



UHS Parent Weekly Bulletin

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2021-2022 Student Schedule

School begins:	8:30 a.m.
Homeroom (5 min):	8:30 a.m. - 8:35 a.m.
Block One (150 min):	8:35 a.m. - 11:05 a.m.
Travel time (5 min):	11:05 a.m. - 11:10 a.m.
Lunch (50 min):	11:10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Travel time (5 min):	12:00 p.m. - 12:05 p.m.
Block Two (150 min):	12:05 p.m. - 2:35 p.m.
School ends:	2:35 p.m.

November	15	16	17	18	19
Week 2 (periods 3,4)	P.A. Day - No Classes	ATM10M - Virtual Hip Hop Workshop (12:30-1:30) PM	Last day to speak to a Guidance Counsellor to request to drop a course	Last day to drop a course OSSLT for non-graduating Grade 11 & 12 Students - Asynchronous for grades 9, 10 & Graduates	OUAC & OCAS Marks Transmission
November	22	23	24	25	26
Week 1 (periods 1,2)				Midterm Report Cards distributed electronically Nov 25-Nov 30	

Secondary PA Day - November 15, 2021

This is a reminder that the Secondary School Professional Activity (PA) Day originally scheduled for November 19, 2021 is changing and will now occur on **November 15, 2021**. Secondary schools will be closed to students on November 15, 2021 and reopen on November 16, 2021. A regular school day is scheduled for November 19, 2021, and students are expected to attend.

If you have any questions, please contact the main office.

Community Routine Immunization Clinics

Please see this [letter from York Region Public Health regarding community routine immunizations](#) for students in Grades 7-12.

November is Hindu Heritage Month

On December 8, 2016, the province of Ontario designated November as Hindu Heritage Month as outlined in [the Hindu Heritage Month Act](#). Hindus first arrived in Canada at the beginning of the 20th century. During various waves of immigration, Hindus from all parts of the world continued to make Canada their home from the 1960s to present day. There are many Hindus who have settled in the Greater Toronto Area, including York Region. "By proclaiming the month of November as Hindu Heritage Month, the Province of Ontario recognizes the important contributions that Hindu Canadians have made to Ontario's social, economic, political and cultural fabric. Hindu Heritage Month is an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about Hindu Canadians and the important role that they have played and continue to play in communities across Ontario."

Hinduism is considered by some as one of the world's oldest religions, dating back over 10,000 years. With over 900 million followers worldwide, Hinduism is the third-largest religion. Hinduism is a henotheistic religion that worships one God without denying the existence of other gods. Some of these deities include Brahma, Shiva, Paarvathi, Lakshmi, Ganesha, Muruga, Kaali, and Vishnu, along with others. Hinduism consists of many traditions and festivities that are celebrated throughout the year. Diwali, Navaratri, and Ganesh Chaturthi are some main ones in which Hindus participate in Ontario, Canada, and around the world.

Association of Sri Lankan Graduates of Canada: Guidance for Higher Studies

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS (GR. 9 – 12) & PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Date : Saturday, December 4, 2021
Time : 9:30 am – 1:30 pm
Venue : Online Zoom Meeting
Admission : Free
Register at : <https://tinyurl.com/tee28my5>

Looking for information on....

- Career Choices
- University/College Selections
- Scholarships & Grant Applications
- Secondary School Course Selections



This workshop is designed to serve as a forum for dissemination of information, exchange of ideas, and sharing of academic and professional experiences. The moderators and the panelists are selected on the basis of their success in their chosen profession and their ability to relate to youth. As usual, The Association of Sri Lankan Graduates of Canada is conducting the event free of charge to all students and parents who attend.

[Click here to register](#)

Scholarship News

Please continue to check the Scholarship and Enrichment Opportunities classroom (Code: bzs6yex). As more information becomes available from different organizations about their new due dates for 2021-2022, we will be updating the classroom accordingly.

Please make sure you read all application instructions and eligibility criteria carefully for any scholarship you are planning to apply to.

Upcoming direct application:

- [The Terry Fox Humanitarian Award](#) - December 1st, 2021

OSSLT Fall Administration: Thursday, November 18

This year, there will be two administrations of the OSSLT (Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test).

- **The first administration is scheduled to take place on Thursday, November 18. This fall administration is reserved for grade 11 students and for any non-graduating grade 12 students.**
- (The second administration will take place in the spring and be reserved for grade 10 students.)
- Only students writing the test will attend school on this day.
- Students not writing the test (grade 9, 10, and 12 classes) will be working from home. Teachers will provide students with asynchronous work.
- Special Education Community Classes will follow their regular schedule.
- School bus and taxi service will run according to their regular schedules.
- Students who plan to graduate next year will be expected to have earned the literacy requirement as per the Ministry of Education.
- The test will be completed using a digital format with technology supplied by the Board.
- Remote students must write at school. Plans are being made to ensure that all health and safety measures are followed.
- In order to prepare for the test, our Literacy Teacher, Mr. Rafik, will be visiting classes and conferencing with individual students.

Reporting and Full Disclosure: See Updates Below

Semester 1 Midterm Reporting - All students

York Region District School Board will be issuing electronic copies of the Semester 1 midterm report cards between November 25-30. The electronic copy will be sent to the student's GAPPS email and instructions on how to access the report will be emailed to all families prior to their release.

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.

OUAC and OCAS Upload for Potential Graduates

Semester 1 midterm marks will be shared with OCAS and OUAC on November 19, 2021. **Students in Grade 11 and 12 courses will be notified of their report card mark by their classroom teacher by November 16, 2021.**

Potential graduates who are applying to an Ontario College and/or University who are planning to drop a course are encouraged to connect with their guidance counsellor in advance of these dates. Guidance appointments can be booked through Teachassist.

Please review the timelines below:

November 16	Teachers will share mid semester mark updates with students in Grade 11 and 12 courses.
November 11 - 18	Potential graduates applying to an Ontario College or University that are planning to drop a course, and do not wish to have the course mark shared with OUAC/OCAS are advised to connect with their Guidance Counsellor.
November 19	School to submit Semester 1 midterm and/or final marks (for quadmester courses) to OUAC and OCAS.
December 10	This is the full disclosure date which is the final day that a student, in a grade 11 or 12 course, may drop a course in order that it not be recorded on the Ontario Student 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 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.



UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
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Reach Ahead to Kinesiology

March Break Program for Black Youth

March 14-18, 2022 • FREE

Experience student life at the University of Toronto and explore the field of kinesiology, where health and physical activity intersect!

- ✓ Interactive workshops and activities
- ✓ Connect with professors and staff in the Faculty of Kinesiology & Physical Education
- ✓ Mentorship opportunities with currently enrolled Black and racialized students
- ✓ 20 funded spots, including meals and stay in a local hotel

Learn more at
uoft.me/kpereachahead



UHS Anthology II: A Snapshot in Time



Stories and artwork are vital to our mental health. They promote wellness and reflection and help us move forward in our day to day. This was especially important given the challenges that students and staff faced during the 2020 – 2021 school year.

As such, students were invited to share their personal narratives and artwork related to their mental health, studies, personal development, school spirit and any other topics that aligned with our topic, a snapshot in time.

This project was led by Student Project Manager, Shanzay Kamran, with student contributors from both UHS adaptive and SVS learning models.



Copies of *A Snapshot in Time* can be purchased through a secure link by visiting bit.ly/3vNDbEe

The password is “unionville2021”.



Students and families can also watch a video that highlights the project and its process by visiting bit.ly/uhs2021. Look under the Student Life and School Shop tabs.


Students must be logged into their gapps account to access the Student Life webpage.


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*Do you enjoy helping others?
Do you want to earn community service hours?*

BECOME A PEER TUTOR!!

We are now accepting applications to become peer tutors! Use your GAPPS email to submit your application here:

<https://bit.ly/BecomeTutorUHS>

You will receive a **PDF** in your GAPPS email containing a form that needs to be signed by a parent/guardian.

Please place the signed forms in the guidance department dropbox located outside the guidance office.

*****Signed forms are required!*****

*Need some extra help in class?
Do you learn better with a buddy?*

REQUEST A PEER TUTOR!!

If you feel you could benefit from having a peer tutor, please use your GAPPS email to submit your request here:

<https://bit.ly/RequestTutorUHS>

You will receive a **PDF** in your GAPPS email containing a form that needs to be signed by a parent/guardian.

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If you have any questions about peer tutoring, please contact Mr. Tam at jonathan.tam@yrdsb.ca.