



Unionville High School Weekly Parent/Guardian Bulletin

November 01, 2024

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TECH REQUEST FORM – 2024-2025

CLUBS

GUIDANCE UPDATES

Character Matters Trait of the Month: Responsibility

“Courage, my friends; 'tis not too late to build a better world.”
- Tommy Douglas

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
November 4	York Public Health Vaccination Clinic - Gr. 12's
November 6	Grade 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day
November 7	Grade 8 Information Session
November 15	Professional Development Day (No classes)



Take Our Kids To Work Day 2024

Attention Parents/Guardians of Grade 9 Students:

“Take Our Kids to Work” (TOKW) is an initiative that provides Grade 9 students with the opportunity to observe a work environment for one day. This program will support students to begin planning their future career path by helping them better understand the world of work.

On **Wednesday November 6, 2024**, Grade 9 UHS students will have an opportunity to spend the day at a workplace of a parent/guardian, relative or family friend. **There will be no formal instruction/lessons for Grade 9 students on November 6th.**

Parents/guardians are asked to fill out the following **Google Form** to identify their child's plans for their Grade 9 child/ward on "Take Our Kids to Work Day".

<https://bit.ly/november62024>



Grade 8 Open House - Information Night

Grade 8 Information Sessions

UHS will be hosting an open house for our grade 8 families to learn about our school community on **Thursday, October 7, 2024** from **6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**



Grade 8

ANNOUNCEMENT



UHS OSSLT Administration Window: November 18 - November 29, Period 3 and Period 4

November 18 - November 29, 2024 starting from period 3, Unionville HS students who have not fulfilled their literacy requirement for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) will write the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) for two days. It will also be written by students who were previously eligible but have not yet written the test or who were unsuccessful on their previous attempts.

To help students prepare for the OSSLT, teachers will provide **OSSLT preparation sessions** in their **grade 10 classrooms** on **November 11 period 1, November 12 period 2, November 13 period 3 and November 14 period 5**. Students who are **not in a grade 10 classroom** at those times can go to the practice session in the **library**.

In a separate email in student GAPPS accounts, students will receive the date, time, and classroom location where they will write the OSSLT. More details will be sent to their GAPPS accounts.

For information about the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Requirement, please click [here](#).

School Council Meeting Updates

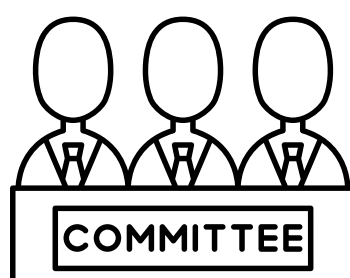
Hello families,



Our third School Council Meeting will be on **Monday, November 25 at 7:00 pm**. Translation services from English to Mandarin will be available. Please feel free to fill out **the School Council Pre-Registration Form - Monday, November 25, 2024**

Location: **Unionville HS Library**

We hope to see you there!



Please visit our [school website](#) to read the [School Council Minutes](#) from Tuesday, October 22's School Council Meeting.

Post-Secondary Fair at Bill Crothers S.S.

30 + Post secondary Institutions represented on Nov. 14, 2024 at Bill Crothers S. S.

Address: 44 Main St. Unionville, Markham, ON

Time: 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

POST-SECONDARY FAIR

30+ POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS REPRESENTED



WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM

- Ontario Colleges
- Ontario Universities
- Out-of-province Universities
- And more!



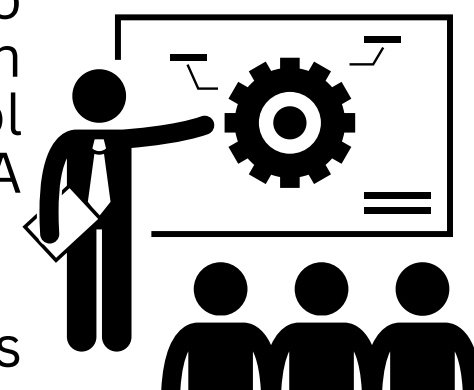
BILL CROTHERS S.S.

44 MAIN ST. UNIONVILLE
MARKHAM, ON

Ask Questions!
Get Info!
Prepare for applications!

Sharing Professional Activity Day Plans

As per PPM 151, schools are required to electronically share PA Day plans with parents and guardians and School Council Chair(s) 14 days prior to the PA Day.



Please click [here](#) for the PA Day plans (activities of staff trainings)

UHS Semi Formal -- Enchanted Forest

Hey wolves! Join us for our semi-formal, Enchanted Forest!

It will be a magical night with your friends, filled with music, dinner and games held at **Crystal Fountain Event Venue**.

Mark your calendars: it will be on Wednesday, **November 20th** from **6:00 to 10:30 PM**.

Tickets are available on [School Cash Online](#) for **SAC-free payers until Wednesday, October 30th**, and **available to non-SAC fee payers on Thursday, October 31st**. Tickets close on **November 4th**, so don't miss out on unforgettable memories! Limited spots available - **get your tickets now!**



Message from York Region Public Health: Immunization Clinics for Gr. 12

Only for Gr. 12 students:

Unionville High School Clinic is scheduled for Monday, November 4th.

Please ensure all Grade 12 families are aware of our vaccine clinic for their convenience. If you haven't already done so, please **CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE ELECTRONIC CONSENT** or scan the QR code here to complete an immunization consent form titled High School Clinic.

Vaccines will be offered at no cost to students in Grade 12 who have received a notice of suspension. Please check the poster for UHS Immunization Clinics for Gr. 12.

For more information about the Public Health Community Immunization Clinics, please click the following link:

<https://www.york.ca/health/immunizations/public-health-community-immunization-clinics>



SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

York Region Public Health is hosting an immunization clinic at your child's school for students who have received a notice from York Region Public Health and are at risk for suspension. Public health will be offering all mandatory student immunizations including:


• Meningococcal ACYW135	• Measles	• Tetanus
	• Mumps	• Diphtheria
	• Rubella	• Pertussis
		• Polio

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THE SCHEDULED CLINIC DAY FOR YOUR CHILD'S HIGH SCHOOL IS: NOVEMBER 4, 2024

It's not too late to submit a consent form.

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE ELECTRONIC CONSENT](#) or scan the QR code below to complete an immunization consent form titled High School Clinic.



If your child was vaccinated by YRPH at a school or catch-up clinic in 2022-2024, additional doses may be required, please submit a new consent form so they are eligible to be immunized at school.


مراجعة کنید: <https://www.york.ca/health/immunizations/school-immunization-program> برای این اطلاعات، لطفاً به <https://www.york.ca/health/immunizations/school-immunization-program>

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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](https://www.york.ca/immunization)

1-877-464-9675
TTY 1-866-512-6228
[york.ca/immunization](https://www.york.ca/immunization)



The Chamber of Red Thread Project By Visual Art
Grade 12 Students

The Chamber of Red Thread is on display at the **WongAvery Asia Pacific Peace Museum (APPM)** due to the generosity of **Shane Clodd**, the amazing Head of Visual Arts, Unionville High School York Region District School Board. It was moved from the Aga Khan on Friday June 14, 2024 when a Seat at the Table exhibition ended.

Thanks to Tracy-Mae Chambers, Metis artist, who worked with the students and Mr. Shane Clodd.

Thanks to the brilliant creativity and storytelling of the **Grade 12 students** in his class, bringing together Metis art, technology, mathematics, and the Chinese cultural symbolism of the Red Thread as counter narratives to anti-Asian racism.

To quote the students: "Traditionally, the concept of the Red Thread signified the unseen ties that connect us to those with whom we shared significant life lessons. Beyond its individual symbolism, the Red Thread extended to encompass connections within families, communities, and the collective whole of human beings. It represents the threads of fate that weave through our lives, intertwining our stories and influencing our paths. This concept resonated universally, reflecting the intricate tapestry of human experience within the grand narrative of existence."

More information about this project, please see the posting in our school website: **CHAMBER of the RED THREAD**



Students inspire Us Every Day.
Let Them Inspire You Too.

We believe that every student can be successful. That drives our work.

We are looking for individuals who share our commitment to student well-being and achievement. Join our team of caring, innovative and dedicated professionals who are making a difference in the lives of students and families every day.

Please see **the Board website** for more information.

A Career that works for you.

“We believe that every student can be successful. That drives our work.”

We are looking for individuals who share this commitment to student learning well-being and achievement.

We have ongoing job postings in a variety of positions. Learn more about why YRDSB may be the right place for you.

Meet some of our staff and explore career opportunities. www.yrdsb.ca/careers or scan the QR code.





Board Website

Helpful information can be found on the YRDSB website at **www.yrdsb.ca**. A translation tool at the top of each page can translate content into over 80 languages. On the website, you can find information about board programs and student supports, as well as **online tools for students, community supports and family resources** such as **translation information** and the **Guide to the School Year**.



Library Information



New in Your Library

Six Crimson Cranes and The Dragon's Promise

by Elizabeth Lim

The exiled Princess Shiori must unravel the curse that turned her six brothers into cranes, and she is assisted by her spurned betrothed, a capricious dragon, and a paper bird brought to life by her own magic. This two-book series is now available in the UHS Library.



SHSM

SIGN UP SOON! We're Booking Workshops, Certifications and Field Trips for SHSM Students!

The SHSM program provides your student with additional and exclusive opportunities for hands-on experiences, field trips, certifications, workshops, and opportunities to connect with industry professionals in a chosen sector. Also, they will graduate with a unique SHSM red seal on their diploma.

At Unionville, we offer four SHSM sectors: Health and Wellness, Business, Arts and Culture, and Information and Communications Technology.

Grade 11 students (or grade 12 students have already completed co-op) that are interested can sign up using this link:

<https://bit.ly/YRDSBSHSMStudentapp>

If you have any questions, please email your child's guidance counsellor.

Semester 1 Midterm Reporting - All students

York Region District School Board will be issuing electronic copies of the **Semester 1 midterm report cards** between **November 18-20**. The electronic copy will be available to parents/caregivers through the **new family portal**, and students will continue to access through their GAPPs account. Instructions will be sent out by email to both parents/caregivers and to students prior to distribution.

↓ DOWNLOAD

Full Disclosure for Grade 11 and Grade 12 Courses

For the 2024-2025 school year, the course withdrawal date (Full Disclosure) will be at least 5 instructional days from the last possible date the mid-semester report is issued. **The Full Disclosure date for Grade 11 and Grade 12 courses is November 27**. If a student withdraws from a Grade 11 or 12 course on or prior to November 27, then the course and mark will not be recorded on the Ontario Student Transcript. If a student withdraws from a Grade 11 or 12 course after the Full Disclosure date, a withdrawal (W) is entered in the credit column, and the student's mark in the course at the time of withdrawal will be recorded as a percentage in the achievement column of the transcript.



ATTENTION

Family Portal and Contact Information

York Region District School Board is looking forward to launching a **family portal** later this year. **The portal will make it easier for you to access information about your child's education in a secure and accessible way.** To access the portal, it will be essential that the school has **an updated email address** for you. Please contact the school office if you need to update your email address. We look forward to sharing more information about this initiative with you soon.

If any of your **contact information has changed**, including **phone number, address, or email address**, please contact the school office. This is important in case of emergencies and to ensure you receive important school communications.

School Start-Up Forms Reminder

You must sign in to your child's student GAPPs account to complete the form.

In case you have not yet completed school start-up forms, please submit them as soon as possible as they contain permissions and consents. The forms can be found at <https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/>. Translated versions are also available.

Tips are available on the Board website if you need additional information on how to login to the Student GAPPs account to complete the forms.

You must complete a separate form for each child attending school. Please ensure you logout of one student account before logging into another.

If you'd prefer to complete the forms on paper or have questions about the information in the forms, please contact the school office.

Secondary school students must also complete the secondary school student form at <https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/students>. They would have received this link in their student GAPPs account.



OUAC and OCAS Upload for Potential Graduates

Semester 1 midterm marks will be shared with OCAS and OUAC on **November 15**. Students in Grade 11 and 12 courses will be notified of their report card mark by their classroom teacher by **November 11**. Potential graduates who are applying to an Ontario college and/or university who are planning to drop a course are encouraged to connect with their guidance counsellor in advance of these dates. Guidance appointments can be booked through [Teachassist](#).

We recognize that you and your child may have questions regarding this information. If it is helpful for you to connect with a staff member from the school, please contact the Guidance Department to discuss your questions.

Please review the timelines below:

October 10	Deadline for potential graduates who are not planning on applying to an Ontario college or university to notify their Guidance Counsellor if they do not want their information shared with OCAS/OUAC this school year.
October 15-18	Students will receive a secure communication in their GAPPS email which provides information needed for their applications, including their OEN (required for college applications only), school MIDENT# (BSID).
November 11	Teachers will share mid semester mark updates with students in Grade 11 and 12 courses.
November 11-14	Potential graduates applying to an Ontario college or university that are planning to drop a course, and do not wish to have the course mark shared with OUAC/OCAS are advised to connect with their Guidance Counsellor by November 17.
November 15	School will upload all Semester 1 midterm and/or final marks (for quadmester courses) for all grade 11 and 12 courses to OUAC and OCAS
November 27	This is the full disclosure date, which is the final day that a student, in a Grade 11 or 12 course, may drop a course in order that it not be recorded on the Ontario Student Transcript.

Grad Google Classroom

Grade 12 potential grads have been asked to join the Grad Google classroom. Information regarding graduation information, post-secondary programs, scholarships/bursaries and much more will be posted here.

Google Classroom Enrolment Code: [npegu46](#)

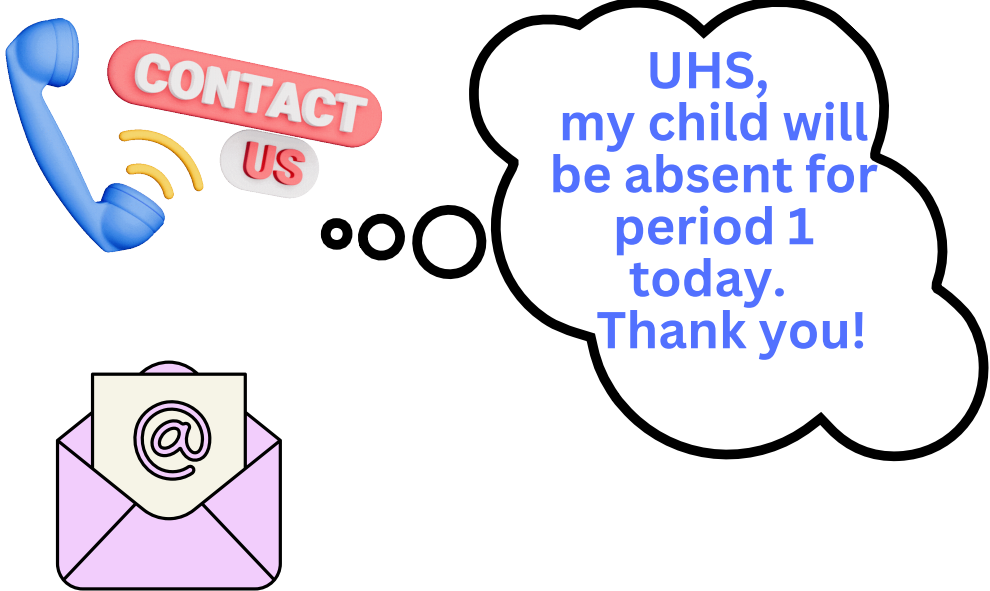
Attendance

Strive for Perfect Attendance: Try to book appointments for after school or during lunch.

Student Absences: Parents/Guardians are **to call or email** the attendance office **before 8:25am** at (905) 479-2787 ext. 431 or unionville.hs@yrdsb.ca

Daytime Appointments: Send a note or call the office – students must **be signed out** through the main office

Extended Absences: If the student is taking three and more days of absence, the Student must complete an **Extended Absence Form**, signed by parents and your child's teachers. The form is to be returned to the attendance office prior to the absence. Please avoid scheduling vacations during school.



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. If your child does not already have a personal or Board laptop or chromebook, please complete the [Technology Request Form 2024-2025](#). The link will be posted on the parent bulletin top left corner for the whole school year.



Welcome to the House of Commons Page Program!

Each year, we recruit 40 bilingual students graduating from high schools and CEGEPs from across Canada to participate in **the House of Commons Page Program**. Pages work directly on the floor of the House of Commons and are responsible for a wide range of tasks related to Chamber activities. This provides them with the opportunity to broaden their knowledge of Parliament by playing a role in the rich traditions of the Canadian parliamentary system. The recruitment campaign for the 2025-2026 academic year is taking place from **October 15 to November 10, 2024**.

To be selected, candidates must be starting fulltime or part-time post-secondary studies in September 2025 at the University of Ottawa, Carleton University, Saint Paul University, Université du Québec en Outaouais, Collège La Cité or Algonquin College. Successful candidates will be required to reside in the National Capital Region during their year of employment as a Page. We encourage you to visit our website ([//ourcommons.ca/page](http://ourcommons.ca/page)) to learn more.



Markham Public Library

**In-person: Understanding the IEP in Ontario's Education System for High school, College and University Students

Are you interested in learning how an IEP is used in highschool as compared to college and university?

In this program, we will cover the following:

- How an IEP is used in high school vs. how it is used in college/university
- What is the difference between an accommodation and a modification
- How accomodations can be used to support the student in college/university

Wed. Nov. 13 | 6:30 - 7:15 pm

Markham Village Library

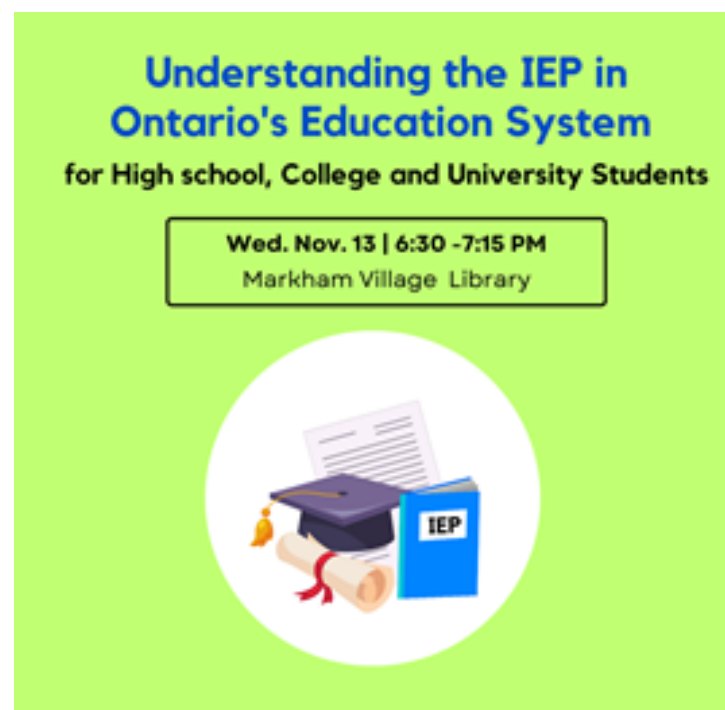
Register Now

Tips and Tricks to Ace Your Exams

Are you in highschool, college or university? Are you interested in learning more about exam preparation tips? Join us for an informative session to learn more about tips/strategies to help you study for your next exam. This workshop is presented by Seneca Polytechnic. Wed. Dec. 4 | 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Online Program

Register Now



York University Markham Campus Fall Campus Day

Learn more about **Markham Campus programs**, speak with faculty members and program experts, and discover the facilities and services that will make York University's newest campus an exciting addition to Markham and York Region.

Date and time: **Sat, Nov 16, 2024 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM**

Location: **York University Markham Campus, 1 University Boulevard Markham, ON L6G 0A1**



Online Payments (School Cash Online)

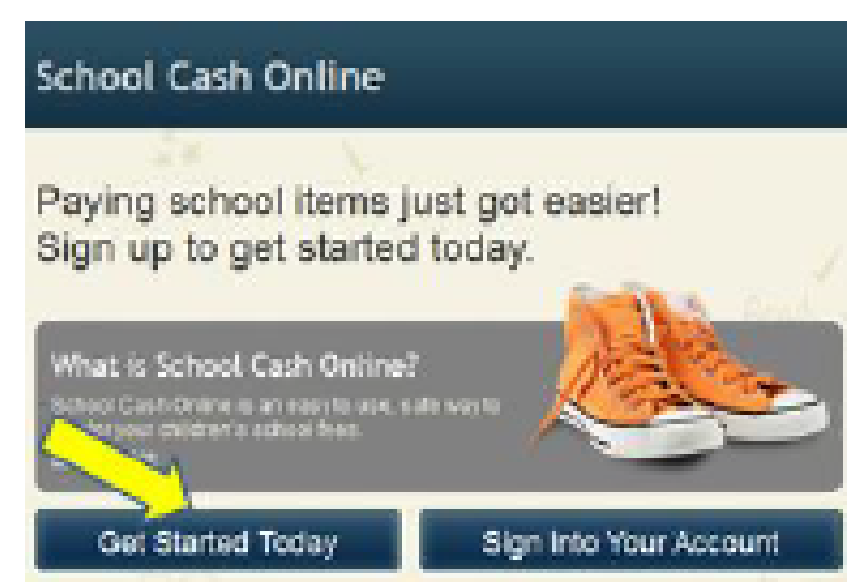
All YRDSB schools are now using School Cash Online as an online payment system. School Cash Online is an easy, safe and convenient way for families to pay online for extracurricular items or events, including yearbooks and field trips. It helps to reduce paper and the amount of cash/cheques handled by parents and students. Families may make payments using School Cash Online, or by cash or cheque.

How do I access the tool?

You can register for **School Cash Online** at any time by visiting the website. Once you are registered, you will be notified of any new items available for your child.

How do I register?

Please click [here](#) for instructions.





DATE	EVENT
November 18 - November 29	UHS OSSLT Administration Window
November 20	Semi Formal at Crystal Fountain
December 5	Arts Unionville Music Recital At Flato
December 23 - January 3	Winter Break