



Unionville High School Weekly Parent/Guardian Bulletin

November 08, 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 15	Professional Development Day (No classes)
November 18 - November 29	UHS OSSLT Administration Window
November 20	Semi Formal at Crystal Fountain
November 25	School Council Meeting #3 (7:00 pm)

November

SCHOOL Activity Fee

Message from UHS School Council Chair

Dear Parents/Guardians

- Please consider paying your child's **Student Activity Fee**.

The link to pay is: [SchoolCash Online](#)

- Do you have **Fundraising** experience? We are looking for 3 or 4 parents to join our team.

Email: OurSchoolUHS@gmail.com

Anoosh Sharif
Chair
UHS School Council

亲爱的家长/监护人

- 请支持学校活动并考虑支付您孩子的学生活动费。

付款连结为: [SchoolCash Online](#)

- 您有筹款经验吗? 我们诚挚邀请 3 或 4 位家长加入我们的团队。

请电邮我们: OurSchoolUHS@gmail.com

Anoosh Sharif
校务理事会主席



WHAT'S NEW

Grad Photo Sign Up Announcement

Attention **grade 12 students**: Grad photos are coming!



Edge Imaging will be here to take grad photos **beginning Monday November 25**.

Don't forget to book your appointment!

Please **sign up online** at www.bookmygrad.ca. Our school code is: WUH

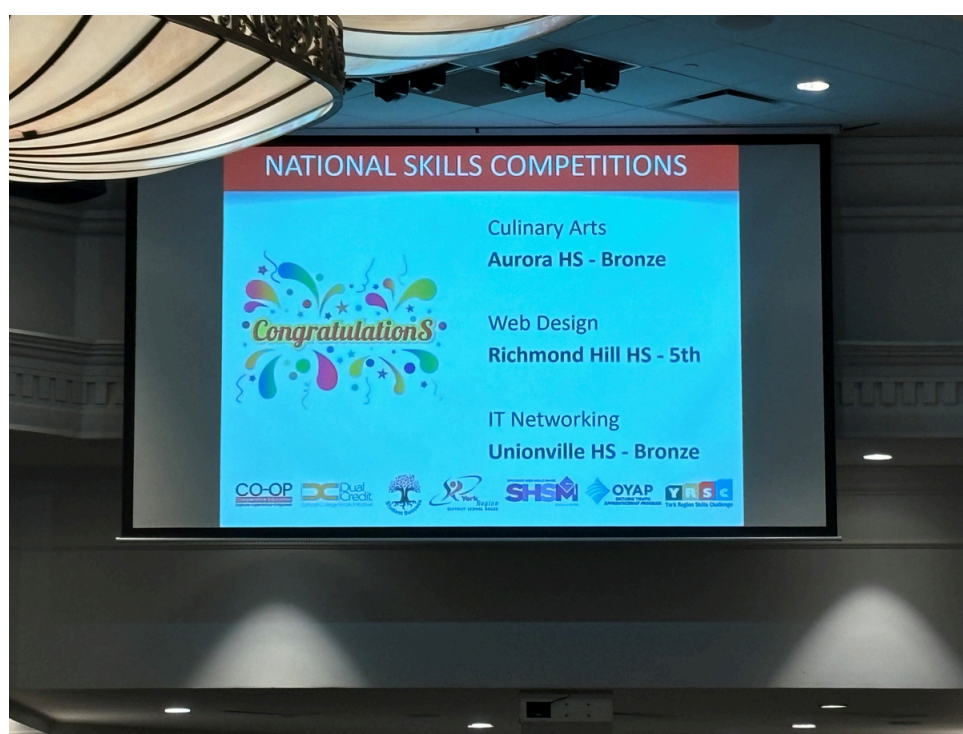
Sign up early to get the time that works best for you.

Congratulations class of 2025; we look forward to seeing you for your graduation photos.



Congratulations!

UHS was awarded a Bronze medal in **IT Networking** at the **National Skills Competition**. Congratulations to E. L. and the UHS team for their participation in this event! This award was presented at the Pathway Symposium.



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](#).

Markham Campus Community Open House

We're thrilled to invite our University community—students, staff, faculty, alumni, partners, and the local Markham and York Region communities—to our first Community Open House on **Saturday, November 16, 2024** from **1 to 5 p.m.**

Join us to explore the state-of-the-art **York University Markham Campus** and its unique teaching and learning spaces. Experience the building's sustainable design and get hands-on access to cutting-edge equipment, including 3D printers, the library MakerSpace with virtual gaming & more. Enjoy refreshments and exciting promotions throughout the event!

We look forward to meeting our community members and their family and friends!

REGISTER NOW

Date and time: **Saturday, November 16, 2024** from **1 to 5 p.m.**

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

[VISIT WWW.YORKU.CA/MARKHAM](http://WWW.YORKU.CA/MARKHAM)



Post-Secondary Transition Information Night
The Regional Assessment and Resource Centre (RARC) promotes equity and access for students with neurodevelopmental disorders in post-secondary education, by providing evidence-based services and supports to students, practitioners, and educators across Ontario. Our vision is to enable students with neurodevelopmental disabilities to thrive in post-secondary education.

In this presentation, we will discuss programming, accommodations, and supports that equip secondary students with disabilities with the necessary knowledge and skills to access post-secondary education. Presenters will highlight the important role of transition planning to help students feel more confident and prepared to meet educational challenges. The role of assessment and appropriate determination and implementation of accommodations will also be central to the discussion. This training is appropriate for **grade 11 and 12 students** with learning disabilities, ADHD, Autism Spectrum Disorder, and/or Mental Health Disorders, parents/guardians, and resource teachers. There is no fee or registration required for this event.

Join via Microsoft Teams: <https://tinyurl.com/42pde9dr> Meeting ID: 278 204 256 553 Passcode: bEjZix

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 November 26, 2024
6:00-7:00pm

 Virtual Presentation

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Objectives:

- 1 Identify the skills required to successfully transition to post-secondary education and the resources available to teach your students these skills.
- 2 Appreciate the differences between rights and responsibilities of a student at the various levels of education.
- 3 Recognize how assessment can be used as part of transition planning and the determination of appropriate accommodations.

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<https://tinyurl.com/42pde9dr>

Meeting ID: 278 204 256 553
Passcode: bEjZix

 rarc.transitions@queensu.ca

 www.queensu.ca/rarc

 613-533-6311

BFCN Scholarship Application Workshop for Black YRDSB Students
Black students and their families in the York Region District School Board (YRDSB) are invited to join us for a virtual edition of the BFCN Scholarship Application Workshop on **Tuesday, November 26, 2024, from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM EST.**

This is a **free** workshop in collaboration with YRDSB designed to guide Black students and their families on how to prepare, search, and apply for scholarships and bursaries. Our main goal is to share collective knowledge so that Black students and their families can make informed decisions about post-secondary education and the various available funding options.

If you are in Grade 8 or high school, this workshop is especially for you! Note that you will receive your unique Zoom link via email upon registration. A reminder email and further details will also be sent to registrants on the day of the event.

For registration, please click [here](#).

For more information please contact us at info@bfcn.ca or 416-566-2731.

Black Foundation of Community Networks (BFCN)



York Region District School Board (YRDSB)



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Tuesday, November 26, 2024
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM EST | ONLINE (ZOOM)

Learn more and register at:
<http://bfcn.ca/WorkshopNovember26>

To participate, Black students and their families must be from YRDSB. For questions contact Cheryl Yarde at info@bfcn.ca.

Learn more about our work and how to support at bfcn.ca.



Library Information

New in Your Library
Astrophysics for Young People in a Hurry

by Neil deGrasse Tyson

From the basics of physics to big questions about the nature of space and time, celebrated astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson breaks down the mysteries of the cosmos into bite-sized pieces. This book is now available in the UHS Library.

Families of YRDSB Black Students Monthly Information Session: Understanding & Navigating the Education System
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Monday, November 25, 2024 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Families, parents, caregivers, please join us for our monthly virtual meeting where families with Black children come together to learn about resources and upcoming programs for Black students in both elementary and secondary schools.

Please register no later than **November 20, 2024**.
A Zoom meeting link will be sent after registration.
Let us come together to empower our students and build a stronger community.
We look forward to seeing you there

Please click [here](#) to register.

Understanding and Navigating the Education System



THE CENTRE FOR BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE

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Agenda:

- Highlights from our Graduation Coaches
- Presentation by YRDSB administrators and families on school engagement opportunities
- Upcoming school programs and events
- Question and answer session

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We look forward to seeing you there.

 [Register now.](#)

If you require further information, please contact: BlackStudentExcellence@yrdsb.ca



ANNOUNCEMENT

Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter - November 2024

Dear Families and Caregivers,
Today, technology and more specifically screens are everywhere and are a part of most of our daily lives. As we continue to adjust to this new reality, there are opportunities to explore our relationships with our devices, how you can model a balanced relationship with them, and support your children in doing the same. This year, in alignment with the Ministry of Education's School Board Policy on Enforcement of Restrictions to Student Mobile Personal Device Use, the Central Mental Health Team would like to draw your attention to the connection between screen-time and mental health.



For more resources and information, please check YRDSB website:

Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter - November 2024 Digital Wellness and Screen Time Balance

School Council Meeting Updates

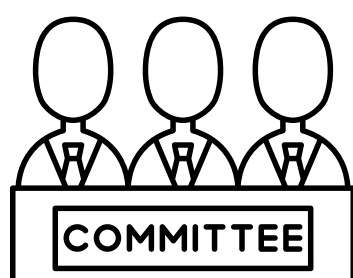
Hello families,



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!



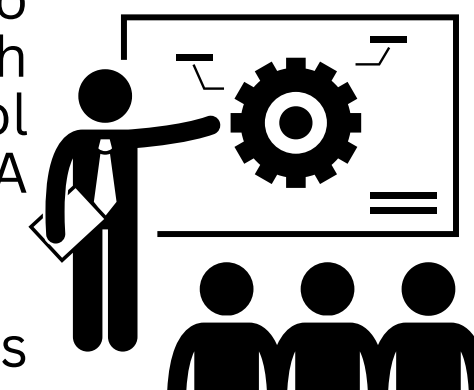
BILL CROTHERS S.S.

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!**



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**



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.

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.



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.

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.



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**.

 **DOWNLOAD**



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](#)

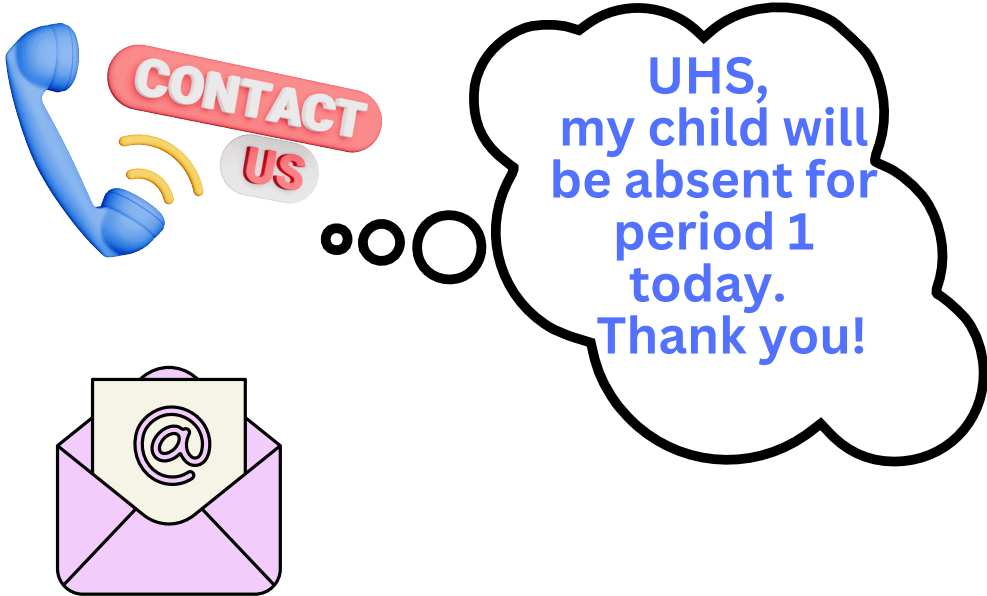
Attendance

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.



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

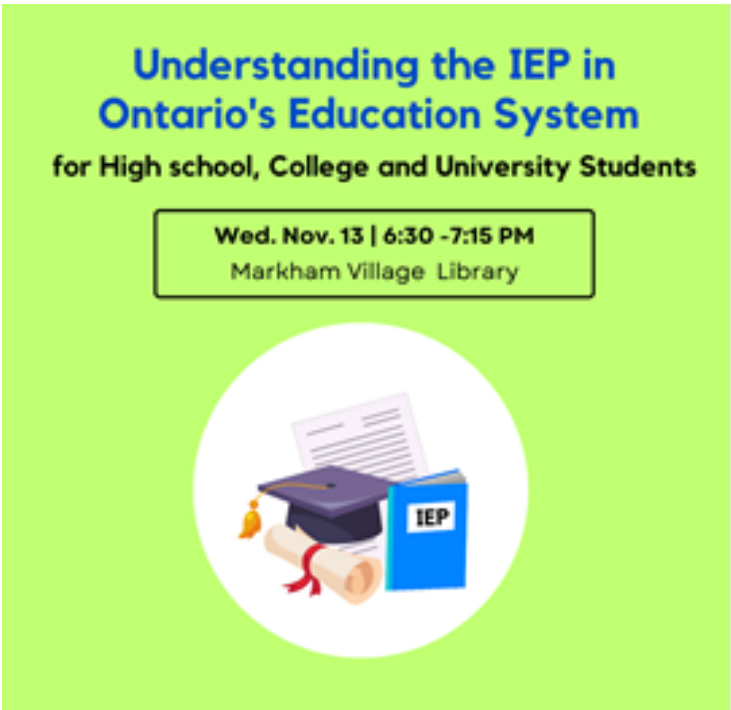
Markham Village Library

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



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.

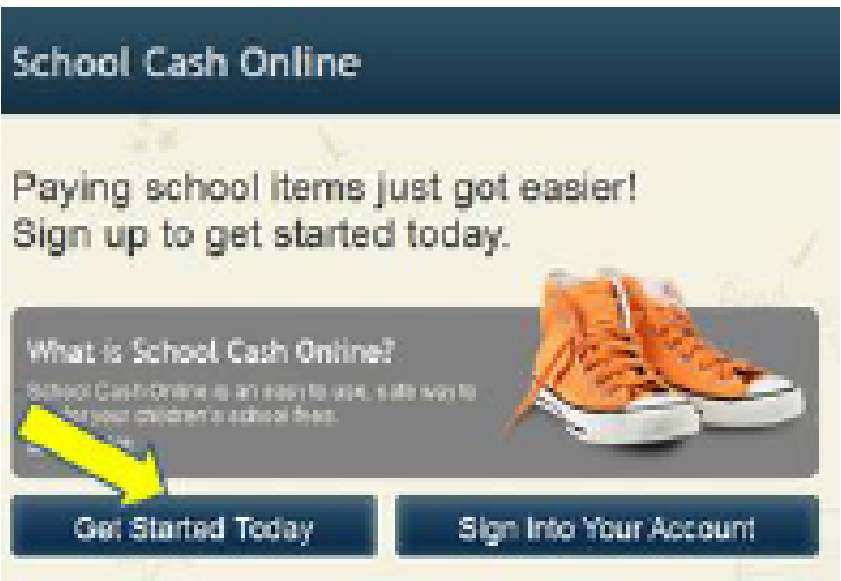


Online Payments (School Cash Online)

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.



City of Markham School Zone Safety Guide – Public Information Session

Markham School Zone Safety Guide – Provide your input at the Virtual Public Information Session
Join the project team at the **Virtual Public Information Centre** on **Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 6 pm EST**.

Register [here](#)(External link).

City of Markham School Zone Safety Guide - Survey

Markham School Zone Safety Guide – The City wants to hear from you!

Your opinion matters in making school zones and routes safer! Share your thoughts on the challenges of travelling to and from school, and how the City can improve safety in the neighbourhood.

Please take a moment to complete the [survey](#)(External link).

Together, we can create a safer environment for school communities!



DATE	EVENT
November 25 - December 12	Grad Photos by Appointment
December 5	Arts Unionville Music Recital At Flato
December 23 - January 3	Winter Break
January 20	School Council Meeting #4 (7:00 pm)