



Unionville High School Weekly Parent Bulletin

October 20, 2023

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TECH REQUEST FORM – 2023-2024

CLUBS

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 23	Photo Day For Previously Absent Students (Room 106)
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24	Terry Fox Run (Period 2)
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25	Parent/Teacher Interviews (6:30 pm)
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1	Take Our Kids to Work Day - Gr. 9 AU Information Session (6:30 pm)

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Our parent/teacher interviews will be taking place this **Wednesday, October 25**. Thank you to all parents who have already signed up for an interview.

To those who would like to request an interview, but were unable to book a time slot through TeachAssist, we apologize for the limited amount of interview times. If you would like to meet the teacher, please feel free to email the teacher directly to make alternate arrangements.

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.

Student Activity Council and Activity Fees, continued

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.

Take Our Kids to Work Day

Take Our Kids to Work (TOKW) Day is a unique initiative designed to provide Grade 9 students with invaluable insights into the world of work. It aims to assist students in considering future career paths by offering them the opportunity to observe a work environment for one day. On **Wednesday, November 1**, Grade 9 students will have the chance to spend the day at a workplace of their parent/guardian, relative, friend or volunteer. (Please note: UHS does not organize job shadowing placements for this day) It is a day dedicated to fostering a deeper understanding of various career options and pathways. The Students Commission of Canada is the new organization that supports this program and offers resources for educators, students and families. The 2023 TOKW Theme is "Everyone Belongs Here!"

To support this nationwide job shadowing day, there will be no Grade 9 classes on this day. **Parents and Guardians should complete the TOKTW permission form by Friday, October 20.**

For students unable to attend a job shadowing opportunity through a parent/guardian, relative, friend or volunteer, students will have two options. They may either complete virtual career exploration opportunities at home or may complete those same virtual opportunities at school. These virtual opportunities will be sent to the GAPPS account a few days prior to the day. For planning purposes, families should indicate this on the permission form above. If you have any questions, please speak with Ms. Imada-Chan, Vice-Principal.

Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test

All grade 10 students and previously attempted Grades 11 and 12 students will be taking this test for two days during their Period 3 class sometime between **November 20-29**. More details forthcoming to the community.

Students may access the presentation here and any Grade 10 teachers are also asked to post this presentation in their Google Classroom.

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

Students may access two supports: the UHS OSSLT Google Classroom (ejjweva) and/or participate in the Afterschool Literacy Program (optional), space permitting.

Photo Day for Previously Absent Students

Students who did not take their school photo to create a student photo ID card, please come to room 106 on **Monday, October 23**.

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.

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

STRIVE: Guide to Mental Health Resources



Click [HERE](#) to access and download the 2023 STRIVE guide to mental health resources.

Your mental health matters.

UHS Semi-Formal

The annual UHS semi-formal will be taking place on **Thursday, November 23** at Crystal Fountain from 6:00 pm - 10:30 pm.

Buy your tickets on [School Cash Online](#) starting **Wednesday, October 25** and will closing on **Wednesday, November 8**.

This year, tickets will only be available to UHS students and there is a cap of 500 students. Tickets sell fast, so please buy as soon as possible!

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.

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!

Library Information

The Terry Fox Run is happening at UHS on **Tuesday, October 24**. Learn more about Terry Fox with these resources from the UHS Library. Click links for more details.

[Terry Fox: A Pictorial Tribute to the Marathon of Hope](#) by Jeremy Brown

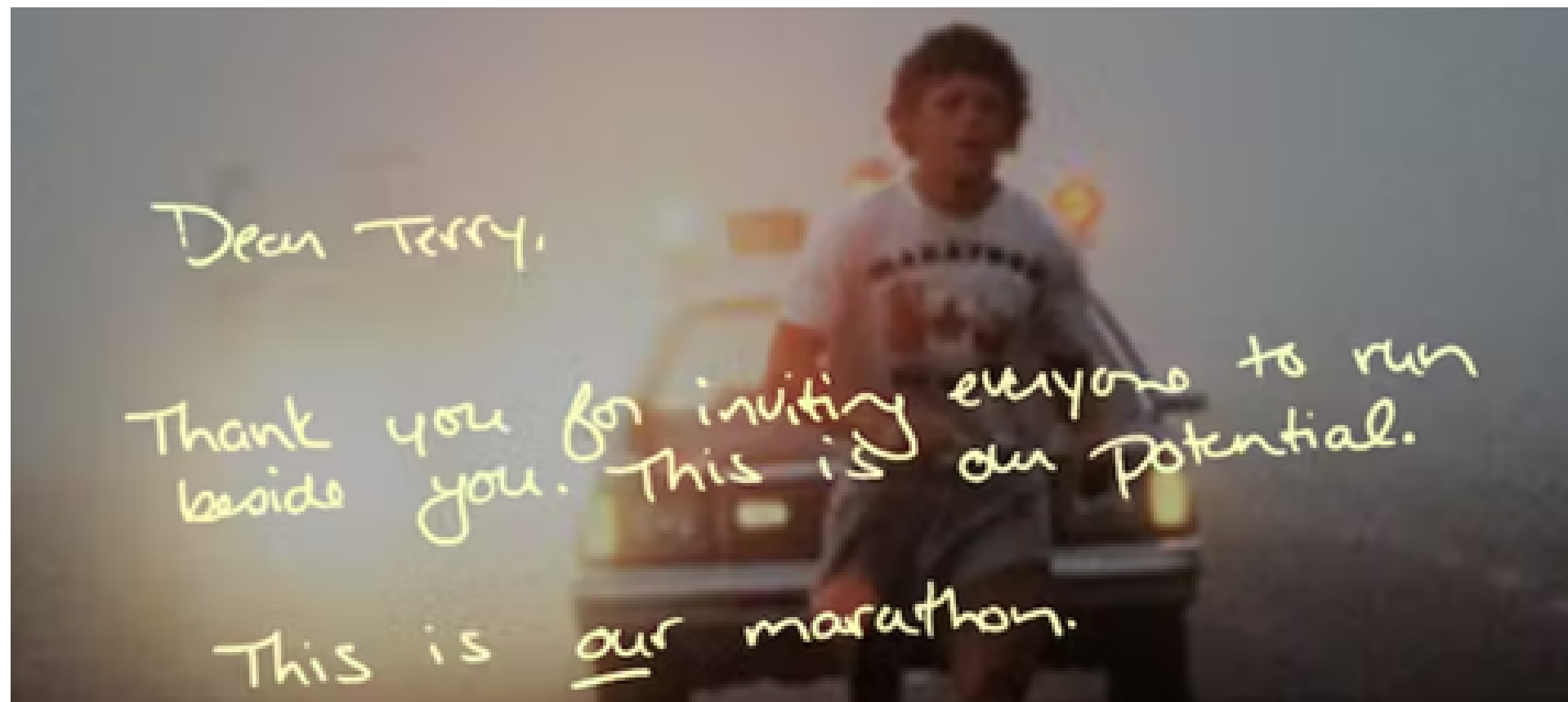
[Terry](#) by Douglas Coupland

[Into the Wind: 3,339 Miles From Hope to Hero](#) by Steve Nash

[Terry Fox](#) by Bryan Pezzi

[Terry Fox: His Story](#) by Leslie Scrivener

[Terry Fox](#) by Jennifer Sutoski



Islamic Heritage Month

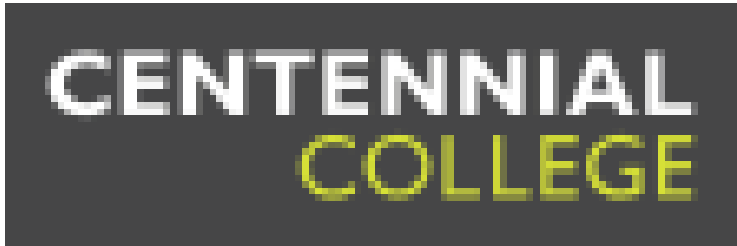
Learn about Islam's contribution to medicine, engineering, architecture, astronomy and more in this [guided tour](#) of the Baitul Islam Mosque either in person or online.

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**.

Youth Gambling Awareness Series

This [workshop series](#) offers educational prevention sessions to parents and caregivers. Participants will engage in learning on gambling awareness, including potential risks, making informed decisions, and healthy and active living.



POST-SECONDARY PATHWAY INFORMATION FAIR



University of Windsor



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



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA



A SEAT AT THE TABLE

Shadows of Racism
Voices Unheard
Ontario Science Centre
Don Mills, Toronto

Thursday Oct 19 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Friday Oct 20 9:00am - 3:30pm
Saturday Oct 21 9:00am - 5:00pm
Sunday Oct 22 9:00am - 5:00pm

Admission is free

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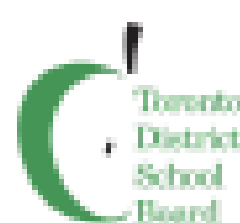
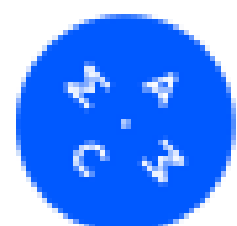
Celebration of Youth Art & Stories

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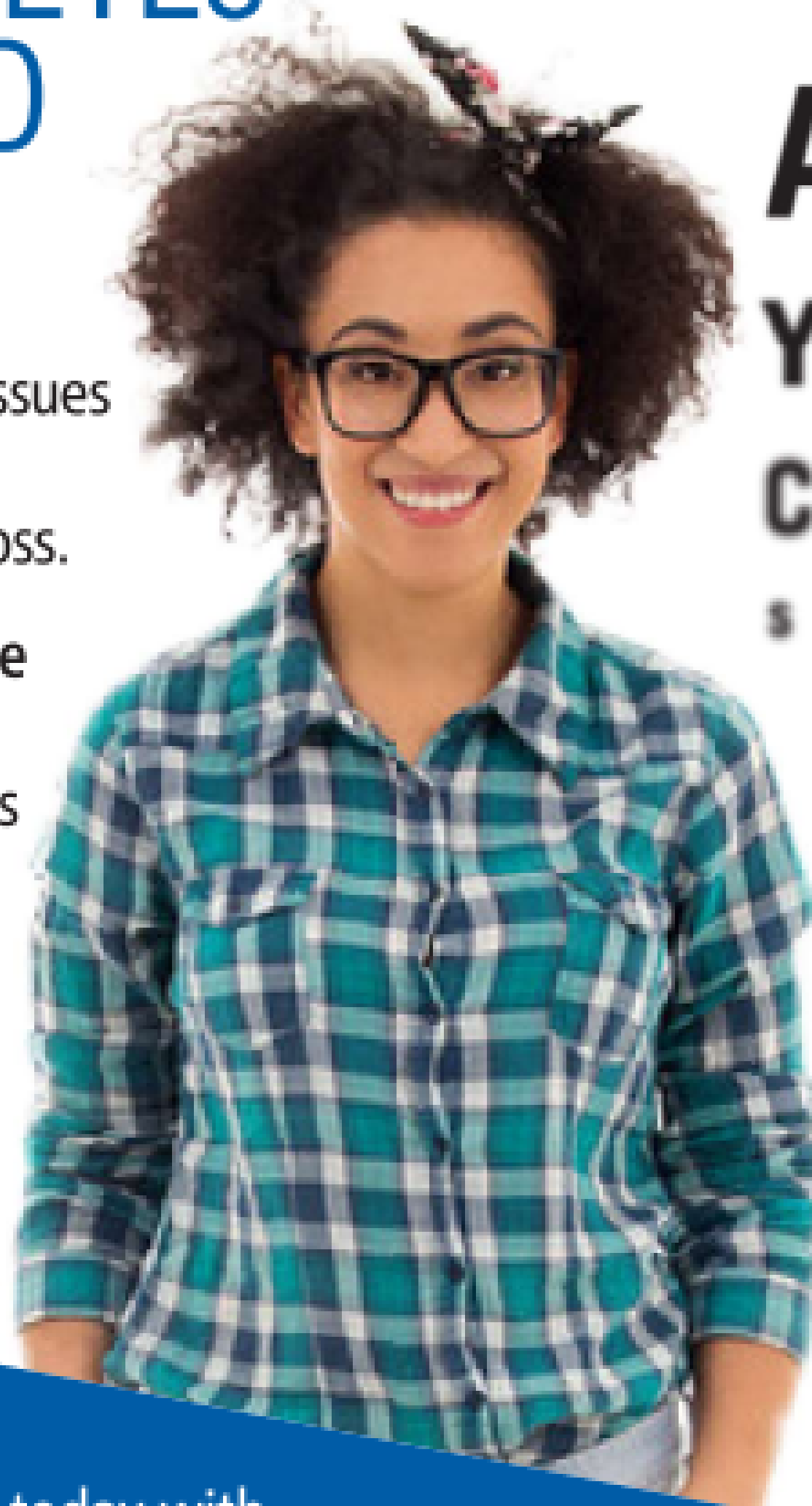


www.alphaeducation.org

HAVE YOUR CHILD'S EYES CHECKED

Detect and correct problems early and prevent issues which can result in permanent vision loss.

Eye exams are free with an OHIP card for children 19 years of age and under.



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Book an eye exam today with a local optometrist (eye doctor).

For more information please visit york.ca/HealthyEyes or findaneyedoctor.ca
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York Region



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

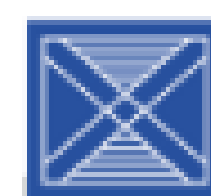
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Markham African Caribbean Canadian Association

KINNECTYOUTH
MENTORING PROGRAM

Administration Student Alphas

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Mr. Luong	K-Shas
Mr. Belmonte	Shek - Z

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
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)
November 27 - December	Grad Photos (Room 326)
December 13	UHS Dance/Daytime

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