



UHS Parent Weekly Bulletin

Volume 6

Friday, October 8, 2021

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 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.

October	11	12	13	14	15
Week 1 (periods 1,2)	Thanksgiving Holiday	Sr Boys Soccer hosts Bill Crothers (3:30 - 5:00 PM)	HNB4M1-01 Virtual Guest Speaker Jennifer Agnew from Aritzia (9:15 - 10:15 AM)	Jr Boys Soccer to St Augustine CHS (2:20 - 5:10 PM) Sr Boys Soccer hosts Thornhill SS (3:30 - 5:00 PM)	Hybrid Professional Learning – Asynchronous Day
October	18	19	20	21	22
Week 2 (periods 3,4)		GLC201-06 Virtual Guest Speaker Ayelen Barrios from Ryerson (9:15 - 10:30 AM) Jr Boys Soccer to Maple HS (2:20 - 5:10 PM)	Interim Report Cards distributed between October 20 and 22 GLC201-06 Virtual Guest Speaker Thanaa Sarif from Seneca (8:30 AM - 12:00 PM)	Cross Country at Boyd Conservation Area (8:30 AM - 3:00 PM) GLC201-06 Virtual Guest Speaker James Pascucci (8:30 - 11:00 AM) Sr Boys Soccer to Thornhill SS (2:20 - 5:10 PM) Jr Boys Soccer hosts Dr GW Williams (3:30 - 5:00 PM)	OUAC PINs and OCAS OENs distributed

Breakfast Program

UHS will begin its breakfast program on Monday, October 18th. Healthy food items will be available in the cafeteria from 8:10 – 8:30 am. Students will be expected to consume these items while seated in the cafeteria according to all health and safety protocols. These food items may not be eaten in class. However, students have the option of taking a snack on their way to class and consuming it during a scheduled outdoor movement break.

Student Registration Verification Forms

All students are required to return their verification forms. These forms must be signed by a parent and returned to the school, with or without changes. Please review all contact information carefully to ensure that it is accurate. Changes of address will need to be verified by submitting a utility bill. All forms can be brought directly to the main office.

Guidance News

On Oct 6th and 7th, grade 12 students were invited to attend the virtual post-secondary application presentation. Students who were not able to join either presentation can find the presentation posted to the Grad Google Classroom or this [link](#).

Grade 12 potential grads are encouraged to schedule an appointment via Teach Assist with their alpha guidance counsellor to review their graduation requirements and post-secondary requirements.

On Wednesday October 13, starting at 11:15 pm, there will be a virtual (Google Meet) scholarship presentation. Students will need to be logged into their GAPPS account to attend the presentation and the Google Meet link will be posted on the day of the event.

Scholarships

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:

- Loran Scholars - October 13th, 2021 before 8:00 pm EST
 - For school designate, please use Ms. Hawkins - stephanie.hawkins@yrdsb.ca.
 - For graduating class size use 450.
 - For transcripts, please email nellie.simtikiadis@yrdsb.ca (please allow 3 to 5 business days for processing).
 - You will also need the contact information of two teacher references.
- TD Bank Community Leader Scholarship - November 12th, 2021

UHS Wellness Council

Hey Wolves! Is mental, physical, emotional and spiritual health important to you? Are you interested in the wellness of our school? Join our first UHS Wellness Council Google meeting this October 13th. We meet virtually every Wellness Wednesday at 4:00 pm. You can email Ms. Farwell at michelle.farwell@yrdsb.ca or join our UHS Wellness Council Google Classroom. Enrollment key: bi3a2ny. See you there!

Markham Public Libraries

This October, we will be offering several virtual workshops that prepare students for post-secondary education and start the conversation about where they might want to apply and why.

Please see the offerings below:

- [Careers in the Environmental Sector for Newcomer Youth](#)
- [Top Ranked US Universities: To apply or not to apply?](#)
- [5 Myths that Hinder Post Secondary Success](#)
- [The Secrets of Scholarship Research and Writing](#)
- [OSAP 101: How to Apply?](#)

Schools will be closed to students on Friday, October 15

Dear families,

We want to thank families for their patience and support as we have started the new school year and implemented the hybrid learning model. Over the past month, our Board of Trustees and senior staff have had an opportunity to hear feedback from families and educators and observe classrooms.

On Friday, October 15, school staff will engage in professional learning on the hybrid model.

Schools will be closed to students on Friday, October 15 . Please do not send your child to school. Asynchronous (not live) learning activities will be provided to students in order to support their continued learning.

This additional professional learning will enable us to share effective practices and support, and be responsive to some of the feedback we have heard. We are committed to creating learning environments that enable all of our students, both in-person and remote, to be successful, and feel connected and supported.

We want to acknowledge the professionalism and dedication of our educators as they implement this new model, which enables students to remain connected with staff and peers in their home school, and allows for greater flexibility between remote and in-person learning options, and maintaining the continuity of learning.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause for families and thank you for your patience and support.

Reporting and Full Disclosure

Dear Parents/Guardians and Grade 12/potential graduating students:

We hope this correspondence finds you and your family well. The purpose of this email is to share:

1. Semester 1 Midterm reporting dates for all students
2. Full disclosure dates for all students in Grade 11 and/or Grade 12 courses

3. Key dates and information for potential graduates applying to Ontario Colleges and/or Universities

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:

October 7	Deadline for potential graduates who are not planning on applying to an Ontario college or University to notify their Guidance Counsellor if they do not want data shared with OCAS/OUAC this school year.
October 22	Students will receive a secure communication in their GAPPS email which provides their OEN, school MIDENT# (BSID), and OUAC PIN (if applicable). This information is needed to apply to college and university through OCAS and OUAC.
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.


York Hills Fall 2021 Webinars and Groups



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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. The City of Markham will start patrolling and ticketing any unauthorized vehicles on Wednesday, September 29. [Please click here for more information.](#)

Start-Up Consents and Permissions

Please complete the [school start-up forms](#) that were sent to our families recently. 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.

Hong Fook Youth & Family Program Calendar

Please click [here](#) to access the Hong Fook Youth & Family Program Calendar for October 2021.

Community-BASED TESTING for Schools and child Care centres AVailable Starting October 12, 2021

Friday October 8, 2021

To increase access to testing for students, children, school/child care staff, essential visitors and their families, York Region Public Health is partnering with Ontario Health (Central), York Region District School Board (YRDSB) and York Catholic District School Board (YCDSB) to offer **drop-in community-based COVID-19** testing at two sites in York Region, in addition to the [COVID-19 Assessment Centre](#).

Drop-in testing will be available for students/children, school/child care staff, essential visitors and their families, ages two years and older, who are symptomatic or who have been identified as a close contact (e.g., are part of a dismissed cohort) or for those with no known exposure or symptoms can receive a COVID-19 test.

Testing will be offered on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in October and November **with the first site starting Wednesday, October 13, 2021**. Based on the needs in the school and child care community, testing sites may remain open beyond November. Additional testing dates will be shared in future communications should this be extended.

Testing options include PCR saliva and nasal swabs. One determining factor for a child's ability to complete a PCR saliva test is their ability to produce a sufficient amount of saliva. The clinician will advise on the appropriate test option. Families interested in potentially completing a saliva test should be prepared by drinking a **cup of water 60 minutes before** giving a sample. Participants can **NOT** eat, drink, smoke, vape or chew gum **30 minutes prior** to giving a sample

Testing options include PCR saliva and nasal swabs, which will be offered at the discretion of the clinician performing the test. Testing is voluntary and consent will be required from parents or guardians for students *under 18 years of age*.

Rapid antigen testing will not be available at these testing sites. Rapid antigen testing **should not be used** when an individual is symptomatic or has been identified as a close contact of a case.

When and where will testing be offered?

George Street Public School 115 George Street Town of Aurora, ON L4G 2S3 Wednesdays and Thursdays 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Starting Wed Oct 13th		St. Jean de Brebeuf Catholic High School 2 Davos Road City of Vaughan, ON L4H 2Y1 (Portables) Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Starting Tuesday Oct 19th	
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.	For individuals with symptoms of COVID-19 or	3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.	For individuals with symptoms of COVID-19 or close contacts of a confirmed COVID-19 case

	close contacts of a confirmed COVID-19 case		
5:15 p.m. to 7 p.m.	For individuals with no known exposure or COVID-19 symptoms	5:45 pm to 7 p.m.	For individuals with no known exposure or COVID-19 symptoms

The sites are **walk-in** and do not require booking an appointment in advance.

Who is eligible: Students/children, school/child care staff, essential visitors and their families age two years and older who are symptomatic or who have been identified as a close contact (e.g. are part of a dismissed cohort) can receive a COVID-19 test.

What to bring with you: Individuals/families are strongly encouraged to bring their valid Ontario Health (OHIP) card(s) to increase easy accessing of results (you can still get tested if you do not have one) and a face mask or covering, to be worn at all times.

For saliva testing: Participants should be well hydrated by drinking a **cup of water 60 minutes before** giving a sample. Participants can **NOT** eat, drink, smoke, vape or chew gum **30 minutes prior** to giving a sample.

How to access your results: You are able to access your COVID-19 test result online at covid-19.ontario.ca; Note: It may take several days for your results to be processed.

Why is this testing being offered?

Additional testing is being provided to support schools and child care centres with access to testing in addition to opportunities at COVID-19 Assessment Centres. This testing will:

- Support timely access to testing where students/children or staff are symptomatic and screen out of school or child care
- Support case finding in schools/child care centres where transmission may be occurring or has occurred in the setting to better isolate and control risk
- Provide more convenient access to testing for individuals who are part of dismissed cohorts
- Increase access to testing for students, children and staff who are not symptomatic but are part of a school with dismissed cohorts or an increase of cases within the school setting
- Support families to be tested at the same time

Questions

If you have any questions about the school-based testing initiative, please call Health Connection at 1-800-361-5653. For general information about COVID-19 including symptoms, location of Assessment Centres in York Region and other resources, please visit our website at york.ca/covid19 or call Access York at 1-877-464-9675.

Join us on a night to learn about Apprenticeship Pathways and our Accelerated OYAP Program! You should attend this information night if:

- you are a Grade 12 student who is planning on entering the Skilled Trades;
- you are a Grade 10 or 11 student who would like more information on this program to better prepare for this pathway, OR;
- you are the parent/guardian of a grade 9 - 12 student who is considering a career in the skilled trades.

Learn about how to start an Apprenticeship
in one of these skilled trades while still in high school!

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ELECTRICIAN	PLUMBER	CARPENTER
CHILD DEVELOPMENT PRACTITIONER	DRYWALL FINISHER & PLASTERER	MOTORCYCLE TECHNICIAN
FLOOR COVERING INSTALLER	HAIRSTYLIST <i>(pending approval)</i>	
REFRIGERATION & AIR CONDITIONING AIR SYSTEMS MECHANIC	TRUCK AND COACH TECHNICIAN	

Join us on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 7:00 PM!

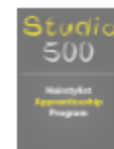
REGISTER AT: www.bit.ly/OYAP_OPENHOUSE

7:00 PM: Overview of OYAP Program with YRDSB and MLTSD

7:30 PM: Breakout Information Sessions for Skilled Trade Programs

8:30 PM: Closing Q&A with YRDSB

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The Weight of Freedom

In Conversation with Holocaust Survivor Nate Leipziger

Nov. 3, 2021 | 7:00pm - 8:15pm

Please register using the [online registration form](#).

Registration is open to YRDSB staff, educators and parents/guardians.

Brought to you by The Azrieli Foundation - Holocaust Survivor Memoirs Program

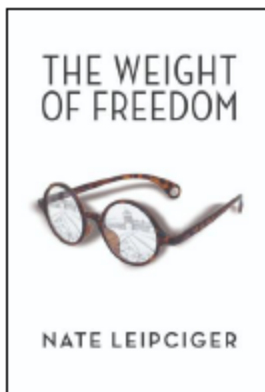
In honour of Holocaust Education Week, please join us when author and Holocaust survivor Nate Leipziger will speak about his personal experiences during the Holocaust in an online presentation, which will take place over Zoom on November 3rd, 2021, 7:00PM - 8:15PM.

Registered YRDSB staff and educators will receive a copy of Nate Leipziger's memoir, *The Weight of Freedom*, and the Holocaust Survivor Memoirs Program's 2021 Educator Catalogue of all the books and resources offered to educators at no charge.



Biography:

Nate Leipziger was born in Chorzow, Poland, in 1928. He immigrated to Toronto in 1948, where he eventually obtained a university degree in engineering. Nate was a member of the International Council of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Museum for fifteen years and has been an educator on the March of the Living for nineteen years. Nate lives in Toronto with his wife Bemice, their children, many grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Nate is the author of the memoir, *The Weight of Freedom*.



Book Synopsis:

Nate Leipziger, a thoughtful, shy eleven-year-old boy, is plunged into an incomprehensible web of ghettos, concentration and death camps during the German occupation of Poland. Demonstrating incredible strength of character as he struggles to survive, he forges a new, unbreakable bond with his father and yearns for a free future. With memories that remain etched in tragedy and pain even as he looks optimistically to the future, Nate builds a new life in Canada. Introspective and raw, yet ever hopeful, *The Weight of Freedom* is Nate's vivid journey through a past that can never be left behind.

[Online Registration Form](#)

PARENT NOTICE

Update on community vaccination clinics for students eligible for Hepatitis B, Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and Meningococcal vaccination

October 4, 2021

Due to York Region Public Health's continued COVID-19 response, non-essential Public Health service such as school-based vaccination clinics for students continue to be on hold until further notice.

Starting in November, York Region Public Health will be providing community vaccination clinics for all eligible Grade 7 students who will miss their doses of vaccines usually offered in their school. In addition, all eligible grade 8 and 9 students who missed any doses of these vaccines due to school closures and the pandemic response will also be able to attend a community vaccination clinic to receive their Hepatitis B, Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and Meningococcal vaccines.

Vaccination Clinics	Clinic Information
Grade 7, 8 and 9 Student Community Vaccination Clinics	Starting in November 2021 - All eligible students will be able to receive any missed doses of Hepatitis B, HPV and Meningococcal vaccines More information will be sent home with students soon about vaccination appointment dates/times and locations.

On September 28, 2021, the National Advisory Committee on Immunizations (NACI) has announced that any vaccine may now be given at the same time, or before/following, a COVID-19 vaccine.

- Clinic information is available at york.ca/immunizations > School Immunization Clinics
- COVID-19 information is available at york.ca/covid19

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york.ca/immunizations 1-877-464-9675



Unionville High School



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>

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!*****

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