



# UHS Parent Weekly Bulletin

Friday, April 22, 2022

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**May 3 – Arts Unionville Music – 7pm – Flato Theatre**

**May 4 – Arts Unionville Drama – 7pm – Room 106**

**May 10 – Arts Unionville Music – 7pm – Flato Theatre**

**May 11 – Arts Unionville Dance – 7pm – Flato Theatre**

*Tickets to the Flato Theatre shows are first come, first serve and can be purchased on School CashOnline!*

*Get them before it's too late!*

## **IN THIS WEEK'S BULLETIN**

PEAC Regional Symposium: Parent Voice Matters!

OSSLT (Literacy Test)

School Activities, Spring Performances, Field Trips Etc, Update!

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School Council: Conversations on Identity & Belonging: A 3 Part Series

## 2 WEEK CALENDAR - APRIL - MAY

25	26	27	28	29
Grad Photos  <a href="#">School Council Meeting</a> (7:00pm-8:30pm)		Grade 10 STEM Day		
2	3	4	5	6
Eid-il-Fitr	<span style="background-color: yellow;">OSSLT Group 1</span> <span style="background-color: yellow;">(Period 1)</span>	Drama Show (Room 106)  <span style="background-color: yellow;">OSSLT Group 1</span> <span style="background-color: yellow;">(Period 1)</span>		P.A. Day (No Classes)

### PEAC Regional Symposium: Parent Voice Matters!

**PEAC Regional Symposium: Parent Voice Matters!**  
**Wednesday, May 4, 2022 7:00 pm -**  
**9:00 pm**

#### Who May Register

School administrators are asked to share registration information with a delegation of up to 10 school community members who are representative of our diverse parent communities, in particular those who are representative of racialized or marginalized community groups. Invitees may include but should not be limited to, school council members. Recognizing the importance of the partnership between parents, families and the school community, one administrator from each school is asked to attend the Symposium.

#### How to Register

Please register by accessing the [PEAC Regional Symposium Registration webpage](#) where you will find the registration form as well as more information about the PEAC Regional Symposium.

Registration closes April 27, 2022.

#### Questions

Questions about the PEAC Regional Symposium may be directed to [leadership.development.engagement@yrdsb.ca](mailto:leadership.development.engagement@yrdsb.ca).

## OSSLT (Literacy Test)

Attention families of Grade 10 students! Our Spring session of the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test will be taking place in groups starting on May 3-4, 2022. Those who will be writing the Literacy Test will be notified by email next week, so please stay tuned for more information headed your way soon!

## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, SPRING PERFORMANCES, FIELD TRIPS, ETC. UPDATE!

We are excited to announce that the school board has now reintroduced Spring Performances, Field Trips and School Activities. While we are happy about this new development, we are approaching this news cautiously as the Health & Safety of our students, staff and the UHS community is of paramount importance. We are being conservatively optimistic that we are headed in the right direction towards more events taking place, and as such, we will move slowly towards hosting more events. That being said, as a school board we are [strongly recommending](#) that all students, staff and visitors continue to wear masks and are mindful of sanitizing their hands as much as possible. Please stay tuned for more information on events in the weeks to come. Please keep in mind, our top priority is always SAFETY FIRST!

## Grade 9 EQAO Math

Attention families of Grade 9 students: This week we found out that the EQAO Math Assessment will be taking place during the month of June for all Face-to-face students who are currently taking Grade 9 Math. We will be in touch once dates have been finalized and more information becomes available...stay tuned!

## GRADUATION 2022



### **Unionville High School Graduation Ceremony**

Monday, June 27, 2022

**Hilton Toronto/Markham Suites  
Conference Centre & Spa**

8500 Warden Avenue (Conference Centre)

Markham, ON L6G 1A5

T: (905) 470-8500

Calling out to all UHS potential Grads!!

We are happy to formally announce we are having a GRADUATION CEREMONY this June! UHS Staff has been working diligently to organize GRAD 2022. Please see the information below regarding Graduation. If you have not already purchased your Grad tickets and gown, please do so at :[School Cash Online](#)

## LAST CALL FOR GRADUATION PHOTOS

Attention grade 12 students: **Monday, April 25, 2022 will be the LAST day to take your Grad Photos!!!**

Don't forget to book your appointment as there are limited timeslots!

Please sign up now at [www.bookmygrad.ca](http://www.bookmygrad.ca). Our school code is: WUH

Congratulations class of 2022; we look forward to seeing you for your graduation photos.

### Your Portrait Session

Times may be uncertain, but you can certainly carry on the tradition of marking this accomplishment with a classic portrait! Your professional portrait session includes traditional gown and sash poses on contemporary and traditional backgrounds.

*\*Sit fee details available online when you book your session.*



### More Options

Your safety and comfort is our top priority. We're working with each school to offer options that work best in your area. Your sitting options may include: more poses, casuals and Vintage Hollywood poses. **View details on all your sitting options at [bookmygrad.ca](http://bookmygrad.ca)**



### B.Y.O.P

As part of our commitment to protecting students' health, Edge will not be providing props during your photo shoot. Please feel free to bring your own flowers, books, etc. to be photographed with during your session. For more information on our Covid photo day health & safety procedures, please visit [edgeimaging.ca/FAQ](http://edgeimaging.ca/FAQ)

*\*poses and backgrounds may vary*

### Graduating Class Composite

Just like the one on your high school walls, you'll receive your own copy of a graduating class composite. Composites are typically handed out at Convocation or at the end of the school year.

*A traditional portrait with a blue background will be provided to your school for the composite and yearbook.*

*\*Composite size and folder inclusion vary by school. Details provided upon booking.*



### Book your session TODAY!

To book your Graduation Photo Session, grab your student card and go to [bookmygrad.ca](http://bookmygrad.ca). Enter your school code and student number to get started.

SCHOOL CODE:

## Graduation Gown Pick Up

If you have not yet picked up your graduation gown please contact the main office. **Prior** to picking up your gown please fill out the google form below:

[UHS Grad Ceremony Submission Form](#)

**Message to Virtual Students: Virtual Students can pick up their graduation gowns in the main office between 2:45 PM and 3:45 PM.**

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## **Grad Book**

Due to the numerous changes and challenges this school year, a yearbook will not be available this school year. However, we are publishing a Grad Book to mark this important milestone for the 2021-22 graduating class at UHS. The Grad Book will be available in digital format for graduates to download.

In order for your child's images (including student photo and grad photo), artwork, writing and etc. to be included in the Grad Book, their YRDSB's online [School Start-Up Forms](#) must be submitted. **In particular, you must authorize the "Use of Student Personal Information Consent" section on page 3 of the form.**

If your child's online [School Start-Up Forms](#) have not been submitted for this school year and you would like your child to be included in the Grad Book, please complete and submit the forms as soon as possible. We're designing a Grad Book for you and you're invited to submit graduation quotes, photos, writing, artwork to be showcased in it. These are the categories and you're welcome to make a submission in multiple categories:

- Graduation Quotes
- Writing (E.G. Reflection, Poems, Stories, Etc.)
- Photo: Grad with friends
- Photo: Grad with pets
- Photo: Grade 9 throwback
- Photo: Baby pictures
- Photos: Baby Pictures
- Photo: Sports & Clubs
- Photo: School Social Media Events
- Photo: Spirit Week wear
- Photo: Hobbies, Projects and endeavours
- Photo: Art performances/showcases

To make a submission, please go to:

<https://forms.gle/FFxpr5yFykUkKtf27>

## **PROM 2022**



***Thursday, May 26, 2022  
PARADISE BANQUET HALL  
7601 JANE ST. Concord, ON L4K 1 X2  
416-661-6612***

[Prom Assembly Video](#)

[Prom Google Form](#)

[Prom Guest Form](#)

## Guidance News

### Summer Co-Op Opportunity

Continuing Education in Collaboration with Curriculum & Instruction Services is offering several Pathway program opportunities this summer, including: Dual Credits, Youth Innovation by Design IDC Course, and in person Co-op (1 and 2 credit programs). Spaces are very limited in each program and will be decided on a first-come-first serve basis. Grade 12 students requiring 1 credit to graduate will be given priority in 1 and 2 Credit Co-op programs.



Registration for the 1 and 2 credit Co-op programs will open tomorrow on Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 9am. Please see the [flyer](#) for program information and registration.

Please visit

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/secondary-school/summer-learning-opportunities/summer-pathway-programs> for more details.

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### Community Involvement Hours

March Break has come and gone, but this is still a great time for students to work on completing Community Involvement Hours. Students are reminded that they must have their activity pre-approved prior to completing the activity. A special reminder to Grade 12 graduating students that the deadline to submit completed Community Involvement hours by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Students may join the 'UHS Volunteer Google Classroom' (enrolment key: **gsrz264**) or meet with a Guidance counsellor to learn about volunteer opportunities.

A reminder for the 2021-2022 school year, the required number of hours for community involvement activities will be reduced from 40 hours to a minimum of 20 hours for graduating students. This is consistent with changes made in the 2020-21 school year. All other students are required to complete the 40 required hours.

At the principal's discretion, the following activities will be deemed eligible for all secondary students for their community involvement activities in the 2021-22 school year:

- Activities that take place during the time allotted for the instructional program on a school day (e.g., walking a younger neighbour or sibling to and from school, helping younger siblings with their homework)
- Activities that include up to 10 hours of paid work, with the requirement to complete a reflection exercise indicating how their work contributed to service for others (e.g., grocery work during the pandemic). This will need to be completed by clicking on the following link: CI Reflection Form: <https://bit.ly/ciReflection>
- Activities that consist of duties normally performed in the home (e.g., students could help an elderly relative with errands, provide after-school care for a sibling)

Please note: Volunteer opportunities differ from field trips and are communicated through our Guidance Department's Google Classroom or Volunteering Bulletin Board. The YRDSB is not responsible for transportation or supervision when students make contact with community members to arrange volunteer opportunities.

A classroom teacher may not sign the community involvement hours form for opportunities taking place off-site. Teachers may sign forms for events taking place in the school under their supervision only (e.g. student secretary on



parent-teacher interview night). While teachers can inform students of volunteer opportunities and direct them to visit the Guidance office, teachers should not call community members to arrange these volunteer opportunities. Opportunities provided in the community must be arranged by the student or parent/guardian and the outside venue.

## **OCAS/OUAC Dates**

**OCAS** (Ontario College Application Services) mark upload: April 22, 2022

**OUAC** (Ontario Universities Application Centre) mark upload: April 28, 2022

**Full Disclosure:** May 9, 2022

Full disclosure: "applies to all grade 11 and 12 courses and if the course is withdrawn after the full disclosure date, a withdrawal (W) is entered in the credit column and the student's mark at the time of withdrawal is recorded as a percentage in the achievement column of the transcript".

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## **Accessing Online Classrooms**

We look forward to welcoming back both our remote and in-person learners to semester two. Below is some important information for you and your child who will be learning remotely.

### Accessing Online Classrooms

- Students will receive information from their classroom teacher outlining how to access their online classroom.
- **Online Learning Platforms** - [Resources for accessing and using Google Classroom](#) and [Brightspace/D2L](#) can be found on the Board website in addition to other [family resources](#) and [student tools and resources](#). If your child does not know their GAPPS login information, they can contact the teacher.
- **Technology** - If your child requires technology to access remote learning, please contact the main office.

We appreciate that families have many questions. We will continue to share information with you, and work with you to support your child. Additional information is also available on the Board website, including health and safety measures, frequently asked questions and resources at [www.yrdsb.ca/school-reopening](http://www.yrdsb.ca/school-reopening).

## **Summer School**

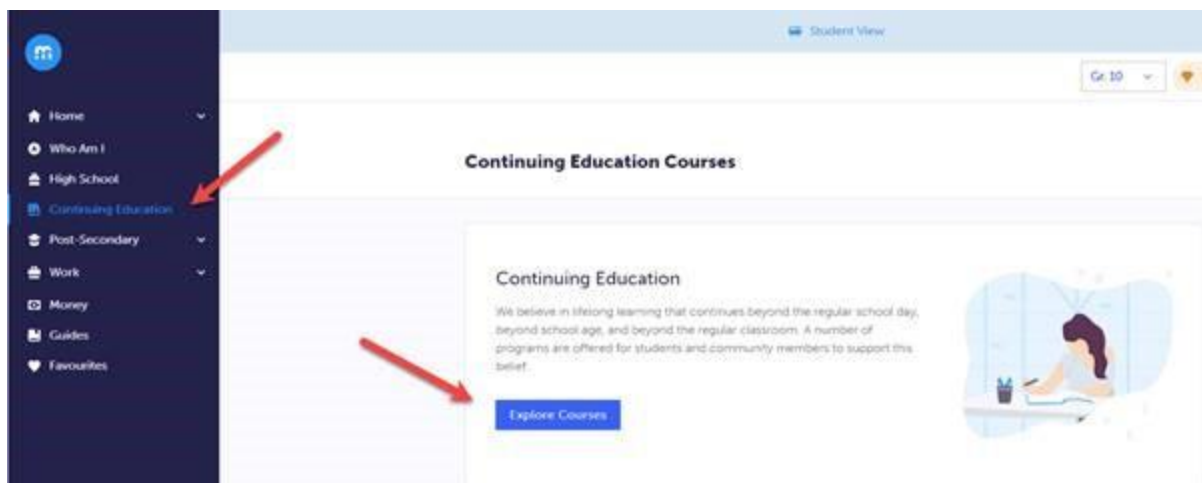
Summer School registration is now open on My Pathway Planner. Both on-line and in-person learning will be available. More information can be found at:

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/secondary-school/2022-summer-learning-opportunities> .

### **To registering for Summer School**

1. Login into [My Pathway Planner](#)
2. Form the left side bar, select 'Continuing Education'
3. Click on 'Explore Courses'
4. Enter in the course code you are looking for and select the location you would like and press 'Submit Course'.

**\*\* Sign off forms are not required\*\***



## Hong Fook Youth & Family Services

Spring Programs - [English](#)  
Spring Programs - [Chinese](#)

[Summer Pathway Programs](#)

## Markham Public Library Links



[Discover Your Digital Library](#)

[What To Read Next](#)

[Business Legal 101 - Part 4](#) - Mon | May 2 | 7 PM | ZOOM

[Parenting Strategies to Promote Good Behaviour](#) - Tue | May 3 | 1 PM | ZOOM

[Creative Career Talks: Comics & Beyond](#) - Wed | May 4 | 3 PM | ZOOM

[Backyard Birds through the Seasons](#) - Wed | May 4 | 6:30 PM | ZOOM

[ASK MPL](#) - [GRAB & GO BAG](#) - [PLAN A VISIT](#) - [FACEBOOK](#) - [TWITTER](#) - [INSTAGRAM](#)

## Crisis Mental Health Supports For Student

For a variety of support services and agencies, please refer to the following list:

- 310-COPE [www.yssn.ca](http://www.yssn.ca): 905-310-COPE (2673) or 1-855-310-COPE (2673) - available 24/7
- [www.KidsHelpPhone.ca](http://www.KidsHelpPhone.ca): 1-800-668-6868, text 686868 - available 24/7
- Mental Health Helpline <https://www.ontario.ca/page/mental-health-services>: 1-866-531-2600 - available 24/7
- York Hills Help Phone Line: 905-503-9561 Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:30-4:00 pm; for children & youth (0-18 years), parents, caregivers or adult supporters. Visit [www.yorkhills.ca](http://www.yorkhills.ca) for more information.
- Markham Stouffville Hospital [www.msh.on.ca](http://www.msh.on.ca): 905-472-7000
- Poison Control [www.ontariopoisoncentre.ca](http://www.ontariopoisoncentre.ca): 1-800-268-9017
- Lesbian Gay BI Trans Youth Line [www.youthline.ca](http://www.youthline.ca): 1-888-687-9689
- Trans Lifeline [www.translifeline.org](http://www.translifeline.org): 1-877-330-6366



- Black Youth Helpline [www.blackyouth.ca](http://www.blackyouth.ca): 1-833-294-8650
- York Region Children's Aid Society [www.yorkcas.org](http://www.yorkcas.org): 905-895-2318
- York Region Abuse Program [www.centralhealthline.ca](http://www.centralhealthline.ca): 905-895-3646
- Police-Fire-Ambulance 911

## Reminders

### Lunch Protocols

The following lunch protocols will remain in place until further notice:

- Grade 11/12 - Cafeteria/1st floor
- Grade 10 - 2nd floor
- Grade 9 - 3rd floor

**\*\*Please note that the library will no longer be available as an eating space.\*\***

**\*\*The servery remains closed at this time.\*\***



### City of Markham Ticketing

Please be aware that the school driveways and parking areas are very busy at Town Centre Blvd and Warden in the morning (8:00-8:30 am) and in the afternoon (2:00pm-2:35pm). In the morning, please do not park in staff spaces at the Warden entrance. At Town Centre Blvd, you are advised not to park for an extended period in the “No Idle Cars” zone. This is also a Fire Route. This zone is intended only for “quick pick-up or drop-off.” Cars that are parked or left idling in this zone will be ticketed by the City of Markham. As well, parking passes are required for all cars in our school lots. Cars without parking passes in our school lots will be ticketed by the City of Markham. [Please click here for more information.](#)

Students requiring a parking pass for Semester 2 can fill out the following Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/MDqFtrMazbYwfBzJA>

## COVID-19 Reminders

As you may be aware, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced their plan to lift many of the COVID-19 health and safety measures in public spaces and schools. Effective Monday, March 21, 2022:

- Students, staff members and school visitors will no longer be required to wear masks in school. Individuals who feel more comfortable or who are advised to wear a mask can continue to wear a mask and will be supported in doing so.
- Staff and students will not be required to complete the screening confirmation form each day. Students, staff members and visitors should continue to review and adhere to the [COVID-19 School and Child-Care Screening Tool](#) (please click on Check for Symptoms Daily), prior to entering the school daily. The screening tool has been updated to reflect new isolation requirements.
- Students will no longer be required to remain in cohorts or to practice physical distancing.

In addition, effective March 14, requirements for staff members to complete vaccination attestations or mandatory testing has been removed.

Hand washing and cleaning protocols will remain in place. In addition, we will continue to follow our current ventilation practices.

Current measures remain in effect until March 21, 2022, including mask requirements for all students in Kindergarten to Grade 12, and the completion of the screening confirmation form.

We appreciate that students and families may have mixed reactions to this announcement. Our educators will continue to support student well-being as these changes are implemented, and work to ensure all of our students

feel safe, welcome and supported. Please also be assured that we will continue to consult with public health to ensure we are taking all appropriate measures to protect the health and safety of our students, staff members and families.

Unionville High School continues to encourage all members of the UHS community to wear masks as they see fit, while respecting the choices of all staff, students and visitors who enter our building. We are also encouraging all members of the UHS community to observe proper hand hygiene - this means sanitizing and washing your hands frequently.

### Vaccine Clinics in April

Please see this [message from York Region Public Health](#) related to COVID-19 vaccine clinics being held during April.

### Links

[AEBS Scholarships for Black Students](#)

[Earth Day](#)

[Grade 12 Leadership in Social Justice Achievement Awards](#)

[Jewish Resistance During the Holocaust \(Grades 7 - 12\)](#)

[NACCA Award](#)

[PEAC Regional Symposium: Parent Voice Matters!](#)

[Police Community Advisory Council – 2nd Annual Social Justice Youth Conference](#)

[Prime Minister's Awards Nomination](#)

[Prime Minister's Youth Council](#)

[Student Mental Health Newsletter](#)

[Summer Company 2021 - Apply Now](#)

[Summer Employment](#)

[Summer Learning: Bringing STEM to Life: Work-Integrated Learning Programs](#)

[Summer Mentorship Program](#)

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DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
*Inspire Learning!*

THE SOUTH ASIAN AND TAMIL WOMEN'S COLLECTIVE PRESENTS OUR 5TH ANNUAL

# WELL-BEING CONFERENCE

MAY 11 & MAY 12, 2022  
FROM 4:00PM - 6:30PM

**REGISTER TODAY**  
[bit.ly/SATWC](https://bit.ly/SATWC)

SCAN ME

[South Asian & Tamil Women's Collective Annual Well-Being Conference](#)

# Benefits of In-Person Learning



Given the numerous benefits of in-person learning, we are planning for our students to attend school in person, while following all appropriate measures to protect the health and safety of students, staff and families.

Students who attend school in-person benefit from:

- developing social/interpersonal skills
- improving in-person communication skills
- building teamwork skills
- wide range of experiential learning opportunities that support different learning styles
- sharing and playing in person
- participating in social activities, extracurricular clubs, teams and athletics
- leadership opportunities provided through co-curricular activities
- student leadership and mentorship

Schools will continue to follow York Region Public Health COVID-19 Guidelines to ensure safety measures for in-person learning.

Note: The Ministry of Education has directed school boards to provide a remote learning option for students for 2022-23. For next year, we will have an Elementary Virtual School and Secondary Virtual School. Learn more about virtual school at [yrdsb.ca](https://yrdsb.ca).







Unionville High School's School Council Presents...

## ***Conversations on Identity & Belonging: A Three-Part Series***

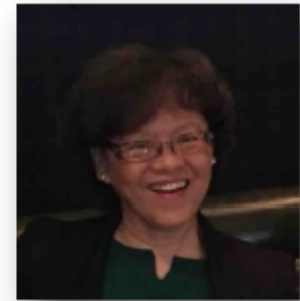


**Monday, January 24, 2022 @ 7:45 to 8:30 PM – Dr. Brenda Wastasecoot**

Dr. Brenda Wastasecoot, Assistant Professor of Indigenous Studies, Arts & Science Faculty at University of Toronto. Brenda is Ininu (Cree) and a member of the York Factory First Nation. She was raised in Churchill, Manitoba, in a little village known as The Flats. After studying and teaching at Brandon University in Brandon, Manitoba, she came to Toronto to do her PhD at OISE - Ontario Institute for Studies in Education. Her thesis dissertation tells the story of her family and the impacts of Indian Residential schools. "Showing and Telling the Story of Nikis; Arts Based, Auto-Ethnographic Journeying of a Cree Adult Educator."

**Monday, February 28, 2022 @ 7:15 to 8:00 PM – Ms. Gen-Ling Chang**

Gen-Ling Chang is the deputy executive director with ALPHA Education committed to social justice, humanity and global peace; after she retired as associate director, Toronto District School Board. She also serves as chair of school and community relations with the Asian Canadian Educators Network. With years of experience on addressing the impact of systemic racism in policy and practice on individuals and communities, Gen-Ling continues to work with youth, educators, leaders, and communities on authentic inclusive participation, representation, and diversity.



**Monday, April 25, 2022 @ 7:15 to 8:00 PM – Dr. Ann E. Lopez**

Dr. Ann E. Lopez, is a professor of educational leadership and policy in the Department of Leadership, Higher and Adult Education, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto. She is the Director of the Center for Leadership and Diversity and Provostial Advisor, Access Programs. Dr. Lopez is the immediate past president of the National Association for Multicultural Education (NAME). Her research and teaching focuses on antiracist education, school leadership across contexts, decolonizing and socially just leadership, issues of equity in education and schooling, and most recently developing concepts of what she describes as "ProLovePedagogy". Dr. Lopez has published several articles and written 5 books including her most recent book entitled *Decolonizing Educational Leadership: Alternative Approach to Leading Schools*. Dr. Lopez is co-Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of School Leadership*, Co-Series Editor, *Studies in Educational Administration*, and the recipient of the 2020 Award for Distinguished Contributions to Teaching at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education.

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To join the third conversation with Dr. Ann E. Lopez on Monday, April 25, 2022, please complete the google form [UHS School Council Invitation](#) (Space is limited to 250) by noon on April 25, 2022. The meeting link will be shared with you by email.

*We hope to see you there!*

[UHS School Council Invitation](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

May 9, 2022	Full Disclosure
May 10, 2022	OSSLT Group 2 (8:30 - 9:55am) Arts Unionville Music Recital – 7pm – Flato Theatre
May 11, 2022	OSSLT Group 2 (8:30 - 9:55am) Arts Unionville Dance Show – 7pm – Flato Theatre
May 12, 2022	OSSLT Group 3 (8:30 - 9:55am) Chem 13 News Exam (8:30am-9:45am)
May 13, 2022	OSSLT Group 3 (8:30 - 9:55am)
May 19, 2022	Avogadro Exam (8:30am-9:45am)
May 23, 2022	Victoria Day - No Classes
May 26, 2022	Prom
June 27, 2022	Graduation Ceremony at Hilton Markham (6:30PM)
June 30, 2022	P.A. - No Classes

## TIMETABLE SCHEDULE

Block 1	8:30 – 9:50 AM
Break	9:50 – 9:55 AM
Block 3	9:55 – 11:10 AM
Lunch	11:10 AM – 12:00 PM
Block 2	12:00 – 1:15 PM
Break	1:15 – 1:20 PM
Block 4	1:20 – 2:35 PM