



Unionville High School Weekly Parent Bulletin

Friday, May 5, 2023

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Character Matters Trait of the Month: Perseverance

“It always seems impossible, until it’s done.” - Nelson Mandela

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
MONDAY, MAY 22	Victoria Day (No Classes)
THURSDAY, JUNE 1	UHS Prom
JUNE 21 - 27	Exams
TUESDAY, JUNE 27	Graduation
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28	Exam Review Day
THURSDAY, JUNE 29	Eid-ul-Adha
FRIDAY, JUNE 30	P.A. DAY (No Classes)

Spring Celebration

We'd like to invite you to join us for our annual Spring Celebration Music Concert on **Wednesday, May 10th, and Thursday, May 11th at the Flato Markham Theatre, at 7:00pm**. We will be celebrating performances by various music ensembles as they showcase exciting new repertoire that they've worked on so diligently throughout the year.

Below are the following ensembles for each evening:

May 10 - 7:00pm:

- Grade 9 Concert Band, Grade 10 Band, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, Core Strings classes and various solos/chamber groups

May 11 - 7:00pm:

- AU Chamber Winds, Concert Choir, Chamber Choir, AU Strings, UHS Symphony Orchestra and various solos and chamber groups

Tickets can be purchased at the box office in Flato Markham Theatre (905) 305-7469.

We hope to see you there for a wonderful concert!

Yours truly,
UHS Music Department



Mayfair - Wednesday, May 17, 2023

We are pleased to announce that there will be a variety of food trucks, clubs and councils booths/activities as well as a FREE surprise for staff & students. Please be reminded that this is an event for UHS students and staff only.

The modified schedule for Mayfair is as follows:

Period	Time
1	8:25am – 9:25am
3	9:30am – 10:30am
2	10:35am – 11:35am
MAYFAIR	11:40am – 12:55pm
4	1:00pm – 2:00pm
5	2:05pm – 3:05pm

As a reminder, the parking lot by the Warden fields will be blocked off for the day. Please park in the main parking lot.

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](#).

Stress Management Presentation for Parents:

The School (Parent) Council of Milliken Mills High School has organized a “Parent and Caregiver Masterclass in Stress Management”. This presentation will be offered online by Strong Minds Strong Kids Psychology Canada on **Wednesday, May 10 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm**.

The presentation will guide parents/caregivers to:

- recognize the signs and symptoms of stress in their children,
- understand what stress “feels” like,
- identify their children’s stressors and their impacts,
- see the upside of stress,
- and learn to support their children with coping and problem-solving strategies.

You are cordially invited to attend this virtual presentation, but attendance is limited to 100 participants. To register, use this [link](#).

After registering, the Zoom link information will be e-mailed to you.

From This Week's Communication:

[Bike to School Week](#)

[Building an Understanding of Anti-Black Islamophobia](#)

[Parenting Sessions](#)

[Periphery Film Community Screening](#)

[Recreation Subsidies](#)

[Tune-In YRDSB – Monthly Wrap-Up and Calendaring Report](#)

Upcoming Programs at MPL:

Author Storytime with Storyteller Sandra Whiting - [Sat | May 6 | 10:30 AM | Milliken Mills](#)

Interactive Drumming Show - [Sat | May 6 | 11:30 AM | Milliken Mills](#)

Meet Mayor Frank Scarpitti - [Sat | May 6 | 11 AM | Milliken Mills](#)

Meet Dr. Mary Anne Chambers - [Sat | May 6 | 11 AM | Milliken Mills](#)

7 Ways to Learn English at the Library - [7 Ways to Learn English at the Library](#)

Discover Seneca Microcredentials - [Thu | May 11 | 6 PM | ZOOM](#)

Asian Heritage Month Dance Performance & Lesson - [Sat | May 13 | 1PM | Milliken Mills](#)

Parent & Baby Yoga - [Mon | May 15 | 12 PM | Unionville](#)

Indigenous Nature Walk - [Sat | May 13 | 10 AM | Markham Village](#)

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 21-27, 2023**. Please be aware that **June 28, 2023** is Exam Review Day.

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.

Library Items:

May is Jewish Heritage Month. Celebrate by borrowing 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

[No is Not Enough: Resisting the New Shock Politics and Winning the World We Need](#) by Naomi Klein

[The Wizzle War](#) by Gordon Korman

[Entrée Refusée](#) by Carol Matas

[The Weight of Oranges/Miner's Pond](#) by Anne Michaels

[Infinity](#) by Hannah Moscovitch

[What We Talk About When We Talk About War](#) by Noah Richler

Students are invited to join the Library's Google Classroom. The join code is sv427pg. Students may also search for books, request books and access other resources on the [Library page](#) (click link) of the UHS website.

Students also have access to ebooks through [SORA](#) (click link). They sign in using the number 0 followed by their student number.

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**.

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.

Developing healthy eating habits for your nutritional health will benefit your physical and mental health in the long run. Eating a balance of healthy foods and paying attention to what your body needs will help balance your cravings.

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](#)

Summer School:

Summer school registration is now open and will close **June 16th**. 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*

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.

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.!

Leadership and Peer Support Credit Knowing Your Strengths to Design Your Future

Designed for Students with Disabilities



Are you a student who self identifies as a person with a disability?
Do you want to explore more opportunities with your peers?
Are you seeking a leadership role?

If so, this course is for YOU!

For the Second Summer YRDSB is offering a summer credit course and experience like no other!

This is a unique experience for students who have a disability (and who self-identify as a person with a disability) to earn a leadership and peer support course credit (GPP301) and have an incredible time working with peers! This course will include an overnight field trip at a post-secondary University or College.

Course Description

The course will include in-person experiential learning and opportunities that will be co-created with students and staff. Your teaching team will include a YRDSB teacher, Occupational Therapist, Peer Mentors and Educational Assistants.

Students will explore their own strengths and needs while honouring diversity and inclusivity. This course prepares students to:

- contribute to disability positive identity formation and affirmation
- explore peer support opportunities and the value of peer support
- learn to identify their own leadership styles
- seek leadership opportunities
- develop self advocacy skills
- learn system advocacy skills

Course Date/Location Expression of Interest

This course will run through the school of To express your interest in the course, please continuing education from July 5th-July 28th at complete the [Expression of Interest Form](#).
Richmond Green Secondary School.



<https://bit.ly/40qxzhh>

For more details about this program, please contact Stephanie Ellis (stephanie.ellis@yrdsb.ca) or Wendy Howes (wendy.howes@yrdsb.ca).

SCHOOL IMMUNIZATIONS

Did your child miss the recent student immunization clinic at school?

An immunization clinic for Hepatitis B, Human Papillomavirus (HPV-9) & Meningococcal vaccines were offered to students at your child's school this week by York Region Public Health. If your child missed the opportunity in school, it is not too late.

There are still opportunities to be immunized.

- **Make an appointment at york.ca/immunization for your child to receive the vaccines at a York Region Public Health student catch-up immunization clinic. *Please note that clinic appointments are released 30 days in advance.***

For more information about the school immunization clinics or eligibility for vaccines please call **York Region Public Health** at 1-877-464-9675 or visit york.ca/immunization

1-877-464-9675
TTY 1-866-512-6228
york.ca/immunization



Fearlessly Black

Master Class #3



presented by

**THE CENTRE FOR
BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE**

Monday May 8, 2023

5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

@ The Venu Event Space

2800 Highway 7, Woodbridge, ON

The Black Excellence Program invites you to the last Master Class for 2022 - 2023 featuring Dr. Howard Stevenson.

Have you ever been racially profiled and froze because you didn't know what to say?

Worried about how to confront racial tension at school?

Well, Dr. Howard Stevenson has perfected the art of how to respond in these uncomfortable situations!

Dinner is available at no cost. Register for this FREE workshop with a parent, guardian or caring adult using the link below.



Dr Howard C. Stevenson

**BLACK
EXCELLENCE**

5:00 p.m. Doors open
5:15 - 5:30 p.m. Dinner & mingle with community partners
6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Interactive workshop



[Register here](#)

Note: All YRDSB student participants must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or adult family member.

THE COME UP



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.



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*MORE INFO AT YOUTHSPEAK.CA OR EMAIL EVENTS@YOUTHSPEAK.CA



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



**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	<u>Peter Lansing</u>
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 Guldemon</u> - <u>Neil Sareen</u>
Desi Student Association	<u>Arora Angad Singh</u>
Dramatic Arts Council	<u>Laz Geronikos</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>
Philosophical 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</u> - <u>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 Guldemon</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</u> - <u>Daniel Dietrich</u>