



Unionville High School Weekly Parent Bulletin

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TECH REQUEST FORM – 2023-2024

CLUBS

GUIDANCE UPDATES

Character Matters Trait of the Month: Courage

“You can choose courage, or you can choose comfort, but you cannot choose both.”
—Brene Brown

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8	Post Secondary Fair (6:30 pm)
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)

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 activities 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：<https://yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>（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

Take Our Kids to Work Day

Thank you to all the Grade 9 families who participated in Take Our Kids to Work Day.

The Student Commission of Canada has published permanent resources from their Take Our Kids to Work Day Live Virtual Program for further career exploration as linked below:

1. [Cornerstone Kick Off](#)
 2. [Advancing Diversity and Representation in Healthcare](#)
 3. [Discovering your talents in the 21st century](#)
 4. [Exploring Tech @ RBC's Strategy & Innovation Team!](#)
 5. [Cultivating Green Careers of the Future](#)
 6. [Diversifying the Creative Journey](#)
 7. [Transforming Manufacturing with Advanced Technologies](#)
- [All the resources](#)

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.

[See our itinerary here!](#) More information coming next week!

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

Cafeteria Hours

The cafeteria has extended their hours and is now open until 1:45 pm until further notice.

Graduation Photos

Attention potential Grade 12 students: grad photos are coming! Edge Imaging will be here to take [grad photos](#) 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!

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.

The first session in the series is offered for any parent/guardian of students of Chinese Heritage. Parents and caregivers are invited to come together to hear encouraging words about positive mental health and wellness.

“[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)

This session will share tips on ways that lead your child to open their inner world and take care of their emotional wellbeing under the influence of both traditional Chinese culture and Western culture. There will be opportunities for families to connect with staff from the Hong Fook Mental Health Association as well as members of the Community Care Social Work Team supporting students and families of Chinese Heritage and to gather more information about their specific supports.

Please join us for an evening talk about positive mental health strategies and engage in a chance to ask general questions. Please direct any questions to: YRDSB Community Care Team School Social Worker for the Chinese Heritage Community - [Charmaine Tong](#).

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.

Youth Gambling Awareness Series

This [workshop series](#), starting **Tuesday, November 7**, offers educational prevention sessions to parents and caregivers. Participants will engage in learning about gambling awareness, including potential risks, making informed decisions, and healthy and active living.

Library Information

Wednesday, November 8 is I Read Canadian Day. I Read Canadian Day is a national celebration of Canadian books for young people, with the goal of celebrating the breadth and diversity of these books.

Some amazing Canadian authors for teens include S.K. Ali, Sabina Khan, Eric Walters, Sasha Nanua, Cherie Dimaline, Markus Harwood-Jones, Susan Juby, Shane Peacock, June Hur, Mariko Tamaki, Jen Ferguson, Liselle Sambury, Wab Kinew, Uzma Jalaluddin, Sarah Raughley, and David Robertson.

Find all of these Canadian authors and more at the [UHS Library](#).

IEP Information Session - Markham Library

The Markham Public Library is hosting an information session: [Understanding the IEP in Ontario’s Education System for High School, College and University Students](#). This event will take place at the Unionville branch on **Wednesday, November 8** at 6:00 pm.

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 [flyer](#) 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 [School Council Pre-Registration Form - Monday, November 20, 2023](#)

Location: Unionville HS Library

Agenda:

- Welcome – 5 min
- Updates from USAC – 5 min
- School Council Forum Report - 10 min
- Subject department presentations:
 - Music - Mr. Wigglesworth – 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!

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**. More details forthcoming.

Students may access the presentation here and [any Grade 10 teachers are also asked to post this presentation in their Google Classroom](#).

As this is a graduation requirement, any grade 11 and 12 students who attempted previously and did not pass the test may also write during this period. They will be contacted for more details.

Students may access two supports: the UHS OSSLT Google Classroom ([ejjweva](#)) and/or participate in the After School Literacy Program (optional), space permitting.

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:

November 10 - Queen's Chancellor Scholarship

November 11 - Lester B Pearson (for International Students)

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.

Skilled Trades Career Fair

LEVEL UP! SKILLED TRADES 2023 CAREER FAIRS (click for link)

- a multi-day career fair bringing together the best in skilled trades professionals.
- **November 15 & 16** at the International Centre, Hall 1 - 6900 Airport Road, Mississagua from 9:00 am - 8:30 pm

STRIVE: Guide to Mental Health Resources



Click [HERE](#) to access and download the 2023 STRIVE guide to mental health resources.

Your mental health matters.



POST-SECONDARY PATHWAY INFORMATION FAIR



University
of Windsor



Date: Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Time: 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Location: Unionville High School
201 Town Centre Blvd, Markham

This is a great opportunity to learn about post-secondary pathways and opportunities.

Booths will be in the Atrium.

Carpooling is recommended.
Overflow parking is available at the
Flato Markham Theatre

Contact Unionville Guidance if you have any
questions 905-479-2787

Participating Schools:

*Unionville High School, Markville Secondary School,
Bill Crothers Secondary School*

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Administration Student Alphas

Administration	Alpha
Ms. Imada-Chan	A-J
Mr. Luong	K-Shas
Mr. Belmonte	Shek - Z

Upcoming Events

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November 23	Semi Formal (6:30 pm)
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

Unionville High School Daily Schedule

SCHEDULE	START	END
Homeroom (5 min)	8:25 am	8:30 am
Period 1 (75 min)	8:30 am	9:45 am
Travel Time	9:45 am	9:50 am
Period 2 (75 min)	9:50 am	11:05 am
Travel Time	11:05 am	11:10 am
Period 3 (75 min - Lunch for most Grade 9s)	11:10 am	12:25 pm
Travel Time	12:25 pm	12:30 pm
Period 4 (75 min)	12:30 pm	1:45 pm
Travel Time	1:45 pm	1:50 pm
Period 5 (75 min)	1:50 pm	3:05 pm