



Unionville High School Weekly Parent Bulletin

Friday, May 19, 2023

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Character Matters Trait of the Month: Perseverance

“Many of life’s failures are people who did not realise how close they were to success when they gave up.”
– Thomas Edison

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.

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.

Monday, June 19	Grade 12 Period 3 – start times vary
Tuesday, June 20	Grade 12 Period 4 - start times vary
Wednesday, June 21	Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 - Period 5 - 9:00 AM
Thursday, June 22	Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 – Period 1 – 9:00 AM
Friday, June 23	Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 – Period 2 – 9:00 AM
Monday, June 26	Grades 9, 10, 11 – Period 3 – 9:00 AM
Tuesday, June 27	Grades 9, 10, 11 – Period 4 – 9:00 AM

SHSM Launch

Students interested in learning more about the Specialist High Skills Major Program (SHSM) are invited to attend an informational session on **Wednesday May 31st** in the Library during Period 4 (12:30pm - 1:45pm). Specialist High Skills Majors (SHSM) allow students to focus on a career path that matches their skills and interests while meeting the requirements of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). Registration is free and pizza will be provided! Register on [School Cash Online](#) as soon as possible as spaces are limited! Maximum space capacity = 80 students. Deadline to register is on **Monday May 29th at 12:00pm**

Event: Grade 10 SHSM Informational Session

Date: Wednesday May 31, 2023

Time: 12:30pm - 1:45pm (Period 4)

Location: UHS Library

Cost: \$0.00 (Free)

The Come Up - Black Internship Program

The Come Up, in partnership with York University, presents the Black Internship Program. This program is designed to develop leadership skills for Black students and increase education engagement through skills development, experiential learning, and credit accumulation.

Students will be paid, earn 1 Coop credit, and receive a Leadership certification from York University.

When: July 5 - July 28, Monday to Friday

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

Location: York University

Eligibility: (must meet all criteria) :

- Are you a YRDSB student?
- Do you identify as Black?
- Are you entering grade 11 in September 2023?
- Do you have a SIN number?

This program enables students to:

- Customize their secondary school education to suit their interests and skills
- Learn in a safe, supportive and Black affirming environment with like-minded staff and peers
- Explore and refine their academic & career goals
- Earn an co-op credit
- Engage in experiential & community based learning while getting paid

Registration opens **April 11, 2023** and closes **May 26, 2023**

[Registration Form](#)

Space is limited.

From This Week's Communication:

[Applications are open for new Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee \(PEAC\) Members](#)
[Student Mental Health and Additions Newsletter May 2023](#)

[Tune In YRDSB Podcast episode: Standing in the Doorway.](#)

Upcoming Programs at MPL:

How to Apply for Canadian Citizenship (in Mandarin) - [Thurs | May 25 | 10 AM | ZOOM](#)

Assertive Parenting: When to Say Yes or No - [Tues | May 23 | 1 PM | ZOOM](#)

How to Combat Inflation and Protect What's Most Important to You - [Wed | May 24 | 6 PM | ZOOM](#)

The Power of Positivity - [Thurs | May 25 | 5 PM | ZOOM](#)

How to Write a Winning Resume that Gets Results - [Mon | May 29 | 6:30 PM | ZOOM](#)

How to Excel in Your Job - [Tues | May 30 | 6:30 PM | ZOOM](#)

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.

Library Items:

May is Jewish Heritage Month. Celebrate by viewing one of these [free streaming films](#) (click link) from the National Film Board of Canada that "celebrate the important contributions that Jewish Canadians have made to Canada's social, economic, political and cultural fabric." (NFB)

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) 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.

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](#)



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.

The online world of social media can be a fun, but dangerous place. Sometimes, an overuse of social media can lead to someone to lose their sense of reality, which can result in anxiety, depression or even impulsivity. It is important to remember to take regular breaks from technology and avoid harmful content that can affect your mental health.

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](#).

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*



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

uoft.me/nbse-utsc



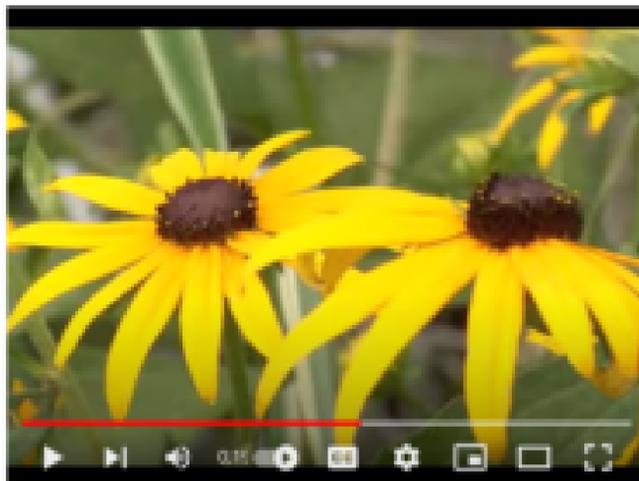
Indigenous Education Newsletter

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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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>



KEY NOTE SPEAKER

JOE MUSICCO
Professor
Pilon School of Business
6:30 PM

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!

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.!



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



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.**

ARE YOU INTERESTED? LEARN MORE HERE.



YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES

APR- JUN 2023

SPRING PROGRAMS



青少年 & 家庭服务

APR- JUN 2023

春季活动目录



Hong Fook Youth and Family Services

Programs and services offered
April to June 2023

[Click here](#)

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	Zach Layton
Arts Council	Shane Clodd
Artisans Club	Jessica Li
Badminton Club	Jonathan Tam - Ivan Wong
Black Excellence	Sara Faulkner - Zach Teitel - Beckey Serwaa
Board Games Club	Brooke Semoff
Book Club	Celeste Lawton
Business & Sports	Neil Sareen
Charis Christian Club	Peter Lansing
Chess Club	Jessica Deluca-Kurek
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
Debate Club	Megan Woo
DECA	Kuo Pan - Wes Guldmond - Neil Sareen
Desi Student Association	Arora Angad Singh

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>
Philosophical 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 Guldemand</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>