



# Unionville High School Weekly Parent/Guardian Bulletin

**October 25, 2024**

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## TECH REQUEST FORM – 2024-2025

## 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 28 - November 1	Spooky Spirit Week
October 28	Last Day To Purchase UHS Spirit Hoodies on School Cash Online
October 29	Study Skills and Exam Tips Workshop Drop-in <u>AU Information Session at Flato</u> (7:00 pm)
October 31	AU Drama and Visual Arts Haunted House Periods 2-4

### Annual Spooky Spirit Week!

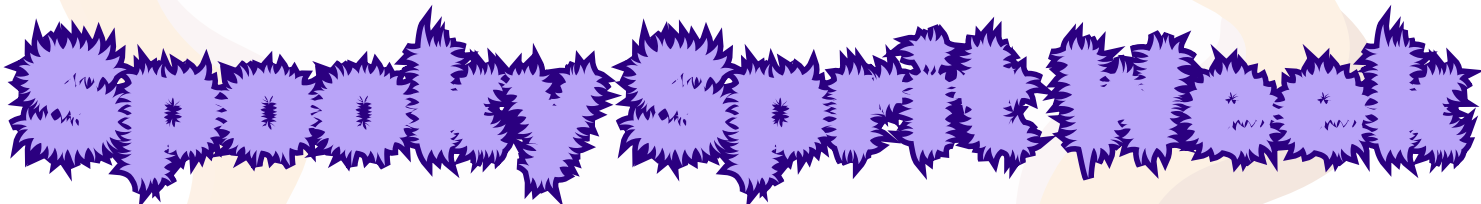
Next week (**October 28 - November 1**) is our annual Spooky Spirit Week!

#### Monday, **October 28th: Minion Monday**

- Dress up as a character from Despicable Me or wear Minion colours (yellow or blue)

#### Tuesday, **October 29th: Battle of the Decades**

- Each grade is assigned a different decade to dress up as:
  - o Gr 9s: 1970s
  - o Gr 10s: 1980s
  - o Gr 11s: 1990s
  - o Gr 12s: 2000s
  - o Staff: 2020s



#### Wednesday, **October 30th: Rhyme Without Reason**

- Dress up with a friend as two things that rhyme - bonus if it makes no sense!
- Ex. Mr. Clean and Lightning McQueen

#### Thursday, **October 31st: Autumn Spirit Day\***

- Wear a school-appropriate costume, or dress in autumn colours like orange, black, or red.

#### Friday, **November 1st: PJ Day**

- To prepare for the weekend, dress up in your comfiest pajama set!
- You can also bring stuffed animals and pillows, BUT you are responsible for keeping track of them.

\* Autumn Spirit Day: On Thursday, October 31st, students can dress up in a school-appropriate costume or in autumn colours.

**Please ensure that students' costumes follow these guidelines.**

- **No Halloween masks** are to be worn.
- **No replica weapons** of any kind are allowed.
- **Students should only** use single-use make-up (sharing of make-up is not recommended).
- **Costumes should be school-appropriate - someone's culture is NOT a costume.**







### Arts Unionville Info Session - Oct. 29, 2024

The Arts Unionville Information Session will be held on **October 29, 2024** from **7:00 - 9:00 pm** at Flato Markham Theatre: (171 Town Centre Blvd, Markham, ON L3R 8G5 ) and Unionville High School (201 Town Centre Blvd, Markham, ON L3R 8G5). Grade 8 students and their parents/guardians living within the Arts Unionville boundary are invited to attend.

October 29, 2024 Information Session Agenda:

Part 1 - **Performance:** A glimpse of all Arts Unionville disciplines in action

- Time: **7:00 - 8:00 pm**
- Location: Flato Markham Theatre
- **Free tickets were sold out.**

Part 2 - **Presentation:** Important discipline specific program and audition information with AU teachers and students

- Time: **8:00 - 9:00 pm**
- Location: **Markham Theatre and Unionville High School**
- All families and interested students, regardless if they attended the 7 p.m. performance at the Flato Theatre, are invited to the AU presentation to learn more about the program, audition details and important dates regarding the selection process. AU teachers and students will be available to answer questions about the four year specialized arts program.

- **Dance: Rm 205**
- **Drama: Rm 106**
- **Visual Arts: Cafeteria**
- **Music: Markham Theatre Auditorium**

More informaion please check out our [UHS website](#) for attending Arts Unionville Information Night on October 29, 2024.

Should you have additional questions, please call us at UHS: 905-479-ARTS (2787) or e-mail [unionville.hs@yrdsb.ca](mailto:unionville.hs@yrdsb.ca).

We look forward to seeing you on the evening of October 29, 2024.



### Attention, UHS Students and Staff

**Arts Unionville Information Sessions Rehearsal and Performance schedule:**

Rehearsal - October 28, all day.

Performance - October 29, **12:00** and **7:00pm**.

Jeff Wrigglesworth  
Head of Music - Unionville High School

### Haunted House Fundraiser - Oct. 31, 2024

Get ready for a spine-chilling experience! The Arts Council and Drama Department proudly present The Haunted Manor on Halloween.

UHS students are invited to enter - if they dare - and explore the abandoned manor with a dark past. Periods 2 to 4 on Thursday, **October 31st** in studio 135. Sign up on [School Cash Online](#).



### UHS Semi Formal -- Enchanted Forest

Hey wolves! Join us for our semi-formal, Enchanted Forest!

It will be a magical night with your friends, filled with music, dinner and games held at **Crystal Fountain Event Venue**.

Mark your calendars: it will be on Wednesday, **November 20th** from **6:00 to 10:30 PM**.

Tickets are available on [School Cash Online](#) for **SAC-fee payers until Wednesday, October 30th**, and **available to non-SAC fee payers on Thursday, October 31st**. Tickets **close on November 4th**, so don't miss out on unforgettable memories! Limited spots available - **get your tickets now!**





# ANNOUNCEMENT

## 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>



## The Chamber of Red Thread Project By Visual Art Grade 12 Students

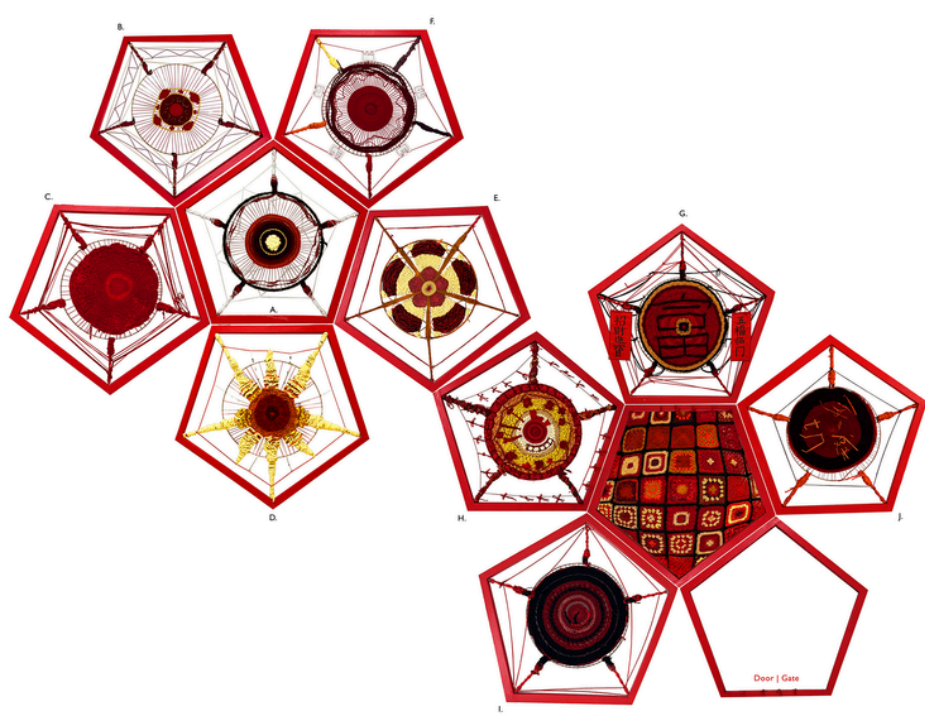
The Chamber of Red Thread is on display at the **WongAvery Asia Pacific Peace Museum (APPM)** due to the generosity of **Shane Clodd**, the amazing Head of Visual Arts, Unionville High School York Region District School Board. It was moved from the Aga Khan on Friday June 14, 2024 when a Seat at the Table exhibition ended.

Thanks to Tracy-Mae Chambers, Metis artist, who worked with the students and Mr. Shane Clodd.

Thanks to the brilliant creativity and storytelling of the **Grade 12 students** in his class, bringing together Metis art, technology, mathematics, and the Chinese cultural symbolism of the Red Thread as counter narratives to anti-Asian racism.

To quote the students: "Traditionally, the concept of the Red Thread signified the unseen ties that connect us to those with whom we shared significant life lessons. Beyond its individual symbolism, the Red Thread extended to encompass connections within families, communities, and the collective whole of human beings. It represents the threads of fate that weave through our lives, intertwining our stories and influencing our paths. This concept resonated universally, reflecting the intricate tapestry of human experience within the grand narrative of existence."

More information about this project, please see the posting in our school website: **CHAMBER of the RED THREAD**



## Students inspire Us Every Day. Let Them Inspire You Too.

We believe that every student can be successful. That drives our work.

We are looking for individuals who share our commitment to student well-being and achievement. Join our team of caring, innovative and dedicated professionals who are making a difference in the lives of students and families every day.

Please see **the Board website** for more information.



## School Council Meeting Updates

Hello families,

Please visit our **school website** to read **the School Council Minutes** from Tuesday, October 22's School Council Meeting.

Our third School Council Meeting will be on **Monday, November 25 at 7:00 pm.**

Location: **Unionville HS Library**



We hope to see you there!



## Board Website

Helpful information can be found on the YRDSB website at **www.yrdsb.ca**. A translation tool at the top of each page can translate content into over 80 languages. On the website, you can find information about 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**.







# SHSM

## SIGN UP SOON! We're Booking Workshops, Certifications and Field Trips for SHSM Students!

The SHSM program provides your student with additional and exclusive opportunities for hands-on experiences, field trips, certifications, workshops, and opportunities to connect with industry professionals in a chosen sector. Also, they will graduate with a unique SHSM red seal on their diploma.

At Unionville, we offer four SHSM sectors: Health and Wellness, Business, Arts and Culture, and Information and Communications Technology.

**Grade 11 students (or grade 12 students have already completed co-op)** that are interested 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

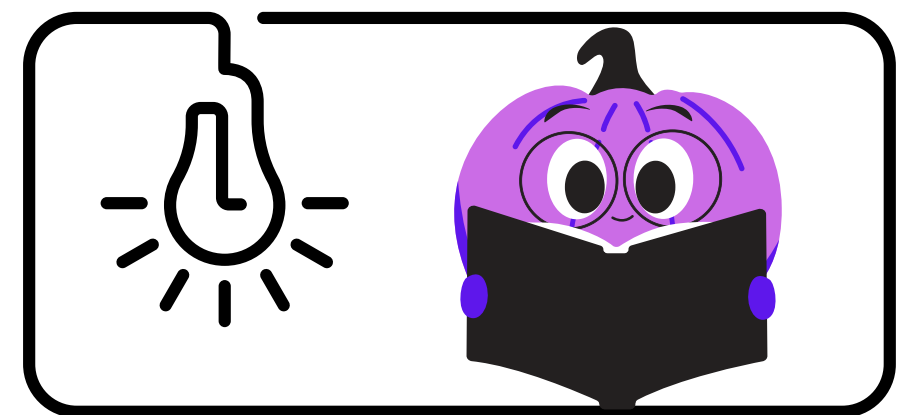
This **30 minute workshop** will give students an opportunity to learn about effective study skills for tests and exams.

#### 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](#)

### 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.

[↓ DOWNLOAD](#)

### 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.



# ATTENTION

### 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 found at <https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/>. Translated versions are also available.

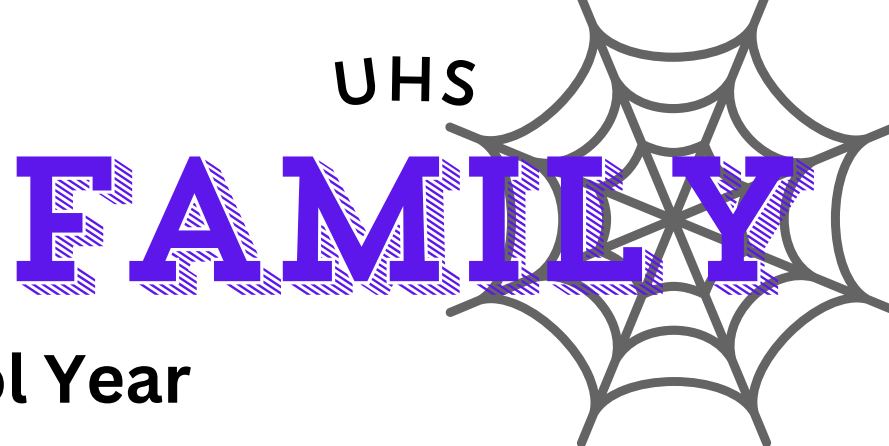
**Tips are available** on the Board website if you need additional information on how to login to the Student GAPPs account to complete the forms.

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 school students must also complete the secondary school student form at <https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/students>. They would have received this link in their student GAPPs account.





## 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](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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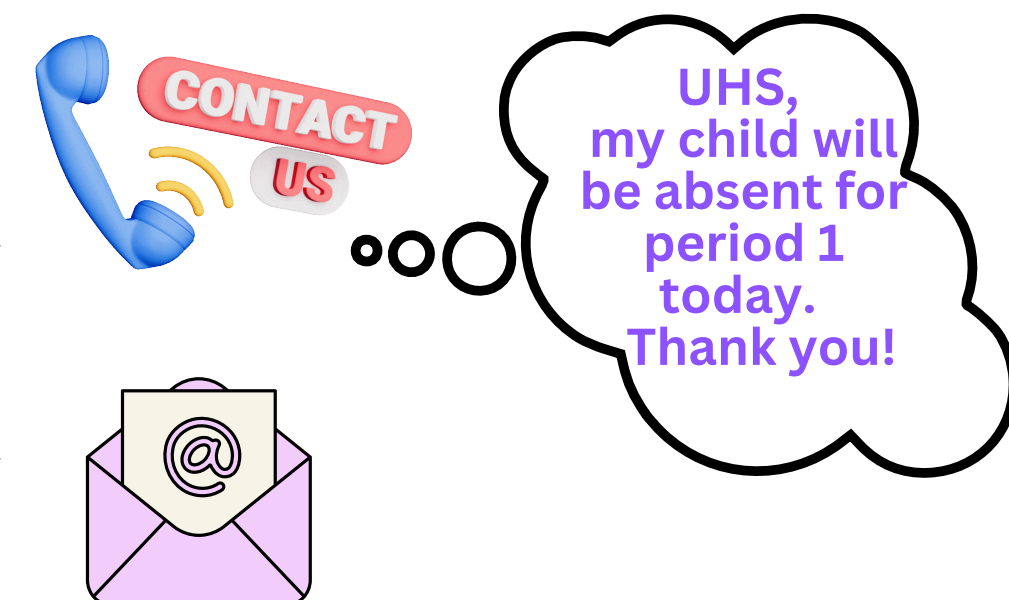
## Attendance

**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 [unionville.hs@yrdsb.ca](mailto:unionville.hs@yrdsb.ca)

**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.



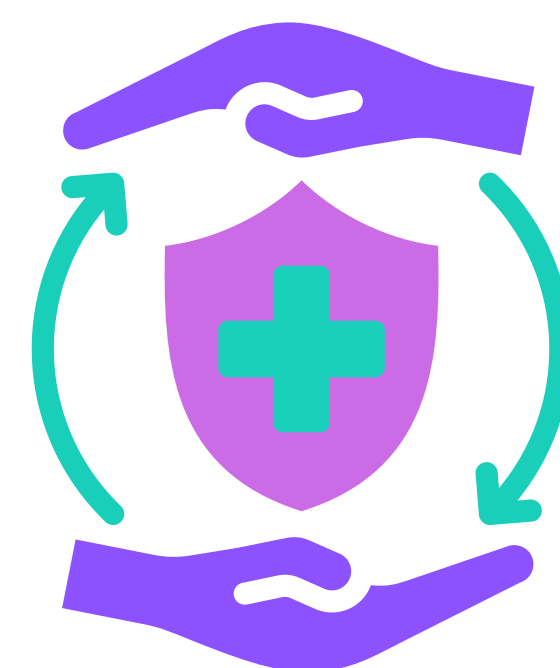
## Message from York Region Public Health: Immunization Clinics for Gr. 11 and Gr. 12

### Only for Gr. 12 students:

In **November 4, 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**.





## 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 [Teachassist](#).

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:

<b>October 10</b>	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.
<b>October 15-18</b>	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).
<b>November 11</b>	Teachers will share mid semester mark updates with students in Grade 11 and 12 courses.
<b>November 11-14</b>	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.
<b>November 15</b>	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
<b>November 27</b>	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](#)

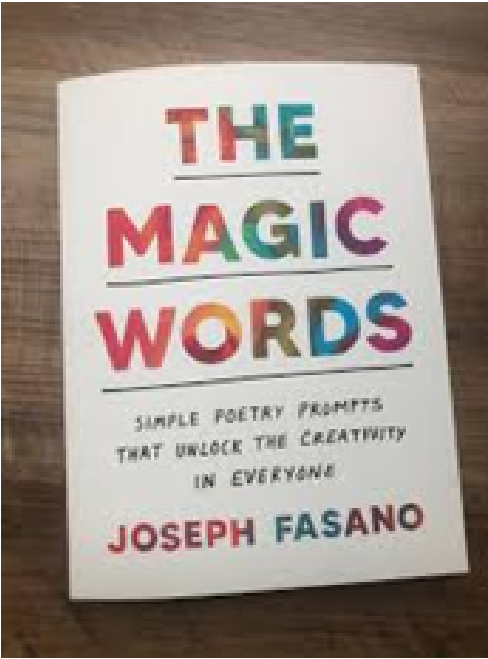
## Library Information



### New in Your Library

**Title: The Magic Words: Simple Poetry Prompts That Unlock the Creativity in Everyone**  
by Joseph Fasano

Are you looking for ways to be more creative? With these prompts you will discover your inner poet. These prompts explore topics such as friendship, love, grief, gratitude, hope, and more. This book is now available in the UHS Library.



## York University Markham Campus Fall Campus Day

Learn more about Markham Campus programs, speak with faculty members and program experts, and discover the facilities and services that will make York University's newest campus an exciting addition to Markham and York Region.

Date and time: **Sat, Nov 16, 2024 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM**

Location: **York University Markham Campus, 1 University Boulevard Markham, ON L6G 0A1**





## Welcome to the House of Commons Page Program!

Each year, we recruit 40 bilingual students graduating from high schools and CEGEPs from across Canada to participate in **the House of Commons Page Program**. Pages work directly on the floor of the House of Commons and are responsible for a wide range of tasks related to Chamber activities. This provides them with the opportunity to broaden their knowledge of Parliament by playing a role in the rich traditions of the Canadian parliamentary system. The recruitment campaign for the 2025-2026 academic year is taking place from **October 15 to November 10, 2024**.

To be selected, candidates must be starting fulltime or part-time post-secondary studies in September 2025 at the University of Ottawa, Carleton University, Saint Paul University, Université du Québec en Outaouais, Collège La Cité or Algonquin College. Successful candidates will be required to reside in the National Capital Region during their year of employment as a Page. We encourage you to visit our website ([//ourcommons.ca/page](http://ourcommons.ca/page)) to learn more.



# Markham Public Library

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

Ivy League and other top-ranked US universities are sought-after 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](#)

## 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 accommodations can be used to support the student in college/university

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

Markham Village Library

[Register Now](#)

## Student Success and Stress Management for:

High School, College and University Students

Wed. Oct. 16 | 6:00- 6:45 PM  
Online Event



## How to Win Scholarships for College or University

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



## DISCOVER A CAREER IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (ECE)

TUES OCT. 22 | 6PM | ZOOM



## Understanding the IEP in Ontario's Education System for High school, College and University Students

Wed. Nov. 13 | 6:30 - 7:15 PM  
Markham Village Library



Online Payments (School Cash Online)

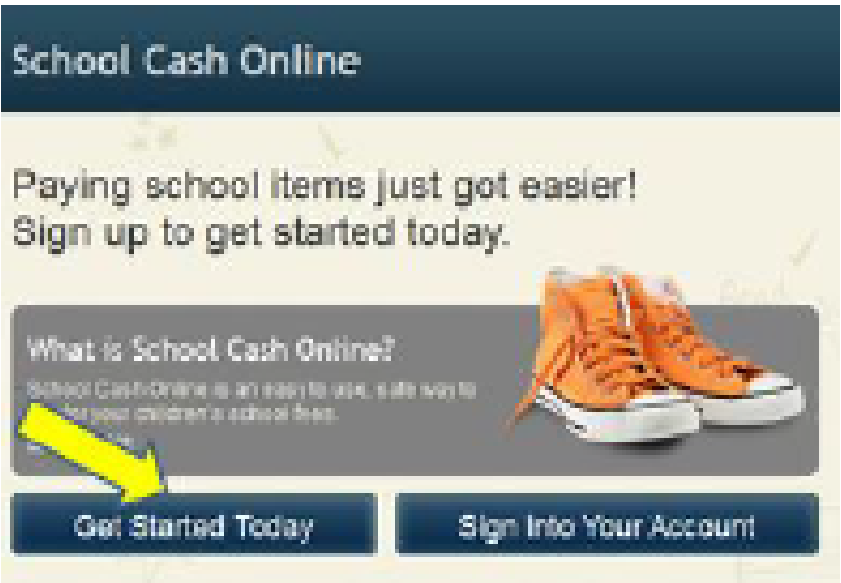
All YRDSB schools are now using School Cash Online as an online payment system. School Cash Online is an easy, safe and convenient way for families to pay online for extracurricular items or events, including yearbooks and field trips. It helps to reduce paper and the amount of cash/cheques handled by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



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 [Technology Request Form 2024-2025](#). The link will be posted on the parent bulletin top left corner for the whole school year.



DATE	EVENT
November 4	York Public Health Vaccination Clinic - Gr. 12's
November 6	Grade 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day
November 7	Grade 8 Information Session
November 15	Professional Development Day (No classes)
November 20	Semi Formal at Crystal Fountain
December 5	Arts Unionville Music Recital At Flato
December 23 - January 3	Winter Break

