



Unionville High School Weekly Parent Bulletin

Friday, October 14, 2022

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Character Matters Trait of the Month: *Responsibility*

"We are made wise not by the recollection of our past, but by the responsibility for our future."
— George Bernard Shaw

Student Council Meeting

Our 2nd School Council Meeting will be held on Monday, October 17th at Unionville H.S. in the Library at 7:00pm. We will also be offering the meeting virtually (Google Meet link below).

School Council Meeting Agenda:

Monday, October 17th, 2022 – 7:00pm – 8:30pm

1. Welcome to our new 2022-2023 School Council Executive
2. Updates from USAC
3. Updates from Admin – Staffing, Facilities, Programs
4. Subject Department Presentations
5. Mental Health Presentation by our Community and Partnership Developer and Hong Fook
6. Other

Please use the link below to pre-register on or before Monday, October 17th at 12:00pm

<https://forms.gle/UDVVHmW8WsSuWY2h8>

In order to join virtually please click on the Google Meet link below:

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/nag-dhap-wjc>

Do you have questions that you would appreciate a response to? Please use the link below to submit your questions ahead of time or during the School Council Meeting. Responses will be provided within the preceding Parent Bulletin.

[School Council Q & A Form - Monday, October 17, 2022](#)

Parent/Guardian - Teacher Interviews

Parent/Guardian-Teacher Interviews will take place on Wednesday, October 26 from 6:30pm - 8:30pm in-person at UHS. This evening will provide you with an opportunity to learn more about your child's programming and achievement.

Please use TeachAssist, to schedule a meeting time with each of your child's teachers.

All students in our school currently have a TeachAssist account to access information about their class assessments.

Parents/Guardians may begin accessing appointment bookings on Thursday, October 20th at 9:00 am through the TeachAssist Parent Portal available at <https://ta.yrdsb.ca/parents>.

From there, enter your e-mail address and leave the password blank to set up a one-time access link or to reset a password that you've created.

An e-mail will be sent with a time limited link that will look similar to this:



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teachassist@yrdsb.ca

To: parent_email

Click here for your one time access to teachassist

<https://ta.yrdsb.ca/live/parents/listReports.php?email=parent&token=serdftyugio678>

Once logged in, parents/guardians will have the option to set up a password. For instructions on how to book an interview through TeachAssist, please click [here](#).

Parents/Guardians may book appointments until **Tuesday, October 25th at 3:00pm**

If you have any questions about this process, please contact our main office at 905-479-2787.

Parents/Guardians who do not wish to book a time online can contact their child's teacher directly to book an appointment.

Important Timelines

Wed. Oct 19 - Thurs. Oct 20	Electronic Interim Report Distribution to Families
Thurs. Oct 20 9:00 AM	TeachAssist Appointment Manager Opens
Tues. Oct 25 3:00 PM	TeachAssist Appointment Manager Closes
Wed. Oct 26 6:30 - 8:30 PM	Interview Night (in-person at UHS)

We look forward to meeting you in-person on Wednesday, October 26th.

Fall Celebration 2022

Come out & join us at Flato Markham Theatre October 19, 2022 at 7:30pm featuring the UHS Wind Ensemble and bands from BOSS, MDHA, MSS and PETHS in support of the Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation Youth and Mental Health programs. See school cash online for tickets.

Visual Arts Department Announcement

The Visual Arts Department would love your cleaned plastic food containers. We'll be putting them to good use as paint pallets. Feel free to drop them off in the Visual Art/Dance office.

Summer Mentorship Program 2023

The Summer Mentorship Program (SMP) gives high school students of Indigenous or African ancestry a chance to explore health sciences at the University of Toronto over four weeks in July.

Please see the following links for more details!

[Info & Deadlines](#)

[Brochure](#)





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Grade 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day

“Take Our Kids to Work” (TOKW) is an initiative that provides Grade 9 students with the opportunity to OBSERVE a work environment for one day.

This program will support students to begin planning their future career path by helping them better understand the world of work.

On **Wednesday, November 2, 2022** Grade 9 students will have an opportunity to spend the day at the workplace of a parent/guardian, relative, friend or volunteer. There is a Family Guide Resource available to support families with planning.

Please be advised that permission forms to participate in Take Our Kids to Work Day will be sent to your child’s GAPPS account. We ask that you review the form with your child and then sign off as per the instructions and submit the completed online form on or before **Wednesday, October 26, 2022**.

Parents/Guardians can also choose to have their child participate independently in career exploration activities at home or at school. Please indicate this choice on the permission form so that schools can plan appropriately.

School Zone Parking Safety

Parking safety is everyone’s responsibility! Please see the attached links for more information from the City of Markham about how we can all contribute to road safety.

[Common Responsibilities of By-Law Enforcement & Regulatory Services](#)

[By-Law Enforcement & Regulatory Services Newsletter](#)

[School Zone Parking Safety Pamphlet](#)



York Region 2022 Anti-Human Trafficking Conference

Human Trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation is a prevalent issue and one of the fastest growing and most lucrative crimes worldwide and it is happening in York Region. It is predatory and devastatingly damaging to victims, survivors, their families and communities. At the Anti-Human Trafficking York Region Conference, attendees will learn about what human trafficking is, signs and indicators, risk factors, laws, what we can collectively do to eradicate human trafficking in our communities and more. [Please click here for more information.](#)

YRDSB Anti-Asian Racism Research Project

Are you interested in being part of the YRDSB's Anti-Asian Research Project? [See here for more information](#)

YRDSB

Anti-Asian Racism Research Project

York Region District School Board (YRDSB) is conducting research on the experiences of Asian students, educators, staff, and community members, in an effort to dismantle anti-Asian racism and to foster belonging and create safer spaces for Asian members of the YRDSB organization.

If you are an Asian identifying member (East Asian, South Asian, South East Asian) of the YRDSB, then you are invited to participate in a virtual focus group (small discussion group) to talk about your experiences within the YRDSB institution. For your participation, you will receive a small gift.

If you are interested, please RSVP by deadline.

Who	Session Date	Time	RSVP Deadline	Link
Community Members	Thursday October 6	5 to 7 pm	October 3	Community Registration
Students (G 7-12)	Tuesday October 11	5 to 7 pm	October 3	Student Registration
Teachers	Monday October 17	5 to 7 pm	October 11	Teacher Registration
Administrators	Wednesday October 19	5 to 7 pm	October 11	Administrator Registration
Non-teaching Staff	Wednesday November 2	5 to 7 pm	October 26	Non-Teaching Staff Registration



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Looking for Student Volunteers!

YRDSB Indigenous Languages and International Languages Elementary Program is looking for student volunteers to support their program. Information has been posted on the UHS Volunteer and Program Opportunities Google classroom. Students are encouraged to join the classroom to access this information. **Enrolment code: emu544b**

Prayer/Meditation Space Request

Does your child need a space to practice their faith? All students who would like to use our Prayer/Meditation Space for the 2022-2023 school year should complete the School Start Up forms: <https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/> and email Ms. Kyriopoulos (effie.kyriopoulos@yrdsb.ca) for more information.

Student Activity Fees for 2022-2023...What does your \$45 get you?

In previous years, the student activity fee has supported a variety of school activities including Student Council activities such as spirit events, clubs & initiatives, dances, Fall Festival, Winter assembly, Mayfair, cultural events and celebrations, guest speakers, athletic team and field trip transportation subsidies, arts/ music competitions, snacks for students, and more. We look forward to being able to offer similar type activities this school year. In order to do so, students will need to pay their Activity Fees. Once your fee has been paid, you will have reduced fees for school events throughout the school year! Please click on <https://www.schoolcashionline.com/> to pay your fees now!

**Study Skills and Exam Tips
Workshop Drop-in**

This 30 minute workshop will give students an opportunity to learn about effective study skills for tests and exams.

Who is this workshop for?
All Grades – just drop in during your lunch or spare!

When and where is the workshop?
This workshop will be running for the first half of every period in the library on Wednesday October 19th

Peer Tutoring

All students **interested in becoming a peer tutor** for the 2022-2023 school year must submit their application through this link: <https://bit.ly/BecomeTutorUHSO>

This application must be completed using the **student's GAPPS email**. Upon submitting, students will **receive an email containing a PDF** that will need to be printed, signed and returned to the Guidance Department dropbox located outside the Guidance Office. **Please Note:** If students are applying to tutor a subject they are currently taking, please ask your subject teacher first, as students are required to indicate their subject teacher's name to confirm if they are recommended for tutoring that subject.

All students **requesting a peer tutor** must submit their application through this link: <https://bit.ly/RequestTutorUHS>

This application must be completed using the **student's GAPPS email**. Upon submitting, students will **receive an email containing a PDF** that will need to be printed, signed and returned to the Guidance Department dropbox located outside the Guidance Office.

[Please click here for Peer Tutoring flyer](#)



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Digital Storytelling Initiative

The Digital Storytelling initiative is a workshop series where you will participate in arts-based mixed media activities to discuss anti-Asian racism and build resilience. Through group collaboration and critical reflection, you can redefine and represent your live experience.

Hong Fook Youth and Family Services

Digital Storytelling Initiative

Are you an Asian identifying young person who wants to...

- Talk with others about your racial identity and how anti-Asian racism has impacted your mental health?
- Use different arts media (video, photos, podcasts, etc.) to tell your story?
- Share your lived experiences and connect with other people?

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Dates

October 25 - November 22 2022

Who

Asian youth age 16-24
living in the GTA with
interest/experience in media or
creating social media content

To register, please contact:

Bernie Yeung
Youth Program Worker
Email: byeung@hongfook.ca
Phone: (647) 267-5013

Do You Need a Computer?

Renewed Computer Technology (RCT) is a not-for-profit, charitable organization that empowers learners, educators and not-for-profit organizations with increased access to information and communications technology (ICT), skill development and learning opportunities, in a socially and environmentally responsible manner.

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Working with **York Region District School Board** we are offering affordable, renewed computer packages.



1. Open camera on phone
2. Hold camera up to QR code above
3. Click link that appears on your screen

You can apply for this program if you are:

A resident of Ontario and you are an individual with limited income.

Parents or legal guardians may apply on behalf of a child or youth under the age of 18.

We offer 1 computer, per family, with a limit of 2 per household per year.

For more information, please contact:

Alexander Oliver
RCT Community Engagement Lead
AOliver@rcto.ca

All systems include our
STANDARD 1 YEAR DEPOT WARRANTY

*batteries not covered by warranty

We have Desktop Packages from \$60.00 to \$250.00.
Plus \$50.00 to ship the computer to your home.



You get - a desktop complete with Windows 10 and MS Office 2019 - Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook and OneNote plus learning software, monitor, keyboard and mouse

We have Laptop Packages from \$200.00 to \$350.00.
Plus \$40.00 to ship the computer to your home.



You get - a laptop complete with Windows 10 and MS Office 2019 - Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook and OneNote plus learning software

*Computers may not appear exactly as shown

With funding from

Canada

Visit Us Online @ www.RCTO.ca

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Renewed Computer Technology

Application Check-List



You can begin to apply for a computer on: September 30th, 2022

Application deadline: November 18th, 2022

1. Open camera on phone
2. Hold camera up to QR code above
3. Click link that appears on your screen

Group Name: YRDSB | **Group Code:** G-YRDSB22

How to fill out your application

Scan QR code OR access application using the link your organization provided

Section A

Group Name: YRDSB

Group Code: G-YRDSB22

Name of School: Please enter the name of the student's school

Section B

This section does not apply to you.

Section C

I would like to pick up my computer in Mississauga RCT Warehouse (\$0.00 Shipping fee)

OR

I would like to order a laptop, please ship my computer to my home (\$40.00 shipping fee)

OR

I would like to order a desktop, please ship my computer to my home (\$50.00 shipping fee)

OR

I am part of the York Region District School Board Group order (\$20.00)

Section D

Pick your computer package and method of payment.

Our partner organization will need proof of eligibility (one of the following) before you can apply for a computer.

Proof of Financial Status (one of the following)

- Canada Revenue Agency Notice of Assessment (most recent)
- Ontario Works Statement (Social Assistance)
- OSAP Statement of Funding
- Refugee Payment Received from government
- Letter from school supporting the application
- EI Benefit Statement
- ODSP (Disability Benefits)
- Second Career

Payment

You will have the following online payment options when completing your order:

- Credit/Debit Card
- Money Order or Certified Cheque
- A Third Party will be Paying (Ex. Ontario Works)

Certified Cheques should be made to: Renewed Computer Technology

The applicant's name must be added in the memo field. When you come to pick up your computer, please bring a government photo ID.

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Please see your alpha Administrator if you have any questions!

Upcoming Events - October 2022

DATE	EVENT
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17	School Council Meeting 7:00pm - 8:30 pm
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18	Fire Drill #2
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19	Fire Drill #2 Rain date Study Skills Workshop in the Library
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21	P.A. Day
MONDAY, OCTOBER 24	Diwali
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26	Parent/Guardian Teacher Interviews 6:30pm - 8:30pm
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27	COMC - Math Contest
MONDAY, OCTOBER 31	Halloween

Upcoming Events - November 2022

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2	Grade 9 Take Your Kids to Work Day Post-Secondary Information Fair @ Markville SS 6:00pm - 8:00pm
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3	Fire Drill #3
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4	Fire Drill #3 Rain date
NOVEMBER 7 - 17	Graduation Photos
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10	Semester 1 Term 2 Begins AU Information Night @ Markham Theatre/UHS 6:30pm - 8:30pm
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11	Remembrance Day
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16	Gr 8 Open House @ UHS 6:30pm - 8:30pm CIMC & CSMC Math Contests P1 & P2
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18	PA Day OUAC/OCAS 1st Resubmission
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21	Leadership Meeting 3:15pm
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28	School Council Meeting 7:00pm - 8:30pm
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29	Semester 1 Full Disclosure