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Club List 2019-2020

Please click the link below to find out about clubs at UHS. Students who are interested in joining a club should speak to the teacher advisor or attend the scheduled meeting. The link below includes teacher contact names and meeting times.

[Club List 2019-2020](#)

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

November 18 Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leadership Team Meeting (3:15pm) Period 5 Guest Speaker Akshay Kalle
November 19 Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elementary Volleyball Tournament BBI201 Food Sale for Charity (3:06-4:06pm)
November 20 Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> QUEST (Nov 20-22) Elementary Volleyball Tournament CIMC & CSMC Math Contest in Cafeteria (Period 1, 2) PEAK to Stiver Mills CC and YMCA BBI201 Food Sale for Charity (3:06-4:06pm) AU Music Recital #1 at Unionville Presbyterian Church (7-9pm)
November 21 Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PEAK Basketball Tournament at Richmond Green HS Visual Arts Field Trip to AGO
November 22 Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full Disclosure

Remembrance Day Ceremony

On Monday, November 11, staff and students participated in a solemn ceremony that was live-streamed and included our talented musicians, dancers, readers, and technicians. The ceremony, which took place in our atrium, featured moving orchestral and choral pieces as well as recitations of letters. The event also included a student-written land acknowledgement and a modern dance routine. We want to thank all those who made this a memorable tribute to the diverse community of individuals who fought for freedom.



Winter Weather Notice

Dear Families,

As we go into the winter months, it is important that families are aware that there may be rare occasions when emergency weather events occur and we need to close all schools and Board locations.

Emergency winter weather

Emergency closures will be considered when facilities may not be safe for students and staff members to attend school for the full day. This may include events that significantly limit school operations or access to the school site, or cause widespread, prolonged power failures or downed power lines.

In keeping with our current practice, we will continue to keep our schools open as much as possible. However, it is important that families have alternate childcare arrangements planned for the rare occasions when schools may be closed. Before and after care programs will also not operate if schools are closed.

Please take the time to make plans in the event of an emergency school closure. School transportation cancellations
School transportation (buses and taxis) may be cancelled due to extreme cold or inclement weather. If transportation is cancelled in the morning, it will also be cancelled for the afternoon. On these days, schools will remain open unless otherwise stated.

Families can use their best judgment to decide whether to send their children to school on inclement weather days. Students will not be penalized for missing school. For safety reasons, you are required to let the school know if your child will not be attending school that day.

Communication to families

Decisions about school transportation and school closures will be made as early as possible and no later than 6:00 a.m.

We are introducing a new communications system that will send **text messages to parents/guardians for emergency purposes only**. This includes the rare event of a school closure. Parents/guardians will have the ability to opt-out of receiving text messages should they choose.

The Board will be testing this communications system on Tuesday, November 19. If the school has your cell phone number (documented as your cell and not your home phone number), you will receive a test text message. This message will also include the option to opt-out of this system. If you do not receive a text and wish to participate in the program, please ensure that your school has your cell phone number.

We will do our best to notify families in advance when we may be considering closing school and Board offices. Our priority continues to be the safety of our students, staff members and families. If you have any questions, please speak with your school principal.

Transportation cancellations or school closures will also continue to be communicated through:

- Student Transportation Services website: www.schoolbuscity.com
- Student Transportation Hotline: 1-877-330-3001
- [Board website](#) and school websites
- [@YRDSB](#) Twitter account
- Radio and TV media outlets

For more information on [severe weather days](#), please visit our website www.yrdsb.ca.

Sincerely,



Louise Sirisko Director of
Education

LIVE WELL TAKE ACTION PROGRAM

Looking for Student Participants: The “Live Well, Take Action: Ambassador Program for East Asian Youth” is currently accepting applications from East Asian youth who are interested in or have the potential to engage in social activism, current issues and community development. Prospective students may not necessarily be holding leadership roles or considered to be “loud” or outspoken. Workshops will focus on wellness, critical thinking and communication skills, and students will apply their learning by creating group projects that will be presented at various events. Volunteer hours and snacks will be provided! For more info, visit our website at: livewelltakeaction.com or contact Ms. Farwell, Guidance Counsellor, at michelle.farwell@yrdsb.ca. Deadline to apply is **Friday, January 17th, 2020**.

GUIDANCE NEWS

Scholarship News:

Check out the Guidance Moodle for updated scholarships, step by step guidelines and eligibility criteria.

<http://moodle2.yrdsb.ca>

Search: UHS Guidance

Username: UHS student number

Password: UHS login

Queen's University Chancellor Scholarship

Due: November 20th - due in Guidance by 3pm for school sponsored applications (Must apply online through OUAC first in order to get access to your Queen's SOLUS account and apply online - we recommend November 15th as the latest date to do this.)

TD Community Trust Scholarship

Due: November 15th, 2019 - apply directly: <https://www.td.com/ca/en/personal-banking/solutions/student-banking/community-leadership-scholarship-for-canadians/>

Grad. Google Classroom

Grade 12 students are encouraged to join the UHS Grad Google Classroom to receive important up-to-date information about graduation and post-secondary planning.

Students can sign up using this **Google Classroom code**: rhg0eyg

ARTS CAMP COUNSELLOR

Arts Camp Counsellor and Counsellor-in-Training (CIT) Application and Selection Process for Students in Grades 10-12

Please see information below regarding the application and selection process for secondary students wishing to apply for a COUNSELLOR or COUNSELLOR-IN-TRAINING (CIT) position at YRDSB Arts Camp 2020.

Arts Camp 2020 is held from May 23rd to May 30th, 2020 in Haliburton, Ontario. There is a limited number of Counsellor and CIT positions at camp.

Application Process:

- Only students in Grades 10-12 may apply for a Counsellor or CIT position;
- Counsellor applicants must have completed the Arts Camp CIT Program and/or an equivalent training program;
- The Counsellor and CIT program are positions of responsibility and require students to demonstrate leadership in their schools and/or communities;
- Applicants must complete the online form Leadership Application in its entirety;
- In order to prepare answers for the required questions within the application, applicants may view the application in its entirety before responding through their @gapps.yrdsb.ca account Leadership Application Preview;
- Applicants must also upload a current resume in PDF when prompted in the online form.
- Students require parental/guardian consent and support of a referring teacher and school administrator to apply for a Leadership position at Arts Camp;
- There is no limit to the number of applications submitted from a particular school. In addition to demonstrated leadership experience and/or experience working with children, Counsellor/CIT applicant must meet the following four criteria:
 - Student demonstrates positive character in school;
 - Student demonstrates positive behaviour in school;
 - Student would benefit from and positively contribute, as a leader, to an arts program in an inclusive community; and
 - Student is prepared and mature enough to spend a week away from home and school.
- A confirmation email will be sent to all applicants once they have completed the online application form;
- An online reference/approval form will be sent to referring teachers and Principal/VPs for each applicant. Each student application is dependent upon a positive reference from all parties;
- The deadline for all Counsellor and CIT applications is **Friday, November 29th, 2019**; and
- Payment and full registration for camp will be arranged once the Counsellor/CIT selection process has concluded.

For more information, please visit <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/arts/Pages/Arts-Camp.aspx>

UHS Swim Meet

The UHS Swim Team had a successful showing at our 2nd Prep meet on Tuesday, November 12th with 35 swimmers representing our school. Out of the 35 swimmers who participated, 25 qualified for the YRAA Championships next month with a top 6 finish. Special congratulations to the following 1st place finishers:

Kevin Jiang - Junior boys 50m Freestyle

Arthur Wang - Junior boys 50m Breast stroke

Samantha So - Senior girls 100m Freestyle

Katrina Yip - Senior girls 50m Freestyle

Christian Eng - Senior boys 100m Breast stroke

Andy Zhang - Senior boys 100m Individual Medley & 100m Back stroke

Joline Cheng - Open girls 100m Butterfly

Erich Lai - Open boys 100m Freestyle