



Unionville High School Weekly Parent Bulletin

Friday, March 3, 2023

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Character Matters Trait of the Month: Fairness

“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.” – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

DATE	EVENT
MARCH 13 - 17	March Break (No Classes)
THURSDAY, MARCH 23	Start of Ramadan
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29	Parent Guardian - Teacher Interviews

**DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER
ALL INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES & INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES PROGRAMS
ARE CANCELLED
ON MARCH 3 & 4, 2023**

A Note From the Principal

Hello UHS Families:

It was such a pleasure returning to work this past week after a lengthy leave of absence. I have truly missed the energy of UHS, the students, staff and this vibrant community.

A special thank you to our amazing office staff, custodians and the administration team under the leadership of Susie Nunes, Reid Wilshire, Patrick Belmonte and Amol Gheewala for their tireless efforts to ensure the smooth operations of the school in the past few months.

I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming and final School Council meeting on Monday, April 24th.

Warm regards,
Suelyn Cheong

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.

School Council Meeting & Minutes for February 27, 2023

Hello families,

Thank you so much to all those who attended our virtual School Council Meeting this past Monday evening. Our next School Council Meeting will be held on **Monday, April 24**. This will be our last meeting of the year. Guest speaker, Jackie Robertson, will be presenting the fourth part from Dr. Lin & Associates series Life-Proofing Our Kids for Success - Resiliency for Life @ 7:30pm to 8:30pm. Stay tuned to more information.

School Council Meeting #5 – February 27, 2023 - [Slides](#)

[School Council Minutes – February 27, 2023](#)

**If you would like a free copy of Dr. Lin's: "Life Proofing Your Kids; Healthy Parents, Happy Kids" [Please email us](#).*

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

After School Literacy Program

Attention Students and Families:

In preparation for the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) that will be taking place from April 17-20 at UHS, we are offering an After School Literacy Program for extra support and preparation.

Program 1	Program 2
March 6, 2022 - April 17, 2022 Every Monday and Wednesday (except March Break and Easter Monday (April 10) from 3:15pm - 4:45pm	March 7 2022 - April 13, 2022 Every Tuesday and Thursday (except March Break) from 3:15pm - 4:45pm

There is no fee to participate in this program. Please choose ONE of the programs above that best suits your child's schedule and register through this [Google Form](#) link.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Alyssa Chankseliani at alyssa.chankseliani@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

Show: **Alchemy**

Date: **Tuesday, March 7th, 2023**

Time: **Student Show: 12:45pm and Evening Show: 7:00pm**

Place: **FLATO Markham Theatre**

We all know AU as Arts Unionville, but did you know that AU is also the chemical element of gold? Well, get ready for a golden performance...Alchemy!

At UHS, Alchemy is an annual show that brings the four art disciplines together to celebrate the arts. This show features original works created by students from all artistic fields, including visual arts, music, drama, and dance!

Buy tickets to the evening show on school cash online [here](#).



UHS Library Items

March 8 is International Women's Day. This year the Government of Canada's theme is Women Inspiring Women. Check out one of these great titles from the UHS Library to learn more about some incredible women! Click links 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
My Conversations with Canadians by Lee Maracle
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



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.

Night School

Night school is available to students who cannot get the course during day school. Remote learning night school registration is now open and synchronous learning will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30pm to 9:45pm beginning **February 16th**. Registration for Online night school (which is asynchronous learning) will open on **January 31st**. Registration for either format is on My Pathway Planner under "Continuing Education" and will require Guidance approval. Check out the YRDSB website for more information at: <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/adult-learning/night-school>

Upcoming Programs at Markham Public Library

Workplace Culture 101 - Tues | Mar 7 | 2 PM | ZOOM
Founder Fundamentals Workshop Series: SRED Funding and Govt. Incentives - Tue | Mar 7 | 6 PM | ZOOM
7 Ways to Build and Improve Your Credit Fast - Tues | Mar 7 | 7 PM | ZOOM
Healthy Eating and Nutrition for Older Adults - Wed | Mar 8 | 11 AM | ZOOM
Cautious Consumerism - Wed | Mar 8 | 1 PM | ZOOM
Mastering Job Interviews - Sat | Mar 11 | 11:30 AM | Cornell Branch

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/BecomeTutorUHS0>

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.



YEARBOOK

WHAT IS IT?

A yearbook is a "memory book" that highlights the students and events of the school year.

WHAT'S IN IT?

- student photos
- grad photos
- school events
- sports & teams
- AU highlights
- clubs & organizations

- trips & competitions
- school events
- artwork
- candid pics
- performances
- many more!



Buy Yours @ yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com

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](#).

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 cost to participate is \$12.50 and students may register on School Cash Online. Since many students will be writing at the same time, we have limited spots available for these three contests. Please register early to avoid disappointment! Registration will remain open until March 3rd, or until spaces are filled.

The Euclid contest for grade 12 students will be written one day earlier, on April 4th during periods 1 and 2. This contest is intended for grade 12 students, but grade 11 students may register as well. The cost to participate is \$19 and students may register on School Cash Online beginning this Tuesday, February 21st. Registration will remain open until March 3rd.

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



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.

"To get rich never risk your health. For it is the truth that health is the wealth of wealth." – Richard Baker

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 and a language selection dropdown menu. The dropdown menu is open, showing a list of languages. The 'Chinese (Traditional)' option is highlighted. 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 '在線學習畢業要求' (Online Learning Graduation Requirements). The main text discusses the requirements for students starting in grade 9 in the 2020-21 school year, mentioning that students need to meet certain requirements to graduate from high school. It also lists the goals of the graduation requirements, such as supporting student development, familiarizing students with online learning environments, and developing digital literacy and other transferable skills. At the bottom, it states that meeting these requirements should not be a barrier to graduation and that students participating in online courses will receive support from the school.



MARKHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY



LIFE SKILLS SESSIONS FOR VOLUNTEERS

HOW TO BUDGET AND HANDLE YOUR FINANCES

Presented by: Credit Counsel Society

Monday March 13, 2023

1:00PM - 2:00PM (zoom)

HOW TO PLAN FOR UNIVERSITY

Presented by: Future Reach Education

Tuesday, March 14, 2023,

4:00-5:00PM (Cornell Library) AND,

Thursday, March 16, 2023

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (Cornell Library)

HOW TO HANDLE STRESS

Presented by: The Adulthood Edit

Wednesday, March 15, 2023,

2:00-3:00 PM (Milliken Mill Library)

MARCH BREAK REGISTRATION



for any questions, please contact:
jackielee@markham.library.on.ca

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.



Inclusive School and Community Services is hosting
A Guardian/Parent Engagement Event

Advocacy and Allyship

YRDSB is hosting a 3 part Information series that looks at how to engage and help build shared solutions. Families will build on knowledge about discrimination, racism, bias, stereotypes and how to advocate and become an ally.

Part 3. Becoming an Ally

Learn how to become an ally through engaging and listening to lived experiences of discrimination and hate.

Presented by: Soha Mohammad from Working Women

When: March 22nd 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Registration at <http://bit.ly/3VZpttx>

Please reach out to Harpinder Kaur or Kenzie Wass if you have any questions Harpinder.kaur@yrdsb.ca, Kenzie.Wass@yrdsb.ca

Do you need a computer?

Renewed Computer Technology (RCT) is a not-for-profit, charitable organization that empowers learners, educators and not-for-profit organizations with increased access to information and communications technology (ICT), skill development and learning opportunities, in a socially and environmentally responsible manner.

Working with **York Region District School Board** we are offering affordable, renewed computer packages.



1. Open camera on phone
2. Hold camera up to QR code above
3. Click link that appears on your screen

You can apply for this program if you are:

A resident of Ontario and you are an individual with limited income.

Parents or legal guardians may apply on behalf of a child or youth under the age of 18.

We offer 1 computer, per family, with a limit of 2 per household per year.

For more information, please contact:

Alexander Oliver
RCT Community Engagement Lead
AOliver@rcto.ca

All systems include our
STANDARD 1 YEAR DEPOT WARRANTY

*batteries not covered by warranty

We have Desktop Packages from \$60.00 to \$250.00.
Plus \$50.00 to ship the computer to your home.



You get - a desktop complete with Windows 10 and MS Office 2019 - Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook and OneNote plus learning software, monitor, keyboard and mouse

We have Laptop Packages from \$200.00 to \$350.00.
Plus \$40.00 to ship the computer to your home.



You get - a laptop complete with Windows 10 and MS Office 2019 - Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook and OneNote plus learning software

*Computers may not appear exactly as shown

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
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
Philisophical 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.