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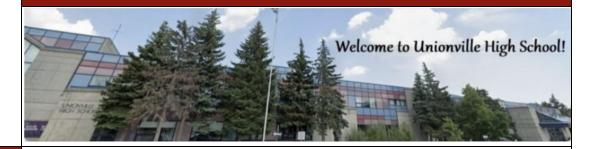
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# **UHS Parent Weekly Bulletin – Vol.21**

Friday, February 5, 2021



February 4 - 12, 2021	
8:30 am – 9:45 am	Period 1
9:50 am – 11:05 am	Period 2
11:05 am – 12:25 pm	Lunch
12:25 pm – 1:40 pm	Period 3
1:45 pm – 3:00 pm	Period 4

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, February 8	
Tuesday, February 9	
Wednesday, February 10	
Thursday, February 11	
Friday, February 12	Chinese New Year
Monday, February 15	Family Day
Tuesday, February 16	Return to in-person learning (adaptive)

We have received notice from the Ontario Ministry of Education that schools in York Region District School Board will reopen to students for in-person learning on February 16.

#### **Elementary Schools**

Elementary school students attending in-person should plan to attend school on **February 16.** Please check in with your before and after care program provider to confirm their reopening plans.

#### **Elementary Model Change Survey and Timelines**

For elementary students who are in the process of requesting a model change, they are to continue in their current model. Timelines for the model change will be shared in the coming week.

#### Secondary Schools

In class learning will resume on February 16. Your school will send details to confirm the rotation and cohort schedules.

#### Virtual School

There is no change in the schedule for virtual school students.

#### **Student Transportation**

Transportation schedules for students will be the same as the schedules followed September to December (before the school closures). Students who were attending school and transported during the closure period will revert to their schedule prior to school closure. For more information about your route, please visit: <u>schoolbuscity.com</u>.

#### Health and Safety Measures

As we have previously communicated, there are some new health and safety measures in place, including:

- Masks are now required for students in Grades 1-3, as well as those in Grades 4-12. Students in kindergarten are strongly encouraged to wear masks.
- Masks are now required outdoors, during recess as well as common areas, in addition to in-class.
- Students are discouraged from congregating before and after school.
- York Region Public Health is recommending that students wear <u>three-layer masks</u>. Two layer masks are permitted if they are clean and fit appropriately.
- In addition, new screening measures are required for all elementary and secondary staff, secondary school
  students and visitors. Details of the screening measures will be communicated as soon as they are finalized by
  public health.

If you are concerned about your child's emotional well-being, you can find <u>tips on how to speak to your child about</u> <u>COVID-19 on our website</u> as well as <u>mental health supports</u>.

Thank you for your ongoing support and patience. We will continue to share updates and information with you as it becomes available. You can also follow the Board's Twitter feed: <u>@YRDSB</u>, or for information about YRDSB's reopening plan, visit: <u>www.yrdsb.ca/school-reopening</u>.

#### <u>ATTENDANCE</u>

As we begin Semester 2 and welcome students into their new classrooms, we are asking all families to continue to assist us to ensure that our attendance records are accurate. In order for us to provide appropriate supports for students and ensure that our class lists are accurate, it is important that we receive timely communication regarding all student absences in courses.

The following is taken from the <u>YRDSB Guide to the 2020-2021 School Year</u> (page 16):

Regular and punctual attendance affects school success and is expected of all students. It is important that students, families and school staff work together to ensure regular attendance.

#### Parents/guardians are expected to:

- Notify the school as soon as possible if their child will be absent or late.
- Provide medical documentation to confirm their child's illnesses if requested by the principal.
- Ensure the school is aware that they approve all absences from school.
- Provide a note for their child (under the age of 18 years) when they need to leave school early for an appointment.

We are required to document, with a reason, ALL student absences. Parents/guardians should contact us via email at <u>unionville.hs@yrdsb.ca</u> or call us at 905-479-2787 prior to 9 am in the morning regarding a student absence.

Students attending Secondary Virtual School (SVS) are required to follow SVS procedures for recording their attendance daily. Admin and Guidance at UHS will continue to work collaboratively with SVS staff to support our students who are learning virtually this year.

For any student over 18, they are responsible for reporting their own absences unless they have completed a <u>Consent Information Sharing For Students at the Age of Majority</u> form.

If you have any questions about your child's attendance or supports available at the school, please contact your child's alpha Vice-Principal or Guidance Counselor:

Mr. Gazaneo (A – L) andrew.gazaneo@yrdsb.ca

Mr. Belmonte (M – Z) patrick.belmonte@yrdsb.ca

Ms. Farwell (A - Hou): michelle.farwell@yrdsb.ca

Ms. Riolo (Hu - Ma): rita.riolo@yrdsb.ca

Ms. Hawkins (Mc - Wr): stephanie.hawkins@yrdsb.ca

Mr. Tam (Wu - Z): jonathan.tam@yrdsb.ca

Thank you in advance for supporting us by following the procedure above and properly notifying the school whenever your child is absent from class. We wish all our students a successful second semester.

#### Guidance News: Course Selection for Next Year

Course selection information and instructions can be accessed on the school website under the Guidance tab 'Course Selection' (<u>http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/unionville.hs/guidance/Pages/default.aspx</u>).

Students can also access this information using the Course Selection Google Classroom enrolment key:

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Students will complete their course selection for next year on My Pathway Planner: (<u>http://www.yrdsb.ca/Pages/default.aspx</u>)

Students are encouraged to use the 'graduation indicator' on My Pathway Planner to assist them in selecting courses and to ensure they are meeting all the requirements to graduate.

#### \*\*Important information for grade 12 students\*\*

Grade 12 students who are graduating <u>MUST</u> select 'not returning' in My Pathway Planner. This is important as it confirms they will be leaving UHS at the end of June and require academic records to be shared with post-secondary institutions and to ensure that diplomas are printed.

# ONLY Grade 12 students who are graduating and leaving UHS in June can complete this task in My Pathway Planner starting today.

The Guidance department is available to support students with course selection. Students are encouraged to schedule an appointment through TeachAssist with their alpha Guidance Counsellor:

- Ms. Farwell (A Hou): michelle.farwell@yrdsb.ca
- Ms. Riolo (Hu Ma): rita.riolo@yrdsb.ca
- Ms. Hawkins (Mc Wr): <u>stephanie.hawkins@yrdsb.ca</u>
- Mr. Tam (Wu Z): jonathan.tam@yrdsb.ca

#### **Appointment Booking Instructions:**

- 1. Log into your TeachAssist account: https://ta.yrdsb.ca/yrdsb.
- 2. Under the subheading select "Appointment Bookings".
- 3. Choose your counsellor (based on your last name).
- 4. Click on the day and time you want to have your appointment.
- 5. Send an email to the counsellor with the appointment date and time.

Let them know if you prefer your appointment over the phone or by audio Google Meet.

6. If you need to cancel your appointment for any reason, click "Cancel". If you have any trouble making your appointment, please let the Guidance department know.

Students may begin to submit on February 16 at 9 a.m.

The deadline to submit is Wednesday, February 24 at 4 p.m. This is NOT "first come first serve."

Once course requests have been submitted, they cannot be changed. In early spring (after March Break), students and their parents/guardians will have an opportunity to request changes on their course verification sheets. After this time, course changes will not be made. For the 2021-2022 school year, elective course changes cannot be completed.

#### Michael Smith Challenge: Grade 9 and 10 Students

The <u>Michael Smith Challenge</u> is a national competition written by students in Grade 10 Science or lower. It emphasizes logical thinking and covers material in the science curriculum common to all provinces. The challenge fosters an appreciation of science as a career for talented young people and promotes national excellence in STEM related fields.

This challenge will be a one-hour, timed contest to be started and completed between 09:00-23:00 on **Wednesday**, **February 24**, **2021**. Students will complete the challenge individually at home and not during school hours. The recommended time to complete the one-hour challenge is after 18:00 when school work has been completed for the day. The challenge will consist of eight timed sections of randomized questions on the following topics:

Astronomy

Earth Science

Biology

Physics

Chemistry

Each question will be randomized in some fashion – mostly the numerical input – such that each student's set of questions will be unique.

Students may seek information during the contest from existing content in books or on the web, but may not seek assistance from another individual in person or remotely. If any contest questions are found to appear on social media platforms or on one of the many tutorial/homework help sites (e.g. chegg.com) the student associated with the question (which will have numerical parameters unique to each student) will be disqualified from the contest.

<u>Please click here to view/complete the permission form.</u>

Please go to School Cash Online to pay \$6.18 to cover UBC's marking cost per manuscript.

Both the payment and completed permission form are required for the student to be registered. Please make payment and submit the form by Friday February 19, 2021, 11:59 pm.

#### Free Triple P Parenting Virtual Sessions

Click the link below to view the current schedule of virtual seminars, groups and sessions you can attend with other parents in Ontario. Click the individual session listing or the 'register' button for more details or any special instructions:

https://www.triplep-parenting.ca/ont-en/find-help/find-a-session/

#### Celebrating Black Excellence Nominations are Now Open!

In honour of Black History Month, York Region District School Board will be celebrating Black excellence throughout the month of February and beyond by sharing stories of our students, alumni, staff, community members, community partners and our region as a whole.

Stories may be shared by YRDSB in the following ways:

Written feature stories/profiles

Social media profiles

Videos

If you would like to see samples of how stories will be shared, please visit the <u>Celebrating Black Excellence</u> page on the Board website, the Board <u>Youtube channel</u> and on Instagram and <u>Twitter</u>.

Do you have a story of Black Excellence about yourself or someone you know? If so, please consider nominating a student, alumni, staff member, community member or York Region resident through our <u>Celebrating Black Excellence</u> form. Nominations will be accepted from February 1, 2021 - February 15, 2021. For the latest YRDSB updates on Black History Month, click <u>here</u>.

#### **Black History Month Resources**

Celebration of Black History Month has been a part of Canadian society since the 1950s. Lieutenant Governor Hal Jackman declared February as Black History Month in Ontario in 1993, and in 1995, the Honorable Jean Augustine made the same declaration in the House of Parliament in Ottawa. These declarations set the stage for acknowledging the contributions of Black people of African Heritage to the cultural, economic, political and social fabric of Canada dating back to the early 1600s. They have also increased our awareness that people of African and Caribbean Heritage are an integral part of Canadian history. During the month of February, we deliberately reflect upon the legacy of African history in all its diversity, and we join all Canadians in celebrating Black History Month. During this month we are able to appreciate the significance of African people in world history by centering people of African, Caribbean, and Canadian heritage, famous and not so famous, who have influenced the nation and the world through their ideas, words and actions.

Resources from <u>School Mental Health Ontario</u> to support ongoing learning and engagement about Black history, anti-Black Racism, and mental health can be found <u>here</u>.

#### Message From Our Trustee

#### Dear families,

I hope that you and your families are healthy and doing well. I want to thank all of our students, families and staff members for their flexibility, patience and perseverance during the school closures. We understand that the pandemic is creating challenges and hardships, and we will continue to prioritize and do our very best to support the well-being, learning and achievement of our students during these difficult times.

There are resources on the Board website that students and families may find helpful, including tips for speaking with your child about COVID-19, support using technology, community and mental health resources and more at <a href="http://www.yrdsb.ca/school-reopening">www.yrdsb.ca/school-reopening</a>.

One of our <u>priorities</u> as a Board of Trustees is to Champion Equity and Inclusivity: we aim to develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes to remove barriers in support of all learners.

#### Anti-Black Racism

We want each and every one of our students to know that they are valued, welcome, safe and respected in our schools. We know that sadly that is not the reality for some students and that incidents of anti-Black racism continue to occur in our community and our schools. These incidents cause pain, make our students feel unsafe and affect their well-being and achievement. This is not acceptable.

In the coming weeks, we will be sharing information and inviting you to participate in the *Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Strategy: Creating anti-racist and Black affirming learning and working environments* virtual event. During this event we will be unveiling our Anti-Black Racism Strategy, which was developed in coordination with families, students, community partners, educators and members of our senior leadership team. The strategy was developed in response to continued evidence of anti-Black racism, and it will be a critical tool to support positive change in the system and to improve the experiences of Black students and staff. A series of training sessions, webinars and opportunities for learning will also be made available. Future communication will provide registration options.

I want to thank the members of the Anti-Black Racism Committee for generously giving their time, sharing their difficult experiences and their voice. We are committed to ensuring that this strategy is more than a piece of paper and are committed to doing the work to create more equitable learning environments.

I also want to acknowledge that February is Black History Month, and while we take this opportunity to highlight and celebrate the incredible contributions made by Black Canadians, we will also be looking forward to launching our Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Strategy. We will also be continuing our <u>celebration of Black excellence</u> in our community and I encourage you to take the time to read the stories of some of the inspiring individuals learning and working here in York Region.

We all have a role to play in creating a community that enables everyone in it to thrive, and in doing this work, we will create a more inclusive and positive environment for *all* of our students and families.

#### Canadian Computing Contest - February 17, 2021, 12-3 pm

The Canadian Computing Contest (CCC), administered by the University of Waterloo is a programming challenge for high school students with an interest in programming. It is an opportunity for students to test their ability to present coding solutions to five progressively challenging programming questions. Please see: Canadian Computing Competition (<u>https://cemc.uwaterloo.ca/contests/computing.html</u>) for more information.

The Computer Club of UHS has been allocating time on a weekly basis to coach and prepare students for this Contest. The link to join the computer club and find out more information about the contest can be found using this google classroom code: **om2xwer**.

#### Audience

Junior Level (Grades 9 or 10) — any student with elementary programming skills

Senior Level (Grades 11 or 12) - any student with intermediate to advanced programming skills

Any student may choose to write any level (Junior or Senior) of the contest.

#### Date & Time of Contest:

Date: Wednesday February 17th, 2021

Time: 12 noon to 3 pm (virtually)

Your child will be missing their synchronous classes during the time given above.

Parents are required to ensure that their child is completing this contest on their own, virtually, without any collaboration or assistance from anyone.

#### Process & Deadline for Registration: Monday February 8th by 3 pm

Please register your child and pay the required fee of \$8.25 by Monday, February 8th by 3 pm. via School Cash Online if you child is interested in participating.

#### A.B.L.E. Scholarship Opportunity

The Association of Black Law Enforcers (A.B.L.E.) created its Scholarship Program to commemorate the contributions of Rose Fortune (1774-1864) and Peter C. Butler III (1859- 1943) – the first Black police officers in Canada. By awarding scholarships, A.B.L.E. assists Black and visible minority students in achieving their educational and career aspirations. A.B.L.E. is committed to ensuring that the criminal justice system is reflective of the entire Canadian mosaic by providing opportunities for our young people to serve, protect, and correct.

Please share the following information with graduating students accepted at a designated educational institution that may be interested in this scholarship opportunity:

Application Form

Candidate Letter

Selection Criteria

Application deadline has been extended to March 22, 2021 at 5:00 pm.

For any questions, students may contact the Scholarship & Awards Committee Chair at <u>ablescholarship@gmail.com</u>.

#### **Student Trustee Election Dates**

Student Trustee Applications: January 15 to February 1, 2021; closes @ 11:59 am

Interview Selection of (4) Area Representative Candidates: February 17-19, 2021

The Campaign Period: February 22 - March 7, 2021; closes @ 11:59 p.m.

Online Voting: March 8-11, 2021; closes @ 8 p.m.

Election Results Announced: March 12, 2021

For further information and election resources, please visit the <u>Student Trustee website</u>. Questions may be submitted to <u>trustee.services@yrdsb.ca</u>.

#### **Continuing Education**

- A. Registration for Night School which will now be remote learning is open until February 11th. Semester Two Night School runs from February 18th to June 22nd. Courses will be delivered virtually in real time on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 9:45pm. This option is only open to students who cannot get their course during day school. To register, go onto My Pathway Planner and once you have chosen your course, print the Sign-Off sheet, have your parent/guardian sign it, then scan or take a picture of the form and email it to your guidance counsellor for approval. More information can be found at: <u>http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/ConEd/Pages/Night-School-Credit-Courses.aspx</u>
- B. Registration is now open for students to take Night School E-Learning. Students who are enrolled in courses worth less than 4 credits in a given semester might be eligible. Note: Night School e-Learning + Day School credits cannot exceed a total of 8 credits in a school year. Students who are interested must contact their Guidance Counsellor first in order to receive permission to register.
- Registration Details:
- Registration period: December 7, 2020 February 10, 2021
- Course dates: February 17- June 10, 2021
- **Registration fee:** No fee; the \$20 fee has been waived for the winter 2021 session

#### **Crisis Mental Health Support for Students**

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

- 310-COPE <u>www.yssn.ca</u>: 905-310-COPE (2673) or 1-855-310-COPE (2673) available 24/7
- <u>www.KidsHelpPhone.ca</u>: 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 <u>www.yorkhills.ca</u> for more information.
- Markham Stouffville Hospital <u>www.msh.on.ca</u>: 905-472-7000
- Poison Control <u>www.ontariopoisoncentre.ca</u>: 1-800-268-9017
- Lesbian Gay BI Trans Youth Line <u>www.youthline.ca</u>: 1-888-687-9689
- Trans Lifeline <u>www.translifeline.org</u>: 1-877-330-6366
- Black Youth Helpline <u>www.blackyouth.ca</u>: 1-833-294-8650
- York Region Children's Aid Society <u>www.yorkcas.org</u>: 905-895-2318
- York Region Abuse Program <u>www.centralhealthline.ca</u>: 905-895-3646
- Police-Fire-Ambulance 911

#### Virtual Clubs

Name of Club:	Staff Supervisor:	Accepting new members:
The UHS Gender and Sexuality Alliance	Ms. Sara Faulkner sara.faulkner@yrdsb.ca	YES
Article Club	Ms. Alyssa Chankseliani alyssa.chankseliani@yrdsb.ca	YES
Announcements Team	Mr. Nathan Struk nathan.struk@yrdsb.ca	membership paused
Architecture Club	Ms. Lisa Wong lisa.wong@yrdsb.ca	YES
Computer Club	Mr. Jey Anandarajan jey.anandarajan@yrdsb.ca	YES
UHS Robotics Team	Mr. Brian Cho & Mr. Jey Anandarajan <u>brian.cho@yrdsb.ca</u> jey.anandarajan@yrdsb.ca	YES
DECA	Mr. Don Pan & Mr. Wes Guldemond <u>kuo.pan@yrdsb.ca</u> wesley.guldemond@yrdsb.ca	membership closed
Experience Unionville High School - International Students	Ms. Erica Yu <u>shan-chen.yu@yrdsb.ca</u>	YES

Student Wellness Council	Ms. Michelle Farwell michelle.farwell@yrdsb.ca	YES
	Mr. Michael Johnston & Ms. Polina Di Francesco	
Environmental Council	michael.johnston@yrdsb.ca polina.difrancesco@yrdsb.ca	YES
The Unionville Howl (Newsletter)	Ms. Ann Choi <u>yu-kyung.choi@yrdsb.ca</u>	membership closed
Film Club	Mr. Shiraz Rafik <u>shiraz.rafik@yrdsb.ca</u>	YES
Music Council	Mr. Jeff Wrigglesworth jeff.wrigglesworth@yrdsb.ca	YES
Relay for Life	Ms. Jennifer Zamperin jennifer.zamperin@yrdsb.ca	YES
	Ms. Elaine Howard	
	Mr. Jeffrey Chan elaine.howard@yrdsb.ca	
Science Club	jeffrey.chan@yrdsb.ca	YES
STEM for Girls	Ms. Deborah Radbourne deborah.radbourne@yrdsb.ca	YES
Math Club	Ms. Daniela Panacci daniela.panacci@yrdsb.ca	YES
Social Justice Club	Mr. Manny Sanchez manuel.sanchez@yrdsb.ca	YES
French Club	Mr. Peter Lansing peter.lansing@yrdsb.ca	YES

#### **Community Partnership Developers**

The Community Partnership Developers (CPD) provide direct support for students and families through partnerships with community organizations and social service agencies. We support students and families with:

- community outreach and engagement
- nutrition and food supports
- parenting supports and education
- student and parent engagement
- early years and transition to high school
- locating services and/or community resources

- mental health
- basic needs (food, clothing, shelter)

If at any time, you are facing difficulties or challenges, we invite you to contact a member of your CPD East Area Team directly. We support all students and families of elementary and secondary schools in the Markham area.

Community Partnership Developers (CPD) East Area Team:

NAGESWARY SRIKUMARAGURU - Specialization (Regional): Tamil Community Email: <u>nageswary.srikumaraguru@yrdsb.ca;</u> Phone: 905-727-0022 Ext. 2449

SHANI BLAKE - Specialization (Regional): Performance Plus Schools Email: <a href="mailto:shani.blake@yrdsb.ca">shani.blake@yrdsb.ca</a>; Phone: 416-554-0362

SHARON ZHANG - Specialization (Regional): Chinese Community Email: <a href="mailto:sharon.zhang@yrdsb.ca">sharon.zhang@yrdsb.ca</a>; Phone: 905-884-2046 Ext. 2447

YASMIN MAWANI - Specialization (Regional): South Asian Community Email: <u>yasmin.mawani@yrdsb.ca;</u> Phone: 416-727-8179



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# Monday, February 22, 2021 6:30 pm - 8 pm

#### 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this Chapter!!!

PARENTS' Support Group-All are welcome! VIRTUAL MEETING

# **Guest Panel: Social Media: Positive Use during COVID-19**

Does your child's anxiety, ADHD, mood disorders, learning disability, or behaviour

challenges make parenting difficult? Join us...

PCMH Chapter Support is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Aurora York PCMH Chapter 5th ANNIVERSARY Meeting Time: Feb 22, 2021 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/94001101367?pwd=VFpTbGJQTEhUeWJkMzk2cUlBaWhzQT09

> Meeting ID: 940 0110 1367 Passcode: 403748 One tap mobile +14388097799..94001101367# Canada +15873281099,,94001101367# Canada

**Dial by your location** +1 647 374 4685 Canada +1 647 558 0588 Canada Meeting ID: 940 0110 1367 Find your local number: https://zoom.us/u/adEPMYilrm

#### Benefits of PCMH Support Group:

- meet other parents with children who have similar challenges
  - find encouragement and emotional support
  - learn strategies to help your child or youth at home/school
    - learn how to access resources in the community

PCMH is the only provincial, family-led, non-profit organization that provides a voice for families who face the challenges of child and youth mental health issues. PCMH provides support, education, and linkage between families, communities, agencies and government. PCMH believes in the promotion of family-centred principles of care. PCMH envisions a future in which children and youth with mental illness enjoy a high quality of life in welcoming and supportive communities. For more information and resources, please visit www.pcmh.ca.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm - 8 pm. Topic to be announced next flyer

#### York Region Alliance of African Canadian Communities Presents



Date: Saturday, February 13, 2021 Time: 11:00am – 2:00pm

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Keynote Speaker: Dr. Bettina Love Living A Hip Hop & Abolitionist Life: Creativity, Hip Hop Civics Ed and Black Joy

Afrocentric Entertainment

## **Breakout Sessions / Workshops:**

 The History of Drumming
 Celebrating Black Canadian Innovation
 Black Health Matters: caring for yourself inside and out
 Youth and Children Workshop

Venue: Virtual Event Registration: via Eventbrite at: bit.ly/YRAACCBHM2021

Visit www.yorkregionaacc.ca/events for more details.

For more information: Ann Marie Campbell (647) 280-9879 Info@yorkregionaacc.ca

# Black History Month STANDING ON STRONG SHOULDERS



Join us for an exciting lineup of virtual activities!

#### FEATURING:

Flag Raising Ceremony, Reception, Panel Discussion, Music, Guest Author, Ujamaa Black-Owned Marketplace and more!

Visit newmarket.ca/blackhistory for complete schedule, activities and to register.







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# **Understanding Gaming**

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Join Our Conversation As We Explore Young People's Interest In Computer and Video Games Play

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#### **Presented by:**

Hong Fook Mental Health Association

YRDSB Social Work Team CEC East

Performance Plus Team

Inclusive School And Community Services

Date: February 10th, 2021

日期:2021年2月10日,

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**Time:** 10:30 am – 12pm or 7:00pm to 8:30 pm 时间:上午10:30 –下12点或7:00 pm至8:30 pm

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Registration Deadline: February 4th, 2021/ 报名截止日期: 2021年2月4

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# 211 CENTRAL FACT SHEET

# What is 2-1-1?

Free | Confidential | 24/7 | 150+ Languages

211 is a free service that connects individuals and families with the complete range of government, health, community and social services in their communities.

# 211 Central Quick Facts:

- 211 can be accessed by:
  - Phone (Call 2-1-1 / Toll-Free Number: 1-877-330-3213 / TTY: 1-888-340-1001)
  - Online (Search <u>211Central.ca</u> for Toronto, Peel and York Regions / <u>Durham.211Central.ca</u> for Durham Region / <u>211Ontario.ca</u> for province-wide / <u>211.ca</u> for nation-wide)
  - Text (Send an SMS to 21166 / Monday-Friday | 7am-9pm EST)
  - Live Chat (<u>2110ntario.ca/chat</u> / Monday-Friday | 7am-9pm EST)
  - E-mail (gethelp@211Ontario.ca / Monday-Friday | 7am-9pm EST)
- 211 is free, confidential and available 24/7 (even on holidays) in 150+ languages
- When you dial 2-1-1, the line is answered by certified Service Navigators who will help you navigate the complexities of the human services system quickly and easily
- Contact 2-1-1 for information and referral to:
  - Health Services & Mental Health Supports
  - Income Support & Financial Assistance
  - Food Banks & Meal Programs
  - Housing Help
  - Seniors Support Services
  - and more...

Next time you are facing a non-emergency situation or are seeking community help and don't know where to turn, remember to contact 211! Help starts here.



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Technological Advances in Science, Medicine, and Engineering (TASME)

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## An international competition launched in conjunction with Tamil Heritage Month and Thai Pongal celebrations

<u>TASME</u> (Technological Advances in Science, Medicine, and Engineering) is a forum that brings researchers, professors and students together to share new knowledge, cultivate innovative thinking, and strengthen collaboration.

We encourage students to participate in this research-based poster competition that fosters ingenuity and creativity, encourages experimentation and teaches critical thinking and problemsolving. The competition is intended for students in Grades 9 to 12 who self-identify as Tamil and is open to all students that may be interested.

Through this competition, participants will also have an opportunity (when requested) to be mentored by a post-secondary faculty or student and to build a network in pursuit of post-secondary studies. The posters will be judged on their merits for prizes and certificates.

At this time, TSME is soliciting proposals (abstracts) from the participants. Proposals will be reviewed and participants will receive an acceptance letter with instructions to proceed.

#### Timeline

Proposal (Abstract) deadline: Final poster submission deadline: Virtual sharing of competition: February 5, 2021 May 15, 2021 May 29, 2021

#### Poster submission

Members in Charge of the Poster Session:

Prof. Nades Palaniyar, Senior Scientist, The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Canada Prof. Bala Maheswaran, Faculty Member, Northeastern University, Boston, USA Prof. Nirusha Thavarajah, Faculty Member, University of Toronto, Scarborough, Canada Prof. Sam Thiagalingam, Faculty Member, Boston University, Boston, USA Prof. Ampalavanar Nanthakumar, Faculty Member, SUNY-Oswego, Oswego, US

#### **Contact information:**

tasme@tasmeconferences.org





Speeches Due: Friday, March 12, 2021



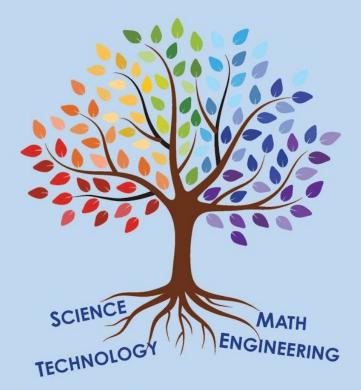
# GRADE 6-12 STUDENTS, HERE IS YOUR CHANCE TO BE HEARD!

Prepare a 3-minute speech sharing your thoughts on how to make positive change while commenting on Holocaust survivor Simon Wiesenthal's quote:

"The history of humankind is the history of crimes and history can repeat. So information is a defense. Through this we can build, we must build, a defense against repetition."

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# **STEM THE ROOTS OF SKILLED TRADES AND TECHNOLOGY** TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm



We are inviting ALL YRDSB parents/guardians of YRDSB Elementary and Secondary students to join York Region District School Board's Pathways Team & Skills Ontario on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

to learn about careers related to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) as well as initiatives and resources available from Skills Ontario.

# **GOOGLE STREAM**

\*Please note: you will need to log into your child's YRDSB Gapps account to access the online webinar stream. \*Register in advance: <u>BIT.LY/YRDSB-STEM</u>



