



Unionville High School Weekly Parent Bulletin

Friday, November 18, 2022

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Character Matters Trait of the Month: Courage

"All you need is the plan, the road map, and the courage to press on to your destination." - Earl Nightingale

DATE	EVENT
NOVEMBER 7 - 23	Graduation Photos
NOVEMBER 21 - DECEMBER 1	Fall OSSLT
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24	Semi-Formal
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28	School Council Meeting 7:00pm - 8:30pm
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29	Semester 1 Full Disclosure

School Council Meeting November 28, 2022

The next School Council Meeting is on Monday, November 28, 2022, at 7:00p.m. All families are invited to the hybrid meeting. Please indicate if you plan to attend the meeting in person or virtually through this [form](#).

Masking in schools and Preparing for Severe Weather

As we are getting into colder climates and temperatures, here is a message that was sent to families from the YRDSB this week:

Dear families,

With yesterday's announcement from Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health regarding masking and winter weather approaching, we want to provide families with an update on masking and the steps we take to keep students safe when severe weather occurs.

Masking in Schools

Yesterday, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health strongly recommended that individuals wear masks in indoor settings. We continue to consult with York Region Public Health, who are [strongly recommending masking in indoor settings](#). York Region schools and workplaces continue to be mask friendly environments and masking is strongly encouraged in YRDSB schools and buildings, and on all forms of school transportation. All students, staff, families and visitors who choose to wear a mask, or who are advised or required to wear a mask will be supported in doing so. A limited number of masks are available; children who wish to wear a mask but do not have access to one, may contact their school.

School Transportation Cancellations

School transportation (buses and taxis) may be cancelled due to extreme cold or inclement weather. On these days, schools will remain open unless otherwise stated. If school transportation is cancelled in the morning, it will also be cancelled in the afternoon. Any special or hot lunch days and field trips will also be cancelled.

Families should use their best judgment to decide whether to send their children to school on extreme cold or inclement weather days. Students will not be penalized for missing school on those days. For safety reasons, please let the school know if your child will not be attending school that day.

School Closures

Emergency closures will be considered when conditions may not be safe for students and staff members to attend school for the full day. This may include events that significantly limit school operations or access to the school site (e.g., widespread, prolonged power failures or downed power lines).

In keeping with our current practice, we will continue to keep our schools open as much as possible. However, it is important that families have alternate childcare arrangements planned for the rare occasions when schools may be closed. Before and aftercare programs will not operate if schools are closed.

Communication to Families

Decisions about school transportation and school closures will be made as early as possible and no later than 6:00 a.m. We will do our best to notify families in advance when we may be considering closing school and Board offices. Transportation cancellations or school closures are communicated through:

- Student Transportation Services - www.schoolbuscity.com or 1-877-330-3001
- [Board](#) and school websites
- [@YRDSB](#) Twitter account
- Radio and TV media outlets

For more information on [severe weather days](#), please visit our website www.yrdsb.ca.

Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter

Please click [here](#) for the latest Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter

From the YRDSB:



INAUGURAL BOARD MEETING

**Monday, November 21, 2022
7:00 p.m.**

You are invited! Please click the links below the invitation for more information.

[Link and Agenda](#)

[Joining YRDSB Teams Live Event](#)

Last Chance to Get a Yearbook @ Discounted Early Bird Price!

This your last chance to get a UHS 2022-23 Yearbook at the discounted Early-Bird price of only \$55! The Early Bird Sale ends on November 25th, then the regular price @ \$65 will start. Don't miss your chance, login to School Cash Online to buy a yearbook now!

<https://yrdsb.schoolcashionline.com>

The York Region District School Board, in collaboration with
Taibu Community Health Centre
Black Health Alliance: Pathways to Care Project &
Support and Growth, invites you to

Moving Forward Hand in Hand

Parent/caregiver series supporting students of African Caribbean
Canadian Heritage

Free 4-part workshop series for the 2022-2023 school year

Workshop 1 of 4

**Understanding the impacts of anti-Black racism on children and
youth mental health**

November 23rd, 5:00- 6:30 PM

LOCATION: [Thornhill Community Center](#)

November 30th, 5:00- 6:30 PM

LOCATION: [Newmarket Community Center](#)

Locations are accessible to persons using mobility devices

Join us for an evening of community, conversation, light
refreshments and knowledge exchange.

Please [Register here](#) by November 20th

For more information, please contact the YRDSB Community Care Team School
Social Workers for the African Caribbean Diaspora Tracy Thomas-Elleston,
tracy.thomas-elleston@yrdsb.ca or Melanie Beckford melanie.beckford@yrdsb.ca .

For more information on event registration, dates and locations, please click [here](#).

Please email Max Denley for more information

YRDSB Trans Student Support Group



A group for trans, nonbinary, genderqueer, agender, gender fluid, and gender diverse students across the YRDSB.

The group will be facilitated by board staff with lived experience as members of the trans community: Max Denley (he/him), School Social Worker and Kenzie Wass (they/them), 2SLGBTQI+ Community Partnership Developer.

Gender diverse students in grades 7-12 are invited to participate virtually:

- Bi-Weekly on Tuesdays beginning November 22nd.
- 3:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.

If you are interested in joining or would like to learn more, please contact Max Denley at max.denley@yrdsb.ca



Looking for Club Information? Look no further!



UNIONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

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Clubs List 22-23

Please Click Teachers Name to Contact

Club	Teacher Supervisors
Artisans Club	Jessica Li
Business & Sports	Neil Sareen
Charis Club	Peter Lansing
Chess Club	Afsana Ahmed
Chinese History Club	Shan-Chen Yu
Club de Français (French Club)	Peter Lansing
Community Council	Melissa Del Rosario - James Campbell - Felicia Sukdeo
Computer Science Club	Raymond Do
Cooking Club	Anna DiLorenzo - Frances Tom
Dance Council	Melissa Bettio - Kathleen Major
DECA	Kuo Pan - Wesley Guldemond - Neil Sareen
Dramatic Arts Council	Lazaros Geronikolos
Eco-Council	Michael Johnston
Film Club	Lauren Fridman - Shiraz Rafik - Zachary Layton
Gender & Sexuality Alliance	Sara Faulkner - Zachary Teitel
Guitar Ensemble	Niloufar Barazesh
Jazz Band	Niloufar Barazesh
Light Music Club	Jennifer Porter
Math Club	Daniela Panacci - Shan-Chen Yu - Liubov Chulkova - Shama Sharma
Narrative Arts Club	Shiraz Rafik
Newcomers Club	Tara Kapeluch
Philosophical Studies Club	Laura Fong
Prom Committee	Zafirah Damji - Daniela Panacci - Melissa Bettio
Science Club	Elaine Howard - Jeffrey Chan
Show Choir	Melissa Bettio - Julia Fong - Michelle Teh
Social Justice Club	Felicia Sukdeo - Jennifer Porter
Special Events Club	Zafirah Damji - Susan Sun
STEM Beyond	Georgina Mantelos
Target Alpha	Wesley Guldemond - Matthew Himelson
UHS Architecture Club	Zachary Layton
UHS Black Excellence	Sara Faulkner - Zachary Teitel - Beckey Serwaa
UHS Wellness Club	Michelle Farwell - Evan Mallin
UHS Writers Club	Zachary Layton
Unionville Howl	Keyan Wu
Zoology Club	Yiu Lun Leung - Daniel Dietrich

[Please click here to access teacher advisor emails](#)

Book Your Grad Photos!

Attention Potential Graduates!

If you have not already done so please sign up to take your graduation photos!

Please click [here](#) for more information.

Parent/Caregiver Series Supporting Students of African Caribbean Canadian Heritage

The series, Moving Forward Hand in Hand, will provide a number of parent/caregiver in-person and web events to build community, support mental health, and promote healing. The first session in the series focuses on “Understanding the Impacts of Anti-Black Racism on Children and Youth Mental Health” and will be offered in person on **November 23rd** and repeated on **November 30th**. These sessions are offered to any parent/guardian of students who identify as Black.

Register by **November 20th, 2022**

Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT)

Please note: if schools remain open to in-person instruction, and transportation resumes, then the OSSLT will continue as planned. If schools are closed to students, communication will be forthcoming regarding rescheduling the OSSLT.

Attention to all students who will be writing the OSSLT this semester – this includes all eligible Grade 10s, previously unsuccessful and potential graduates who have not yet passed the OSSLT – this semester’s OSSLT will take place during Period 3 on the following dates:

November 21/November 22

November 23/November 24

November 28/November 29

November 30/December 1

The OSSLT will take place over two days during Period 3. Students have been assigned to one of the groupings and are expected to attend both days, as the test is split up into two sessions. Students and families have received specific details as to when they will be writing the OSSLT. Students are encouraged to keep practicing for the test (many exercises can be found on the OSSLT Google Classroom).

Any questions about the OSSLT should be directed to our Literacy Teacher – Ms. Chankseliani – at alyssa.chankseliani@yrdsb.ca or Vice Principal – Mr. Gheewala – at amol.gheewala@yrdsb.ca

School Start Up Forms Reminder

The York Region District School Board sent out to families for completion earlier this September. This e-mail serves as a reminder that these forms must be completed at your earliest convenience, and no later than **Monday, November 21st**. [School Start-up forms](#)



Wellness Reminder of the Week:

Mental health is an essential aspect of our lives. Based on Movember Canada, did you know that 3 of 4 suicides in Canada are by men? Men account for 49% of all suicides and one man dies of suicide every minute of every day. Take a moment to care for all your friends, listen to their struggles and lend a helping hand!

The UHS Wellness Council is back! We are a student run council whose mission is dedicated to improve students’ health and well-being by creating 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.

Semester 1 Exams

All students and families need to ensure that students are present and available for the Semester 1 Exam block. Semester 1 Exams will take place **January 26 - February 1**. Please be aware that **February 2, 2023** is Mark Review Day and **February 3, 2023** is a PA Day.

Student Activity Fees for 2022-2023...What does your \$45 get you?

In previous years, the student activity fee has supported a variety of school activities including Student Council activities such as spirit events, clubs & initiatives, dances, Fall Festival, Winter assembly, Mayfair, cultural events and celebrations, guest speakers, athletic team and field trip transportation subsidies, arts/ music competitions, snacks for students, and more.

We look forward to being able to offer similar type activities this school year. In order to do so, students will need to pay their Activity Fees. Once your fee has been paid, you will have reduced fees for school events throughout the school year! Please click on <https://www.schoolcashionline.com/> to pay your fees now!

Summer Mentorship Program 2023

The Summer Mentorship Program (SMP) gives high school students of Indigenous or African ancestry a chance to explore health sciences at the University of Toronto over four weeks in July.

Please see the following links for more details!

[Info & Deadlines](#)

[Brochure](#)



School Zone Parking Safety

Parking safety is everyone's responsibility! Please see the attached links for more information from the City of Markham about how we can all contribute to road safety.

[Common Responsibilities of By-Law Enforcement & Regulatory Services](#)

[By-Law Enforcement & Regulatory Services Newsletter](#)

[School Zone Parking Safety Pamphlet](#)



Looking for Student Volunteers!

YRDSB Indigenous Languages and International Languages Elementary Program is looking for student volunteers to support their program. Information has been posted on the UHS Volunteer and Program Opportunities Google classroom. Students are encouraged to join the classroom to access this information. **Enrolment code: emu544b**

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.

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](#)

Digital Storytelling Initiative

The Digital Storytelling initiative is a workshop series where you will participate in arts-based mixed media activities to discuss anti-Asian racism and build resilience. Through group collaboration and critical reflection, you can redefine and represent your lived experience.



Are you an Asian identifying young person who wants to...

- Talk with others about your racial identity and how anti-Asian racism has impacted your mental health?
- Use different arts media (video, photos, podcasts, etc.) to tell your story?
- Share your lived experiences and connect with other people?

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Dates

October 25 - November 22 2022

Who

Asian youth age 16-24
living in the GTA with
interest/experience in media or
creating social media content

To register, please contact:

Bernie Yeung
Youth Program Worker
Email: byeung@hongfook.ca
Phone: (647) 267-5013

Upcoming Events - December 2022

DATE	EVENT
MONDAY, DECEMBER 5	UHS Dance at Markham Theatre Tech Rehearsal
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6	UHS Dance at Markham Theatre <ul style="list-style-type: none">• P2 Elementary Show• P4 UHS & Parent Show UHS Music Winter Fantasia at Markham Theatre 7:30pm - 9:30pm
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7	UHS Music Winter Fantasia at Markham Theatre 7:30pm - 9:30pm
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23	Winter Assembly at Markham Theatre
DECEMBER 26 - JANUARY 6	Winter Break