



UHS Parent Weekly Bulletin

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April	11	12	13	14	15
		Fire Drill Period 3			Good Friday (No Classes)

PROM 2022

THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2022

PARADISE BANQUET HALL
7601 Jane St, Concord, ON L4K 1X2
 [\(416\) 661-661](tel:(416)661-661)

ATTENTION UHS!

WE ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE WE ARE HAVING A PROM!

PLEASE STAY TUNED FOR FURTHER DETAILS!

GRADUATION 2022



Unionville High School Graduation Ceremony

Monday, June 27, 2022

Hilton Toronto/Markham Suites
Conference Centre & Spa

8500 Warden Avenue (Conference Centre)
Markham, ON L6G 1A5
T: (905) 470-8500

Calling out to all UHS potential Grads!!

We are happy to formally announce we are having a GRADUATION CEREMONY this June! UHS Staff has been working diligently to organize GRAD 2022. Please see the information below regarding **gown pick up days and schedule** as well as the **UHS Grad Book**. For the most up to date information, please check back to the Parent Bulletin and look out for emails sent to your GAPPS account.

Graduation Gown Pick Up

Those students who have received an email from UHS to pick up their Grad Gowns please read the following reminders:

Inside each package will contain:

1. Graduation Gown

2. Graduation Hat
3. Stole
4. An envelope that will include: graduation information letter, parking pass, tassel and 2 guest tickets

These items are to be picked up **on your lunch in the library** from **Monday, April 4 – Friday, April 8.**

Please follow the schedule below to find out which day you can retrieve your graduation package:

APRIL 4: A-H
APRIL 5: I-M
APRIL 6: N-V
APRIL 7: W-Z

If you are absent on your scheduled pick up day please visit the library on your lunch on **Friday, April 8** to retrieve your graduation package.

***PRIOR** to picking up your graduation package it is mandatory that you fill out the google form linked below:

[UHS Grad Ceremony Submission Form](#)

Message to Virtual Students: Virtual Students can pick up their graduation gowns in the main office according to the scheduled dates between 2:45PM and 3:45PM.

Grad Book

Dear families,

Due to the numerous changes and challenges this school year, a yearbook will not be available this school year. However, we are publishing a Grad Book to mark this important milestone for the 2021-22 graduating class at UHS. The Grad Book will be available in digital format for graduates to download.

In order for your child's images (including student photo and grad photo), artwork, writing and etc. to be included in the Grad Book, their YRDSB's online [School Start-Up Forms](#) must be submitted. **In particular, you must authorize the "Use of Student Personal Information Consent" section on page 3 of the form.**

If your child's online [School Start-Up Forms](#) have not been submitted for this school year and you would like your child to be included in the Grad Book, please complete and submit the forms as soon as possible.

Course Verifications for 2022-2023

Course Verifications for the 2022-2023 school year will be sent to students GAPPS email accounts and parent/guardian emails on file by Monday, April 4.

We ask that you and your child carefully review the courses that were requested. You and your child may want to re-visit the UHS course calendar at <https://app.myblueprint.ca/public/courses/yrdsb/unionville1> to review course descriptions and pre-requisites.

If your child is satisfied with his/her course request, no further action will be required. We will presume you have verified and approved your child's course selections for the following school year.

If your child would like to make a change to his/her request, instructions will be provided in the course verification email. The deadline to submit any changes will be **9:00 am Monday, April 11**.

It is very important that your child consider their selections very carefully. **Elective course changes will not be completed after this final verification process. Please note that this is a course request and that courses are not guaranteed.**

NB: If you have registered for SVS (Secondary Virtual School) for the 2022-2023 school year, the UHS course verification will not apply to your student. Communication will be sent to you and your student directly from SVS.

This verification is only for students who will be attending Unionville High School for the 2022-2023 school year.

- UHS Guidance

Parent/Guardian - Teacher Interviews

Please note the following timelines regarding Parent/Guardian-Teacher Telephone/Virtual Interviews:

Wednesday, March 30	Begin Interim Report Distribution
Thursday, March 31	TeachAssist appointment manager opens
Monday, April 4	TeachAssist appointment manager closes at 3:00pm
Thursday, April 7	Parent/Guardian-Teacher Telephone/Virtual Interviews 4:00-8:00pm

All interviews will be virtual or by telephone. We are NOT holding in-person interviews. Also, please note that teacher interview times may vary to accommodate a variety of circumstances.

You can use [TeachAssist](#) (Parent Portal) to book an appointment with the teacher beginning tomorrow, Thursday, March 31. Please note that the appointment manager will close on Monday, April 4 at 3:00pm. If the appointment schedule is full, you can contact the teacher directly via email.

If you are having difficulty with TeachAssist, please contact our main office for assistance (905-479-2787).

Chemistry Exams

Avogadro Exam:

The Avogadro Exam is designed for Grade 11 high school students in their first high school chemistry course. Topics include: structure of matter, bonding, reactions, solutions, and gasses. The test includes a few probing and demanding questions on some of the main topics of high school chemistry. The exam fosters an appreciation of chemistry as a career for talented young scientists and promotes national excellence in STEM related fields.

This challenge will be a 75-minute, timed contest to be started and completed at 8:30am-9:45am on Thursday, May 19th, 2022. Students will complete the contest at school under teacher supervision.

Please pay \$3.61 to cover University of Waterloo's marking and administration fees. Make payment via School Cash Online. Please complete this [form](#) and payment by Friday April 22rd, 2022, 11:59pm.

Chem 13 News Exam:


The Chem 13 News Exam is designed for Grade 12 high school chemistry students in their second high school chemistry course. Topics include: organic chemistry, equilibria, kinetics, oxidation-reduction, bonding, structure, reactions, solutions, and gasses. The exam fosters an appreciation of chemistry as a career for talented young scientists and promotes national excellence in STEM related fields.

This challenge will be a 75-minute, timed contest to be started and completed at 8:30am-9:45am on Thursday, May 12th, 2022. Students will complete the contest at school under teacher supervision. Please pay \$3.61 to cover University of Waterloo's marking and administration fees. Make payment via School Cash Online. Please complete this [form](#) and payment by Friday April 22rd, 2022, 11:59pm.

Autism Awareness

Autism

IT'S TIME TO BUST THE MYTHS



MYTH #1


Autism is an illness that can be cured

Autism is not a disease and does not go away as one grows older, it's a lifelong disability that affects people of all ages.

MYTH #2

Autism is a linear spectrum from high to low functioning

Autism does not present itself on a linear scale, the spectrum of autism is more accurately compared to a colour sector, each shade being a different trait.



Wear red on Monday, April 4th in support of Autism Acceptance Day!
UNIONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Hey, Wolves! April is Autism Acceptance Month. Although it is necessary to show your support for the autistic community all year-round, this month we come together to raise awareness about autism by uplifting the voices of those who are autistic. To highlight the occasion, on Monday April 4th please WEAR RED!

Community Involvement Hours

March Break has come and gone, but this is still a great time for students to work on completing Community Involvement Hours. Students are reminded that they must have their activity pre-approved prior to completing the activity. A special reminder to Grade 12 graduating students that the deadline to submit completed Community Involvement hours by June 1st. Students may join the 'UHS Volunteer Google Classroom' (enrolment key: **gsrz264**) or meet with a Guidance counsellor to learn about volunteer opportunities.

A reminder for the 2021-2022 school year, the required number of hours for community involvement activities will be reduced from 40 hours to a minimum of 20 hours for graduating students. This is consistent with changes made in the 2020-21 school year. All other students are required to complete the 40 required hours.

At the principal's discretion, the following activities will be deemed eligible for all secondary students for their community involvement activities in the 2021-22 school year:

- Activities that take place during the time allotted for the instructional program on a school day (e.g., walking a younger neighbour or sibling to and from school, helping younger siblings with their homework)
- Activities that include up to 10 hours of paid work, with the requirement to complete a reflection exercise indicating how their work contributed to service for others (e.g., grocery work during the pandemic). This will need to be completed by clicking on the following link: CI Reflection Form: <https://bit.ly/ciReflection>
- Activities that consist of duties normally performed in the home (e.g., students could help an elderly relative with errands, provide after-school care for a sibling)

Please note: Volunteer opportunities differ from field trips and are communicated through our Guidance Department's Google Classroom or Volunteering Bulletin Board. The YRDSB is not responsible for transportation or supervision when students make contact with community members to arrange volunteer opportunities.

A classroom teacher may not sign the community involvement hours form for opportunities taking place off-site. Teachers may sign forms for events taking place in the school under their supervision only (e.g. student secretary on parent-teacher interview night). While teachers can inform students of volunteer opportunities and direct them to visit the Guidance office, teachers should not call community members to arrange these volunteer opportunities. Opportunities provided in the community must be arranged by the student or parent/guardian and the outside venue.

Lunch Protocols

The following lunch protocols will remain in place until further notice:

- Grade 11/12 - Cafeteria/1st floor
- Grade 10 - 2nd floor
- Grade 9 - 3rd floor

****Please note that the library will no longer be available as an eating space.****

****The servery remains closed at this time.****

Newly Added Links

[Grade 12 Leadership in Social Justice Achievement Awards](#)

[Jewish Resistance During the Holocaust \(Grades 7 - 12\)](#)

[NACCA Award](#)

[Virtual Tour of the World Holocaust Memorial Center \(Grades 7 - 12\)](#)

4th Annual York Regional Police "Human Rights and Social Justice" Poster and Video Contest

The York Regional Police/Community Advisory Council will be launching their **4th Annual York Regional Police "Human Rights and Social Justice" Poster and Video Contest**. The theme of the event is "Resilience Through Community"

Poster Contest

One winner from each grade (Gr 7-12) will receive a **\$200 cash prize**. The winners will be recognized at the York Regional Police **International Human Rights Day Celebration** on Thursday, December 8, 2022.

This year we have added a **Video Contest**:

Video Contest: Three winning entries will be selected for the video contest, and each will receive a **\$200 cash prize**. The three submissions will be accepted from students in grades 7-12. The winners will be recognized at the York Regional Police **International Human Rights Day Celebration** on Thursday, December 8, 2022.

Students can submit entries for both the poster and video contest.

Please visit the link below for more information and see the event poster attached:

[Youth Poster Contest](#)

Markham Public Library Links

[Discover Your Digital Library](#)

[What To Read Next](#)

["Value"-able Education: Finding the Best Affordable US University Options](#) - Sat | Apr 2 | 11:30 AM | ZOOM

[Business Legal 101](#) - Mon | Apr 4 | 7 PM | ZOOM

[Causes of Child Behaviour and Parent Traps](#) - Tue | Apr 5 | 1 PM | ZOOM

[Learning about Conservation in York Region](#) - Wed | Apr 6 | 6 PM | ZOOM

[Meditate and Melt the Stress Away](#) - Wed | Apr 6 | 8:15 PM | ZOOM

[ASK MPL](#) - [GRAB & GO BAG](#) - [PLAN A VISIT](#)

[FACEBOOK](#) - [TWITTER](#) - [INSTAGRAM](#)

Provincial Update - COVID Measures in Schools

As you may be aware, this morning, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced their plan to lift many of the COVID-19 health and safety measures in public spaces and schools. Effective Monday, March 21, 2022:

- Students, staff members and school visitors will no longer be required to wear masks in school. Individuals who feel more comfortable or who are advised to wear a mask can continue to wear a mask and will be supported in doing so.
- Staff and students will not be required to complete the screening confirmation form each day. Students, staff members and visitors should continue to review and adhere to the [COVID-19 School and Child-Care Screening Tool](#) (please click on Check for Symptoms Daily), prior to entering the school daily. The screening tool has been updated to reflect new isolation requirements.
- Students will no longer be required to remain in cohorts or to practice physical distancing.

In addition, effective March 14, requirements for staff members to complete vaccination attestations or mandatory testing has been removed.

Hand washing and cleaning protocols will remain in place. In addition, we will continue to follow our current ventilation practices.

Current measures remain in effect until March 21, 2022, including mask requirements for all students in Kindergarten to Grade 12, and the completion of the screening confirmation form.

We appreciate that students and families may have mixed reactions to this announcement. Our educators will continue to support student well-being as these changes are implemented, and work to ensure all of our students feel safe, welcome and supported. Please also be assured that we will continue to consult with public health to ensure we are taking all appropriate measures to protect the health and safety of our students, staff members and families.

Unionville High School continues to encourage all members of the UHS community to wear masks as they see fit, while respecting the choices of all staff, students and visitors who enter our building. We are also encouraging all members of the UHS community to observe proper hand hygiene - this means sanitizing and washing your hands frequently.

Crisis Mental Health Supports for Students

For a variety of support services and agencies, please refer to the following list:

- 310-COPE www.yssn.ca: 905-310-COPE (2673) or 1-855-310-COPE (2673) - available 24/7
- www.KidsHelpPhone.ca: 1-800-668-6868, text 686868 - available 24/7
- Mental Health Helpline <https://www.ontario.ca/page/mental-health-services>: 1-866-531-2600 - available 24/7
- York Hills Help Phone Line: 905-503-9561 Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:30-4:00 pm; for children & youth (0-18 years), parents, caregivers or adult supporters. Visit www.yorkhills.ca for more information.
- Markham Stouffville Hospital www.msh.on.ca: 905-472-7000
- Poison Control www.ontariopoisoncentre.ca: 1-800-268-9017
- Lesbian Gay BI Trans Youth Line www.youthline.ca: 1-888-687-9689
- Trans Lifeline www.translifeline.org: 1-877-330-6366
- Black Youth Helpline www.blackyouth.ca: 1-833-294-8650
- York Region Children's Aid Society www.yorkcas.org: 905-895-2318
- York Region Abuse Program www.centralhealthline.ca: 905-895-3646
- Police-Fire-Ambulance 911

Important Dates

OCAS (Ontario College Application Services) mark upload: April 22, 2022

OUAC (Ontario Universities Application Centre) mark upload: April 28, 2022

Full Disclosure: May 9, 2022

Full disclosure: "applies to all grade 11 and 12 courses and if the course is withdrawn after the full disclosure date, a withdrawal (W) is entered in the credit column and the student's mark at the time of withdrawal is recorded as a percentage in the achievement column of the transcript".

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 (2:00-2:35pm). 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 will 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.](#)

Students requiring a parking pass for Semester 2 can fill out the following Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/MDqFtrMazbYWfBzJA>

Accessing Online Classrooms

We look forward to welcoming back both our remote and in-person learners to semester two. Below is some important information for you and your child who will be learning remotely.

Accessing Online Classrooms

- Students will receive information from their classroom teacher outlining how to access their online classroom.
- **Online Learning Platforms** - [Resources for accessing and using Google Classroom](#) and [Brightspace/D2L](#) can be found on the Board website in addition to other [family resources](#) and [student tools and resources](#). If your child does not know their GAPPS login information, they can contact the teacher.
- **Technology** - If your child requires technology to access remote learning, please contact the main office.

We appreciate that families have many questions. We will continue to share information with you, and work with you to support your child. Additional information is also available on the Board website, including health and safety measures, frequently asked questions and resources at www.yrdsb.ca/school-reopening.

Archived Links

[Graduation Ceremonies](#)
[PEAC Regional Symposium: Parent Voice Matters!](#)
[Prime Minister's Awards Nomination](#)
[Summer Company 2021 - Apply Now](#)
[Summer Employment](#)
[Summer Mentorship Program](#)
[Supporting Success and Well Being for 2SLGBTQ+ Students](#)

TIMETABLE/SCHEDULE

Block 1	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



Unionville High School's School Council Presents...

Conversations on Identity & Belonging: A Three-Part Series



Monday, January 24, 2022 @ 7:45 to 8:30 PM – Dr. Brenda Wastasecoot

Dr. Brenda Wastasecoot, Assistant Professor of Indigenous Studies, Arts & Science Faculty at University of Toronto. Brenda is Innu (Cree) and a member of the York Factory First Nation. She was raised in Churchill, Manitoba, in a little village known as The Flats. After studying and teaching at Brandon University in Brandon, Manitoba, she came to Toronto to do her PhD at OISE - Ontario Institute for Studies in Education. Her thesis dissertation tells the story of her family and the impacts of Indian Residential schools. "Showing and Telling the Story of Nikis; Arts Based, Auto-Ethnographic Journeying of a Cree Adult Educator."

Monday, February 28, 2022 @ 7:15 to 8:00 PM – Ms. Gen-Ling Chang

Gen-Ling Chang is the deputy executive director with ALPHA Education committed to social justice, humanity and global peace; after she retired as associate director, Toronto District School Board. She also serves as chair of school and community relations with the Asian Canadian Educators Network. With years of experience on addressing the impact of systemic racism in policy and practice on individuals and communities, Gen-Ling continues to work with youth, educators, leaders, and communities on authentic inclusive participation, representation, and diversity.



Monday, April 25, 2022 @ 7:15 to 8:00 PM – Dr. Ann E. Lopez

Dr. Ann E. Lopez, is a professor of educational leadership and policy in the Department of Leadership, Higher and Adult Education, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto. She is the Director of the Center for Leadership and Diversity and Provostial Advisor, Access Programs. Dr. Lopez is the immediate past president of the National Association for Multicultural Education (NAME). Her research and teaching focuses on antiracist education, school leadership across contexts, decolonizing and socially just leadership, issues of equity in education and schooling, and most recently developing concepts of what she describes as "ProLovePedagogy". Dr. Lopez has published several articles and written 5 books including her most recent book entitled *Decolonizing Educational Leadership: Alternative Approach to Leading Schools*. Dr. Lopez is co-Editor-In-Chief of the Journal of School Leadership, Co-Series Editor, Studies in Educational Administration, and the recipient of the 2020 Award for Distinguished Contributions to Teaching at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education.

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To join the third conversation with Dr. Ann E. Lopez on Monday, April 25, 2022, please complete the google form [UHS School Council Invitation](#) (Space is limited to 250) by noon on April 25, 2022. The meeting link will be shared with you by email.

We hope to see you there!

[UHS School Council Invitation](#)

To Well-Being

2nd Annual Conference for YRDSB Muslim Students



"Featuring a special session and
Q&A with Ginella Massa"

Wednesday, April 06, 2022

Virtual Conference during
the School Day

Register Now

<https://forms.gle/Vkt3YbSjhbT8ZqXeA>