



# Unionville High School Weekly Parent Bulletin

**Friday, May 12, 2023**

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## Character Matters Trait of the Month: Perseverance

“Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do.” - Pele

### Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
MONDAY, MAY 22	Victoria Day (No Classes)
THURSDAY, JUNE 1	UHS Prom
JUNE 14 - 16	EQAO Math
FRIDAY, JUNE 16	Last day for Grade 12 Classes
MONDAY, JUNE 19	Grade 12 Exams Begin
TUESDAY, JUNE 20	Last Day for Grade 9-11 Classes
JUNE 21	Grade 9-11 Exams Begin
TUESDAY, JUNE 27	Graduation
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28	Exam Review Day
THURSDAY, JUNE 29	Eid-ul-Adha
FRIDAY, JUNE 30	P.A. DAY (No Classes)

### Culminating/Exam Dates

The last day of Grade 12 classes is Friday, June 16.

Grade 12 exams begin on Monday, June 19 and run until Friday, June 23.

The last day of classes for Grades 9, 10, and 11 is Tuesday, June 20.

Exams for grades 9, 10 and 11 begin on Wednesday, June 21 and run until Tuesday, June 27.

Grade 12 exams begin early to ensure that all grade 12 marks are submitted prior to graduation.

All students are expected to be present for their culminating/exam tasks taking place during the exam schedule.

A detailed period-by-day exam schedule will be shared in the coming weeks.

June 28 is exam review day. Attendance is taken on this day. This day is usually run as a condensed schedule (i.e. shortened periods) where students have the opportunity to see their final culminating/exam task results.

### From This Week's Communication

[Celebrating East-Asian Heritage and Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Chinese Exclusion Act](#)

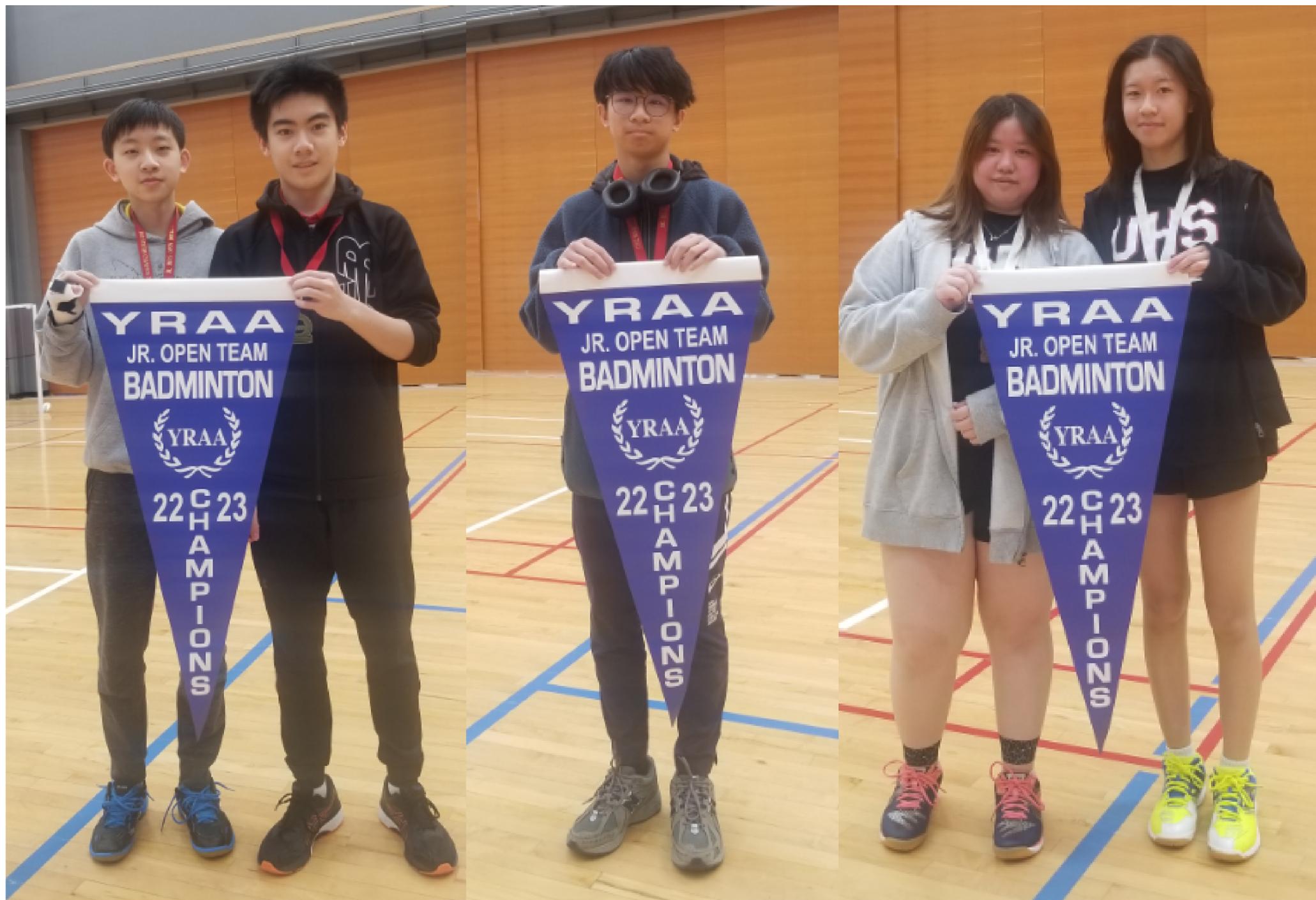
[Nurturing Your Teen's Emotional Well Being - Pro Grant Workshop](#)

[Parent/Caregiver Mental Health Workshop Supporting Students of the Tamil Diaspora](#)

[Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter - June 2023](#)

## YRAA Junior Open Team Badminton Champs!

On **Tuesday, May 2, 2023**, 7 of our athletes represented our school at the YRAA badminton tournament. They played against top players across York Region at the Markham Pan Am Centre! Each athlete won a medal in their respective divisions. Congratulations goes out to Isabella Wong and Ianna Sinn for coming in third in the girls double open division; and Kenzo Yam for coming in second in the boys doubles high school division. Two extra special congratulations go out to Yuet Lam (Edwin) Chan for finishing first in the boys singles open division; and Kenneth Chen and Ricky Tao for finishing first in the boys doubles open division. These three athletes were undefeated during the entire season! One last huge congratulations goes out to the entire team for taking home the Junior Open Badminton banner!



## Mayfair - Wednesday, May 17, 2023

We are pleased to announce that there will be a variety of food trucks, clubs and councils booths/activities as well as a FREE surprise for staff & students. Please be reminded that this is an event for UHS students and staff only.

The modified schedule for Mayfair is as follows:

Period	Time
1	8:25am – 9:25am
3	9:30am – 10:30am
2	10:35am – 11:35am
<b>MAYFAIR</b>	11:40am – 12:55pm
4	1:00pm – 2:00pm
5	2:05pm – 3:05pm

As a reminder, the parking lot by the Warden fields will be blocked off for the day. Please park in the main parking lot.

## Grade 12: An Important Message About Your GAPPS Account:

This is a message for all Graduates and any student leaving YRDSB at the end of *June, 2023*. Students who wish to keep work that has been saved on the YRDSB Google Drive (GAPPS account) will need to download it as soon as possible - **no later than the end of July 2023**. They will not have access to this account after this time.

Instructions on how to Download your Google Data:

1. Select the Google Apps and Services you want to export your data and documents from, and select the option to receive the file as a download via email (depending on the size of your Google account, this could take several hours). Use the .zip file option.
2. Once the Google Takeout email arrives, use the links to download your archived data and documents to the personal computer, USB/external drive and/or the personal Google Drive that you wish.
3. You can "unzip" the archives and then upload the data and documents to a new personal Google Account or use the files and documents in Microsoft Office or other applications.

Need More Help? Support resources from Google are available on [how to download your Google data](#).

## From This Week's Communication:

[Hoops Charity FREE Basketball Tournament - June 3rd](#)

[Leadership & Peer Support Credit Knowing Your Strengths to Design Your Future](#)

## Upcoming Programs at MPL:

[Walk-In Counselling Sessions](#)

[How to Feel Self Love?](#)

[Film Club](#)

[Travel to Japan Fundamentals](#)

[Employment Insurance](#)

[Digital Skills Coaching for Newcomers](#)

## Faith Accommodations for Semester 2

Please be advised of **our regular daily prayer room** during semester two:

**Central Prayer Room Location: Room 326** (With the exception of April 24, May 8 & 29, and June 19 where it will be held in room 219).

## 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](mailto:effie.kyriopoulos@yrdsb.ca)) for more information.

## 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

## Student Parking Reminders

Dear Students and Families,

Please keep in mind the following parking procedures:

*Students must reapply every semester for a new parking pass. Please note there are limited spots available for student parking.* After a student has completed the application process and **upon approval** a \$20.00 deposit is required through School Cash Online. This deposit will be refunded at the end of each semester provided that the parking pass is returned to the main office. Students are only permitted to park along the outside portables. Please refer to this [map](#) for student parking location. Students must display their parking pass clearly on their dashboard. Students are responsible for all City issued parking tickets.

**Please note: We have reached our maximum for student parking passes for the 2022-2023 school year.**

## Library Items:

May is Asian Heritage Month. This year's theme is Stories of Determination. Learn more by borrowing one of these books from the UHS Library. Click links for more information.

Freedom Swimmer by Wai Chim

Kim's Convenience by Ins Choi

The Jade Peony: A Novel by Wayson Choy

Chop Suey Nation: The Legion Cafe and Other Stories from Canada's Chinese Restaurants by Ann Hui

Obasan by Joy Kogawa

We Were Dreamers: An Immigrant Superhero Origin Story by Simu Liu

Floating City: A Novel by Kerri Sakamoto

Forgiveness: A Gift from My Grandparents by Mark Sakamoto

Be a Triangle by Lilly Singh

Do Not Say We Have Nothing: A Novel by Madeleine Thien

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.

## 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**.

## 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](#)**



## 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.

Sleep is essential in order for us to function. According to the Child Mind Institute, teenagers with developing brains need at least 9 hours of sleep every night, but studies show that about 70% of teens don't get that. Getting enough sleep every night can improve your physical and mental health.

## 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

## 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.

## Culturally Responsive Mental Health & Wellbeing Services for Students & Families

Please click [here](#) for flyer.

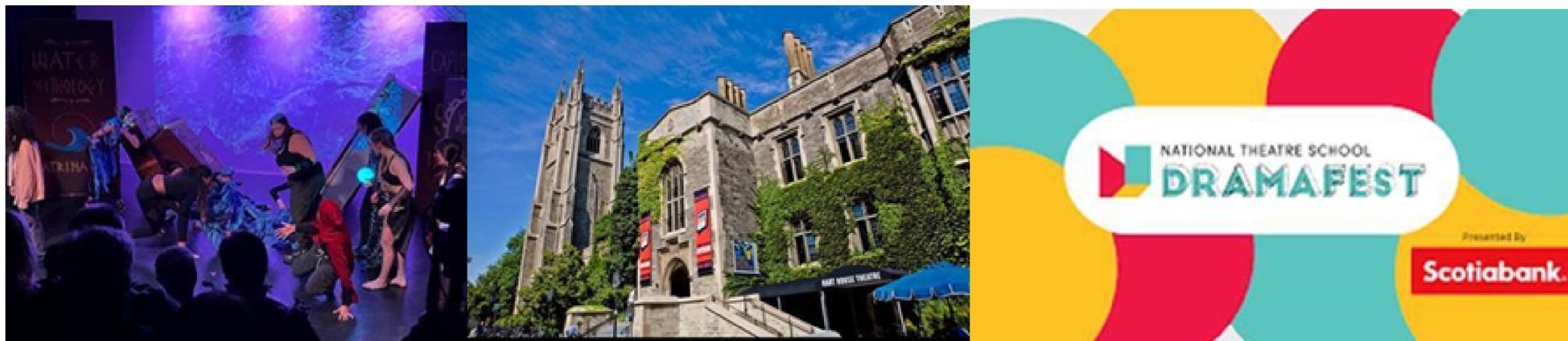
## Summer School:

Summer school registration is now open and will close **June 9th**. To register, go to My Pathway Planner and click on Continuing Education. Both in-person and online courses are offered, but are not guaranteed as they are subject to sufficient enrolment and teacher availability. Please note that students must be in the province of Ontario in order to attend any online course.

Click [here](#) for Summer School Registration Information

- 1) Log into [MyBlueprint / MyPathwayPlanner](#) using your student GAPPS login.
- 2) Click on the CONTINUING EDUCATION tab on the left column.
- 3) Click on the EXPLORE COURSES button.
- 4) You can either SEARCH for the course you wish to register for by the name or course code OR you can click on the dropdown menu at your chosen Summer School option and select your Summer School course.
- 5) Select the course you wish to register for by clicking on the button SUBMIT.
- 6) \*No Sign Off Forms are required\*

**Unionville High School's Drama Department is on the stage tomorrow at the National Theatre School DramaFest!**



## YOU'RE INVITED

Join us at the prestigious and historic Hart House Theatre on the U. of T. campus tomorrow evening 7:00pm for a special presentation of *The Last Roll*, our original award-winning student production. Over 400 schools entered a full theatrical production and only 12 remain. This is the OFSAA of Theatre. Come celebrate incredible student works and cheer them on to even more success.

**When: Saturday, May 13th**  
**Where: 7 Hart House Circle, UofT**  
**Time: 7:00PM**

For tickets: [Visit this Hart House Box Office](#)

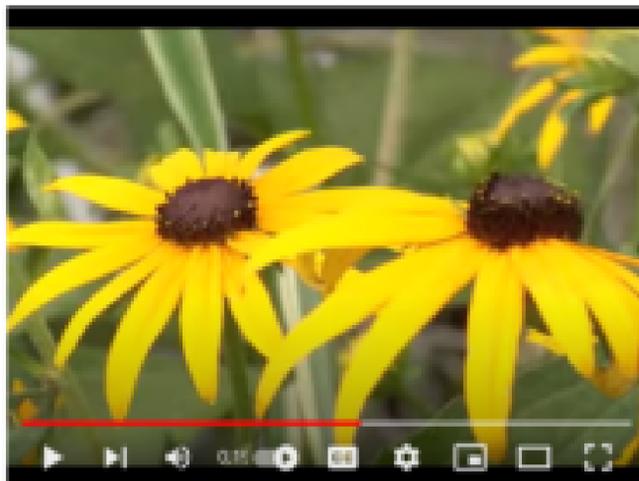
# Indigenous Education Newsletter

May 2023

## Waawaaskone Giizis

Flower Moon

The fifth moon of Creation is Flower Moon, where all plants display their Spirit sides for all the world to see. This life giving energy is one of the most powerful healing medicines on Mother Earth. During this moon we are encouraged to explore our Spiritual essences. written by Muskrat Magazine



Check out this Ojibwe Word of the Day Waabigwani-giizis. ᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭ ᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭ 'May, literally "The Flower Moon". by James Vukelich

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## What You'll Learn

### Undergraduate Programs

Pre-Medicine, Pre-Law, Engineering, Sciences, Psychology, Nursing, Business, Arts/Design, Esports, Economics, Computer Science and more!

### Scholarships

Learn about all the scholarships and financial aid available for Canadian students!

### Study Abroad

Learn about first year study abroad opportunities to Italy, Argentina, Europe, Costa Rica, Spain and Czech Republic!

### NCAA Sports

Are you a Canadian student-athlete? Join us to learn about the many sports offered by NCAA member schools!

### Meet U.S. Universities

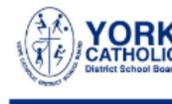
Speak to U.S. representatives about their undergraduate programs, sports, admissions process, standardized testing requirements, tuition/fees, scholarships, financial aid and more!



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WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY



## York Region U.S. University Fair

16 May 2023 | 7 PM - 9PM

Location:

Thornhill Secondary School



Scan Here to Register

Organized by: CollegeTrackr Canada



Varley Art Gallery of Markham

SCOTIABANK CONTACT PHOTOGRAPHY FESTIVAL

## LONGING BELONGING

## 100 YEARS 100 STORIES

向往与归属 百年移民故事  
嚮往與歸屬 百年移民故事

Saturday, May 13, 2023 | 2 PM to 4 PM

You are invited to the opening of Long Time No See's exhibition *Longing Belonging, 100 Years 100 Stories*.

This free public event will feature a ceremonial lion dance performance, artist tours, refreshments, and more.

Supported by the Canada Council for the Arts, the Ontario Arts Council for the Arts, the Varley-McKay Art Foundation of Markham, and the City of Markham.

Varley Art Gallery of Markham

216 Main Street Unionville, Markham

905.477.700 x3261 VarleyArtGallery.ca

Image: Long Time No See, composite from the installation, *Finding Beauty Among Ashes of Ancestors' Pain and Sorrow*, 2023.



Open to Students in grades 10-12 and their  
Parents/Guardians

# FAST TRACK

## CAREER EXPO

MAY 24, 2023

5:00 pm - 7:15 pm

Sheraton Parkway North, 600 Hwy 7, Richmond Hill



<https://yrdsb.cc/FastTrackExpoEvening>



**CAREER EXPO OPENS at 5:00 PM!**

**Exhibitors include:**

Employment Ontario Service Providers

Support Ontario Youth

College of Carpenters: Local 27

LiUNA Local 183

Landscape Ontario

Ontario Construction Careers Alliance

Weins Auto Group

Colleges

Workforce Planning Board of York Region

York Region Paramedic Unit

Richmond Hill Fire & Emergency Services

York Regional Police

Millwright Local 2309

Westlake Pipe and Fittings

Operating Engineers Training Institute.....

*and many, many MORE!*



KEY NOTE SPEAKER

**JOE MUSICCO**

Professor

Pilon School of Business

6:30 PM

Thank you to our  
Sponsors:



# DOG THERAPY

**IS BACK!!**

**Who:** St. John's Ambulance Dog Therapy program is open to all Unionville High School students and staff members, and is supported by our UHS Wellness Council volunteers.

**When:** Period 2 on Wednesday May 10th  
Period 3 on Tuesday May 16th  
Period 4 on Wednesday May 24th

**Where:** Room 350



**How can I participate?**

Just show up and the visits will be on a first-come-first-serve basis.!

# THE COME UP



## Navigating Secondary School and Beyond

2023 Summer Program

### Program overview

**The Come Up** summer program is a unique in-person course offered to self-identifying Black students in the York Region District School Board. It also includes guest speakers, field trips, lunch and swag.

**Students entering grade 9** will earn a Civics and Careers (GLC20/CHV20) credit.

**Students entering Grade 10** will earn a Black History (CHE30) credit. This credit can be used to fulfill the grade 10 compulsory history credit.

### Eligibility

- Are you entering Grade 9 or 10 in September 2023?
- Do you self-identify as Black?
- Are you a YRDSB Student?
- Are you interested in earning a high school credit?

### Dates

**July 5 - July 28, 2023 (Monday-Friday)\***

\*Attendance is mandatory for the duration of the program. Please note: Lunch will only be provided on Mondays and Wednesdays.

**8:45 a.m. - 3:35 p.m.**

**Choice of Tommy Douglas SS or Milliken Mills HS**

Registration opens April 11, 2023

**Register by May 26, 2023**



# Virtual Black Parent/Guardian Workshop Series

2023 Summer Program

Is your child a YRDSB student?  
Is your child transitioning to Grade 9 or 10?  
Is your child registered in the Come Up Program?  
Does your child self-identify as Black?

**Join us for a workshop series  
on navigating the secondary  
school system.**

**Session # 1 - Tuesday, June 27, 2023, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Understanding the Secondary System

(Structure, Rights, Policies, Attendance, Credit Recovery, IEPs and more)

**Session # 2 - Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

Supporting your Child (Mental Health Supports, Tips and Strategies)

Families of all students for the summer school program will receive registration information for the Black Parent/ Guardian Workshop Series via email once student registration is complete.



For more information email: [TheComeUP@yrdsb.ca](mailto:TheComeUP@yrdsb.ca)



# BRINGING STEM TO LIFE: WORK-INTEGRATED LEARNING PROGRAMS

*Summer  
2023*

**Are you a high school student entering Grades 11 or 12?  
Get paid while working with k2i academy on a  
STEM research project and pursuing a Grade 11 (3U) or  
Grade 12 (4C) Physics credit.**

**Students will be selected by their school board and priority will be given to  
underrepresented students in science, technology, engineering and math  
(STEM) fields including: Black and Indigenous youth, and women.**

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**ARE YOU INTERESTED? LEARN MORE HERE.**





## COMING SUMMER 2023 Nurturing Black Student Excellence in Education (NBSE)

MEET BLACK U OF T STUDENTS, STAFF  
AND ALUMNI TO DISCOVER HOW A  
BUSINESS DEGREE CAN HELP YOU  
ACHIEVE YOUR FULL POTENTIAL!

Black-identifying students from grades 9-12 are welcome.  
Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

LEARN MORE:

[nbse.utsc@utoronto.ca](mailto:nbse.utsc@utoronto.ca)

[uoft.me/nbse-utsc](http://uoft.me/nbse-utsc)



## YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES

APR- JUN 2023

## SPRING PROGRAMS



Hong Fook Youth and Family Services

Programs and services offered  
April to June 2023

[Click here](#)

## 青少年 & 家庭服务

APR- JUN 2023

## 春季 活动目录



青少年及家庭服务

活动与服务将于  
2023年4月至6月之间提供

[请点击这里](#)

### Club Info

Club Name	Contact
Architecture	<a href="#">Zach Layton</a>
Arts Council	<a href="#">Shane Clodd</a>
Artisans Club	<a href="#">Jessica Li</a>
Badminton Club	<a href="#">Jonathan Tam</a> - <a href="#">Ivan Wong</a>
Black Excellence	<a href="#">Sara Faulkner</a> - <a href="#">Zach Teitel</a> - <a href="#">Beckey Serwaa</a>
Board Games Club	<a href="#">Brooke Semoff</a>
Book Club	<a href="#">Celeste Lawton</a>
Business & Sports	<a href="#">Neil Sareen</a>

Charis Christian Club	<u>Peter Lansing</u>
Chess Club	<u>Jessica Deluca-Kurek</u>
Chinese Culture Club	<u>Shan-Chen Yu</u>
Community Council	<u>James Campbell</u>
Computer Science Club	<u>Raymond Do</u>
Cooking Club	<u>Anna DiLorenzo</u>
Dance Council	<u>Melissa Bettio - Kathleen Major</u>
Debate Club	<u>Megan Woo</u>
DECA	<u>Kuo Pan - Wes Guldemond - Neil Sareen</u>
Desi Student Association	<u>Arora Angad Singh</u>
Dramatic Arts Council	<u>Laz Geronikolos</u>
Eco-Council	<u>Michael Johnston</u>
Film Club	<u>Lauren Fridman - Shiraz Rafik - Zach Layton</u>
Gender & Sexuality Alliance	<u>Sara Faulkner - Zach Teitel</u>
Guitar Ensemble	<u>Niloufar Barazesh</u>
Historical Club	<u>Laura Fong</u>
Jazz Band	<u>Niloufar Barazesh</u>
K-Pop Club	<u>Kathleen Major</u>
Light Music Club	<u>Jennifer Porter</u>
Math Club	<u>Daniela Panacci</u>
Med Club	<u>Henry Wang</u>
Mock Trial	<u>Nathan Struk</u>
Muslim Students Association	<u>Farhan Baig</u>
Narrative Arts Club	<u>Shiraz Rafik</u>
Newcomers Club	<u>Keyan Wu - Brooke Semoff</u>
Philisophical Studies Club	<u>Laura Fong</u>
Prom Committee	<u>Zafirah Damji - Daniela Panacci - Melissa Bettio</u>
Robotics	<u>Brian Cho - Andrew Dennis Raymond Do - David De Paolis</u>
Science Club	<u>Elaine Howard - Jeffrey Chan</u>
Shalom Unionville	<u>Zach Teitel</u>
Show Choir	<u>Melissa Bettio - Julia Fong - Michelle Teh</u>
Soccer Club	<u>Mathew Himelson</u>
Social Justice Club	<u>Felicia Sukdeo - Jennifer Porter</u>
Special Events Club	<u>Zafirah Damji - Susan Sun</u>
STEM Beyond	<u>Georgina Mantelos</u>
Table Tennis Club	<u>Jeffrey Chan</u>
Tamil Students Association	<u>Sharma Sharma</u>
Target Alpha	<u>Mathew Himelson - Wes Guldemond</u>
Wellness Club	<u>Michelle Farwell</u>
Writers Club	<u>Zach Layton</u>
Unionville Howl	<u>Keyan Wu</u>
Voice Acting Club	<u>Stephanie Taylor</u>
Yoga Club	<u>Jennifer Zamperin</u>
Zoology	<u>Yiu Lun Leung - Daniel Dietrich</u>