



Unionville High School Weekly Parent Bulletin

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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 6	PA Day (No Classes)
May 7	Full Disclosure Semester 2
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.)

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** (11:25am-1:25pm) 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.

Students who purchase a ticket will be able to pick theirs up in the atrium as of **May 8** (stay tuned for announcements).

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.





Addison Represented UHS At The York Region Science Fair!

Grade 12 student Addison Wong, who had a top UHS STEM Fair project, represented UHS at the York Region Science Fair on April 6. His project was a Skittles Colour Sorter, a machine based on his culminating project for his TEJ4M Computer Engineering Technology class. At the fair, he showcased the process of automatic sorting to judges, fellow students, and attendees. In addition, he was able to explore others' projects and participate in workshops hosted by York University. Addison encourages all interested students to participate next year!



Excellent Performance by UHS Programmers On The Canadian Computing Competition

One hundred and twenty (120) UHS students participated in the Canadian Computing Competition that was held in February of 2024. We are pleased to inform you that our students performed very well. The contest was at two levels Junior and Senior, where students had to code solutions to five progressively very challenging problems. We would like to congratulate ALL the students who took on the challenge to prepare and participate in the contest.

We are pleased to share that **thirty five (35)** students received certificates of distinction from the Centre for Education in Mathematics and Computing. We had outstanding performance of 26 of our senior students and 9 students at the Junior level placed in the top 25% in Canada. This is an excellent accomplishment.

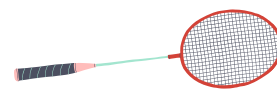
Congratulations & Well done.

Sincerely,

J. Anandarajan, B. Cho & J. Kotsopoulos
Computer Science Teachers & Contest Supervisors



Congradulations To The Junior Badminton Team



On April 30th, the junior badminton team competed in the YRAA Championships at the Markham Pan Am Centre and played phenomenally!

Congratulations to **Ricky Tao** and **Kenneth Chen** for placing **first in the Open Boys' Doubles event** and **Madeline Choi** for placing **third in the High School Girls Singles Event**. Go Wolves!"



New UHS Sweatshirts

Hi Staff!

USAC has been facilitating a design competition for new UHS sweatshirts. Please look at the final designs and vote for your top 3 favourites 😊.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf806oI3H33mm0e4k7XcE7LSjW8kNPiVn6_4QRZODnJF8wGag/viewform

Thanks for your support,

Sara and the USAC Team

Samples

Design 1



Design 3



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 **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

Important Date

Full Disclosure: Tuesday, May 7

Full disclosure: applies to all grade 11 and 12 courses and if the course is withdrawn after the full disclosure date, a withdrawal (W) is entered in the credit column and the student's mark at the time of withdrawal is recorded as a percentage in the achievement column of the transcript.

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; elaine.ricketts@gapps.yrdsb.ca

Charlotte Reid: 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

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**. Explore topics such as self-expression, cultural identity, and mental health in a supportive environment where your voice matters.

For more information about this event, please contact Beckey Serwaa: beckey.serwaa@yrdsb.ca, Jeffrey Chan: jeffrey.chan@yrdsb.ca or Vice Principal Patrick Belmonte: patrick.belmonte@yrdsb.ca

SCHOLARSHIP

JOIN EVENTS AND PROGRAMS (1)

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](#)



The Schulich Business Excellence Academy

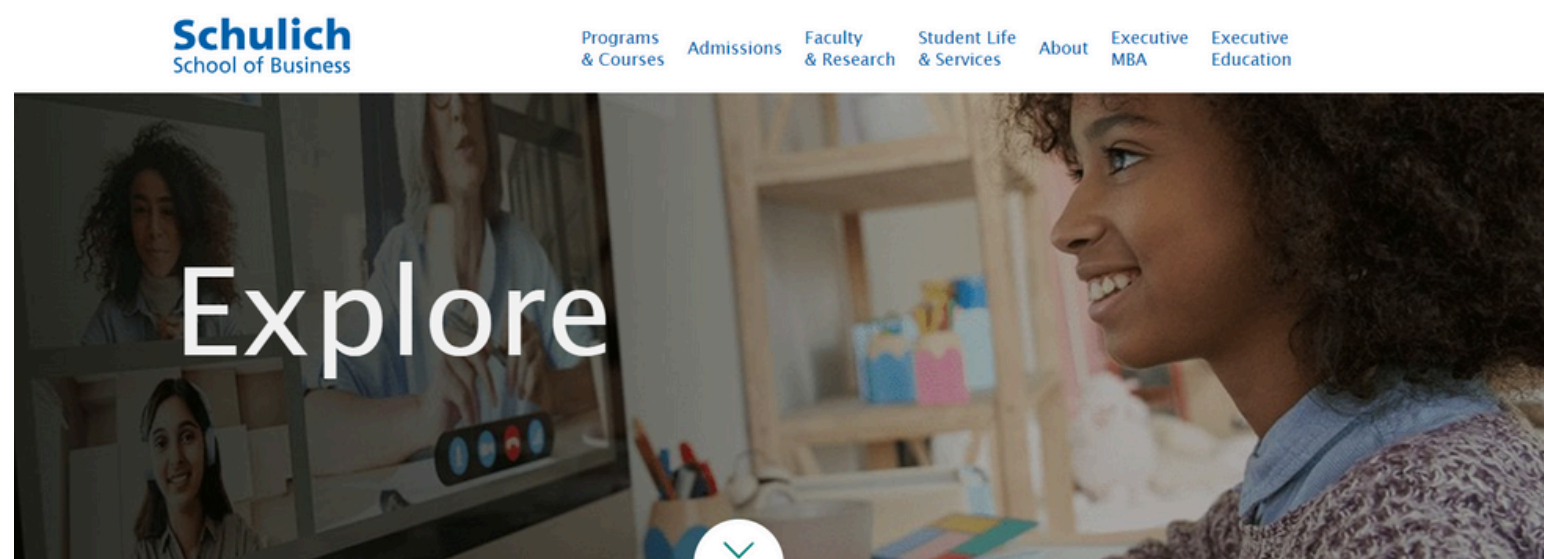
"The Schulich Business Excellence Academy" (Summer Business Education and Mentorship Summer Program)

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 €

> [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.

Markham Public Library Learning Opportunities/Programs

1. **Tuesday April 30** - Graduate Studies at York University's Markham Campus (virtual program)
2. **Saturday May 4** - Winning Canadian Scholarship (Markham Village Library)
3. **Thursday May 9** - Preparing for a Healthcare or Medical Career: Tips for High School Students (Cornell Library)

For additional details, please see [registration link](#) regarding the list of programs.

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**.

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

This coming May, the Empowering East Asian Students Together: High School Conference aims to gather students of East Asian backgrounds to critically examine their racialized identities and deepen their commitment towards equity and inclusion. Also known as the EEAST Conference, this one-day event will also integrate mental health and well-being in students' exploration with social justice. Funded by YRDSB's Inclusive School and Community Services (ISCS), as well as multiple community organizations ([CCNCTO](#), [UARR](#), and [ACENet](#)), the EEAST Conference will be free for all youth.

Event Information

Date: **Saturday May 25, 2024**, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Thornhill Secondary School (167 Dudley Avenue, Thornhill, ON L3T 2E5)

Students interested in participating should complete the [registration form](#) using their GAPPS account.

For more information, please contact jaclyn.wong@yrdsb.ca or coordinator@ccnctoronto.ca

Website: eeastconference.wixsite.com/eeast

Instagram: [@eeastconference](https://www.instagram.com/eeastconference)

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

Scan the QR code to register.



yorkeducation.org



info@yorkeducation.ca



Jewish History Month

In recognition of **Jewish Heritage Month**, we have a number of activities and events planned at Unionville. We are kicking off the learning for the month by hosting The Tour for Humanity Bus from the Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center (FSWC) for Civics classes, and we will be ending the month with a visit from Holocaust survivor Nate Liepcigar for our Canadian History students.

We will host a display about Jewish Heritage in the school library, and there will be displays and announcements showcasing the incredible contributions of Jewish-Canadians to Canadian society past and present.

On **May 9**, Shalom Unionville and the GSA will host an after school screening and discussion of the **short film Periphery** about intersectionality and Jewish identity.

Come chat with us in the History Department for more ideas!

See also the **YRDSB Website** for more.



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.schoolcashonline.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](#).

Monday, May 6 Professional Activity Day Plans

Length: Full Day

Topic: Curriculum Implementation and Assessment Planning

Entity Hosting: All Secondary Schools

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Board-based personnel

Description:

Staff will engage in professional learning to support Annual Learning Plan (ALP) goals, including course/curriculum planning, assessment and evaluation planning, and department/subject focused professional development activities.

School teams will engage in improvement planning facilitated by school leaders.
Topics will vary by subject and include:

- Special Education: Community Classes
- Computer Programming
- Outdoor Education
- Supporting Equity in Assessment
- Supporting MLL learners in subject-area courses
- Technological Education
- Levelled Assessments for Math
- Enhancing Student Learning through the Use of Digital Tools
- First Aid Training for High Risk Sport Coaches

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](#).



Library Information

May is **Asian Heritage Month**. Learn more by borrowing one of these books from the UHS Library. Click titles for more information.

[Let’s Make Dumplings! A Comic Cookbook](#) by Hugh Amano
[Freedom Swimmer](#) by Wai Chim
[Kim’s Convenience](#) by Ins Choi
[The Jade Peony: A Novel](#) by Wayson Choy
[Chop Suey Nation: The Legion Cafe and Other Stories from Canada’s Chinese Restaurants](#) by Ann Hui
[Obasan](#) by Joy Kogawa
[We Were Dreamers: An Immigrant Superhero Origin Story](#) by Simu Liu
[The Sympathizer](#) by Viet Thanh Nguyen
[Floating City: A Novel](#) by Kerri Sakamoto
[Forgiveness: A Gift from My Grandparents](#) by Mark Sakamoto



Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
May 16	Mayfair (11:00 am - 2:00 p.m.)
May 22	Arts Unionville Music Recital - UHS (7 p.m.)
May 30	UHS Prom

