



# Unionville High School Weekly Parent Bulletin

**October 6, 2023**

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## TECH REQUEST FORM – 2023-2024

## CLUBS

## GUIDANCE UPDATES

### Character Matters Trait of the Month: Responsibility

“If you own this story you get to write the ending.”  
—Brene Brown

### Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
MONDAY, OCTOBER 9	Thanksgiving (No classes)
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11	Fall Fest
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16	School Council Meeting (7:00 pm)
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20	Professional Development Day (No classes)

### UHS School Council Executive 2023-2024

Congratulations to each of our newly elected members of the 2023-2024 UHS School Council Executive! Our team is very excited to work with each of you as we partner to support the needs of all our students at UHS.

Please welcome:

Anoosh Sharif - Chair  
Shefali Ram - Secretary  
William Sun - Treasurer  
Xiangdong (Frank) Ye – Community Member Arts  
Peter Tsatsos – Community Member STEM

A friendly reminder, we will be hosting our 2nd School Council Meeting 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:

- Welcome to our new 2023-2024 School Council Executive
- School Council Policy Changes Video
- USAC Updates
- Subject Department Presentations
  - Library - Ms. Lawton
- ADMIN Updates - SAC Fees
- Hong Fook MHA: Introduction and Mental Health Workshops

Looking forward to seeing everyone in person!

## World Teachers' Day - Message from School Council

As we mark World Teachers' Day on **October 5, 2023**, we take a moment to reflect upon and celebrate the incredible dedication, passion, and enduring efforts you exemplify every single day in nurturing our students. Your unwavering commitment is the cornerstone of our educational community, and your impact extends far beyond our UHS classroom walls.

You play a pivotal role in shaping not just the academic, but the personal lives of our students, providing them with the knowledge, skills, and values they need to navigate the world. Your nurturing environment, especially in these challenging times both pandemic and post-pandemic, has been a haven of stability and inspiration for our students.

The rapport you build with our students, the enthusiasm you bring to your classrooms, and the individual attention you provide to cater to each student's unique needs, collectively exemplify the essence of teaching.

On behalf of the entire Unionville High School community, we extend our deepest gratitude and appreciation for your invaluable service. Today, and every day, we celebrate you, our esteemed educators, for the profound and lasting contributions you make in our students' lives and our society at large.

Thank you for your selfless service, your tireless dedication, and your boundless compassion. You truly are the heroes shaping our future.

Warm regards,  
Anoosh Sharif  
Chair, Unionville High School Council

## 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

## World Mental Health Day

Over the past month, our students have made many adjustments to: new classes, grades, classmates, teachers and new learning. On **Tuesday, October 10**, we recognize [World Mental Health day](#). This year's theme "Mental Health is a Universal Right" seeks to "improve knowledge, raise awareness and drive actions that promote and protect everyone's mental health as a universal human right" (WHO, 2023). YRDSB mental health and Ontario mental health resources can be found [here](#).

## Fall Fest

Fall Fest this year will take place on **Wednesday, October 11**. There will be a modified schedule for the day:

Period	Time
1	8:25am - 9:25am
3	9:30am - 10:30am
2	10:35am - 11:35am
<b>FALLFEST</b>	11:40am - 12:55pm
4	1:00pm - 2:00pm
5	2:05pm - 3:05pm



## 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](http://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](http://www.yrdsb.ca/OYAP).

### **2024 OYAP OPEN HOUSE** (click for link)

This is an open house for the Drywall Acoustic Mechanic and Lather Apprenticeship Program

**Tuesday, October 10** - 60 Sharer Road, Woodbridge at 6:30 pm

### **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

## 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!

### **Post-secondary Application Information Session**

Graduating students are asked to attend the university and college application sessions hosted by the Guidance department. It will take place on **Thursday, October 12**, each period of the day to accommodate all student schedules.

Students are asked to attend during their lunch or study hall. Students will not be excused for missing classes. Students who cannot attend will have access to the presentation via the grad google classroom later in the day (classroom enrollment: u6vpsca).

## 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. The classroom code is: 6fdb6l3

Upcoming Scholarships:

Direct Applications:

**November 15th** - TD Bank Scholarship

School Sponsored:

**October 11th** - Lester B Pearson (for International Students)

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](mailto:jennifer.minos@yrdsb.ca) for more information.

Follow us on INSTAGRAM @uhscoop to see our students in action! Visit us at [www.uhscoop.com](http://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**.

## Ignite Technology Grants

YRDSB has partnered with LEARNstyle Ltd., one of our assistive technology training providers, to offer [Ignite Technology Grants](#) for students with Special Equipment Amount (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.**

## GAPPS Profile Images

Between **October 10 - 13**, students may customize their YRDSB Google Apps (GAPPS) profile pictures [within parameters established by the YRDSB](#). This will enable students to express or represent themselves in their profile images, while prioritizing safe and inclusive learning and working environments for all of our students and staff.

What does this mean for my child?

- Students will have an opportunity to select a customized profile picture that meets [YRDSB guidelines](#).
- Students will receive guidelines and considerations based on their grade level to support them in selecting and/or creating an appropriate profile picture.
- This is optional. Students who do not select an image will continue to have their first initial as their GAPPS profile image.
- Students will have two opportunities each year, during the fall and again in the spring, to change their images.

YRDSB does not tolerate any forms of hate or discrimination. In the past, it came to the Board's attention that YRDSB Google Apps (GAPPS) profile pictures were being used to spread online hate through racist imagery shared and uploaded to GAPPS accounts. These images cause pain and can make other students and staff members feel unsafe, marginalized and unwelcome in our learning environments.

Appropriate actions were taken to address this issue, including a mandatory learning series for all students, mandatory training for all YRDSB staff, and temporarily removing access to customizing profile images. YRDSB will be continuing to implement measures that support student safety over the course of this school year. These measures include providing teachers with ongoing access to resources and support for addressing issues of hate.

Students are also encouraged to report problematic images that perpetuate hate or cause harm by speaking with a caring adult or by making use of the YRDSB's [ReportIT tool](#).

More information about GAPPS profile images is [available on the Board website](#).

## Library Information

October is Islamic Heritage Month. This is an opportunity to reflect on and highlight the rich histories and contributions of Muslims in all aspects of society across Canada and around the world. Learn more at the UHS Library. Click links for more details.

[Love from Mecca to Medina](#) by S.K. Ali

[Ayesha at Last](#) by Uzma Jalaluddin

[Muslim 100: The Lives, Thoughts and Achievements of the Most Influential Muslims in History](#) by Muhammad Mojlum Khan

[Once Upon an Eid: Stories of Hope and Joy by 15 Muslim Voices](#) edited by Aisha Saeed

[Averroes \(Ibn Rushd\): Muslim Scholar, Philosopher, and Physician of the Twelfth Century](#) by Liz Sonneborn

## Islamic Heritage Month Launch Event

Join us at the [Islamic Heritage Month Launch Event](#) to celebrate our rich heritage and diverse cultures. Special guest speakers, student activities - including basketball and art workshops, henna and face painting.

**Thursday, October 12** - 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School - 90 Bur Oak Avenue, Markham.

## Welcome to Canada Orientation Day

Newcomers to Canada: there will be a '[Welcome to Canada](#)' Orientation Day on **Saturday, October 14** at Our Lady Queen of the World Catholic HS (Richmond Hill) from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. It is an annual event for all newcomer families in York Region which serves as a one-stop shop with workshops for students and parents along with an opportunity to learn from community resource booths and meet the board leadership team. You can see the agenda [here](#).

## 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.

## Photo Retake Day

If you missed having your school photo taken, fear not! Photographers will be back for a photo retake day on **Monday, October 23**.

## Get Involved. Volunteer in Education!

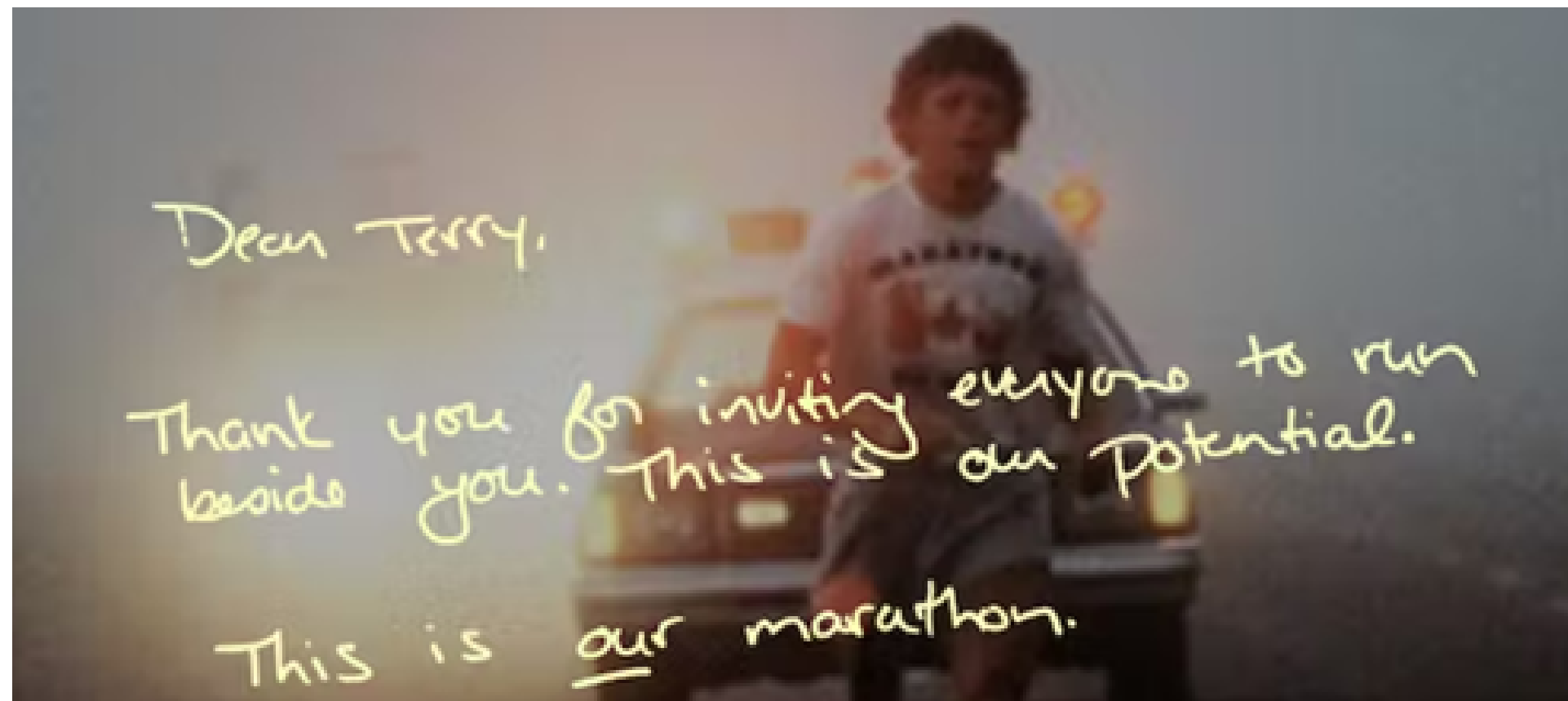
Research shows that parent and community engagement increases student achievement, well-being and success. These [information sessions](#) for new Canadians at the Richmond Hill and Markham South Welcome Centres provides information on how to volunteer in education and gain valuable skills. This series 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 on the week of, [School Cash Online](#), or at this [link](#).

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



## Parking Lot Safety

Please remind your children to be careful and vigilant as they make their way through the parking lot. The parking lots are very busy, especially before school begins.

Those driving to make drop offs or to park are also reminded to drive slowly, following signage and expected routes of traffic. The parking lots are monitored by video surveillance.

Please be mindful of our students who are travelling by various means through the lots. We appreciate your patience and care.

## Parking at UHS

Please don't drive through or park at the Markham Civic Centre. Please use the UHS main entrance and the drop off area to drop off your student. By-law officers are patrolling to ensure the safety of our community. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping everyone safe!

All student and visitor parking is coordinated by the office. Any unauthorized parked vehicles will be tagged and/or towed. All vehicles must have the Unionville HS student or visitor parking tag clearly visible on the rear view mirror.

## Breakfast Boost

We are thrilled to announce that Breakfast Boost is back and an excellent way to kick-start your day. Students can head to the atrium to select two snacks from 8:00 am until the bell before Period 1.

## No Smoking

UHS is a smoke free area. Please do not smoke or vape on school property.

## Peer Tutoring

The Peer Tutoring program is starting up again! If you would like to be a tutor or have a tutor help you, please see the attached [flyer](#).

## New Contact Information?

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION WITH US

Have you changed your address, phone number or email? Please notify us if your contact information has changed.

School Phone: 905 479 2787  
School Email: [unionville.hs@yrdsb.ca](mailto:unionville.hs@yrdsb.ca)

This will ensure that you receive important communications from us and that we can contact you in case of an emergency. Many thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

## General Supports for Emotional Well-Being

- 310-COPE: 905-310-COPE (2673) or 1-855-310-COPE (2673) - available 24/7
- KidsHelpPhone: 1-800-668-6868, text 686868 - available 24/7, <https://kidshelpphone.ca/>
- Mental Health Helpline: 1-866-531-2600 - available 24/7
- York Hills Help Phone Line: 905-503-9561 Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:30 am - 4:00 pm for children and youth (0-18 years) and their parents, caregivers or adult supporters. Visit [www.yorkhills.ca](http://www.yorkhills.ca) for more information.
- Trans Lifeline: <https://translifeline.org/>
- Black Youth Helpline: <https://blackyouth.ca/>
- Naseeha Helpline: <https://naseeha.org/>
- 2SLGBTQ+ Youthline: <https://www.youthline.ca>





## Faith Accommodations - Semester 1

Please be advised of our regular daily prayer room during semester 1: Central Prayer Room Location: Room 346 during periods 3, 4 & 5. Information about a prayer space and religious accommodations has been electronically shared in our start-up package. The start-up package contains a "Religious Accommodations Form." Families who did not receive/submit the electronic package/form can receive a hard copy in the main office.

Students who require access to the prayer room should come to the main office we can share more information with them.

## UHS Yearbook

Hi Wolves! The 2023-24 Yearbook is now available for pre-order. Order your Yearbook on [School Cash Online](#) now!



## Reporting Behaviour

Standing up for one another and reporting when something does not feel safe is part of a caring and safe school environment. Students should report incidents that make them or others feel unsafe or uncomfortable, including acts of racism, discrimination and bullying. Students can report incidents by:

- Telling a caring adult;
- Using the YRDSB's "[Report It Button](#)" (Located on our school's website, the online Report It button allows students and families to share information about inappropriate behaviour and incidents of hate or discrimination. Please see [this video](#) for additional information);
- Contacting [Kids Help Phone](#) (1-800-668-6868)

## Tune In YRDSB Podcast

Hear Indigenous student trustees share their experiences and perspectives on Indigenous education in York Region on the latest episode of [Tune In YRDSB](#).



# 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

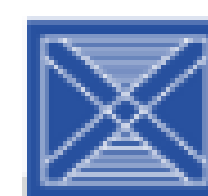
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Markham African Caribbean Canadian Association

**KINNECTYOUTH**  
MENTORING PROGRAM

## Administration Student Alphas

<b>Administration</b>	<b>Alpha</b>
Ms. Imada-Chan	A-J
Mr. Luong	K-Shas
Mr. Belmonte	Shek - Z

## Upcoming Events

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
<b>October 23</b>	Photo Retake Day
<b>October 24</b>	Terry Fox Run
<b>October 25</b>	Parent/Teacher Interviews (6:30 pm)
<b>November 1</b>	AU Information Session (6:30 pm)
<b>November 8</b>	Post Secondary Fair (6:30 pm)
<b>November 15</b>	Gr. 8 Open House
<b>November 23</b>	Semi Formal (6:30 pm)

## Unionville High School Daily Schedule

<b>SCHEDULE</b>	<b>START</b>	<b>END</b>
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



# Indigenous Languages and International Languages (ILIL) Program

The York Region District School Board offers language learning to elementary students in Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8 and language credit courses to secondary students in Grades 9 to 12.

## Elementary Language Classes

Elementary classes are extra-curricular language learning opportunities available in-person or remotely. Classes are 2.5 hours and take place once per week between Tuesday to Friday evenings (6:00 PM to 8:30 PM) or Saturday mornings (9:30 AM to 12:00 PM).

Register by **Monday, September 11, 2023** to attend the full language program in its entirety.

For more information about the elementary program, visit the ILIL [Elementary webpage](#) or scan the QR code:



## Secondary Credit Program

Secondary credit courses take place online once per week for 3.7 hours. Courses run from September to June for the full program year, and take place on Wednesday evenings (5:45 PM to 9:25 PM) or Saturday mornings (8:45 AM to 12:25 PM).

Registration is now open until the third class.

For more updates and information about the secondary credit program, visit the ILIL [Secondary webpage](#) or scan the QR code:



### Please Note:

- Courses offered are subject to enrolment and teacher availability.
- Stacked classes may be created based on registration numbers.
- Not all languages are offered at the elementary and secondary levels.
- Additional fees are required for international fee-paying students.

## Languages Offered:

Arabic  
Cantonese  
Dari  
Farsi  
Filipino  
German  
Greek  
Gujarati  
Hebrew  
Hindi  
Italian  
Japanese  
Korean  
Macedonian  
Mandarin (Simplified)  
Mandarin (Traditional)  
Punjabi  
Ojibwe  
Russian  
Sinhala  
Spanish  
Tamil  
Turkish  
Ukrainian  
Urdu  
Vietnamese  
Yoruba