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Friday, October 7, 2022

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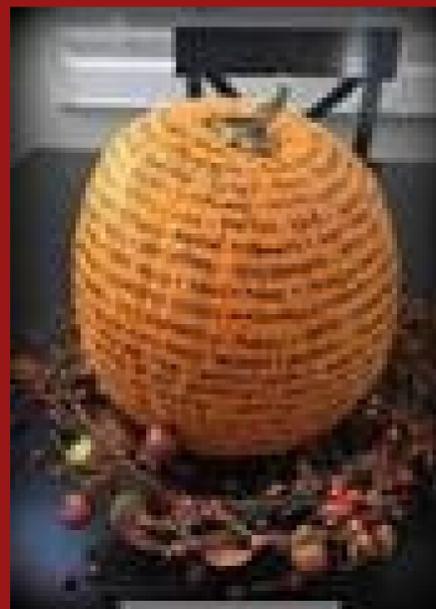
## TECHNOLOGY REQUEST FORM – 2022-2023

## GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

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

“It is not only for what we do that we are held responsible, but also for what we do not do.” – Moliere

Thanksgiving



Gratitude is consistently associated with greater happiness. It helps individuals experience more positive emotions, relish good experiences, improve health, deal with adversity and build positive relationships. This week, try to take a few minutes at the end of each day to identify two things that you are grateful for.

### Student Council Meeting

Our 2nd School Council Meeting will be held on Monday, October 17th at Unionville H.S. in the Library at 7:00p.m.

School Council Meeting Tentative Agenda:

Monday, October 17th, 2022 – (7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.)

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

### Congratulations to each of our newly elected members of the 2022-2023 UHS School Council Executive

Please welcome:

- Anoosh Sharif - Chair
- Felix Lee - Secretary
- William Sun - Treasurer
- Priscilla Cheung and Sonya Gulliver- Azevedo - Arts Reps
- Neelam Noticewala and Wenjie Ren - STEM Reps

Our team is very excited to work with each of you as we partner to support the needs of all our students at UHS.



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## Parent/Guardian - Teacher Interviews

### 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, (online platform) 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 9:00am** through the **TeachAssist Parent Portal** available at <https://ta.yrdsb.ca/parents>.

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

An email will be sent with a time limited link that will look similar to this:



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.



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## After School Literacy Program

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) will be taking place in the fall between November 2 and December 7, 2022. The OSSLT is a graduation requirement for all students in the province of Ontario.

Grade 10 students and those who were previously unsuccessful will either be writing the OSSLT for the first time, or retaking it this year. Students who are writing the OSSLT this year are strongly encouraged to join the After School Literacy Program that begins the week of October 17 for extra support and preparation. Emails were sent to all potential OSSLT writers.

The After School Literacy Program will consist of ten 1.5 hour sessions for a total of 15 hours. The programs will take place in person at UHS from 3:15pm - 4:45pm. The programs will run from the week of October 17 - November 18, 2022 and they will take place twice a week (ex. Mondays & Wednesdays or Tuesdays & Thursdays). Based on student and teacher availability, students will be placed in one of the programs. Once the sign-up form closes, students will be placed into a program that suits their availability.

Participation is FREE for all UHS Students who will be participating in the OSSLT this year. Please choose the days that best suit your child's schedule and register through this Google Form link: <https://forms.gle/CcBog7ZY3eznU3Cp8>

Please have your child complete the Google Form using their YRDSB GAPPS email address. The Google Form will close on **Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 12pm.**

These workshops have been designed to support students achieving success on the OSSLT this year. Teachers will provide intensive practice with the reading and writing tasks, further developing the required literacy skills in preparation for the test.

If you have any questions or concerns about this valuable OSSLT support, please contact Alyssa Chankseliani at [alyssa.chankseliani@yrdsb.ca](mailto:alyssa.chankseliani@yrdsb.ca)

Regards,  
Alyssa Chankseliani (Literacy Teacher)

## Photo Retake Day

Attention to all students who have not yet taken their photos! Our Photo Retake Day will be taking place on **Tuesday, October 11 from 8:30am-12pm.** If you missed Photo Day in September or would like a retake, please be ready to have your picture taken Tuesday morning! We ask that students listen for announcements Tuesday as we will be calling students down by grade.



## 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.

## Red Cross Fundraiser for Pakistan

On behalf of Student Council, we extend a thank you to staff and students who donated to our Red Cross Fundraiser for Pakistan at our recent BBQ. We raised over \$300 in donations, which will be matched by the Federal Government. Thanks for your generosity!



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## Accelerated OYAP & Apprenticeship Information Open House

Tuesday, October 18, 2022 @ 7:00PM - 8:30PM



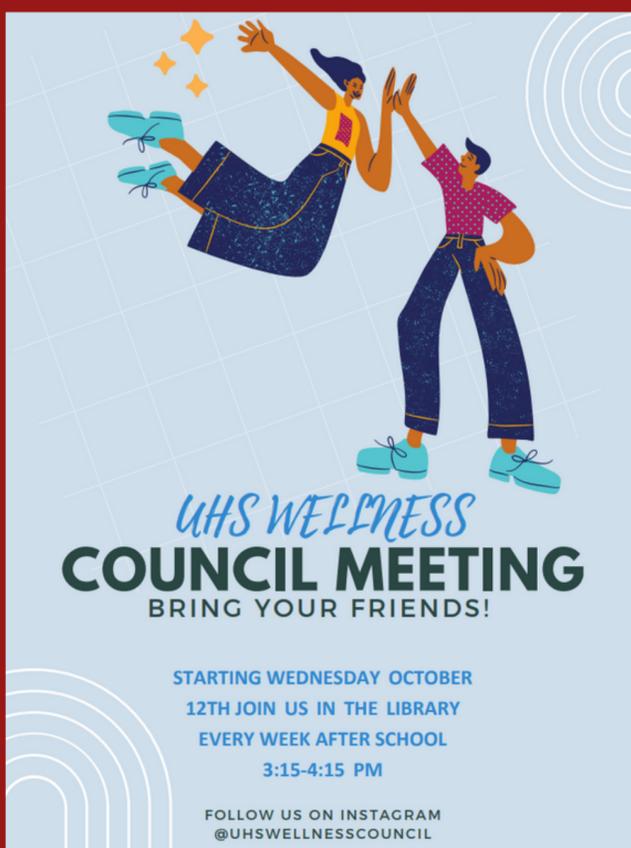
This event will be of interest to:

- Students in grade 12 who are interested in applying for one of the Accelerated OYAP Level 1 Training programs;
- Students in grades 10-12 who are interested in learning more about apprenticeship and OYAP programming and;
- Parents/guardians who want to learn more about OYAP and Accelerated OYAP opportunities.

See the [AOYAP Open House Flyer](#) for the skilled trade training programs available for second semester 2023 and for [registration](#) information.

For more information on the open house event, do not hesitate to contact [david.lovisa@yrdsb.ca](mailto:david.lovisa@yrdsb.ca), Regional Dual Credit Teacher, or [linda.alati@yrdsb.ca](mailto:linda.alati@yrdsb.ca), OYAP Recruiter.

## UHS Wellness Council is Back!



Attention students: If you want to help this year with exciting new initiatives for the benefit of student well-being, and join us in the Library on Wednesday, October 12th at 3:15pm and every following Wednesday after that. Check the [@uhswellnesscouncil](#) Instagram for more information.

## SHSM (Specialist High Schools Major) Information Session

Any grade 10 and 11 student interested in learning about the SHSM program (Business, Arts & Culture and Health & Wellness) can attend one of two information sessions on **Thursday, October 13, 2022 during periods 3 OR 4 in Room 106**. Students will not be excused from class and are encouraged to attend during their lunch period. Students who do not have a period 3 or 4 lunch or who will be away from school on this day will be able to access the presentation on the UHS website, under the Guidance tab. Please register on SchoolCash online today!



## 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!



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## 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 19<sup>th</sup>



## 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](#)

## 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.

## 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**

## 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	<a href="#">Community Registration</a>
Students (G 7-12)	Tuesday October 11	5 to 7 pm	October 3	<a href="#">Student Registration</a>
Teachers	Monday October 17	5 to 7 pm	October 11	<a href="#">Teacher Registration</a>
Administrators	Wednesday October 19	5 to 7 pm	October 11	<a href="#">Administrator Registration</a>
Non-teaching Staff	Wednesday November 2	5 to 7 pm	October 26	<a href="#">Non-Teaching Staff Registration</a>

## 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

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Visit Us Online @ [www.RCTO.ca](http://www.RCTO.ca)

**RCT**   
Renewed Computer Technology

# Application Check-List



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

Application deadline: November 18th, 2022

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

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

## 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
<b>MONDAY, OCTOBER 10</b>	Thanksgiving (No Classes)
<b>TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11</b>	Fall Photo Retake Day
<b>THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13</b>	SHSM Presentation P3 & P4 Rm 106
<b>FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14</b>	Scholarship Presentation P2 , P3 & P4 in Library
<b>MONDAY, OCTOBER 17</b>	School Council Meeting 7:00pm - 8:30 pm
<b>TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18</b>	Fire Drill #2 2:00pm
<b>WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19</b>	Fire Drill #2 Rain date 2:00pm Study Skills Workshop in the Library
<b>FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21</b>	P.A. Day
<b>MONDAY, OCTOBER 24</b>	Diwali
<b>WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26</b>	Parent/Guardian Teacher Interviews 6:30pm - 8:30pm
<b>THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27</b>	COMC - Math Contest
<b>MONDAY, OCTOBER 31</b>	Halloween

## Upcoming Events - November 2022

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