



UHS Parent Weekly Bulletin

Volume 10

Friday, November 5, 2021

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Extensions:
 Reception - 431
 Attendance - 230
 Guidance - 458

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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	8	9	10	11	12
Week 1 (periods 1,2)	HNB4M1-01 Virtual Guest Speaker Adriana Withers (9:30-10:30 AM) ATM3MM/4MM - Virtual Contemporary Dance Workshop (9:30 - 10:30 AM)	Posting of Grade 8 Information on the UHS Website ATM2OM - Virtual Contemporary Dance Workshop (12:30 - 1:30 PM) Beaver Computing Challenge (3:30-4:30 PM)	Arts Unionville Information Evening (Virtual) (7:00-8:00 PM)	Remembrance Day Ceremony Beaver Computing Challenge (3:30-4:30 PM)	AMV1/2O/3/4M M - Virtual Guest Elizabeth McDonald (1:15-2:15 PM)
November	15	16	17	18	19
Week 2 (periods 3,4)	P.A. Day - No Classes	ATM1OM - 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 Grade 11 Students - Asynchronous for Grades 9, 10, & 12	OUAC & OCAS Marks Transmission

Secondary PA Day Changing from November 19 to November 15, 2021

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.

The adjustment of the date is in response to challenges associated with the pandemic and the modified semester secondary school model required by the Ministry of Education. The timing of this change comes as a result of a recent agreement between the Board and the local Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation District 16, which will allow for a change to the current timetable model which will more effectively support our students along with better supporting our teachers, in our secondary schools. This change will also enable teachers to ensure that marks are entered into TeachAssist to ensure students are provided with advance notice of marks that will be uploaded to the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC) and the Ontario College Application Centre (OCAS).

We appreciate this may be an inconvenience for some and appreciate your cooperation to better meet the needs of students. If you have any questions about your child's progress, please contact their teacher.

Learning Model Changes

In September, we shared that we would provide families further information to support switching between in-person and remote learning models prior to mid-semester.

Students learning remotely may request to return to face-to-face learning by contacting the school. Changes will be facilitated within 1-2 days.

Requests may also be made to move from in-person learning to remote learning. Please contact the school to request a switch to remote learning. Staff from the school will make arrangements to contact you to review the request and share information about the hybrid learning model.

- Learning model changes for students affected by COVID-19 will be facilitated within 2-3 school days.
- Model change requests will be facilitated as soon as possible and prior to mid-semester reporting.

After mid-semester reporting, students and families may request a short-term COVID-19 related model change or a long-term model change for other circumstances by contacting the school.

Families can continue to access COVID-19 related information from the Board at www.yrdsb.ca/school-reopening, including [frequently asked questions](#).

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 school sponsored:

- Lester B Pearson (for International students - U of T) - November 12th, 2021 by 3:00 pm
- Queen's Chancellor Scholarship - November 12th, 2021 by 3:00 pm

- For school designate, please use Ms. Hawkins - stephanie.hawkins@yrdsb.ca.
- These can be submitted via email to Ms. Hawkins or submitted in hard copy to the drop box outside the Guidance Office.

Upcoming direct application:

- TD Bank Community Leader Scholarship - November 12th, 2021
- The Terry Fox Humanitarian Award - December 1st, 2021

Lunch Protocols

We are continuing to follow all YRPH safety protocols during lunch. These include the following:

- Staggered dismissal to reduce crowding
- Separating grade cohorts by floor
- Remaining seated while unmasked; practicing proper donning and doffing of masks
- Limited capacity in designated lunchrooms (sign-in required), hallways, the library (sign-in required) and at lunch tables in the foyer and cafeteria
- Disinfection of designated lunchrooms and the library prior to the afternoon block
- Providing distance between tables in the cafeteria by extending them into the atrium
- Asking students to use the washrooms that have been assigned to their classes for the week
- No access to the servery, vending machines and no food deliveries allowed
- Use of fill stations only as opposed to drinking fountains

We recognize that there have been requests for microwaves. Because microwaves can potentially be used by hundreds of students, we are currently consulting to devise a plan for safe use of microwaves, including frequent sanitizing. As students are now eating on separate floors, we also need to consider the placement of microwaves in the school, in order to avoid crowding and ensure safety protocols can be followed at all times.

Extra-Curriculars: Clubs & Sports

We currently have 24 clubs running, not including our Student Council (USAC). Each club or council has a staff advisor who submitted an application that was approved by the administration. Students who wish to create a club must first find a staff member who is willing to supervise. The staff advisor submits the application. All club/council meetings must be supervised by a staff member. Since clubs/councils run after school and consist of mixed cohort groups, most of them are running virtually on a designated day of the week (or bi-weekly) and at a designated time (i.e. usually starting at 3:30 once students have had time to return home). The option of meeting in person requires that we follow the direction of YRDSB and YRPH:

“As multi-cohorts may be mixed, a two-meter distance must be maintained at all times between participants.”

This prevents clubs of more than 15 students from convening in a regular classroom. Our larger spaces, such as the atrium and cafeteria are being used by Music repertoire for part of the week. The library is being used for After-School Literacy classes, Student Council meetings, and Wellness Council Meetings.

With regard to sports, up to this time, only outdoor sports have been permitted. At UHS, we have provided opportunities for students to participate in cross-country, tennis and soccer. As of today, after extensive consultation with York Region Public Health, YRDSB has announced that indoor high contact sports will also be permitted. However, YRDSB is currently working to implement a centralized process by which participating students will be able to attest that they have been fully vaccinated. For any indoor high-contact sport that a school offers outside of instructional time, all participating students must provide proof of being fully vaccinated. High contact indoor sports will remain on pause at UHS until an attestation process is finalized and potential coaches have had enough time to review protocols and consider their commitments.

No specific extra-curricular activities are guaranteed, as teacher supervision and coaching are provided on a voluntary basis.

When clubs and sports are being run voluntarily by school staff, announcements are made on our PA system. These announcements are also posted on our Student Life Website. Some clubs advertise using posters in the school. All clubs create a Google Classroom and invite students to access the join code. Our Student Council is planning to host a Virtual Clubs Fair soon that will provide all students with information about our current clubs.

If you have questions about clubs or sports at UHS, please contact us at the main office: 905-479-2787.

Arts Unionville Information Night: Wednesday, November 10

The Arts Unionville Information Night will be held virtually on Wednesday, November 10, 2021.

If you'd like to join us, please register using this Google Form: [Arts Unionville Information Night](#).

The Arts Unionville application will open on November 15, 2021 and close on Monday, December 6, 2021.

Please refer to our [Arts Page](#) for additional information.

(Also see the flyer below.)

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.

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Reporting and Full Disclosure

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

For 2021/2022, the course withdrawal date (Full Disclosure) will be 5 instructional days after the mid-semester report is issued. The Full Disclosure date for Grade 11 and Grade 12 courses is December 6, 2021. If a student withdraws from a Grade 11 or 12 course prior to December 6, 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

Identifying information will be shared through a secure transmission to the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC) and the Ontario College Application Service (OCAS) to support students with their application to post-secondary institutions. Potential graduates who are not planning to apply to an Ontario college or university this school year, and who do not wish to have their data shared must notify their guidance counsellor by Thursday, October 7, 2021.

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 15, 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 15	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 6

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.

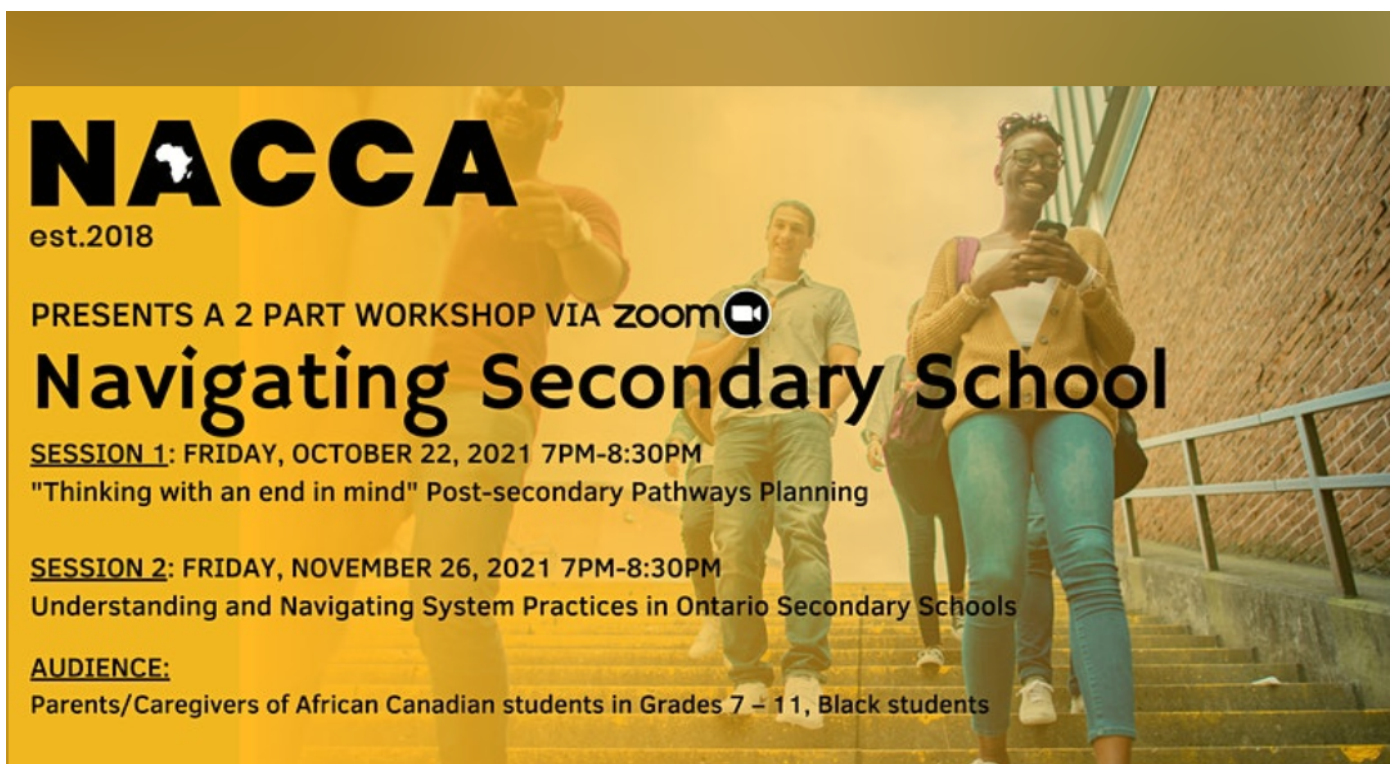
City of Markham Ticketing

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 (2:00-2:35 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. 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 soon as possible 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.

NACCA: Session 2 - Navigating Secondary School

The image is a promotional poster for a NACCA workshop. It features a background photograph of a diverse group of young people walking up a set of stairs outdoors. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image. At the top left is the NACCA logo in large, bold, black letters, with a small map of Africa to the left of the 'A'. Below the logo is 'est.2018'. The main title of the workshop is 'Navigating Secondary School' in a large, bold, black font. Below the title, the details for Session 1 are listed: 'SESSION 1: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2021 7PM-8:30PM' and the topic 'Thinking with an end in mind" Post-secondary Pathways Planning'. Similarly, Session 2 details are listed: 'SESSION 2: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2021 7PM-8:30PM' and the topic 'Understanding and Navigating System Practices in Ontario Secondary Schools'. At the bottom, the audience is defined as 'AUDIENCE: Parents/Caregivers of African Canadian students in Grades 7 - 11, Black students'. A small Zoom icon is placed above the word 'via' in the text 'PRESENTS A 2 PART WORKSHOP VIA zoom'.

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[Please register here](#) for Friday, November 26.

PEO York Chapter is Proud to Present:

Engineering Mathletics

YORK REGION STUDENTS:

You are invited to apply your math skills to solve engineering problems for fun & prizes in the AMD Mathletics competition!

Saturday, November 13, 2021

Location: Virtual – Zoom

Numerous prizes to be won throughout the competition

The AMD Mathletics has two levels of competition:

- **Junior level (9:30 AM to 12:30 PM)** – Open to students that are currently in grades 7 or 8 (intended for grades 7 and 8 – based on grade 6 curriculum)
- **Senior level (2:30 PM to 5:30 PM)** – Open to students that are currently in grades 9 or 10 (based on grade 8 curriculum)
- Each level includes an AMD challenge round and lucky questions with an opportunity to win additional prizes and \$30 gift cards.

Registration fee is \$7 per entrant. Online registration starts on Saturday, Oct 2, at 8 AM and ends when all seats are sold out.

For additional information and registration link go to the following link: <http://www.peoyork.com/eng-mathletics>

[Information and Registration](http://www.peoyork.com/eng-mathletics)



COMING SOON

SECONDARY ARTS SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHTS

PLEASE VISIT YOUR REGIONAL ARTS' PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON PROGRAMS, INFORMATION NIGHTS AND HOW TO APPLY



[Alexander Mackenzie HS](#)

November 9th



[Huron Heights SS](#)

November 10th



[Unionville HS](#)

November 10th



[Westmount CI](#)

November 2nd



YRDSB OFFERS REGIONAL ARTS SCHOOLS FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS WHO ARE COMMITTED TO EXPLORING AND DEEPENING THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE ARTS

REMINDER Edsby Registration Opens November 10, 2021
Closes December 6, 2021

[Alexander Mackenzie HS](#) - [Huron Heights SS](#) - [Unionville HS](#) - [Westmount CI](#)

Ongoing Open Registration for 2021-2022 Adult ESL, LINC & LBS Programs

English as a Second Language (ESL); Language Instruction for New Comers (LINC); and Literacy and Basic Skills (LBS) Classes

YRDSB offers Adult English as a Second Language (ESL) programs for those who want to develop effective language skills in speaking, listening, reading, and writing for daily life in Canada. We also offer specialized classes in *Citizenship* and *Conversation*.

Adult ESL Program Registration – In person and online options available!

1. Email uplands@yrdsb.ca or call 905-731-9557 with the following information:
 - your first and last name
 - your telephone number
 - CLARS identification number (those without a CLARS number will require an assessment, please contact us for further assistance).
2. Our office will contact you if additional documentation is required.
3. Visitors to Canada may also register and attend for a fee of \$10 per day, per class.

For an assessment or to register, please call: 905-731-9557



If you are interested in improving your digital skills, want to work on your resume or interview skills, or prepare to take your GED exam, our Literacy and Basic Skills (LBS) program is for you!

Literacy and Basic Skill Assessment – In person and online options available!

1. Email uplands@yrdsb.ca or call 905-731-9557 Ext. 307 with the following information:
 - your first and last name
 - your telephone number
 - tell us that you are "*interested in the LBS program*"

NOTE: Due to the high volume of inquires, it may take a few days to receive a reply communication from our office. We appreciate your patience.

Thank you for your interest in our programs. We look forward to serving you.

[Contact](#)



FREE English as a Second Language Classes for Adults



Adult English as a Second Language & Citizenship
 Improve your Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing Skills
 Communicate with Confidence in English

Sem 1: September 10, 2021 - January 19, 2022

Sem 2: January 24, 2022 - June 10, 2022

MARKHAM & UNIONVILLE	DAY	TIME
Milliken Gospel Church 8 Elson Street (East of McCowan, North of Steeles) L3S 2C4	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Milliken Mills High School 7522 Kennedy Road (South of 14th Avenue) L3R 9S5	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	9:00 am - 2:30 pm
NEWMARKET & AURORA	DAY	TIME
Bethel Church 333 Davis Drive, (East of Yonge) L3Y 2N6	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
RICHMOND HILL	DAY	TIME
Community Education Centre - Central 317 Centre Street (West of Bayview, North of Major Mackenzie Dr.) L4C 1B3	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
STOUFFVILLE & GEORGINA	DAY	TIME
EastRidge Evangelical Missionary Church 12485 Tenth Line (North of Main Street) L4A 7X3	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
THORNHILL	DAY	TIME
Uplands Community Learning Centre 8210 Yonge Street (South of Hwy #7, west side of Yonge Street) L4J 1W6	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	9:00 am - 12:00 pm 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Uplands Community Learning Centre* NIGHT SCHOOL	Monday,*Tuesday~Ø, Wednesday,*Thursday~Ø	6:30 pm - 9:00 pm
DISTANCE LEARNING CLASSES/ ONLINE CLASSES	DAY	TIME
ALL CANADIAN LANGUAGE BENCHMARK LEVEL	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
		12:30 pm - 3:30 pm
		9:00 am - 2:30 pm
		4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
		6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
	Monday, Wednesday, Friday	12:30 pm - 3:30 pm
	Saturday	9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Call 905-731-9557 or 905-305-4122 or email us at uplands@yrdsb.ca for more information

* ~Ø On line class

[Contact](#)

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.

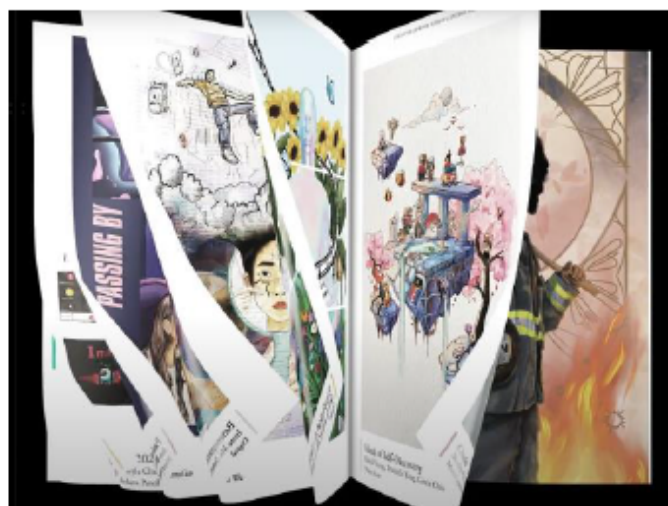
As such, students were invited to share their personal narratives and artwork related to their mental health, studies, personal development, school spirit and any other topics that aligned with our topic, a snapshot in time.

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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Peer Tutoring Program

*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>

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