

Unionville High School Weekly Parent Bulletin

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TECH REQUEST FORM - 2023-2024

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GUIDANCE UPDATES

Character Matters Trait of the Month: Courage

"Don't ever underestimate the importance you can have because history has shown us that courage can be contagious and hope can take on a life of its own."

— Michelle Obama

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15	Gr. 8 Open House (6:30 pm)
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17	PA Day (No classes)
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20	School Council Meeting (7:00 pm)
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23	Semi Formal (6:30 pm)

Student Activity Council and Activity Fees

Unionville High School Council would like to inform you about the importance of the \$45 Student Activity Fee, which supports extracurriculars like clubs, sports teams, travel expenses, and whole-school spirit events. This fee helps ensure a range of school events and activitiés continue for ALL students, not just if your child is in an extracurricular club.

Parents are urged to take 1-2 minutes to pay via School Cash Online at https://yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com/ (have your student number ready). Only 38% of our UHS families have paid, and we are trying to reach our goal of 80%. Your support is valued. Questions can be directed to our administration team or your school council chair.

Anoosh Sharif Chair **UHS School Council**

Unionville 高中校务理事会在此想让您了解四十五元学生活动费的有多重要,这项费用将用于支持社团、校队、旅行费用以及和代表学校精神相关的活动等课外活动上。这笔费用不仅仅是帮助您的孩子有多样的课外社团可以参加,也有助于确保所有学生都能持续参加一系列 的学校活动。我们恳请家长能花 1-2 分钟的时间,透过School Cash Online支付学生活动费:<u>https://yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com/</u>(需要您小孩的学号)。目前只有百分之38的 UHS 家庭支付了该费用,我们正在努力并希望可以达到百分之80的目标。您的支持对我们 来说十分宝贵。若您有任何问题,请不吝向我们的學校行政管理团队或校务理事会主席提出。

Anoosh Sharif Unionville 高中校务理事会主席 敬上

Student Trustee Elections

If you will be in grade 11 or 12 next school year and are passionate about student voice, consider becoming a student trustee, and representing students across YRDSB.

Student trustees network with students, staff and the Board of Trustees to share information that gives students a meaningful voice. Learn more about the role and how you can apply at www.yrdsb.ca/studenttrustees.

Applications can be submitted between **November 27-December 11**. The deadline to apply is **Monday, December 11** at 11:59 pm.

All students in Grades 5-12 will have an opportunity to vote for the candidate who represents our area of the Board. There are four areas of the Board (central, east, north and west). Once the four final candidates are announced, students can vote for two of the four candidates to represent them as student trustees in the 2024-2025 school year.

Students will receive information on how to vote in the election during the campaign and voting period.

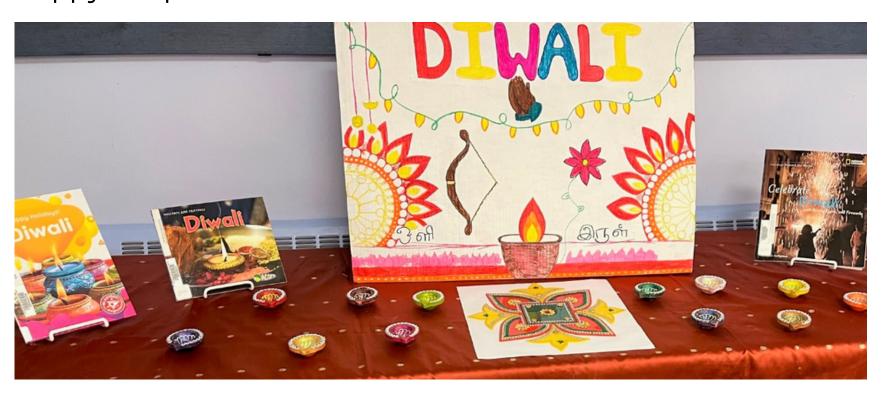
Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test

All grade 10 students and previously eligible Grades 11 and 12 students will be taking this test for two days during their Period 3 class between **November 20-29**. Details will be emailed to student GAPPS accounts.

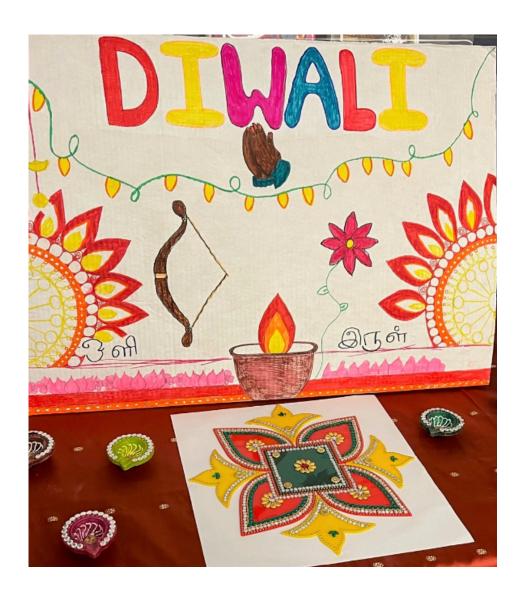
Deepavali/Diwali

Deepavali/ Diwali symbolizes the victory of light over darkness and good over evil, this also marks a time for people to renew and refresh, and <u>spread positivity</u>.

Happy Deepavali/ Diwali from the Tamil Student Association and South Asian Club.







Student Study Tour - Spain 2024

We are excited to announce an interdisciplinary trip to Spain.

This study tour will be from **May 17 - 25, 2024** for students in Grades 10 - 12 in English, History, Social Science, Family Studies, Visual Arts, and Physical Education.

MADRID, MALAGA, CORDOBA, GRANADA! Explore history, culture, food, and healthy, active living.

Pre-booking is now open on the website operated by our travel provider, Georgia Hardy Tours. Please look at our customized website for more details and the booking information.

Please reach out to Sara Faulkner <u>sara.faulkner@yrdsb.ca</u> or Yachna Minhas <u>yachna.minhas@yrdsb.ca</u> if you have questions.

Graduation Photos

Attention potential Grade 12 students: grad photos are coming! Edge Imaging will be here to take <u>grad photos</u> beginning **Monday, November 27**.

BOOK YOUR GRADUATION PHOTO SESSION NOW

Please sign up at www.bookmygrad.ca. Our school code is: WUH. Have your student card handy. Sign up early to book a time that works best for you.

Congratulations class of 2024!

Alpine Ski/Snowboard Race Team

We are excited to announce that Unionville High School will have an Alpine Ski/Snowboard Race Team that will compete in the YRAA competitions. This team will be competing in 5 events during the months of December - March at various locations including Devil's Glen, Beaver Valley, and Mount St. Louis Moonstone. Racers have the opportunity to compete against other schools within the board and potentially qualify for OFSAA in which they will be up against other racers from all over Ontario.

Students interested in joining the team MUST be experienced skiers or snowboarders AND must have their own equipment and appropriate helmets.

For those interested in participating, please join our Google classroom using the code 'SFRCDQO'. There will be an upcoming information session on **Wednesday November 15** at 3:15 pm in Room 354. Information will be posted on the Google Classroom. Any students who are unable to attend this meeting must contact Mr. Cao (willy.cao@yrdsb.ca) or Mr. Tam (jonathan.tam@yrdsb.ca).

Chinese Heritage Student Support Group

The YRDSB Community Care Social Work series will provide a language specific virtual group for Chinese students to build community, support mental health, and promote healing.

"Keep the Door Open: Understand Your Child's Inner World" - click to register.

- Tuesday, November 21 (Mandarin session 6:00 pm 7:00 pm & Cantonese session 7:00 pm 8:00 pm)
- THIS IS A VIRTUAL EVENT (link will be provided upon registration)

Library Information

Check out some of these great new nonfiction titles in the UHS Library. Click links for more information.

Outlive: The Science & Art of Longevity by Peter Attia

Right Kind of Wrong: The Science of Failing Well by Amy Edmondson

Body Neutral: A Revolutionary Guide to Overcoming Body Image Issues by Jessi Kneeland

Chess Strategy for Beginners: Winning Maneuvers to Master the Game by Jessica Martin

Never Enough: When Achievement Culture Becomes Toxic--and What We can do About It by Jennifer Wallace

Welcome Centre Animator Workshop

Welcome Centre Immigration Services is hosting an Animator Workshop for youth from ages 10 to 18. This workshop will be at the Welcome Centre Markham North on Mondays, starting on **Monday, November 13**. Please see the <u>flyer</u> for additional information.

School Council

We will be hosting our 3rd School Council Meeting on **Monday, November 20** at 7:00 pm. Translation services from English to Mandarin will be available. Please feel free to fill out the <u>School Council Pre-Registration Form - Monday, November 20, 2023</u>

Location: Unionville HS Library

Agenda:

- Welcome 5 min
- Updates from USAC 5 min
- School Council Forum Report 10 min
- Subject department presentations:
 - Music Mr. Wrigglesworth 10 min
 - History Ms. Faulkner 10 min
- Admin Updates 5 min
- Treasurer Report 2 min
- Student Activity Fee participation 2 min
- Hong Fook MHA: Introduction and Mental Health Workshops 40 min

Looking forward to seeing everyone in person!

Scholarship News

Students are encouraged to continue to check the Scholarship Google Classroom, as items will be updated as they become available. Please review for various scholarship opportunities. Classroom code: 6fdb6l3

UPCOMING SCHOLARSHIPS

Direct Applications:

November 15 - TD Bank Scholarship

December 1 -Terry Fox Award

School Sponsored:

January 9 - University of Western Ontario - Presentiment's Scholarship (domestic and International Students)

January 9 - Schulich Leaders Scholarship (STEM)

All eligibility criteria and application details are available for students on the 2023-2024 Scholarship Google Classroom.

BFCN Scholarship Application Workshops

Save the dates and register for the upcoming BFCN Scholarship Application Workshops! BFCN is excited to be collaborating with the Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce (DRART), Peel District School Board (PDSB), York Region District School Board (YRDSB), and York Region Catholic District School Board (YCDSB) to offer the BFCN Scholarship Application Workshop to Black students and their families.

BFCN invites all York Region District School Board (YRDSB) Black Grade 8 to Grade 12 students and their families to the BFCN Scholarship Application Workshop on **Wednesday, December 13** from 6:30 - 8:30 pm.

Please register ASAP and secure your spot to learn more about searching, preparing, and apply for post-secondary funding opportunities at https://bit.ly/BFCNWorkshopDecember132023 or https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIpf-Crqz0sHN1N6GcNsi8S6juFjXz8LMSb#/registration

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November 27 - December 15	Grad Photos (Room 326)
December 13	UHS Dance/Daytime
December 22	UHS Winter Assembly
December 23 - January 7	Winter Break
January 8	Return to School
January 12	UHS Showtime (7:00 pm)