

Unionville High School Weekly Parent Bulletin

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TECH REQUEST FORM - 2024-2025

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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	Absentee Photo Day	
October 21	Professional Development Day (No classes)	



Awards Celebration Breakfast

UHS is proud to host our annual Awards Celebration Breakfast on October 18, 2024 during period 1 in the cafeteria. The Awards Celebration Breakfast will highlight the citizenship, character and achievements of our grade 10, 11 and 12 students.

Students in grade 10, 11 and 12 who received a citizenship or academic award have been sent an invitation to the awards breakfast via their gapps account.





Parent/Guardian Teacher Interview Night

Parent/Guardian Teacher Night is from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 24 2024. You will have an opportunity to meet with your child(ren)'s teacher(s) in person, and learn more about their course(s). Parents can use TeachAssist, an online platform, to schedule a meeting time with their children's teacher(s) on Parents' Night. All students in our school currently have a TeachAssist account to access information associated with their class assessments.

Parents/guardians may access appointment bookings on Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 9 a.m. 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:

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 a parentteacher interview through TeachAssist, please click here. If you have any questions about this process, please contact our main office.

If you have any challenges with meeting in-person on October 24, 2024, please contact your child's teacher directly to make alternative arrangements to communicate.

SHSM Program Information Session

At Unionville, we offer four SHSM sectors: Health and Wellness, Business, Arts and Culture, and Information and Communications Technology. The SHSM program provides hands-on experiences, certifications, workshops, and opportunities to connect with industry professionals in your chosen sector. Students who complete the program will graduate with a unique red seal on their diploma.

Grade 11 students interested in learning more about the Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) program are encouraged to sign up for an information session on Friday October 18, 2024. Grade 12 students who have completed Co-op (or are currently enrolled in Co-op) are also welcome to join.



Ontario.ca/SHSM

Sign up on **School Cash Online**. **Pizza** is included, spaces are limited.

If you have any questions, please email your child's guidance counsellor.

Yearbook Is Ready To Be Purchased Online

The yearbook is a cherished memory that documents each school year. Your child may participate in the many clubs, events, performances, and everyday school life that is captured in the yearbook. Now is your opportunity to pre order a copy of the 2024/2025 book. Available on **School Cash Online**. Order now before prices go up.



Message from York Region Public Health: Immunization Clinics for Gr. 11 and Gr. 12 Only for Gr. 12 students:

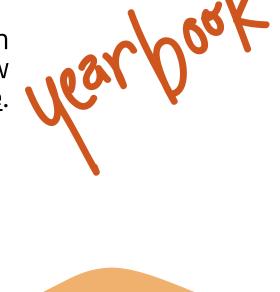
In **November 12, 2024**, Unionville High School will have an additional clinic scheduled to offer vaccines to our **Gr. 12** students who are **at risk of school suspension** under the Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA). The immunization clinics for Gr. 12 students are convenient opportunities for students to get caught up on missing vaccine doses prior to the school suspension process planned for their grade in November.

For the Gr. 12 students: Families will receive mail notification from YRPH in October if the student is at risk of impending suspension due to missing routine immunizations, and to advise them of an in-school vaccine clinic.

As always, students who missed an in-school clinic may visit their **health care provider** or book an appointment at a **Public Health community immunization clinic** to obtain any missing routine immunizations. Please note that any families can reach us at 1-877-464-9675 about any questions related to vaccines, suspensions and the clinics.

Only for Gr. 11 students:

Tuesday February 18, 2025, YRPH will offer UHS a catch-up immunization clinics only to students in Gr. 11.



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.



Welcome to Canada Orientation Day

You are invited to attend the Welcome to Canada Orientation Day. This is a **free** one-day workshop designed for **newly arrived** Elementary & High School students and their parents to help them adapt to their schools and community.

When: Saturday, Oct 26, 2024, 9:30AM - 1:30PM

Where: Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre for Learning -36 Regatta Avenue, Richmond Hill, ON L4E 4R1

What: Elementary and High School Students and Parents

workshops + Community Resource Booths

*Light lunch and Childcare (JK-Gr2) will be provided.

*CČSYR will not be responsible for any food restrictions/ allergies



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This **30 minute workshop** will give students an opportunity to learn about effective study skills for

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 **Tuesday October 29th**

For the workshop poster, please CLICK HERE *



ESL Field Trip Highlights

The ESL department was pleased to offer the opportunity for our students to learn more about Toronto and its culture as part of the newcomer experience at UHS. Over 75 students participated in a walking tour from Chinatown to Sankofa Square (Yonge/Dundas).

Students created mock Instagram posts as a follow-up activity.

For trip hightlight, please (CLICK HERE



UHS School Council

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

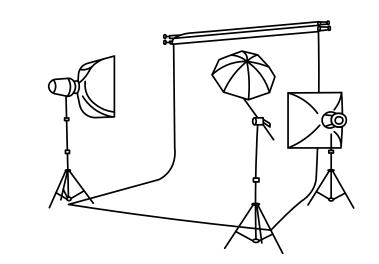
We hope to see you there!

Absentee Photo Day

Photo Day for Previously Absent Students!

Students who did not take their school photo to create a student **photo ID card**, will be called down from their classes to room 106 on Wednesday, October 17.











UHS Hoodies for The 2024-2025 School Year

Hi Wolves! We have unique UHS hoodies for the 2024-2025 school year! This school merchandise, designed by Nicole Z. and Holly W., is created to showcase your school spirit. Hoodies are unisex sizing and available in three different colours, with an option to personalize with your name for an additional fee. Buy your hoodie today and rep UHS all year long. The UHS community will have until **October 28, 2024** to purchase their hoodies.

If you wish to **personalize**, please use this link:

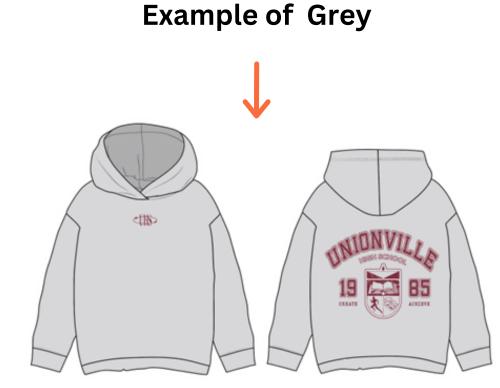
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScPsoCcg83JF-s-exG4SM3hWQ02iQGt0EPVhNh0TM7DBhjkjA/viewform?usp=pp_url

Price: \$30.00 for students who have paid their SAC fee, and \$35.00 for students who have not paid their SAC fee.

They are now available for purchase on **School Cash Online**.

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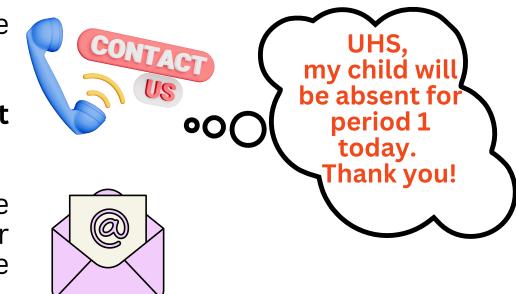
Attendance

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 **Extended Absence Form**, 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 **here** for instructions.





OUAC and OCAS Upload for Potential Graduates

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 university to notify their Guidance Counsellor if they do not want their information shared with OCAS/OUAC this school year.
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.
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 here

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**.

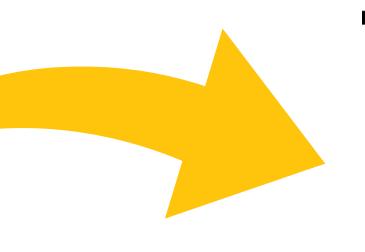
Students who cannot attend this day will have access to the presentation via the grad google classroom later in the day.

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









PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

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 www.yrdsb.ca/ACCELOYAP for more information. Information regarding OYAP for all other Grade 11 and 12 students can be found at www.yrdsb.ca/OYAP.

- Flyer (a pdf is also attached)
- Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2024
- Time: 6:30PM 8:30PM
- Registration for this Open House is now open https://yrdsb.cc/OYAP-OpenHouse
- 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.

Accelerated OYAP and Apprenticeship Information Night

Join us to learn about Apprenticeship Pathways & the Accelerated OYAP Program! You should attend this information evening if:

• you are a Grade 10 or 11 student who would like more information about this program to better prepare for this pathway, OR;

• you are a Grade 10 or 11 student who would like more information about this program to better prepare for this pathway, OR;

• you are the parent/guardian of a Grade 9 - 12 student who is considering a career in the skilled trades.

Learn about how to start an Apprenticeship in one of these skilled trades while still in high school!

Auto Body Technician

Carpenter Child Youth Worker Construction Craft Worker

Cook Drywall Finisher and Plasterer Electrician

Floor Covering Hairstylist Heavy Duty Equipment Technician

Plumber Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Truck and Coach Technician Systems Mechanic

Join us on Tuesday, October 15th at 6:30 p.m.

REGISTER AT: https://yrdsb.cc/OYAP-OpenHouse Enday Program with YBOS

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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

The application for students to apply for the accelerated OYAP program will be sent out later this week.



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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





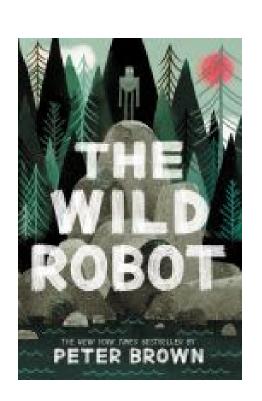
Library Information



New in Your Library

The Wild Robot by Peter Brown

What would an intelligent robot do in the wilderness? Peter Brown explores this question in his book The Wild Robot. If you loved the movie, read the book and its sequels, <u>The Wild Robot Escapes</u> and <u>The Wild Robot Protects</u>, all of which are 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	

