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#### **TECH REQUEST FORM – 2024-2025**

<u>CLUBS</u>

#### **GUIDANCE UPDATES**

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

"When you think everything is someone else's fault, you will suffer a lot. When you realize that everything springs only from yourself, you will learn both peace and joy." - Dalai Lama

#### **Upcoming Events**

| DATE               | EVENT   |  |
|--------------------|---|--|
| October 14         | Thanksgiving (No classes)                       |  |
| October 16         | Music Fall Celebration at Flato (7:30 pm)       |  |
| October 17         | Fall Dance at UHS (Evening)<br>Photo Retake Day |  |
| October 21         | Professional Development Day (No classes)       |  |
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# COLOBER

#### **UHS School Council News!**

**Congratulations** to each of our newly elected members for the 2024-2025 UHS School Council Executive. Our team is very excited to work with each of you as we partner to support the needs of all our students at UHS.

Please welcome our 2024-2025 **School Council Executive**:

Anoosh Sharif - Chair Patrick (Yuxin) Xie - Secretary William Sun - Treasurer Betty Liu - Community Member - Arts Jassen (Xin) Zhang – Community Member - STEM

Our **2nd School Council Meeting** will be on **Tuesday, October 22 at 7:00 pm**. Translation services from English to Mandarin will be available. Please feel free to fill out the **School Council Pre-Registration Form - Tuesday, October 22, 2024** 

Location: Unionville HS Library

We hope to see you there!





#### Semester 1 Midterm Reporting - All students

York Region District School Board will be issuing electronic copies of the Semester 1 midterm • report cards between **November 18-20**. The electronic copy will be available to parents/caregivers through the **new family portal**, and students will continue to access through their GAPPs account. Instructions will be sent out by email to both parents/caregivers and to students prior to distribution.

#### Full Disclosure for Grade 11 and Grade 12 Courses

For the 2024-2025 school year, the course withdrawal date (Full Disclosure) will be at least 5 instructional days from the last possible date the mid-semester report is issued. **The Full Disclosure date for Grade 11 and Grade 12 courses is November 27**. If a student withdraws from a Grade 11 or 12 course on or prior to November 27, then the course and mark will not be recorded on the Ontario Student Transcript. If a student withdraws from a Grade 11 or 12 course after the Full Disclosure date, a withdrawal (W) is entered in the credit column, and the student's mark in the course at the time of withdrawal will be recorded as a percentage in the achievement column of the transcript.

#### Message from Chair and Director to Families

Dear families,

We are pleased to inform you that at the October 1, 2024, Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees approved a new Multi-Year Strategic Plan: Building Unity, Achieving Excellence.

Established by the Board of Trustees, this plan sets our direction and priorities as a school board and guides our work and decision making. It aligns with Ministry of Education priorities and is student-centred.

We want to thank everyone who took the time to share feedback in the spring. This feedback heavily informed the development of the plan, which also aligns with Ministry of Education priorities.

We are grateful to the many students, staff and community members who shared their input and helped us to develop a Multi-Year Strategic Plan that reflects the community we serve. This plan will help to ensure we continue to deliver high-quality education and remain a leader in public education.

The student-centred plan focuses on three priorities:







- Student Achievement. We promote and support high expectations for all.
- Health and Well-Being. We build healthy environments and positive relationships.
- Human Rights and Inclusive Education. We learn and grow together, and affirm our diverse identities.

Building Unity, Achieving Excellence, underscores the plan's overarching focus on bringing together our school communities in support of student success.

In the coming weeks and months, we will continue to share updates about the Multi-Year Strategic Plan, including how it is applied in the classroom, how it is benefiting students and how it will play a role in aligning with the District Action Plan and reporting.

We encourage you to visit our website to learn more about the new <u>Multi-Year Strategic Plan</u> and if you have questions, please reach out to your local <u>trustee</u>.

We remain grateful for your continued partnership and look forward to implementing the actions of the Multi-Year Strategic Plan.

Ron Lynn, Chair Bill Cober, Director

#### **Scholarship Information Session**

On **Wednesday October 16th**, the Guidance department will be providing a Scholarship Information Session. A few topics we will be covering:

- Different types of scholarships (direct and school sponsored)
- How to make your application stand out
- How to prepare now
- Tips and tricks
- Various options to help fund your post secondary plans \$\$\$
- Question and Answer Session



The presentations will take place each **period (1 to 5) in the Library**. Be sure that you attend during your **lunch or study** hall. Students will not be excused from missing classes.

Students who cannot attend this day will have access to the presentation via the grad google classroom later in the day.

#### OUAC and OCAS Upload for Potential Graduates

Identifying information will be shared through a secure transmission to the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC) and the Ontario College Application Service (OCAS) to support students with their application to post-secondary institutions. Potential graduates **who are not planning to apply** to an Ontario college or university this school year, and who do not wish to have their data shared must notify their guidance counsellor by **October 10**.



Semester 1 midterm marks will be shared with OCAS and OUAC on **November 15**. Students in Grade 11 and 12 courses will be notified of their report card mark by their classroom teacher by **November 11**. Potential graduates who are applying to an Ontario college and/or university who are planning to drop a course are encouraged to connect with their guidance counsellor in advance of these dates. Guidance appointments can be booked through <u>Teachassist</u>.

We recognize that you and your child may have questions regarding this information. If it is helpful for you to connect with a staff member from the school, please contact the Guidance Department to discuss your questions.

Please review the timelines below:

| October 10     | Deadline for potential graduates who are not planning on applying to an Ontario college or<br>university to notify their Guidance Counsellor if they do not want their information shared with<br>OCAS/OUAC this school year.            |
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| October 15-18  | Students will receive a secure communication in their GAPPS email which provides information needed for their applications, including their OEN (required for college applications only), school MIDENT# (BSID).                         |
| November 11    | Teachers will share mid semester mark updates with students in Grade 11 and 12 courses.  |
| November 11-14 | Potential graduates applying to an Ontario college or university that are planning to drop a course, and do not wish to have the course mark shared with OUAC/OCAS are advised to connect with their Guidance Counsellor by November 17. |
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| November 15 | School will upload all Semester 1 midterm and/or final marks (for quadmester courses) for all grade 11 and 12 courses to OUAC and OCAS   |
|-------------|--|
| November 27 | This is the full disclosure date, which is the final day that a student, in a Grade 11 or 12 course, may drop a course in order that it not be recorded on the Ontario Student Transcript. |

#### US University Fair in Toronto Meet US Universities

Date: Oct 17 2024 | 6:30PM - 9PM ET Location: Sheraton Parkway Address: 600 Hwy 7, Richmond Hill, ON L4B 1B2 Register: Click <u>here</u>



#### **Post-Secondary Application Presentation for Graduating Students**

Graduating students are asked to attend the post-secondary applications session hosted by the Guidance department. It will take place on **Thursday October 10**, each period of the day to accommodate all student schedules. Students are asked to attend during their lunch or study hall. **Students will not be excused for missing classes**.

Students who cannot attend will have access to the presentation via the grad google classroom later in the day (classroom enrollment: npegu46)

#### **Grad Google Classroom**

Grade 12 potential grads have been asked to join the Grad Google classroom. Information regarding graduation information, post-secondary programs, scholarships/bursaries and much more will be posted here.

Google Classroom Enrolment Code: npegu46



## Markham Public Library

#### Markham Public Library

#### Winning Canadian Scholarships

Do you want the most current information on where and how to win Canadian Scholarships?

Judy Fiebig is a scholarship consultant in York Region with more than 10 years experience guiding young people to win high profile awards.

Join her information session to learn:

• about the tools and strategies that can make your scholarship application process less stressful and more successful

Sat Oct 19 | 11:00AM -12:00 NOON

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### **Register Now**

#### **Brainfuse HelpNow**

• This resource is suitable for students of all ages and even features live tutoring every day from 2pm-11pm (EST)

#### Other features include:

• Homework Help Interact with live tutors in math, science, reading/writing, social studies, PSAT/SAT, ACT, AP and standardized tests.

· Adult Learning Centre: Access a library of rich adult learning content (GED) and live, professional assistance in



resume/cover letter writing, Canadian citizenship prep,

 $\cdot$  24-Hour Writing Lab Submit essays and other forms of writing for constructive feedback.

## Explore Now

#### Accelerated OYAP & Apprenticeship Information Virtual Open House Information

This information is for the students and families interested in the apprenticeship pathway. Accelerated OYAP is for students in Grade 12 who are in full day Co-op/ALEP in semester 2. Please visit <u>www.yrdsb.ca/ACCELOYAP</u> for more information. Information regarding OYAP for all other Grade 11 and 12 students can be found at <u>www.yrdsb.ca/OYAP</u>.

- <u>Flyer</u> (a pdf is also attached)
- Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2024
- Time: 6:30PM 8:30PM
- **Registration** for this Open House is now open <u>https://yrdsb.cc/OYAP-OpenHouse</u>
- A link to the virtual open house will be provided after registration.

#### Information about the Open House

- This is a multi-board event where families can go to specific Training Delivery Agents (TDA) (i.e. Centennial College or Carpenters Union) to hear about their programs.
- It is a virtual event
- 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 (note: students must have 4 credit Co-op/ALEP on their timetable in semester 2 and have completed 26+ credits towards their OSSD)
  - Students in Grades 10-12 who are interested in learning more about apprenticeship and OYAP programming and;
  - Parents/guardians/educators who want to learn more about OYAP and Accelerated OYAP opportunities.

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| Kork Region   | Accelerated OYAP a<br>Apprenticeship Informati                              |                                       |  |
| Join us to learn about Apprenticeship Pathways & the Accelerated OYAP Program!<br>You should attend this information evening if:<br>• you are a Grade 12 student who is planning on entering the Skilled Trades;<br>• you are a Grade 10 or 11 student who would like more information about this<br>program to better prepare for this pathway, OR;<br>• you are the parent/guardian of a Grade 9 - 12 student who is considering a career in<br>the skilled trades. |   |                                       |  |
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| Auto Body<br>Technician   | Automotive Service Technician   | Baker                                 |  |
| Carpenter   | Child Youth Worker  | Construction Craft Worker             |  |
| Cook  | Drywall Finisher and Plasterer  | Electrician                           |  |
| Floor Covering<br>Installer   | Hairstylist   | Heavy Duty Equipment<br>Technician    |  |
| Plumber   | Refrigeration & Air Conditioning<br>Systems Mechanic                        | Truck and Coach Technician            |  |
| Join us on Tuesday, October 15th at 6:30 p.m.<br>REGISTER AT: https://yrdsb.cc/OYAP-OpenHouse<br>EMAIL QUESTIONS TO: pathways.yrdsb@gapps.yrdsb.ca<br>6:30 PM: Overview of OYAP Program with YRDSB<br>7:00 PM: Breakout Information Sessions for Skilled Trade Programs with the<br>Training Delivery Agents<br>8:00 PM: Closing Q&A with YRDSB   |   |                                       |  |
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www.yrdsb.ca/ACCELova

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\*\*Please note that the open house for the Drywall Acoustic & Lather Accelerated OYAP program with the INTERIOR FINISHING SYSTEMS TRAINING CENTRE (IFSTC) will be taking place on October 8th at 6:30pm. Information for this program is attached. The address is 60 Sharer Rd, Woodbridge, ON L4L 8P4.

For more information on the open house event, do not hesitate to contact: David Lovisa (david.lovisa@yrdsb.ca), Regional Dual Credit and Accelerated OYAP Teacher Erin Keyzers (erin.keyzers@yrdsb.ca), OYAP Consultant

#### <u>The application for students to apply for the accelerated OYAP program will be sent out later this week.</u>



#### Volunteer with ILIL!

The YRDSB's Indigenous Languages and International Languages (ILIL) Program is seeking secondary student volunteers to support the sites running the elementary language courses across the York Region. Earn a minimum of 2.5 hours a week, available between weekday evenings (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM or Saturday mornings from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM / 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM).

By volunteering with our program, you can gain valuable experience as:

- A Classroom Volunteer who:
- ~ supports the students to understand the lessons and tasks
- ~ assists the teacher/instructor in various tasks
- An Office Volunteer who:
- ~ assists office administrators with collection and organization of tasks
- ~ supports the office staff with relaying communications
- A Hallway Volunteer who:
- ~ monitors for safety

~ directs students/parents/visitors to appropriate classrooms/the ILIL site office To be added to the volunteer pool for the 2024-2025 program year, complete **the online form**.

For more information, email the ILIL Main Office at ILIL@yrdsb.ca



#### **Confident Girls, Smart Choices**

In October, CICS will be hosting a **3-session Mixed Media Art Workshop** at Welcome Centre Markham South focused on self-care, body image, and confidence-building through engaging mixed media art activities.

They will collaborate with the Women's Support Network, who will deliver an interactive presentation on self-care and body image. This session will provide participants the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the challenges they face in their daily lives and school environments.

Confident Girls, Smart Choices:

For Immigrant girls aged 12-18; priority given to Permanent Residents, Convention Refugees and CUAET Holders Date: Oct 10, 17, 24 (Thurs) Time: 4:30 – 6 pm Location: Welcome Centre Markham South (7220 Kennedy Rd) Register here: //bit.ly/47q2CiO

Registration is Free of charge, and families can easily sign up by scanning the QR code on the attached flyer or by calling us at (416) 936-2933.

#### Supporting East Asian Students Family Engagement Evening

Welcome to our first SEAS "Family Engagement Evening" workshop, designed in collaboration with Family Services York Region, aimed at supporting East Asian families in understanding the importance of establishing and using effective communication with your child. In this session, we will explore:

- Building stronger parent-child connections through intercultural and intracultural lens
- Strategies for effective communication
- Encouraging open dialogue within the family
- Resources for developing a positive and supportive home environment

Presentations will be available in English and Mandarin, with support available in Cantonese. Wednesday, October 9, 2024 6:30 - 8:00 pm Bill Crothers Secondary School, 44 Main St Unionville, Unionville, ON L3R 2E4 Please click <u>bit.ly/3Zdrkjr</u> to register.



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| 44 Main St Unionville, Unionville, ON L3R 2E4   |  |  |
| Please scan the QR code or click <u>bit.ly/3Zdrkjr</u> to register  |  |  |
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| Childminding services will be provided for children ages 5 to 13.<br>For additional inquiries, please contact: iscs@yrdsb.ca  |  |  |
| This event is co-hosted by YRDSB Inclusive Schools & Community Services (ISCS).   |  |  |

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#### A Note from Student Services (Special Education) to Students & Families

We look forward to welcoming back all of our students this fall!

Students who are enrolled in Learning Strategies courses (GLE) your child's teacher for that course is their Special Education Resource Teacher (SERT) for this school year.

If your child is not taking Learning Strategies, their SERT will be in contact shortly. Students are always welcome to drop by the Resource Room (216) or our office (218) to check in and receive support.

You can expect your child's Individual Education Plan (IEP) for this year to be sent home mid October, in the meantime teachers will follow last year's IEP. A IEP consultation form should be coming home shortly as your contributions are important to the creation of the IEP.

If your child received a new diagnosis or completed an assessment over the summer please reach out to <u>Melissa Caufield</u> or <u>Beckey Serwaa</u> so we may create or add to your child's IEP.

Community Class families should be hearing from their child's teachers regarding bussing and class information. Your child's teacher is also their SERT for this school year. Parents are reminded to refer to the Late Bus Report on the Student Transportation Services website at <u>www.schoolbuscity.com</u> prior to leaving for the bus stop in the mornings and afternoons and understand the need to make alternative arrangements for their child/children if the school bus is late or canceled.

Melissa Caufield Student Services Department Head (<u>melissa.caufield@yrdsb.ca</u>)



<u>Beckey Serwaa</u> Student Services Assistant Head (<u>beckey.serwaa@yrdsb.ca</u>)

#### Attendance

**Strive for Perfect Attendance**: Try to book appointments for after school or during lunch.



**Student Absences**: Parents/Guardians are **to call or email** the attendance office **before 8:25am** at (905) 479-2787 ext. 431 or <u>unionville.hs@yrdsb.ca</u>

**Daytime Appointments**: Send a note or call the office – students must **be signed out through the main office** 

**Extended Absences**: If the student is taking three and more days of absence, the Student must complete an <u>Extended Absence Form</u>, signed by parents and your child's teachers. The form is to be returned to the attendance office prior to the absence. Please avoid scheduling vacations during school.

#### **Technology Requests**

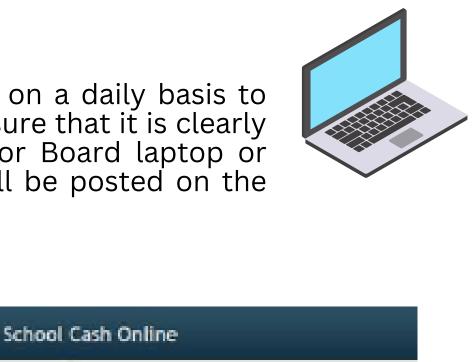
We are encouraging all students to bring their own laptop or chromebook to school on a daily basis to assist in their learning. If you are bringing a personal laptop or chromebook, please ensure that it is clearly labelled for ease of identification. If your child does not already have a personal or Board laptop or chromebook, please complete the <u>Technology Request Form 2024-2025</u>. The link will be posted on the parent bulletin top left corner for the whole school year.

#### **Online Payments (School Cash Online)**

All YRDSB schools are now using School Cash Online as an online payment system. School Cash Online is an easy, safe and convenient way for families to pay online for extracurricular items or events, including yearbooks and field trips. It helps to reduce paper and the amount of cash/cheques handled by parents and students. Families may make payments using School Cash Online, or by cash or cheque.

How do I access the tool? You can register for <u>School Cash Online</u> at any time by visiting the website. Once you are registered, you will be notified of any new items available for your child.

How do I register? Please click <u>here</u> for instructions.





#### World Teachers' Day

In honour of World Teachers' Day, I would like to recognize the efforts and contributions of our teachers. Thank you for the work that you do every day to support student achievement and well-being.

I invite you to watch this video highlighting appreciation for our teachers.

Bill Cober Director of Education



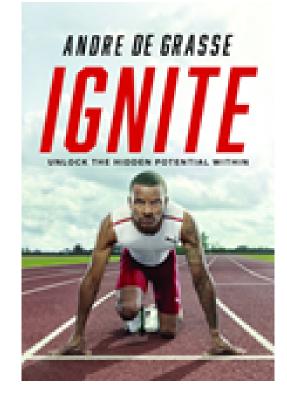
#### **Library Information**



New in Your Library

Ignite: Unlock the Hidden Potential Within by Andre De Grasse

Did you watch Markham's own Andre De Grasse anchor the Canadian men's 4x100m relay team on its way to Olympic gold this summer? What does it take to succeed at this elite level? In his book, Andre De Grasse shares his stories and lessons on what it takes to become the best. Now available to borrow from the UHS Library.



## Unionville High School Daily

| SCHEDULE          | START    | END      |
|-------------------|----------|----------|
| Homeroom (5 min)  | 8:25 am  | 8:30 am  |
| Period 1 (75 min) | 8:30 am  | 9:45 am  |
| Travel Time       | 9:45 am  | 9:50 am  |
| Period 2 (75 min) | 9:50 am  | 11:05 am |
| Travel Time       | 11:05 am | 11:10 am |
| Period 3 (75 min) | 11:10 am | 12:25 pm |
| Travel Time       | 12:25 pm | 12:30 pm |
| Period 4 (75 min) | 12:30 pm | 1:45 pm  |
| Travel Time       | 1:45 pm  | 1:50 pm  |
| Period 5 (75 min) | 1:50 pm  | 3:05 pm  |



| DATE       | EVENT                                     |
|------------|---|
| October 22 | School Council Meeting #2 (7:00 pm)       |
| October 24 | Parent Teacher Interview                  |
| October 29 | AU Information Session at Flato (7:00 pm) |
| November 6 | Grade 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day         |
| November 7 | Grade 8 Information Session               |