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U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

Monday November 12 Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grad Photo Days (Oct 29-Nov 16)
Tuesday November 13 Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AV110/AWC20/30 to Royal Ontario Museum (8:45am-1:40pm) Swim Team to Pan Am Meet #2 (7:30-9am)
Wednesday November 14 Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take our Grade 8's to High School Day Take our Grade 9's to Work Day
Thursday November 15 Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AU Dance to National Ballet of Canada (8:30am-3:30pm) Outdoor Ed to Hilton Falls (8am-3:30pm) Swim Team to Pan Am Centre (2:30-4:30pm)
Friday November 16 Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Midterm Report Cards Distributed

Saving Career Cruising Files to GAPPS Account

Beginning in the month of November, York Region District School Board will be moving to a new course planning/IPP tool called My Course Planner-My Blueprint. Therefore, UHS and other schools in our board will no longer be using Career Cruising. Many students have used Career Cruising as a tool to prepare resumes, complete interest inventories and to work on their IPP. In order not to lose this information, instructions have been sent to students GAPPS account detailing how they will be able to save this information. This week, period 2 teachers have been asked to provide students some time to start the process of saving their information to their YRDSB Google drive. Students who requiring support can visit the Guidance office for assistance. This task needs to be completed no later than **Wednesday November 14th**.



Check out the latest school announcements by following us on twitter [@UHSupdates](https://twitter.com/UHSupdates)



PARENT BULLETIN

International Languages Department Cultural Expo– Dec 6th 2018

On Thursday December 6th, the International Languages Department will be hosting a Cultural Expo in the Atrium/Cafeteria of the school from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Every student who is taking a language course (French or Mandarin) this semester will be participating. There will be lots of authentic cultural activities to enjoy including music, drama, interactive games, art displays, physical models, traditional food samples, a café and bubble tea booth! We hope you can drop in to take in a little culture with us!



Ontario Universities Application Centre PINs

Attention Grade 12 grad students.
The PINs for the Ontario universities Application Centre (OUAC) have arrived.
Students can pick up their PIN from the Guidance office. Please note, students must sign and present picture ID upon pick-up.



Scholarship News

Students are encouraged to continually check the Guidance Moodle as scholarship information and due dates are updated as they become available.

University of Toronto - Lester B Pearson Scholarship for International Students
Due: November 16th - School Sponsored deadline to submit to Guidance (3pm)

Queen's University Chancellor Scholarship
Due: November 20th - - School Sponsored deadline to submit to Guidance (3pm)

Both of these scholarship require students to submit on OUAC by specific deadlines. Please check the Guidance Moodle for application forms and links.

The Scholarship Report has been updated on the Guidance Moodle. Various scholarship are listed with due dates.





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Every Student Counts Survey

Beginning on November 12, 2018, York Region District School Board will invite all students to participate in the Every Student Counts Survey (ESCS). The purpose of this census survey is to better understand YRDSB's diverse student population as well as students' experiences in school and outside of school. Students in Grades 7-12 will be invited to complete the survey online during class time. The surveys are voluntary and confidential. Information about the surveys and the process is available at www.yrdsb.ca/escs. This important initiative will help us work together to create equitable and inclusive school environments.



24th Annual Take Our Kids to Work Day!

On Wednesday November 14th, all grade 9 students will spend the day at work, job shadowing a parent, relative, friend or volunteer host.

If your child has not submitted their form, please ensure that they submit it to the guidance office on Monday November 12. Grade 9 classes will not be held on Take Our Kids to Work Day, and students who remain at school will not follow their regular timetable on that day. Students who do not participate in Take Our Kids to Work Day will be supervised in school, and will participate in career planning activities.

For more information on this program, please visit The Learning Partnership website at <http://www.thelearningpartnership.ca>

Bring your
KIDS to work **DAY!**



PARENT BULLETIN

MESSAGE FROM THE GUIDANCE

FULL DISCLOSURE MEMO

Attention Students who are applying to post-secondary institutions. Please read the message regarding full disclosure

Full disclosure: "If a student withdraws from a course more than five (5) days after the reporting period, a withdrawal (W) is entered in the credit column and the student's mark at the time of withdrawal is recorded as a percentage in the achievement column of the transcript".

Full disclosure applies to all grade 11 and 12 courses that a student is registered in for longer than "5 days following the first provincial report card". Our report card distribution date this year is November 16th and, therefore, our full disclosure date is November 26th, therefore all courses continued past **November 26th**, and marks earned to date in these courses, must be shown (fully disclosed) on your official transcript.

Please note, this year report cards are being issued four working days before OCAS (Ontario Colleges Application Service) upload needs to be completed. As a result, if you are applying to an Ontario College and you do not want a course to be transferred to OCAS, your task is to start the process to drop the course as soon as possible by making an appointment with your Guidance Counsellor.

****There is a process and specific criteria in place that must be followed for students to be considered to drop a course****

Summary of dates:

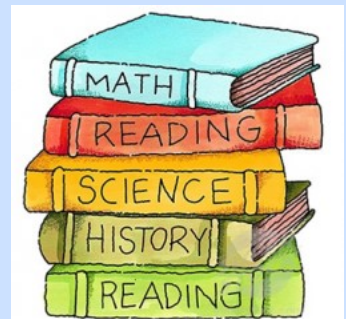
November 21 – deadline for students applying to a college to see alpha counsellor to drop a course

November 22 – deadline for completed drop form for students applying to post-secondary due to Guidance by 3:00 p.m.

November 22 - transfer of mid-term marks to OCAS

November 26 - official full disclosure date

Teachers have been asked to share with grade 12 students' mid-term marks the week of November 12th to enable students to make any decisions relating to full disclosure.





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MESSAGE FROM THE GUIDANCE

YRDSB Arts Camp 2019 **Counsellor or Counsellor-In-Training (CIT) Position Application**

Arts Camp 2019 is scheduled from May 25th to June 1st, 2019. There are a limited number of Counsellor and CIT positions at camp. Those students not selected for one of these leadership positions will be encouraged to apply for a camper position.

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. Please ensure you are logged into your gapps account.
- 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 Full View](#);
- 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 provided that each Counsellor/CIT applicant has met the following 4 criteria:
 - Demonstrates positive character in school;
 - Demonstrates positive behaviour in school;
 - Would benefit from and positively contribute, as a leader, to an arts program in an inclusive community; and
 - 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 form;
- An online reference form will be sent to referring teachers and Principal/VPs for each applicant. Each student's application is dependent upon a positive reference from all parties.

The deadline for all Counsellor and CIT applications is:

Thursday, November 22nd, 2018

(Payment and full registration for camp will be arranged once the leadership applicant selection has been finalized).



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EQAO INFORMATION

EQAO Summary 2017-2018

Each year, students in grades 9 and 10 participate in EQAO assessments. In grade 9, students complete an EQAO Mathematics Assessment towards the end of the semester in which they take Grade 9 Academic or Applied Math. The results of this assessment account for 5% of a student's final mark. In grade 10, students complete the OSSLT (Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test) in the spring. Successful completion of the OSSLT (or the OSSLC course) is a requirement for graduation.

Students who completed one of these assessments last year received an individual student summary with their results.

Highlights of Grade 9 EQAO Mathematics

Applied Courses:

63% of students who completed the assessment scored at or above provincial standard (level 3 and 4)

Academic Courses:

93% of students who completed the assessment scored at or above provincial standard (level 3 and 4)

Highlights of OSSLT:

A passing grade on the OSSLT is 75%. There are two groups of students who write the OSSLT: Grade 10 students, and Previously Eligible students. Previously Eligible students are those who were absent or deferred in the previous school year.

Grade 10 Students:

- 94% of students who completed the assessment were successful

Previously Eligible Students:

- 62% of students who completed the assessment were successful

A school summary of EQAO results can be found on the school website: [EQAO School and School Board Profiles and Reports](#).

If you have questions about EQAO, or would like a copy of your child's individual summary results, please contact the school.

