



Unionville High School Weekly Parent/Guardian Bulletin

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TECH REQUEST FORM – 2024-2025

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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 25 - December 12	Grad Photos by Appointment
December 2	<u>UHS Arts Fundraiser at Pizza Pizza</u> (Markham Town Square location)
December 5	Arts Unionville Music Recital at Atrium (7:00 pm)
December 10 - 11	UHS Music Winter Fantasia 2024 at Flato (7:00 pm)

PIZZA PARTY

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 4160967-1111.



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ARTS PROGRAMS

ARTS Unionville

Arts Unionville Music Recital - Thursday, December 5, 7:00 pm - UHS Atrium

UHS staff, friends and family are cordially invited to experience solo performances by the talented students of the Arts Unionville music department on **Thursday, December 5 at 7:00 pm**. Please join us to hear a wide-ranging and diverse recital of **vocal and instrumental music** spanning five centuries. All are welcome!



UHS Music Department Presents Winter Fantasia at Flato Markham Theatre

Tickets are available on **School Cash Online** for \$15.50/\$7.21 (student fee paid) until **December 4**. Remaining tickets will be available through the Markham Theatre box office - with an additional handling charge fee of \$5 per ticket as of Dec. 6. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

December 10, 2024 - 7:00 pm featuring:

Grade 9 Concert Band
Chamber Choir
UHS Chamber String Ensemble
Junior Jazz Band
AU Piano Ensemble
Wind Ensemble
Chamber and Solo performances

December 11, 2024 - 7:00 pm featuring:

Arts Unionville Strings
UHS Chamber Winds
Concert Choir
Senior Jazz Band
Jazz Choir
Guitar Ensemble
Grade 10 Symphonic Band
AU Piano Ensemble
UHS Orchestra

FANTASIA

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!



UHS School Council Meeting Presentations and Minutes are Available Now

Unionville High School Council is a collaborative, co-operative advisory body whose mission is to facilitate a partnership between members of the school community to achieve the highest possible standards of education in an inviting and wholesome environment.

The previous meetings' presentations are available on [UHS School Website - School Council Presentations](#).

The previous meetings' meeting minutes are available on [UHS School Website - School Council Meeting Minutes](#).

Our next School Council meeting will be **Monday, January 20th, 2025** at 7:00 pm. More information will be available soon.

Trustee Newsletter Greeting - December 2024 - Ron Lynn - Markham Wards 2 and 6

As we approach the winter break, I am happy to share a few updates from the Board of Trustees and to wish you all the very best for the approaching break and holiday season.

For full content of the message, please click [here](#).

Safety First - Message from UHS Administration Team

🚧👥 IMPORTANT SAFETY MESSAGE FOR PARENTS: ENSURE SAFE CROSSING FOR YOUR CHILDREN! 🚧👥

Dear Parents and Guardians,
The safety of our Unionville HS students is our top priority, especially when it comes to crossing roads. As we know, crossing busy streets such as Highway 7 and Warden, poses potential risks. Here are some essential reminders to ensure our students cross the road safely:

1. Understand and adhere to school zone rules. These areas often have reduced speed limits and additional safety measures to protect pedestrians.
2. Ensure your child understands the basic rules of road safety - looking both ways before crossing, waiting for the signal, and only crossing at designated crosswalks.
3. Emphasize the importance of using designated crosswalks. Explain that these areas are specifically designed for safe pedestrian crossing, reducing the risk of accidents.
4. Discourage the use of electronic devices while crossing the road. Remind them that paying attention to their surroundings is crucial for their safety.

Let's work together to create a community where our UHS students can navigate the roads confidently and safely. By reinforcing these simple yet crucial guidelines, we can contribute to a secure environment for all. Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to the safety of our students at UHS!

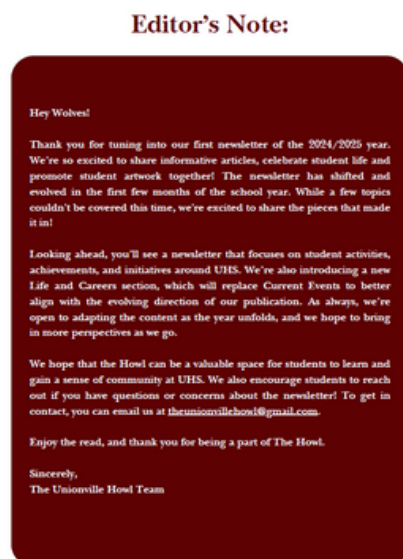
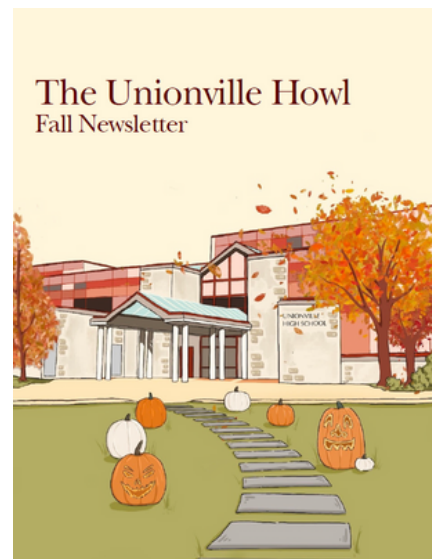
🚦👁️ #SafetyFirst #CrossWithCare 👁️🚦



Do you know...

The Unionville Howl Fall Newsletter 2024-2025 Published!

The Unionville Howl is proud to present it's first newsletter of the 2024-2025 school year! The UHS community is invited to read the publication here (insert link). A special thank you to Ms. Wu and the Howl student leadership creative and editorial team for their work on this publication!



To read more
Click here

Sign up for Family Dashboard- All Students

The **Family Dashboard** will give you secure one-stop access to information and applications related to your child's education. It is designed to make it easier for families to engage with their child's education.

In this first phase, the dashboard will include secure access to report cards and links to useful information for parents/guardians.

Setting up your account

1. Visit **family.yrdsb.ca** to set up your account.
2. Click **"No account? Create one"** under the email
3. Enter this email address into the email field and click the Next Button
4. Check your email, you will receive an email with a one-time code that expires within 30 minutes in order to confirm your identity.
5. Return to the account creation screen and enter this code
6. Once your email has been validated you will be asked to create a password, enter a Display Name (Parent/Guardian name) and enter the following information about your child or one of your children for further verification:
 - a. Student Number
 - b. Student Birthdate
 - c. Student Home Address Postal Code



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

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.



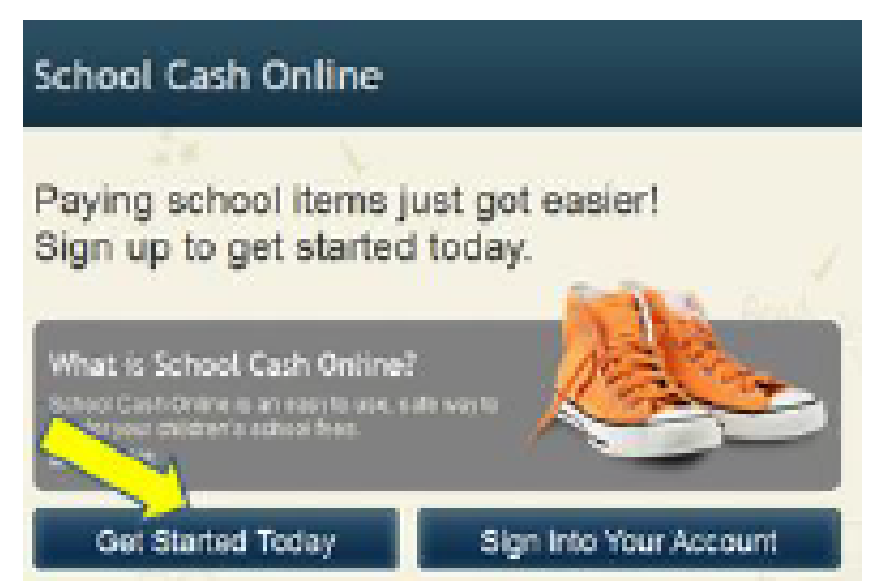
Online Payments (School Cash Online)

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.



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.



UHS international Trip to Switzerland and Italy in 2025

Unionville High School is going to **Switzerland and Italy in 2025**! The dates for this trip are **May 15-23, 2025**. For more information, such as the itinerary and price per student, please scan the QR code or click [here](#). Students who are interested must have good attendance and must be passing all their classes in order to participate in this trip. For any additional information or questions, please contact Yachna Minhas at yachna.minhas@yrdsb.ca

Educational Tours website: <https://www.eftours.ca/tour-website/2853481TY>

ITALY



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



PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

TCC Heritage Month Video Essay Competition

Tamil Community Centre's Tamil Heritage Month Video & Essay Competition 2025 Call for Entries

Theme: **Meeting Together, Meeting Place** – Celebrating the Tamil Community Centre and Preserving Our Culture. We're excited to announce the launch of our Tamil Heritage Month Video & Essay Competition as part of the Tamil Community Centre's mission to celebrate and preserve Tamil heritage! Students from all schools are invited to participate in this exciting contest.

Age Groups:

Category 1: Students aged 10-13 Category 2: Students aged 14-18

Prizes: First Prize: \$1,000 Second Prize: \$750 Third Prize: \$500

How to Enter:

Submit your video or essay via email to [info@tamilcentre.ca] with the subject line: Tamil Heritage Month Video & Essay Submission – [Your Name]. Please include your full name, age, school, and contact details in the body of the email. If you are attaching a video, please send a Google Drive link with the correct access settings for anyone to be able to view your video.



Post Secondary School Information Night from The Aboriginal Post-Secondary Information Program (APSIP)

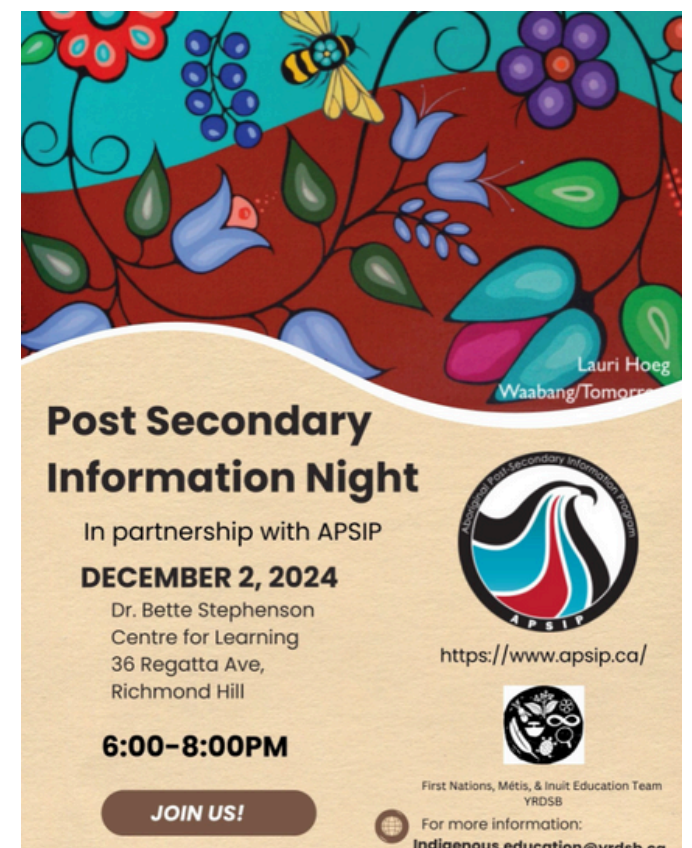
The First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Education Team are excited to invite secondary school students and their caregivers to attend a Post-Secondary School Information Night hosted by APSIP, the Aboriginal Post-Secondary Information Program. Students and families will have the opportunity to engage with a collective of recruitment representatives from Colleges, Universities, Polytechnics from across Ontario and Quebec. Please join us to explore the many programs and pathways to reach your career aspirations and find the program that's right for you.

Date: **Monday, December 2, 2024**

Time: 6pm to 8pm

Location: Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre for Learning
36 Regatta Ave, Richmond Hill

Website: <https://www.apsip.ca/>



Kwanzaa Celebration Invitation

Students, staff and families, please join us on Monday, December 9, 2024, as we come together to celebrate Kwanzaa!

This special event will honour African heritage, unity and culture and will be a time to reflect on the seven principles of Kwanzaa, enjoy cultural traditions and foster community spirit.

Please see the [flyer invitation](#) for more information.

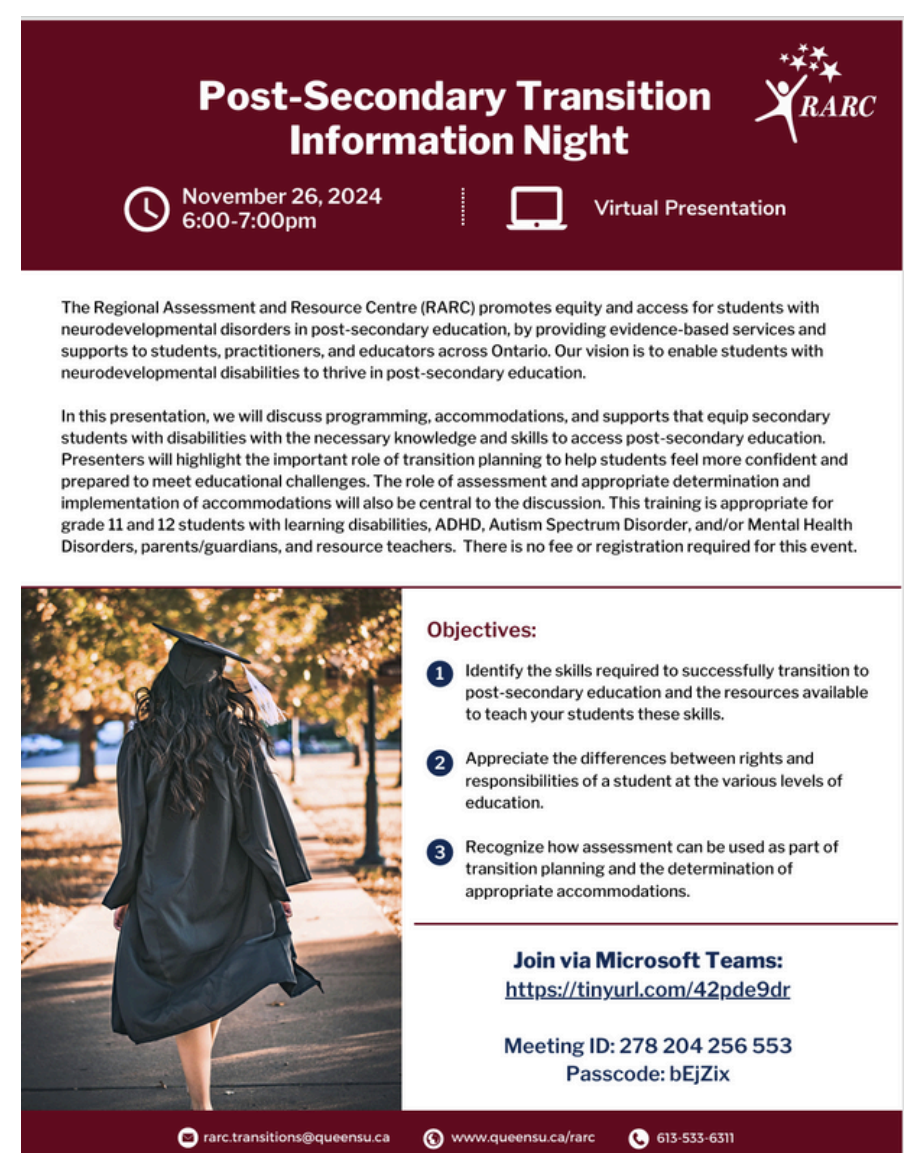


Post-Secondary Transition Information Night

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



The Nutcracker by Victoria Ballet Company
Victoria Ballet Company is a non-profit organization which aims at disseminating the rich tradition of classical ballet within our communities.

- Date & Time:
- Saturday December 14th, 2024 6:00PM
 - Sunday December 15th, 2024 2:00PM

- Location
- Richmond Hill Centre for Performing Arts
10268 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, ON

Buy tickets: **The Nutcracker at Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts**

Join us for an unforgettable holiday tradition as Victoria Ballet Company presents The Nutcracker, a magical journey through Clara’s enchanted world of wonder and imagination. Featuring world-class dancers, local and international guest artists, and talented students, this spectacular performance has captivated audiences for over 15 years.



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@ccsyrr.org



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Library Information

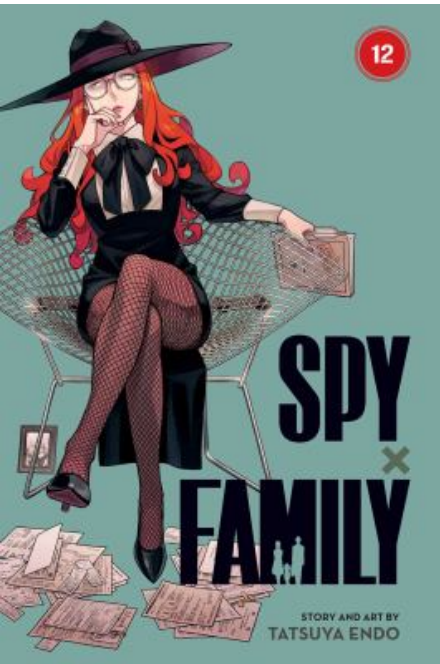
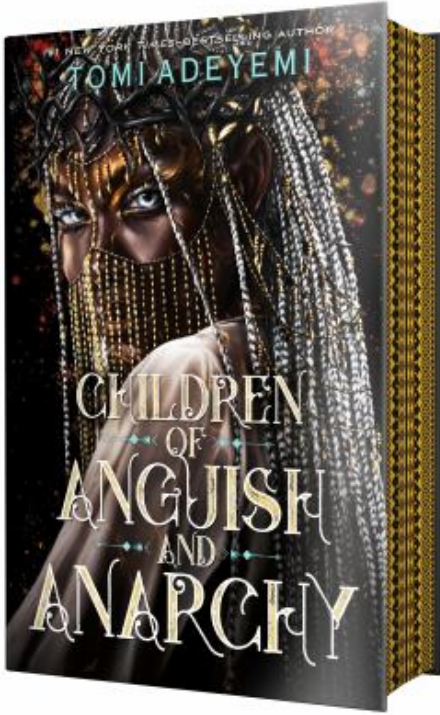
New in Your Library

The next installments of some very popular series are now available to borrow in your UHS Library.

Children of Anguish and Anarchy
by Tomi Adeyemi

Spy Family vol. 12
by Tatsuya Endo

The Misewa Saga 5: The Sleeping Giant
by David Robertson





DATE	EVENT
December 11	Arts Unionville Dance "Beyond the Frame" at Flato (12:40 pm - 1:40 pm)
December 18	Holiday Concert at UHS Atrium (7:00 pm)
December 23 - January 3	Winter Break
January 20	School Council Meeting #4 (7:00 pm)
January 22 - January 28	Exam Week
January 29	In Class Instructional Day (Full Day)
January 30	Exam Review Day (Modified Schedule)
January 31	Professional Development Day (No classes)