



UHS Parent Weekly Bulletin –Vol.19

Friday, January 22, 2021



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Extensions:

Reception - 431
 Attendance - 230
 Guidance - 458

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[Click here](#)

Tweets

@UHSupdates

Rotation - 8

Jan 14 - Jan 29

Morning Block (virtual) 8:30-11:00

Period 4

11:00 - 12:30 PM

Transportation and Lunch

Synchronous Learning 12:30-1:20 PM

Period 3

Synchronous Learning 1:20-2:10

Period 1

Synchronous Learning 2:10—3:00 PM

Period 2

25	26	27	28	29
4B	4A	4B	4A	4B

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, January 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Council (7:00 PM)
Tuesday, January 26	
Wednesday, January 27	
Thursday, January 28	
Friday, January 29	

We hope this correspondence finds you healthy and safe. We wish to provide as much information as possible regarding the transition from Semester 1 to Semester 2. YRDSB continues to follow the direction of York Region Public Health and the Ministry of Education regarding COVID-19 safety. Unless otherwise instructed, school buildings will remain closed until February 10, 2021. We are currently preparing to transition into Semester 2.

Students will receive their Semester 2 Timetables prior to February 3. Additional information will follow.

The following are some key dates for you to be aware of:

Feb. 1: PA Day

Feb. 2: Credit Conferencing and Rescue Day

- Some students will be involved in activities to support completion of Semester 1 courses. Students are expected to attend only as directed by their teacher.

Feb. 3: Online morning classes only

- In the morning, all students will attend classes online in 30 minute blocks as per the times below. Students will receive an invitation to their digital classrooms before their first period class:

Period 1: 8:30 - 9:00

Period 2: 9:05 - 9:35

Period 3: 9:40 - 10:10

Period 4: 10:15 - 10:45

- In the afternoon, there are no classes scheduled.

Feb. 4 - 10: Current School Closure - All Classes Online

- For the duration of the school closure, we will follow a revised school schedule. Students will follow a semester schedule and will attend their classes online in 75 minute periods with a five minute break between the morning periods and between the afternoon periods as per the schedule below. School start and end times remain the same. An 80 minute lunch break will occur between period 2 and 3.

Period one: 8:30 am – 9:45 am

Break: 9:45 am – 9:50 am

Period two: 9:50 am – 11:05 am

Lunch: 11:05 am – 12:25 pm

Period three: 12:25 pm – 1:40 pm

Break: 1:40 pm – 1:45 pm

Period Four: 1:45 pm – 3:00 pm

This change is based on feedback from students and families about the 150 minute period students are currently experiencing.

Once schools reopen, the schedule will return to the adaptive model as used in the fall.

Feb. 11-16: Report Cards sent home

- Semester 1 Report Cards will be sent home via students' GAPPS accounts.

We recognize that you and your child may have questions regarding this information. Please contact the school administrator to discuss any questions.

If you have concerns about how your child may be affected by the current circumstances, including any concerns related to mental health, help is available. Resources and supports related to student mental health can be accessed through YRDSB COVID-19 Mental Health Resources for Students and Families. If you ever have an immediate safety concern for your child, including risk of suicide, please contact your local hospital or emergency services by calling 911 immediately.

We remain deeply committed to supporting our students and families as we continue to navigate the effects of COVID-19 on education. If our school can support your family, we encourage you to connect with us.

For Students in Virtual School

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School Council Meeting: Monday, January 25 at 7:00 pm

Please find the tentative agenda below for our next School Council meeting. A meeting link will be shared with all parents/guardians by Monday afternoon.

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Meeting Format
2. SHSM/Co-op: Ms. Jennifer Minos
3. Course Selection: Ms. Rita Riolo
4. Semester 2 Start-up: Important Dates
5. Pro-Grant Application
6. Virtual Clubs
7. Questions

We look forward to hosting Monday evening's virtual School Council Meeting.

TVO Virtual Supports

Please click [here](#) to access TVO Supports for Virtual Learning.

Further information and support can be found at the following:

Request an online session: bit.ly/TVOEventRequest

Explore TVO's Digital Resources: <https://www.tvo.org/education-tools>

Student Mental Health & Addictions Newsletter

As a result of a provincially mandated lockdown due to rising COVID -19 cases across the province, we end the Winter Break with a return to virtual learning. Although this will present a challenge for some and disappointment for others, our focus will be on how to keep one another physically healthy and maintain social connections and mental health while distance learning. This month's edition of our Mental Health newsletter will focus on ways to stay socially connected during this continued time of physical distancing. To view the January 2021 newsletter, please click [here](#).

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 [Student Trustee website](#). Questions may be submitted to trustee.services@yrdsb.ca.

Continuing Education

- A. Registration for Night School which will now be remote learning is open until February 11th. 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: <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/ConEd/Pages/Night-School-Credit-Courses.aspx>
- 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
 - **More information** can be found at: <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/e-learning/Pages/default.aspx>

Crisis Mental Health Support for Students

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

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

Computer Club	Mr. Jey Anandarajan jey.anandarajan@yrdsb.ca	YES
UHS Robotics Team	Mr. Brian Cho & Mr. Jey Anandarajan brian.cho@yrdsb.ca jey.anandarajan@yrdsb.ca	YES
DECA	Mr. Don Pan & Mr. Wes Guldemon kuo.pan@yrdsb.ca wesley.guldemon@yrdsb.ca	membership closed
Experience Unionville High School - International Students	Ms. Erika Yu shan-chen.yu@yrdsb.ca	YES
Student Wellness Council	Ms. Michelle Farwell michelle.farwell@yrdsb.ca	YES
Environmental Council	Mr. Michael Johnston & Ms. Polina Di Francesco michael.johnston@yrdsb.ca polina.difrancesco@yrdsb.ca	YES
The Unionville Howl (Newsletter)	Ms. Ann Choi yu-kyung.choi@yrdsb.ca	membership closed
Film Club	Mr. Shiraz Rafik shiraz.rafik@yrdsb.ca	YES
Music Council	Mr. Jeff Wrigglesworth jeff.wrigglesworth@yrdsb.ca	YES
Relay for Life	Ms. Jennifer Zamperin jennifer.zamperin@yrdsb.ca	YES
Science Club	Ms. Elaine Howard Mr. Jeffrey Chan elaine.howard@yrdsb.ca 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
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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: nageswary.srikumaraguru@yrdsb.ca; Phone: 905-727-0022 Ext. 2449

SHANI BLAKE - Specialization (Regional): Performance Plus Schools
Email: shani.blake@yrdsb.ca; Phone: 416-554-0362

SHARON ZHANG - Specialization (Regional): Chinese Community
Email: sharon.zhang@yrdsb.ca; Phone: 905-884-2046 Ext. 2447

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

Financial Support for Parents/Guardians

You can get financial support to help with additional costs during the 2020-2021 school year due to COVID-19.

Eligible applicants will receive a one-time payment of:

- \$200 for each child or youth up to Grade 12
- \$250 for each child or youth up to age 21 with special needs

The deadline to apply is **February 8, 2021**.

You are eligible to apply if you live in Ontario and are a:

- parent or guardian to a child or youth up to Grade 12
- secondary school student over the age of 18
- parent or guardian to a child or youth that is 21 or younger and has special needs

[Click here to apply for Support for Learners Funding.](#)

International Holocaust Remembrance Day

January 7 is International Holocaust Remembrance Day. This date was designated by resolution of the United Nations General Assembly in November 2005. The day reaffirms “that the Holocaust, which resulted in the murder of one third of the Jewish people along with countless members of other minorities, will forever be a warning to all people of the dangers of hatred, bigotry, racism and prejudice” (UN General Assembly A/60/L.12). This day serves as an international memorial day for the victims of the Nazi Holocaust, which saw the murder of 6 million Jews, 2 million Roma people, and 15,000 people who were 2SLGBTQ+. January 27 marks the date when the Nazi concentration and extermination camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau was liberated by Soviet troops in 1945.

[Click here to find out more about the #WeRemember Campaign.](#)

#WeRemember

International Holocaust Remembrance Day

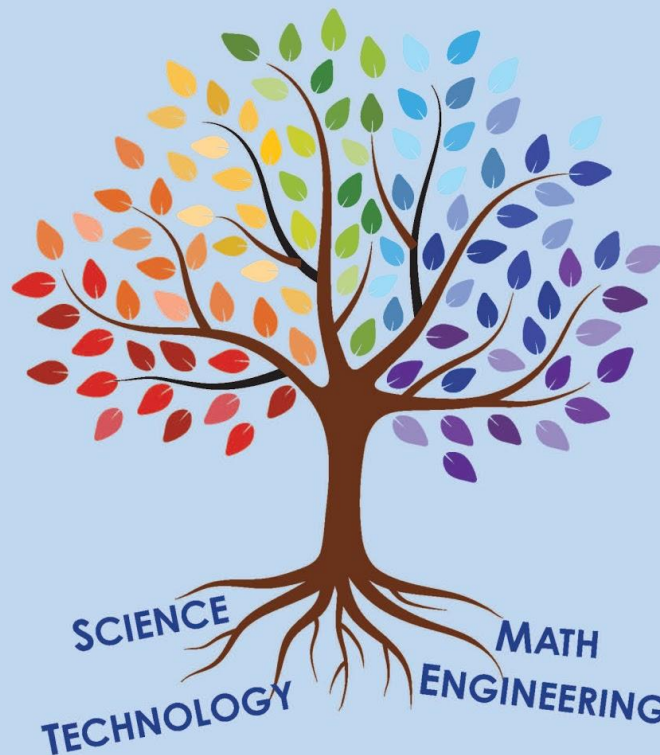


YORK REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD & SKILLS ONTARIO
INVITE YOU TO AN INFORMATION SESSION ON

STEM

THE ROOTS OF SKILLED TRADES AND TECHNOLOGY

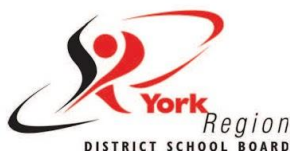
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm



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:** [BIT.LY/YRDSB-STEM](https://bit.ly/YRDSB-STEM)





APPLY TODAY FOR THE
John West Memorial "Leaders of Tomorrow"
Scholarship Award

The Town of Aurora believes in recognizing our Leaders of Tomorrow, who have made a positive impact in our community and inspire and give us hope for the future. This award honours youth contributions to the advancement and well-being of our community.

Graduating students who are residents of Aurora or who attend school in Aurora can win

\$1,000

DEADLINE TO APPLY:
MAY 1, 2021

To Be Considered:

- Submit a completed application by the deadline
- Be a graduating secondary student
- Be a resident of Aurora or attend school in Aurora
- Be entering your first year of full-time secondary study (college, university or equivalent)

How To Apply:

- Applications can be downloaded from aurora.ca/leadersoftomorrow
- Completed applications can be submitted to youth@aurora.ca or the Department of Community Services at Town Hall, 100 John West Way, Aurora ON, L4G 6J1, Attention: Youth Division

Questions About Applying?



youth@aurora.ca



aurora.ca/leadersoftomorrow

