



UHS Parent Weekly Bulletin

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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

March	14	15	16	17	18
	MARCH BREAK No Classes	MARCH BREAK No Classes	MARCH BREAK No Classes	MARCH BREAK No Classes	MARCH BREAK No Classes

March	21	22	23	24	25
	Senior Boys Basketball at Milliken Mills H.S. (2:45pm - 4:50pm) Senior Girls Volleyball Vs. Bill Crothers SS (3:30pm - 5:00pm) Jr. Boys Basketball Vs. Milliken Mills (4:00pm - 6:00pm)		Jr. Boys Basketball Vs. St. Brother Andre (2:30pm - 5:00pm) Senior Boys Basketball at St. Brother Andre (3:45pm - 5:50 pm)		

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 will be 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.

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 classrooms and the library will no longer be available as eating spaces.****
****The servery remains closed at this time.****

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

Community Involvement Hours

March Break has arrived and 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)

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".

Newly Added Links

[AFFIRMING BLACK IDENTITIES: A Focus on Mental Health in the Black Community](#) - March 28, 2022 6:00 PM

[Art Spotlight - Sky Cheung](#) - Check out this video and enjoy this Canadian-based artist's wonderful artwork.

[Conversations on Identity and Belonging by Gen-Ling Chang](#)

[Getting Teenagers Connected](#)

[Graduation Ceremonies](#)

[Intergenerational Trauma: The Everlasting Impact of the Holocaust](#)

[PEAC Regional Symposium: Parent Voice Matters!](#)

[Prime Minister's Awards Nomination](#)

[Summer Employment](#)

[Summer Mentorship Program](#)

[Supports for Community Members with Family and Loved Ones Impacted by Events in Ukraine](#)

[Virtual Student Symposium](#)

Markham Public Library Links

[Discover Your Digital Library](#)

[What To Read Next](#)

[Reading to Success](#) - Various Days in March

[March Break Reading](#)

[Introduction to Family Law](#) - Tue | Mar 15 | 12 PM | ZOOM

[Anti-Islamophobia & Countering Cyberhate](#) - Tues | Mar 15 | 6 PM | ZOOM

[Academic Upgrading for Newcomers](#) - Wed | Mar 16 | 7 PM | ZOOM

[Decision Making in Healthcare for Yourself and Others](#) - Wed | Mar 16 | 7 PM | ZOOM

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

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.

Thank you!

Update to COVID Screening Tool

[Updates to the COVID-19 Screening Tool](#)

On the recommendation of the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, updates have been made to align with current guidance and to provide clarity on isolation requirements for confirmed and presumed positive cases, and their household members and close contacts.

For those completing the screening tool who are fully vaccinated and/or 11 years old or younger, the screening tool will ask for symptoms and test results in the last 5 days. Those completing who are 12 years old or older and not fully vaccinated or immunocompromised will complete the screening tool using a 10 day measuring period.

Schools have an **updated**, downloaded and printed copy of the screening tool accessible for visitors reference.

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 (2:00-2:35 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 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>

Model Change Requests - UPDATE!!

Thank you for your semester two model change requests. At this time, we will not be taking any more requests to move online. Families who have a student currently in Remote Learning will receive an email regarding moving back to the Face-to-Face Learning Model for after March Break.

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

[Mental Health Newsletter for Families](#) - March's Mental health newsletter for families and caregivers has a focus on March Break and taking time to pause.

[Pitch Your Biz Markham](#)

[Summer Company 2021 - Apply Now](#)

[Who Do We Listen To? COVID 2022](#)