

# **Unionville High School** Weekly Parent/Guardian **Bulletin**

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### <u>TECH REQUEST FORM - 2024-2025</u>

### **CLUBS**

### **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 21 | Professional Development Day (No classes) |  |
| October 22 | School Council Meeting #2 (7:00 pm)       |  |
| October 24 | Parent/Guardian Teacher Interview         |  |
| October 29 | AU Information Session at Flato (7:00 pm) |  |
| November 6 | Grade 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day         |  |



### **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

### Agenda:

- Welcome to our new 2024-2025 School Council Executive
- USAC Updates
- Subject Department Presentations
  - Library Ms. Lawton
  - Visual Arts Mr. Clodd
- Family Dashboard Notification and Setup
- ADMIN Updates SAC Fees
- Other

Location: Unionville HS Library





### Parent/Guardian Teacher Interview Night October 24 From 6:30 - 8:30 p.m

We are excited to host our semester one Parent/Guardian Teacher Interview Night from **6:30 - 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 24, 2024.** Parent/Guardians are asked to book interviews with their child's teachers via the TeachAssist Parent Portal available at <a href="https://ta.yrdsb.ca/parents">https://ta.yrdsb.ca/parents</a>.

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.

### **Take Our Kids To Work Day 2024**

Attention Parents/Guardians of **Grade 9** Students:

"Take Our Kids to Work" (TOKW) is an initiative that provides Grade 9 students with the opportunity to observe a work environment for one day. This program will support students to begin planning their future career path by helping them better understand the world of work.

On **Wednesday November 6, 2024**, Grade 9 UHS students will have an opportunity to spend the day at a workplace of a parent/guardian, relative or family friend. There will be no formal instruction/lessons for Grade 9 students on November 6th.

Parents/guardians are asked to fill out the following Google Form by Friday, October 25, 2024 to identify their child's plans for their Grade 9 child/ward on "Take Our Kids to Work Day".

### https://bit.ly/november62024

On the form, parents/guardians are asked to check-off the option below that reflects the plans for their Grade 9 child/ward on "Take Our Kids to Work Day," including:

- For students engaging in an in-person/virtual (live) job shadow placement, we ask parents/guardians to review the responsibilities outlined on the Google Form
- For students who cannot find a job shadow placement there is an asynchronous career exploration activity to be completed at home. Students/families must register for these online activities at

https://studentscommission.ca/events/tokw2024/. All grade 9 students will receive an email in their GAPPS account with the required work to complete for November 6.

Parents/guardians are asked to complete this form by Friday October 25, 2024.

If there are any questions, please contact Vice Principal Catherine Clarke at <u>catherine.clarke@yrdsb.ca</u>





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### **Family Portal and Contact Information**

York Region District School Board is looking forward to launching a family portal later this year. The portal will make it easier for you to access information about your child's education in a secure and accessible way. To access the portal, it will be essential that the school has an updated email address for you. Please contact the school office if you need to update your email address. We look forward to sharing more information about this initiative with you soon.

If any of your contact information has changed, including phone number, address, or email address, please contact the school office. This is important in case of emergencies and to ensure you receive important school communications.

### **School Start-Up Forms Reminder**

You must sign in to your child's student GAPPS account to complete the form.

In case you have not yet completed school start-up forms, please submit them as soon as possible as they contain permissions and consents. The forms can be foundat <a href="https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/">https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/</a>. Translated versions are also available.

<u>Tips are available</u> on the Board website if you need additional information on how to login to the Student GAPPS account to complete the forms.

You must complete a separate form for each child attending school. Please ensure you logout of one student account before logging into another.

If you'd prefer to complete the forms on paper or have questions about the information in the forms, please contact the school office.

Secondary schoolstudents must also complete the secondaryschool student form at <a href="https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/students">https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/students</a>. They would have received this link in their studentGAPPS account.

### **Board Website**

Helpful information can be found on the YRDSB website at <a href="www.yrdsb.ca">www.yrdsb.ca</a>. A translation tool at the top of each page can translate content into over 80 languages. On the website, you can find informationabout board programs and student supports,

as well as **online tools for students**, **community supports** and **family resources** such as **translation information** and the **Guide to the School Year**.

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### YRDSB SHSM Student Application 24 - 25

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 a chosen sector. Students who complete the program will graduate with a unique red seal on their high school diploma.

Grade 11 students (or grade 12 students have already completed co-op) that are interested in signing up for the Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) program can sign up using this link:

### https://bit.ly/YRDSBSHSMStudentapp

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



### Study Skills and Exam Tips Workshop Drop-in

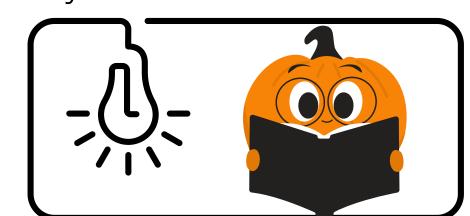
This **30 minute workshop** will give students an opportunity to learn about effective study skills for tests and exams.

### 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 **Tuesday October 29th** 



# For the workshop poster, please CLICK HERE \*



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



https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScgF5zfdgPVP\_0f4txlYiseURxY0btGx0McevRp1472 dlJyUw/viewform

### 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.







### 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:

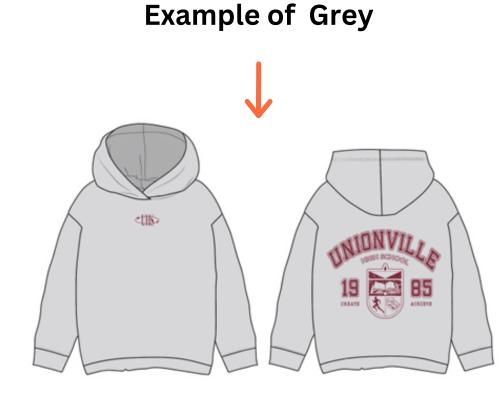
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScPsoCcg83JF-s-exG4SM3hWQ02iQGtOEPVhNh0TM7DBhjkjA/viewform? usp=pp\_url

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.



### 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 <u>Public Health community immunization clinic</u> 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**.



### **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.   |

### **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

### **Library Information**



**New in Your Library** 

**Real Ones** by Katherena Vermette

Who gets to say who is and isn't Métis? In this novel, Lyn and June are two Métis sisters whose lives are turned upside down when their mother is accused of having falsely claimed to be Indigenous. Whether you have enjoyed Vermette's other works such as The Break, The Strangers, and The Circle, or you are just learning of her, add this novel to your TBR (to be read) list. All of these titles are now available to borrow from the UHS Library.

### 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.







### How to Win Scholarships for College or University

Scholarships are accessible to more students than what is commonly believed. Here is the most important thing: scholarships can be a game changer for a student's career, their financial well-being, and their or their family's bank account. Scholarships, grants, and bursaries are available for high school, college, and university students, and you don't need perfect grades!

This presentation will help empower attendees with information to find and win money for postsecondary education!

Sat. Oct. 19 | 1:00 -2:00 PM

**ZOOM Webinar** 

**Register Now** 

# Top Ranked U.S. Universities: To Apply or Not to Apply

Ivy League and other top-ranked US universities are soughtafter by high school students around the world, BUT the application process for these schools can also seem confusing.

You might find yourself asking questions like: should talented Canadian high school students apply to these schools? Are they even affordable?

Who should attend:

- High school students considering applying to US universities.
- Parents and educators who want to help their students prepare for the US university application process.

Sat. Oct. 26 | 12:30 - 1:30 pm

**ZOOM Webinar** 

Register Now

# Pharmacist Career Talk: Tips for Success, Education and More

Are you curious about becoming a pharmacist? Or, just interested in learning more about the role of a pharmacist?

Join us for an exclusive session to learn from an experienced pharmacist about the education, daily responsibilities and tips to excel in this career!

Wed. Oct. 30 | 6:30-7:30 pm Unionville Library

Register Now

# Discover a Career in Early Childhood Education (ECE)

Do you enjoy working with with young children or preschoolers? Or, are you thinking about a career in childcare or working with children?

Join us to learn about the highly in demand career in early childhood education(ECE). Whether you are working in the field or would like to enter the field, whether you have previous education or starting new, no matter what your personal path is, Seneca has flexible programs that will fit your busy life. Full-time, part-time and accelerated study options. We will briefly touch upon government funding options.

Tues. Oct. 22 | 6:00-6:45 pm | ZOOM

Register Now

### **Tips and Tricks to Ace Your Exams**

Are you in highschool, college or university? Are you interested in learning more about exam preparation tips? Join us for an informative session to learn more about tips/strategies to help you study for your next exam. This workshop is presented by Seneca Polytechnic. Wed. Dec. 4| 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Online Program

Register Now

# \*\*In-person: Understanding the IEP in Ontario's Education System for High school, College and University Students

Are you interested in learning how an IEP is used in highschool as compared to college and university?

In this program, we will cover the following:

- How an IEP is used in high school vs. how it is used in college/university
- What is the difference between an accommodation and a modification
- How accomodations can be used to support the student in college/university

Wed. Nov. 13 | 6:30 - 7:15 pm

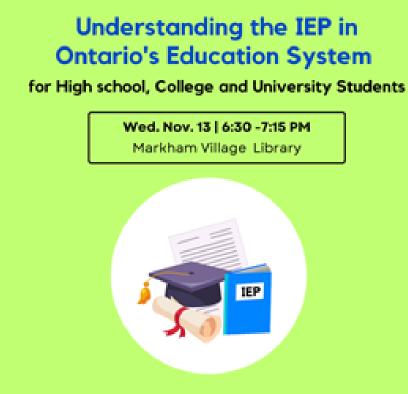
Markham Village Library

Register Now









### **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.



# 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                                     |  |
|-------------|---|--|
| November 7  | Grade 8 Information Session               |  |
| November 12 | Immunization Clinic for Grade 12          |  |
| November 15 | Professional Development Day (No classes) |  |
| November 20 | Semi Formal at Crystal Fountain           |  |
| November 28 | Arts Unionville Music Recital At Flato    |  |



