



# UHS Parent Weekly Bulletin

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December	6	7	8	9	10
<b>Four Period Day Begins</b>	Arts Unionville Application Deadline			ATM3MM/4MM (8:40) & ATM2OM (12:05) Virtual Hip Hop Workshop	
	ADA2OM-01 - Virtual Clown Workshop (8:30 - 9:15 AM)	ADA2OM-01 - Virtual Clown Workshop (8:30 - 9:15 AM)		AMV1/2/3/4 - Virtual Guest Speaker Elizabeth McDonald (12:05 - 1:05 PM)	Full Disclosure AMK1/20/3/4M - Virtual Piano Masterclass (12:00-1:15)
	Jr Boys Basketball at St Robert CHS (3:10 - 5:10 PM)			Sr Boys Basketball at Pierre Elliott Trudeau (3:15 - 5:15 PM)	
				Sr Girls Volleyball host Bill Crothers and Stouffville (3:30 - 5:30 PM)	
December	13	14	15	16	17
	ATM1OM and NAC101 - Virtual Guest Speaker Tracee Smith (1:30 - 2:30 PM)	GLC201-05 Virtual Guest Speaker James Pascucci (10:00 - 11:05 AM)	GLC201-05 Virtual Guest Speaker Thanaa Sarif (10:00 - 11:05 AM)	GLC201-05 Virtual Guest Speaker Ayelen Barrios (10:00 - 11:00 AM)	STEM for Girls - Guest Speaker Cindy Zhu (4:15 - 5:15 PM)
	Jr Boys Basketball host Brother Andre (4:00-5:00 PM)	NAC101-01 Virtual Guest Speaker Nico Williams	Sr Boys Basketball home game (4:00 - 5:30)		
		Sr Girls Volleyball at Bill Hogarth (2:40 - 4:10 PM)			

## Daily Timetable Change Effective Monday, December 6

UHS is moving to a four period schedule with a common lunch as of Monday. On Thursday, December 2, each student was sent an updated timetable via their GAPPS email account that reflects this change. Please note that we will have blocks 1 and 3 before lunch and blocks 2 and 4 after lunch. Periods are now 75 minutes in length. Lunch has been shortened in order to provide travel time between morning and afternoon periods. Though we are moving to a four period day, there is still only one lunch period. Therefore, all current lunch health and safety protocols will remain in place, with students eating on their designated floors and in their designated lunch rooms. Dismissals will no longer be staggered before lunch and at the end of the day. Students will be dismissed at the end of each period signaled by the bell. School start and end times will remain the same.

Block 1 (+ homeroom)	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

## COVID-19 Testing

### COMMUNITY-BASED TESTING FOR SCHOOLS AND CHILD CARE CENTRES AVAILABLE THROUGH DECEMBER 2021

#### December 1, 2021

To increase access to testing for students, children, school/child care staff, essential visitors and their families, York Region Public Health is partnering with Ontario Health (Central), York Region District School Board (YRDSB) and York Catholic District School Board (YCDSB) to offer **drop-in community based COVID-19** testing at two sites in York Region, in addition to the [COVID-19 Assessment Centre](#).

Testing will be available for students/children, school/child care staff, essential visitors and their families, ages two years and older, who are symptomatic or who have been identified as a close contact (e.g. are part of a dismissed cohort). Testing is also available for those with no known exposure or COVID-19 symptoms. The sites are walk-in and do not require booking an appointment in advance.

Testing will continue to be offered on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in December. Additional testing dates will be shared in future communications should this be extended.

Testing options include PCR saliva and nasal swabs. One determining factor for a child's ability to

complete a PCR saliva test is their ability to produce a sufficient amount of saliva. The clinician will advise on the appropriate test option. Families interested in potentially completing a saliva test should be prepared by drinking a **cup of water 60 minutes before** giving a sample. Participants can **NOT** eat, drink, smoke, vape or chew gum **30 minutes prior** to giving a sample.

Rapid antigen testing will not be available at these testing sites for pick up or drop off. Rapid antigen testing **should not be used** when an individual is symptomatic or has been identified as a close contact of a case.

## When and where will testing be offered?

<b>George Street Public School</b> <a href="#">115 George Street</a> Town of Aurora, ON L4G 2S3 <b>Wednesdays and Thursdays 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29 and 30</b>		<b>St. Jean de Brebeuf Catholic High School</b> <a href="#">2 Davos Road</a> City of Vaughan, ON L4H 2Y1 PortaPac #2, <b>Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Nov 30, Dec. 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, and 30 No clinic Dec 28<sup>th</sup></b>	
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.	For individuals with symptoms of COVID-19 or close contacts of a confirmed COVID-19 case	3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.	For individuals with symptoms of COVID-19 or close contacts of a confirmed COVID-19 case
5:15 p.m. to 7 p.m.	For individuals with no known exposure or COVID-19 symptoms	5:45 pm to 7 p.m.	For individuals with no known exposure or COVID-19 symptoms

**Who is eligible:** Students/children, school/child care staff, essential visitors and their families age two years and older who are symptomatic or who have been identified as a close contact (e.g. are part of a dismissed cohort) can receive a COVID-19 test. Testing is voluntary and consent will be required from parents or guardians for students *under 18 years of age*.

**What to bring with you:** Individuals/families are strongly encouraged to bring their valid Ontario Health (OHIP) card(s) to support easy access to results (you can still get tested if you do not have one) and a face mask or covering, to be worn at all times.

**How to access your results:** You are able to access your COVID-19 test result online at [covid-19.ontario.ca](https://covid-19.ontario.ca); Note: It may take several days for your results to be processed.

## Why is this testing being offered?

- Additional testing is being provided to support schools and child care centres with access to testing in addition to opportunities at COVID-19 Assessment Centres. This testing will:
- Support timely access to testing where students/children or staff are symptomatic and screen out of school or child care
- Support case finding in schools/child care centres where transmission may be occurring or has occurred in the setting to better isolate and control risk
- Provide more convenient access to testing for individuals who are part of dismissed cohorts
- Increase access to testing for students, children and staff who are not symptomatic but are part of a school with dismissed cohorts or an increase of cases within the school setting
- Support families to be tested at the same time

## Questions

If you have any questions about the school-based testing initiative, please call Health Connection at 1-800-361-5653. For general information about COVID-19 including symptoms, location of Assessment Centres in York Region and other resources, please visit our website at [york.ca/covid19](http://york.ca/covid19) or call Access York at 1-877-464-9675.

### PUBLIC HEALTH

1-877-464-9675  
TTY 1-866-512-6228  
[york.ca/COVID19](http://york.ca/COVID19)



## Virtual Club Fair

USAC is excited to announce that we will be hosting a **virtual club fair** from **December 7 - 13!** Through this fair, we hope to be able to bring more attention to the incredible clubs that are offered at UHS.

**The club fair will be hosted on zoom from 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM.** Students will be rotating through breakout sessions every 10 minutes, each hosted by a different club. During this time, students will be able to learn more about each club and ask questions.

**Virtual Club Fair Sign Up Form:** An email was sent to all students' gapps email accounts. This email includes a link to a Google Form where students can register to participate. **A zoom link will be provided to registered students only.**

Day and time	Clubs
Tuesday (December 7) 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Social Justice Council
	Article Club
	Film Club
	French Club
Wednesday (December 8) 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Arts Council
	The Enviro Council
	UHS Robotics
	Math Club
	Spanish Club
	Unionville Science Club
	Target Alpha
	UHS Wellness Council
Gender & Sexuality Alliance	

Thursday (December 9) 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Architecture Club
	Pop Culture Club
	UFAM
	Computer Science Club
	Film Club
	Community Council
	(SLAM) Poetry Club
Friday (December 10) 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	STEM for Girls
	Newcomers Club
	Biochem Club
Monday (December 13) 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Music Council

If you miss a meeting, you will be able to watch each club's introduction asynchronously on the [Student Life Website](#).

Please also see this [slideshow](#) featuring the many clubs that UHS has to offer.

### Message for Graduating Students: Graduation Photos

Graduating students will be given the opportunity to take their graduation photos at Unionville High School. Grad Photo Days are scheduled to take place from **April 19 to April 29, 2022**. In early spring, communication regarding booking dates and times will be provided.

According to York Public Health guidelines, **students must wear their own graduation cap and gown for their photo session and cannot use one provided by Edge Imaging.**

If you would like to book a graduation photo session in April, please pay the graduation fee on School Cash Online **by February 17, 2022**. This is to allow for delivery and distribution of the graduation cap and gown by the Grad Photo Day date. The graduation fee is required for students participating in the graduation ceremony being held on June 27, 2022, at the Hilton Markham (8500 Warden Ave.). The cost includes the souvenir cap & gown, venue rental, refreshments and two guest tickets to the ceremony. Please be aware that the in-person graduation ceremony may only take place if permitted by York Region Public Health. The souvenir cap and gown portion of the graduation fee is not refundable.

[Click here to pay the graduation fee](#) so that your cap and gown order is placed by February 17, 2022. Meeting this deadline is required to ensure your cap and gown arrive prior to graduation photo days. **You are expected to wear a cap and gown for your school graduation photo session.**

## Alpine Ski/Snowboard Team

Unionville High School will have an Alpine ski/snowboard team that will be competing in 5 YRAA events during the months of January & February. Eligible students need to be experienced skiers/snowboarders, must have their own equipment, and need to complete the vaccination attestation in order to be selected:

<https://visitorattestation.yrdsb.ca/>

For those interested in participating, join our Google Classroom using the code **FLXX2AY**. There will be an information session next week after school. Please check the Google Classroom for the date and location. Any students unable to attend should email Mr. Cao and Mr. Tam at [willy.cao@yrdsb.ca](mailto:willy.cao@yrdsb.ca) and [jonathan.tam@yrdsb.ca](mailto:jonathan.tam@yrdsb.ca).

## Monday, December 6: White Ribbon Campaign

Anne-Marie Edward, Helene Colgan, Nathalie Croteau, Maryse Leclair. These are the names of some of the women killed in the Montreal Massacre. On December 6th, 1989, a gunman opened fire on women at a university in Montreal, Quebec. Fourteen women were killed, and many others were wounded. To this day, the Montreal Massacre is one of the worst gender-based attacks in Canada's history. On December 6th each year, thousands of people around Canada wear a white ribbon in remembrance of this tragedy and pledge to do their part to end gender-based violence. This year, on the 32nd anniversary of the Montreal Massacre, the UHS Social Justice Council will be holding our annual White Ribbon Campaign. On Monday December 6th, ribbons will be distributed to students on each floor during lunch. The school flag will also be at half-mast. We hope that all students will join the UHS Social Justice Council in taking a stand against gender-based violence.

## International Day of Persons with Disabilities: Friday, December 3

The annual observance of the International Day of Disabled Persons was proclaimed in 1992 by United Nations General Assembly resolution 47/3. It aims to promote the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities in all spheres of society and development, and to increase awareness of the situation of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life.

[Please click here to learn more.](#)

## Entering and Exiting the School

We recognize that, due to the colder weather, there may be some students who, because they get dropped off early, may need to enter the building prior to 8:15. In these cases, a student may enter and remain seated in the main foyer or cafeteria prior to 8:15. Students may not wander the halls. All students are expected to exit the building by 3:00 pm. Many thanks for your cooperation.

## Full Disclosure

### Full Disclosure for Grade 11 and Grade 12 Courses

The Full Disclosure date for Grade 11 and Grade 12 courses is **December 10, 2021**. If a student withdraws from a Grade 11 or 12 course prior to December 10, 2021, then the course 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 at the time of withdrawal will be recorded as a percentage in the achievement column of the transcript.

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 a teacher, guidance counsellor or administrator to discuss your questions.

### Parking at UHS & City of Markham Ticketing

Please be aware that we are setting out pylons at the front of the school to allow school vehicles to safely pick up and drop off our students. When the pylons are out, please keep this area clear for school authorized vehicles. We thank you for driving safely and respecting staff who facilitate these Board transportation services.

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 (2:00-2:35 pm). 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 can be ticketed by the City of Markham.

Alternatively, in order to reduce congestion, you may consider dropping off and picking up your child further away from the school.

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.](#)

### Start-Up Consents and Permissions

Please complete the [school start-up forms](#) that were sent to our families. It is important that these forms are completed as they contain important information and permissions. They can also be found on the Board website at [www.yrdsb.ca/familyresources](http://www.yrdsb.ca/familyresources) under Family Start-Up Forms, along with some [information on how to complete the forms](#). Please note, parents must be signed in to their child's student GAPPS account to complete the form. If families would prefer to complete the forms on paper, please contact us at [unionville.hs@yrdsb.ca](mailto:unionville.hs@yrdsb.ca).

COMMUNITY COUNCIL & 360 KIDS

# CHARITY DRIVE

Donate today to our holiday charity drive to support homeless youth!

For more information:

- Station beside the Library!
- Join our Google Classroom (m7pgbw4) to see what you can donate!



# FOOD DRIVE





## Support. Inspire. Overcome.

Feeding many teenagers is a big job and we appreciate all of your help. Items always in need are the following:

**Dry/ Non Perishables in Need:**

Canned stews (Chili, Chunky Beef, Chef Boyardee)	Canned Tuna, Salmon, Sardines, Turkey
On The Go Snacks (Granola Bars, Cheese and Crackers, Tuna and Cracker SnackPacks Etc...)	
Boxes of Cereal	Pasta Sauce
Canned soups	Boxes of Instant Oatmeal packages (variety of flavours)
Peanut Butter and Jam, Nutella	Ramen Noodles/Cup of Noodles/ Mr. Noodles packages
Lipton's Sidekicks Noodles & Rice Packs	Kraft Dinner microwaveable Cups
Laundry Detergent (pods please)	Canned vegetables
Condiments (soy sauces, bbq sauce, ketchup, mustard, spices, kraft parmesan cheese bottles)	

**Snack Foods:** Granola bars, bags of chips, rice crispy squares, welches fruit snack packs, cookies, juice boxes, sweet cereals, individual oatmeal packages, puddings, hot chocolate, tea bags, fruit roll ups, popcorn, crackers and cheese dip, sunflower seeds, fruit cups, zoodles type pasta, individual packages of goldfish crackers

**(New Hygiene Products Only Accepted this year)**

White t-shirts (and undershirts)  
Socks and Underwear – new in packages only please (white athletic and sport socks preferred)  
Feminine Hygiene products (tampons and pads)

**New Drop-off Process in 2021:** Food drives MUST be pre-arranged for drop off using our online weekly scheduling system at our program locations including Home Base Richmond Hill, and residential programs. The scheduling system can be found on our website at: <https://www.360kids.ca/program-wish-lists/>

Many thanks for your generous support.

### [Program Wish List](#)



**Queen's University**  **UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO**

## University Information Night

Join representatives from the University of Toronto and Queen's University to learn about programs, applications, admissions, supports, and community on campus for Black students at our universities!

**Monday December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**

**Registration:** <https://tinyurl.com/5n72y82s>



## Raising Confident Competent Children

Kids don't come with an instruction manual! Many familiar parenting problems have very simple solutions that can be applied with some effort and focus. Triple P's easy-to-understand and practical strategies have been shown to help families in all types of situations.

This session will focus on how to ensure a safe and engaging environment for children by;

- Encouraging respect and cooperating
- Learning to be independent
- Learning how to develop healthy self-esteem

### [REGISTRATION](#)

### Parents, Grandparents and Caregivers!

Join us to share, learn and build a school culture where mental health and well-being is valued and promoted.

**Date:** Monday, December 13, 2021

**Time:** 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Location:** Zoom Link will be provided

**Facilitator:** Uma Bhatt, R.S.W.  
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