



Unionville High School Weekly Parent/Guardian Bulletin

November 15, 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 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

亲爱的家长/监护人

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

- 请支持学校活动并考虑支付您孩子的学生活动费。

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

付款连结为: [SchoolCash Online](#)

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

- 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。

Email: OurSchoolUHS@gmail.com

请电邮我们: OurSchoolUHS@gmail.com

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Chair
UHS School Council

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校务理事会主席

School Council Meeting

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.

MEETING



IMPORTANT

Semester 1 Midterm Reporting and Family Dashboard- 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 Dashboard**, 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.

New Family Dashboard

The family dashboard is an online dashboard that will give you secure access to information and applications related to your child's education. In this first phase, the dashboard will include secure access to report cards and links to useful information for parents/guardians.

How do parents/guardians access support to register for and use the Dashboard?

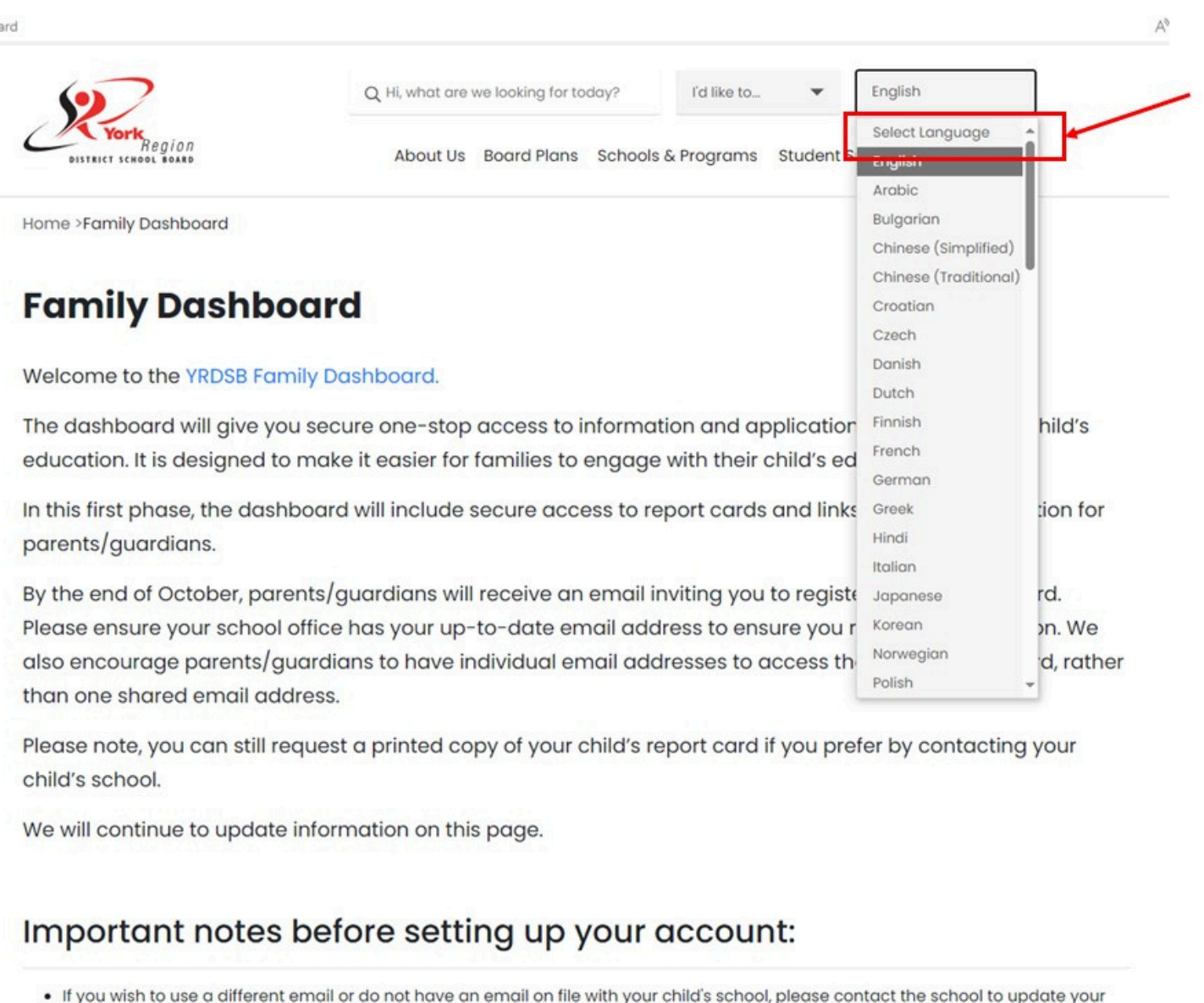
Information, instructions and frequently asked questions are available on the **Board website Family Dashboard Help Page**. A translation tool is available on the Board website that will translate this information into over 80 languages (see the picture for languages choice b).

A **call centre** is also available to support parents/guardians with setting up their accounts. The call centre will be available:

- **November 19, 21st** – from 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- **Contact:**
 - Newmarket and Northern York Region: 289-340-0036
 - GTA/Toronto: 647-749-4324

For additional support, families can also **email:** FamilyDashboardHelp@yrdsb.ca

REGISTER NOW



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.



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.

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.

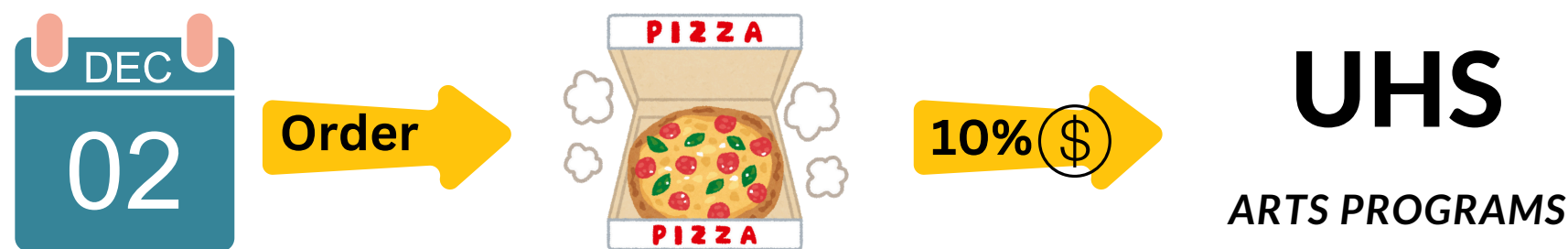
For information about the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Requirement, please click [here](#).

ANNOUNCEMENT

Buy a Pizza, 10% of Your Purchase Will Be Donated to the Arts at UHS

On **Monday, December 2nd**, support Unionville High School's Arts programs - dance, drama, music, and visual arts - by ordering from Pizza Pizza at Markham Town Square, 8601 Warden Ave. Please mark your calendar to support UHS Arts programs.

Whether you **pick up, eat in, or get delivery** from this location, 10% of all purchases on this day will go directly to UHS Arts. The Arts and Pizza -- Yummy! Call to order at 416-967-1111.



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Arts Unionville Dance Presents..."Beyond the Frame"

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Place: **Flato Markham Theatre**

Date: **December 11th, 2024**

Time: **12:40 p.m. - 1:40 p.m.**

Step inside the world of all things art, as the unexpected, inspirational, and vivid world of three dimensional art is depicted in this hour long journey. Witness "the frame" being broken in unconventional ways, as we break literal barriers and set free from enclosures. We can't wait to share this original creative take on dance with you!

- You are invited to purchase adult tickets to this matinee performance through your child's account, which is now available on **School Cash Online**.
- For external public tickets (those without a YRDSB school cash online account), click the following link:

<https://yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/356431/72/False/True>

Purchased tickets will be distributed in classes for dancers to bring home the week prior, or if purchased after December 6th, will be available for pick up before the show in the foyer of the theatre lobby.

Please note, **Flato Markham Theatre will not be selling these tickets**, it is only through school cash online that they can be purchased. They are general admission seating, but we will be reserving a centre orchestra section for parents/guardians. We recommend you purchasing your tickets at your earliest convenience as this show is also being opened for our UHS students to attend as well. We would hate for you to be disappointed!



Autism Parent Support Group (Chinese)

Please see the poster for the Parent support group flyer for Autism's Parents. These workshops are designed to provide support and resources for parents navigating the journey of raising a child with Autism.

Services Offered:

- Information about autism services and interventions,
- Network of supportive families and experts,
- Confidence and strategies to help your child succeed,
- Community engagement in activities that promote cultural understanding.

-Free of charge

Please register from the link: **<https://forms.gle/LT2ik39n9P8KAYch6>**

Date: Every Tuesday

Time: 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Location: 50 High Tech Rd, Richmond Hill, L4B 4N7 (In-Person)

Language: Mandarin or Cantonese

For more information, please contact: KC Tsang 289-317-3741, ktsang@ccsy.org



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.



“Bullying is behaviour that can be repeated or occur one time and can be carried out by an individual or group of individuals. Bullying can occur in situations where there are real or perceived power imbalances between individuals or groups, and may be a symptom of racism, classism, homophobia, sexism, religious discrimination, ethnic discrimination or other forms of bias and discrimination. Bullying can also be based on, but not limited to, body size, appearance, abilities, or other real or perceived factors. Perceptions about differences are often based on stereotypes perpetuated in broader society.”

The Government of Ontario has designated the third week of November as Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week. During the week of Monday, November 18 to Friday, November 22, 2024, we are encouraged to specifically and intentionally address bullying issues, promote healthy relationships and support a positive school climate where all members of the school community feel safe, included, accepted, and engaged in positive behaviours and interactions.



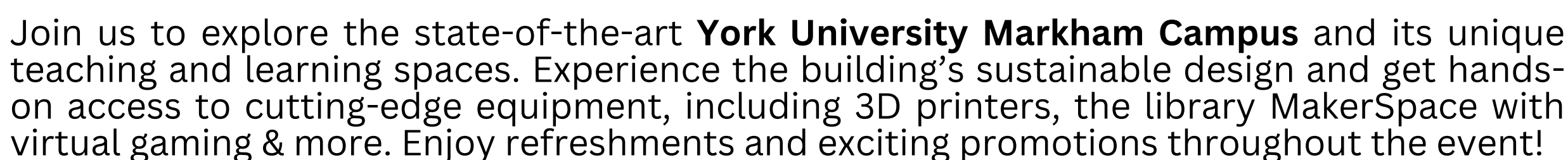
<https://www.ontario.ca/page/bullying-we-can-all-help-stop-it>

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

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.**



VISIT WWW.YORKU.CA/MARKHAM

I ♥ READING

Library Information

New in Your Library

Cooler weather presents the perfect opportunity to try out some recipes from one of these cookbooks.

Bismillah, Let's Eat! Fresh and Vibrant Recipes from My Family to Yours

by Zehra Allibhai

Beyond Measure: Pakistani Cooking by Feel with Golden Gully

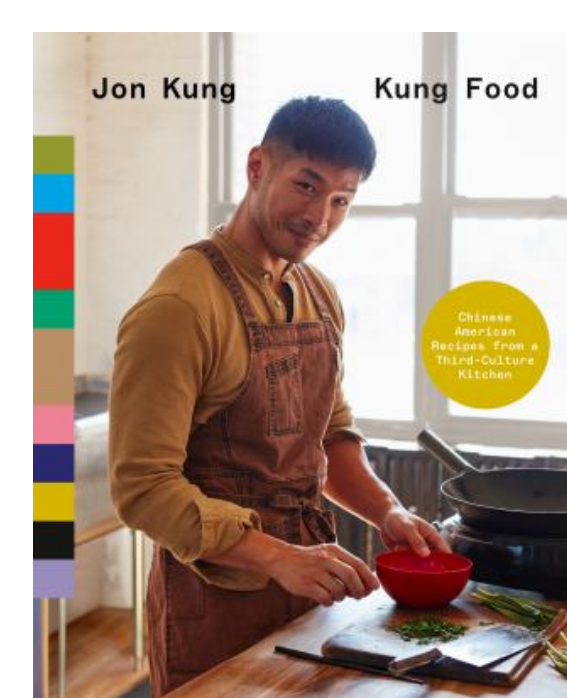
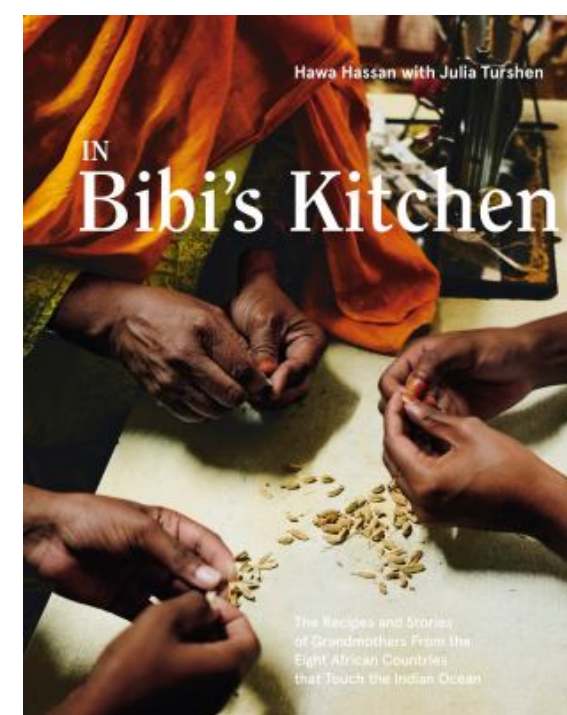
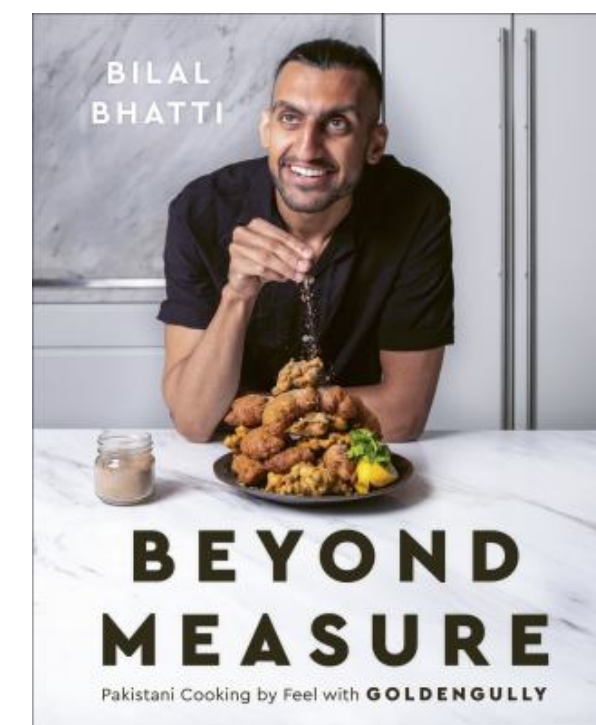
by Bilal Bhatti

In Bibi's Kitchen: The Recipes & Stories of Grandmothers from the Eight African Countries that Touch the Indian Ocean

by Hawa Hasan

Kung Food: Chinese American Recipes

by Jon Kung



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
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Learn more and register at:
bit.ly/BFCNWorkshopNovember26

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.



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.

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Presented by
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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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[Register now.](#)

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



City of Markham School Zone Safety Guide - The City Wants to Hear from You Survey




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). The survey will close on **November 30, 2024**.

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

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](#).



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.

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.

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.

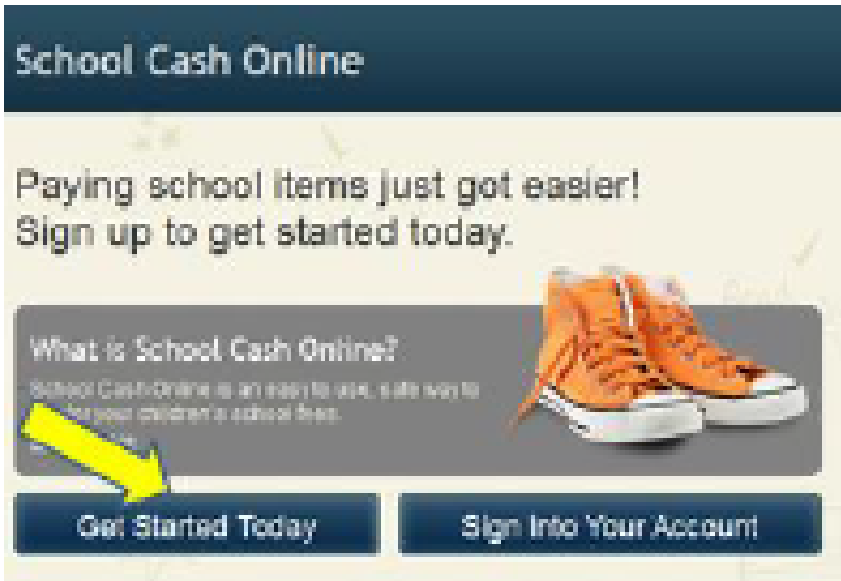
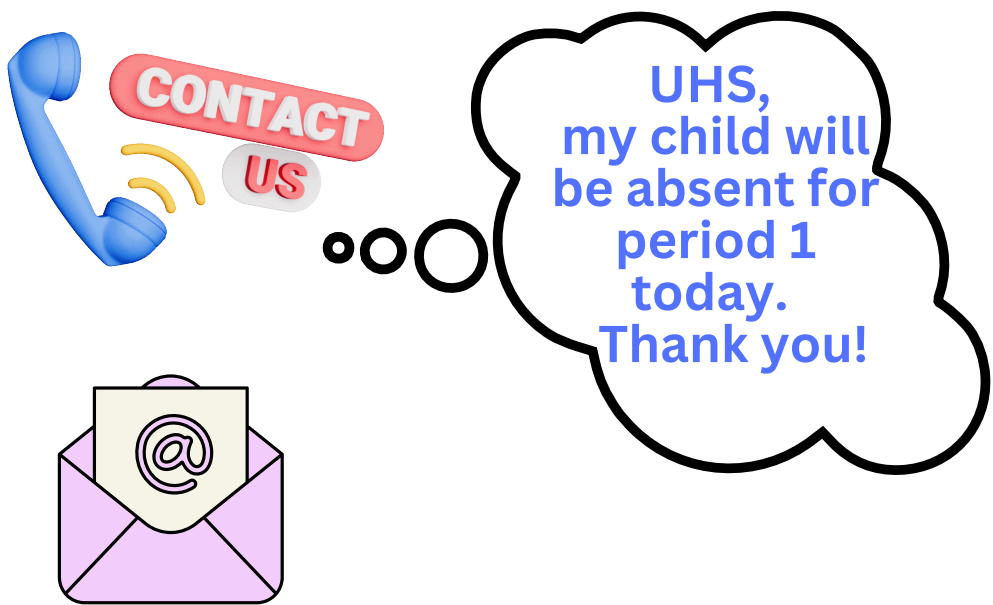
How do I register? Please click [here](#) for instructions.

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.



GUIDANCE

Pathways to Skilled Trades and Technology Open House

Do you want to learn more about the pathways to a career in the skilled trades and technology? Are you a student OR a parent/guardian of a student in Grades 9 - 11? If you answered yes to these questions, please join us at Richmond Hill High School (201 Yorkland Street, Richmond Hill, ON, L4S 1A2) on **Monday, December 9, 2024** from **6:30 pm - 8:30 pm**.

Our exhibitors, including local employers, trade unions, colleges, industry partners and associations will be available to provide students and their families with information on the pathways to a career in the skilled trades and technology. In addition, there will be presentations throughout the evening by the Pathways Teams from York Region and York Catholic District School Boards along with local employers.

Come and learn about the pathways to a career in the skilled trades! Registration is required. A detailed agenda will be emailed to you the week prior to this event.

Click [here](#) to register!

If you have any questions about this event, please email the YRDSB Pathways Team at pathways.yrdsb@gapps.yrdsb.ca.



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.



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.



DATE	EVENT
November 25 - December 12	Grad Photos by Appointment
December 5	Arts Unionville Music Recital at Atrium (6:30)
December 11	Arts Unionville Dance "Beyond the Frame" at Flato (12:40 pm - 1:40 pm)
December 23 - January 3	Winter Break
January 20	School Council Meeting #4 (7:00 pm)