



UHS Parent Weekly Bulletin

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HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS WEEK'S BULLETIN

Diploma/Transcript Pick Up

Ontario Technological Skills Competition April 19th – May 4th 2022

Aquatic Leadership Program

Hong Fook Youth & Family Services - Summer Programs

1 WEEK CALENDAR - JUNE/JULY

27	28	29	30	1
Graduation Ceremony	Final Culminating Day	Last Day of Classes (Modified Schedule)	P.A. Day No Classes	Canada Day



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

YRDSB Student and Family Surveys - Now Available

The 2021-22 YRDSB Student and Family Surveys are now available online until June 30, 2022.

These surveys will provide the Board and our schools with valuable information about the experiences of students and families. Results will be used to guide Board and school planning to support student achievement and well-being.

Students and families have received a link to their respective surveys by email. If you do not want your child(ren) to participate in this survey, but missed the deadline on May 26, 2022 to opt your child(ren) out of receiving the link to the surveys, please advise your child(ren) to not participate. Families who do not want to participate in the Family Survey may disregard the email invitation.

The Family Survey is available online in:

- Arabic
- Chinese (simplified)
- Chinese (traditional)
- Farsi
- English
- Gujarati
- Hebrew
- Korean
- Punjabi
- Russian
- Tamil
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese

As our first partners in education, we value input from families and encourage parents/guardians to complete the survey. The information provided will be anonymous and kept in strict accordance with all relevant legislation. Survey results will remain confidential and will be collated along with the responses of all students and all families in the form of a summary report (i.e., individual responses will not be reported, only grouped data will be reported).

Please contact Research Services at research.services@yrdsb.ca if you have any questions or visit the [Board website](#) to learn more.

Diploma & Transcript Pick Up

Diplomas and transcripts will be available for pick-up at Unionville High School from July 11 to July 28, 8:30 am to 2:00 pm. Please note that the office is closed on Fridays in the summer.

Ontario Technological Skills Competition April 19th – May 4th 2022

Congratulations to the UHS Skills team for representing UHS and YRDSB at the Ontario Technological Skills Competition (OTSC) this year from April 19th to May 4th 2022. Due to COVID-19 concerns OTSC held the events virtually this year (same as the year before). Imagine an Olympic style event for technical and technological skills which is what this event was for the province of Ontario. York Region's best were pitted against students from all across Ontario in various skills competitions. From the feedback we have gathered, the students had a wonderful experience competing against students from other schools boards.

Worth noting: UHS won the most medals from YRDSB by a high school, a record held by UHS for the past 8 years.

Medals to note for 2022:

Bronze medal for TV/Video Production – Alexander Nielsen & John Tsatsos

Bronze medal for Architectural Technology & Design - Alex Liu

Silver medal for Electronics – Daphne Cheng

Silver medal for Geographic Information Systems – Neil Karkhanis & Aditya Manyal

Silver medal for IT & Network Systems – Nimish Patri

Silver medal for Mechanical CAD – Brandon Lo

Silver medal for Web Design and Development – Winston Zhao

Thank you to Ms. McMillan and Mr. Cho for organizing the UHS Skills team this year.

Aquatic Leadership Program

Part 1 will be offered in the fall. Successful students will be able to acquire the Healthy Living and Aquatic Activities Grade 10 credit (PAQ2O1) along with the Lifesaving Society's Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross and Standard First Aid with CPR-C Certifications. More information is on the YRDSB website at:

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/school-programs-nav/school-programs/aquatic-leadership-program>

Culminating Days

Our last day of classes for Semester 2 is Friday, June 17th for Grade 12s and Tuesday, June 21st for Grades 9 to 11. Much like in Semester 1, there will be no formal exams; the 5 days at the end of the semester will be used for culminating activities. These culminating days:

- provide equitable opportunities to demonstrate understanding in a face-to-face and virtual setting;
- provide increased support for student well-being and mental health;

- provide increased opportunities for student success;
- provide greater flexibility in the hybrid model; and
- maintain fair, valid and accurate evaluation of student achievement.

Here is how Culminating Days will take place:

Grade 12s

Grades 9 to 11

Monday, June 27 – Graduation Day!

Monday, June 27 – Period 4

June 28th – Culminating Support Day

Below is the schedule for Wednesday, June 29 (Feedback Day).

If you have any questions about these days, please contact your classroom teacher or one of the Vice Principals!

Feedback Day
(formerly known as Exam Review Day)
June 29, 2022

Block 1 Classes	8:30-9:05
Break	9:05-9:10
Block 3 (Period 2) Classes	9:10-9:45
Break	9:45-9:50
Block 2 (Period 3) Classes	9:50-10:25
Break	10:25-10:30
Block 4 Classes	10:30-11:05
Lunch	11:05-12:05pm
Promotion Meetings	12:05-2:35pm

PARKING UPDATE

We are well aware that our parking lot during morning drop off and afternoon pick up times can be quite busy. We have had congestion, speeding and traffic related issues in the morning. Many parents have also voiced their concerns as they have received remote tickets for parking in the pick up and drop off zones which are also Fire Zones as marked by the yellow striped lines and the “No Parking” painted on the

concrete. We wanted to let you know that the YRDSB and the Markham ByLaw office are currently in discussion to address this contradictory and controversial signage. In order to support our community, effective June 1st, Markham By-law officers have been present during morning drop off and will continue to be present until June 30th to direct traffic and to ensure student and staff safety. Further updates will be provided in future bulletins; we thank you in advance for your attention to this matter and for sharing your concerns.

As a reminder, in the mornings, please do not park in staff spaces at the Warden entrance. At Town Centre Blvd, you are advised not to park in the areas with yellow paint that say "NO PARKING" as this is a 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 seen by the City as parked, stopped without a student exiting or entering, or left idling in this zone will be ticketed. Unfortunately, Unionville High School has no jurisdiction over this and we are unable to support families who have been ticketed other than to redirect them to raise this issue with the City of Markham. We recognize that this situation has caused upset amongst the UHS Community and we thank you for your patience. Please be reminded that 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](#)

The Come Up Summer Program

Attention UHS Families,

The Come Up Summer Program is a unique **in-person** experience for self-identifying Black students (and their parents/guardians) in the York Region District School Board who will be entering grade 9 or 10 in September 2022. The program will begin Wednesday, July 6 and end Friday, July 29, 2022 (9:00am - 3:30pm). Students will have an opportunity to successfully earn a high school credit by participating in a fun and dynamic program. Some of the topics may include: positive identity formation and affirmation, career pathways, emotional intelligence, social media, digital literacy, entrepreneurship and legal rights. Each activity/workshop is designed to prepare and support Black students as they embark on a new journey.

A big thank you goes out to Mr. Ramgoolam for leading the charge on this amazing opportunity for our students! If parents/guardians have any questions, please reach out to any member of the UHS Administration Team.

Please click [here](#) for more information.

FIRE ALARMS REMINDER!

We are asking all families to remind their students that if a fire alarm sounds in the building as we had this week (due to testing happening at the Flato Theatre), students and staff need to exit the building immediately. Students are to exit the building and meet their teacher who will take attendance to account for all of their students. Thank you!

Guidance News

Community Involvement Hours

Now is 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.

Summer School Information

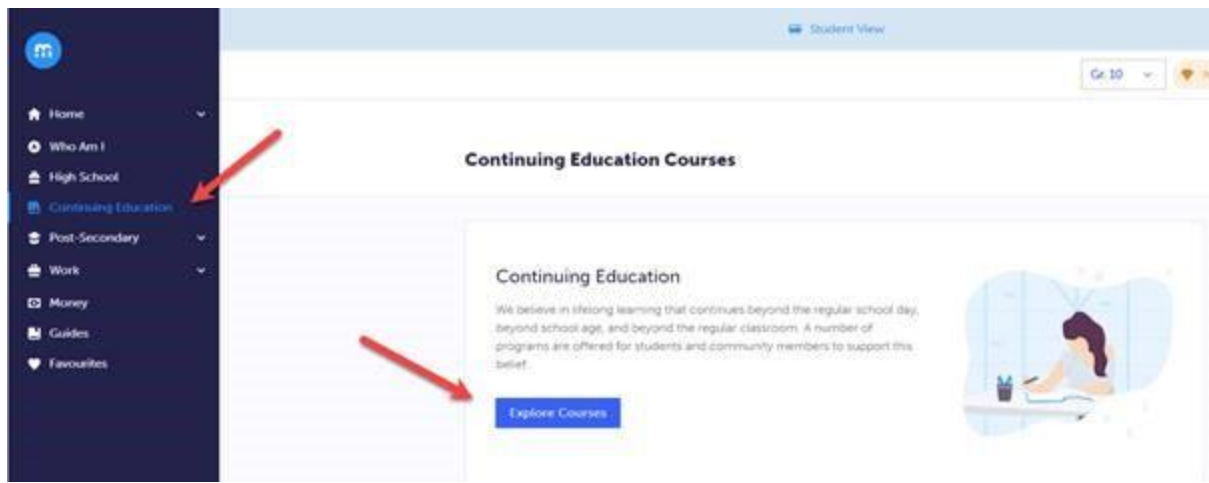
Summer School registration is now open on My Pathway Planner. Both on-line and in-person learning will be available. More information can be found at:

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/secondary-school/2022-summer-learning-opportunities> .

To registering for Summer School

1. Login into [My Pathway Planner](#)
2. From the left side bar, select 'Continuing Education'
3. Click on 'Explore Courses'
4. Enter in the course code you are looking for and select the location you would like and press 'Submit Course'.

**** Sign off forms are not required****



Registration is now open for YRDSB students through [MyPathwayPlanner](#) In-Person Learning – Secondary Summer School

Offered at nine locations: Aurora HS, Keswick HS, Langstaff SS, Markham District HS, Milliken Mills HS, Pierre Elliott Trudeau HS, Richmond Green SS, Tommy Douglas SS, and Westmount CI. Students are required to attend daily from 8:45 a.m. to 3:33 p.m. with scheduled breaks and a lunch period.

Acceleration full-credit courses: Wednesday July 6 to Friday July 29

Credit Upgrading courses: July 6 to July 18 (S1) & July 19 to July 29 (S2)

- For students who were successful in obtaining the credit and seeking additional support

Reinforcement courses: July 6 to July 18 (S1) & July 19 to July 29 (S2)

- For students who were previously unsuccessful in obtaining the credit and recommended for reinforcement

Civics & Careers Acceleration half-credit courses: July 6 to July 18 (S1) & July 19 to July 29

- Students interested in taking both Civics and Careers must select one course from each session CHV2O5 (S1) & GLC2O6 (S2) or GLC2O5 (S1) & CHV2O6 (S2)

Remote Learning – International Languages

Remote learning classes will occur in a virtual environment, using a synchronous model. Students are required to attend daily from 8:45 a.m. to 3:33 p.m., with scheduled breaks and a lunch period.

Acceleration full-credit courses: Wednesday July 6 to Friday July 29

Languages offered: Farsi, Simplified Mandarin, Spanish

Online Learning - Secondary Summer School

Online Learning courses are specifically designed to be taught in a fully online format in an asynchronous model. Students are able to access course content at any time with daily check-in opportunities with their teacher.

Acceleration full-credit courses, 18 days: Monday July 4 to Wednesday July 27

Civics & Careers Acceleration half-credit courses: July 4 to July 13 (S1) & July 14 to July 27 (S2)

- Students interested in taking both Civics and Careers must select one course from each session CHV2O5 (S1) & GLC2O6 (S2) or GLC2O5 (S1) & CHV2O6 (S2)

For more information:

- Please visit our website: [Summer Learning Opportunities](#)
- Contact your school Guidance counsellor
- Contact Continuing Education with 'Secondary Summer School' in the subject line at
 - In-Person Learning - continuing.education@yrdsb.ca
 - Online Learning - online.learning@yrdsb.ca

Please note: course offerings are not guaranteed as they are subject to sufficient enrolment and available staffing.

[Summer Pathway Programs](#)

Hong Fook Youth & Family Services

Spring Programs - [English](#)

Spring Programs - [Chinese](#)

Upcoming Scholarships:

Mon Sheong Foundation - Golden Jubilee Scholarship:

This scholarship is a great opportunity for students who aspire to make a change and difference within their communities, while also excelling in their academic endeavors.

This year, Mon Sheong Foundation is awarding two (2) recipients the Mon Sheong Golden Jubilee Scholarship. The two selected recipients will receive a \$1,000 scholarship per year for the duration of their post-secondary studies, up to a maximum of 4 years (subject to renewal requirements).

Deadline: July 10th

<https://www.monsheong.org/what-we-do/golden-jubilee-scholarship/>

More details are on the Scholarship google Classroom.

BFCN Scholarship:

BFCN Scholarship BFCN believes that access to education of all forms is important for the continued success and development of youth in our community. Their Scholarship Program is designed to address a few of the gaps and barriers in order to increase access to post-secondary education and support Black students and their families.

Deadline: July 31, 2022

<https://bfcn.ca/scholarships/>

Markham Public Library Links

[Gale - Culinary Arts Collection](#)

[Have You Eaten Yet?](#)

[Sustainable Balcony Gardening](#) - Mon | Jun 27 | 7 PM | ZOOM

[How to Excel in Your Job Interview](#) - Tues | Jun 28 | 7 PM | ZOOM

[Chair Yoga](#) - Tues | Jun 28 | 7 PM | ZOOM

[Shared Reading](#) - Wed | Jun 29 | 11 AM | ZOOM

[Ms. Marvel Comics You Should Be Reading Right Now](#)

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

Crisis Mental Health Supports For Student

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

COVID-19 Reminders

As you may be aware, 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.

Links

[Free Admission to the CNE!](#)

[Free Summer Tutoring Program](#)

[Health and Safety Monthly Message – The Bugs of Summer](#)

[JumpStart Your Future!](#)

[June 2022 Mental Health Newsletter](#)

[Learning about Elections!](#)

[Learning Institute on Antisemitism and the Holocaust](#)

[Summer Company 2021 - Apply Now](#)

[Summer Employment](#)

[Summer Learning: Bringing STEM to Life: Work-Integrated Learning Programs](#)

[Summer Mentorship Program](#)

[The Centre for Black Student Excellence Newsletter](#)

[The Centre of Black Student Excellence – Camp Black Brilliance](#)

[YRDSB Mental Health Summer Mental Health & Well-Being Guide](#)

[YRP Community Safety Village Camps 2022](#)

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES

July - September 2022

SUMMER PROGRAMS



[Youth & Family Services - Summer Programs](#)

青少年 & 家庭服务

7月-9月 2022

夏日
活动



HONG FOOK
YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES



[Youth & Family Services - Summer Programs](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 27, 2022	Graduation Ceremony at Hilton Markham (6:30pm)
June 29, 2022	Feedback Day (Modified Schedule)
June 30, 2022	P.A.Day - No Classes

TIMETABLE SCHEDULE

Block 1	8:30 – 9:50am
Break	9:50 – 9:55am
Block 3	9:55 – 11:10am
Lunch	11:10am – 12:00pm
Block 2	12:00 – 1:15pm
Break	1:15 – 1:20pm
Block 4	1:20 – 2:35pm

INTERESTED IN CLUBS @ UHS? SEE BELOW FOR WHO TO CONTACT!

Clubs	Meeting	Teacher Advisor	Room
Arts Council	Monday	Mr. Clodd	212
Architecture Club	Thursday 3:30 pm	Mr. Sypal	117
BioChem Club	Wednesday	Ms. Sun	Virtual
Book Club	Tuesday 3:15 pm	Ms. Barazesh	P1100
Charis Christian Fellowship	Friday 2:45 pm	Mr. Lansing	240
Chinese History Club	Thursdays 3:30 pm	Ms. Chankseliani	Virtual
Community Council	Thursday 3:30 pm	Ms. Del Rosario	Virtual
Computer Club	Thursday, 3:15 pm	Mr. Anandarajan	102
DECA/UFAM	Thursday 3:30 pm	Mr. Pan, Mr. Guldemon, Mr. Sareen	324
Eco Council	Wednesday 2:45 pm	Mr. Johnston	354
Film Club	Tuesday 2:45 pm	Mr. Rafik/Ms.Fridman	350
French Club	Thursday 3:30 pm	Mr. Lansing	
Gender & Sexuality Alliance	Thursday 2:45 pm	Ms. Faulkner	Library
Jazz Club	Monday 2:50 pm	Ms. Barazesh	132
Math Club	Wednesday 2:45 pm	Ms. Panacci/Ms.Chulkova	236/243
Music Council	Monday 3:30 pm	Mr. Wrigglesworth	
Newcomer's Club	Friday 3:00 pm	Ms. Kapeluch	
Pop Culture Club	Thursday 2:35 pm	Ms. Di Lorenzo	Twice A Month
Robotics Club	Wednesday 3:30 pm, zoom	Mr. Cho	
Science Club	Wednesday 3:30 pm	Mr. J. Chan, Ms. Howard	339
Slam Poetry Club	Thursday 3:00 pm	Mr. Teitel	
Social Justice Council		Ms. Smith	
Songwriter's Club	Wednesday 3:15 pm	Ms. Sun	Virtual
Spanish Club	Wednesday 3:15 pm	Ms. Castagna	Virtual
STEM for Girls	Friday 4:15 pm, zoom	Ms. N. Wong/Ms.Mantelos	
Target Alpha	Wednesday 3:30 pm	Mr. Guldmond	324
USAC		Ms. Faulkner	
UHS Wellness Council	Wednesday 2:45 pm	Ms. Farwell	Library