



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	29	30	1 December	2	3
Week 2 (periods 3,4)	Photo Day for Grade 9 and 10 Students School Council 7:00 PM	Photo Day for Grade 11 and 12 Students CLN4U1-01 - Virtual Viewing of Criminal Court Case		CLN4U1-01 - Virtual Viewing of Criminal Court Case	
December	6	7	8	9	10
Four Period Day Begins	Arts Unionville Application Deadline ADA2OM-01 - Virtual Clown Workshop	ADA2OM-01 - Virtual Clown Workshop		ATM3MM/4MM - Virtual Hip Hop Workshop ATM2OM - Virtual Hip Hop Workshop	Full Disclosure AMK1/20/3/4M - Virtual Piano Masterclass

Daily Timetable Changes Starting on December 6

We are very pleased to share that we have received approval from York Region Public Health to return to a more traditional pre-pandemic secondary timetable. This means students will return to participating in four 75 minute course periods each day compared to the current modified semester system with two 150 minute course periods per day alternating weekly.

We have heard from many students and staff members looking to return to 75 minute periods, and we are grateful to have received this approval from public health. This change is possible in part to the vaccine coverage among York Region's 12 to 17-year-old age group, which currently is at 87.1% with one dose and 83.5% with two doses. York Region Public Health will continue to closely monitor the rate and number of COVID-19 exposures/outbreaks in our schools and will continue to apply targeted interventions as the situation warrants.

Starting December 6, courses will return to being 75 minutes each. There will be no change to the start or end time of the school day, or to any student transportation services. Lunch periods will be shortened slightly to accommodate travel time between courses. Schools will be providing updated schedules to students in advance of December 6. Students will remain with the same classes and teachers for the remainder of the semester.

We know the pandemic has been particularly challenging for our students and feel tremendous optimism with the return of the pre-pandemic timetable and believe our students will benefit greatly. Should you have any questions about your child's timetable, please contact us at unionville.hs@yrdsb.ca.

Our revised schedule will be as follows **beginning December 6th**:

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

Photo Days: Monday, November 29 & Tuesday, November 30

This is a reminder about photo days happening next week on Monday and Tuesday. Students will be called down by class – not alphabetically. Students will stand for their photo and may remove their mask only when the photo is being taken. Distancing rules will be adhered to by photographers. There will not be an opportunity for retakes. Students with spares should go to the gym in the morning or afternoon block when they have their spare. The

after-school time slot is reserved for remote students only. [Remote students have been sent a Google Form in order to make an appointment.](#) ID cards will be sent to the school at a later date.

Please find the remaining details below:

Location: The Large Gym

- **Monday, November 29, 2021 (week 2)**

Period 3: Grade 9 classes

Period 4: Grade 10 classes

3:00 pm to 4:00 pm: Remote learners

- **Tuesday, November 30, 2021 (week 2)**

Period 3: Grade 11 classes

Period 4: Grade 12 classes

3:00 pm to 4:00 pm: Remote learners

Transfer Process

Each year the York Region District School Board staff work collaboratively to balance student enrolment and accommodation needs in an effort to ensure that students living in a school attendance area can attend their local secondary school. Further, those accepted on transfer into courses and/or programs outside their home school attendance area need to be accommodated without displacing or limiting opportunity for students who live locally. This letter is to inform you of secondary schools open and closed to student transfer requests for the 2022-23 school year in order to assist students in the transfer process and their course selection and pathway choices.

A. The following schools will not be accepting new student transfer requests for the 2022-2023 school year:

CEC Central:

Aurora High School (for French Immersion), Bayview Secondary School, Richmond Hill High School

CEC East:

Markville Secondary School, Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School

CEC North:

Newmarket High School

CEC West:

Hodan Nalayeh Secondary School (for French Immersion), Stephen Lewis Secondary School

B. The following schools will be open to new student transfer requests for the 2022-2023 school year:

CEC Central:	Alexander Mackenzie High School, Aurora High School (only for Regular Track), Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School, King City Secondary School, Langstaff Secondary School, Richmond Green Secondary School
CEC East:	Bill Hogarth Secondary School, Bur Oak Secondary School, Markham District High School, Middlefield Collegiate Institute, Milliken Mills High School, Unionville High School
CEC North:	Dr. John M. Denison Secondary School, Huron Heights Secondary School, Keswick High School, Sir William Mulock Secondary School, Stouffville District Secondary School, Sutton District High School
CEC West:	Emily Carr Secondary School, Hodan Nalayah Secondary School (only for Regular Track), Maple High School, Thornhill Secondary School, Thornlea Secondary School, Tommy Douglas Secondary School, Westmount Collegiate Institute, Woodbridge College

Transfer Process:

Note:

- “Home school” refers to the YRDSB school you are designated to attend based on your home address.
- Where your signature is required, either an electronic signature or full name entered in the signature field will be accepted as a signature.

By February 4, 2022, Families interested in a student transfer must request an electronic Transfer Request form and submit it as indicated below:

- **YRDSB Grade 8 students** request the Transfer Request form from their current elementary school. Complete the form and email to your current elementary school. If “other” is selected as the reason for request, your Principal will contact you to discuss the request.
- **YRDSB Secondary school students** request and email the completed form to their secondary home school. If “other” is selected as the reason for request, your Principal will contact you to discuss the request.
- **Students new to YRDSB for Secondary School** request and email the completed form to their YRDSB designated secondary home school (as indicated in [school locator](#)) along with a [registration form](#). If “other” is selected as the reason for request, the Principal of your YRDSB designated secondary home school will contact you to discuss the request.

By February 11, 2022, students will be notified of the decision of their transfer request.

On February 16, 2022, YRDSB Grade 8 students can begin submitting their courses in *My Pathway Planner*.

By February 25, 2022 by 4pm course selections are due as indicated below:

- **YRDSB Grade 8 students** will complete course selection in *My Pathway Planner*.
- **YRDSB secondary school students and secondary school students new to YRDSB** will complete course selection as indicated by the secondary school.

For more information on attendance areas and student transfers, families are encouraged to review the process outlined in [Board Policy #108 Student Accommodation – Attendance Areas and Student Transfers](#). If you have questions about the Transfer process please contact us at unionville.hs@yrdsb.ca.

Inter-School Athletics

We are pleased to announce that opportunities to play inter-school sports are commencing next week in accordance with the latest public health guidelines.

Prior to trying out, students must complete the **Vaccination Attestation Process**. Fully Vaccinated means the players and coaches have had their second dose at least 14 days prior to their attestation. **Students are not eligible to participate until 14 days have passed since their second dose.**

Students interested in participating will be required to attest that they have been fully vaccinated utilizing the current YRDSB attestation portal under the **Secondary Students for Inter-school Sports** heading: <https://visitorattestation.yrdsb.ca/>. Please register using your YRDSB GAPPS account (see screenshot below).

visitorattestation.yrdsb.ca/Account/Register

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Vaccine Data Collection

Create a new account.

Students registering must register with their YRDSB GAPPS ACCOUNT

Email 123456789@gapps.yrdsb.ca

First Name

Last Name

Visitor Type

Reason For Visit

Primary Location Unionville High School

Password

Confirm password

Register

If students have not attested in advance, they will not be eligible to try out for UHS athletic teams.

YRDSB Secondary Inter-School Sports Policy:

- Mask wearing is required at all times except during game play.
- There will be no spectators allowed for any home or away games. The only persons allowed in the gym are players, coaches, officials, and timekeepers/scorers who also must attest.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the administration team at 905-479-2787.

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.

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.

Message From Our Trustee, Ron Lynn; Markham Wards 2, 3 and 6 - December 2021

With case counts remaining relatively stable, I want to take this opportunity to thank our students, families and staff members for continuing to adhere to health and safety protocols. Your efforts are appreciated and important to protecting the health and safety of our school community members. The school board continues to meet regularly with public health and follows their guidance. Families looking for more information or resources on COVID-19 and our schools, including health and safety guidelines, frequently asked questions and mental health resources, should visit www.yrdsb.ca/school-reopening or York Region's www.york.ca/safeatschool.

In November, we held the **school council forums**. I appreciated the opportunity to participate in shared learning with school council representatives on priority topics including the ABCs of mental health and actioning anti-racism practices. Thank you to all of the participants and to all school council members for your partnership. There are so many valuable [ways families help to strengthen our schools and support student learning and achievement](#). We value the partnership that we have with families, and thank you for your ongoing support.

As partners, we want to support you in supporting your child's learning, achievement and well-being. The **Family Resources** page on the Board website provides quick access to online tools such as Google Classroom, School Cash Online, Edsby and more. It also provides links to support you in engaging in your child's learning. You will find links to resources such as translation tools, IT support for families and tips on protecting your child's privacy online. It also includes links to other information you may find helpful. Connect to these resources at www.yrdsb.ca/familyresources or from the link on the homepage.

Over the past few months, York Region District School Board has been conducting a review of its Trustee Areas. The boundaries of the areas that school board trustees represent change over time. The goal of the **Trustee Determination and Distribution Study** is to ensure fair and equitable representation of all public school supporters. Thank you to everyone who participated in the consultation on the proposed options. The final report will be presented at the Board of Trustees meeting on February 8. You can find more [information about the study and the recommendations on the Board website](#).

The upcoming winter season is a time of celebration for many, and I want to wish you and your families a happy, healthy and safe holiday season. I hope that over the winter break, you find time to rest, relax and rejuvenate and we look forward to welcoming you back in January.

Community Vaccination Clinics

Please see [this message from York Region Public Health](#) regarding school and community COVID-19 vaccination clinics for children ages 5-11 and eligible family members.

For more information and to book an appointment, visit www.york.ca/covid19vaccine.

School Council Meeting - Monday, November 29, 2021

We will be hosting our third Virtual School Council Meeting on Monday, November 29 from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

The Agenda will be as follows:

- Land Acknowledgement - Ms. Amanda Boughtflower
- USAC updates - Yifei Wang
- School Council Forum Update - Anoosh Sharif
- Admin updates - OSSLT; EQAO; Safety issues - parking lot
- Community Corner - Ms. Amanda Boughtflower
- Program and Subject Specific Presentations:
 - STEM - Mr. Jeff Chan
 - Science - Ms. Elaine Howard
 - Visual Arts - Mr. Shane Clodd

The virtual link will be shared with all families on Monday, November 29th.

Movember



Sam the wolf

Movember is a yearly fundraising campaign to support the cause of men's physical and mental health issues. Prostate cancer is the second most common cancer in men worldwide. Testicular cancer is the most common cancer in men under 40. We have a proud history at UHS of raising both funds and awareness in support of this cause. Because of the pandemic, we are not collecting cash donations this year but parents, guardians, staff and students can donate in 2 ways: at our [official Unionville Mo's donation page](#) or on [School Cash Online](#). Please note that donations on School Cash Online will not generate a receipt for tax purposes. If you feel comfortable and are able, please donate whatever you can to our Movember efforts and help us change the face of men's health.

Clubs & Councils

Clubs and Councils are up and running at UHS and more exciting than ever! Please see this [slideshow](#) featuring all the different opportunities for students to get engaged with extracurriculars.

Important upcoming dates:

General meeting for Clubs and Councils: **Monday, November 29th at 3:30**. All Teachers and Club Leaders have been advised and provided the link for this event hosted by the USAC Clubs and Councils Committee.

Virtual Club Fair: This will happen **throughout the week of December 6th**. More details to follow!

Library Update

Students may stop by the library before or after school to browse the shelves and borrow books. Students may also browse the [library's collection](#) online and submit a book request using this [Google form](#).

Ebooks and Audiobooks

SORA is the YRDSB's provider of online books and audiobooks. You can access SORA [here](#). Students sign-on using 0 followed by their student number.

OUAC & OCAS Midterm Marks Upload

Semester 1 midterm marks have been uploaded to both OUAC (Ontario Universities Application Centre) and OCAS (Ontario College Application System). Students are advised to log into their OUAC and/or OCAS account to review this information and ensure everything is accurate. If students have any questions or concerns, they can schedule an appointment with their alpha counsellor in Teach Assist.

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

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.](#)

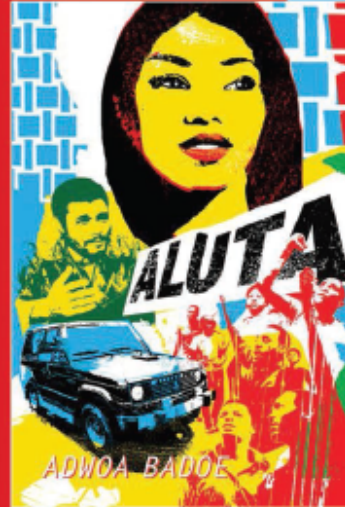
Start-Up Consents and Permissions

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 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.

Meet Adwoa Badoe

author of *Aluta* & *Between Sisters*

Part of the Ancestral Voices Author Series



Thursday, December 9, 2021 7:00 p.m.

- Join Adwoa Badoe, author of acclaimed Young Adult novels *Aluta* and *Between Sisters* for an engaging author event for ages 14 and up

Adwoa Badoe is a storyteller who has published young adult novels, as well as the collection, *The Pot of Wisdom: Ananse Stories*, and several picture books for young children. She is an oral storyteller, specializing in the folktales and legends of Africa. Adwoa has also taught and performed African Dance and practiced medicine. Adwoa will be showcasing her book *Aluta*.

Ancestral Voices is an author series presented by NPL, in collaboration with Maxine Gordon Palomino and Kim Wheatley. It features Canadian authors of Indigenous, Caribbean and African ancestry and descent.

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