



# Unionville High School



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## Parent Bulletin V26 March 6th, 2020

### Club List 2019-2020

Please click the link below to find out about clubs at UHS. Students who are interested in joining a club should speak to the teacher advisor or attend the scheduled meeting. The link below includes teacher contact names and meeting times.

[Club List 2019-2020](#)

### NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS MARCH 9TH-13TH

March 9 Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grade 12 AU Visual Arts Show at Flato Theatre</li> <li>Alchemy Tech Rehearsal</li> <li>York U GTA Invitational Band Festival (5:15-9:15pm)</li> </ul>
March 10 Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grade 12 AU Visual Arts Show at Flato Theatre</li> <li>Life Skills Classe at SNAP Floor Hockey (Bur Oak S.S. 9:00-2:30)</li> <li>Alchemy at Flato Theatre (7:00-9:00pm)</li> </ul>
March 11 Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grade 12 AU Visual Arts Show at Flato Theatre</li> <li>Rock Climbing Team YRAA Competition (11:00-4:00 Rock and Chalk)</li> <li>SHSM Nutrition Certification (Periods 1-3 Room 356)</li> </ul>
March 12 Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grade 12 AU Visual Arts Show at Flato Theatre</li> <li>Interim Report Cards Distributed</li> <li>Rock Climbing Team YRAA Competition (8:00-3:00 Rock and Chalk)</li> <li>Robotics Competition at Ryerson University (12:00-7:00pm)</li> </ul>
March 13 Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grade 12 AU Visual Arts Show at Flato Theatre</li> <li>Robotics Competition at Ryerson University</li> </ul>

### UPCOMING EVENTS MARCH 23RD-27TH

March 23 Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grade 12 AU Visual Arts Show at Flato Theatre</li> </ul>
March 24 Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grade 12 AU Visual Arts Show at Flato Theatre</li> </ul>
March 25 Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grade 12 AU Visual Arts Show at Flato Theatre</li> <li>AU Music Recital #3 at UHS (7:00-9:00)</li> </ul>
March 26 Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grade 12 AU Visual Arts Show at Flato Theatre</li> <li>Grade 9 Art Students Visit the ROM</li> <li>Parent/Guardian Interviews</li> </ul>
March 27 Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grade 12 AU Visual Arts Show at Flato Theatre</li> </ul>

## MARCH BREAK & TIME CHANGE

Please be advised there are no classes between March 16th-20th, 2020. Also be advised that on Sunday March 8th, 2020 the clocks go forward one hour.



## PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEW NIGHT

Parent-Teacher Interview Night is March 26 (from 6:30 – 8:30 PM).

We will continue to use Edsby for families to book appointments.

If you have not already done so, families will need to create an Edsby account to access the online appointment scheduler for their child's teachers for Parents' Night. For help signing up for Parent-Teacher interviews, please visit <http://bit.ly/edsbyparents>.

If you have not created an account, you will receive an email from York Region District School Board in early March with instructions on how to create an Edsby account. If you do not receive the email, please check your junk mail folder to ensure you do not miss this opportunity.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact our main office. Families who do not wish to book a time online can contact the teacher directly.

### Important Timelines:

<b>Early March</b>	Parents/guardians to create Edsby accounts (if they have not done so)
<b>March 12</b>	Interim Report Cards sent home
<b>March 13</b>	Parents' Night schedule opens for booking. An invitation to book appointments will be sent to your Edsby inbox with a notification to your email.
<b>March 25</b>	Interview Scheduler closes at 4 PM
<b>March 26</b>	Parents' Night (6:30 PM - 8:30 PM)



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Dear families,

I am writing to share an update from York Region public health on the COVID-19 respiratory virus. We know that many families continue to feel some anxiety about this illness. It is important to note that Public health continues to assure us that the risk of acquiring the virus in York Region and Ontario remains low.

York Region public health has provided updated information and we encourage all parents to review the public health website [www.york.ca/covid19](http://www.york.ca/covid19) for a full list of updates.

It is important for us to highlight certain updates, including advice for returning travellers. If you have travelled outside Canada, please monitor your health for fever, cough and difficulty breathing for 14 days after you arrive in Canada. If you have these symptoms, please call public health, they will provide advice on what you should do.

As advised by the Government of Canada, if you have travelled to Hubei province, China, or Iran in the last 14 days, limit your contact with others for a total of 14 days, starting the day you began your journey to Canada. This means self-isolate and **stay at home**. In addition, contact York Region public health within 24 hours of arriving in Canada. All travellers are advised to monitor themselves for symptoms and to contact the local public health authority in their province or territory if they feel sick.

Families are encouraged to continue reinforcing the important preventive measures during cold and influenza season, including:

- Staying home if you are ill.
- Washing your hands frequently and thoroughly.
- Not touching your face.
- Covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, elbow or sleeve.
- Visit your doctor or pharmacy for your annual flu shot, if you haven't already done so.

We know that washing hands is a critical prevention measure and will be taking proactive measures. Effective immediately, elementary schools will schedule additional time during the school day to provide time for handwashing at regular and appropriate intervals. We appreciate that some schools or classrooms will already have this practice in place. We are also enhancing cleaning for high touch areas and reviewing products used to meet the advice of public health.

As we have messaged previously, at the York Region District School Board we are proud of our diversity and see this diversity as a source of strength. We know that concerns about this virus can create feelings of anxiety and concern for our families. As a caring and inclusive community, we want to ensure that we are listening to informed and accurate sources of information to avoid potential incidents of xenophobia or discrimination as a result of this virus. Making assumptions, even with positive intentions of safety, about perceived risks and requests or demands for actions different from those provided by public health authorities may be seen as demonstrating bias or racism.

As a school board, we remain in close contact with public health authorities and will continue to share information with families as requested by public health. Please continue to visit [www.york.ca/covid19](http://www.york.ca/covid19) or [www.ontario.ca/coronavirus](http://www.ontario.ca/coronavirus) regularly for up to date information.

Sincerely,

Louise Sirisko  
Director of Education

## FEBRUARY 2020 UHS NEWSLETTER

Please click the link below for our February 2020 Newsletter.

[Unionville High School - February 2020 Newsletter](#)

### 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 Monday, June 1<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.

### Alchemy 2020 - Arts Unionville Spring Collaborative Showcase

Please join us at Flato Markham Theatre for the Arts Unionville Spring Collaborative Showcase

March 10 - 7:00pm

Tickets \$14 regular adult/\$5 student, are available on School Cash Online.

### 30th ANNUAL CN TOWER CLIMB FOR NATURE

**WWF-Canada is looking for volunteers to fill a variety of positions for the upcoming 30th Annual CN Tower Climb for Nature. See the website below for more details.**

[30th Annual CN Tower Climb](#)

### ARTS UNIONVILLE EXHIBIT

The Flato Markham Theatre is exhibiting select works from the grade 12 Arts Unionville program during the month of March. The exhibit showcases the outstanding talents from our graduating class, and we welcome you to view the works in both the lower and upper galleries. This show runs simultaneously with Alchemy which falls on March 10th.

### Aquatic Leadership Program – Winter 2020

Please click [here](#) for the Aquatic Leadership Program for Winter 2020.

### English as a Second Language Classes for Adults

Classes available for registration. Please click [here](#).

### Upgrade Your Employment Skills

Upgrade your skills for employment. Please click [here](#).

### 2020 March Break Youth Engagement Program

This program is for mature students in Grades 9-12 who may be interested in Policing or working within a Police service. For more information please click [here](#).

### Ontario Educational Leadership Centre

Transformative leadership courses are available for grade 6-12 students interested in developing foundational leadership skills, making a difference in their schools and communities, and becoming agents of change. Please click the link for more Information. [OELC Leadership Courses](#).

### Direct Energy 2020

Please click the link below for the application process and questions for the Sustainability Bursary

[Sustainability Bursary](#)

## UHS CHAMBER CHOIR—THE INDIGO PROJECT

Congratulations to all the members of the UHS Chamber Choir for their sensational singing in the five performances of THE INDIGO PROJECT with the Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra this past week. It was an honour to be part of such a high-profile, professional endeavour and the students were a big hit. In total, they performed for over 4000 enthusiastic concert-goers.

Here is a sampling of the critical response:

"Tafelmusik orchestra were joined by the choirs of Earl Haig & Unionville High Schools, as well as Suba Sankaran (voice, percussion, solkattu), Trichy Sankaran (mridangam, kanjira, solkattu, voice), and Cynthia Smithers as narrator & vocalist. I've never found the juxtaposition of western & eastern so stimulating, as it seemed that at first we were going back and forth...but gradually finding a kind of middle ground where both could be present at the same time, where there was a genuine merging."

- Leslie Barcza "Barcza Blog"

"The teen singers, conducted by Ivars Taurins, were wonderful."

- Toronto Star

"A highlight of the program for me was the inclusion of choirs from Earl Haig Secondary School and Unionville High School...a stunning closing to the first half of the program."

- Toronto Concert Reviews

Many thanks to the UHS staff for your support and understanding of the students' participation in this exciting and intensive experience. Specifically, abundant thanks to Aaron Bieman, Melissa Bettio, Sara Faulkner, Maggie Ho and Jeff Wrigglesworth for their stellar chaperone work and to Reena Dudani and Patrick Belmonte for huge logistical support. It is deeply appreciated.

## No Parking Zone

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Please be advised that there is a No Parking Zone located in front of the main entrance of the school on Town Centre Boulevard. This area is for buses and for immediate picking up and dropping off only. Most importantly this is a fire route. For safety reasons we cannot have cars parked or idling in this route even if occupied by a driver or passenger. For the safety of our students, please ensure that you drive slowly through our parking areas and adhere to the one-way direction symbols. Be advised that City of Markham by-law officers will ticket vehicles that do not adhere to driving and parking rules. We thank you for your cooperation in putting student safety first.

## Winter Weather Notice

Dear Families,

As we go into the winter months, it is important that families are aware that there may be rare occasions when emergency weather events occur and we need to close all schools and Board locations.

### *Emergency winter weather*

Emergency closures will be considered when facilities 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, or cause 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 after care programs will also not operate if schools are closed. Please take the time to make plans in the event of an emergency school closure.

### *School transportation cancellations*

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

Families can use their best judgment to decide whether to send their children to school on inclement weather days. Students will not be penalized for missing school. For safety reasons, you are required to let the school know if your child will not be attending school that day.

### *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 are introducing a new communications system that will send **text messages to parents/guardians for emergency purposes only**. This includes the rare event of a school closure. Parents/guardians have the ability to opt-out of receiving text messages should they choose.

We will do our best to notify families in advance when we may be considering closing school and Board offices. Our priority continues to be the safety of our students, staff members and families. If you have any questions, please speak with your school principal.

Transportation cancellations or school closures will also continue to be communicated through:

Student Transportation Services website: [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com)

Student Transportation Hotline: 1-877-330-3001

Board website 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](http://www.yrdsb.ca).

Sincerely,



Louise Sirisko Director of Education

## DREAM YORK EVENT

The YRDSB in partnership with Build a Dream is hosting the Dream York event for parents/guardians and **young women in grades 7-12!** This exciting evening event is a free career expo that will highlight opportunities in a number of careers to better assist young women in making career choices. Please consider sharing this opportunity with your students and their parents/guardians who we hope to see at DreamYork **Career Discovery Expo** on Wednesday May 6<sup>th</sup> at Le Parc Conference Centre, 8432 Leslie Street, Thornhill. Promotional materials for communication purposes and event registration are available through the BWW Upcoming Events & Deadlines. Please note space is limited for this event.

**This event will highlight careers in:**

**Skilled Trades**

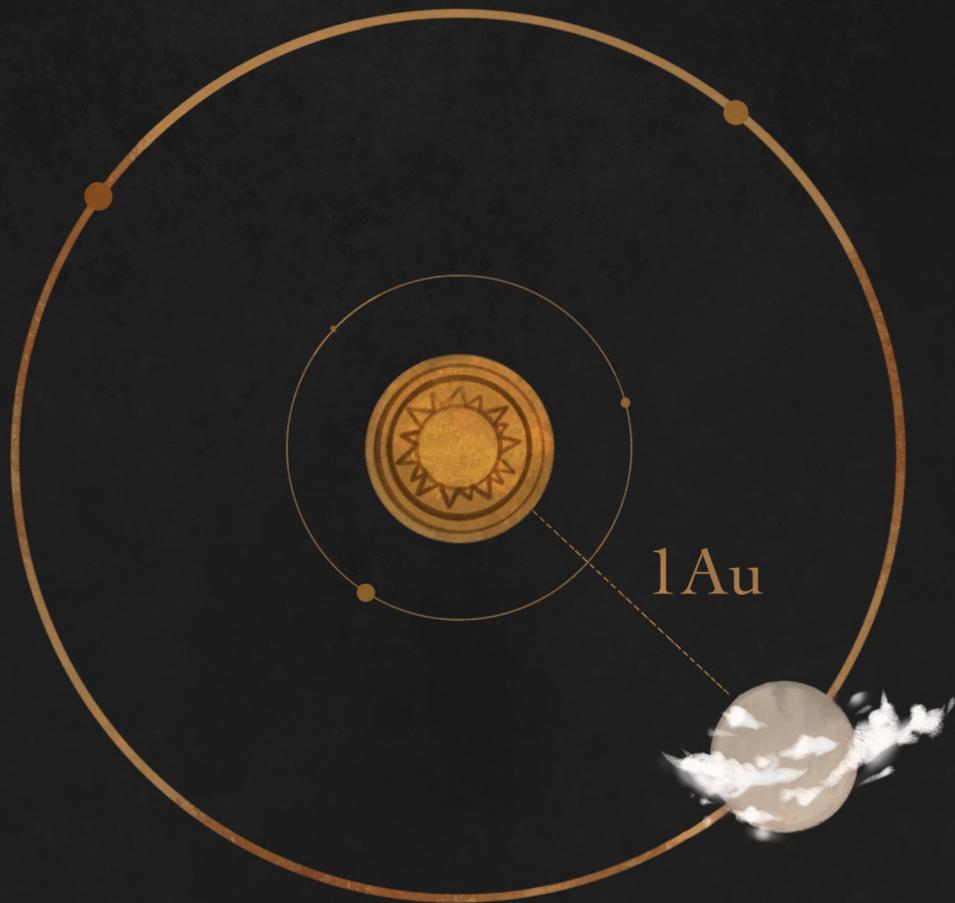
**STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)**

**Emergency Responders**

**Entrepreneurship**

**Advancing Women**

# Alchemy



FLATO Markham Theatre  
2020/3/10 7:00 pm

\$5 for UHS students  
\$14 for general admission  
Tickets on School Cash Online