



UHS Parent Weekly Bulletin

Volume 18

Friday, January 21, 2022

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Extensions:

Reception - 431
Attendance - 230
Guidance - 458

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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

Jan	24	25	26	27	28
	School Council Meeting (7:00 - 8:30 PM)		Culminating Activities for Block 1 (Period 1) Classes Only	Culminating Activities for Block 3 (Period 2) Classes only	Culminating Activities for Block 2 (Period 3) Classes Only
Jan	31	Feb 1	2	3	4
	Culminating Activities for Block 4 (Period 4) Classes Only	Equal Consideration Deadline for College Applications Lunar New Year Instructional Day	Culminating Support Day	Last Day of Semester 1 Virtual Feedback (AM)	P.A. Day - No Classes

End of Semester - Key Dates

Please note that January 26, 27, 28, 31 and February 2 are “Culminating Activity Days” designed to support students in achieving their credits. These are not regularly scheduled classes. Teachers will arrange virtual or in-person meetings with students on these days **ONLY AS REQUIRED**. Students should NOT attend the school unless prior arrangements have been made with the teacher.

January 26	Block 1 (Period 1)	Teachers will contact/work with students if required.
January 27	Block 3 (Period 2)	Teachers will contact/work with students if required.
January 28	Block 2 (Period 3)	Teachers will contact/work with students if required.
January 31	Block 4 (Period 4)	Teachers will contact/work with students if required.
February 1	Significant Faith Day	Instructional Day (no evaluations)
February 2	Culminating Support	Teachers will contact/work with students if required.
February 3	AM: Virtual Feedback (schedule to follow)	
February 4	P.A. Day	No classes

School Council Meeting Agenda

Our next School Council Meeting is Monday, January 24, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Our agenda will be as follows:

1. Welcome
2. ADMIN Items
3. Subject Presentations - (until 7:45 pm)
 - History by Ms. Faulkner
 - ESL by Ms. Kapeluch
 - Co-op by Ms. Jennifer Minos
 - Guidance by Ms. Rita Riolo
4. *Conversations on Identity and Belonging - Part 1* – 7:45 - 8:30 pm
 - Special Guest Speaker - Dr. Brenda Wastasecoot
 - Q & A

The Google Meet link will be shared with all families on Monday morning.

We look forward to seeing you all virtually.

The Michael Smith Challenge

The Michael Smith Challenge is a national competition written by students in Grade 10 Science or lower. It emphasizes logical thinking and covers material in the Science curriculum common to all provinces. The challenge fosters an appreciation of Science as a career for talented young people and promotes national excellence in STEM related fields.

This challenge will be a one-hour, timed contest to be started and completed after school on **Tuesday, February 15, 2022**. Students will complete the challenge individually at home and not during school hours. The recommended

time to complete the one-hour challenge is after 6:00 pm when school work has been completed for the day. The challenge will consist of eight timed sections of randomized questions on the following topics:

Astronomy

Earth Science

Biology

Physics

Chemistry

Each student's set of questions will be unique.

The cost is \$6.18. Please pay on [School Cash Online](#) and complete the permission form. Both are required for the contest.

Canadian Computing Contest - February 16, 2022, 12-3 pm

The Canadian Computing Contest (CCC), administered by the University of Waterloo is a programming challenge for high school students with an interest in programming. It is an opportunity for students to test their ability to present coding solutions to five progressively challenging programming questions. Please see [Canadian Computing Competition](#) for more information.

The Computer Club has been allocating time on a weekly basis to coach and prepare students for this Contest. Please join the Computer Club Google Classroom to find out more information using the following code: [2tdolqc](#).

Audience

Junior Level (Grades 9 or 10) — any student with elementary programming skills

Senior Level (Grades 11 or 12) — any student with intermediate to advanced programming skills

Any student may choose to write any level (Junior or Senior) of the contest.

Date: Wednesday February 16th, 2022 from 12 noon to 3 pm (virtually & remotely)

Based on the current circumstances, this contest will not take place in-person but remotely; thus, students will need to make the necessary arrangements to be at home in the afternoon to participate in this contest as in-person classroom supervision will not be provided. Your child will be missing their afternoon face to face or remote learning classes.

Parents are required to ensure that their child is completing this contest on their own, virtually, without any collaboration or assistance.

Process & Deadline for Registration: Sunday February 6th by 11:59 pm

Parents are asked to register their child and pay the \$8.25 fee by February 6th at 11:59 pm via [School Cash Online](#).

For students who register, additional information will be provided in order to access the competition.

Pascal, Cayley, and Fermat Math Competitions - February 23, 2022

The Pascal, Cayley, and Fermat math competitions, for grade 9, 10, and 11 students respectively, are administered by the Centre for Education in Mathematics and Computing (CEMC) at the University of Waterloo. These

competitions provide a fun and engaging opportunity for students to challenge themselves in Math. Please visit <http://www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca> for more information on these competitions.

Due to current gathering restrictions, participation in these competitions will take place outside of school hours on Wednesday, February 23, 2022. This means that students will be participating in these competitions after school, from home, under the supervision of an adult.

You may register your child in one of these competitions via [School Cash Online](#). The registration cost is \$5.40 and the last day to register is Tuesday, February 1, 2022.

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

YORK REGION ALLIANCE OF AFRICAN CANADIAN COMMUNITIES
PRESENTS



5th Annual Black History Month Event

Date: February 19, 2022

Time: 11am - 2pm

**Black Health, Well-Being, and Resilience
through Ubuntu – I am because we are!**

Keynote Speaker:
Ms. Ginelle Skerritt

First Black CEO of YRCAS, public speaker, published author, dedicated to principles of diversity, inclusion, positive identity and social justice.



Breakout Sessions / Entertainment

Mental and Physical Health Resilience

Resilience through Community

Financial Resilience

Online Bullying - Social Media Resilience


Drumming, Poetry, and More

 **Venue:** Virtual Event



Registration at:

[YRAACCBHM2022.eventbrite.ca](https://yraaccbhm2022.eventbrite.ca)

 **For more information:**

(647) 280 - 9879

Info@yorkregionaacc.ca



Visit

www.yorkregionaacc.ca/events

for more details.

[More Information](#)

[Registration](#)

A SPECIAL INTERNATIONAL
**HOLOCAUST
REMEMBRANCE DAY**
VIRTUAL PROGRAM



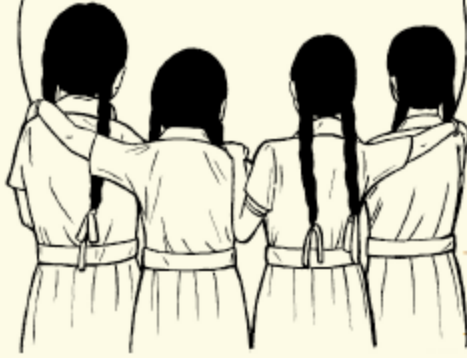
On January 27th, at 7 p.m. EST, Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center, the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem, the Azrieli Foundation and the Neuberger Holocaust Education Centre will commemorate International Holocaust Remembrance Day with a special virtual program. This year's event will feature a poignant candle-lighting ceremony presented by Holocaust survivors and a tribute to survivors Max Eisen, Rose Lipszyc and Eva Olsson, who were recently appointed to the Order of Canada. Also participating are Canada's Special Envoy on Preserving Holocaust Remembrance and Combatting Antisemitism, the Honourable Irwin Cotler, and Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl, in honour of his recent appointment to the Order of Canada, who will recite Kaddish. Join us for this moving program as we continue to keep the memory of the Holocaust alive, in Canada and beyond. It is more critical than ever.

[Please register here.](#)

TAMIL HERITAGE MONTH 2022

தமிழ் மரபுத் திங்கள் 2022

www.tamilheritagemonth.com



Tamil Women Excellence



Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow



WOMEN OF EELAM
In honor of the bravery and sacrifices of Tamil women in Eelam



AVVAIYAR
Most famous poet in various periods of Tamil literature



RANI VELU NACHIYAR
Queen of Sivagangai who fought against the British Colonial Power in India



KAMALA HARRIS
First Tamil and Black woman to become the Vice President of the USA



INDRA NOOYI
Former CEO of PepsiCo, a prominent leader in the corporate sector



MATREYA RAMAKRISHNAN
International Co-ordinated Young Tamil Coalition Address



In Honor of all the Tamil women whose achievements were erased or hindered through various forms of oppression

The official poster for Tamil Heritage Month 2022.
Poster Design: Jeyan Aravinthan

Tamil Heritage Month 2022 revolves around the theme of Tamil Women Excellence, with the aim to showcase the strength and resilience of Tamil Women who continue to contribute to our history and society. This poster is a collection of few works by three Tamil women and a depiction of the legacy of Tamil Women throughout history. It celebrates and acknowledges change makers and the long lasting impact of Tamil Women Excellence throughout the years.

Tamil Women in our society continue to persevere and work tirelessly to break barriers, while building new identities for themselves and every Tamil Women around the world. The work done by Tamil Heritage Month Council and Tamil Civic Action throughout the month of January will focus on sharing their stories and motivating our future generations of Tamil Women to continue on the path of excellence.



The artwork showcased in this poster are mainly the creation of three Tamil Women artists: Neela Rajaram (@neelarajaram), Sindhu Siliveru (@sindhusilveru), and Purnima Prabhakaran (@purnimapr).
Tamil Civic Action (@tamilcivica)

[Website](http://www.tamilheritagemonth.com)

DEADLINE EXTENDED



**TAMIL HERITAGE MONTH
2022**

POSTER CONTEST

TAMIL HERSTORIES

Tamil Women Excellence:
Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

Deadline: January 23rd, 2022

info@tamilcivicaaction.com

[Contact](#)

Theme



The poster should depict any examples of the strength and resistance of Tamil women and showcase their contributions throughout our past, present and future. The poster can cover any one of these elements.

Guidelines



- Open to ALL CANADIANS above the age of 10
- Poster must not exceed 11" x 17"
- Poster can be hand drawn, painted, or digitally designed
- Poster will be judged on quality of work, originality, and creativity in reflecting the theme
- ONE ENTRY ONLY, per artist
- Poster may be used as promotional material or as part of a virtual exhibition
- Poster must be suitable for public display and must not be offensive or discriminatory

Entry Must Include



1. Title of Work
2. Full Name and Age
3. Home Mailing Address
4. Home and/or Cell Number
5. Brief Description of the Depicted Content



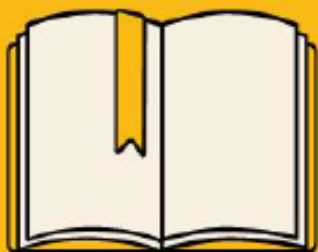
**TAMIL HERITAGE MONTH
2022**



ESSAY COMPETITION

TAMIL HERSTORIES

Tamil Women Excellence:
Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow



DEADLINE EXTENDED

**Essays must be submitted by
January 23rd, 2022**

info@tamilcivicaction.com



[Contact](#)



Theme



Reflecting on the resilience and strength of Tamil women of our past, present, and future. The essay should reflect upon Tamil women who have and continue to contribute to social change and make a difference in our world. The essay can cover any one of these elements.



Guidelines



- Open to ALL CANADIAN STUDENTS from Grades 9-12
- Essay should be a minimum 300 and maximum 1000 words
- ONE ENTRY MAX per person
- Essay should be suitable for public sharing and not offensive or discriminatory

Entry Must Include

1. Title of Work
2. Full Name and Age
3. Home Mailing Address
4. Home and/or Cell Number
5. Brief Description of the Depicted Content



Prizes



Essay Placed First

Will be awarded \$200

Essay Placed Second

Will be awarded \$150

Essay Placed Third

Will be awarded \$100



Deadline

All entries must be submitted by

Sunday, January 23rd, 2022

Essays must be submitted as a pdf or word doc to

info@tamilcivicaaction.com

[Submit Here](#)

SO THEY REMEMBER

A Jewish Family's Story of Surviving
the Holocaust in Soviet Ukraine



Author Maksim Goldenshteyn was 23 years old when he first learned that his grandparents, born in Soviet Ukraine and Romania in the 1920 and

1930s, had survived the Holocaust. Growing up in the U.S., he heard only fragments of their wartime stories, which did not always align with the depictions that mostly emerged from the Western and Central European Jewish experience.

His new book, a decade in the making, tells their story. In this presentation, Maksim will trace his family's journey (and the journey of families like his) across the broad sweep of the 20th century. He will describe life in the shtetlach of the late Russian Empire and borderlands of the Soviet Union, where interethnic relations between Poles, Ukrainians, and Jews would play an important role during the wartime occupation of Soviet Ukraine.

He will describe how the Second World War reshaped his maternal grandfather's hometown, and how child survivors came of age in the shadow of genocide to resist Soviet attempts to erase all traces of the Holocaust.

He will explore how families like – Jews from the former Soviet Union who emigrated en masse beginning in the 1980s – struggled to find their place in North America.

Moreover, he will reflect on how learning his family's story has taken him on an unexpected journey of his own: reclaiming his Jewish identity.

**We welcome families,
educators, community and
students (grades 6+) to join
us!**

An Evening with Maksim Goldenshteyn,
Author of "So They Remember"

Feb. 3 | 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Register Today!
<https://bit.ly/3njplXh>

10 copies of "So They Remember" will
be raffled off to 10 attendees!

More Information:

Leonora Buskin | Community Partnership
Developer (CPD): Jewish Community
leonora.buskin@yrdsb.ca

Oksana Majaski | Community Partnership
Developer (CPD): CEC West
oksana.majaski@yrdsb.ca

**This free parent presentation is brought
to you in partnership Anne Frank Public
School and York Region District School
Board.**

[Register](#)
[Contact Leonora](#)
[Contact Oksana](#)

Experience Works

Seventeenth Edition: Winter 2021-2022

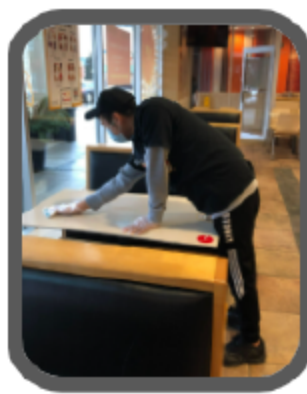
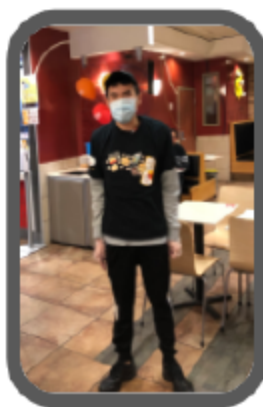
Because of Work Experience...

“Jason is much more confident when communicating with others.”

Jason is a student in the **PEAK East Program**. He is currently doing his work placement at McDonald's. Since that time, he has learned valuable pedestrian skills by practicing how to navigate busy intersections both safely and independently. He has significantly improved his stamina and productivity, as well as his ability to complete tasks on his own. Jason really enjoys interacting with his co-workers and as a result, he is much more confident when communicating with others.

Jason always demonstrates a positive work attitude and a willingness to learn. He enjoys helping to maintain a clean environment by sanitizing and wiping down all surface areas, sweeping, mopping, breaking down boxes, taking out the garbage, cleaning and setting up the highchairs, replenishing supplies and refilling the hand sanitizer stations. What he likes best about working at McDonalds, are the people and being able to work on his own.

Well done Jason, and congratulations for all of your hard work!





2021-22 SHSM REGIONAL OPPORTUNITIES!

SHSM Winter Conference #2

February 24th, 2022, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

~ Full day virtual experience ~

- * Option 1: Complete an SPE (ICE) with YR Crime Stoppers
- * Option 2: Complete an SPE (Coding- Python) with VRTA

Link to registration form for more information:


<https://bit.ly/SHSMWinterConference2>

**Stay connected to your GAPPs,
your school SHSM Google Classroom,
and the SHSM Student Google Site!**



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**ALBERT AND EVELYN KRAKAUER
AND FAMILY PRESENT**

FRIENDS OF  SIMON WIESENTHAL CENTER
FOR HOLOCAUST STUDIES

SPEAKER'S IDOL 2022

STAND UP. SPEAK OUT. BE HEARD.

To Apply: Write a 3-minute speech relating
the following quote by Holocaust survivor
Simon Wiesenthal:

"INFORMATION IS RESISTANCE"

to a human rights issue that is important to
you, and how you envision creating positive
change in the world.

**SPEECHES DUE: FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 4, 2022**

✉ EDUCATION@FSWC.CA

☎ 416-864-9735

🌐 WWW.FSWC.CA

SUBMIT SPEECH TO EDUCATION@FSWC.CA



[Website](#)
[Submit Speech](#)

**ALBERT AND EVELYN KRAKAUER
AND FAMILY PRESENT**



SPEAKER'S IDOL 2022

FINALIST ROUND: MAY 4, 2022 - VIRTUAL PROGRAM

DETAILS

- Speeches **must** include Simon Wiesenthal's quote: "information is resistance"
- Please submit speech as a .doc or .PDF document, double-spaced, using 12-point font
- Include a title page with your: name, grade, phone number, email, school name, teacher's name and teacher's email
- Speeches will be evaluated in 2 categories: Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12
- Send your speech to education@fswc.ca
- Top 15 speeches in each category will participate in a quarter-finals video round
- Top 10 contestants in each category will participate in a semi-finalist video round which will include coaching from university debate team members
- Top 5 contestants from the semi-finalist round will be invited to present their speeches virtually to a panel of judges where grand prizes will be awarded.

PRIZES

Apple prizes will be presented to the winners after the event. Prizes are non-negotiable and non-transferable. By entering this competition, participants agree to waive any right to claim any ambiguity or error in the selection of winners and agree to all decisions of the judging panel chosen by Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies, whose decisions are final. Finalists may be invited to special events throughout the year.

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February 3 · 6PM EST

2022



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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 Ininu (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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On each of the following dates, an email will be sent to all parents and guardians with the link to join our school council meetings and take part in our three-part series on *Conversations on Identity and Belonging*.

- Monday, January 24, 2022
- Monday, February 28, 2022
- Monday, April 25, 2022

We hope to see you there!