



# Unionville High School Weekly Parent Bulletin

**May 10, 2024**

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## Character Matters Trait of the Month: Fairness

“Fairness is not an attitude. It's a professional skill that must be developed and exercised.”  
— Brit Hume

### Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
May 14	Dance Highlights Evening Show - Markham Theatre (7:00 p.m.)
May 15	Dance Highlights Day Show - Markham Theatre (period 3 & 4) UHS Music Presents Spring Celebration 2024 (Concert 2) - Markham Theatre (7:00 p.m.)
May 16	Mayfair (11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)
May 20	Victoria Day (No Classes)

## Empowering East Asian Students Together (EEAST): High School Conference

This event will take place on **Saturday May 25, 2024** at **Thornhill Secondary School** (167 Dudley Ave, Thornhill, ON L3T 2E5). No experience is required to register for this conference. Volunteer hours will be signed off for the day of the event.

You are eligible to register if:

- You are a current student at the York Region District School Board;
- You identify as East Asian (This is open to your interpretation because there are many different East Asian cultures and nations. For example, your family could be Chinese and raised in Jamaica or you could be multiracial with family from Korea, Peru and Canada.).

**Deadline to register: Friday, May 10, 2024**

There are limited spots at the conference! Event organizers will decide on student participants based on your willingness to learn, not necessarily your school/work experiences. You will be notified via email whether you have been accepted or placed on our waitlist.

In the meanwhile, please ask your parent, guardian or caregiver to read the [Letter to Parents, Guardians and Caregivers](#).

For more information, visit our website at:  
<https://eeastconference.wixsite.com/eeast> or follow us on IG: [@eeastconference](https://www.instagram.com/eeastconference)



# School Events

## Dance Highlights

**The Dance Department** is excited to invite you to our year end performance of Dance Highlights taking place on **Tuesday, May 14** evening at **7:00 P.M.** and **Wednesday, May 15** during **periods 3 & 4** (11:10 a.m.- 1:45 p.m.) at Flato Markham Theatre.

This Arts Unionville Dance performance encompasses all four grades featuring original work by students, faculty, and professional guest artists in a collection of genres. We are so proud of the process our students have been working on and we can't wait to share with you!

Tickets are available on [School Cash Online](#) and all students have access to purchasing independently **with permission from their parents or guardians**.

If our entire class purchases a ticket, we can all go together!  
Thank you very much for supporting the arts at Unionville High School!

## UHS Music Presents Spring Celebration 2024 at Flato Markham Theatre

### Concert 2:

**Wednesday, May 15** - 7:00pm: Symphonic Band, Concert Choir, Core String Ensembles, Senior Jazz Band, Jazz Choir, Guitar Ensemble, AU Piano Ensemble, AU Strings

Tickets are available through [School Cash Online](#) until 1 week prior to the concert when they will be available through the box office at the theatre.

Hope to see you there.

## Student Focus Group Invitation

We invite **self-identifying Black students** to join us for a focus group event dedicated to fostering well-being and creating identity-affirming spaces for Black students at **Unionville High School**.

This event will take place during **Period 1 to Period 3** on **Tuesday, May 14**.

Participants will have the opportunity to discuss, shape, create, and provide feedback on school climate and initiatives.

For more information about this event, please contact **Beckey Serwaa**, **Jeffrey Chan**, or **Patrick Belmonte**.

## Event – Stagebound

Lights, Camera, Action! Stagebound is an end of the year show, co-created by the AU 9's and Core 10 Drama class.

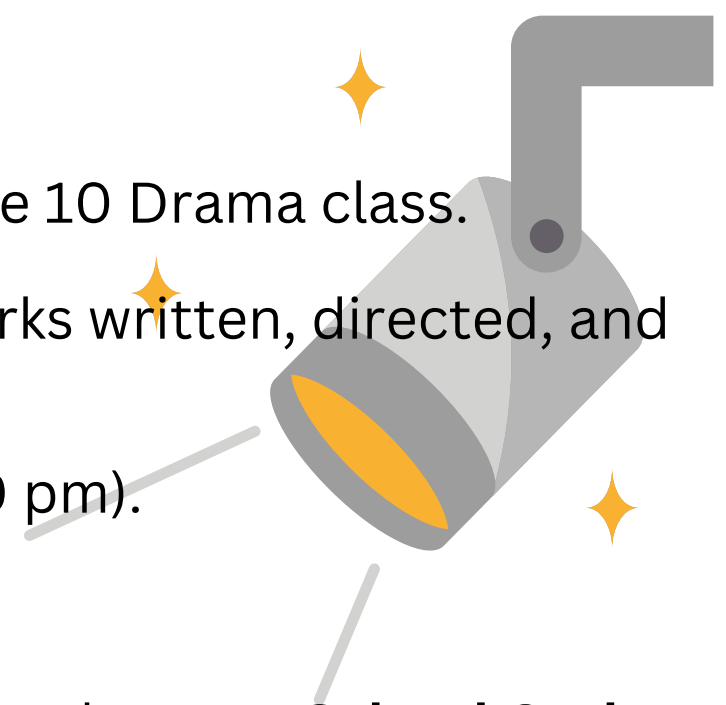
Come join us on **Wednesday, May 29** from **4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.** to enjoy a variety of creative works written, directed, and produced by UHS' talented student body.

Alternatively, there will be a day show on **Friday, May 24** during **Periods 3 and 4** (11:30 am - 12:30 pm).

Location: **UHS room 106**

Tickets are \$8.00 for the evening show and \$2.00 for the day show; tickets will be available for purchase on [School Cash Online](#) starting **Monday, May 13**.

We are looking forward to seeing you there!



## Experience Works

Nineteenth Edition Newsletter: Spring 2023-2024

Peter knows he is an awesome worker!



Peter from Unionville S.S.

### WE Newsletter Spring 2023-2024

Great news! The interview **Peter S.** was featured in the Work Experience Newsletter and happened to arrive on his (school) birthday! We are so proud of him.

For the whole interview, please see the [WE Newsletter Spring 2023-2024](#)

### Civic Centre Traffic Management

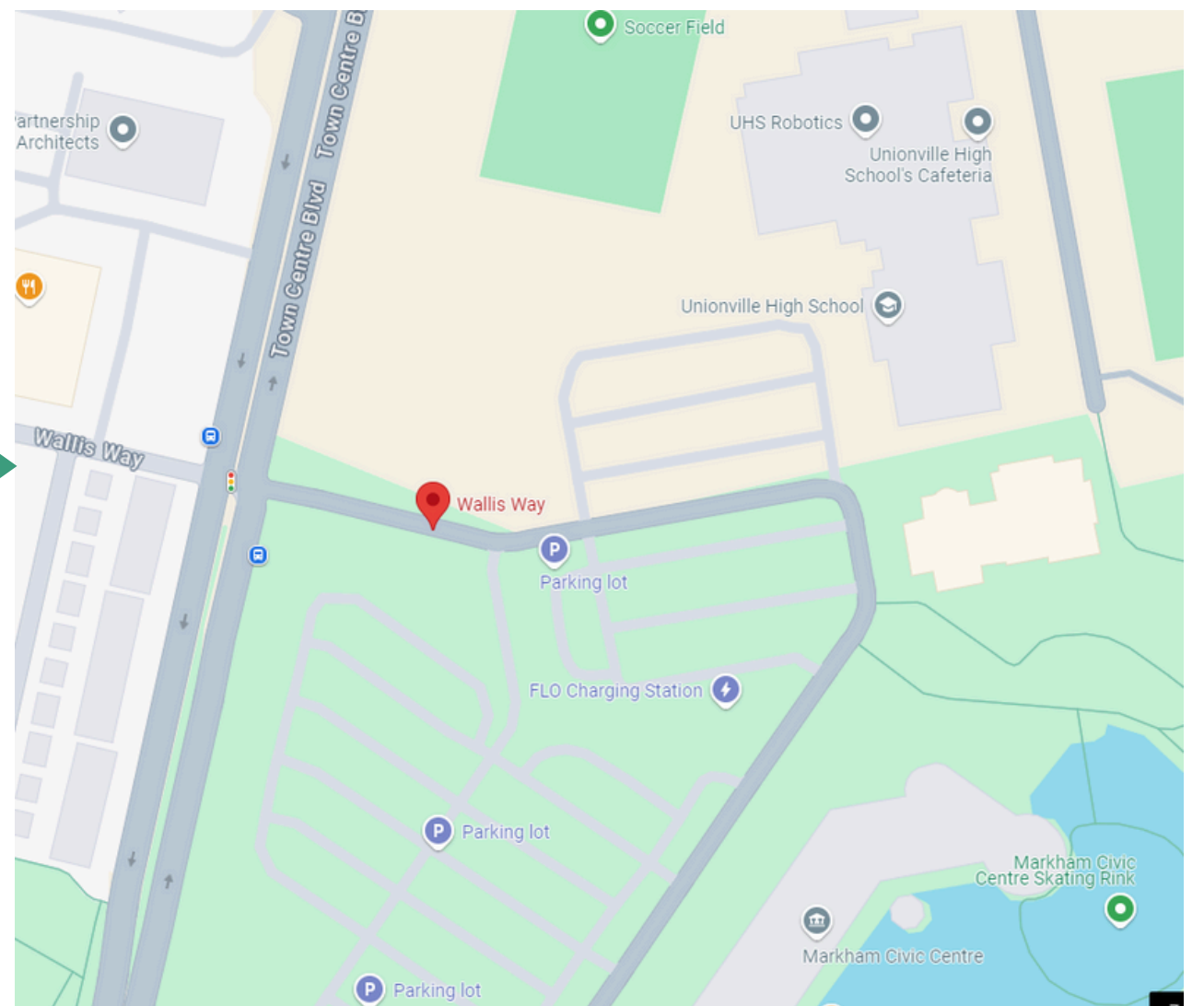
May 15 to 30 - 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. and 2:30-3:30 p.m.

**Traffic control measures** will be in place at the **Markham Civic Centre**.

**School-related traffic:** all vehicles must access the school parking lot and drop-off area from **Wallis Way**. See map

**Visitors and staff to Markham Civic Centre and Flato Markham Theatre:** recommended that all vehicles enter the parking lot entrance at Cox Boulevard and Town Centre Boulevard.

These new traffic control measures are necessary to manage efficient flow of traffic and to prioritize everyone's safety.



### 2024-2025 School Year

The recommendations submitted for the 2024-2025 School Year Calendars as outlined in the [YRDSB website](#), have received formal approval from the Ministry of Education. These calendars may be accessed on the [YRDSB website](#).



### Semester 2 Exams

All students and families need to ensure that students are present and available for the Semester 2 Exam block. Semester 2 Exams will take place **June 18-25, 2024**. Please be aware that **June 26, 2024** is Exam Review Day.

### UHS School Council Chair: Invest In The Students' Future

Dear UHS Families,  
Publicly funded schools benefit from our support, whether it is our time volunteering or directly through financial contributions. Our generosity has a direct impact on the type of high-quality educational resources and unique activities that Unionville High School can offer our students to support their development, interests, and talents. This year we hope to raise enough funds to upgrade our outdated computers that students learn and rely on. We ask you to take a moment to consider investing in our school, demonstrating the value of community involvement, and taking pride in supporting UHS for the benefit and enrichment of all our students. <https://yrdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>

Anoosh Sharif  
Chair, School Council UHS

For the easy 5 steps to donate and the Mandarin translation: [UHS School Council Invest in Our Students](#).

### School Immunization

We are sharing information with families about immunizations for students. If your child needs vaccines, such as those required by law to attend school in Ontario, York Region Public Health provides free student catch-up immunizations to all eligible students in JK to Grade 12 by appointment only. It's also important that you report your child's vaccination to York Region Public Health. Please read this [important message from York Region Public Health on vaccinations](#).

# Graduation

## GRADE 12

### Attention: Grade 12 Students!

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

This is a message for all graduates and any student leaving YRDSB at **the end of June 2024**. Students who wish to keep work that has been saved on the YRDSB Google Drive (GAPPS account) will need to download it no later than the end of July 2024. 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.

### Graduation Class of 2024 INSTAGRAM

We are inviting families and students of grade 12 students to join our UHS Wolves Class of 2024 Instagram for updates regarding celebrations for the graduating class of 2024.

Please follow follow **uhswolvesclassof2024** ON **INSTAGRAM** and stay tuned for updates regarding prom and our graduation ceremony on **Wednesday, June 26**.



### Diploma Pickup in July

FROM **MONDAY, JULY 8, 2024 - THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2024** GRADUATES WILL BE ABLE TO PICK UP THEIR DIPLOMA AND OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT FROM THE MAIN OFFICE.

DIPLOMA PICK UP HOURS FOR THE MAIN OFFICE ARE:

**MONDAY - THURSDAY**  
**8:30AM - 2:30PM**  
**FRIDAYS CLOSED**

WHEN COMING TO PICK UP YOUR DIPLOMA PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR STUDENT CARD FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO PICK UP YOUR DIPLOMA AND ARE SENDING A PARENT/GUARDIAN TO PICK UP THE DIPLOMA ON YOUR BEHALF YOU MUST EMAIL [UNIONVILLE.HS@YRDSB.CA](mailto:UNIONVILLE.HS@YRDSB.CA) **NO LESS THAN 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE**. IN THE EMAIL, PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR NAME (LEGAL AND PREFERRED) AND STUDENT NUMBER, AS WELL AS, THE FULL NAME OF THE PERSON PICKING UP ON YOUR BEHALF. IDENTIFICATION WILL BE REQUIRED FOR YOUR PARENT/GUARDIAN TO PICK UP YOUR DIPLOMA.



# GUIDANCE OFFICE

## YRDSB Summer School 2024 Registration

Registration for Summer School opens on **Tuesday, April 9.**

Students will register on MyBlueprint/My Pathway Planner.

Note: Summer school runs from **July 3 - July 26, 2024**. The school day will begin at **8:45 a.m. and end at 3:33 p.m.**

## YRDSB Summer School 2024 Poster

You can visit the following link for more information.

[2024 Secondary Summer School In-Person Learning](#)

SUMMER school

**Students will Register on MyBlueprint/My Pathway Planner.**

For more information, you can view the registration guide here:

[CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE SELECTION GUIDE FOR STUDENTS](#)

## The 2024 Summer School Course Offerings and Locations

For more information, you can view the list here:

[Secondary Summer School Courses Locations](#)

## AEBS 2024 Scholarships for Self-identifying Black Students Graduating from YRDSB High Schools

AEBS invites self-identifying Black students who are graduating from a high school in the York Region District School Board to apply for 2024 AEBS Scholarships.

(Please note that the link below is for graduating students applying for scholarships. It is not the form to nominate Grades 4-12 students for recognition at the Annual Achievement Awards Ceremony on June 4.)

Students can view [AEBS 2024 Scholarships](#) to learn more about the 2024 scholarships and to apply. (Having problems accessing the information? Search using Google Chrome.) Students are required to sign into their YRDSB Google Gapps Accounts to access the application form.

The deadline to apply is **Sunday, May 19, 2024**, before 11:55 p.m.

For further information contact:

Elaine Ricketts: [elaine.ricketts@yrdsb.ca](mailto:elaine.ricketts@yrdsb.ca); [elaine.ricketts@gapps.yrdsb.ca](mailto:elaine.ricketts@gapps.yrdsb.ca)

Charlotte Reid: [charlottereid60@gmail.com](mailto:charlottereid60@gmail.com) or (416) 540-1005

## Scholarship News

Students are encouraged to continue to check the **Scholarship Google Classroom**, and the **Class code** is: **6fdb6l3**, as items will be updated as they become available. Please review for various scholarship opportunities.

### Upcoming Scholarships:

Please review all details on the Scholarship google classroom for eligibility criteria and applications for the following upcoming scholarships

### Direct Applications:

Various dates: Schulich Builders Scholarships - various dates based on colleges

### School Sponsored:

May 15th: Lieutenant Governors Volunteer Award

May 15th: YRDSB Character Award

May 15th: Markham Dental Award

May 15th: Southeast Collectors Award

## York Region US University Fair

Register for free to meet the NCAA, Common App and US universities this Spring 2024

### Speak to 35+ Universities & NCAA

- Meet In-Person or Online
- Undergraduate Programs
- NCAA Sports Recruiting and Eligibility
- Scholarships & Financial Aid for Canada
- Admissions Requirements
- Deadlines and more!

### Explore Career Pathways

- Healthcare (Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, etc)
- Business & Entrepreneurship
- Esports (Gaming)
- Visual Arts, Music, Dance, Theatre, Film
- Science, Tech, Engineering & Math

**Date: Thursday, May 16 -- 5 p.m.- 8 p.m.**

**Location: Bill Crothers S.S. 44 Main St Unionville Unionville, ON L3R 2E4**

More details, please see the [York Region US University Fair Poster](#)

SCHOLARSHIP



# JOIN EVENTS AND PROGRAMS (1)

## 2024 Philosophy Summer Academy

This summer programs are academically rigorous, covering topics in philosophy of law, political philosophy, and applied ethics. All content is grounded in academic papers, fostering critical thinking among students. Our programs aim to help students develop the logical reasoning, communication, and comprehensive reading skills required for post-secondary education and the job market once they graduate in an enjoyable and engaging format.

Learn critical thinking and logical reasoning from top philosophy specialists from the University of Toronto while exploring interesting issues in politics, law, and philosophy!

For more information, please check out the website, <https://philosophyforyouth.ca/programs> and the **Flyer**

## 2024 YRES Summer Camp (July 8 – Aug. 16, 2024)

YRES camp is the ideal destination for families looking for an enriching and affordable summer experience for their children.

We offer a diverse range of *activities*, including sports, recreational arts and crafts, and S.T.E.M. for children 5-12 years old.

Join us for a summer of fun, friendship, and learning! **Register Now**

More details, please see the poster **2024 YRES Summer Camp Flyer** or website <https://yorkeducation.org/summercamp/>

## The Schulich Business Excellence Academy

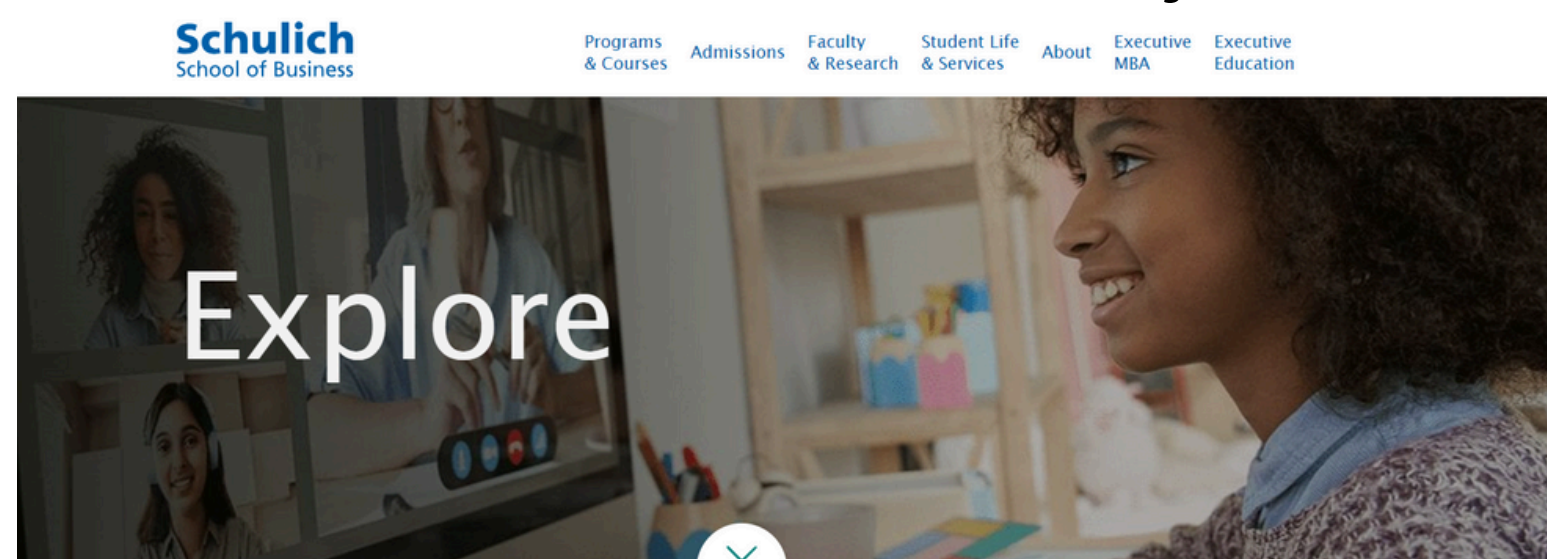
### "The Schulich Business Excellence Academy" (Summer Business Education and Mentorship Summer Program)

The program supports 60 high school students in the GTA entering grades 10,11,12 in the Fall who self-identify from equity-deserving groups including Black, Indigenous, BIPOC, 2SLGBTQIA+ and people with disabilities (with a focus on Black and Indigenous students).

Here's a quick overview:

- Program name: The Schulich Business Excellence Academy
- Duration: **July 8 - July 25** - 3-week program, 2 hours/day - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- Sessions will be held virtually and will consist of a series of lectures and group-based activities, ending with an in-person case competition and a dinner event at the York University -Keele Campus
- The program will be delivered by a range of prominent guest speakers from the community and Schulich Faculty
- Participants will receive a Certificate of Completion at the closing ceremony

<https://schulich.yorku.ca/future-students/business-excellence-academy/>



## Careers in Space Exploration

**The Milliken Mills High School School Council** is pleased to present an information session for students and parents on Careers in Space Exploration.

The information session will be led by Dr. Bhairavi Shankar, who is a planetary scientist, a Canadian Space Ambassador, a social entrepreneur, and the founder of Indus Space, a social enterprise that raises awareness about STEM and Space Science and Exploration.

The session aims to help parents/guardians and students discover the variety of STEM pathways connected to the field of space exploration.

This free informative session will be held at **Milliken Mills High School** on **Wednesday, May 15** from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m. Please register for this free event at <https://bit.ly/MMHSSpaceSession>. See the **attached flyer** for further details.

# JOIN EVENTS AND PROGRAMS (2)



## Fast Track Career Expo

### Fast Track: Explore Your Future Evening Event

Are you a student OR a parent/guardian of a student in Grades 9 - 12? If yes, please join us at the **Venu Event Space** in Vaughan (2800 Hwy 7, Vaughan ON, L4K 1W8) from **5:00 pm to 8:00 pm** on **Wednesday, May 22, 2024**.

Our many exhibitors, including local employers, trade unions, colleges, industry partners and associations will be available to provide students and their families with information on career opportunities. Come and explore and learn about the many possibilities available! Our evening will end with our keynote speaker who will talk about what soft skills employers are looking for and how students can present themselves professionally in various environments.

> [Register today](#)

**Price:** No cost. Open to students in Grade 9-12 and their families.

More details, please check the [Fast Track Career Expo Poster](#)



## 2nd Annual Anti-Human Trafficking Conference, York Region

Parents, caregivers, youth 11+ and community members, welcome to the [2nd Annual Anti-Human Trafficking Conference in York Region!](#)

Join us at **Seneca Polytechnic College King Campus** for an evening of learning, networking, and collaboration in the fight against human trafficking.

Our conference brings together experts, advocates, and community members to raise awareness and education. Through engaging workshops and inspirational talks, gain valuable knowledge and tools to protect and empower our community. Light dinner will be served. Don't miss this opportunity to make a difference and be part of the solution. See you there!

**This event is funded by the Department of Justice Canada and sponsored by New Door Real Estate Mentorship and Staffing Group.**

**Date:** Tuesday, May 14 and Wednesday, May 15, 2024

**Time:** Doors open at 5:30 PM

**Venue:** Seneca Polytechnic King Campus, Magna Hall, 13990 Dufferin St, King City, On, L7B 1B3

The evening will kick off with registration and an opportunity to explore community booths, while we have a light dinner. At 6:00 PM, we will commence with a compelling presentation by a York Regional Police human trafficking Detective, alongside a mother of a survivor, shedding light on what human trafficking looks like specifically in York Region and offering invaluable insights on how we can protect our youth.

Simultaneously, youth attendees will be engaged in interactive workshops, covering topics such as online safety, fostering healthy relationships, and building resilience and so much more. These workshops, facilitated by leading experts in the field, are designed to equip our youth with the tools they need to navigate the complexities of the modern world safely.

To conclude the evening on a high note, youth participants will compete in an exciting session of Family Feud, putting their newfound knowledge to the test for a chance to win fantastic prizes and the prestigious first-place title. Our adult presentation will conclude with an expert panel for a question answer period.

Please find [the event flyer](#), which includes a registration link. I kindly ask that all attendees register for the event to ensure adequate food, prizes, and teams are provided.

Additionally, for updates on the event, please follow [@TakeActionOnHT](#) on Instagram.

Please register [here](#) to secure your place at this pivotal conference. Looking forward to welcoming you for an evening of education, empowerment, and community engagement.

# JOIN EVENTS AND PROGRAMS (3)



## Registrations For The 2024 Come Up Program Are Open!

- **Navigating Secondary School and Beyond 2024 Summer Program:**

**The Come Up summer program** (Flyer) 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.

There are three summer school locations that students can choose from, which are: (1) Maple High School (WEST) (2) Milliken Mills High School (EAST) (3) Newmarket High School (NORTH)

Students must complete both the **Come Up Registration** and register for the course on **MyBluePrint** in order to be fully registered for the program/course

Registration opens April 22, 2024. **Deadline** to register is **May 27, 2024**.

Program Dates: **July 3 - July 26, 2024** (Monday-Friday) **8:45 a.m. - 3:35 p.m**

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

- **Virtual/F2F Black Parent/Guardian Workshop Series:**

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

Session # 1 - **Tuesday, June 11 2024**, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Understanding the Secondary System (Structure, Rights, Policies, Attendance, Credit Recovery, IEPs and more)

Session # 2 - **Thursday, July 11, 2024**, 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**.

## Youth Workshops at Aaniin Community Center or Online

YRES (not-for-profit) is hosting free workshops for middle school and high school students (Grade 6-12) on Saturdays from 3:00 p.m to 4:00 p.m. Each week has a different topic, from refining transferable employability skills to planning out one's high school journey. These workshops are all free, and students can join us either **in person at the Aaniin Community Centre** or **on Zoom**.

Flyer and program details:

**Youth Workshop April-June 2024 Flyer (YRES)**

Thank you,  
York Region Educational Services

Web: [www.yorkeducation.org](http://www.yorkeducation.org)

Scan the QR code to register.



[yorkeducation.org](http://yorkeducation.org)



[info@yorkeducation.ca](mailto:info@yorkeducation.ca)



Library Information

May is Jewish Heritage Month. Borrow one of these books by a Jewish Canadian author from the UHS Library. Click links for more information.

- [Natasha and Other Stories](#) by David Bezmozgis
- [The Favourite Game](#) by Leonard Cohen
- [Last Seen: A Novel](#) by Matt Cohen
- [Little Brother](#) by Cory Doctorow
- [How to Change Everything: The Young Human's Guide to Protecting the Planet and Each Other](#) by Naomi Klein
- [The Wizzle War](#) by Gordon Korman
- [The Sun Will Come Out](#) by Joanne Levy
- [Entrée Refusée](#) by Carol Matas
- [The Weight of Oranges/Miner’s Pond](#) by Anne Michaels
- [Infinity](#) by Hannah Moscovitch



Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
May 22	Arts Unionville Music Recital - UHS (7 p.m.)
May 30	UHS Prom
June 5	Arts Show Jazz Cafe (6 p. m.)
June 18 - 25	Semester 2 Exams Week
june 26	Exam Review Day UHS Graduation Ceremony 2024

