

# Unionville High School Weekly Parent Bulletin

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#### TECH REQUEST FORM - 2022-2023

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**GUIDANCE UPDATES** 

#### **Character Matters Trait of the Month: Perseverance**

"Fall seven times and stand up eight." – Japanese Proverb

#### **Upcoming Events**

DATE	EVENT
TUESDAY, MAY 30	AU Strings Concert
THURSDAY, JUNE 1	UHS Prom
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7	Arts Show Jazz Cafe
THURSDAY, JUNE 8	AU Drama Performance Athletic Banquet
MONDAY, JUNE 12	AU Music Banquet
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14	AU Celebration
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
WEDNESDAY, 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)
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#### **Annual Spring Showcase:**

UHS Music Presents our annual String Showcase featuring AU Strings, Core String Ensembles and UHS Symphony Orchestra. **Tuesday, May 30, 2023 - 7:00pm at Apple Creek Church** (700 Apple Creek Blvd. across from the school) Performances include Beethoven's Symphony No. 7 in A Major with works by Debussy, Mozart and student compositions. Admission is FREE! Hope to see you there.

#### **Grade 11 Post Secondary Application and Scholarship Workshop**

As a Grade 11 student, do you want information about how to apply for university or colleges? Do you need help knowing your options and how to prepare? On **Monday, May 29th**, all Grade 11 students are invited and encouraged to attend post - secondary and scholarship Information sessions in the Library! Please only attend during your lunch period, as sessions will be offered all periods throughout the day.



#### **OFSAA Winners**

Huge congratulations to Chloe Choi and Jasmine Shi for winning OFSAA girls doubles in the open division. They competed on May 11-13 in Port Hope against the best high school badminton players in the province. Both Chloe and Jasmine qualified for OFSAA when they won YRAA back in April 2023. They were also the reigning YRAA champions from last year and held onto that title by defending it and winning it again.

#### From This Week's Communication:

Promoting Racial Literacy Parent Workshop Flyer

#### **Upcoming Programs at MPL:**

Book Discussion: How Beautiful We Were - Sat | May 27 | 1:30 PM | Milliken Mills

Parent & Baby Yoga Fun - Mon | May 29 | 12 PM | Unionville

Resume & Interview Workshops - May 29 & 30 | 6:30 PM | ZOOM

Emotions and Expressions - Mon | May 29 | 7 PM | Thornhill C.C.

Eating Well with Diabetes - Wed | May 31 | 3 PM | Cornell

Tips and Fun with Math (Grades 1-2) - Wed | May 31 | 4:30 PM | ZOOM

2SLGBTQ+ History & Trivia - Thurs | June 1 | 7 PM | ZOOM

#### **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



#### Prom 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our Unionville High School prom will be taking place this **Thursday, June 1, 2023** from **5:30pm to 10:30pm** at **Paradise Banquet Hall** (7601 Jane St, Concord, ON L4K 1X2). Please ensure your child has their ride ready for **10:30pm**. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Damji at zafirah.damji@yrdsb.ca.

#### **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 <u>School Cash Online</u> 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)

#### **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 <u>Asian Heritage</u> and <u>Jewish Heritage</u> month. Click those links to borrow some great books from the Markham Public Library. Did you know that if you live, work or attend school in Markham you are eligible for a Markham Public Library card? Click this <u>link</u> to sign up free for an ecard!

#### 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 May 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: <a href="https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca">https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca</a>/ and email Ms. Kyriopoulos (<a href="mailto:effie.kyriopoulos@yrdsb.ca">effie.kyriopoulos@yrdsb.ca</a>) 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 <u>Canada Homestay Network</u> and <u>MLI Homestay</u> 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: <a href="https://bit.ly/BecomeTutorUHSO">https://bit.ly/BecomeTutorUHSO</a>

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: <u>https://bit.ly/RequestTutorUHS</u>

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 <u>click here</u> for our Instagram page.

Consent is extremely important in a relationship. If someone says no, it means no. Silence does not mean yes. It is important to respect and understand people's boundaries.

#### **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 <u>newsletters page</u> to see them all, or check out the latest from:

- Centre for Black Student Excellence
- Math and Math Problems of the month
- Mental Health
- <u>Parent, Family & Community Engagement</u>
   "<u>The Special Edition</u>" 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 <u>here</u> 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 <u>here</u> 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\*

## Message from Our Trustee

June 2023

#### Dear families,

As we approach the end of the school year and the start of the summer break, I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for helping to make this school year a positive one. This is our first school year since 2018-2019 that has not been interrupted by closures as a result of COVID-19, and it has been such a pleasure to visit schools and school events over the past few months and see students, staff and families connecting and learning together.

I think it's important to acknowledge the effect the pandemic has had on students; and we have made it a priority to put supports in place for student learning, achievement, mental health and well-being. We also continue to work hard to create safe, inclusive and caring learning environments where our students know and feel that they matter and belong.

June is also a time when we look ahead to transitions - students moving ahead to new grades, new schools and new adventures. Thank you to the school staff who support students through these transitions. Congratulations to all of our graduating students moving on to secondary school or post-secondary pathways. We are so proud of all that you have achieved, class of 2023, and wish you all the very best in what comes next.

I also want to acknowledge all that you have done, as family members, to support your child and our schools - whether that's asking your child about their learning, communicating with their educators, attending school events, reading the information that comes home from the school, sharing feedback, completing surveys, tracking down library books, volunteering on field trips and in the classroom, participating in school councils, and so much more. We are grateful for all of the ways you support your child's learning and our public education system.

Communicating with families remains an important priority for us. I have had the pleasure of meeting and connecting with many families throughout the school year and appreciate how important it is that we remain connected to you. In addition to communication from your child's school, there are also many ways you can stay connected with what is happening in the Board, including our newsroom, Twitter, Instagram and award-winning podcast. We were also very pleased to launch this year the Centre for Black Student Excellence Mailing List for families looking to receive information directly related to supporting Black students, celebrating Black excellence and dismantling anti-Black racism.

As we approach the summer, we look forward to welcoming students who will be participating in our variety of elementary and secondary summer learning programs. I wish everyone a happy, safe and restful summer break.

Ron Lynn

Trustee, Markham Wards 2 and 6

#### Indigenous Trustee Greeting

June 2023

Aaniin (Hello), I am Indigenous Trustee for the York Region District School Board and a member of the Chippewas of Georgina Island, the only First Nation in York Region and one you may recognize YRDSB acknowledging as their "partner in education" when providing land acknowledgements.

I would like to offer greetings for the month of June, the month when we recognize and celebrate the Indigenous People of Canada, our unique status as Canadians, our history on this land and our many significant contributions. In 1996, Governor General Romeo LeBlanc declared June 21 as National Aboriginal Peoples Day. He said, "On June 21st, this year and every year, Canada will honour the native peoples who first brought humanity to this great land." In 2017, the name was formally changed, and we now recognize this day as National Indigenous Peoples Day.

June 21 was chosen because it is summer solstice, a time of spiritual significance for Indigenous people. It is a time when the sun is at the highest point in the sky and we experience the longest day of the year, and the most amount of daylight. This is considered powerful medicine and is a time for practicing ceremonies that honour our interconnection with the land and the cosmos.

The Anishinaabe also recognize June as the month of the Strawberry moon, Ode'min Giizis. The beautiful red heart shaped strawberry offers us the teaching of reconciliation and forgiveness. It is the first berry of the season that brings us that sweetness for life. June offers us many special gifts and much to be grateful for.

People ask what they can do to celebrate Indigenous People Day and as Canadians support Indigenous people in Canada?

We can build our awareness by reading Indigenous books, listening to Indigenous podcasts, and attending Indigenous events. We can create positive change and promote public awareness by lending our support to Indigenous issues. We can also offer land acknowledgements as we do at the beginning of meetings and events in the YRDSB. However, I believe most importantly to Indigenous people across this planet is to recognize our right to reclaim and practice our Indigenous languages and the important significance of the earth under our feet. Our traditional knowledge and our cultures exist in our languages and without the opportunity to learn them in our schools and speak them in our communities much of our ancestral knowledge will be lost forever.

Further, recognizing Indigenous relationship with the land and taking the time to build land awareness and connection is imperative. We must practice environmental stewardship and protect our greenspaces. Walk in nature, plant, or hug a tree, help a turtle across the road, sing to the water, just be with the land. It does little to offer a land acknowledgement if we do not acknowledge the earth on which we live. The earth is our mother, this is why we call her "Mother Earth" in our Anishinaabe creation stories. We are extrinsically interconnected; without her we would not exist. As her children we must care for her and protect her. Stand with Indigenous people by honouring her, this is the most important land acknowledgement you can give.

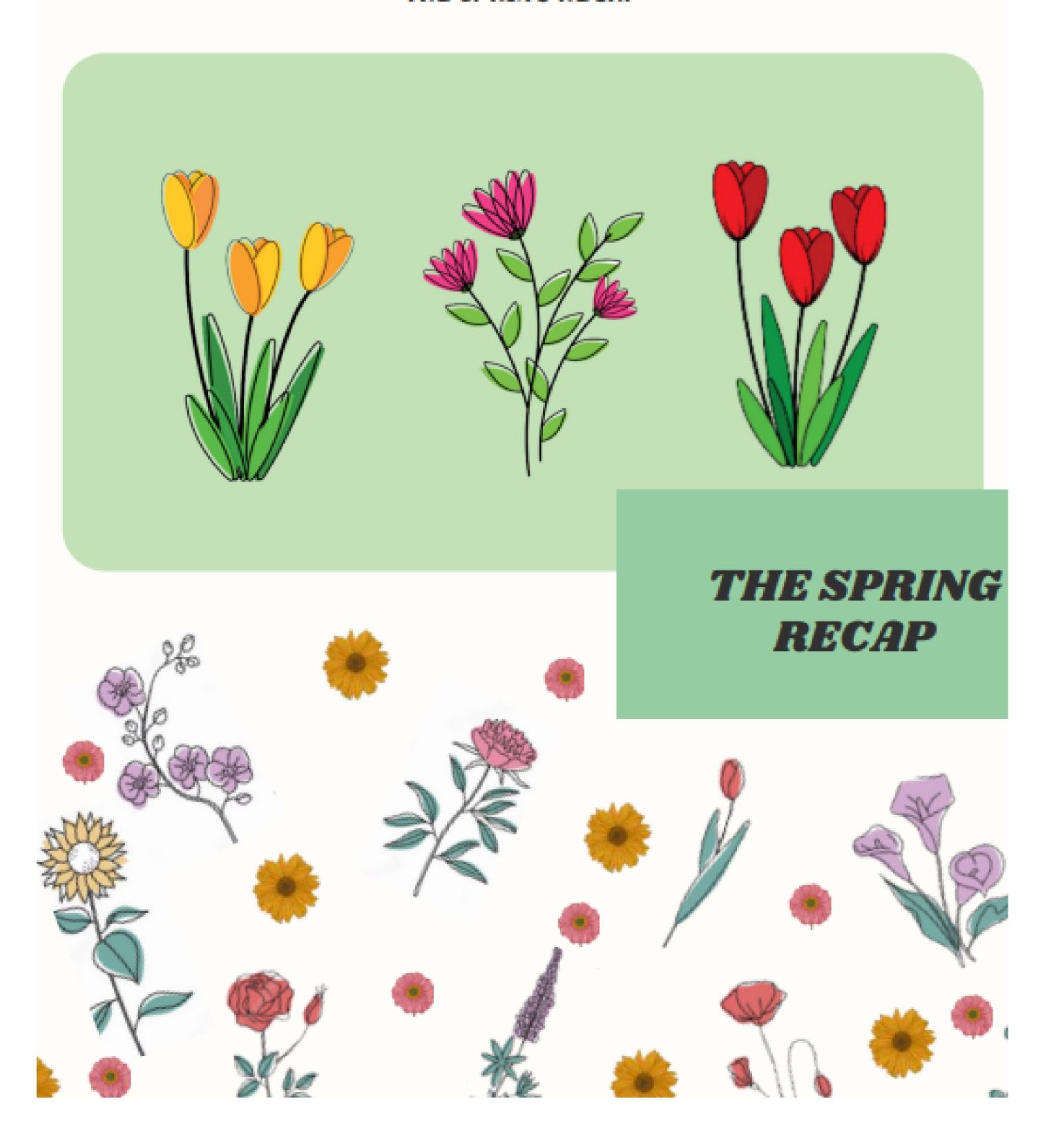
Chi-Miigwech and Happy Indigenous People's Day!

Your Indigenous Trustee, Lauri Hoeg

This is a good resource and activity guide for students.

# UNIONULE HOWL

THE SPRING RECAP





# What is ABA & Tips On Choosing ABA Services (June 2023)

This workshop, offered in partnership with members of the behaviour support team of Mackenzie Health, will discuss Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) services for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

They will also share information about what to look for when selecting your ABA services, to allow you to make informed decisions for your child. There will also be general information on the Ontario Autism Program and the new Core Clinical Services.

Time will also be allocated for a Q&A session after the presentation.

To register for:

June 7, 2023 - <u>click here</u> June 13, 2023 - <u>click here</u>





#### **About us**

York Support Services Network offers a range of developmental services and mental health programs throughout York Region and South Simcoe.

yssn.ca

#### **Details**

**Date:** June 7, 2023

**Time:** 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

**Date:** June 13, 2023

**Time:** 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

**Location:** Virtual

(link will be provided when

you register)

#### Who should attend?

Families/caregivers with children with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder and are registered with The Ontario Autism Program (OAP).

# To register or for more information:

Visit us online: <a href="yssn.ca/Events">yssn.ca/Events</a>
Call: 905-898-6455 or toll free

1-866-257-9776 ext. 2574







# 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 (GLC2O/CHV2O) credit.

**Students entering Grade 10** will earn a Black History (CHE3O) 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

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.









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

<u>请点击这里</u>

# Indigenous Education Newsletter

May 2023

Please click here for access to our Indigenous Education Newsletter.

#### **Club Info**

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

Charis Christian Club	Peter Lansing
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</u> - <u>Kathleen Major</u>
Debate Club	<u>Megan Woo</u>
DECA	<u>Kuo Pan</u> - <u>Wes Guldemond</u> - <u>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</u> - <u>Shiraz Rafik</u> - <u>Zach Layton</u>
Gender & Sexuality Alliance	<u>Sara Faulkner</u> - <u>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</u> - <u>Brooke Semoff</u>
Philisophical Studies Club	<u>Laura Fong</u>
Prom Committee	<u>Zafirah Damji</u> - <u>Daniela Panacci</u> - <u>Melissa Bettio</u>
Robotics	<u>Brian Cho</u> - <u>Andrew Dennis</u> <u>Raymond Do</u> - <u>David De Paolis</u>
Science Club	<u>Elaine Howard - Jeffrey Chan</u>
Shalom Unionville	<u>Zach Teitel</u>
Show Choir	<u> Melissa Bettio</u> - <u>Julia Fong</u> - <u>Michelle Teh</u>
Soccer Club	<u>Mathew Himelson</u>
Social Justice Club	<u> Felicia Sukdeo</u> - <u>Jennifer Porter</u>
Special Events Club	<u>Zafirah Damji</u> - <u>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</u> - <u>Wes Guldemond</u>
Wellness Club	Michelle Farwell
Writers Club	Zach Layton
Unionville Howl	<u>Keyan Wu</u>
Voice Acting Club	<u>Stephanie Taylor</u>
Yoga Club	<u>Jennifer Zamperin</u>
Zoology	<u> Yiu Lun Leung</u> - <u>Daniel Dietrich</u>