

HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS WEEK'S BULLETIN

Reminder to All Families Dog Therapy The Come Up Summer Program YRDSB Student and Family Survey 2021-2022 After School and Evening Mental Health Supports in Light of War in Ukraine and Global Conflicts 2022 PEAC Spring/Summer 2022 Edition of Engagement Matters Newsletter NACCA Survey Asian Heritage Month and Events

2 WEEK CALENDAR - MAY/JUNE

23		24	25	26	27
	Victoria Day (No Classes)		Dog Therapy Room 301 11:00-12:00pm	UHS Prom Paradise Banquet Hall 6:00-10:00pm	
30		31	1 (JUNE)	2	3
		Grade 11/12 STEM Activity Day Spring Concert @ Apple Creek Church 6:00-9:00pm	Dog Therapy Room 301 12:10-1:10pm Dance + Photography Trip @ Unionville Main Street 8:30-2:30pm	Outdoor Education Trip @ Crawford Lake	Outdoor Education Trip @ Crawford Lake

REMINDER TO ALL FAMILIES

UHS is closed to all students at 4:30pm daily unless students are under direct supervision of a UHS Staff member!

Dog Therapy



The St. John's Ambulance Dog Therapy program will be coming again next week! Drop into to see the team on:

Wednesday, May 25 at lunch (11am-12pm)

Paula and Cedar, Labradoodle

Chris and Lolly, Australian Shepherd

Shannon and Darwin, Basset Hound

The Come Up Summer Program

Attention UHS Families,

The Come Up Summer Program is a unique **in-person** experience for self-identifying Black students (and their parents/guardians) in the York Region District School Board who will be entering grade 9 or 10 in September 2022. The program will begin Wednesday, July 6 and end Friday, July 29, 2022 (9:00am - 3:30pm). Students will have an opportunity to successfully earn a high school credit by participating in a fun and dynamic program. Some of the topics may include: positive identity formation and affirmation, career pathways, emotional intelligence, social media, digital literacy, entrepreneurship and legal rights. Each activity/workshop is designed to prepare and support Black students as they embark on a new journey.

A big thank you goes out to Mr. Ramgoolam for leading the charge on this amazing opportunity for our students! If parents/guardians have any questions, please reach out to any member of the UHS Administration Team.

Please click here for more information.

YRDSB Student and Family Survey 2021-2022

Our Board values student and family input. We will be inviting students and families to participate in the surveys between June 1 - 30, 2022. Information from these surveys will help to ensure our schools provide safe, inclusive and respectful environments that support student achievement and well-being. Survey results will be used to identify areas that need to be addressed, monitor progress and plan strategies to support students and their families. Surveys will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. Schools will provide in-class time between June 1 and June 30 for students in Grades 7-12 to participate in the survey. The survey is anonymous. Information provided will be considered confidential and kept in strict accordance with all relevant legislation. Survey results will remain confidential and will be collated along with the responses of all students and all families in the form of a summary report (i.e., only aggregate / grouped data will be reported).

The Family Survey will be made available online in English, Arabic, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Farsi, Gujarati, Hebrew, Korean, Punjabi, Russian, Tamil, Turkish, Urdu, and Vietnamese. To accommodate participants with varying exceptionalities, both the family and student surveys can be completed using voice recognition software such as Google Read & Write. The questions in the survey are compatible with screen readers Participation is voluntary; students and families may choose not to participate in the surveys. Families can request to not receive the Family Survey, or for their child(ren) to not receive the Student Survey by contacting research.services@yrdsb.ca with their child(ren)'s first name, last name, student number, and school name. For accessing the survey in an alternate format or if you have any further questions or comments, please contact Research Services at research.services@yrdsb.ca. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks!

After School and Evening Mental Health Supports in Light of War in Ukraine and Global Conflicts 2022

The war in Ukraine is affecting YRDSB students, staff, families and communities. As a school board, we rely on and support international efforts for peace and reconciliation. We also remain committed to learning and working from anti-racist, anti-oppressive, anti-colonial and traumainformed frameworks and to ensuring that our schools and workplaces remain safe, welcoming and equitable places where students and staff feel safe, affirmed, respected and protected. Families and educators can support children and youth in understanding and coping with the impact of the war in Ukraine. Most children and youth are resilient and will cope well with the support and caring of their families, teachers, friends, and other caring adults.

In light of the current war in Ukraine and our ongoing commitment to the Student Well-Being and Mental Health goals outlined in the <u>Director's Action Plan (DAP)</u>, the York Region District School Board School Psychology and Social Work staff have collaborated with <u>CRES</u> Partner, <u>COSTI</u> <u>Immigrant Services</u> to offer three supportive mental health gatherings for parents/caregivers, students grades 6-8, and students grades 9-12.

The series: YRDSB in Collaboration with COSTI : Mental Health Event for Families and Youth in Light of the War in Ukraine : An evening to "Acknowledge – Bridge- and Connect" During Global Conflicts

The events are open to all parents, caregivers, and families acknowledging that we all may have different experiences in relation to the war in Ukraine. For some it may be very personal, and for others with similar lived experiences, it may also be emotionally impactful. At the events, families will hear about common reactions to stress and trauma as well as potential ways to cope and support their mental health and their child using the ABCs (i.e., Acknowledge, Bridge, Connection) of Mental Health. Youth will hear about common reactions to stress and trauma as well as potential ways to cope and support their mental health using the ABCs of Mental Health. Each event will end with a brief panel discussion responding to pre-submitted participant questions.

After School and Evening Events:

- Parent/Caregiver Virtual Session: June, 1, 2022, 6:30-7:30 pm
- Students Grades 6-8 Virtual session: May 24, 2022, 4:00-5:00 pm
- Students Grades 9-12 Virtual session: May 30, 2022, 4:00-5:00 pm

Parents/ Caregivers can use this <u>registration form</u> to register for the parent/caregiver session, or to register their child in a student session. Registration closes on May 20, 2022. More information about the session can be found within the <u>registration form</u>.

For more information about the After School and Evening Mental Health Supports in Light of War In Ukraine please contact:

Patricia Marra-Stapleton, Mental Health Lead, patricia.marra-stapleton@yrdsb.ca.

Dr. Sue Ball, Chief of Psychological Services sue.ball@yrdsb.ca. or

Teresa Riccitelli, Interim Chief of Social Work and Attendance Services teresa.riccitelli@yrdsb.ca

PEAC Spring/Summer 2022 Edition of Engagement Matters Newsletter

We are delighted to share with you the Spring/Summer 2022 edition of <u>Engagement Matters</u>. This newsletter is designed to inspire, connect and inform families across our school board.

This month's newsletter includes useful information about...

- Links to current policies and guidelines for events and fundraisers
- Tips for supporting your child while watching them grow
- Year-end event ideas and school council tasks
- Feedback opportunities on policy review
- Information on becoming a PEAC member detail and application form

NACCA Survey

NACCA is creating a new strategic plan and we want to hear from you! The survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete. The first 100 participants will receive a \$25 gift card from Sunrise Caribbean Restaurant or Taste of the Islands. All survey participants will have a chance to win one of 25 \$100 Indigo gift cards. Survey timeline is May 18 - May 31, 2022 NACCA Flyer and Survey

Asian Heritage Month and Events

May is Asian Heritage Month. The following links are some events happening during this month.

Asian Heritage Month Flyer

East Asian Youth Speak Flyer

Family Dynamics and Mental Health Workshop (Mandarin)

Family Dynamics and Mental Health Workshop (Cantonese)

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 in the areas with yellow paint that say "NO PARKING" as this is a 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 seen by the City as parked, stopped without a student exiting or entering, or left idling in this zone will be ticketed. Unfortunately,

Unionville High School has no jurisdiction over this and we are unable to support families who have been ticketed other than to redirect them to raise this issue with the City of Markham. However, we are currently engaging in dialogue with the City of Markham ByLaw department to determine how best we can resolve these issues. We recognize that this situation has caused upset amongst the UHS Community and we thank you for your patience. Please be reminded that 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. <u>Please click here for more information</u>.

Grade 9 EQAO Math

Attention families of Grade 9 students: This week we have finalized our Spring EQAO Math Assessment dates: EQAO Math will take place on June 14 and 15, 2022 for all Face-to-face students who are currently taking Grade 9 Math. We will be in touch once more information becomes available...stay tuned!

May is Wellness Month

Greetings, Wolves!

The UHS Wellness Council welcomes you to join us in Wellness May! An entire month dedicated to learning more about topics associated with our well-being! Our focus this Wellness May will be on diverse groups and cultures!. Students and families alike can follow us on Instagram @uhswellnesscouncil where we will be posting each week about...

- Physical Health (May 1 7)
- Nutritional Health (May 8 14)
- Mental Health (May 15 21)
- Sexual Health (May 22 28)

Keep an eye out for our Instagram posts, morning announcements, and posters around the school for more information and updates!

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.

GRAD COMPOSITE

Hello potential grads! Please see below an important message about your graduation composite.

In person students - Please stop by the Guidance Office to confirm that your graduation photo and name is correct for the graduation composite. You must sign off beside your name and picture in the white binder at Ms. Louie's desk. This must be done no later than **Tuesday, May 24, 2022.**

For virtual students - We will be emailing your picture and name for approval to your GAPPS account. Please respond no later than **Tuesday, May 24, 2022.**

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 <u>School Start-Up Forms</u> 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 <u>School Start-Up Forms</u> 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

Guidance News

Community Involvement Hours

Now is 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 1st. 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 <u>graduating students</u>. 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, <u>with the requirement to complete a reflection exercise</u> <u>indicating how their work contributed to service for others</u> (e.g., grocery work during the pandemic). This will need to be completed by clicking on the following link: CI Reflection Form: <u>https://bit.ly/ciReflection</u>

• 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.

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 <u>Resources for accessing and using Google Classroom</u> and <u>Brightspace/D2L</u> can be found on the Board website in addition to other <u>family resources</u> and <u>student tools and resources</u>. 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.

Summer School Information

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**



Online Learning - Secondary Summer School

Online Learning courses are specifically designed to be taught in a fully online format in an asynchronous model. Students are able to access course content at any time with daily check-in opportunities with their teacher.

Acceleration full-credit courses, 18 days: Monday July 4 to Wednesday July 27 Civics & Careers Acceleration half-credit courses: July 4 to July 13 (S1) & July 14 to July 27 (S2)

• Students interested in taking both Civics and Careers must select one course from each session CHV205 (S1) & GLC206 (S2) or GLC205 (S1) & CHV206 (S2)

For more information:

- Please visit our website: Summer Learning Opportunities
- Contact your school Guidance counsellor
- Contact Continuing Education with 'Secondary Summer School' in the subject line at
 In-Person Learning <u>continuing.education@vrdsb.ca</u>
 - Online Learning online.learning@yrdsb.ca

Please note: course offerings are not guaranteed as they are subject to sufficient enrolment and available staffing.

Summer Pathway Programs

Hong Fook Youth & Family Services

Spring Programs - <u>English</u> Spring Programs - <u>Chinese</u>

Spring Scholarship News

Direct Applications:

BFCN Scholarship:

BFCN Scholarship BFCN believes that access to education of all forms is important for the continued success and development of youth in our community. Their Scholarship Program is designed to address a few of the gaps and barriers in order to increase access to post-secondary education and support Black students and their families.

Deadline: July 31, 2022

https://bfcn.ca/scholarships/

School Sponsored Applications:

Lieutenant Governor's Community Volunteer Award for Students (School sponsored/UHS application)

Due: May 20th, 2022 (pin and certificate, non-monetary award), as 1 file to Ms. Hawkins via email (stephanie.hawkins@yrdsb.ca)

Application available on Google Classroom.

This award recognizes an exemplary volunteer among the graduating students of each of Ontario's secondary schools. It pays tribute to students who go above and beyond the required 40 hours of Community Involvement and demonstrate outstanding achievement through a volunteer activity.

Students must complete the application form on the Scholarship Google Classroom.

Markham Dental Award (\$300) (school nomination/ UHS submission)

Due: June 3rd, 2022 by 3pm

Please send as 1 file to Ms. Hawkins via email (stephanie.hawkins@yrdsb.ca). The application can be found on the Scholarship Google Classroom

Students will write a letter addressed to Dr. Tai, which indicates University and the program in which the student plans to be enrolled for September. You will also include contact details.

Criteria for selection:

- High academics
- Leadership skills
- Involvement in community and school activities
- And one of the following:
 - a) Demonstrate a genuine interest in dentistry through extra-curricular activities
 - b) May be interested in studying dentistry in the future
 - c) Are studying Science or Life Sciences at University in September

Southeast Collector Environmental Services Award (\$1000 Bursary)

Due: June 3rd, 2022 to Guidance by 3pm, as 1 file to Ms. Hawkins via email (stephanie.hawkins@yrdsb.ca)

The Award is available for current Grade 12 students pursuing post-secondary studies in advanced education in the environmental field in universities, colleges and certificate or apprenticeship programs leading to an environmental trade.

Application is found on the Scholarship Google Classroom.

Markham Public Library Links					
Upcoming programs at Markham Library					
Discover Your Digital Library					
What To Read Next					
<u>Shared Reading with MPL</u> - Wed May 25 11 AM ZOOM <u>ASK MPL</u> - <u>GRAB & GO BAG</u> - <u>PLAN A VISIT</u> - <u>FACEBOOK - TWITTER</u> - <u>INSTAGRAM</u>					
Crisis Mental Health Supports For Student					
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 <u>https://www.ontario.ca/page/mental-health-services</u>: 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

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.**

COVID-19 Reminders

As you may be aware, the <u>Government of Ontario</u> 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 <u>COVID-19</u> <u>School and Child-Care Screening Tool</u> (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.

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BFCN Scholarships			
Celebrating Asian Heritage Month			
Grade 12 Leadership in Social Justice Achievement Awards			
Free Admission to the CNE!			
Health and Safety Monthly Message – The Bugs of Summer			
Learning about Elections!			
NACCA Award			
Summer Company 2021 - Apply Now			
Summer Employment			
Summer Learning: Bringing STEM to Life: Work-Integrated Learning Programs			
Summer Mentorship Program			
The Centre for Black Student Excellence Newsletter			
Yogic Home Remedies Workshop			
YRP Community Safety Village Camps 2022			

Exploring the College Experience: A Parent's Guide to Seneca

TOPICS COVERED:

- College overview with a strong focus on degree programs
- Pathways to transfer from diploma to degree and college to university
- Open programs for Fall 2022
- Counselling & Accessibility support and IEPs
- Financial aid

Seneca

Dual Credit opportunities for high school students

PRESENTER:

Kevin Richardson, Student Recruitment Officer and proud Seneca graduate



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@SenecaDC



Email: dualcredit@senecacollege.ca Phone: 416.491.5050 ext. 22223

Click Here To Register

Interested in entering a Trade? Please join us at the following virtual presentation!



UPCOMING EVENTS

June 9, 2022	AU Celebration (7pm-8:30pm)	
June 13, 2022	Music Recital @ Unionville Presbyterian Church (6pm-10pm)	
June 21, 2022	PEAK Bowling Tournament (9:30 - 2:00 pm)	
June 27, 2022	Graduation Ceremony at Hilton Markham (6:30pm)	
June 30, 2022	P.A.Day - No Classes	

TIMETABLE SCHEDULE

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