



UHS Parent Weekly Bulletin

Volume 14

Friday, December 10th, 2021

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Extensions:

Reception - 431
Attendance - 230
Guidance - 458

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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

December	13	14	15	16	17
	ATM10M and NAC101 - Virtual Guest Speaker Tracee Smith (1:30 - 2:30 PM) Jr Boys Basketball host Brother Andre (4:00-5:00 PM)	GLC201-05 Virtual Guest Speaker James Pascucci (10:00 - 11:05 AM) Sr Girls Volleyball at Bill Hogarth (2:40 - 4:10 PM)	GLC201-05 Virtual Guest Speaker Thanaa Sarif (10:00 - 11:05 AM) Sr Boys Basketball home game (4:00 - 5:30)	GLC201-05 Virtual Guest Speaker Ayelen Barrios (10:00 - 11:00 AM)	STEM for Girls - Guest Speaker Cindy Zhu (4:15 - 5:15 PM)
December	20	21	22	23	24
	Winter Break	Winter Break	Winter Break	Winter Break	Winter Break

Rapid Antigen Screening Kits for Students

In an effort to promote a safer return to the classroom after the winter break, on behalf of the Government of Ontario, our school will be distributing take-home rapid antigen screening kits to every student.

We will distribute the rapid antigen screening kits on Tuesday, December 14. Please check your child's backpack for the kit. Use of the screening kits is voluntary.

The rapid antigen screening kits are intended for use by any child who attends a publicly funded school, regardless of their vaccination status. Rapid antigen screening kits are to be distributed to students who participate in in-person learning. This testing option will **not** be available to students who have been learning remotely.

Please note, your child's participation in this rapid antigen screening is **voluntary**. Students are not required to participate in order to return to the classroom after the winter break.

While providing students with rapid antigen screening kits is an important tool for managing the spread of COVID-19, vaccination remains the most effective protection against the virus and its variants. Ensuring that children and youth are vaccinated will provide them with a strong level of protection and help to keep schools open and as safe as possible.

It also is important to remember that we all need to continue with key public health advice, including staying home when sick, getting tested if you have symptoms, washing your hands frequently and wearing a face covering as required.

Please read the important information below prior to using the rapid antigen screening kit.

When to Use the Rapid Antigen Screening Kit (distributed prior to the winter break):

- For students who choose to use rapid antigen screening kits, it is recommended students conduct the rapid antigen tests every 3-4 days over the holiday break, on every Monday and Thursday beginning December 23, until all five tests have been used.
- Rapid antigen screening kits are only to be used when a child is **asymptomatic** (i.e. does not have any symptoms of COVID-19 and has not had any exposure to a confirmed case of COVID-19).
- Anyone with symptoms or who is identified as a close contact of a case should still get PCR testing. Rapid antigen screening tests should not be used as a substitute for PCR tests for people with symptoms or for people who are close contacts of cases.

Using the Take-Home Rapid Antigen Screening Kit:

- The BTNX Rapid Response™ can be performed using anterior nasal swabbing (per the package insert, as approved by Health Canada) or using deep nasal swabbing (as recommended by Public Health Ontario in this document, given higher sensitivity compared to anterior nasal swabbing). Both types of specimen collection can be performed using the NP swab provided with the kit.
- Please follow the instructions provided with the kit.

- **Important note:** Parents or guardians may choose to administer this screening on children who may need help (i.e., younger children).

What to do after your test:

- You will know the outcome of the test within 15 minutes. If test results conducted so far are negative, your child may return to school as usual. Even if your child tests negative, they should continue to adhere to all relevant public health guidance, such as guidance on gathering, distancing, and masking.
- A positive result on a rapid antigen screening test is considered a preliminary positive. A child that receives a positive result on a rapid antigen screening test should seek a confirmatory PCR test as soon as possible (ideally within 48 hours) at a [local testing site](#) or pharmacy that offers testing and isolate themselves until the result of that confirmatory PCR test is known.

Daily On-Site Confirmation of Screening Beginning January 3, 2022

The Ministry has recently directed school boards to implement the **daily-on-site confirmation** of self-screening for all secondary students commencing in January 2022.

Note: A communication will be sent to all secondary students/parents/guardians with the information outlined below (along with the requisite links).

Process:

Step 1: Secondary students to complete on-line self-assessment [COVID-19 School and Child-Care Screening Tool](#) prior to entering the school on a daily basis.

Step 2: Upon completion of the self-assessment, complete response to the question: "Have you completed the self-screening test?" in the Confirmation [Form](#).

- The student receives an email response when they respond "Yes". The email will include a colour code specific to the day of the week:

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY

- In the Period 1 classroom, students are to provide confirmation of completion of the self-screening by way of:
 - ❖ Smartphone – email or picture of email from their computer
 - ❖ Hard copy of email
 - ❖ If neither option is available, they can provide a verbal response confirming completion.

UHS Spirit Week: December 13 - 17

Unionville Student Council will be hosting a spirit week from December 13 to 17. Spirit week will be a fun way to bring together the student body and increase school spirit before the holidays. Each day of the week there will be a different theme, and students are encouraged to dress according to the theme.

The theme of each day will be as follows:

- Monochrome Monday (Wear the same colour in different shades.)
- Formal Dress Tuesday (Wear your best clothes to celebrate the holidays!)
- Holiday Colours Wednesday (Wear red and green.)
- Denim on Denim Thursday (Wear your jeans and jean jackets.)
- Pyjama Friday (Please ensure you are dressed warmly and appropriately. Proper footwear required!)

Student Trustees



If you will be in grade 11 or 12 in the next school year and are passionate about student voice, consider becoming a student trustee, and representing students across YRDSB.

Student trustees network with students, staff and the Board of Trustees to share information that gives students a meaningful voice. Learn more about the role and how you can apply at www.yrdsb.ca/studenttrustees.

The deadline to apply is January 21.

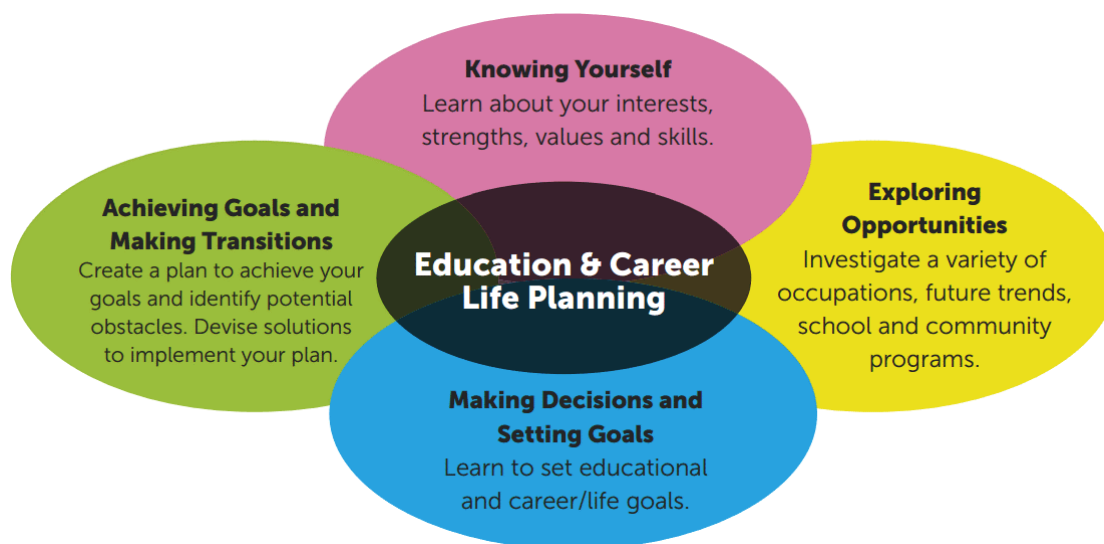
Four candidates will be selected to run for the two student trustee positions and all students will have an opportunity to vote. Students will receive information on how to vote in the election during the campaign and voting period (see below).

Student Trustee Election Key Dates:

Student Trustee Applications	January 10-21, 2022, closes @ 11:59 p.m.
Interview Selection of (4) Area Representative Candidates	January 25-27, 2022
The Campaign Period	January 31 – February 11, 2022, closes @ 11:59 p.m.

All-Candidates Debate	February 2, 2022
Online Voting Period	February 14-22, 2022, closes @ 8 p.m.
Election Day	February 23, 2022
Election Results Announced	February 24, 2022

Individual Pathway Plan (IPP) Activity



Unionville High School students will review and revise their **Individual Pathway Plan (IPP)** twice each year, as required by the Ministry of Education's *Creating Pathways to Success: An Education and Career/Life Planning Program for Ontario Schools*.

During the week of December 13th, Grade 9 and Grade 11 period 4 classes will spend some time working on a lesson that will allow students to complete part of the IPP using My Pathway Planner. Students can access the lesson at any time and revisit this activity at any point by simply logging into My Pathway Planner. Students in Grade 10 will complete the IPP in their Careers class using My Pathway Planner and the Grade 12 students will complete the IPP by completing the *Grad Interview* Google Form shared by the Guidance office (students would have received an email to their GAPPS account with the link and instructions on how to complete this form).

Markham Public Library

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The New Year is right around the corner. While you are busy thinking about the holidays, it's also time to start planning for what programs to register for in the new year. Here's a look at all the great programs MPL offers this winter.

Explore Programs



The Secrets to Scholarship Research & Writing

This program will focus on the two most important aspects related to scholarships: how to find them and how to win them. Students will learn where to find scholarships that they are competitive for and how to best position their personal statements to win those prizes.

Ages: 16 - 21
Starts on: Feb 22 | 7 PM

[Register Now](#)



French Practise in Conversation

You have learned some French basics and now you want to speak it. Join us for an informal French conversation where you get to practice on fun and easy topics. Improve your comprehension and increase your vocabulary. You will be provided with prompts to get conversations started.

For Adults
Starts on: Jan 12 | 10 AM

[Register Now](#)



French Basics for Adults

Do you need French for business or work or travel? Do you have a child in French Immersion you want to help or would you like to learn French as a language. Whether you are new to it or would like a refresher, come learn in a fun and relaxed environment. You will practice pronunciation, understand how to construct sentences step by step and begin to develop basic vocabulary. You will be guided by a live instructor over the virtual platform.

[Register Now](#)

For Adults
Starts on: Jan 12 | 6:30 PM



Live Chat

[Live Chat](#)



Grab & Go Bag

[Grab & Go Bag](#)



Plan a Visit

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Message for Graduating Students: 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. **You are expected to wear a cap and gown for your school graduation photo session.**

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, 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.

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.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL & 360 KIDS

CHARITY DRIVE

Donate today to our holiday charity drive to support homeless youth!

- Station beside the Library!
- Join our Google Classroom (m7pgbw4) to see what you can donate!

For more information:



FOOD DRIVE



Support. Inspire. Overcome.

Feeding many teenagers is a big job and we appreciate all of your help. Items always in need are the following:

Dry/ Non Perishables in Need:

Canned stews (Chili, Chunky Beef, Chef Boyardee)	Canned Tuna, Salmon, Sardines, Turkey
On The Go Snacks (Granola Bars, Cheese and Crackers, Tuna and Cracker SnackPacks Etc...)	
Boxes of Cereal	Pasta Sauce
Canned soups	Boxes of Instant Oatmeal packages (variety of flavours)
Peanut Butter and Jam, Nutella	Ramen Noodles/Cup of Noodles/ Mr. Noodles packages
Lipton's Sidekicks Noodles & Rice Packs	Kraft Dinner microwaveable Cups
Laundry Detergent (pods please)	Canned vegetables
Condiments (soy sauces, bbq sauce, ketchup, mustard, spices, kraft parmesan cheese bottles)	

Snack Foods: Granola bars, bags of chips, rice crispy squares, welches fruit snack packs, cookies, juice boxes, sweet cereals, individual oatmeal packages, puddings, hot chocolate, tea bags, fruit roll ups, popcorn, crackers and cheese dip, sunflower seeds, fruit cups, zoodles type pasta, individual packages of goldfish crackers

(New Hygiene Products Only Accepted this year)

White t-shirts (and undershirts)

Socks and Underwear – new in packages only please (white athletic and sport socks preferred)

Feminine Hygiene products (tampons and pads)

New Drop-off Process in 2021: Food drives MUST be pre-arranged for drop off using our online weekly scheduling system at our program locations including Home Base Richmond Hill, and residential programs. The scheduling system can be found on our website at: <https://www.360kids.ca/program-wish-lists/>

Many thanks for your generous support.

[Program Wish List](#)