



UNIONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

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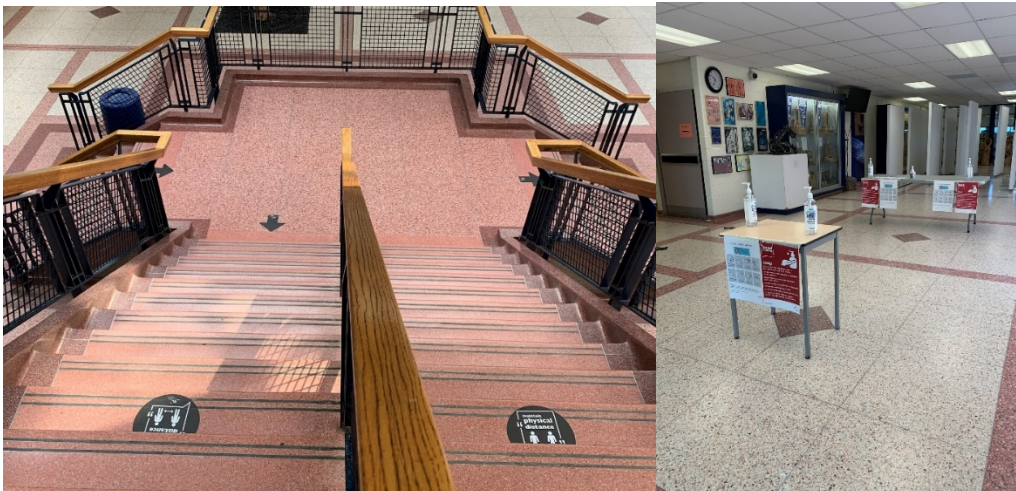
Dear families,

Over the past two days we have welcomed over 330 grade nine students for the block one class of our adaptive model. Thank you for entrusting us with your child's safety. Safety is and will continue to be our primary concern.

For our Grade 9 Orientation days, we found ways to engage students while being safe. As part of the orientation experience, students...

- were introduced to our entry procedures at each of our four flagged entry points,
- watched a student narrated video about UHS,
- viewed and discussed a health and safety slide presentation,
- were introduced to our announcers and opening procedures, including the Anthem and Land Acknowledgement,
- enjoyed packaged snacks
- participated in social inclusion activities,
- created miniature terracotta forms resembling those of artist Antony Gormley,
- went on a tour of the school led by the teacher.

All teachers supervised the safe entry of our students. Teachers ensured that students sanitized their hands and found their classrooms. Teachers and students alike smiled behind their masks while following the direction symbols along stairs and corridors. The completed 330 clay forms will be fired in the school's kilns and installed in the school's gallery. The installation is meant to remind us that, even though the pandemic has forced us to separate, we will continue to be a close-knit community of learners.



Thank you for your patience as we resolve timetabling issues in the adaptive and virtual models. We understand that some students have had difficulties accessing their gapps accounts and passwords. Next week, teachers will be sure to provide students with the information needed to participate in our adaptive (blended) model at UHS.

We would like to welcome grade 9 parents to one of two GoToMeetings next week on Thursday, September 17th at 7 p.m. and Friday September 18th at 10 a.m. More information on these sessions is forthcoming.

We look forward to seeing everyone again next week. We are so glad you're here!

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Principal

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Vice Principal