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UNIONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

WEEKLY PARENT/GUARDIAN BULLETIN

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COMING UP@UHS



MAY

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VICTORIA DAY

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UHS MUSIC
CELEBRATION FLATO
THEATRE 7PM-9PM

SEAS - ASIAN HERITAGE
EVENT IN CAFE &
ATRIUM 6PM

"Fairness is giving all people the
treatment they earn and deserve. It
doesn't mean treating everyone alike."

– John Wooden

ARTS@UHS



*Celebrate 40 Years of Creativity
at Unionville High School
Sponsor a Pillar - Support a Legacy*

The year 2025 marks the 40th anniversary of the opening of Unionville High School, and 2026 will celebrate 40 years of the Arts Unionville program—formerly Arts York. To commemorate this milestone, Grade 12 Arts Unionville Visual Arts students will transform the school's large concrete hall pillars into a series of vibrant, original murals. [Click here](#)

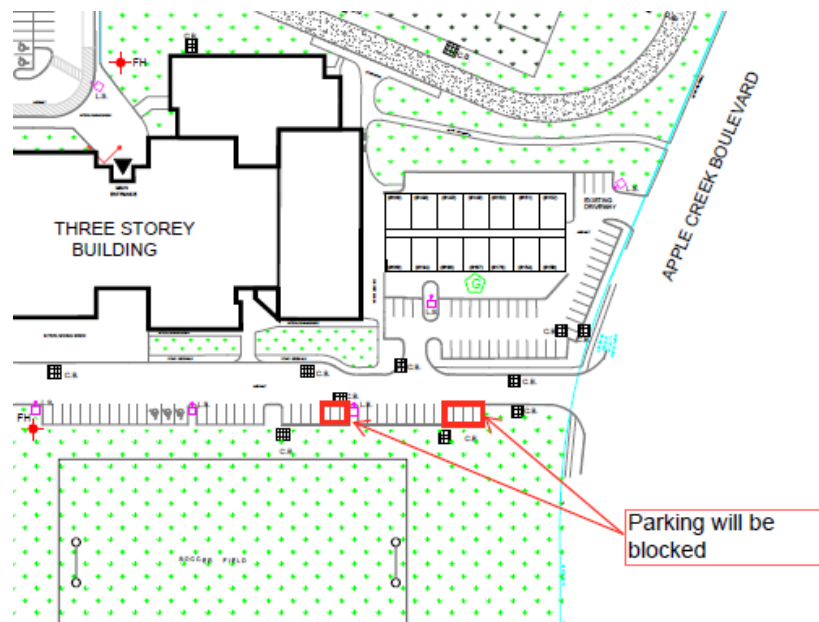
TEMPORARY PORTABLE SITE PREPARATION

Temporary Portable Site Preparation and Portable Delivery

Starting on May 20th, contractors will be at UHS to start preparing for the temporary portables. This work is expected to be completed by June 3, 2025.

The temporary portables will be in use starting September 2025 while the new portapack is under construction.

During the weeks of May 20th and May 26th, the Warden Parking Lot and Drop Off Zone will see some additional activity to prepare for the portables. Although there will be limited disruption to traffic, please be mindful of paving and construction vehicles while dropping/picking up your children at the Warden entrance.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

MUSIC@ UHS

UHS MUSIC SPRING 2025 CALENDAR

40 YEARS OF MUSIC @UHS - FLATO MARKHAM THEATRE

Sunday May 25, 2025 - 2:00pm

Tickets available at Flato Markham Theatre box office -

[Click here for details](#)



SPRING CELEBRATION II -

FLATO MARKHAM THEATRE

THURSDAY MAY 22, 2025 - 7:00PM

Featuring:

Grade 9 Concert Band, Symphonic Band,
Junior Jazz Band, Men's Chorus, Jazz Choir
Arts Unionville Strings, UHS Orchestra

Tickets (\$15/\$7) are available on School Cash Online until
May 14. Remaining adult tickets will be available through
the Flato Markham Theatre box office
<https://flatomarkhamtheatre.ca> (including additional
handling charges).

STRING THEORY

AT APPLE CREEK CHURCH

MAY 27, 2025 - 7:00PM

FREE ADMISSION

FEATURING:

Works by Copland, Mendelssohn, Manuel Ponce, Marc
Antoine Charpentier, the world premieres of three student
works and much more




GUIDANCE@UHS

Ontario's universities are excited to host the virtual Information Sessions, geared toward Grade 11 and younger students, on **Thursday, May 22, 2025, from 5 to 7 pm (ET)**.

This event is a great opportunity for students to explore their university options ahead of Grade 12 and learn more about the university application process. Students can attend up to four 30-minute sessions and watch presentations from the universities of their choice.

Registration is required. Click on link for details. <https://www.ouevents.ca/virtual/>



GRADUATION CEREMONY THURSDAY JUNE 26, 2025

Hey Graduates! Want to remember your last year at Unionville? The long-awaited Grad Hoodies for the Class of 2025 are here and available to purchase on **SchoolCashOnline** from now until **Monday, May 19 at 9:00 AM!** ★

The hoodie will be in **Navy Blue**. Below is a link to the mockup and size chart.

[LINK TO DESIGN + SIZE CHART](#)

We anticipate hoodies to arrive in early June! Don't wait until the last minute. Get them now on SCO before it's too late!"

Guidance @ UHS

Y2 LEGACY is designed with a long-term vision in mind. Ideally, students begin their LEGACY journey in the summer before Grade 9 and return each year, completing a new course annually. This pathway culminates in Grades 11 or 12 with:

- The opportunity to earn grade 12 Business Leadership university/college course and a Schulich School of Business Certificate
- The option to take a summer co-op placement with a Black-led community organization, and
- The possibility of being invited to participate in a York University course in the Fall, expanding post-secondary readiness and access.

Why Choose Y2 LEGACY?

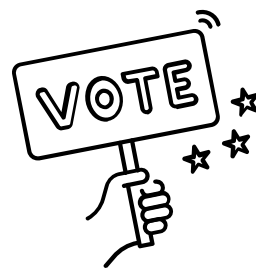
- Gain skills for a future driven by innovation, leadership, and adaptability
- Learn in an affirming, identity-centred environment that celebrates Black excellence
- Build a multi-year learning pathway that supports academic and career achievement
- Earn secondary credits while exploring post-secondary options
- Access mentorship, Black community partnerships, and university-level experiences
- Become eligible for a Schulich Certificate and Fall York University course

Program Eligibility

- TAS2O and ENG2D are open to students of all social identities and offer a chance to explore Afrocentric ways of knowing while building understanding of Black brilliance, histories, and narratives.
- DCO3C and BOH4M are exclusive to Black-identifying students, fostering a more specialized and identity-affirming experience.

For more information, please visit: Y2 Summer Program

During Period 2 on Friday, May 30th, USAC will be hosting elections for Grade Representatives for the 2025-2026 school year.



Guidance @ UHS

Summer School

YRDSB Summer School 2025

Summer School Registration opens on
Tuesday April 15th 2025.

Summer school runs from July 2nd - July
25th

There are 2 Learning Formats Offered:



1) In Person Learning

Acceleration courses will be offered in a face-to-face learning model.

Locations: Bill Hogarth SS, Bur Oak SS, Keswick HS, Maple HS, Middlefield HS, Newmarket HS, Richmond Green SS, and Thornlea SS

Full Disclosure Date for Acceleration Courses: Monday, July 21

The school day will begin at 8:45 a.m. and end at 3:33 p.m.

2) Online Learning

Online Learning Courses are specifically designed to be taught in a fully online format (hours are flexible, however, students should be completing about 6 hours of work/day). Online learning relies on communication between pupils and teacher. Online learning does not require pupils and teachers to be face-to-face with each other. Classes occur online using an asynchronous model, with synchronous check-in opportunities with the teacher. The learning platform is Brightspace by D2L.

MyBlueprint/My Pathway instructions are outlined here:



Summer School Course Offerings/Locations can be found here:



General Summer School Info can be found here:



EVENTS@ UHS

Tuesday, May 20th to
Tuesday May 27th

Spring Spirit Week

USAC is excited to announce that we will be hosting Spring Spirit Week from Tuesday, May 20th to Tuesday, May 27th. We would love for the UHS community to participate and dress up! Please see the dates and themes below:



Tuesday, May 20th - Twin Day

- Dress identically with someone else, or coordinate as a group. Head to the atrium during periods 2, 3 and 4 for a special activity! You and your twin will be asked 3 questions by USAC Reps to test how well you really know each other. Answer correctly and win candy! Bring your twin and your brain to see how in sync you really are!

Wednesday, May 21st - Teacher-Student Day

- Students will dress up as teachers, and teachers will dress up as students!
- During periods 2-4, students will write sticky notes with kind messages to teachers in the atrium.

Thursday, May 22nd - Throwback Thursday

- Dress up in the style of your favourite decade.
- Come to the atrium for a music jeopardy game! Test your knowledge on songs from different decades to win candy. The more you know, the more candy you can win. It's time to show off your fashion and music taste!

Friday, May 23rd - Pajama Day

- Come to school in your coziest pjs or sleepwear for Pajama Friday!
- In the atrium during periods 2-4, write your hopes, dreams and advice on sticky notes for our Dream Wall.

Monday, May 26th - Sports Day

- Come dressed in jerseys or sport uniforms.
- The bonus activity is a Ticket Scavenger Hunt for Spring Fest! There will be free Tickets for Spring Fest Activities. Tickets will be placed in plastic eggs hidden around the school.

Tuesday, May 27th - Spring Fest

- Enjoy Spring Fest from 11:35 am to 12:55 pm, with food trucks, inflatables, and activities run by clubs and councils!

SPECIAL EDUCATION @UHS

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Assistance for Special Education extends beyond High School in both College and University. Access to Special Education services in College and University is **very different than high school**, after accepting a program students must **self advocate** and **register themselves** with the appropriate offices **AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE**.

Once your child has received their acceptance and indicated they will attend they should be reaching out to the College or University right away! **DO NOT leave it until the fall** as doing so could leave them without accommodations in their first semester!

Colleges and Universities **require students to provide copies** of relevant documents (IEP, psycho-educational assessments, medical documentation, etc.). In some cases additional documents or testing may be requested.



The **language** used in Post Secondary institutions also differs greatly from high school, there are no IEPs (Individual Education Plans) and instead students are provided **Letters of Accommodation** that they must share with their Instructors and Professors. The accommodations provided at the College and University level may be significantly different than those received in high school.



There are **programs offered the summer before students start** at some institutions to help students transition to post secondary and gain an understanding of how Special Education services will work for them.

To learn more about how to access services at the Colleges and Universities your child is interested in or attending please visit: <http://www.transitionresourceguide.ca>

MERCH @ UHS



Interested in buying some UHS merch?

This is your chance to buy unique UHS merch that was first released in semester one.

This school merchandise, designed by Nicole Z. and Holly W., is created to showcase your school spirit. Hoodies are unisex sizing and available in three different colours, with an option to personalize with your name for an additional fee. Buy your sweater today and rep UHS.

Links to designs:

- Maroon Sweater:
- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1LfXkpiYXlv2fUGTdvyYBMmgn6oM7uXXP/view?usp=drivesdk>
- Grey Sweater:
- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bK-YPOPT30-WujHXIEmwNAf1Dswm8Ap-/view?usp=drivesdk>
- Black Sweater:
- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/16JgbCss5hFT2ZEZQdiS8TiOsFKvcCQX1/view?usp=drivesdk>

Sweater design is silk screened. Wanting customization? Please fill out form by May 20, 2025:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScPsoCcg83JF-s-exG4SM3hWQ02iQGtOEPVhNh0TM7DBhjkjA/viewform>

OPPORTUNITIES @UHS

WEBINAR

SMHO is offering a free, 5-part webinar series designed to help parents and caregivers navigate important topics related to substance use and addictive behaviors. They will provide insights and practical strategies on:

The intersection of addictions and mental health

Recognizing signs of substance use and addictive behaviours

How to talk about substance use at home

Current trends in student substance use in Ontario – What parents/caregiver need to know

Technology overuse and problematic gaming

Dates are April 22, May 7, May 14, May 22, more dates to follow.

They can sign up here: [Supporting Your Child's Well-being: Free webinars for parents/caregivers Registration | Eventbrite](#)



STUDENT SIN & SUMMER JOB BANK CLINIC SPRING 2025

[Click here](#)

REENA'S SET PROGRAM - NEW SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

[Click here](#)

EAST ASIAN HERITAGE CELEBRATION: HONORING CULTURE, BUILDING CONNECTIONS

Everyone is welcome to join us for an exciting and vibrant celebration of East Asian cultures!

East Asian Heritage Celebration: Honoring Culture, Building Connections event on Thursday, May 22nd, 2025, from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at Unionville High School, 201 Town Centre Blvd, Markham, ON L3R 8G5. This event is co-hosted by YRDSB Inclusive Schools & Community Services (ISCS), Community and Partnership Developer Team and Affinity Group Supporting East Asian Students (SEAS) in collaboration with multiple community members. [Click here](#)



WELLNESS @UHS

Dear Families

The Ontario Ministry of Education released [Policy/Program Memorandum 128](#) in the fall of 2024, which included a directive to school boards to set out enforcement mechanisms to address the possession, use and provision of tobacco, electronic cigarettes, nicotine products, recreational cannabis, alcohol and illegal drugs. In support of a comprehensive approach, we are pleased to announce that in the coming months, vape-detecting devices will be installed at all YRDSB secondary schools.

Our schools continue to provide education and support regarding the harmful impact of these products. Please see resources listed below.

Resources for Families

QUASH
A Logical Plan for Quitting

free smoking and vaping cessation app (co-designed by youth for youth)

School Mental Health Ontario
Vaping: What you need to know

general information about vaping; outlines important facts, associated risks, and additional resources to support educators/families in having informed conversations with students

York Region Public Health (YRPH)
Vape Facts: What You Need to Know

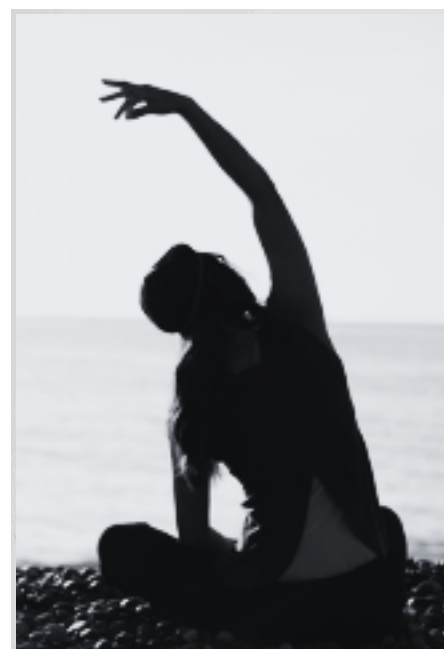
a website containing YRPH anti-vaping campaign videos and vaping facts

Vaping and E-Cigarettes

a website continuing YRPH information on vaping and health risks

Canadian Lung Association
How to Talk to Your Child About Vaping

a pdf guide for parents about talking with your child about vaping and the risks



GOOD READS @UHS

May is mental health awareness month. Learn more by borrowing one of these great titles. These books and many more are available in your UHS Library.

Teen Guide to Managing Mental Health
by James Roland

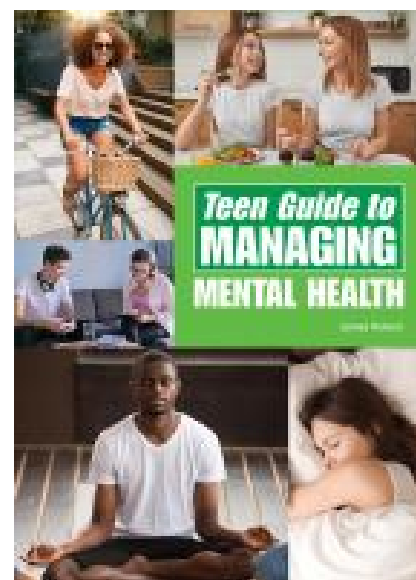
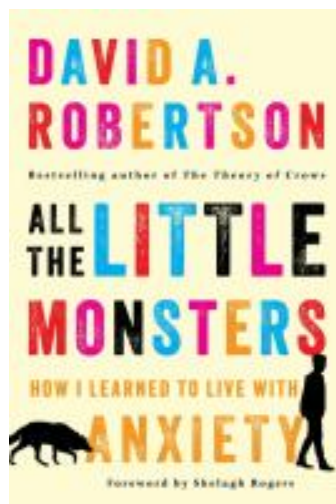
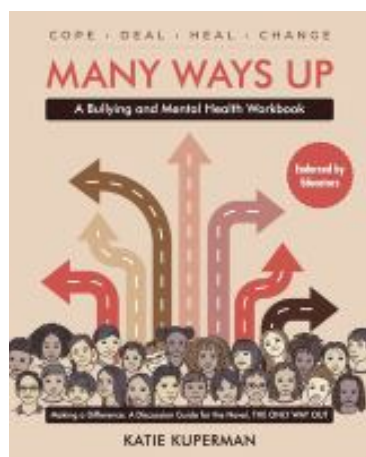
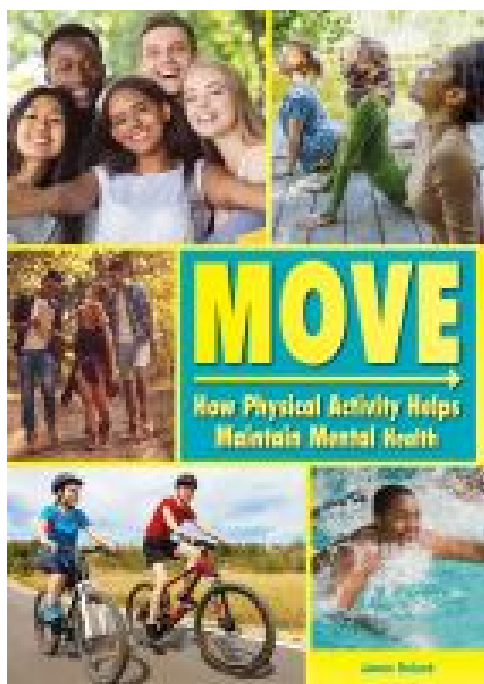
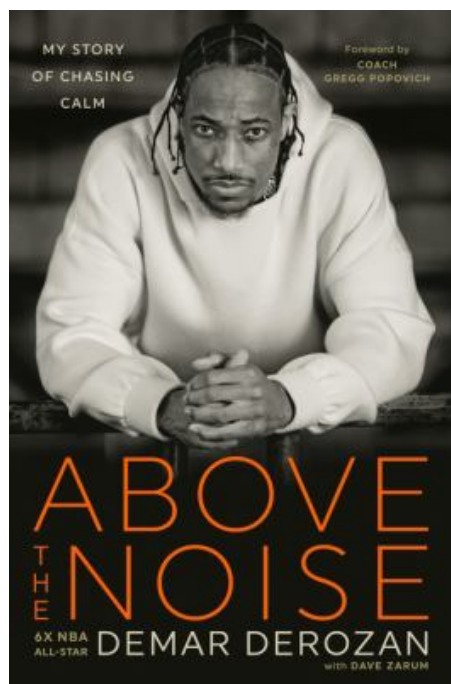
Many Ways Up: A Bullying and Mental Health Workbook
by Katie Kuperman

Move: How Physical Activity Helps Maintain Mental Health
by James Roland

Reach Out: Tips for Helping Someone in Crisis
by Jill C. Wheeler

All the Little Monsters: How I Learned to Live with Anxiety
by David Robertson

Above the Noise: My Story of Chasing Calm
by DeMar DeRozan





All YRDSB schools are now using School Cash Online as an online payment system. School Cash Online is an easy, safe and convenient way for families to pay online for extracurricular items or events, including yearbooks and field trips. It helps to reduce paper and the amount of cash/cheques handled by parents and students. Families may make payments using School Cash Online, or by cash or cheque.

How do I access the tool?

You can register for School Cash Online at any time by visiting the website. Once you are registered, you will be notified of any new items available for your child. How do I register? Please click here for instructions.



HEALTHY DEMOCRACY STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD

Application Deadline: June 6, 2025, at 11:59 p.m.

Selection Criteria:

- Commitment to civic engagement and the importance of local governments
- Diversity of leadership and perspective
- Community involvement
- Social identity, socio-economic status or other factors

Open to all graduating OPSBA-member English public school and school authority students.

APPLY NOW

www.opsba.org

EXTRAS @UHS



YORK REGION VOLLEYBALL PRESENTS SPRING HOUSE LEAGUE

APRIL 6 – JUNE 8, 2025

- Learn volleying, passing, hitting, and serving
- Develop skills through games and activities
- Play in a non-competitive environment that makes learning FUN!

\$240 (+tax)

What to Expect:

- Skill development + modified games for every session
- Using kid-friendly equipment for confidence and success!

8 weeks on Sundays

Session 1: 9am – 10:30am | 8 – 10 years old
Session 2: 10:30am – 12pm | 12 – 15 years old
Session 3: 12pm – 1:30pm | 8 – 10 years old
Session 4: 1:30pm – 3pm | 12 – 15 years old

Location:
 St. Elizabeth Catholic High School
 925 New Westminister Dr. Thornhill, ON L4J 1K3

www.yorkregionvolleyball.ca | yorkregionvolleyball.ca
 (416) 738-8071 | info@yorkregionvolleyball.ca

40 YEARS OF MUSIC @ UHS!



Join the UHS Music community of past and present to celebrate 40 years of excellent music making!

Sunday May 25, 2025 - 2:00pm

at
Flato Markham Theatre

Featuring current ensembles with special guest alumni and teachers performing our favourites, including music composed by UHS Music graduates.

Reserve your tickets today at the **Flato Markham Theatre** Box Office

We want to hear from you. If you have a favourite memory, piece of music, story, or special thought about your time with UHS Music, please consider sharing it here.

Exciting new! Cait Nihimura (UHS 2009) has been commissioned to compose a piece of music in celebration of 40 Years of Music at UHS. The piece will feature all performing disciplines: Band, Choir, Strings and Piano and will be premiered at the concert on May 25, 2025. Join the consortium membership and support this world premiere performance. Consortium members will have their name appear in the introductory material of the score as well as the program for the concert.

Become a Consortium Member:
 up to \$50 = Ensemble
 \$50 - \$100 = Principal
 \$100 - \$200 = Conductor
 over \$200 = Artistic Director


caitn@niharum.com

Joining is simple. Create an account (for tax receipts) on 55266.SchoolCafe.Ontario.ca. Once registered, click "I don't want to add a student" and then click "Make a Donation". Select your amount and choose "Innovative High School" under "Destination". Tap. Tribute information and type "40 Years of Music at UHS" under "Message to the Board". Once complete, please consider sending an email jeffwigglesworth@yhsb.ca so we can confirm receipt of your generous donation. Tax receipts will be sent immediately. Thank you for supporting new music at UHS.

Please contact Jeff Wigglesworth - Head of Music jeffwigglesworth@yhsb.ca with any questions or ideas.

Music For more UHS Music updates & photos, visit: yhsb.ca/music

Healthy Democracy Award Flyer



2025 Healthy Democracy Student Leadership Award

Central East Region of the Ontario Public School Boards' Association

Background Information
 The Healthy Democracy Student Leadership Award, a partnership between the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA), is being awarded in the amount of \$1,000 to one graduating English public school student in each of OPSBA's five regions. Scholarship recipients are students with strong leadership skills and potential, who care deeply about their communities and furthering their own learning.

Eligible Students

- ☐ A Canadian citizen or permanent resident
- ☐ In good standing with the secondary school
- ☐ Entering a post-secondary program (e.g., university, college, apprenticeship, etc.) within Ontario in 2025
- ☐ Graduating from a secondary school within one of the eligible school boards or school authority within the Central East Region.

Eligible School Boards and Authorities

- Blooreview School Authority
- Durham District School Board
- Grandview School Authority
- Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board
- The Protestant Separate School Board of the Town of Peterborough
- Simcoe County District School Board
- Toronto District School Board
- Trillium Lakeland District School Board
- York Region District School Board

Selection Criteria

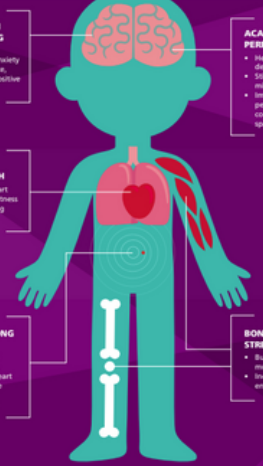
- ☐ A demonstrated commitment to civic engagement and the importance of local governments in Ontario's political system
- ☐ Diversity of leadership and perspective
- ☐ Community involvement such as volunteering, athletics, and extra-curricular activities, including within a First Nation, Métis or Inuit community
- ☐ Social identity, socio-economic status or other factors unique to each student's achievements and the opportunities available to them

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LET'S GET Walking!

Walking is a natural and easy form of physical activity that can be enjoyed by most children. It's a great way for children to meet The Canadian 24-Hour Movement Guidelines.



MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

- Reduces stress, depression and anxiety
- Increases confidence, well-being and positive mental health

HEART AND LUNG HEALTH

- Improves heart health and fitness
- Increases lung capacity

PROMOTING LONG TERM HEALTH

- Reduces risk for type 2 diabetes, osteoporosis, heart and lung disease
- Strengthens immune system

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

- Healthy brain development
- Stimulates the body and mind
- Improves academic performance: better concentration, attention span, memory and focus

BONE AND MUSCLE STRENGTH

- Builds stronger muscles and bones
- Increases muscle endurance

STAY ACTIVE Walk to school or enjoy nature on park or forest trails. Make it fun by walking with others – try a walking challenge or mindful walking. Let's build healthy kids and get walking!

PUBLIC HEALTH
york.ca/HealthyKids

2024-05-08
 York Region

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YRDSB @UHS



Senior Assassin YRP Press Release

Dear Parents/Guardians,
We want to make you aware of a game that is currently being played by Grade 12 students across York region, "Senior Assassin." This is not approved or supported by YRDSB and appropriate measures will be put in place, including potential discipline for those engaged in the activity. York Regional Police has shared a [press release](#) outlining important information and considerations for youth and families.



VICTIMS OF CRIME WEEK

Parents, caregivers, guardians, community members and youth 11+ are welcome to attend the 3rd Annual Anti-Human Trafficking Conference in York Region.

Join us at Seneca Polytechnic College King Campus on May 13 and 14, 2025 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. for an evening of learning, networking, and collaboration in the fight against human trafficking.

[Registration for the 3rd Annual York Region Anti-Human Trafficking Conference.](#)

ASIAN AND SOUTH ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH

YRDSB takes pride in recognizing Asian and South Asian Heritage Month annually in May. This month provides a vital opportunity to explore, understand, and affirm the rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories of Canadians of Asian descent. YRDSB is committed to provide learning about the social, ethnic, cultural, and religious diversity and histories of Canadians of Asian descent and honour their ongoing contributions to Canada.

Community Events:

A Seat At The Table Art Exhibition on May 15, 2025; 4pm @ Markham Civic Centre.
East Asian Heritage Celebration: Honoring Culture, Building Connections Thursday, May 22nd, 2025 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to join us for an exciting and vibrant celebration of East Asian cultures!

Unionville High School, 201 Town Centre Blvd, Markham, ON L3R 8G5
Please click [East Asian Heritage Celebration 2025](#) or scan the QR code to register
For additional inquiries, please contact: iscs@yrdsb.ca



PRIDE MONTH FLAG RAISING



On Monday, June 2, 2025, YRDSB will be hosting our annual Pride flag raising at the Education Centre in Aurora.

The flag raising will begin at 10:45 a.m. and will be roughly 30 minutes in length.

All staff who are able to are welcome to attend to help begin our Pride month celebrations.

If you are interested in attending, please speak with your administrator.

Canada Summer Job 2025

Now Hiring!

- Camp Counsellor
- Web Developer
- Digital Marketing Coordinator
- Volunteer Manager
- Community organizer

8-Week Paid Positions Available Starting April 28 or June 30 in Toronto, Peel Region, York Region, Vancouver, or Remote



Applications are reviewed on an ongoing basis until spots are filled.

Apply Today:
yorkeducation.org/join-us

UP COMING@UHS



JUNE

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**DOG THERAPY 10AM-11AM
ROOM 350**

**AU ARTS JAZZ
CAFE 6PM-8PM**

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**UHS PROM 2025
PARADISE BANQUET HALL
5:30PM-10:30PM**

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**MUSIC BANQUET
ALL NATIONS EVENTS CENTRE
6PM- 10PM**