) It lists three goals: "畢業要求旨在支持學生髮展:" (Graduation requirements aim to support student development:). The goals are: "熟悉並舒適地在完全在線的環境中工作和學習" (Become familiar and comfortable working and learning in a fully online environment), "數字素養" (Digital literacy), and "其他重要的可轉移技能, 這些技能將幫助他們為畢業後和生活的各個方面的成功做好準備" (Other important transferable skills that will help them succeed in various aspects of life after graduation). A note at the bottom states: "滿足在線學習畢業要求不應成為學生畢業的障礙。與所有學習一樣, 參加在線課程的學生將可以通過學校獲得所需的支持 (例如, 針對英語學習者的個人教育計劃、指導和服務) 。" (Meeting online learning graduation requirements should not be a barrier to a student's graduation. Like all learning, students participating in online courses will be able to receive the support they need through the school (e.g., individualized education plans, guidance, and services for English learners).)

Preparing for Severe Weather

As we are getting into colder climates and temperatures, here is a message that was sent to families from the YRDSB :

Dear families,

With yesterday's announcement from Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health regarding masking and winter weather approaching, we want to provide families with an update on masking and the steps we take to keep students safe when severe weather occurs.

Masking in Schools

Yesterday, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health strongly recommended that individuals wear masks in indoor settings. We continue to consult with York Region Public Health, who are strongly recommending masking in indoor settings. York Region schools and workplaces continue to be mask friendly environments and masking is strongly encouraged in YRDSB schools and buildings, and on all forms of school transportation. All students, staff, families and visitors who choose to wear a mask, or who are advised or required to wear a mask will be supported in doing so. A limited number of masks are available; children who wish to wear a mask but do not have access to one, may contact their school.

School Transportation Cancellations

School transportation (buses and taxis) may be cancelled due to extreme cold or inclement weather. On these days, schools will remain open unless otherwise stated. If school transportation is cancelled in the morning, it will also be cancelled in the afternoon. Any special or hot lunch days and field trips will also be cancelled.

Families should use their best judgment to decide whether to send their children to school on extreme cold or inclement weather days. Students will not be penalized for missing school on those days. For safety reasons, please let the school know if your child will not be attending school that day.

School Closures

Emergency closures will be considered when conditions may not be safe for students and staff members to attend school for the full day. This may include events that significantly limit school operations or access to the school site (e.g., widespread, prolonged power failures or downed power lines).

In keeping with our current practice, we will continue to keep our schools open as much as possible. However, it is important that families have alternate childcare arrangements planned for the rare occasions when schools may be closed. Before and aftercare programs will not operate if schools are closed.

Communication to Families

Decisions about school transportation and school closures will be made as early as possible and no later than 6:00 a.m. We will do our best to notify families in advance when we may be considering closing school and Board offices. Transportation cancellations or school closures are communicated through:

- Student Transportation Services - www.schoolbuscity.com or 1-877-330-3001
- Board and school websites
- @YRDSB Twitter account
- Radio and TV media outlets

For more information on severe weather days, please visit our website www.yrdsb.ca.

Club Name	Contact
Architecture	Zach Layton
Arts Council	Shane Clodd
Artisans Club	Jessica Li
Black Excellence	Sara Faulkner - Zach Teitel - Beckey Serwaa
Book Club	Celeste Lawton
Business & Sports	Neil Sareen
Charis Christian Club	Peter Lansing
Chinese Culture Club	Shan-Chen Yu
Community Council	James Campbell
Computer Science Club	Raymond Do
Cooking Club	Anna DiLorenzo
Dance Council	Melissa Bettio - Kathleen Major
DECA	Kuo Pan - Wes Guldemon - Neil Sareen
Dramatic Arts Council	Laz Geronikolos
Eco-Council	Michael Johnston
Film Club	Lauren Fridman - Shiraz Rafik - Zach Layton
Gender & Sexuality Alliance	Sara Faulkner - Zach Teitel
Historical Club	Laura Fong
Jazz Band	Niloufar Barazesh
K-Pop Club	Kathleen Major
Light Music Club	Jennifer Porter
Math Club	Daniela Panacci
Med Club	Henry Wang
Mock Trial	Nathan Struk
Muslim Students Association	Farhan Baig
Narrative Arts Club	Shiraz Rafik
Newcomers Club	Keyan Wu - Brooke Semoff
Philosophical Studies Club	Laura Fong
Prom Committee	Zafirah Damji - Daniela Panacci - Melissa Bettio
Robotics	Brian Cho - Andrew Dennis Raymond Do - David De Paolis
Science Club	Elaine Howard - Jeffrey Chan
Show Choir	Melissa Bettio - Julia Fong - Michelle Teh
Social Justice Club	Felicia Sukdeo - Jennifer Porter
Special Events Club	Zafirah Damji - Susan Sun
STEM Beyond	Georgina Mantelos
Tamil Students Association	Shama Sharma
Target Alpha	Mathew Himelson - Wes Guldemon
Wellness Club	Michelle Farwell
Writers Club	Zach Layton
Unionville Howl	Keyan Wu
Voice Acting Club	Stephanie Taylor
Yearbook Club	Lisa Wong - Frances Tom - Zach Layton
Yoga Club	Jennifer Zamperin
Zoology	Yiu Lun Leung - Daniel Dietrich

Please click [here](#) to contact teachers.

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
APRIL 17 - 20	OSSLT
THURSDAY, APRIL 20	Semester 2 Term 2 Begins
FRIDAY, APRIL 21	End of Ramadan

Discover the Benefits of Studying in the UK

Thursday, April 27th at 6.30 pm ET

Register for this online webinar below



Topics to be discussed in this webinar:

- Benefits of studying in the UK
- Entry requirements and costs
- Application process and timeline
- How to set up your UCAS profile
- Required documents
- How SI-UK assists you



Register
here

There will also be time for a Q&A at the end

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