



# Unionville High School Weekly Parent Bulletin

**Friday, October 28, 2022**

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## Character Matters Trait of the Month: *Responsibility*

“If there is a book that you want to read, but it hasn't been written yet, you must be the one to write it.” – Toni Morrison

## Looking for Club Information? Look no further!



**UNIONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL**

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### Clubs List 22-23

Please Click Teachers Name to Contact

Club	Teacher Supervisors
Artisans Club	<a href="#">Jessica Li</a>
Business & Sports	<a href="#">Neil Sareen</a>
Charis Club	<a href="#">Peter Lansing</a>
Chinese History Club	<a href="#">Shan-Chen Yu</a>
Club de Français (French Club)	<a href="#">Peter Lansing</a>
Community Council	<a href="#">Melissa Del Rosario</a> - <a href="#">James Campbell</a> - <a href="#">Felicia Sukdeo</a>
Computer Science Club	<a href="#">Raymond Do</a>
Cooking Club	<a href="#">Anna DiLorenzo</a> - <a href="#">Frances Tom</a>
Dance Council	<a href="#">Melissa Bettio</a> - <a href="#">Kathleen Major</a>
DECA	<a href="#">Kuo Pan</a> - <a href="#">Wesley Guldemon</a> - <a href="#">Neil Sareen</a>
Dramatic Arts Council	<a href="#">Lazaros Geronikolos</a>
Eco-Council	<a href="#">Michael Johnston</a>
Film Club	<a href="#">Lauren Fridman</a> - <a href="#">Shiraz Rafik</a> - <a href="#">Zachary Layton</a>
Gender & Sexuality Alliance	<a href="#">Sara Faulkner</a> - <a href="#">Zachary Teitel</a>
Guitar Ensemble	<a href="#">Niloufar Barazesh</a>
Jazz Band	<a href="#">Niloufar Barazesh</a>
Math Club	<a href="#">Daniela Panacci</a> - <a href="#">Shan-Chen Yu</a> - <a href="#">Liubov Chulkova</a> - <a href="#">Shama Sharma</a>
Newcomers Club	<a href="#">Tara Kapeluch</a>
Science Club	<a href="#">Elaine Howard</a> - <a href="#">Jeffrey Chan</a>
Show Choir	<a href="#">Melissa Bettio</a> - <a href="#">Julia Fong</a> - <a href="#">Michelle Teh</a>
Social Justice Club	<a href="#">Felicia Sukdeo</a> - <a href="#">Jennifer Porter</a>
STEM Beyond	<a href="#">Georgina Mantelos</a>
Target Alpha	<a href="#">Wesley Guldemon</a> - <a href="#">Matthew Himelson</a>
UHS Architecture Club	<a href="#">Zachary Layton</a>
UHS Black Excellence	<a href="#">Sara Faulkner</a> - <a href="#">Zachary Teitel</a> - <a href="#">Beckey Serwaa</a>
UHS Wellness Club	<a href="#">Michelle Farwell</a> - <a href="#">Evan Mallin</a>
Unionville Howl	<a href="#">Keyan Wu</a>
Zoology Club	<a href="#">Yiu Lun Leung</a> - <a href="#">Daniel Dietrich</a>

Please click [here](#) to access teacher advisor emails

## Grade 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day

“Take Our Kids to Work” (TOKW) is taking place on **November 2, 2022**. This program will support students to begin planning their future career path by helping them better understand the world of work.

Please be advised that permission forms to participate in Take Our Kids to Work Day are due. We ask that you review the form with your child and then sign off as per the instructions and submit the completed online form by **Monday, October 31, 2022**.





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## A few reminders to those dressing up for Halloween!

### COSTUME GUIDELINES!

To celebrate the spooky season, the student council is hosting a spirit week! Students can participate by dressing up according to themes to show their spirit. Please consider the following questions when planning your costumes:

- Does my costume in any way trivialize or devalue the lives of Indigenous peoples?
- Is my costume respectful of others? Have I used symbols or objects representative of a person's culture or religious beliefs or is my costume a caricature of social identities through stereotyping?
- Does my costume over-emphasize horror or violence, even if it is in jest?
- Is my costume making fun of trans people in any way or could it be interpreted as making fun of trans people?
- Is my costume making fun of boys/girls/non-binary people or gender identity? Is the costume/could the costume be interpreted as making fun of people identifying with a different gender than they were given at birth?
- How will people know they are dressed as another gender? Is the costume relying on harmful stereotypes?

## Have fun and be safe!

## Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT)

Attention to all students who will be writing the OSSLT this semester – this includes all eligible Grade 10s, previously unsuccessful and potential graduates who have not yet passed the OSSLT – our dates have been finalized and this semester's OSSLT will be taking place during Period 3 on the following dates:

November 21/November 22  
November 23/November 24  
November 28/November 29  
November 30/December 1

The OSSLT will take place over 2 days during Period 3. Students and families will receive specific details as to when they will be writing the OSSLT soon.

Any questions about the OSSLT should be directed to our Literacy Teacher – Ms. Chankseliani – at [alyssa.chankseliani@yrdsb.ca](mailto:alyssa.chankseliani@yrdsb.ca) or Vice-Principal - Mr.Gheewala - at [amol.gheewala@yrdsb.ca](mailto:amol.gheewala@yrdsb.ca)





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**What:** Semi Formal Dance, Dinner (included), & Games

**Who:** Grades 9-12 (ALL ARE WELCOME!)

**When:** Thursday November 24, 2022 6-10:30pm

**Where:** Crystal Fountain Banquet Hall (60 McDowell Gate, Markham)

**Why:** To provide students with an opportunity to socialize in a safe, chaperoned environment AND to have fun (after a LONG 3 years...)

**How:** Pay on schoolcashonline

\$65 (SAC fee paid), \$75 (no SAC fee paid)

## UHS' Semi Formal 2022 – Winter Wonderland!

Attention families, UHS' Semi Formal 2022 – Winter Wonderland – is fast approaching! Semi Formal is your time to dress up, have a delicious dinner, hear some amazing music and show off your dance moves; best of all, this is finally your chance to socialize IN PERSON after 3 long years! There will also be prizes drawn in a raffle and you can capture your memories in two different Photobooths! You do not want to miss out on this awesome time!! Tickets are on sale until **Friday, November 4th** on SchoolCash Online. Here is the breakdown of your ticket cost (based on 200 attendees):

Venue (including food, unlimited soft drinks & HST): \$56

Security: \$5.43

DJ: \$5.65

Photobooth: \$9.99

Decorations: \$1

Rounded Total: \$78

Any additional funds (if we surpass 200 attendees) will go towards more decorations and prizes! Get your tickets NOW!!!

## 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.schoolcashonline.com/> to pay your fees now!

## Wellness Reminder of the Week:

“Take time for yourself! Make self-care a priority. Find time to relax, if only for a moment or two.” UHS Wellness Council

The UHS Wellness Council is back! We are a student run council whose mission is dedicated to improve students' health and well-being by creating a positive school environment here at UHS. To learn more about how you can be part of the UHS Wellness Council, [please click here!](#)







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## Semester 1 Exams

All students and families need to ensure that students are present and available for the Semester 1 Exam block. Semester 1 Exams will take place **January 26 - February 1**. Please be aware that **February 2, 2023** is Mark Review Day and **February 3, 2023** is a PA Day.

## YRDSB Black Excellence Program



### 2022-2023 Black Excellence Program – Secondary Panel

The vision of the Black Excellence Program, (BEP), is to advance the achievement, wellbeing and sense of belonging of Black students in YRDSB schools through responsive programming that affirms their identity, builds on their strengths, and enhances their access to academic opportunities after high school. Students will have opportunities to learn from each other, experts from diverse fields, and mentors who will uplift, inspire and encourage them.

The Centre for Black Student Excellence is pleased to announce that in the 2022-2023 school year, the program will be extended to 100 students from YRDSB secondary schools who self-identify as Black or African descended. This year's programming includes:

- 3 Full-day Master Classes in November, February and May
- 5 After school "We are Wednesdays" workshops in December, January, March, April and June
- The sharing of Black-affirming books, resources, and networks

**Please see the link below for important information on the upcoming Black Excellence Programs available to secondary students. The first Master Class is on November 11.**

[Black Excellence Programs – Secondary](#)

## 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](#)



## Anonymous Anti Asian Racism Survey

Please note the following message on behalf of Superintendent Kien Nam Luu and Associate Professor, OISE/UT Dr. Mary Reid;

If you are an Asian identifying student of the YRDSB, then you are invited to complete an anonymous survey. This research will support YRDSB's efforts to dismantle anti-Asian racism and foster belonging for Asian members of the YRDSB organization. The survey will close on **Oct. 31st**.

[Survey for YRDSB Students \(grades 7-12\)](#)

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to Mary Reid.





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## Have Your Say In Our Yearbook Theme!

Attention Parents/Guardians, please share with your students:

Do you prefer retro or magical? Dreamy or Y2K? Have your say in what this year's yearbook theme will be! Visit <https://forms.gle/MuicnWT2SEEAMR4e9> to vote for your favourite theme! The theme with the most votes will be chosen for the UHS 2022-2023 Yearbook. The deadline to vote is this Sunday at 11:59pm.

## We Need Your Feedback!

Thank you so much to all those who attended our School Council Meeting this past Monday evening. We had a great turnout both in person and online! We would love to have some feedback from our Parent/Guardian community. When you have a moment, please complete the following Google Form to answer questions that were asked by our partners from Inclusive School & Community Services (ISCS), Community and Partnership Developers (CPDs) and our Community Care Social Worker (CCSW). Thank you in advance for your feedback!

[Google Form Link](#)

## House of Commons Page Program Recruitment Campaign

We are pleased to announce the official launch of the recruitment campaign for the House of Commons Page Program.

Each year, we recruit 40 bilingual students graduating from high schools and CEGEPs from across Canada to participate in the House of Commons Page Program. Pages work directly on the floor of the House of Commons and are responsible for a wide range of tasks related to Chamber activities. This provides them with the opportunity to broaden their knowledge of Parliament by playing a role in the rich traditions of the Canadian parliamentary system. Our recruitment campaign for the 2023-2024 academic year is taking place from **September 26 to November 6, 2022**.

To be considered, candidates must submit a curriculum vitae (maximum of two pages), a cover letter which includes detailed examples clearly demonstrating how they meet the education, experience and asset prerequisites listed on the notice of job opportunity, and a proof of enrolment confirming their current or past student status (e.g. unofficial transcript, official transcript or report card from a high school or CEGEP).

To be selected, candidates must be starting full-time or part-time post-secondary studies in **September 2023** at the University of Ottawa, Carleton University, Saint Paul University, Université du Québec en Outaouais, Collège La Cité or Algonquin College. Successful candidates will be required to reside in the National Capital Region during their year of employment as a Page. We encourage you to visit our [website](#) to learn more.

## 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.

## 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](#)





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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](mailto:effie.kyriopoulos@yrdsb.ca)) for more information.

## 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/BecomeTutorUHS0>

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 the Peer Tutoring flyer](#)

## 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 lived 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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<b>Dates</b>	<b>Who</b>
October 25 - November 22 2022	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](mailto:byeung@hongfook.ca)  
Phone: (647) 267-5013



Upcoming Events - October 2022

DATE	EVENT
MONDAY, OCTOBER 31	Halloween

Upcoming Events - November 2022

DATE	EVENT
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2	Grade 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day Post-Secondary Information Fair @ Markville SS 6:00pm - 8:00pm
NOVEMBER 7 - 23	Graduation Photos
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10	Fire Drill #3 Semester 1 Term 2 Begins AU Information Night @ Markham Theatre/UHS 6:30pm - 8:30pm
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11	Remembrance Day
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14	Fire Drill #3 Rain Date
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16	Gr 8 Open House @ UHS 6:30pm - 8:30pm CIMC & CSMC - Math Contests P1 & P2
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18	PA Day OUAC 1st Resubmission OCAS 1st Resubmission
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28	School Council Meeting 7:00pm - 8:30pm
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29	Semester 1 Full Disclosure