



Unionville High School Weekly Parent Bulletin

October 13, 2023

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TECH REQUEST FORM – 2023-2024

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GUIDANCE 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

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16	School Council Meeting (7:00 pm)
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20	Professional Development Day (No classes) <u>Agenda</u>
MONDAY, OCTOBER 23	Photo Day For Previously Absent Students
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24	Terry Fox Run

UHS School Council Meeting

Our 2nd School Council Meeting will take place on **Monday, October 16** 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 - Monday, October 16, 2023](#).

Location: Unionville HS Library

School Council Meeting Agenda:

1. Welcome to our new 2023-2024 School Council Executive
2. School Council Policy Changes Video
3. USAC Updates
4. Subject Department Presentations
 - o Library
 - o Technological Studies
5. ADMIN Updates - SAC Fees
6. Hong Fook MHA: Introduction and Mental Health Workshops

Looking forward to seeing everyone in person!

Awards Breakfast

Our annual awards breakfast for the 2022-23 school year will be held this coming **Tuesday, October 17** during Period 1. Award recipients currently in grades 10-12 received a letter today in homerooms and should keep this letter as it is their ticket out of their Period 1 class and into the breakfast.

Students who have a period 1 spare should see Ms. Simtikidis in the Guidance Office to pick up their letter (they would have been informed via their GAPPS email.) Please note: due to space constraints this is a student only event.

Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test

All grade 10 students participated in a brief OSSLT presentation in their Period 3 classes today. The purpose of this presentation was to provide students with information about the test and supports available. All grade 10 students will be taking this test for two consecutive days during their Period 3 class between **November 20-29**. More details will be provided soon to both families and students.

As this is a graduation requirement, any grade 11 and 12 students who attempted previously and did not pass the test will also write during this November. They will be contacted for more details.

Students may access two supports: the UHS OSSLT Google Classroom and/or participate in the After school Literacy Program which runs 5 weeks starting next week and through to the week of **November 13**. This optional program is designed for students who require strengthening of their literacy skills. This is not a test prep course. While it is an optional program, students who choose to participate must attend all sessions during the 5 weeks. For more details and to sign up, students and parents/guardians must submit this [Google form](#).

Student Activity Council and Activity Fees

We have some important information to share regarding the UHS Student Activity Council and Activity Fees.

We recognize that some of you may have limited information about this matter, but we firmly believe that student participation in extracurricular activities is crucial for their social and emotional development. The memories created during high school are cherished for a lifetime.

Our Student Activity Council plays a pivotal role in supporting a wide array of extracurricular opportunities, including over 50 clubs, all school athletic teams, DECA, Robotics, transition events for Grade 9 students, and various school-spirited gatherings such as Fall Fest, Mayfair, semi-formals, and other similar activities.

While the school occasionally requests students to contribute monetarily towards certain activities or travel expenses, these contributions alone are insufficient to cover the diverse costs associated with the events, games, and activities we organize. The remaining expenses are funded through the Student Activity Fee, which is set at \$45 per student and is collected at the beginning of the school year. These funds are essential for the continued financial support of our clubs, teams, and the smooth execution of the numerous whole-school spirit events that define the unique character of Unionville High School.

We kindly request your assistance in paying the Student Activity Fee if you haven't already done so. You can conveniently make the payment via [School Cash Online](#). If you haven't used School Cash Online before, the system will guide you through a registration process, and instructions are attached for your convenience.

Your continued support of our school and its students is greatly appreciated. We look forward to your positive response.

Please contact a member of the administration team if you have any feedback or questions.

Thank you for being an integral part of Unionville High School's vibrant community.

Warm regards,
The Administration Team of Unionville High School

Take Our Kids to Work Day

The annual Take Our Kids to Work Day Job Shadowing Opportunity will be held on **Wednesday, November 1** for Grade 9 students. Grade 9 Parents and students should refer to the separate email for information and details about this day as there will be no classes on this day.

Guidance

Study Skills Workshop

There will be a Study Skills and Exam Tips workshop for all Grades in the Library for the first half of each period on **Monday October 23**. Grade 9 students are highly encouraged to attend along with anyone else who needs a refresher. This workshop will discuss where, when, what and how to study along with tips on how you can do your best on an exam! Learn the skills for studying effectively and reducing exam-related anxiety!

Scholarship News

Scholarship News:

Students are encouraged to continue to check the Scholarship Google Classroom, as items will be updated as they become available. Please review for various scholarship opportunities. Classroom code: 6fdb6l3

UPCOMING SCHOLARSHIPS

Direct Applications:

November 15 - TD Bank Scholarship
December 1 - Terry Fox Award

School Sponsored:

November 10 - Queen's Chancellor Scholarship
November 11 - Lester B Pearson (for International Students)
January 9 - University of Western Ontario - Presentiment's Scholarship (domestic and International Students)
January 9 - Schulich Leaders Scholarship (STEM)

All eligibility criteria and application details are available for students on the 2023-2024 Scholarship Google Classroom.

Co-op Community Partners

Co-operative Education provides an experiential learning opportunity for students in grade 11 or 12 to earn high school credits and gain valuable experience by exploring a potential career choice. Students can earn 2 or 4 credits!

If you or someone you know is interested in providing an experience for our students, feel free to contact the Co-op Office here at UHS at 905-479-2787, Ext. 220 or email jennifer.minos@yrdsb.ca for more information.

Follow us on INSTAGRAM @uhscoop to see our students in action! Visit us at www.uhscoop.com for more information on the program.

Post-secondary Education & Career Webinar Series

Headed to college or university? Are you a student with a disability preparing for your post-secondary education and career? Please join us for our [Fall 2023 free webinar series](#), starting on **Saturday, October 21**.

Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program Information

[ACCELERATED OYAP & APPRENTICESHIP INFORMATION VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE](#) (click for link)

Thursday, October 26 online from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

A link to the virtual open house will be provided after registration. View the flyer [here](#).

This is a multi-board event where families can go to specific Training Delivery Agents (TDA) (i.e. Colleges or Unions) to hear about their programs.

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 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 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.

[LEVEL UP! SKILLED TRADES 2023 CAREER FAIRS](#) (click for link)

A multi-day career fair bringing together the best in skilled trades professionals.

November 15 & 16 at the International Centre, Hall 1 - 6900 Airport Road, Mississauga from 9:00 am - 8:30 pm

Ignite Technology Grants

YRDSB has partnered with LEARNstyle Ltd., one of our assistive technology training providers, to offer [Ignite Technology Grants](#) for students with SEA equipment. The Ignite Technology Grant is designed to create leadership opportunities, hone communication skills, and increase self-esteem for students with SEA equipment within their school community. The goal is to bring awareness to the effective and successful use of technology for modern learning.

Applications open: **October 10, 2023**.

Library Information

October is [2SLGQBTQ+](#) History Month in Canada. Learn more at the UHS Library. Click links for more details.

[Pride: An Inspirational History of the LGBTQ+ Movement](#) by Stella A. Caldwell

[LGBTQ+ Rights](#) by Virginia Loh-Hagan

[Understanding Gender Identity](#) by Don Nardo

[Pride: The Celebration and the Struggle](#) by Robin Stevenson

[No Way, They Were Gay?](#) by Lee Wind

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, October 14** from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm

Where: Our Lady Queen of the World Catholic Academy, 10475 Bayview Ave, Richmond Hill, ON L4C 3P2

What: Elementary and High School Students and Parents workshops + Community Resource Booths

*Light Refreshments will be served

*Childcare will be provided for children JK -Gr 3

To register click here : <https://forms.gle/QtExxvd22JWax4Tj8>

Latin Heritage Month Meet and Greet

Bienvenidos! The York Region District School Board's Latine Educators Network is hosting its first meet and greet for all Latine/o/a/x families and staff.

You can look forward to community booths hosted by CCSY (Catholic Community Services of York Region) as well as music, fun activities for the whole family and an opportunity to meet other Latine/Latino families. Please join us on **Thursday, October 19** from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at Julliard Public School - 61 Julliard Dr, Maple.

Student Photo Day for Absences

Students who did not take their school photo to create a student photo ID card, please come to the library on **Monday, October 23**.

Islamic Heritage Month

Learn about Islam's contribution to medicine, engineering, architecture, astronomy and more in this guided tour of the Baitul Islam Mosque either in person or online.

Get Involved. Volunteer in Education!

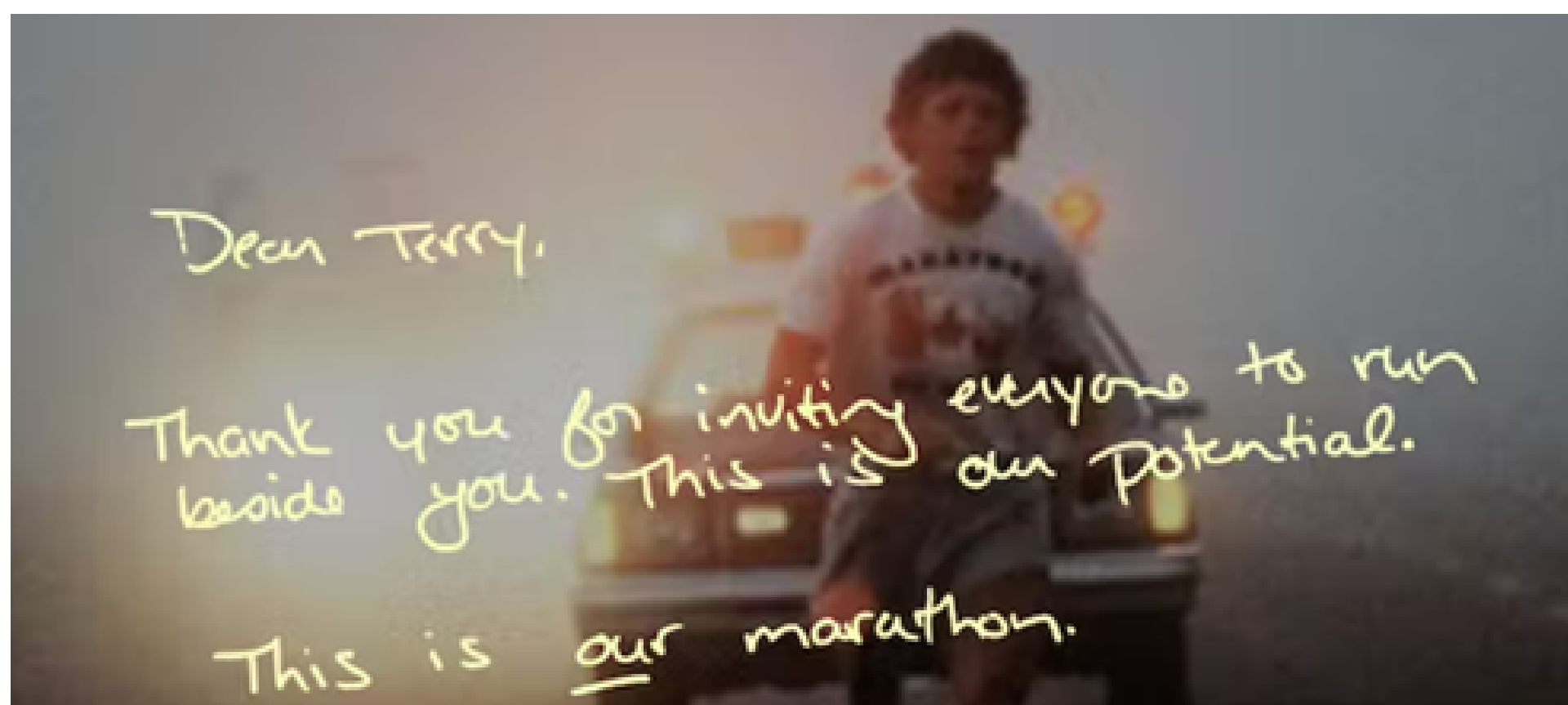
Research shows that parent and community engagement increases student achievement, well-being and success. These information sessions for new Canadians at the Richmond Hill and Markham South Welcome Centres provide information on how to volunteer in education and gain valuable skills. This series of sessions runs from **October 23 to November 3**.

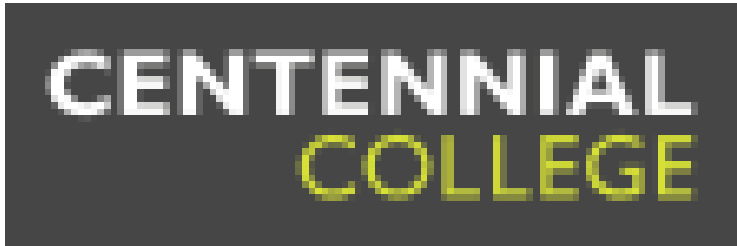
Terry Fox Run/Walk

It's that time of year again: time to rally our school community in support of the Terry Fox Foundation during our annual Terry Fox Run! This year's run will take place on **Tuesday, October 24** giving all of our staff and students an opportunity to walk, run or roll for Terry.

To support the cause financially, donations can be made in cash during the week of **October 23** using School Cash Online, or at this link.

Let's rally our community together, in support of a good cause!





POST-SECONDARY PATHWAY INFORMATION FAIR



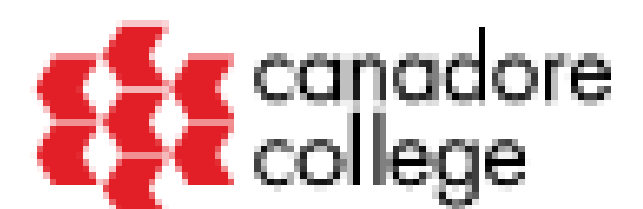
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Booths will be in the Atrium.

Carpooling is recommended.

Overflow parking is available at the Flato Markham Theatre



Contact Unionville Guidance if you have any questions 905-479-2787

Participating Schools:

Unionville High School, Markville Secondary School, Bill Crothers Secondary School



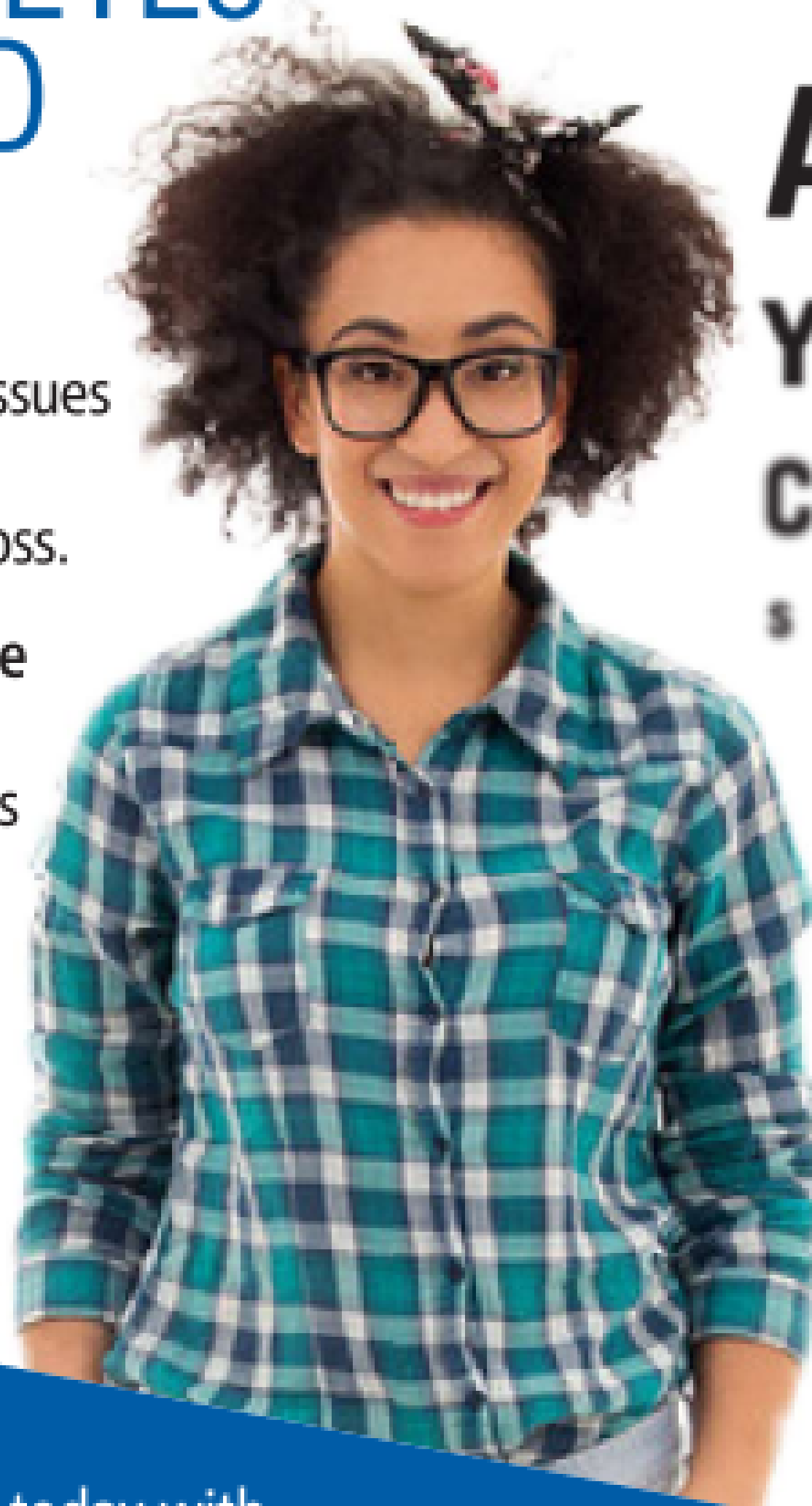
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KINNECTYOUTH MENTORING PROGRAM

Aaniin Community Centre (Youth Room)
5665 14th Ave, Markham, ON L3S 3K5

Weekly-in person meetings on Wednesdays 3:30pm-7pm

Our Mission

To educate and empower Black identified youth by offering innovative and culturally responsive programming, mentorship, and a social support network.

- Hands-on, interactive creativity and entrepreneurship workshops
- Opportunities to gain professional experience
- Individual and group mentorship
- Presentations from community leaders, innovators and entrepreneurs
- Access to technology
- Weekly In-person meetings

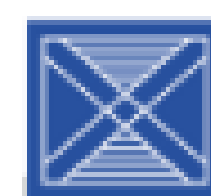
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Markham African Caribbean Canadian Association

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MENTORING PROGRAM

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Upcoming Events

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October 25	Parent/Teacher Interviews (6:30 pm)
November 1	Take Our Kids to Work Day - Gr. 9 AU Information Session (6:30 pm)
November 8	Post Secondary Fair (6:30 pm)
November 15	Gr. 8 Open House
November 17	PA Day (No classes)
November 23	Semi Formal (6:30 pm)

Unionville High School Daily Schedule

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 - Lunch for most Grade 9s)	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